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I hope you all had a great Easter and enjoyed spending time with your families All around the Poarch community you can see the fresh growth of spring. The recent rains will ensure rapid growth of grass and the sound of lawn mowers and weed eaters will soon resonate in your neighborhoods and throughout the community.

Many of you are questioning the lawsuits filed against the Tribe by the Muskogee Nation and the State of Alabama Lt. Governor Luther Strange. The

Legal Department has provided an update on page 31 of this issue. This update includes an update on the Tribe's stance on both these issues.

I was excited to see the two trips offered for our Tribal elders this year. Sadly, the available spots on both trips went fast and there is a long waiting list. I hope those who signed up have a great time.

As I mentioned last month, Tribal Elections will be held on



*Buford L. Rolin, Tribal Chairman
tlancaaster@pci-nsn.gov*

June 1, 2013. The field of candidates grows daily. I encourage you to participate in the process even if it is only to vote on Election Day. There are so many ways you can participate that will help make your voice heard.



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***The Council's Purpose** Our love for our people and our commitment to their future drives us to make tough decisions and stand by them to provide stable governance. With our blend of mature wisdom and modern knowledge, we grow the Tribe's assets to build self-reliance and enhance quality of life for all.*

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There are 3083 enrolled members of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians.

We have incorporated the use of the Muskogee language as much as possible in the newsletter. You will see examples in the page numbers and month of issue on each page, as well as on the front cover.

Once the newsletter has been posted on-line, you can use the embedded hyperlinks to take you directly to articles/pages, web sites, email forms, etc.

The Minute Insert also includes a copy of a letter to Luther Strange, Alabama Attorney General, from Eric Shepard, Acting General Counsel, of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC). This information is not included in the newsletters received by those on the subscription mailing list.

ON THE COVER



Tribal Members recently had the opportunity to sign one of the beams going up in the new health clinic.

Shown in photo to the left are Thelma Williamson and Jaime McGhee. Shown in the photo to the right are Tribal Council Members Keith Martin, Stephanie Bryan, Eddie L. Tullis, Sandy Hollinger, and David Gehman.

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Newsletter Information & Deadlines

The *Poarch Creek News* is the official newsletter of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. The newsletter is furnished to Tribal Members, widows/widowers of deceased Tribal Members, Tribal entities, and representatives of agencies providing funding, i.e. IHS, NRCS, and official representatives of other Federally Recognized Indian Tribes at no cost. Non-Tribal Members interested in receiving the *Poarch Creek News* must pay an annual subscription fee.

The *Poarch Creek News* is generated on a monthly basis by the Government Relations Department of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians at the direction/discretion of the Tribal Council to provide important news, updates, and information to Tribal Members. ***We reserve the right to edit or refuse any item submitted for publication.***

The *Poarch Creek News* is generated one month prior to the month of publication. The deadline to submit information to be published in the newsletter is the 10th of the month prior to the month of publication. If the 10th falls on a weekend or

holiday, the deadline is extended to the next business day.

Due to space limitations, submitted articles should be limited to 500 words or less. Photos are limited to one photo per article submission. When forwarding a photo for publication in the newsletter, please be aware of the quality of the photo you are sending. We all want to look our best when we see ourselves in print! Over the past year we have received several photos that were of poor quality and did not publish well. If possible, do not use photos from a newspaper or magazine. If there is a photo in a newspaper or magazine that you would like to use, please contact the publication and ask them for a digital copy of the original. When using copiers or scanners to scan your photo, please check your settings. When using a scanner that gives you the option, please set the resolution at 300 pixels per inch. If all else fails, you can bring or send the original photo to the *Poarch Creek News*; it will be scanned, saved, and returned to you.

Submissions such as obituaries, birth announcements, wedding & engagement announcements, and birthday & anniversary wishes are limited to Tribal Members & spouses, First Generation & spouses, and those living in a Tribal Member household.

Obituaries/Family Thanks will be published if submitted by the last business day of the second month immediately following the death.

