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# Members of the Tribal Council

## Chairman's Corner

November 2010



**Buford L. Rolin**  
*Tribal Chairman*

Robert McGhee and I, along with several key staff, attended the fall USET meeting in Verona, NY October 11-15, 2010. During the meeting, members of the CMCMA staff gave live demonstrations of Creek basket weaving; they made six altogether, one each day. It was very interesting to see them working on these baskets. It is a joy to know that we are bringing back our native crafts and traditions.

Veteran's Day is Thursday, November 11, 2010; Tribal Offices will be closed. Keep this in mind when making plans to visit the Clinic or other departments that offer services to Tribal Members. Let each of us remember our veterans on this day; those who serve, those who have served, and those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

With November comes Pow Wow. This is our 40<sup>th</sup> annual Pow Wow; it has grown immensely since our first homecoming 40 years ago. Tribal Members will be admitted free; gates will open at 10:00 a.m. both Thursday and Friday. Our annual Princess contest will be at 12:00 noon on Thursday so make sure you come out to see these beautiful young girls who have worked so hard to have a chance at representing our Tribe locally as well as throughout Indian Country.



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This year's State of the Tribe has been scheduled for Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend.

Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> is Election Day. I encourage all Tribal Members to vote for the candidates of their choice in the national, state, county, and city elections. The right to vote is a freedom that many American men and women have fought and died for; do not let their sacrifice be in vain. Vote on Election Day.



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### Spring Forward Fall Back Daylight Saving Time Ends

Daylight saving time ends and standard time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 7, 2010.

Don't forget to set your clock back one hour when you go to bed on Saturday, November 6, 2010.

***State of the Tribe***  
***Saturday***  
***November 27, 2010***  
***5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.***  
***Family Services Auditorium***  
***Food will be provided***

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**DEADLINES TO REMEMBER.** The deadline for submission of information to be published in the Poarch Creek News is **5:00 p.m.** the 10th of the month prior to the month of publication. If the 10th falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline will be extended to the next working day. **To prevent misprints or misinformation, all submission MUST be in writing. No phone or oral submissions will be accepted.**

**Birthday/Anniversary** Wishes can be published the month before, the month of, or the month after the birthday/anniversary as long as established deadlines have been met. **This may mean you will have to publish a birthday/anniversary wish prior to any party planned for the event.** **Birth/Wedding Announcements** will be published as long as the birth/wedding announcement is received by the last working day of the month **immediately following** the birth/wedding. **Obituaries/Family Thanks** will be published as long as the information is received by the last working day of the month **immediately following** the death. **Photos**, due to space limitations, photos may be limited to one photo per article.



# Walk Of Life - A Walk To Remember

*Submitted by Courtney Morris & Breiah Adams*

Picture this: hundreds of Native Americans, our ancestors, walking to what they think of as their death. Some know this walk as The Trail of Tears. They have been beaten, hungry, thirsty, and forced to move from their homeland. They come to a riverside in a place called Tuscumbia. They find food, water, and a place to lay their heads. This is the first act of kindness they have experienced since the beginning of their journey.

For the past nine years Robert Thrower has been a part of the Walk of Life in Tuscumbia, AL that is done each year in remembrance of our native brothers and sisters that had to walk this dreadful path. The big difference today is that it is not a sign of death, but a sign of life. This is why it is called the Walk of Life. When Mr. Thrower came to us about participating in this walk, we were not sure what to expect or feel.

Everyone knows what The Trail of Tears means to Native Americans. Being Poarch Creek, we are some of the fortunate few that did not have to endure that heartbreaking journey, but many of our relatives did. We cannot imagine being separated from our family and having to leave the place we call home.

Standing on the trail before starting the walk, everyone gathers in a circle to hear a little history about The Trail of Tears. They explain to us that we will be walking in reverse, which symbolizes coming home. Mr. Jay McGirt, who is from the Creek Nation in Oklahoma, sings a Creek hymn "Cesvs Pvrke Likan." You can sense all kinds of emotions. It brings tears to our eyes.

One mile into the walk it is hot, we are sweating, thirsty and boy do we smile when we can see a short stretch with shade. At the end of the walk everyone meets in the park. As Robert introduces us, we are honored to be the first Poarch Creek Indian princesses to participate in the walk. We and Mr. McGirt sang "Heleluyvn" in the Creek language. It is very special to us. In a way it is like our ancestor's families that were separated years ago are being brought together again in song. Mr. McGirt tells us that he is happy to see we are learning some of the songs of our ancestors and to keep learning. He also encourages us to learn the Creek language. Mr. McGirt explains when you have it in you, it is in your heart and you can truly know what it feels



*l-r, Courtney Morris, Breiah Adams, and Robert Thrower participate in the Walk of Life, which was a walk to remember for these two young women.*

to be Creek Indian. It is not a name or title; it is blood, it is history, knowing you are part of something bigger than yourself.

We would love to see more of our Poarch Creek Family experience all the feelings we felt that day. To know where you are going, you need to know where you have been. Everyone needs to know the struggle and heartache that has gotten you to where you are today to truly appreciate it. We are thankful for the ones before us. We will always remember that day and we will always remember Tuscumbia.

Courtney Morris and Breiah Adams  
2009-2010 Senior and Junior Princesses

## Otvwoskuce, "Little Chestnut-Thrashing"

*by James Treat, Muscogee Nation News*

The third month of the Mvskoke year is commonly translated as "Little Chestnut," but there's more to it than that. In linguistic terms, this month's name was formed by combining the noun *oto*, "chestnut," with an inflection of the verb *wvskety*, "to thrash," producing the phrase *otvwoskv*, "chestnut-thrashing," then adding the diminutive suffix *-uce*, "little." So a literal translation of *Otvwoskuce* is "Little Chestnut-Thrashing." Like other months in *cokv-walv Mvskoke*, it has a counterpart in the annual cycle—in this case, the month that follows: *Otvwoskv-Rakko*, "Big Chestnut-Thrashing."

Space limits the continued publication of the monthly articles by James Treat of the *Muscogee Nation News*. You can receive the full text of each month's column in your inbox by subscribing to *Mvskoke Country*. In the right column on the website, enter your email address and click the "Subscribe" button. This is an automated service and your address will not be used for any other purpose. This is a very interesting series and we encourage you to follow it on-line at <http://mvskokecountry.wordpress.com>.

## NOTICE TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS AGE 18 & Over

### AS REQUIRED BY THE IRS

All Tribal Members who receive a check or checks from the Poarch Creek Indians in the form of birthday checks, Christmas checks, Elder Benefits, stipends, etc., totaling \$600 or more annually must have a W-9 form on file with Tribal Government Accounting. If you do not have a current W-9 form on file, you must complete a W-9 Form and forward it to Tribal Government Accounting no later than 5:00 p.m. Monday November 1, 2010. After this date, Christmas checks, birthday checks, Elder Benefits, stipends, etc., will not be paid to Tribal Members without a W-9 form on file.

W-9 forms are available through Tribal Government Accounting, the TERO Commission page of the Tribe's official web site [www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov](http://www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov), or at your local accountant or tax preparation offices. Please contact Brenda Faircloth, Tribal Government Comptroller, at (251) 368-9136 x 2206 or via email at [bfaircloth@pci-nsn.gov](mailto:bfaircloth@pci-nsn.gov) if you have any questions or would like to have a W-9 form mailed to you.

