



# Poarch Creek News

*Keeping the Family and Friends of Poarch Informed*

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## St. Anna's joyful weekend

By Lavan Martin

It was a joyful weekend March 24th and 25th at St. Anna's Episcopal Church Poarch as former priests and devoted friends joined St. Anna's parishioners in dedicating their new parish hall and in welcoming their Bishop for his annual visit.

The Rt. Rev. Philip M. Duncan, Episcopal Bishop of the Central Gulf Coast, and his wife Kathy spent the weekend at St. Anna's.

Bishop Duncan dedicated and blessed each corner and room of the parish hall Saturday afternoon as drummer Billy Smith and thurifer Milledge Baker added both a Native American and religious touch to the dedication ceremony.

During the Saturday's Service of Dedication and Thanksgiving, Senior Warden Lee "Lavan" Martin welcomed and thanked Bishop Duncan and Kathy on behalf of St. Anna's parishioners for being with them to share their joy and thanksgiving.

He also recognized and thanked the Rev. Canon Mark Dunnam, Diocesan Canon to the Ordinary; Mrs. Jane Briscione, Diocesan United Thanks Offering (UTO) Coordinator; and Ms. Janine Tinsley-Roe, Native Missioner and head of the Native American Desk at the National Episcopal Church Office in New



*The congregation follows the Bishop around Parish Hall*

York City; former priests and devoted friends for their continued support of St. Anna's; as well as donors who had made contributions to St. Anna's building fund in memory of departed parishioners Jeffrey Martin and Doris McGhee.

Prior to recognizing and thanking building contractors, Martin mentioned the relationship and strong bond that existed between the Poarch Creek Indians and St. Anna's, stating that since 1928 when the Episcopal priest from Trinity Episcopal Church in Atmore wrote the Bishop of Alabama that he had discovered a group of Indians living outside Atmore, St. Anna's and the Episcopal Church have been strong advocates for the Poarch Creek Indians.

Several attempts to get the Indians together were successful only after the ailing chief over 90 years of age and his assistant gave their blessing. The ailing chief Alex Rolin was subsequently baptized. His assistant Fred Walker also became involved, conducting services and attending diocesan conventions. Under this newfound leadership, St. Anna's was built in 1929.

Shortly after St. Anna's was built, the Episcopal Church sent to the community a medical doctor, R.C. Macy, and his wife, a mis-



*St. Anna's and new Parish Hall*

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*Bishop Duncan and The Rev. Canon Mark Dunnam bless Parish Hall*

sionary, Anna Macy. Unfortunately, Dr. Macy died within two years, but Anna Macy stayed with the Indians until her death in 1937.

After Mrs. Macy's death, the Church sent an agrarian, Mr. H.U. Pickerell, to promote agricultural interests. He was accompanied by his wife, Sister Gunton, a Church Army Worker. They serviced St. Anna's from 1937 to 1940. Upon their departure in 1940, the Church made their home available to the county for use as a school, hence the first Indian Consolidated School, because previously, the Indians had to provide their own school facility, in their own settlement.

The Indians continue to receive mediocre education in a building provided by the Church with high school teachers provided by the county who taught all classes – elementary classes in the old farmhouse and high school classes in St. Anna's per se. Since no one ever advanced beyond the ninth grade, the Church began to select and send Indians to parochial schools throughout the Southeast and as far away as South Dakota.

In 1948, with the Church's persistence, the state and county finally agreed that Indians could attend any school of their choice. In addition, the Church deeded approximately eighteen (18) acres of land to the county on which the county built an elementary school staffed with all new teachers. One of these teachers, Grace Mayes, read a newspaper article regarding restitution to Indians for land that had been taken from them. She gave the article to Calvin McGhee and wheels went into motion to file land grant claims.

First, the Poarch Creek Indians had to prove to the federal government that Indians existed in Alabama, that they were organized and had a leader. A community meeting was held in St. Anna's where a tribal council was elected and Calvin McGhee elected as tribal chief.

The rocky road to restitution and subsequent federal recognition began. St. Anna's facilities were

used up to and after federal recognition. St. Anna's records were used to prove that Indians did in fact exist in Alabama. The land St. Anna's had deeded to the county was returned by the state to the Poarch Creek Indians and became the first piece of property owned by the tribe.

History continues to be made by the Poarch Creek Indians, and St. Anna's – their foundations – continues to be a part of their history. With the sale of the old parish hall to the Poarch Creek Indians for \$20,000, coupled with a UTO

Grant of \$22,500 and church savings, St. Anna's parishioners took a giant step in faith and built their new parish hall.

Martin closed his comments by recognizing building contractors who had provided assistance in building the parish hall. He recognized and presented certificates of appreciations to Martin Construction, Walls Construction, Anthony Enterprise, Poarch Creek Indians, Huskey Construction, and A1 Landscaping Specialists.

Festivities continued Sunday with the Bishop baptizing, confirming and celebrating the Holy Eucharist. Five infants were baptized and welcomed into the household of God, and three were confirmed, reaffirming baptismal vows made in their name at baptism. One father and mother brought their infant son all the way from Slidell, Louisiana to be baptized at St. Anna's.

A reception and dinner followed each service on Saturday and Sunday. The words from the hymn, "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place" that read, "I can feel His mighty power and His grace; I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face," were apparent throughout the weekend as St. Anna's parishioners rejoiced and celebrated their accomplishments – all to the glory of God and the works His hands made possible. Thanks be to God!



*The Bishop blesses the main hall in Parish Hall*

# From the Chairman

The reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act is now closer than ever to being passed. Senate Bill 1200, introduced by Senator Byron Dorgan and Senator Craig Thomas, is currently on the floor of the Senate, along with House Bill 1328, introduced by Congressman Frank Pallone, which is on the floor of the House. We hope to have a favorable vote in the near future. When Congressman Jo Bonner visited the Tribe in April, I asked him for his support of the reauthorization of the IHCIA. Since that time I have received a letter from his office informing the Tribe of his support and co-sponsorship of the reauthorization.

The architect chosen to renovate the Creek Family Restaurant has completed the plans for the remodeling/renovations. The project is on schedule, with an expected opening date during September of this year. When the project is completed, the entire restaurant will have a facelift, including a covered walkway between the restaurant and the Best Western Motel.

The Strategic Planning Project is on track meeting the goals and objectives set by the Strategic Planning Committee. The four focus groups have met and each has elected a Chairman and Reporter. They have also developed mission and vision statements. At the completion of the project, the four mission and vision statements will be incorporated into one mission/vision statement for the Tribe.

As mentioned last month, April Sells, Tribal Emergency Management Director, and I traveled to Montgomery on April 16th to attend Governor Riley's Hurricane Workshop. April is working closely with State and local officials to make sure that the Tribe is included in all aspects of state wide planning and preparations for the upcoming hurricane season. We hope that the need

will not arise, but if it does we will be prepared.

The development of Exit 57, which includes the expansion of the Tribe's gaming into a hotel/resort area, is proceeding as planned. We hope to have the ground breaking ceremony in late summer. We are also moving ahead with plans for expansion and development at the Wetumpka site as well.

The Tribe sent Arelene Mack, Comprehensive Health Planner, Robbie McGhee, Tribal Administrator, and Candace Fayard, Health Administrator, to the spring meeting of the Tribal Self Governance Continuing Education Conference, in Orange County, CA, May 7th thru 10th. I attended the spring meeting of the Nation Indian Health Board (NIHB) in Albuquerque, New Mexico, May 29th and 30th.

By the time you receive this issue of the newsletter, the 2007 Tribal Elections will be behind us. I would like to thank everyone for exercising their right to vote and voting for the candidates of their choice. We had a total of 21 candidates this year, the largest number of candidates in recent years. The Tribal Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, 2007 has been rescheduled for Thursday, June 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. We will swear in the newly elected/re-elected Council members at that time. I look forward to working with these Council Members as we collaborate for the betterment of our Tribe.



**Tribal Chairman  
Buford L. Rolin**

## Second Annual Legislative Reception A Success

A nod, a handshake, the beat of the drum, and the rattle of shakers, such were the sights and sounds at the RSA Activities Center in Montgomery on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 when the Tribal Council hosted their second annual Legislative Reception. The reception was a meet-and-greet session between the Tribal Council, State Senators and Representatives, and other local businesses and organizations.

Stomp dancers from the Hvsossv Tallvhase Ceremonial Grounds, Medicine Tail, reigning Princesses, and members of the Tribal Youth Council also attended the reception and took part in the cultural presentation.

Those in attendance were able to partake of roasted corn, Indian Tacos and traditional foods such as grape dumplings, wild rice, mixed greens, and squash. Roasted corn and Indian tacos are always a crowd favorite, but the grape dumplings were excellent and will soon join the list of "expected" menu items when cultural events are planned.



*Stomp dancers perform*



*Tribal representative  
mingles in crowd.*



# Premiere Family EyeCare Gets Visit from Grant Representative



*Arelene Mack with Shirley Hamilton after a tour of the Reservation.*



*Dr. Melissa Hoercher meets with Ms. Hamilton in the Eye Clinic*

## Submitted by Arelene Mack

Shirley Hamilton, the Assistant Director of Programs at the EyeSight Foundation of Alabama (ESFA) located in Birmingham, AL., came to visit the Reservation, and specifically the Premier Family EyeCare Center, on behalf of Torrey Smitherman, Executive Director of ESFA. This is the Tribe's first application to ESFA and the Tribe has been awarded \$14,400 to purchase eyeglass frames, lenses and optical supplies. This will be matched by Creek Indian Enterprise's contribution of \$17,167 for salary costs for the optometrist and optician, space costs and indirect costs.