Birth Announcements will be published as long as the information is received by the last business day of the month immediately following the birth.

Engagement / Wedding Announcements will be published as long as the information is received by the last business day of the month immediately following the engagement/wedding.

Birthday & Anniversary Wishes may be published the month before, the month of, or the month after the birthday/anniversary. Birthday wishes are limited to 30 words or less, excluding name and birth date.

TRIBAL POLICE CONFISCATE DRUGS DURING TRAFFIC STOP



Tribal Officer Brad Barnhill shown with methamphetamine confiscated during traffic stop.

Poarch Tribal Police confiscated a significant amount of methamphetamine during a traffic stop on Monday, February 18, 2013. Officer Brad Barnhill stopped Keith Watson for failing to stop at a stop sign and for a switched license plate, on Woods Road in Escambia County AL.

Officer Barnhill noticed that Mr. Watson was acting in a suspicious manner. During the traffic stop Atmore K-9 Officer Danny Lambert responded to the scene. The K-9 alerted to the vehicle indicating that an illegal substance was present.

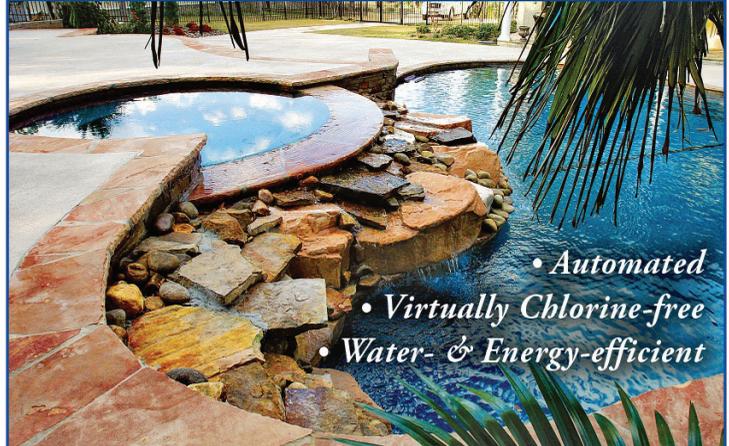
After a search of the vehicle and driver, Officer Barnhill recovered just over 2 ounces (58 grams) of methamphetamine and \$659.00 in cash. This amount of methamphetamine has an estimated street value of \$7,000.00.

Mr. Watson was transported to Escambia County jail in Brewton, AL where he is being held on bond. He is charged with: Unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and trafficking.

*Tribal Press Release
Submitted by Sharon Delmar, Public Relations Tribal Liaison*

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TRIBE MAKES DONATIONS TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians donated more than \$2 million dollars* to schools in Baldwin, Escambia, and Monroe counties in Alabama and Escambia county in Florida. The Tribe made the donation as part of its 2013 Planned Giving Campaign.

“Our Tribal members, our employees and our neighbors send their children to these schools, “noted Tribal Chairman Buford L. Rolin. “I can think of no better investment in the future than to make sure budget cuts don’t limit our children’s opportunities or their dreams or in any way.”

Listed below are the schools that received donations:

Baldwin County, AL

Baldwin County High School - \$66,743.68

Bay Minette Intermediate School - \$15,000.00

Perdido Elementary School - \$90,000.00

Escambia County, AL

A.C. Moore Elementary School - \$62,550.00

Atmore Christian School - \$20,000.00

Escambia Academy - \$138,621.50

Escambia County High School - \$128,465.02

Escambia County Middle School - \$135,000.00

Flomaton Elementary School - \$75,063.30

Flomaton High School - \$117,396.86

Huxford Elementary School - \$250,406.20

Jefferson Davis Community College - \$500,000.00

Rachel Patterson Elementary School - \$117,134.75

Monroe County, AL

J.U. Blacksher School - \$114,173.00

Escambia County, FL

Bratt Elementary School - \$82,212.90

Byrneville Elementary School - \$54,647.21

Ernest Ward Middle School - \$58,000.00

Northview High School - \$56,594.66

Over the last two years (2011 and 2012), the Tribe has donated more than \$3 million dollars to schools in Alabama.