## TERO Office Moving

Effective November 1, 2010, the TERO Department and staff will be moving from its current location at 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL to its new location at 3480 Highway 21, Atmore, AL. The new location is the old Martin Construction building located next to GCR Tires on Highway 21.

The new phone number has not been established as of publication of this newsletter but you can contact Carol Cole, TERO Director, via her cell phone at (251) 253-3333. All email contact information remains the same. The new phone number will be published as soon as it is established.

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# Museum Update



Split Rock Studios from Arden Hills, MN has been chosen to design and build the exhibits for the museum. Members from their design team will be at the Pow Wow on both days and will be located inside the Pickrell House. They would like to meet as many Tribal Members as they can so please take a moment to stop by and meet the design team from Split Rock and maybe share some stories or memories that you may have or even what you would like to see in the museum. Mvto!



# Calvin McGhee Memorial

"You guys have done a great job!" "Wow! Everything looks great!" "The food is great! I loved the shaved ice!" "The artwork is amazing!" "We have had a great time, we can't wait until next year." "I am glad to see that you have lots of things for the kids to do." These are just a few of the comments people had to say about the Calvin McGhee Memorial held at the Pow Wow Grounds September 18, 2010. I agree with the comments, the event was well planned, well organized, and well received.

The event had a little something for everyone. The submissions for the Art Expo were set up in the Pickrell House; there were native craft vendors for those who might want to purchase native crafts and art; there was a cake and pie contest; there was an exhibition by the Pow Wow Club; there were games and activities for children that included pony rides and a rock climbing wall; there was great gospel singing; and there was food with a menu ranging from Indian Taco, fry bread & lima beans, to rice & tomato gravy with biscuits (which is always a crowd favorite). They even had the Alabama game on big screen TV!! Tables and chairs were set up under large tents so that there was plenty of shade and a comfortable place to set while enjoying the festivities.

We extend our congratulations to the Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority for hosting such a great event. We can't wait to see what you do next year!

Gayle Johnson, Media Specialist



The submissions for the Art Expo were outstanding. Clarence Rolin's handmade drum placed first in Traditional Utilities. Stella Rutherford placed first in patchwork.



Pie contest winners-all three were Pecan pies!

l-r Rosa Walker, 1st place, Cornelia Miller, 2nd place, and Maxine Franklin, 3rd place.



Cake contest winners- l-r Robert Selzer, 1st with German Chocolate Cake; Lois Amos, 2nd with Italian Cream Cake ; and Jean Ardis, 3rd with Coconut Cake



The Shaved Ice truck was a crowd favorite!

The Rock Climbing Wall was a favorite of "kids" of all ages!



# Who's Having A Birthday??

*Birthday Wishes can be published the month before the birthday, the month of the birthday, or as a belated Birthday Wish the month after the birthday as long as the established deadline has been met. Please remember the established deadlines when submitting your Birthday Wish.*

## **Cameron McGhee**

Cameron McGhee celebrated his birthday on October 5, 2010. Happy birthday from Mom, Dad, Nanna Kitty, PaPa Terry, aunts, uncles, and family.

## **Andrew T. McGhee**

Andrew T. McGhee celebrated his birthday on October 6, 2010. Happy birthday from your wife, Mom, Dad, sons, and family & friends.

## **Hannah Johnson**

Hannah Johnson celebrated her 5th birthday on October 7, 2010. Happy Birthday Hannah!

We love you, from your family & friends



## **Melissa Daughtry Loper**

Melissa Daughtry Loper celebrated her birthday on October 10, 2010.

To my Beautiful Indian Princess and the most awesome Mom the boys could ever have. We would like to wish you the happiest birthday ever. You are our rock and the glue that holds us together. Thanks for being the Best Wife, Mother, and Best Friend anyone could ever be blessed enough to have. Can't wait celebrate many more birthdays with you.

Love John, Lance, Caleb, & Trevor



## **Mary Kinsey & Troy Kinsey**



Mary Kinsey and her son, Troy Kinsey both celebrated their birthday on October 29, 2010.

Troy, you are the best husband anyone could ask for. I appreciate you and love you more than you will ever know.

Mary, you mean the world to us and we appreciate all you do. You are the best Mom anyone could ever ask for! We love you!!

Love always, from Sarah, your loving wife and daughter-in-law.

## **Jayden Alexis Ledkins**

Jayden Alexis Ledkins will celebrate her 2nd birthday on November 5, 2010.

We love you Jayden  
Happy 2nd birthday

Daddy, Mama, Ashton; Nana, & Papa; Aunt Stephanie, Cole, Cierra, and Nevaeh; Uncle Steven, Aunt Jackie, Kelsey and Victoia



## **Hunter Scott Colbert**

Hunter Scott Colbert will celebrate his 19th birthday on November 6, 2010.

Happy 19th!!  
Hope you have many more fun times and birthday celebrations with your family!



We love you, Mom, Logan, Chloe' and Sophia



### ***Annah McDonald***

Happy 16th Birthday to Annah McDonald on November 8, 2010. Annah is the daughter of Della Melissa Smillie, the granddaughter of Daniel and Patricia Albritton Smillie, and the great granddaughter of Della Walker Albritton and Willie Thomas Albritton.



Have a wonderful birthday! Love you, Mom, Dedra, Logan, Jessica, Maw and Paw.

### ***Angel Rose Conlon***

Angel Rose Conlon will celebrate her 16th birthday on November 9, 2010. Happy Sweet 16!!

We love you!



### ***Mya Va'Daziah Pettway***

Mya Va'Daziah Pettway, daughter of Brittany Rodriguez and Ronnie Pettway, will celebrate her first birthday on November 20, 2010. Happy Birthday Mya!!

We love you! Mom & Daddy



### ***Shane Caraway***

Shane Caraway will be celebrating his birthday on November 25, 2010. His family would like to wish him a great big HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

We love you!



### ***Melea McGhee***



Melea McGhee will be celebrating her 12th birthday on November 15, 2010.

We wish you a very special Happy Birthday!

Mom, Granny, Papa, Uncle Chris, Teresa and the kids; Daddy, Amanda, Jayden, & Isaac.

### ***Peyton Findley***



Happy 15th Birthday to Peyton Findley on November 30th.

Peyton is the daughter of Greg & Lori Findley and the Granddaughter of Velma (McGhee) Crocker and Dale & Elvennia Findley.

We love you, Daddy, Mommy, and Paige

## **Rackards To Celebrate 40th Anniversary**

*Submitted by Jasmine Rackard*

The children of Lonnie and Carolyn McGhee Rackard happily announce their parents' 40th Wedding Anniversary. Lonnie and Carolyn were married on Thanksgiving Day-November 26th 1970 at New Home Church in Poarch by Bro. Coleman Pylant. They have been blessed with 2 children, Jason and Mary Rackard, Jeremy and Jasmine Rackard and 4 grandchildren Kinzie, Destiny, Dallon and Khalia.

The children of Lonnie and Carolyn wish to extend an invitation to all friends and family to attend the 40th Wedding Anniversary Celebration planned for their parents on Saturday, November 27th, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Poarch Sail Center.



# CIEDA News & Updates

## **CREEK INDIAN ENTERPRISES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY INCUBATOR VACANCY**

*Submitted by Bridget Wasdin, CIEDA COO*

Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIEDA) is accepting incubator applications for participants who would be interested in leasing the following property located at 3028 Hwy 21, Atmore, Alabama. The subject property includes office/conference room space.