This is a 1-year grant to assist medically indigent people in the Tribal health service delivery area who have no other resources for eye care. In addition to ESFA, the project will be

coordinated with Impact/Focus First which uses graduate student volunteers to screen children age 2 to 5 by providing services in the communities in which the children live; Sight Savers which coordinates activities of all child referral agencies and vision care providers in The Children's Eye Care Network; and the Alabama Lions Sight program which provides eye care to medically indigent clients of all ages.

This project represents a prime opportunity for the Tribe to develop and implement an extensive eye care network and wrap-around vision services for the community. It allows the ESFA and other vision care partners to learn about the Tribe and Tribal programs, and to be a part of the Tribe's mission to provide the most efficient and cost effective comprehensive eye care possible. We hope this will be the first year of a long and mutually productive relationship with the ESFA.

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## TRIBAL "CRISIS COUNSELING" TRAINING

The Poarch Creek Indians' Family Services and Emergency Management Departments and the Alabama Department of Public Health is jointly sponsoring a Tribal "Crisis Counseling" Training on June 14, 2007 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The Crisis Counseling Training will:

- provide an overview of the needs of the tribal community after a disaster
- explain why the Tribe needs to recruit and train a team of crisis counselors ready for service at any given time
- explain how this training will support the Tribe's Emergency Management Disaster Plan
- provide instructions on evaluation tools and techniques, crisis interventions, stress management applications, and a referral process.
- provide practice exercises to build skills in responding to the needs of First Responders and individual community members during a crisis

This training is geared toward responding to the needs of the tribal community immediately following a natural disaster. The goal of the counseling training is to recruit volunteer community members to become trained as disaster crisis counselors; therefore available to provide a service to the community during emergency situations.

If you are interested in volunteering in the aftermath of a disaster-related event to help the tribal community recover, please mark your calendar to attend this training. A volunteer commitment is requested of you to establish a list of readily available crisis counselors for activation when needed. Plans are to offer refresher training each year. Approval for CEUs for social workers and nurses is being requested.

Carolyn M. White, LCSW  
Family Services Department

# Strategic Planning Meeting

Mike Easterwood and Artie Menefee of the Economic & Community Development Institute of Auburn University facilitated the strategic planning meeting hosted by the Tribe on Saturday, March 31, 2007. The purpose of this meeting was to establish the four focus groups to help the Tribe in its five and ten year strategic plan.

You may ask the question what is strategic planning and why do we need it, the answer is multi faceted. Strategic planning is a process by which the Tribe will attempt to anticipate and plan for the future to place the Tribe in the best possible position to maximize its strengths in relation to available opportunities. Strategic planning offers an action oriented approach to making our community a better place to live, provides a community based method of allocating resources on the most important issues facing the Tribe, and recognizes the importance of both internal and external issues and opportunities facing the Tribe.

The four focus groups established are economic development (business development), infrastructure (water, sewer, streets/roads, communications, etc.), education (all aspects of

Tribal education), and community services (recreation, health care, housing, law enforcement, fire, social services, court, etc.). The groups have begun meeting but welcome any input Tribal Members may have.

The strategic planning project began with a grant funded through ANA. After receiving the grant award, a Project Steering Committee was established to guide overall strategic planning; the initial meeting with Auburn University and the Steering Committee was held on site. In January the Committee traveled to Choctaw, Mississippi to meet with representatives from the Choctaw Steering Committee to learn from their efforts. The focus committees have been formed and will meet during April, May, and June to select strategic goals and develop the action steps necessary to achieve their goals. In July Auburn University will draft a strategic planning document prepared from the information developed by the focus groups. After making any needed changes, the strategic plan will be adopted by the Tribal Council as a policy guide; target date for completion is August of 2007.



*Mike Easterwood of Auburn University*



*Left to right, Artie Menefee, Edith Williams, PCI Community Development Planner, and Mike Easterwood.*



*A crowd of about 75 attended the Strategic Planning meeting*



# ALL KIDS – CHILDREN’S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

The number of children in Alabama without medical insurance has dropped substantially over the past several years. This means that those children will now be healthier, happier children who have better school attendance and probably make better grades. Why? Because they are now getting well child check-ups, immunizations, vision and dental screenings and if they do get sick their parents can afford to take them to the doctor. These children are now enrolled in the ALL Kids health insurance program.

Thousands of parents in Alabama work (make too much money to qualify for Medicaid) but their jobs do not provide dependent health insurance coverage or it is too expensive for the family to afford. The ALL Kids Children’s Health Insurance Program was designed to close this gap by providing low cost health insurance to working families.

Many families in Alabama have yet to hear of this program or if they have, don’t believe their children would be eligible. For instance, families don’t know that a family of four can earn \$41,300 or more a year and still qualify for ALL Kids.

When families get health insurance for their children they gain peace of mind knowing that with regular check-ups their children will stay healthier. By preventing serious illnesses, overall family health costs will be lower, and when children do need to go to the doctor they can afford to take them. This is especially important for parents if a child has a special healthcare need. Insurance coverage can eliminate the financial stress commonly associated with obtaining medical care. There are never any co-pays for preventive services.

In Alabama, ALL Kids, SOBRA Medicaid and the Alabama Child Caring Foundation have a joint application form. This eases the burden on the family to determine for which program they qualify. The joint application allows one application to be considered for all three child health insurance programs avail-

able.

If approved, 12 months of continuous health insurance coverage begins on the first day of the month after the application is received. Benefits provided by ALL Kids include well child check-ups and immunizations, sick child doctor visits, prescriptions, vision and dental care, hospital and physician services. Medical benefit coverage is provided statewide by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama and uses their preferred provider networks. Mental health and substance abuse services are provided by United Behavioral Health.

Eligibility for ALL Kids is in part based on family size and income. Other eligibility requirements for children and teens include being a U.S. citizen and an Alabama resident, not in an institution and not eligible for or enrolled in Medicaid or eligible for dependent coverage under any of the state employee health insurance plans.

For more information, the ALL Kids Children’s Health Insurance Program can be reached toll-free by calling 1-888-373-KIDS (5437). Se habla Espanol. Information is also available from the Alabama Department of Public Health website at <http://www.adph.org/allkids> where applications in both English and Spanish can be downloaded and printed out. Applications can also be picked up at county Health Departments and many other health and community agencies.

This ALL Kids article was provided by Jamie Manning with the Alabama Department of Public Health. If you lose the contact information or need additional information about the ALL Kids Program, you may contact the Family Services Department for referral information.

Carolyn M. White, LCSW  
Family Services Department

**The Tribe will host the annual  
on Wednesday, July 4, 2007.**

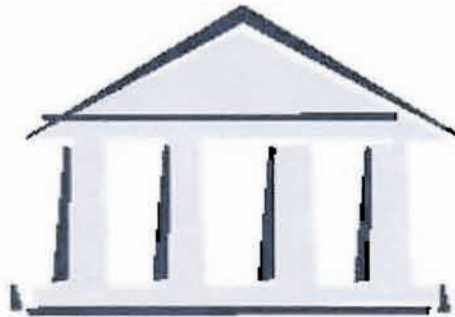
6:00 p.m. Program &  
Entertainment begins  
9:00 p.m. Fireworks.

**Concessions, t-shirts,  
and other items will be  
available.**

***Please mark your  
calendar and  
plan to attend.***



Please join us in celebrating the



**POARCH CREEK INDIANS  
FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
OPEN HOUSE**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2007**

**TIME: 2:00PM–4:00PM**

***BUILDING DEDICATION WILL BE HELD AT 2:00PM***

**LOCATION: PCI BUILDING 500**

***(DIRECTLY BEHIND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT)***

*Tours of the office will be given.  
Refreshments will be served.*

Staff of the Poarch Creek Indians Family Services Department



# Tribe Hosts Area SNS Meeting

## Submitted by April Sells

The Tribe recently participated in local disaster exercises and hosted related training sessions.

The School Closing Exercise for Area 9 with the Public Health Department, held April 10, 2007, was presented to the area school systems, EMAS, law enforcement, etc. This program was designed to have open discussion as to the ramifications of the closing of the schools and daycares and the impact this would have on the business community. Since both parents in most families work, where will mothers or fathers keep their children while they are working if schools and daycares are closed? How will this impact small businesses when employees are out due to the need of the care of their children and if they themselves get sick? When will businesses decide to close their doors and will the employees get paid while the business is closed? This exercise was to help determine the answers to these and other relative questions.

The Strategic National Stockpile Exercise, held on-site on April 12, 2007, was designed to systematically dispense medication in the event of a WMD (weapons of mass destruction) event or a possible pandemic influenza scenario to determine how long it would take to dispense medication to the citizens of Escambia County. Each county in the state of Alabama has a similar plan that must be exercised each year. Those invited to the session were pharmacists, nurses, LPNs, pharmacist techs, and other administrative staff. The drill was a success, it gave the Tribal Health Department and Family Services staff an opportunity to see and understand their roles and responsibilities in real event. We as a Tribe, must understand in a true Pandemic Influenza event that success will depend on our staff because everyone else will be busy in their respective states and counties. Unlike a hurricane where you will have massive amounts of people and responders offering their assistance this will not be the case in this event. We hosted this training for the southern section of the state of Alabama.

The Tribe also hosted the Agricultural Investigation Training on April 20, 2007 for Area 9. This training



*Participants set up modules for exercise*

discussed what is involved in the investigation of a possible agricultural terrorist event.

We will be soon be sounding the sirens on Wednesday afternoons once the siren at Best Western is operational. Please watch the newsletter and local papers for more information.