Tribal Council Members present check to representatives from Huxford Elementary School.

*Tribal Press Release
Submitted by Sharon Delmar, Public Relations Tribal Liaison*

**The funds for these donations were approved as part of the 2013 discretionary budget process.*

Community Awareness Information Day

On April 27, 2013 Michealine Deese, Child/Family Welfare Coordinator, and Melissa Durden, Victim’s Advocacy Coordinator, will be out and about walking door to door in the Tribal Housing neighborhoods to pass out bags with information regarding Child Abuse

Awareness, Sexual Assault Awareness, and Domestic Violence.

If they knock on your door, please take a few minutes to welcome them in and learn about these programs offered through the Family Services Department.



2013 TRIBAL COUNCIL NOTICE & CALENDAR

Pursuant to Section 22-3-6 of the Tribal Election Code, notice is hereby given that the 2013 Tribal Council Election shall be held on Saturday, June 1, 2013 at the Community Service Building (PCI SAIL Center). Voting will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Election results will be posted at the Tribal Center on the Community Bulletin Board, and published in the July Tribal Newsletter.

In the 2013 election, the General Council will directly elect the Secretary, Treasurer and one at-large Tribal Council member. Anyone wishing to be a candidate for this year's election must complete a written statement of candidacy with the Election Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

Walk-in voting will be held beginning Friday, May 17, 2013 through Friday, May 31, 2013 in the Community

Services Building (PCI SAIL Center). This does include Saturday, May 25, 2013. Walk-in voting times will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, with the exception that we will be closed on Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19, and on Sunday and Monday, May 26 and 27, 2013. Also, on the last Friday, May 31, 2013 the hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tribal members may vote by absentee by completing and submitting an Absentee Ballot Request. For your convenience, a copy of Request for Absentee Ballot has been incorporated in this issue of the *Poarch Creek News*.

Letter of Candidacy forms may be obtained from Tracy Linam in Tribal Government Accounting or downloaded from the Tribe's official web site at www.poarchcreekindians-nsn.gov.

Tribal Election Calendar

Tuesday, April 2, 2013 Deadline to submit Letter of Candidacy for Tribal Council, Biography, and picture if name to be printed on official ballot, and bio and picture printed in May newsletter.

Monday April 8, 2013 Candidates meet with Election Board. Building 600. 4:00 p.m.

Friday, April 13, 2013 Names of candidates and any proposed constitutional amendments, ordinances, and/or resolution will be posted.

Thursday, May 2, 2013 Last day to submit Letter of Candidacy for Tribal Council to be a Write-In on Ballot. All names of candidates will be posted within 10 days.

Saturday, May 11, 2013 Tribally sponsored Meet and Greet for all candidates. Building 500/ Family Services Auditorium 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday, May 17, 2013
PCI SAIL Center

Walk-in voting begins
10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

Last day to request that an Absentee Ballot be mailed out.

Saturday, May 27, 2013

Walk-in voting
Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Friday, May 31, 2013

Walk-in voting ends
at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, May 31, 2013

Deadline to receive
Absentee Ballots
5:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 1, 2013

2013 Tribal Election Day
Polls open 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
PCI SAIL Center

Should you have any questions pertaining to the 2013 Tribal Council Elections, please feel free to contact Edie Jackson at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2231.



ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

2013 POARCH CREEK INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2013



I, _____, am an enrolled member of the Poarch Creek Indians, and will be at least eighteen (18) years of age on or before June 1, 2013.

I am requesting a ballot for the following elections. Please check all that apply:

June 1, 2013

Run off election if applicable.

Please send an Absentee Ballot to me at the address listed below:

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(_____) _____
 TELEPHONE NUMBER DATE OF BIRTH TRIBAL ROLL NO.

Each person requesting an absentee ballot “MUST” sign his/her own request.