Interested individuals need to contact Bridget Wasdin at 251-368-0819 in order to obtain an application. All applications must be submitted to the CIEDA office at 100 Brookwood Road Atmore, Alabama 36502.

### Entry Criteria for Incubator Companies

- Business must be in startup mode
- Company must submit a business plan
- Product/Service must fit the specifications of the building
- Personnel should have technical knowledge of product/service
- Company must show promising economic development potential
- Company must have 51% Tribal Member Ownership

### Business Criteria

- Sufficient resources to sustain company through incubation period
- Show growth potential for the company
- Personnel must be knowledgeable of business practices related to product/service
- Show potential to graduate in 5 years



*3028 Hwy 21, Atmore, AL*



*NRCS representative David Elliott (right), and manager Billy Smith examine a mayhaw which was planted because of its significance to the tribe's culture and history.*

### **Tribe Recognized As Minority Landowner**

In 2004, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians began purchasing land along Big Escambia Creek, the land of their forefathers. The land has been used for gravel collection, and the area

is slowly being converted to longleaf pine. An excellent recreation area is now open to the public. The group has taken advantage of cost-share programs and advice from various agencies. See [http://www.creekindianenterprises.org/xhtml/magnolia\\_branch.htm](http://www.creekindianenterprises.org/xhtml/magnolia_branch.htm) for details on the recreation area.

*Article featured in the Summer 2010 Minority Landowner newsletter. as selected by the Alabama Forestry Commission, Madeline W. Hildreth, Escambia County Manager.*

### **Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIEDA) Small Business Loan Program**

Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority offers valuable business assistance to Tribal Members seeking small business loans. Getting your loan request approved depends on how well you represent yourself, your business, and your financial needs. The lending limit may extend up to \$50,000.00 in aggregate to any Tribal Member. All loans exceeding these limits must be approved by the CIEDA Board of Directors. Additional credit criteria as well as loan collateralization requirements apply.

If you are a Tribal Member who owns a business or is thinking about starting a business and interested in obtaining a small business loan, please contact Donna Henry, Economic Development Coordinator at 251-368-0819, or by e-mail at [dhenry@pcicie.com](mailto:dhenry@pcicie.com) for additional information.





40<sup>th</sup> Annual



# Poarch Band of Creek Indians

Thanksgiving

## POW WOW

November 25th & 26th

Gates Open 10:00 am

No Pets or Firearms  
Allowed

General Admission \$5.00

12 & under free

Tribal Members Free

13-18 will receive  
passes in the mail

### Warriors Special

Honoring Former Chief "Houston McGhee"

in a

### Single Elimination ~ Head to Head ~ Tournament

Crowning of the 2010-2011 Princesses

Grand Entry Times: 1:00 pm Thurs.

11:00 am Fri.

Hundreds of North America's top Dancers

Adult Contest starts @ approx. 4:00 pm

100 plus Craft Vendors

Traditional Indian Roasted Corn

Thanksgiving Dinner

Live Iron Bowl Broadcast

Special Performances by:

Poarch Creek Powwow Club

Fred L. McGhee Early Learning Center

Creek Hymns by 2010 Princess Contestants

Oklahoma Creek Stomp Dancers

Mississippi Choctaw Social Dancers

Blow Gun Demonstration plus Contest

Drum Building Workshop

Living History w/ Demonstrations

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## ***The Family Services Department is looking for families or individuals interested in becoming a foster or adoptive home for Tribal Member Children.***

Please contact Martha Gookin in the Family Services Department if you or your family is interested in becoming a foster or adoptive home for Tribal Member children. You can contact Martha at (251) 368-9136 x 2600.

### **Qualifications:**

**You must:**

- \* Be interested in making a positive life-long impact on tribal foster children or tribal children placed for adoption;
- \* Be willing to attend training sessions offered by the Family Services Department;
- \* Be willing to complete a thorough home-study along with a thorough background check for all household members;
- \* Willing to join in a partnership between the Family Services Department, the child, and the child's birth family in an effort to do what is in the best interest of the child; and
- \* Be financially able to provide for an additional member to your household.

## **Tribal Child Care Program Continues Application Opportunities**

On October 1, 2010, the Poarch Band of Creek Indians' **NOTE:**

Family Services Department began taking new applications for the FY 2011 Tribal Child Care Program.

To qualify for child care assistance to cover day care expenses for Tribal Member children and First Generational Indian Descent children you must meet the following criteria: the household must live in the five-county service area, the household must meet income guidelines, the child must be under 13 years of age the child must be a member of a federally recognized Tribe or a PCI First Generation Indian Descent child, all adult members of the household must be employed or attending job training or an educational program at least 20 hours a week.

Verification will be required for residency, income, age of child, tribal membership, first generation Indian Descent status, work schedule, and school enrollment. Verification of child care expense and other documentation may be required to establish new child care provider case files.

Applications accepted Monday through Friday  
***By appointment only!***

Poarch Creek Indians  
Family Services Department  
Building 500  
5811 Jack Springs Road  
Atmore, AL 36502

For more information or appointment call  
(251) 368-9136 ext. 2600



# Dance Can Change Your Life

By Venus McGhee Prince

In 1986, I was an 8th grader at Escambia County Middle School. Although I was involved in many extracurricular activities, dance was my passion. I took classes from not one, but both, dance teachers in Atmore. Little did I know that one of them—Mrs. Judith Adams—would change the course of my life.

My family has always been rich in the things that count in life, but when I was a kid we lived paycheck-to-paycheck. Still, my parents always found a way for my sister and me to participate in any activities that we wanted. When I was 8 years old in Gretna, Louisiana, I begged to take classes at a local dance studio. Although we didn't have much extra cash, I remember my mom talking to the teacher about a payment plan to cover my classes and to pay for any costumes for performances.

For the next three years, I had the time of my life putting on fancy costumes and performing at our spring dance recitals. Then in the summer of 1984 we moved to Atmore. I immediately searched for any local dance studios and found Mrs. Judith Adams who taught several dance forms. Mrs. Adams quickly became my mentor and my friend. Over the next three years, I took every class from her that I could and started traveling to Brewton and Bay Minette to assist with her classes.

For the first time, I also experienced Native dance—both Pow-Wow and Creek traditional stomp dancing. Our local dance group traveled to Pow-Wows throughout the Southeast and participated in the Green Corn Ceremony at the Tallahassee stomp grounds in Oklahoma. What a wonderful feeling to know that something I loved so dearly was such a fundamental part of my Native identity!

My biggest challenge was figuring out how to fit it all into my schedule as I prepared to go to Escambia County High School. Then, one day, Mrs. Adams asked, "Have you ever heard of the Alabama School of Fine Arts?" Seeing the blank look on my face, she explained that it was a public school in Birmingham that specialized in fine arts and that it had a superb dance program.

After much soul-searching and long talks with my family and Mrs. Adams, I decided to pursue my passion for dance. I knew that if I didn't, I would always regret it. At the time, I had no idea that this one decision would be the key to opening many unexpected doors over the course of my life.

ASFA led to college. College led to law school. Law school led to a clerkship with the Alaska Supreme Court and to a



Judith and Reed Adams with members of the PreK dance team

job at an Indian law firm in Washington, DC. The doors just kept opening. I would never have had these opportunities but for one inspiring dance teacher's suggestion that I pursue my dream.