*Event Coordinators*



*Nurses prepare to begin exercise*



# Tribe Donates \$25,000 to City of Enterprise

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians donated \$25,000 to the Enterprise Alabama Tornado Fund. Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin and Tribal Council Members Eddie L. Tullis and Rodney Exum, traveled to Enterprise on April 23, 2007 to present the check to Mayor Kenneth W. Boswell. The donation is in an effort to assist those affected by the tornado that hit the area on March 1 of this year. "The Tribe has always made it a priority to help those in need," said Chairman Rolin. "We feel this is a way to do that, and continue the tradition within our Tribe of helping our neighbors."

The storm devastated this community in southeast Alabama, leaving death and destruction in its path. Eight teenagers and 1 senior adult died when the tornado struck Enterprise High School and the surrounding area, and many people were left homeless. "The generosity and kindness from people all the over country and the state of Alabama that have contributed to the tornado victims is greatly appreciated" stated Mayor Boswell.

The Poarch Creeks have also suffered loss at the hand of Mother Nature. During the Hurricane season of 2004 the Tribe suffered tremendous damage to their reservation from Hurricane Ivan. "During this time the Tribe received a lot of assistance from individuals, tribes, and organizations, and we know how important it is to receive assistance," said April Sells, Tribal EMA Director. "Even though we were not a part of the immediate response to the Enterprise devastation, I was in constant contact with David Coggins, Region 1 Coordinator, State of Alabama EMA, to see how the recovery effort was going. I

was able to pass this information along to our Tribal Council which led to them making this donation."

The Enterprise Alabama Tornado Fund will be distributed through a series of three committees. The Recovery Organization of Coffee County will send trained caseworkers out into the devastated areas to evaluate circumstances of individuals in need. This organization will then make recommendations to the Citizens Committee, which consists of five members, as to the extent of need per individual. The Citizens Committee will then determine the amount of funding each individual needs and make a recommendation to the Chamber Area Foundation Board, who holds the account. The Chamber Board will then issue funds to those in need.



*Damage to the school and surrounding areas are still visible.*



*Representatives from Tribe present check to Mayor Kenneth Boswell of Enterprise. Pictured left to right are Eddie L. Tullis, Mayor Kenneth Boswell, Buford L. Rolin, and Rodney Exum.*



*Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman, Eddie L. Tullis, and Rodney Exum, Tribal Council Members, stop in the Boll Weevil Rose Garden in front of the City Hall.*



*Mayor Kenneth Boswell and Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin*



# Egg Hunt

Every year we have the traditional a cold snap around Easter; this is usually the last cold snap before spring. This year the cold snap hit on the day of the annual Easter Egg Hunt, but the cold weather did not deter the youngsters who showed up to hunt eggs. Eager hunters started showing up at 8:30 that morning, most managed to stay in their vehicles out of the cold until the program started at 9:00 a.m.

Smiles and grins were aplenty as the kids broke out into groups to hunt for their eggs. It didn't take long and all the eggs

were found, even the prize eggs. There were refreshments and gifts for the top three in each age category, as well as a prize for the one that found the prize egg in each group.

I would like to close by saying that we have received some complaints about this year's egg hunt. Please know that we will take all of you comments and concerns, good and bad, into consideration when we plan next year's event. We will do everything we can to make sure that next year's egg hunt is a huge success. Hope to see you and your child at the Egg Hunt next year!

*Even the "big kids" showed up to hunt eggs!*

*There was quite a group of 3 to 5 year olds*







*This group of 6 to 9 year olds was the largest group*



*Hunters age 0-2 show up with parents in tow, ready to hunt those eggs!*



# Congressman Bonner Visits Poarch



*Congressman Jo Bonner*

Congressman Jo Bonner stopped by for a visit on April 3rd. He updated those present on the things that have happened in Washington since his last visit and addressed issues that will face Congress when it reconvenes after its Easter break. He stated that with the new majority in the House, Congress will be faced with the change of views on issues and will have to come to an agreement to work together

because conflict is not good for the country.

He congratulated the Tribe on its successful state wide ad campaign. He stated that he is a prime example of how a successful ad campaign can help; he had a 4% name recognition

across the state when he first ran for political office, the success of his ad campaign helped shape the events of the future.

When asked about his view on the withdrawal of troops from Iraq, the Congressman said that he feels that we are still a nation at war. He is supportive of General David Petraeus, commanding general of the troops in Iraq. He does not like attending the funerals of young men and women from his Congressional district, but he feels that we should continue to be supportive of our troops and that we should not withdraw without finishing. He does not want Iraq to become another Vietnam.

A member of the audience asked the Congressman about the conditions at Walter Reed. He said that the conditions were inexcusable but he knew that the situation would be corrected. He is concerned however about the other veteran's hospitals across the country that are not in the headlines, conditions at these hospitals should also be looked into. He did tell those present that he had visited Walter Reed several times and had never been exposed to the conditions that have recently been discovered.

Congressman Bonner has been very supportive of the Tribe during his tenure in Washington and we look forward to working and visiting with him again in the future.



*A crowd of approximately 35 joined Congressman Bonner when he stopped by the Tribe on April 3, 2007*



# From One Tribal Member to Another

Submitted by Keith Allen Rolin

## Get Involved!

The collective knowledge of the past and the rising power of the Tribe, financially, should be of interest to all of our Creek people. What can we expect in the next ten to twenty years? Would you like to know? Are we a democratic Tribe or a Tribe of monopoly, ruled by the elite? It's everyone's responsibility to get involved with our growth and expansion.

If you want to see something happen that will benefit the community, go to the Tribal Council meetings. Ask questions on everything. If they speak on a subject and you do not know what they are talking about, raise your hand and ask them to speak in "layman's terms". I know when I have attended in the past I should have asked more questions.

If you want health insurance, a nursing care facility, a grocery store, ask them for it; the money is there; but the community must put aside their differences. People, let's unite for the Tribe as a whole and love one another. A house divided can not stand.

## Drug Court Graduation

All six of the graduates from the Drug Court program were given the chance to speak to those who attended the event. I decided that if I was in the program for a year and nine months that I should share my experiences. Although it was hard for me to speak in front of a crowd, I stepped forward and spoke softly into the microphone. It was a short speech, but I would like to share my experiences with members of the community who were unable to attend and could not hear me.

First, I would like to give Glory and Praise to Christ, our Savior, Jesus. "Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God." (Luke 12: 8-9) I give praise to my Savior Jesus Christ, who died for all and loves all. "Love thy neighbor as thyself." After quoting from the scripture, I began my speech.

"I would like to thank Judge White, Paul Thomas, Angela McGhee, Keesha O'Barr, and my sister Debra Coon, for without them my life would have been hard to handle at times. A special thanks goes out to Wes Hayles for dealing with us during our ups and downs while in the program; also

to Dr. Crum, Regina Stabler, and Patty Wheat, who I believe helped us tremendously during their involvement in the program. Also a special thank you to my wife, Anja Rolin, and Marieanna Scheel, my mother-in-law, from Aachen, Germany. She has helped us through uncountable difficult times. Also thanks to Momma and Daddy for your help as well.

There are those who can not be here to watch us graduate today, but I know that they are in Heaven, smiling with tears of joy; the late Chairman Fred L. McGhee and his beloved sister Donna McGhee White. They left us to be with their Savior in Heaven. There were many times that Chairman McGhee's daughter and I would sit in his office and speak on certain matters, or maybe complaining about something, that tears would form in all our eyes as he told us what he wanted us to do. He wanted us to go on with the program, to be a better person, both mentally and physically, to become leaders in our Tribe and contribute to the Tribe in positive ways, to help our Creek people. Donna, I did not know as well, but the times I talked with her, she would help in any positive way she could. She loved all of us in

the program, including the ones that came before us.

It breaks my heart that my beloved friend Gary McGhee could not be there with us, but I know too that he is watching us from Heaven and waiting to greet us all and show us the glories of Heaven. He left me too soon, but in my heart I know that he will always be there to guide me. Gary, I kissed your head while you were sleeping, just before you left us, I do not know if you heard me, but I asked Jesus to give you peace and greet you at Heaven's gate. Some of you may not know Gary as I knew Gary, but he would help anyone in anyway he could. I miss my fishing buddy, but he will be with me for all time. Maxine and Christine, God gave you strength throughout Gary's sickness, and now He gives your family grace to face each day. Kathy, thank you. You and Christine are my beloved family.

All those like myself, as we learned from my great grandfather, Lynn McGhee, let's love and help each other and all those in our Tribe."

Keith Allen Rolin, Tribal Member

03-20-2007



*Tribal Judge Earnie White addresses audience during Drug Court Graduation*

# Poarch Fire Recognized By American Legion



## Fireman of the Year

The American Legion Post in Atmore recognized William Kirby, member of the Poarch Volunteer Fire Department, as the "PCI Fire Department Fireman of the Year". The American Legion Post recognized William of his outstanding work with the Fire Department, with his fellow fire fighters, and the public. He was honored with a banquet on March 13, 2007 at the local Post along with the PCI Policeman of the Year, Investigator Rex Baggett, and the First Responders chosen by Atmore. William was nominated by fellow Firefighter, April Sells, and the others in the department concurred. He was nominated because he is always coming by the department and doing the "little things" that sometimes gets overlooked. For example, a bolt had come loose on the bumper in #702; he came by, re-drilled the hole and put the bolt back in to keep it from rattling. When someone is needed to make sure that the oxygen bottles are filled and replaced in their proper places in the trailer, William is the one to do it. He's constantly stopping by the department to see if there is something that he needs to do; if Ronnie Jackson, Fire Chief, is going to be out of town - he makes himself available to be in charge if an incident occurs.