SIGNATURE: _____

(This must be the signature of the Tribal Member to whom the ballot will be mailed)

**RETURN THIS FORM TO: POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS
 TRIBAL ELECTION BOARD
 5811 JACK SPRINGS ROAD
 ATMORE, AL 36502
 FAX (251) 368-4502**

Requests for Absentee Ballots that are to be mailed must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business (5pm CST) on Tuesday, May 21, 2013. Requests received after the deadline will not be honored.

Should you have any questions pertaining to the 2013 Tribal Council Elections, please feel free to contact Edie Jackson at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2231 or Gwen Manning at ext. 2502.

YOUR WELLNESS IS WITHIN REACH

*Rebeka James, Content Writer
My PCI Wellness Program*

The "Your Wellness is Within Reach" event at the Wind Creek Casino on March 2, 2013 was a great success. Tribal members and Tribal employees came from all over to hear some great speakers, and learn more about how to take simple steps that lead to healthy living.

Ashley Donahoo, recently featured on the Today Show and on the cover of People magazine, started the event and shared her personal success story of losing over 137 pounds. Her story has inspired millions around the country due to her achievement under less than usual circumstances. A mother of two, with a full time job, and little resources - Ashley helped us understand that if you truly want to be healthy - the resources are right in front of you.

Ben Brown, Advantage Training Nutritionist made the idea of eating healthy seem doable. His simple approach to eating healthy food starts with five questions we should ask ourselves before every meal:

1. Am I hungry, thirsty or bored?
2. Is it whole food or processed food?
3. Does it include a lean protein source?
4. Does it include a fruit or vegetable?
5. Is this meal moving me closer or further away from my goals?

All participants received a refrigerator magnet reminding them of these questions.

Spencer Tatum, Advantage Training Director of Personal Training, got everyone on their feet and moving! He showed simple techniques to use when "training" (working out) that will make our exercise routines more effective. Is cardio or strength training best for me? Would you rather train for 30 minutes or 75 minutes a day? Spencer showed why interval training along with strength training allows us to burn more fat in less time, making it very doable to maintain a regular exercise program.

Participants came from all over, with the furthest participant traveling over 150 miles! Participant ages ranged from 10 months, all the way up to 77 years old! The event showcased the desire of the PCI Tribe to become a stronger community by living a healthy lifestyle - an example our elders have left for us and one we are responsible for passing down to our children.

The event was put on by the Health Department along with the My PCI Wellness Program and was open to all members of the PCI community including Tribal Members, First Generation, Spouses, Government Employees and children.

To help bring your wellness into reach, please contact Tiffany Faircloth or Megan Flurnoy at (251) 368-9136 x 2246.

Go Forward With Courage

When you are in doubt, be still, and wait; when doubt no longer exists for you, then go forward with courage. So long as mists envelop you, be still; be still until the sunlight pours through and dispels the mists-- as it surely will. Then act with courage.

Ponca Chief White Eagle (1800's to 1914)

TRIBE RECOGNIZED FOR FORESTRY ACHIEVEMENTS

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians (PBCI) recently received the Helene Mosley Memorial TREASURE Forest Award for the South Region at the Alabama Natural Resources Council's Awards Banquet, in Auburn, Alabama. This event recognizes forest owners who have shown exemplary dedication to the wise stewardship of natural resources. Dr. James Shepard, Auburn University Dean and Professor of the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences presented James W. (Billy) Smith, PBCI Tribal Elder and Manager of the Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve (MBWR); and Keith Martin, Tribal Council Member, with a plaque, a certificate, and a limited edition painting. A video of the Tribe's forest accomplishments was produced by the Alabama Forestry Commission and shown at the banquet. The video is available on YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vfv3TmOia7g>.

PBCI has earned many honors for their forest stewardship. In June 2010, they received three prestigious awards for forest management activities at MBWR: the Alabama Natural Resources Council's TREASURE Forest Award and certifications for the Forest Stewardship and the American Tree Farm Programs. This was the first time that a landowner had received all three recognitions at the same time.