It's now been 24 years since I took my first dance class from Mrs. Adams, and I am back in Atmore. I'm not dancing anymore, but Mrs. Adams and her daughter Reed are still inspiring young students to dance—in a new dance program started this fall at the Tribe's own gym.

Who would've thought that one dance teacher could change the course of my life? Not only did dance put me on the path to my career, but it strengthened my ties to our Tribe and its rich tradition of dance.

I hope that you encourage your kids to dance with Mrs. Adams and Reed. Who knows where it might lead?

## American Blessing Mix

Bugles: shaped like a cornucopia for horn of plenty, a symbol of our nation's abundance.

Pretzels: arms folded in prayer, a freedom sought by those who founded our country

Candy Corn: sacrifices of the Pilgrims' first winter. Food was so scarce that settlers survived on just a few kernels of corn a day.

Nuts or Seeds: promise of a future harvest, one we will reap only if seeds are planted and tended with diligence.

Dried Fruits: harvest gifts of our bountiful land.

M&Ms: memories of those who came before us to guide us to a blessed future..

Hershey's Kiss: the love of family and friends that sweetens our lives.

# Tribal Council Fills Board/Committee Vacancies

Listed below are the Authorities/Commissions and Boards/Committees, their members, and term limits as approved at the September 16, 2010 Tribal Council Meeting. TC indicates Tribal Council Member and \* indicates Chairperson.

## **AUTHORITIES/COMMISSIONS**

### **Utilities Authority**

Eddie L Tullis TC  
James Ronald Marshall 1  
Charles Bo Bray 1  
Josh Martin \* 2  
Vacant 3  
Chris McGhee 4  
Shawn Rolin 5

### **Housing Authority**

Arthur Mothershed TC  
Lavan Martin 1  
James T. Martin 1  
Kevin McGhee 2  
Kelli Ramer 3  
Lynn Woodcock \* 4  
Teresa Shada Thomas 5

### **Recreation Authority**

Robert McGhee TC  
Kevin Snow 1  
Ronnie Jackson 1  
Josh Thomas 2  
Jacob Carlton \* 3  
Rodney Exum 4  
Timothy Ramer 5

### **PCI Gaming Authority**

Keith Martin \* TC  
Tim Manning 1  
Bridget Wasdin 2  
Matthew Martin 3  
Billy Smith 4

### **CIEDA**

Robbie McGhee TC  
Connie Naragon 1  
David Gibbs 2  
Daniel Lambert 3  
Ronnie Smith \* 4

### **CMCMA**

David Gehman \* TC  
Kelly Fayard 1  
Lori Sawyer 1  
Megan Young 2  
Raymond Rolin 3  
Gwen Manning 4  
Catherine Sells 5

### **TERO Commission**

Garvis Sells TC  
Wayne Colbert \* 1  
Vacant 2  
Carolyn White 3  
Debra Strickland 4

### **Gaming Commission**

Stephanie Bryan \* TC  
Sharon Smiley 1  
Savilla McGhee 2  
Candace Fayard 3  
William Vickery 4

## **ENTERPRISE BOARDS** (5 year terms)

### **Muskogee Inn**

John A. McGhee 1  
Jack A. McGhee \* 2  
Joe Frank McGhee 3  
Kay Archer 4  
Lonnie Rackard 5

### **Magnolia Branch**

Bodie Tullis 1  
Rowdy Boyte 2  
Rodney McGhee \* 3  
Larry C. Gibson 4  
Don Jackson 5

### **Muskogee Metalworks**

Debra Strickland 1  
Emmitt Dale 2  
Timothy Ramer 3  
Cecil Corey 4  
Marshann Jackson 5

### **Perdido River Farms**

Kent McGhee \* 1  
Dewey McGhee 2  
John English 3  
Ronnie Rolin 4  
Leroy Tullis 5

## **COMMITTEES** (5 year terms)

### **Education Advisory**

Marty Boyte \* 1  
Jaime McGhee 2  
Megan Young 3  
Deloris Kelley 4  
Karla Martin 5

### **Endowment Committee**

Eldnar McGhee 1  
Lori Findley 2  
Denise Young 3  
Kelli Ramer 4  
April Sells 5

### **Enrollment Committee**

Catherine Sells 1  
Nathan Martin \* 2  
Georgia Griffey 3  
Terri Watkins 4  
Brittany Martin 5

### **Investment Committee**

Joseph McGhee 1  
Sharon Klinck 2  
Ryan Exum 3  
Mal D. McGhee 4  
Kay Simmons 5

## **NON-MANAGEMENT BOARDS**

### **Election Board**

Gia Johnson \* 1  
Gilbert McGhee 2  
Carolyn Rackard 3  
Vacant Board Member 4  
Vacant Board Member 5  
Velma Crocker – Alt. 2  
Vacant Alternate 1

### **Ethics Board**

Carrie Martin \* 4  
Cornelia Miller 0  
Tami Manning 1  
Charlotte Meckel 2  
April Sue Dortch 3  
Rayford Rolin – Alt.  
Vacant – Alt.

### **Environmental**

James Agerton 0  
Angela DeVilbiss 1  
Billy Ray Rolin \* 2  
Daphne Sells 3  
James Barnhill 4



# Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve Hunting Permit Information

Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve Management Area, located in Escambia County Alabama north of Robinsonville, is over 3,000 acres of big game and small game hunting area.

**PERMITS:** Gun permits for deer hunting will be issued Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm from the Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority (CIEDA) headquarters located at 100 Brookwood Road Atmore, Alabama 36502. Separate permits for small game (i.e. rabbit, squirrel, and quail), deer (bow hunting) and turkey can also be obtained at the CIEDA headquarters. Maps and permits may be obtained by writing Billy Smith at the above address or by calling: 251-368-0819 extension 4505. Please include a large, self addressed, stamped envelope and indicate the permit you desire.

**FEES:** Gun and bow hunting which includes: deer, turkey, and small game

- \* \$500 per year for Tribal Members which covers spouses and their children under the age of 18. Tribal Member who holds the permit is responsible for their spouses and their children under the age of 18, if they are joining permit holder while hunting. Spouses and children under the age of 18 must be within 100 yards of the permit holder's food plot at all times.
- \* Tribal Members may sponsor a guest for \$50.00 per day for hunting. Guest hunting will be for three consecutive days only. A Tribal Member can only invite up to three guests per year.
- \* All tribal Members 65 years of age and older are eligible to purchase a life-long permit for \$200.
- \* No hunting will be allowed before 4:00 AM.
- \* Rule violations are subject to permits being revoked.
- \* All ALABAMA State rules and regulations will apply.

## **2010-2011 HUNTING SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- \* There will be **NO HUNTING** behind Moyeville Church. (Baited Area) **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!!**
- \* Gun season will run from November 20, 2010 to January 31, 2011. (Designated areas only)
- \* During gun season hunters are allowed to hunt with a gun or rifle on the property north of Hwy 27 and south of Earl Johnson's property along Sizemore Creek.
- \* Turkey hunting will begin March 15, 2011 and end April 30, 2011.
- \* Bucks killed must be 6 pts or better. If a smaller buck is mistakenly killed, the hunter will have to pay a \$100.00 fine. The second offense will result in the permit being revoked. Three (3) bucks per person according to state law.
- \* One doe allowed per paying member.
- \* Member and spouse or dependents should only tag one food plot with the family designated within 100 yards of plot.
- \* No fall turkey hunting.
- \* No hunting around camping sites.
- \* Members are allowed to kill long beard gobblers 6 inches or better in size- no jakes.
- \* Each member is limited to three gobblers per season.
- \* Morning turkey hunting only; hunters may hunt until 12:00p.m. (12 noon)
- \* No coon hunting permits will be sold or issued.
- \* There are 72 days allotted for gun hunting.