William has been with the Poarch Volunteer Fire Department for 19 years; this year the department will celebrate it's 20 year anniversary so except for a small period of time he has been with the department from the beginning. William is also an EMT and Assistant Fire Chief; he has also been designated as the department's Safety Officer on the scene \when he is present.

William is married to Judy Kirby; they have two (2) daughters Candy and Sandy, and one grandson, Kirby Jay. He retired from Freemanville Water System after 25 years of service; being an active person, he was not retired long when he went to work with Creek Entertainment Center as a Shift Supervisor with Security. He has worked in this job for approximately 2 1/2 years.

When asked what it meant for him to receive this award he stated "It meant a whole lot to me for the people in the department to think enough of me to nominate me for the award. I want to thank the local American Legion Post for the appreciation that they show to the local First Responders by honoring them with a banquet and the nice awards that they give each year. It is greatly appreciated."



# Pool Has Been Good To Me

As told by Rick Gibson to Gayle Johnson, Media Specialist

Tribal Member Rick Gibson says that pool (billiards) has been good to him, that he has won more than he has lost. He says that he plays with a Meucci limited edition 20 oz. cue, which he carries in an Instroke case.

Rick, son of the late Elbert and Ida McGhee Gibson, was born and raised in Atmore prior to moving to New Orleans in the late 1960s. He returned to the Atmore area in the late 1980's and currently lives in Bay Minette, Alabama. He has played in local tournaments as well as tournaments in the New Orleans area. His wife, Betty Joyce Gibson, at first balked about his pool playing but once she learned that he was going to play regardless of how she felt about it, she became and continues to be supportive of him. Gibson is the father of six and has 15 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

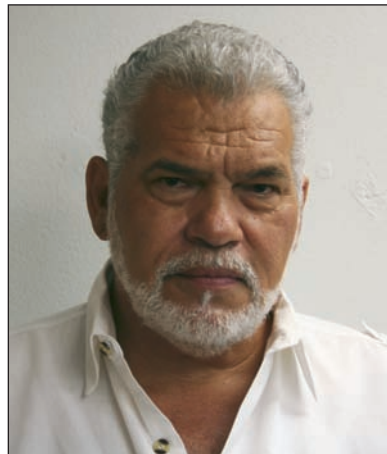
Gibson says that he has been playing pool since he skipped school to hang out and play at Little John's Pool Hall in Atmore. Little John Stewart, owner of the pool hall, would let him play for free in exchange for keeping the pool hall clean. Back then you could play a game of nine ball for five cents a rack. He says that he has played pool all his life, that he has never held a nine to five job, that pool has always supported him financially. The most money he has ever won at one time was about ten years ago at the Tarpon Lounge in Mobile when he played a private game and won \$5,600.

Rick has played in exhibition games against such pool greats as Willie Mosconi, U.J. Puckett, Buddy Hall, the seven time world champion, Eddie "the Knoxville Bear" Taylor, the best pool player ever, and Gerald Huber, author of the book "The Green Felt Jungle, The Dark Side of Pool". Gibson first met Gerald Huber in the 1980s in New Orleans; he is even mentioned in Huber's book. In his book Huber talks about Gibson, saying, "I met a guy in the Casablanca named Rick Gibson who was a pretty fair player and loved pool action. Rick mostly played banks but he shot a decent game of nine ball too. Rick told me he could see that I could play and suggested I team up with him and Jimmy Rodgers on some short road trips. Rick was from Atmore, Alabama and Jimmy was from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Rick is a pretty fair player that loves pool action. Rick mostly played banks but he can shoot a mean game of nine

ball too". Huber's book is the true story of a guy who led two entirely different lives. On one hand he was the Vice-President of a forty million dollar a year company; on the other hand he was a devoted pool player who would play anywhere and face any danger in an attempt to play big money pool. Gibson says that Huber is a super great guy and a devoted family man who loves to play pool. Gibson recommends Huber's book to those who love to read; he says that some of the events may seem far-fetched to some but he was there and knows that the events happened as Huber tells them.

When asked, Gibson stated that his favorite place to play is at Southern Billiards in Starkville, Mississippi, the best little pool room in the South. He said that he has only played there once, but that it was his favorite place. Although he has never played against him, his favorite player is Johnny Archer. Gibson said that he participated in the Derby City Classic in Louisville, Kentucky in January of this year. This tournament, which will be shown on ESPN on channel 143 and Fox South, channel 420 on Dish Network in the near future, featured more than 500 players, lasted nine days and is considered the largest tournament in the country. He also played in the Gulf Coast Classic held in Gulfport, Mississippi.

In closing Gibson states that he knows that there is good and bad with pool, just as there is with any sport, but that it has always been good to him. He says that he continues to play and will play until the day he dies. "When I was learning how to play pool, I lost a lot of money" Gibson said, "but once I learned how to play, I got my money back and charged a little interest."



*Rick Gibson, aka "Atmore Rick" to those in the billiard world.*



*Pool ring made from Gibson's own design by Rock Hard Jewelers in Pensacola, Florida*

# Tribal Members Nominated for Native American Music Awards

The nominees for the Ninth Annual Music Awards "Nammys" have been posted and it is now time to vote for your favorite Native American artists. This year the nominees include Tribal Member Roger Kuhn, for his debut album "Proof", and local drum group Medicine Tail, for their newly released CD, "We Sing For You".

Medicine Tail, made up of singers from across the panhandle of Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Poarch Creek Administrative employees Alex Alvarez, Nick Behan, and Johnna Blalock, and Poarch Creek Indian Tribal Members Chris "Ding Ding" Blackburn, Amber Lisenby, and Savilla McGhee, has been nominated in the Pow Wow category for their newly released CD, "We Sing For You", which was recorded live at IICOT Pow-Wow of Champions.

Roger Kuhn has been nominated in eight categories, Debut Artist, Best Folk Recording (Proof), Best Country Recording (Proof), Best Male, Best Pop Recording (Proof), Best Rock Recording (Proof), Record of the Year (Proof), and Songwriter of the Year (Proof).

The Native American Music Awards Online Voting Polls are

currently posted on line at [www.votenative.com](http://www.votenative.com). Online voting serves to provide a public poll consensus which may not be representative of all N.A.M.A. Advisory Membership votes. A maximum of 30% of the total online votes will be weighed against Advisory membership votes in the final voting stage when voters select one winner for each category.

In order to participate in the public poll consensus, you must first register as a E-member on the Native American Music Awards website at [www.nativeamericanmusicawards.com](http://www.nativeamericanmusicawards.com); you must select the Voting link from the menu at the top of the page, which will take you to the page with the [www.votenative.com](http://www.votenative.com) link. Once registered you are asked to select one nominee for each featured Awards category; look for Roger and Medicine Tail in the categories listed above. You may listen to music tracks of each featured entry on the music player at the bottom of each voting page.

To be nominated is an honor for Roger and Medicine Tail. Let's support our "own" Native American Music artists, register on-line and vote. It is our understanding that you can vote once per day, so to back each day and vote again!

## Kim O'Barr Snow Receives Academic Awards

Submitted by Ellen O'Barr

Kim O'Barr Snow was recently recognized for her academic achievements by being listed in Who's Who Among Students In American Junior Colleges and being selected as the Outstanding Student in Math at Jefferson Davis Community College.

Kim is the daughter of Ellen and Joe E. O'Barr, Jr., She is married to Kevin Snow and is the mother of two, Alia and Gavin Snow. Congratulations Kim, your family is proud of you and all of your accomplishments.



*Kim O'Barr Snow*



**Please remember to visit  
the Tribe's website at  
[www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov](http://www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov)  
for updated information and postings.**



# PCI T-Ball Has Successful Season

Poarch Creek Indians T-Ball had their opening day on March 31, 2007. There were five teams that participated in the league this year. The teams were sponsored by local businesses they are as follows: Dodgers were sponsored by Audio Plus, Braves were sponsored by Randall Ward Construction Co., The Athletics were sponsored by CRS and S. Rolin Inc., the Cardinals were sponsored by J & L Enterprises, the Chiefs were sponsored by PCI Recreation Dept. The Recreation Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the league, especially the umpires. They are Kevin Rackard, Tony Schachle, Lavon McGhee, Chad Odom, and Josh Burkett. The season ended April 21, 2007 and was an enjoyable and successful year.



# *An Indian Version of the Twenty-Third Psalm*

Submitted by Ann Maynard

*Father, guardian of earth and the heavens  
Along with all things, I am your creation  
You are the tree of life, I am a branch  
Flowering, thankful and contented.  
The marvels, the natural elements you have  
made  
I am in wonder and reverence about them.  
Through Your love and guidance,  
You give me a precious vine to hold onto.  
It is the thread of life to follow.  
It leads me satisfied among the fragrant mead-  
ows and calm waters.  
It is you who has provided the fruits of life and  
I am happy.*

*You provide my sustenance, nourishment, from  
the land, water, and the air.  
I am blessed. I give thanks for all.  
I am satisfied. My bowl is plenty.  
Your are the Spirit at our center.*

*With you I am strong, my heart good,  
Sometimes it is not easy, this life's road  
Strength and direction to carry on  
To pursue a path of goodness  
And to care for others.*

*Life is but a part of the cycle  
A beginning, as with all things in time.  
I know I must leave behind this earthly life  
Entering another journey  
That I will travel with no fear  
For you are with me ~now, then, and forever.*

*Bad times come with the good, but good will  
prevail.  
I speak from the heart. I have done my best  
To follow the good path, ready for the next  
journey.  
I am prepared. It is then, in the great heavenly  
lodge  
Rejoining my relatives, with pride in a life  
liven,  
That I will humbly present myself Spirit Father  
In heaven, as on earth ~ forever.*

# **Children Learn What They Live**

By Dorothy Law Nolte

If children live with criticism,  
They learn to condemn.  
If children live with hostility,  
They learn to fight.  
If children live with ridicule,  
They learn to be shy.  
If children live with shame,  
They learn to feel guilty.  
If children live with encouragement,  
They learn confidence.  
If children live with tolerance,  
They learn to be patient.  
If children live with praise,  
They learn to appreciate.  
If children live with acceptance,  
They learn to love.  
If children live with approval,  
They learn to like themselves.  
If children live with honesty,  
They learn truthfulness.  
If children live with security,  
They learn to have faith in themselves  
and others.  
If children live with friendliness,  
They learn the world is a nice place  
in which to live.