MBWR is mostly timberland and is used as a recreational area for the Tribe and their guests. By working with various state and federal agencies, the Tribe has sustained, protected, and enhanced 6,000 acres



(l-r) Dr. James Shepard presents Helene Mosley Memorial TREASURE Forest Award for the South Region to Billy Smith and Keith Martin.

Photo by Kelvin Daniels.

of timberland and 50 lakes. The PBCI partnered with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to secure financial and technical assistance for site preparation on about 800 acres planted to longleaf pine, and to install permanent firebreaks and prescribe burn over 2,000 acres of pine plantation.

"Managing for timber is vital to our long-term forest goals. Seventy percent of our forest land is loblolly and 30 percent has been converted to longleaf pine," said Billy Smith, PBCI Tribal Elder and Manager of the Magnolia Branch Wildlife Reserve. "Whenever we clear-cut an area of loblolly, we plant it back to longleaf pine. Right now we have planted about 800,000 longleaf pines on Tribal land."

Prescribed burning plays an important role in the longleaf pine ecosystem. It helps control disease and reduces competition of undesirable

understory. It also provides wildlife habitat benefits by stimulating the growth of native plants for wildlife food.

"We are on a two year burn cycle and try to burn about 2,000 acres each year," Smith said.

The wildlife accomplishments include planting 37 acres of food plots to cool and warm season forages, building numerous wood duck boxes and bird houses, and thinning 2,000 acres to improve wildlife habitat.

They are attempting to reestablish native grasses. "After clearing the understory through a controlled burn, we are seeing the comeback of native grasses that have been here all along," said Smith.

The Helene Mosley Memorial TREASURE Forest Award promotes forestry through education. David Elliott, NRCS Tribal Liaison, said, "One of the opportunities that the PBCI provide is educational activities. Through partnerships with the Alabama Forestry Commission, Longleaf Alliance, USFWS, NRCS, and other agencies, the Tribe hosts tours that promote best management practices, and good forestry and wildlife management."

Smith added, "One thing we are proud to offer our Tribe and the public is the pristine Big Escambia Creek. We own 12-14 miles of the creek bank, so we are able to control

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SECRETARY

Parents: Martin & Vernie Barnhill Gehman
Grandparents: P.R. & Ruby McGhee Barnhill
Great-Grandparents: Len & Hettie Colbert McGhee



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Poarch Creek Relay for Life

Relay On The Rez!

Friday April 12, 2013

PCI Football Field

12:00 Noon - 12:00 Midnight

All Tribal Members, families, and Poarch community families are invited to attend! We have all been touched by cancer so let's join together to

Remember * Celebrate * Fight Back

Please contact Tawana McGhee at (251) 368-9136 x 2234 or tmcghee@pci-nsn.gov or Edie Jackson at (251) 368-9136 x 2231 or ejackson@pci-nsn.gov for more information.

Join us for fun, food, games & activities.
All monies raised will be donated to
American Cancer Society/Relay For Life

HOMES FOR SALE

The Poarch Creek Indians Housing Authority has two homes for sale.

I 27037 Hwy 31
Flomaton, AL
Minimum purchase price \$ 67,500.00

II 13697 County Road
Summerdale, AL
Minimum purchase price \$ 50,000.00

The above prices do not include closing cost; buyers will be responsible for all closing costs.

Buyers will need to obtain their own financing. Homes are sold as is with no warranty. If you are interested in one of the homes listed, please contact:

Wendy Davis, Programs Manager
Poarch Creek Indians Housing Authority
5811 Jack Springs Road
Atmore, AL 36502
(251) 368-9136 x 2257 or
wdavis@pci-nsn.gov.



Forestry Achievements

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a lot of what goes on along the banks, which includes the MBWR.”

They often cater to Boy Scouts, churches, and other groups who wish to reserve the area. MBWR offers canoeing, kayaking, tubing, zip lines, horseback trails, birding, and camping. They have a campground with 82 camp sites - 49 with full hookups and others with only power and water. Smith said they also offer boon dock camping, which is primitive camping in the more remote areas of MBWR.