## **GUN HUNTING- NOVEMBER 20, 2010 -JANUARY 31, 2011**

- \* A gun hunt for children 16 and under with one adult will be conducted on November 13, 2010.
- \* A spring gobbler youth hunt will be conducted at the same time as the statewide Alabama Management youth gobbler hunt.
- \* All hunters must place their own tags on board. Board is not to be tagged before 4:00 AM. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!**
- \* Any hunter found with feeder or baiting deer will have permit revoked.
- \* Vehicle traffic will not be allowed on roads designated for hunting from daylight to 8:30am and from 3:30pm to dark.
- \* No dogs are allowed.
- \* NO ATV's
- \* All ALABAMA State rules and regulations will apply at all times.
- \* Wild hogs may be taken off property but must be recorded with the park.

**ALL YOUTH HUNTERS MUST FOLLOW RULES AS DESCRIBED BY THE STATE OF ALABAMA FISH & GAME REGULATIONS. ALSO MUST PROVIDE HUNTERS SAFETY COURSE CERTIFICATE. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!!**

# Environmental Department Covers A Lot Of Territory

*Submitted by Laura Lee Cook, Director*

I know everyone wonders what the Environmental Department does. Well, we cover a lot of territory. We routinely water test all the streams that run through Tribal lands once each month for bacterial infractions and once per quarter for chemical infractions. The bacterial samples are tested in-house.

After they are retrieved from the streams the chemical samples are taken to the Test America Laboratory in Mobile, AL. Once each quarter the bacterial samples are carried to Test America to verify our laboratory results. If the test results are not good, then we re-test and if necessary post signs for “no swimming” or “no fishing”. We recently received a call that we had a “fish kill” in one of the streams so we had to go down, pull some samples from several sites, pick some “dead” fish out of water, wrap in aluminum foil, freeze them. The samples were taken to Test America Lab and depending on the results, we may have to have the fish dissected to see what happened.

We also work with Magnolia Branch Reserve in clearing, burning and planting long leaf pines in designated areas. We have set up a gopher-tortoise habitat at Magnolia; we relocate gophers and tortoises found by roadsides and at construction sites to a safe place to call home.

Our work encompasses help at the schools for different environmental projects. We assisted in establishing a wetland area near a butterfly garden at one of the schools and assisted students at Huxford Elementary prepare a small garden; this showed the students what has to be done to prevent insects from “taking over” and how to nurture a garden by watering it and removing all the debris.

Another on-going project we have is recycling and teaching the children from local schools how to separate paper, cans, etc. This project is going to be expounded upon within the next two months.

The Department has one pitcher plant bog near the new Water/Sewage treatment plant that has beautiful picture plants growing and another has been established at Magnolia Branch Reserve. These have to be burned each year. In the next few months, we will be planting some different varieties of the picture-plants, as well as posting a sign so everyone can find them. They are beautiful plants.

Our paper recycling is really helping alleviate all the excess paper from the offices and that is picked up once each week;

cardboard is picked up from Tribal businesses, baled and then sent to the company that takes it and makes it into other usable products.

Each year we try to have one day for taking in electronic recycling items, i.e., computers, monitors, printers, TVs, etc.. This year the event was held on August 7, 2010 and we received: 93 computers, 3 laptops, 97 computer monitors, 85 TVs, 5 LCD computer monitors, 106 computer peripherals (speakers, web cams, etc.), 3 copy machines, and a lot more miscellaneous electronics that were not categorized. In total 17,652 pounds of electronic equipment was collected to be recycled. I will say the next electronic recycling event will not be held in August! This must have been the “hottest” day of the year and our department personnel were extremely busy unloading trucks, trailers, cars, then wrapping items, transferring from one trailer to a larger one all day. The clients bringing the material were most sympathetic and tried to help as much as possible.

We will be having a Neutering event for cats and dogs in the near future. Notices will be put out for this project. We will be giving vouchers out for the owners to take their pets to a local Vet but please do not call until we get the details in place.

We also issue car seats, do septic tank assessments, food establishment inspections and numerous other duties too lengthy to mention. When you see the Environmental truck around you know we are busy on a project.

## Board/Committee Vacancies Announced

*Submitted by Kelli Ramer*

The Tribal Council is currently accepting applications for vacancies on the following boards/committees/authorities/commissions.

Investment Committee	2 positions
Ethics Committee	1 Alternate position

Applications are available from the Chairman’s Office and online at [www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov](http://www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov).

Applications will be accepted from 8:00 a.m. a.m. Monday, November 1, 2010 through 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 30, 2010.



# Legal Update

*Submitted by Venus McGhee Prince, Attorney General*

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on several legal matters affecting your interests as tribal members. If you have any questions regarding any of these matters, please feel free to contact any of your Tribal Council members at (251) 446-1140 or me at (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2525.

## ***Tribal Legislation***

The Tribal Council recently passed revisions to the Legislative Code in an effort to allow tribal members more opportunity to provide input on (1) proposed Resolutions for Constitutional Amendments and (2) Ordinances.

As you know, a Constitutional Amendment passed in June that requires that the Tribal Council provide notice of any proposed amendment and the purpose and draft language of the amendment at least thirty (30) days prior to the Tribal Council's vote on the authorizing Resolution. The new revisions to the Legislative Code clarify and expand this opportunity for input by (1) providing details regarding where and how tribal members can submit comments on the proposed amendment and (2) requiring that the Tribal Council hold at least one public hearing before the Council votes.

Before now, there was no requirement that any notice or opportunity to be heard be provided to tribal members regarding proposed or amended Ordinances. The new revisions to the Legislative Code now require that the Tribal Council provide notice and make available copies of a proposed or amended Ordinance at a prior regularly scheduled official meeting and wait to vote on that Ordinance until at least one official meeting later.

## ***Legal Services Program***

As mentioned in past newsletters, the Tribal Council is currently considering a new tribal member benefit—the establishment of a Legal Services Program that would provide certain types of legal services to individual tribal members regardless of his or her location or income. THANK YOU to all tribal members who responded to our survey regarding legal services needed by tribal members and to everyone who attended our Talk Time with Legal. Your insight and input are invaluable and will help us in preparing our recommendations to the Tribal Council. We will certainly keep you posted as to developments.

## ***Significant Court Cases***

*Community Recovery Services, Inc. v. PCI Gaming v. Eddie L. Tullis*

As you know, in March 2006 Community Recovery Services, Inc. ("CRS") sued PCI Gaming in Tribal Court for over \$2.1 million claiming unpaid invoices for the performance of work on the Riverside project. For the past four years, PCI Gaming has defended itself against CRS' claims and maintained its counterclaim against CRS for over \$2.5 million in excessive overcharges in the performance of the same work. As part of its defense, PCI Gaming filed a third party complaint against Eddie L. Tullis, so that PCI Gaming's assets would be fully protected if it were ordered to pay monies to CRS.

The trial was held the week of June 22, 2009. PCI Gaming filed a post-trial evidentiary motion on October 1, 2009, and the parties completed post-trial briefing on November 3, 2009. Per a request from the Tribal Judge on July 26, 2010, the attorneys for the parties participated in a conference to respond to questions from the Court on September 13, 2010. The Tribal Judge invited, but did not require, the parties to respond in writing to any of the questions raised during the conference. The Court did not indicate when it planned to rule on the evidence in the case.