*Taylor Wiggins*

## Wiggins Places in Pageant

Taylor Wiggins was selected as 2nd runner up in the Beauty Pageant at Monroe County Jr. High School in Monroeville, AL. She is the daughter of Ben and Ruthie Wiggins. Her grandparents are Julia Ann Stacey and the late Alton Jackson.



## *Slot Machine Technicians*

With the growth of the Tribe, comes job opportunities and one of those is a slot machine technician. The PCI Education Department is studying the possibility of starting a class for slot machine technicians. The class would be open to tribal members & 1<sup>st</sup> generation descendants who are 21 years old or older. The class would be 10-12 weeks in length and includes hands on training.

If you are interested in becoming a slot machine technician, please call Clara Jones, WIA Coordinator at (251) 368-9136, extension 2245 to put your name on the list.

## Feel Great: Quit Smoking

**2007 Women's Health Daybook**  
Visit the National Women's Health Information  
Center web site at [www.womenshealth.gov](http://www.womenshealth.gov)

New information shows that smoking causes diseases in nearly every organ of the body. Smoking is linked to diseases such as leukemia, cataracts, pneumonia, and cancers of the cervix, lung, kidney, pancreas, and stomach. Lung cancer alone claims the lives of more women than any other cancer. Stop smoking to lower your chances of getting these diseases!

### *Did you know that*

20 minutes after quitting, your blood pressure drops and the temperature in your hands and feet rises.

8 hours after quitting, the carbon monoxide (a gas that can be toxic) in your blood drops to normal.

24 hours after quitting, your chance of having a heart attack goes down.

2 days after quitting, you can taste and smell things better.

2 weeks to 3 months after quitting, you have better circulation and your lungs are working better.

1 to 9 months after quitting, coughing, sinus congestion, fatigue, and shortness of breath decrease and you lungs start to function better, lowering your risk of lung infections.

1 year after quitting, your risk of heart disease is half that of a smoker's.

5 years after quitting, your risk of having a stroke is the same as someone who doesn't smoke.

10 years after quitting, your risk of dying from lung cancer is half that of a smoker's and your risk of cancer of the mouth, throat, esophagus, bladder, kidney, and pancreas also decreases.

15 years after quitting, your risk of heart disease is now the same as someone who doesn't smoke.

# Cultural Corner

**Hocciv (Author): Alex Alvarez, Cultural Education Coordinator**

This month, I would like to feature two tribal members who have mastered a traditional Mvskoke Creek art/craft. We now view such pieces as works of art, but our ancestors viewed them as necessities. The first person I would like to feature is Ruth Hogan. Ruth has learned the traditional art of southeastern Indian finger-weaving. She has been finger-weaving for over 20 years. These finger-woven sashes are very beautiful and take much time and practice. They distinguish Mvskoke Creek people from other Native Americans. Before European Invasion into the North American continent, these belts were woven from bison hair and different plant fibers. After European trading was established, sashes began to be woven out of trade wool. The colors got brighter and the patterns grew more intricate. These beautiful belts were used



*Ruth Hogan with the traditional belts she handcrafted.*



*Displayed are Traditional belts "sewvnyketv"*

*William Bailey working on his masterpiece.*

in ceremonial and social dancing and are still utilized in the same manner today. In the Creek language, sashes are called: "sewvnyketv" (see-wuh-nuh-gih-duh). Mvto (thank you) Ruth for taking the time to learn and revitalize an ancient art!

The second tribal member I like to feature this month is William Bailey. Mr. Bailey has been a master craftsman of traditional Creek arts for many years. He has made many items including blow guns, bows, arrows, stickball sticks and flutes. His latest work, and perhaps his largest project yet, was completing a Mvskoke style dug-out canoe. As you know, the southeast region of the United States has many rivers, streams, and creeks. These served not only as water sources, but also served as major transportation "highways" for Indians and non-Indians alike. These dug-out canoes were usually made from pine, cypress, or poplar trees. Indians usually totally submersed their canoes to keep them hidden and safe from insects as well. This is one reason why there are still some dug-out canoes in museums. The water helped preserve the wood, as they stayed submersed for over 100 years. In the Creek language, we call canoes: "perruce" (bee-thlew-jee). If you would like to see this canoe, please visit the Calvin McGhee Cultural Center. Mvto William for sharing your beautiful work with the tribe!



*Canoe Burning is an essential part of the process of making the canoe "perruce."*





# June Education News

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Ms. Susan Cunningham has been accepted into the Master's in Counseling Program at California State University, Fullerton. Susan competed with 250-300 applicants for one of the 60 openings for graduate study.

## ALABAMA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUB'S CREEK INDIAN SCHOLARSHIP

The federation offers several scholarships to women throughout Alabama, who attend Alabama colleges. The Creek Indian Scholarship (\$400) is for a graduating high school student or a college undergraduate who is currently attending college and the Sue and Virginia Hester Special Education Graduate Scholarship (\$1000) is for a Creek woman pursuing her graduate degree in Special Education. Tribal members are asked to indicate on their Alabama Federation of Women's Club Scholarship application that they are applying for the Creek Indian scholarship. You should include a copy of your Tribal Enrollment card or a notarized letter of Tribal Enrollment with your application. If you have any questions you can contact Mrs. Loretta Clayton at 1102 Martha Allen Drive, Saraland, AL 36571. We want to thank Mrs. Clayton for providing us with the information and application for the Alabama Federation of Women's Club scholarship program for Creek women.

## 2007-2008 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Dartmouth College is inviting talented rising high school seniors to visit their campus for their Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Summer Fly-In. The Fly-In is a recruitment program to acquaint high school students with Dartmouth's academic community. The Fly-In will take place Sunday, July 22 to Wednesday, July 25, 2007. Students will be selected on the basis of their academic achievement, personal character, and potential for future excellence. Dartmouth will provide round-trip transportation assistance, complimentary meals and on-campus housing to the selected participants during the Fly-In event. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, June 13, 2007. The application is available in the Poarch Creek Education Department or you can request an application at 1-800-860-1294.

## 2007 NATIONAL INDIAN YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

The Academy will be held August 13-25, 2007 in San Bernardino, California. Sixty students from across the nation will be selected to participate in the program. Many of the local high schools will be starting the new school year at that time. Now is the time for students to talk with school officials to see if the school program will allow them to miss the start up of school in order to attend the National Youth Police Academy.

The program is available to students who are thinking about a career in Public Safety. The students will learn about careers as a police officer, firefighter, pilot, lawyer, judge, and other public safety careers. They will hear presentations on crime scene investigations, training dogs to fight crime, operating emergency vehicles, SWAT Teams, and Bomb squads. Additional training will be provided on surviving addiction & abuse, preventing suicide, avoiding youth gang involvement and building self-esteem and confidence. The students will have an opportunity to meet

Native American leaders and youth from across the nation and participate in cultural activities.

*Applicants must be between 14-17 years old by August 5, 2007, enrolled members of a recognized tribe or a direct descendant of an enrolled member of a recognized tribe, and currently enrolled in school or a GED program.* The program is free. Travel, uniforms, and room & board are covered by the 2007 National Indian Youth Police Academy. The students who will travel by air will be met at the airport and transported to the Academy facility. The application and additional information is provided at <http://www.fvtc/edi/NIYPA>.

The completed application and all required forms must be received by the Academy by July 9, 2007. If you have any questions, contact Dave Rodgers, Academy Director, at (888) 370-1752.

## AMERICAN INDIAN FELLOWSHIP IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development will award five scholarships to American Indian college or graduate students that are majoring in business.

## AMERICAN INDIAN FELLOWSHIP IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (CONT. FROM PAGE 21)

The eligibility requirements are:

- Enrolled as a full time student at the junior, senior or graduate level
- Complete and submit the application
  - Submit a request for consideration and providing their reason for pursuing their education
  - Provide a statement explaining their plans are graduation
- Explain their activities in commitment are to the community
  - Three separate essays (250 words each) that address Community Involvement, Personal Challenges, and Business Experience (Paid or Volunteer)
  - Transcripts (official or unofficial) and Tribal enrollment documentation must accompany the application.

The selected applicants must attend the Indian Progress in Business (INPRO) awards banquet at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, California which is scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2007. The recipients will be provided airfare and lodging to attend the INPRO Awards Banquet. It is mandatory that recipients attend the banquet in order to receive the scholarship. The applications must be faxed or post marked no later than August 3, 2007. The applications will be available soon at <http://www.ncaied.org/scholarships.php>. If you have any questions about the scholarship, contact Phyllis Smith at 1-800-NCAIED, ext 243 or email [events@ncaied.org](mailto:events@ncaied.org).

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### **AMERICAN INDIAN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING SOCIETY (AISES) SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The applicants for the scholarship programs are required to be current members of the society. The membership application is available on line at <http://www.aises.org/membership/#m4>. The deadline for the scholarships is June 15, 2007. The application can be downloaded at <http://www.aises.org/highered/scholarships/>. Members are assigned an Indian name password and receive the Winds of Change magazines, and can post their resumes with AISES for companies that are seeking to employ Native American college students. You can view the magazine at <http://www.wocmag.org/>.