# Health 101

The Health Department would like to invite you to participate in a monthly educational meeting that will address current Health issues and ways to help you live healthier. In addition to learning new and interesting things, you might even have a little fun!

Health 101 will be held in the Family Services Auditorium the first Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.. Refreshments will be served.

Tentative topics are	Weight Loss
	Exercise
	Pain
	Immunizations
	Diabetes
	High Blood Pressure
	Nutrition
	Heart Disease

# Tribal Member Submissions

## Wicker Becomes Licensed Physician Assistant

*Submitted by Maria Owens Wicker*

Brian Wicker has graduated from the Nova Southeastern University in Orlando as a Physician Assistant.

He passed his certification exam and is now a Licensed Physician Assistant. He works for a very prominent Orthopedic Doctor in Tampa.

Congratulations Brian, we are very proud of you! Maria, Torey, Destiny, Jayden, Abigail, Susan & Charles Wicker and A.D. & Emily Owens



## 2010 David McGhee Reunion Held In Pace, FL



The David McGhee Reunion, hosted by Melvin and Linda McGhee, was held in Pace, FL at the Floridatown Park on Saturday, October 2, 2010. Four generations of the McGhee family gathered together for the reunion. While the children played and got to know each other, the adults had a lot of fun reminiscing and catching up with each other. Next year's reunion will be held at Magnolia Branch on October 1, 2011. See ya there!!



## The Richard & Emma Walker Reunion Held At Magnolia Branch Saturday, October 2, 2010

Pictured above are the family elders and includes (from left to right): Leroy Tullis, Pauline "Phillips" Parker, Mary "Phillips" Dorman, Eddie Leon Tullis, Nettie Ruth Tullis, Patricia "Albritton" Smillie, Buford Rolin (standing) and Cleo "Phillips" Keating.

## Tullis Crowned As Homecoming Queen

*Submitted by Emily Tullis*



Brooke Tullis, daughter of Emily and Bodie Tullis, was crowned as Northview's Homecoming Queen during homecoming activities at Northview High School on Friday, October 8, 2010.

Brooke is a Varsity cheerleader, Senior Class Treasurer, member of SGA, Interact club, Yearbook staff, and Drug Awareness

Team, and an active member of Bratt First Baptist Church. Brooke says that she enjoys the memories and friends she has made at Northview High School.



# WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT

*Submitted by Rose McGhee Conlon*

*Do* you ever find yourself at a restaurant and your child is texting away vigorously? Are you forced to communicate with your children via text? And.... your phone bill is racked up from all the messages your child sends? Seems like no good could come from this new wave of technology. But one tribal member, Rose McGhee Conlon, has found glory in the sometimes annoying habit of her 15- year-old daughter, Angel, who is the great-granddaughter of the late Chief Calvin McGhee.

Texting is the new way of communicating these days, especially for teens and young adults. On any given day if you walk down the street or go to the mall, you're bound to see someone typing away on their cell phone. It's become much of a mundane activity now. Besides the occasional argument about how rude it is to text at your family's Christmas party, or the dangers of texting and driving, texting is usually an uneventful pastime. That's exactly what Angel Conlon thought. She would text her friends about all of the latest news, but she never dreamed that texting could win her a trip to New York City. Let alone with a chance to compete for ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS!!! While watching one of her favorite television shows, Angel saw an advertisement by one of the major electronics corporations, LG, who just happens to be one of the lead producers of cellular phones. In the ad viewers were asked to text a phrase that appeared on the screen. The fastest contestant to complete the phrase, with no errors, would receive a trip to New York City to compete in the LG 2010 National Texting Competition with the chance of winning \$100,000, with an opportunity to win an additional \$50,000 to be given to the charity of the winner's choice. Angel thought that it could be fun so she sent a text message. A few minutes later, she received a message confirming that LG had received her message and that she had not won and to try again at a later day and time. Angel did just that, the following week. This time after sending in her message she did not receive a confirming message. She assumed she had not won and went about her daily routine. A few days later, Angel received a call from Moya Walsh, one of the people with Fathom Communications, working

with other companies which were also responsible for the LG texting competition. She surprised Angel by telling her that she had been the fastest person to accurately send in her text message, beating out over 500,000 other people across the nation. Angel was excited and immediately told her mother, Rose Conlon, about her exciting news. Seeming too good to be true, Rose checked out the competition online, and found that it was in fact a legitimate tournament.

The 2010 LG National Texting Competition took place on September 20th and 21st, in downtown Manhattan, in New York City. There Angel and 31 other contestants from around the country, competed in a two day texting challenge... texting blindfolded, through obstacles, and other assortments of challenging ways.



*Angel Conlon*

Thirty-two people from across the nation were all brought together (compliments of LG Corporation) in an attempt to win \$100,000 with an additional chance of winning \$50,000 being donated to the charity of his or her choice.

On the first day Angel won the competition to qualify for the LG Mobile World Cup in New York City in January of 2011, where the fastest texters from around the world will compete in the ultimate international texting showdown. In addition to winning that place, she immediately won a \$500 cash prize.

Also on the first day, 24 of the 32 finalists were eliminated! The second day consisted of "The Elite 8 + Kate" (Kate being the 2009 LG Texting Champion). Angel was down to 5th place and had a good shot at winning when her finger accidentally hit the "send" button during the blindfolded competition. So, she ended her part of that competition in 5th place and now awaits the World Cup Championship where she and the 2010 Texting Champion will represent the United States of America.

In addition to all of this, an Academy Award winning director from Hollywood, Bill Coutourie, is making a documentary on this competition and will be including Angel. You can check all of this out on the LG TEXTER Facebook page and start preparing for the 2011 LG National Texting Championship.

The next time you get an insane phone bill because your child texts too much, just think of the possibilities!

Congratulations Angel!!

## Four Attend Be Ready Camp

*Submitted by Christyn Sells*

On September 14th-18th, 2010, four 6th grade PCI students participated in "Be Ready" Camp. This is a disaster preparedness and 1st response camp for Alabama 6th graders and was created by the Governor's office of Faith based and Community Initiatives and the Alabama Department of Homeland Security. Camp is held at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL. During the week of September 14-18, Melea McGhee, Alia Snow, Shawnee McGee and Hunter Nobles, learned about topics that ranged from fire safety to light search and rescue and culminated at the end of the week with a mock disaster. The campers worked side by side with 1st responders to respond to a simulated plane crash. Also, while there, the campers learned about medical triage, and prioritizing disaster victims. At the end of the week the campers graduated on "Be Ready" Day.

For any questions about "Be Ready" Camp 2010, please contact Christyn Sells @ (251)368-9136 ext. 2244 or email: csells@poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov



*Shown l-r are Sydney Hoffman, director of the Governor's Office of Faith-Based Community Initiatives, Shawnee McGee, Alea Snow, Melea McGhee, Jim Walker, Director of Alabama Department of Homeland Security, and Hunter Nobles.*

## A Summer Pre-College Workshop for American Indian, Alaska Native & Native Hawaiian High School Students

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or Education's page of the tribe's official web site at  
[www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov](http://www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov)



## 4H Make Pet Treats

On Friday, October 1st, 4H club members "learned by doing" as they made pet treats from scratch! They made treats for cats, dogs and horses- On Saturday, October 2nd they held a pet treat fund raiser at Tractor Supply in Bay Minette, AL. There was a very positive response to the pet treats!