#### **General Motors Engineering Scholarship**

General Motors Engineering Scholarship (\$3000) is for Native American students who are enrolled as full-time undergraduate or graduate students who are pursuing degrees in an engineering field. The applicant s must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.

#### **T. Anderson Memorial Scholarship**

Applicants must be full-time undergraduate or graduate student in an accredited program. The fields of study covered by the scholarship are: Math, physical science, engineering, medicine, science, or natural resources. The applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7. There is a \$1,000 award for undergraduates and a \$2,000 award for graduate students.

#### **Burlington Northern Santa Fe Foundation Scholarship**

This scholarship (\$2,500) is for high school seniors who live in states serviced by the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Pacific Corporation and its affiliated companies; Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota and Washington. The applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0.

#### **IBM Scholarship**

The scholarship requires a minimum 3.2 GPA. The program provides a higher award for students with a GPA that is over 3.2. The applicants must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate or graduate at an accredited college or university and be majoring in one of the following: math, electrical engineering, computer science, computer engineering, computer information systems, industrial engineering, material science, chemical engineering, mechanical engineering, management information systems.

### **AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SCHOOL**

Training is available for young people between the ages of 18-31. A high school diploma is a requirement. The Federal Aviation Association is seeking applications for traffic controller school. The announcement stated that within three years and with some effort the students could reach salaries over \$100,000 with benefits. Credit is given for college on the exam. The application and additional information is provided at [faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov) or [http://www.faa.gov/jobs/job\\_opportunities/airtraffic\\_contrallers/](http://www.faa.gov/jobs/job_opportunities/airtraffic_contrallers/). The information stated that the training sites at Anchorage or Indianapolis are likely acceptance into the training program and then you can transfer to another area. The writer did state that it may take awhile for you to receive acknowledgement of your application. The job is available because a large number of current employees will be retiring in the near future.

### **IHS LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM**

"The Purpose of the IHS Loan Repayment Program (LRP) is to obtain health professionals to meet the staffing needs of the IHS in Indian Health Programs." The IHS repayment program is available to Tribal, Indian descendants and non-tribal students. Applicants with undergraduate and graduate degrees may apply for the loan repayment program and sign a contractual agreement with the Secretary for 2 years and fulfill their agreements through full-time clinical practice. Educational loans for tuition amounts up to \$20,000 per year of service are eligible for repayment per each year of service. The Loan Repayment program will also pay directly to the IRS up to 20% of the Federal taxes incurred. Loan Repayments are considered taxable income. If you are interested in working for Indian Health Service, you can find additional information at [http://www.ihs.gov/JobCareerDevelop/DHPS/LRP\\_index.asp](http://www.ihs.gov/JobCareerDevelop/DHPS/LRP_index.asp).

### **BECOME AN IRONWORKER NATIONAL IRONWORKERS TRAINING PROGRAM FOR AMERICAN INDIANS**

Applicants must be 18 years of age and over. Students who complete the Ironworkers Training Program will receive job placement earnings starting at \$16.00 per hour with benefits and will earn more than \$25 and benefits after four years of experience. Trainees will receive work clothing and they will receive \$205.00 weekly subsistence which will be applied to their rent payment. The training is conducted in Broadview, Illinois. The training program lasts approximately two months. You can learn more about the program at their web site <http://www.ironworkerstrainingprogramforamericaniIndians.com> the class schedule is listed below.

If you are interested you may contact Mrs. Clara Jones, WIA Coordinator at (251) 368-9136, ext. 2245. If you live out side the Mrs. Jones program, she or I will provide you with a contact number for a WIA program in your area or you can contact the program at (708) 345-2344



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**National Ironworkers Training  
Class Schedule 2007—2008**

CLASS 118	Arrival	6/04/07
	Completion	8/04/07
CLASS 119	Arrival	9/04/07
	Completion	11/15/07
CLASS 120	Arrival	12/03/07
	Completion	2/13/08
CLASS 121	Arrival	3/03/08
	Completion	5/14/08
CLASS 122	Arrival	6/02/08
	Completion	8/13/08

**THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY NATIVE  
AMERICAN POLITICAL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP  
PROGRAM**

AT&T is sponsoring the 2008 Native American Political Leadership Program (NAPLP) at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. The selected Native American applicants will receive individual scholarships to cover their tuition, fees, housing, books, and other expenses while they attend the NAPLP Semester in Washington. They will participate in hands-on internships, interact with political leaders and policy makers, receive college credit for classroom study, and study issues of importance to Native American communities. The students will receive additional training in Message development, Media production, Fundraising, Voter targeting, Direct Mail, and Lobbying.

The skills that students learn during their participation in the NAPLP Semester in Washington can be applied to any career. The application deadline is October 15, 2007. The application is available on line at <http://www.siwpolitics.gwu.edu> or you can download an application form at [www.gwu.edu/~siwpolitics/naplp](http://www.gwu.edu/~siwpolitics/naplp). You will need a letter or recommendation, official transcripts of all college academic work, a current resume, the scholarship application form and a copy of your Tribal roll card or a notarized letter of Tribal Enrollment from Mrs. Gale Thrower, Cultural/Archives Director. One of our young Tribal Members has attended the program and he highly recommends it.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA CAPSTONE  
COLLEGE OF NURSING RN MOBILITY TRACTS  
PROGRAM**

The University of Alabama is offering an on line program to help registered nurses to earn their bachelor of science or master of science degree in nursing. After a student is accepted into the program, they are awarded 38 hours of credit for their previous knowledge and experience working in the nursing field. If you are interested in the on line Mobility Tracts Program you may contact Barrett Taylor, Mentoring and Recruitment Coordinator at (205) 348-5559 or by email at [bjtaylor@bama.ua.edu](mailto:bjtaylor@bama.ua.edu). The programs website is [http://nursing.ua.edu/rn\\_mobility.htm](http://nursing.ua.edu/rn_mobility.htm).

If we have enough people interested, we can schedule a time when someone from the College of Nursing can come here to talk with nurses who want to earn their bachelors or masters degree in nursing. You can bring your coworkers. We will need those who would like to meet with Alabama Nursing staff to contact our department at (251) 368-9136, ext. 2243 or 2240. We will need your name, address, and telephone number or email where we can reach you when a date is set for Mr. Taylor or his assistants to meet with you or your group.

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL  
HILL GRADUATE SCHOOL**

The Chapel Hill Graduate School is inviting potential graduate students to a recruitment weekend on September 28-29, 2007. They are also celebrating American Indian graduate student scholars and research by hosting a conference entitled "New Directions in American Indian Research" concurrent with the recruitment program. Undergraduates and others interested in advanced study will attend informational sessions, visit graduate programs and become tour the campus. The Chapel Hill Graduate program is very interested in attracting Native American students to their school and they offer generous financial aid packets. If you are interested in attending the September 28-29 recruitment weekend, you may register online and learn more about their conference, recruitment schedules, and financial assistance applications at <http://www.gradschool.unc.edu/NewDirections>. Do not pass up this opportunity. You will meet valuable contacts in your chosen field of study and you will not be wasting your time, when it comes to financing your education.

**ZOHO OFFICE SUITE**

Zoho.com is a free on-line software program that includes word processing, spreadsheet, a database creator, a presentation program, Zoho Wiki, and Zoho Planner. You can use the programs to open Word or Word Perfect documents. It allows you to save your document as doc, xls, ppt, odt, rtf, sxw, sxc, sxi, or pps files.

We often have requests to borrow our word processing program disks; however, we can not loan the program disks due to licensing restrictions. Zoho does require that you access the program via the Internet.

# Employees Recognized for Their Dedication and Hard Work



*Connie Vickery,  
Administrative Assistant,  
Public Safety Department*

## **CONNIE VICKERY**

Connie Vickery, Administrative Assistant for the Public Safety Department, was selected as the January, 2007 Employee of the Month. In April she was also selected as Employee of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2007. As Administrative Assistant, Connie provides clerical and administrative support functions for the Public Safety Department. You can ask anyone, she is a vital part of the

department. Connie has been employed with the Tribe since January, 1989. This is her fourth time to receive the EOM Award and her first time to be selected as Employee of the Quarter. She was also recognized as Employee of the Year in 2000.

Connie states that she was totally shocked to learn that she had been selected as EOM because she knew her supervisor, Larry Hammonds, Police Chief, had nominated two employees from Public Safety. She was even more shocked to learn that she had been selected as Employee of the Quarter. She says the greatest aspect of her job is helping people when needed, whether it is a police or fire related problem. When asked if there was anything she would change about her job, she said that she would change her work hours to 9-5.

In addition to her job at the Tribe, Connie serves on the Pow Wow Committee. She is the daughter of the late Wilburt and Larnicle Vickery. She has six brothers, William, Ernest, Dennis, Arnold, Bruce, and Mike, four sisters-in-law, three nephews, David, Randal, and Justin, and five nieces, Jennifer, Dawn, Ashley, Ariel, and Victoria. In her spare time she enjoys fishing, shopping, and taking photos.

Congratulations, Connie, your dedication and hard work has not gone unnoticed and is greatly appreciated.



*Sylvia Morgan,  
Certified Coder,  
Health Department*

## **SYLVIA MORGAN**

The Employee Awards Committee selected Sylvia Morgan, Certified Coder, as the February, 2007 Employee of the Month. As Certified Coder Sylvia is responsible for entering IDC & CPT codes for all Health Department office visits. She checks all charts to make sure they are properly documented and signed by the providers, keeping up to date on

all codes that affect a family practice, and serves as back-up Pharmacy Technician when needed.

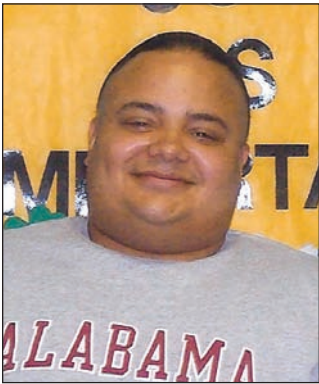
This was Sylvia's first time to receive the EOM award since coming to work with the Tribe in 1992. She said that she was totally speechless and humbled when she was notified that she had to selected to receive the award. She said that her favorite part of the award was seeing her co-workers enjoying the food and drink provided by the Employee Awards Committee; the money and the designated parking space were also a plus.

She attributes her success to God, her parents, and the Tribe for financing the training and testing for her current position. She enjoys working for the Tribe and being a team player. She can not think of anything that she would change about her job because she feels that it is a great job with great benefits, as compared to other jobs she has had in the past.

When not working Sylvia enjoys reading and family activities. Sylvia has one living son, Jon Morgan, and one deceased son, David Morgan. She has three grandsons and one granddaughter.

Congratulations, Sylvia. Your dedication and hard work has not gone unnoticed and is greatly appreciated. Keep up the good work.





*Alex Alvarez,  
Cultural Education  
Coordinator,  
Education Department*

#### **ALEX ALVAREZ**

The Employee Award Committee selected Alex Alvarez, Cultural Education Coordinator in the Education Department, as the March, 2007 Employee of the Month. As Cultural Education Coordinator Alex works with the after school and summer youth programs to relay cultural information; makes presentations to schools, community groups, churches, and other groups or organizations. He prepares monthly reports of students and activities, prepares written guidelines and notes for presentations, crafts

and other subject matter, participates in all Tribally sponsored events as requested and trains other Tribal staff in culturally related subject matter.

This is Alex's first time to receive the award since coming to work with the Tribe almost one year ago. He said that he was very surprised and honored when he was told that he had been chosen to receive the award, he felt like there are so many other wonderful people who work for the Tribe that the award could have gone to. When asked what was his favorite part of the award he said the recognition was nice, but that it was great to get to sit down with his co-workers and share a small meal. He attributes his success in his job to the people, especially the youth for inspiring him to do the job that he does, and to his department for supporting him in all of his activities. During his tenure with the Tribe Alex has helped plan the 2006 October Drug Free Awareness Celebration, taught language, stomp dance, and bead-work classes, helped plan the 2007 Legislative Reception and other community events, activities, and cultural presentations for schools in the area.

The greatest aspect of his job is being able to watch others grow and comprehend their cultural identity and making a difference in people's lives and seeing the results gives him the most fulfillment. Being able to teach something that can become a life style is a great opportunity as well. He would like to be able to reach more youth, especially the troubled ones, and help put them on the right path.

Alex is the founder of the Tribal Youth Council, a member of the Youth Fishing Rodeo Committee and is lead singer for Medicine Tail, which has been nominated for a Native American Music Award. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from West Florida, where he was on the Dean's list. He also holds a Florida Teacher's Certification.

In his spare time, which he has so little of, Alex enjoys dancing and singing at Pow Wows and stomp dances, crafting Native American attire, playing sports, fishing, traveling, watching movies, writing short stories and poetry, and learning and teaching the Muskogee language and culture.

Congratulations, Alex. Your dedication and hard work is greatly appreciated.



*Judy McGhee,  
Patient Registration Clerk,  
Health Department*

#### **JUDY MCGHEE**

On Tuesday, April 10, 2007, Judy McGhee went to the Tribal Council Chambers to attend a staff meeting for Health Department staff members. To her surprise, it was a "party" for her, notifying her that she had been selected as the April, 2007 Employee of the Month. She states that she was totally surprised, excited, happy, and a little nervous. She says that it is an honor to be recognized for the work she does and receiving a hundred dollar check was great. She would like to say thank you to the person who

nominated her and to the people who selected her.

This was Judy's third time to receive the EOM award since coming to work for the Tribe in 2000. She attributes her success to God, who blesses her daily with his benefits, then to her parents who taught her to work and to do her best at whatever she does. She also attributes her success to her co-workers because they help her out all the time. She says that she enjoys meeting people and that it is good to know that you are helping people when you can get them in to see the doctor or nurse practitioner when they are sick, especially the children, babies, and seniors.

Judy attends the Atmore Apostolic Church where she is the ladies leader, song leader, member of the choir, and former Sunday School teacher. In her spare time she loves to fish, sew, and walk. (You can see her and at least one of her sisters out walking the Tribal complex every morning!)

Congratulations, Judy. Your dedication and hard work has not gone unnoticed and is greatly appreciated. Keep up the good work.



#### **CANCUN MEXICO**

Friends, family, and co-workers from Poarch recently traveled to Cancun Mexico for a seven-day stay. It was a great adventure and lots of fun was had by all. Pictured left to right are Gayle Johnson, Jamie Thomas, Teresa "Shada" Thomas, Leverette "Doody" Estain, David Kirby, Ricky Faircloth, Brenda Faircloth (barely seen over Ricky's shoulder), Paula Smith, and Sybil Estain.

# LIHA POWWOW



*Medicine Tail Singers and youth with Tom Rolin and Cedo Coon in background*

## By SB Rolin

On the weekend of April 21st and 22nd, Tom Rolin, age 9, enjoyed dancing in his first Powwow at the Louisiana Indian Heritage Association's (LIHA) 4th Annual Spring Powwow held in Robert, LA. Tom placed third in the Junior Boy's Traditional Dance Category. Tom is a Tribal Member and the son of Thomas and Stephanie Rolin. He is the grandson of Isaac and Edna Rolin and Hazel Brice.

Poarch Creek youth were well represented that weekend at the LIHA Powwow. Cedo Coon placed second in the Teens Fancy Dance Category. Cedo is a Tribal Member, and a Tribal Youth Council Member; Greg McGhee and Kaweta Coon, both Tribal Youth Council Members, drummed with the host drum Medicine Tail, as did Cedo when he was not dancing. Additionally, Rickey

Reed and Brice McGhee, both Tribal Youth, drummed with Medicine Tail.

As mentioned earlier, Medicine Tail was the host drum; many of the singers are from Poarch Creek, including Alex Alvarez (Tribal Employee), Chris "Ding Ding" Blackburn (Tribal Member/Tribal Employee), and Nick Behan (Tribal Employee). The group is nominated for the 2007 Native American Music Awards for Best PowWow Recording.

It's really wonderful that our youth have access to this level of knowledge, heart, and talent. Actually, they want to pass it on to the next generation. Alex has been more than instrumental in coordinating this effort, Call Alex at 368-9136 ext. 2240 for more information about the PowWow Club.



*Tom dancing during competition; host drum, Medicine Tail, is shown in the background*



*Tom Rolin and cousin Brice McGhee dance an intertribal dance*





*Tom Rolin placed 3rd in Junior Boy's Traditional*



*Cedo Coon places 2nd in Teen's Fancy*



# POARCH CREEK INDIAN TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

## APRIL 2007 STATISTICS

During the month of April 2007  
the Poarch Creek Indian  
Tribal Police Department  
responded to 1,565 calls to service.

ESCORTS/COMPLAINTS  
1,565

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
3

ASSAULTS  
6

THEFTS  
3

DRUG CASES  
8

ARREST  
12

COURT PAPERS SERVED  
21

FIGHTS  
3

DISORDERLY CONDUCT  
3

HARRASSMENT  
3



*Tracey "Bubba" Price*

## Thank You

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the community for their prayers and support following the loss of our son, Tracey L. "Bubba" Price. We were touched by the outpouring of love and support shown to our family during this trying time. We would like to especially thank the members of St. Anna's Episcopal

Church for their assistance with the service and providing food and other needs to our family before and after the funeral service. It is during times like this that we are especially proud to be a part of this community. May God bless each and every one of you.

The family of Tracey L. "Bubba" Price

## Thank You for Your Kindness

Dear Family, Friends, Co-workers and Community members,

The family of Evon "Bonnie" McGhee Menzel would like to express our deepest appreciation for the prayers, visits, food, and monetary assistance provided during the death of our loved one. When you are hurting and your heart is heavy, it means so much knowing others care. We won't forget the kindness shown to us during this difficult time. Thank you.

Sincerely,

The family of Evon "Bonnie" McGhee Menzel

## *We Miss You*

A dedication to Daisy Bell Rolin from her loving daughter  
Cecelia Gregson Nobles

Mom, we miss you so very much  
On every Mother's Day;  
And not just then, but every minute,  
Since you went away.  
You were the center of our lives  
Before your soul passed on;  
It's just so hard for us to believe  
That you are really gone.  
But we celebrate the life you lived  
And all the things you gave us;  
Our wonderful memories, Mom, of you  
Are the things that will comfort and save us.  
Please think of us, as we think of you  
With hearts so full of love;  
We're looking up at you, sweet Mom,  
As you look at us from above.

By Joanna Fuchs



*Tribal flag flies with pride and welcomes visitors to the Tribal complex.*



## Birthday Wishes



Ernest Vickery sends a belated "Happy Birthday" wish to his daughter Ariel Allgood in Lucedale, Ms. Ariel turned 10 on April 3, 2007. She is the daughter of Ernest Vickery and Tonya Allgood. Happy birthday, Ariel.