Recipes are available upon request!

*Shown above are Shawnee McGee, Sara Milliken, Caitlyn Barnhill, Cheyenne McGee, and Hailey Lewis.*



# Ethics Corner



By: Carrie Martin, Ethics Chair

The following is a continuation of an advisory opinion which the Ethics Board has addressed. The first part was published in last month's issue; the completion of the advisory opinion will be published in next month's issue of the newsletter.

## **2. Is it an ethics violation for Tribal officials or key employees to use their positions to intimidate staff members?**

To intimidate is "to make afraid;" "force or stop with threats or violence." Whether an act of intimidation has, in fact, occurred depends on the specific conduct, words and circumstances of the case. If any Tribal Member is permitted to call staff members request public information, inquire as to scheduling or matters unrelated to merits of the case, similar contacts by Tribal Officials or key employees would not be objectionable.

Assuming conduct by a Tribal Official or key employee constitutes intimidation of staff, such intimidation would violate Ethics Code 28-1-5(h)(2) if the Tribal Official or key employee intended to cause the staff member to violate a tribal law or policy. If the intimidation were motivated by a desire to favor the Tribal Official or key employee's family, friends, or business associates, Ethics Code 28-1-5(i) would also be violated.

## **3. Is it an ethics violation for Tribal Officials or key employees to attempt to obtain confidential information regarding court cases?**

We assume that by "confidential" the requester means information not available to the general public. Again, specific circumstances are important. A Tribal Official or key employee who seeks information that he or she believes to be public and who stops immediately upon learning that the information is confidential has likely committed no ethical violation. If, however, the Tribal Official or key employee seeks information he or she knows that the staff is required to keep confidential and if the Tribal Official or key employee relies on his or her position to pressure the staff to disclose the information, Ethics Code 28-1-5(h)(2) would likely be violated.

You can obtain a copy of the Ethics Code, forms for advisory opinions, or ethics complaints from the Tribal Chairman's Office, Legal Department, or Tribal Court.

# Lighting of Christmas Tree Will Follow Christmas Parade

It has long been the custom for the holiday season to put up a large, beautifully decorated Christmas tree in the Tribal Council Chambers. This year one of the live evergreens outside the Tribal Council Chambers will be decorated for this year's holiday season and will be lit following the Christmas parade. You are invited to join us outside the Tribal Council Chambers for the lighting of the Christmas tree immediately following the Christmas Parade; the winning floats will also be announced at this time. Refreshments will be served in the Tribal Council Chambers after the tree lighting.

The Christmas Parade is scheduled for Friday, December 3, 2010. Line up will be at 4:00 p.m. with the parade beginning at 5:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place; these floats will also participate in Atmore Christmas Parade scheduled for the next day. The parade will follow the same route as last year except that it will end in the parking lot of Building 100 (behind the Health Clinic). We are asking that no one park in this area.

Route: Line up at Wellness & Activities Center (Gym)  
Left on Lynn McGhee Drive, then  
Right on Green Road, then  
Left on Martin Road, then  
Right on to Emergency Road behind Fire Station #1  
Right on Calvin McGhee Drive, circle through  
Willow Creek subdivision, then  
Right into Building 100 parking lot

Parades can be fun for the whole family. Taking a few precautions can make the parade a safe and enjoyable event for the whole family to enjoy. Using these simple tips can curb many of the problems and worries that arise.

*The road and candy: One of the biggest attractions of a parade for children is the candy tossed from the floats. Some of the candy usually ends up within the middle of the road and children tend to disregard the oncoming parade to get the candy. Make sure your children do not go into the road after candy.*

*Dress to impress: Anywhere there is a large crowd of people it is easy to get separated from your children. Dress your children so they are easier to spot in a crowd.*

*Ear Plugs: If you have children that are sensitive to sound or are really young, you should consider buying earplugs for them. Most parades have sirens that can be scary and harmful children.*



## Poarch Creek Indians 2010 Children's Christmas Party Registration Form



**2010 Children's Christmas Party  
Family Services Auditorium  
Thursday, December 9, 2010  
6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.**

**Children eligible to attend include:  
Tribal Members age birth to 12  
1<sup>st</sup> Generation Children age birth to 12**

**Registration Forms are available via this issue of the Poarch Creek News, on-line at  
[www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov](http://www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov) and/or the Front Desk.**

**\*\*Registration will not be accepted over the phone!\*\***

**All Registration Forms must be turned in to Tribal Administration  
No later than 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday, November 18, 2010.**

***\*\*Each child must be registered to attend!\*\****

**Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Number: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*If a 1st Generation Descendant, please list affiliated Tribal Member's Name and Roll Number: \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*Please list child's name, date of birth, age, gender, and also list any family members planning to attend the Tribal Kid's Christmas Party with your child(ren):**

Name	Date of Birth	Age	Male/Female	Tribal Member #





## 2010 Winter Baseball & Softball Clinic

**Poarch Sports Complex**

**Ages: 8-18 years old**

**Time: 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.**

**Fee: \$25.00**

December 21                      Baseball

December 22                      Softball

Lunch will be provided

**\*\*T-Shirt will be given to each participant\*\***

**Don't forget your glove and cleats!!!**

Applications are available at the Gym.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact  
Eddie Jackson or Jacob McGhee at 368-9136  
Extension 2256.

All participants should be at the gym by 7:30  
a.m. & must be picked up by 5:00 p.m.



## Notice Gym Closing for Repair

The Gym will close  
November 1, 2010 through  
December 15, 2010 for necessary repairs of  
the Gym floor.

Dance classes & Weight Watcher classes  
will continue during this time in their  
customary location.

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# The Hard Road to Federal Recognition

*Over the past few years we have had inquiries from Tribal Members wanting to learn more about the Tribe's Federal Recognition process and the historical information that was provided to the Federal Government for Federal Recognition. The Tribal Council would like to share this information with you. It will outline the struggles and hardships that as a community we have experienced. However, as you will see in future articles, it was these struggles and hardships that kept our community together which was essential in our Federal Recognition.*

Tecumseh's visit to the Creek Nation established links between the Shawnee and the hostile Creeks. Inspired by teachings of Tecumseh and his prophet brother a party of Creeks under the leadership of Little Warrior accompanied the Shawnee to their homeland and killed several families of white settlers near the mouth of the Duck River. Upon their return, word of the killing spread among both the Indian and white communities; adding to the problems were the murders of two white settlers in the Nation which were also attributed to Little Warrior and his party.

The Creek National Council convened to address the issue. The Council sent William McIntosh - a Lower Creek - and a force of Creeks to kill Little Warrior and his party. The Council's orders were carried out and the execution took place shortly thereafter. This infuriated the hostile Upper Creeks; they fell upon the twenty-three older chiefs who were opposed to war, killing them all and destroying their property. The Creek National Council, who had tried to preserve peace and accommodate both sides, fortified at Tuckaubatchee and were attacked by the hostiles or Red Sticks. After an eight day siege the Council and some of the inhabitants of Tuckaubatchee were rescued by a party of Lower Creek warriors and were taken to Coweta. After the rescue, Tuckaubatchee was destroyed by the hostiles. Coweta, center for the Lower Creeks and Indians friendly to the United States, became the center for the Creek Nation's activity from that point on.