*Ariel Allgood*

## Birth Announcement

Shawn Rolin and Stephanie Nelson announce the birth of their son, Tyee Mekko Rolin. Tyee was born at the North Baldwin Infirmary in Bay Minette, AL on April 16, 2007. At birth, he weighed 9 lbs., 11 oz., and was 22 ½ inches long. Tyee is the grandson of Bessie and the late Eugene "Buster" Rolin and Donnie and Sandra Nelson; he is the great grandson of Mary and the late Marlin Nelson. Tyee is welcomed home by three brothers, Shawn, Freddy, and Brad, and one sister, Jessica.



*Tyee Mekko Rolin*



Carson Daniel Wilson celebrated his first birthday on May 12, 2007. He is the son of Anna (Coon) and Brad Wilson and the grandson of Frankie and Tara Coon of McCullough, and Norman and Francine Wilson of Nokomis.

Happy first birthday, we love you, Momma & Daddy.

*Carson Daniel Wilson*

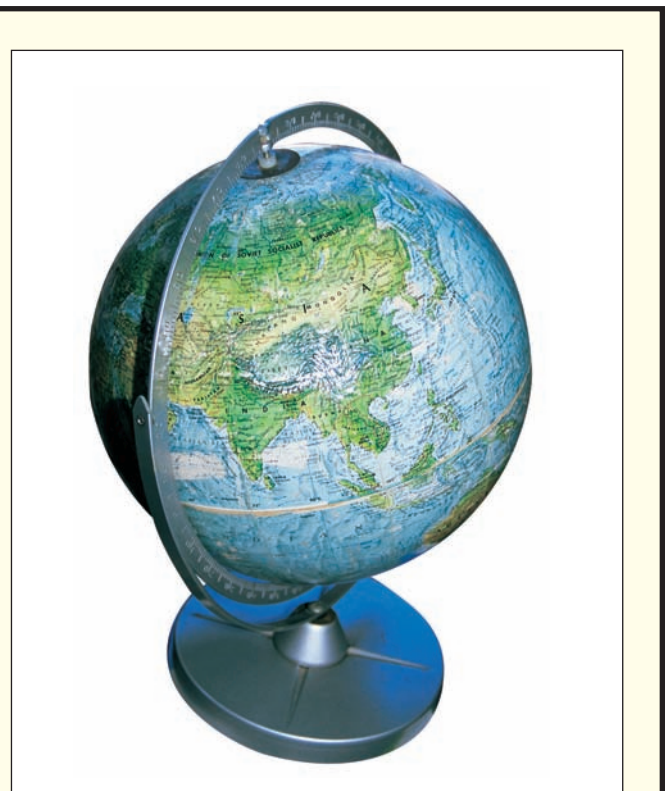
Tyee Rolin wishes a happy birthday to his uncle, Deno Rolin. Deno celebrated his birthday on May 7, 2007.

*Deno Rolin with nephew Tyee Rolin*



Cecelia Nobles celebrated her 38th birthday on May 19, 2007. Happy 38th Birthday!

*Cecelia Gregson Nobles  
Still looking great at 38!!*



## *Where Have We Been?*

Send us your photos of your travels! Just take a copy of the Poarch Creek News with you on your travels, take a picture holding the newsletter and send it to us and we will place it in the newsletter.

## Breaking Barriers

*Proud to be an American Learn – and- Seek Work Searches*

America's strength and spirit comes in part from the many brave and determined men and women whose struggle for success helped to open the doors for others of their race, gender, or heritage. See how many of these "firsts" you can find in the word search puzzle on the next page.

Calvin **McGhee** (1903 - 1970) A poor dirt farmer, Calvin McGhee, in the 1940s, started the Poarch Creek Indians' movement for a better life. Chief McGhee's first recorded action was protesting the second-class status of the Creeks, especially in education. In 1947, he demanded equal education from the Escambia County School Board for the Poarch tribe, and it was soon granted. Later, Chief McGhee led the fight for proper recognition of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians by the Federal Government.

Hiram R. **Revels** (1827-1901) First African-American U.S. Senator, also of Native American descent; this ordained minister and university president dedicated his life to filling the spiritual and educational needs of African Americans.



Charles **Curtis** (1860-1936) First Native-American U.S. Representative and only Native-American Vice President (served under Herbert Hoover); his political career spanned 40 years.

Nellie Taylor **Ross** (1876-1977) First female governor in the United States; she became one of the first women to head a federal agency when she was appointed Director of the U.S. Mint.

Hiram Leong **Fong** (1906-2004) First Asian-American U.S. Senator; the son of an immigrant plantation laborer, he put himself through law school, built a financial empire, and fought for minority worker's rights.

Thurgood **Marshall** (1908-1993) First African-American Supreme Court Justice; as chief lawyer for the NAACP, he successfully argued the *Brown v. the Board of Education of Topeka* case, which desegregated schools.

Shirley **Chisholm** (1924-2005) First African-American woman elected to Congress; in her career in government, she worked to improve conditions for African Americans.

Lauro **Cavazos** Jr. (1927 - ) First Hispanic Cabinet member; this educator and author was the Secretary of Education under Ronald Regan.

Sandra Day **O'Connor** (1930 - ) First female Supreme Court Justice; faced prejudice because of her gender early in her legal career, but later made history by becoming a judge in the nation's highest court.



Colin **Powell** (1937 - ) First African-American Secretary of State; he also was the first African-American Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the highest military position in the United States.

Julia Chang **Bloch** (1942 - ) First Asian-American U.S. Ambassador; at age 9 she moved from China to the United States, not knowing English, then went on to have an extensive career in international affairs.

Antonia **Novella** (1944 - ) First female and first Hispanic Surgeon General: in her role as the highest-ranking doctor in the United States she led the fight against smoking, alcohol abuse, AIDS, and violence.

Bill **Richardson** (1947 - ) First Hispanic U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations; as the governor of New Mexico he pushed for the growth of renewable energy sources and developed a statewide water plan.



## Breaking Barriers

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## **!!\$\$ ATTENTION CONTRACTORS \$\$!!**

If you would like to be included on the  
Poarch Band Of Creek Indians  
Housing Contractor Bidders List

Contact:  
251-368-9136 Ext. 2259

Johnathan Owens,  
Housing Rehabilitation Coordinator  
[jowens@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov](mailto:jowens@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov)

Tom Sturdivant  
Housing Construction Coordinator  
[tsturdivant@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov](mailto:tsturdivant@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov)

Amber Lisenby  
Housing Rehabilitation Assistant  
[alisenby@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov](mailto:alisenby@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov)

Wendy Davis  
Housing Construction Assistant  
[wd@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov](mailto:wd@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov)

Requirements for Contractors are:

1. Must be a licensed General Contractor or Home Builder.
2. Must have General Liability and Workmans Comp Insurance.
3. Must not have any valid complaints or liens with the AHBA.



# HOME-OWNERSHIP PROGRAM SECTION 184

**SECTION 184 IS A PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS TO RECEIVE HOME-OWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE/LOANS.**

**ADVANTAGES TO THE PROGRAM ARE:**

1. LOW DOWN PAYMENTS;
2. NO INCOME LIMITS FOR BORROWERS;
3. FIXED INTEREST RATES FOR 15, 20, OR 30 YEARS;
4. LOANS CAN BE USED FOR EXISTING HOMES;
5. NEW CONSTRUCTION;
6. REFINANCING EXISTING MORTGAGES

**FOR A LIST OF THE STATES AND PARTICIPATING LENDERS IN YOUR AREA PLEASE CALL THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AT (251) 368-9136 EXT. 2257.**



# Social Security Numbers Needed

To receive your birthday gift, or to have your gift placed in the Minor's Trust Fund, the Census Office **MUST** have your Social Security Number on file. It is your responsibility to keep your file updated.

Please contact the Census Office at  
1-877-276-2724 ext. 2501  
To make sure your information is up-to-date.

Census Office Hours:  
Monday & Tuesday  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon



## **Child Passenger Safety Certification Course**



The National Standardized Child Passenger Safety Training Program certifies individuals as child passenger safety technicians and instructors. Tens of thousands of individuals have been certified as since the program began in 1997.

CPS technicians and instructors put their knowledge to work through a variety of activities, including child safety seat checks where parents and caregivers receive education and hands-on assistance with the proper use of child restraint systems and safety belts.

**When: June 18- 21 8 A.M. – 4 P.M.**

**Where: Poarch Creek Auditorium**

For further information, check out [www.cpsalabama.org](http://www.cpsalabama.org) and [www.safekids.org/certification](http://www.safekids.org/certification).

Seating is limited! Interested parties should contact Barnie White @ (251)368-9136 ext. 2316.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>JUNE 2007</b>	*The Tribe will host the annual 4th of July Celebration on Wednesday, July 4, 2007. 6:00 p.m. Program & Entertainment begins 9:00 p.m. Fireworks. Concessions, t-shirts, and other items will be available Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.				1	2
						<b>TRIBAL ELECTIONS</b> Polls open 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. <b>Relay Idol 7:00 p.m.</b> Family Services Building <b>Health Fair @ Wellness</b> & Activities Center (Gym) 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			<b>Housing Advisory Board Meeting</b> 1:00 p.m. Building 400 Conference Room	<b>Tribal Council Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m. Swearing in newly elected Council Members		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
				<b>Crisis Counseling Training @ Family Services Building</b> 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.		<b>Relay Idol</b> 7:00 p.m. Family Services Building
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			<b>Housing Advisory Board Meeting</b> 1:00 p.m. Building 400 Conference Room			
Monday, June 18, 2007 thru Thursday, June 21, 2007 <b>Child Passenger Safety Certification Course</b>						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>Tribal Council Meeting</b> 2:00 p.m.						<b>Relay Idol</b> 7:00 p.m. Family Services Building

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