July and August of 1813 was a time of crisis for everyone in the territory. The lines had been clearly drawn, the white settlers and friendly half-blood Upper Creeks especially, were expecting the worst. According to Sam Moniac, "They [the Red Sticks] have destroyed a large quality of my cattle, and burnt my houses on my river plantation, as well as those of James Cornells and Leonard McGhee." This destruction continued as Peter McQueen, a hostile half-blood, High Head Jim, and Josiah Francis, the local Creek prophet and half-blood, most of whom were from outside the Tensaw area, began an expedition with several hundred warriors to Pensacola from the Upper Creek country to purchase arms and munitions for the war. Along the way they terrorized friendly half-bloods and destroyed crops and dwellings. At Burnt Corn Springs they attacked the home of James Cornells. They burned his house, ran off his slaves and carried off his wife, Betsy Coulter, and James Marlow as prisoners. This action stuck panic in the hearts of both whites and half-bloods alike

in the Tensaw settlement.

Having procured arms and ammunition in Pensacola, the hostiles started back to the Nation and were met by a 180 man force of whites under Colonel James Caller and half-bloods under Captain Dixon Bailey, David Tate, and James Cornells at Burnt Corn. Initially, the force surprised the hostiles and ran them off. While Caller's and Bailey's men were rummaging through the booty left by the hostile Creeks, the hostiles regrouped and attacked, thoroughly surprising the expedition and scattering them in all directions. It is significant that both a white force and a half-blood force set out to oppose the hostiles. This indicates not only a distinction between the residents of the Tensaw/Tombigbee area in terms of ethnicity, but it shows a clear leadership role, e.g., that David Tate and "Captain" Dixon Bailey, a half-blood who later died in the fighting at Ft. Mims, had mustered and led men to this skirmish.

The white and half-blood settlements in and around the nation began bracing themselves for an all-out attack by the hostiles who had worked themselves into a fervor under the promise of expelling the whites and redeeming their pristine aboriginal state. The Creek chiefs - Big Warrior and Alexander Cornells - warned the military that the hostiles intended to attack Tensaw; they fortified various homesteads along the banks of the Alabama and placed garrisons there. The home of Samuel Mims, once barricaded, became Fort Mims, and Major Daniel Beasley was placed in charge of defending it. On the afternoon of August 30th approximately 800 hostile Creeks from 13 Upper towns quickly overran the outer fortifications and cornered the whites and half-bloods in one of the houses. At the end of the day, Ft. Mims lay in a pile of ashes and rubble and of the 553 who took refuge only 40 escaped with their lives.

The destruction of Ft. Mims mobilized American forces against the hostile Creeks. Generals Claiborne, Floyd, and Andrew Jackson attacked the hostile forces on different fronts. Many Lower Creek and friendly Upper Creeks and half-bloods fought alongside Jackson. After a number of battles between the hostile Creeks and those three field commanders throughout the fall and winter of 1813-1814, the decisive day came on March 27, 1814. On that day at a place called Tohopeka, or Horseshoe Bend, Jackson's army faced 1,000 Creek warriors. After a bloody battle and

hundreds of casualties, the hostile Creeks were thoroughly defeated, and the Red Stick rebellion was smashed.

The Treaty of Ft. Jackson marks a pivotal point in the history of the Poarch Band of Creeks, for it was under the provisions of this treaty that many of the present group's ancestors, including Lynn McGhee, received grants for their land in the Tensaw area from the United States for their support in the Creek War. The treaty itself was arranged by Andrew Jackson and its content was consistent with the acquisitive, expansionist environment of the time and the anti-Creek sentiments. Signed by representatives of both sides on August 9, 1814 the treaty ceded immense portions of both Upper and Lower Creek lands to the United States, running east from Georgia to the Tombigbee River and north almost to the Tennessee border. The Creek signatories to the treaty signed under protest, but to no avail. The crucial provision in the treaty relative to the history of the Poarch Band of Creeks is found in Article 1:



*Red Eagle surrenders to Andrew Jackson*

*Provided, nevertheless, that where any provisions of any chief or warrior of the Creek nation, who shall have been friendly to the United States during the war, and taken an active part therein, shall be within the territory ceded by these articles to the United States, every such person shall be entitled to a reservation of land within the said territory of one mile square, to include his improvements as near the centre thereof as may be, which shall inure to the said chief or warrior, and his descendants, so long as he or they shall continue to occupy the same, who shall be protected by and subject to the laws of the United States; but upon the voluntary abandonment thereof, by such prosseor or his descendants, the right of occupancy or possession of said lands shall devolve to the united States, and be identified wit the right of property ceded hereby. (7 Stat. 120)*

*Additional information will appear in next month's issue.*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<div>1</div> <div>Tribal Court Tribal Court Room 9:00 a.m.</div> <div>CMCMA Meeting Welcome Center/Museum 5:00 p.m.</div> <div>Tribal Council Begins taking Applications for Boards Vacancies</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Weight Watchers Gym 5:00 p.m.</div> <div>Creek Patchwork Class 4:00 p.m. CMCMA</div> <div>NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m.</div> <div>Health 101 Family Services Auditorium 6:00 p.m.</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Housing Authority Meeting Building 400 Conference Room 3:00 p.m.</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Tribal Council Meeting Council Chambers 4:00 p.m.</div>	<div>5</div> <div>CIEDA Meeting CIEDA Office 8:00 a.m.</div>	<div>6</div> <div>NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m.</div>
<div>7</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Wellness &amp; Activities Authority Meeting Gym 4:00 p.m.</div> <div>Warrior Society Meeting St. Anna's 6:00 p.m.</div> <div>4-H Meeting Education Department 6:00 p.m.</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Weight Watchers Gym 5:00 p.m.</div> <div>TERO Meeting 3:00 p.m. TERO Conf. Room</div> <div>NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m.</div> <div>General Council Voice Meeting 5:30 p.m. Family Services Auditorium</div>	<div>10</div> <div>5:00 p.m. Deadline To Submit Information For December Newsletter</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Tribal Offices Closed In Observance of Veteran's Day</div>	<div>12</div>	<div>13</div> <div>NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m.</div>
<div>14</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Tribal Court Tribal Court Room 9:00 a.m.</div> <div>CMCMA Meeting Welcome Center/ Museum 5:00 p.m.</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Weight Watchers Gym 5:00 p.m.</div> <div>NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m.</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Housing Authority Meeting Building 400 Conference Room 3:00 p.m.</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Tribal Council Meeting Council Chambers 4:00 p.m.</div>	<div>19</div> <div>CIEDA Meeting CIEDA Office 8:00 a.m.</div>	<div>20</div> <div>NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m.</div>
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<div>28</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Wellness &amp; Activities Authority Meeting Gym 4:00 p.m.</div> <div>4-H Meeting Education Department 6:00 p.m.</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Weight Watchers Gym 5:00 p.m.</div> <div>NA Meeting Turning Point 7:00 p.m.</div> <div>Last Day to Submit Application for Board Vacancies</div>	The Wellness & Activities Authority is offering dance classes every Monday and Tuesday.			
<div>Monday</div> <div>5:30 p.m. – K4 &amp; 5</div> <div>6:30 p.m. – 1st &amp; 4th Grades</div> <div>Tuesday 5:30 p.m.</div> <div>6:30 p.m.</div> <div>7:30 p.m.</div> <div>5th- 6th Grades</div> <div>7th - 12th Grades</div> <div>Adults</div>						

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