Smith is proud of the outdoor activities they make available to the younger generations. He said, “Almost everything we do targets the young people. I feel like we can’t do enough for them. I want to get them out into the woods to walk and enjoy a little bit of the outside. If we can help just one kid by bringing them to MBWR to spend some time in the woods, then we have accomplished a lot.”

MBWR is home to the PBCI box turtle habitat program. They have a penned spot where they put the box turtles to acclimate to the area and then turn them loose. They use the box turtles as educational tools by taking and showing

them to groups to demonstrate what they are doing to help them.

MBWR also has a large population of gopher tortoise which is a candidate species for the Threatened and Endangered list. Smith says, “Taking care of the gopher tortoise is really important to us. We have an ongoing program where we catalog and keep GPS coordinates on each gopher tortoise burrow we find.”

Through all of these activities, the PBCI are very deserving of the Helene Mosley Memorial TREASURE Forest Award. “The Tribe serves as ambassadors for conservation and sustainability, and I commend them for their achievements,” said NRCS State Conservationist Dr. William Puckett. “They not only maintain the land, but also improve it. They are committed to protecting the environment and ensuring that natural resources will thrive on Tribal land for future generations.”

*NRCS Press Release
Submitted By David Elliott, NRCS Tribal Liaison*

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS



Cruz McGhee
March 1, 2013

Happy birthday Cruz!
We love you!

From Nana Bug, Marlie, Janet & family.



Adlee Ann Johnson
March 3, 2013

Happy 2nd birthday
"Sweetpea". Adlee is
the daughter of Mark &
Carrie Johnson and the
granddaughter of Mark &

Vicki Johnson.
We love you so much!
Love, PawPaw & MawMaw.



Laurie Jarman
March 12, 2013

Happy birthday Laurie
"Lou"! We hope you had a
wonderful day!

We love you, Mom, Shelby, Leeann, Big
Steve, Steven, Trevor, Jim, Jay and Lana Jane.



Troy McGhee
March 21, 2013

Happy birthday Troy!
We love you!

From Gage, Ian, Janet, and Mom.



Seth Friedman
April 3, 2013

Happy 21st birthday Seth!
We love you and hope you
have a great one!

Love, Michael, Marcy, Gabe, Elliot, and
Hallie Friedman

Mary Ridgway
April 4 2013

Happy birthday Mary! We love you.
From your family & friends.



Brennen Stewart
April 10, 2013

Happy 17th birthday
Brennen! We love you and
hope you have a great day.

From your family.



Mandy Peebles
April 15, 2013

Happy birthday Mandy!
We love you.

From Kortlan, Halle Rae, Ronald, and the
rest of your family & friends.



Gavin Fraiser Ford
April 16, 2013

Happy 9th birthday Gavin!
Gavin is the son of T. J.
and Heidi Ford and the
grandson of Mark & Vicki
Johnson.

We love you so much.
Love, PawPaw & MawMaw.



Johnnie Johnson
April 24, 2013

Happy 65th birthday
Johnnie! We love you.

From SAIL Center staff.



John Dalrymple
April 30, 2013

Happy 60th birthday to a
wonderful husband.

I love you very much.

Your wife, Alice.



WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Natalie Parker and Chris Lee To Marry



Natalie Parker and Chris Lee will be united in marriage on Saturday, April 20, 2013.

Natalie is the daughter of Mike Parker and the late Linda Gail Rolin Parker of Atmore, AL.

Chris is the son of Bertha Knott and George Knott of Atmore, AL.

Natalie is a 2000 graduate of Escambia County High School and is currently enrolled at Ashford University where she is pursuing a Business degree.

Chris is a 1996 graduate of

Escambia County High School. He is employed as a Firefighter with the Poarch Creek Indians Fire Department.

The wedding will take place at 5:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Atmore. The reception will be held at The Club. Family and friends are invited to attend.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

You Are The Love Of My Life!



Sarah & Troy Kinsey will celebrate their 10th anniversary on April 5, 2013. Sarah sends the following message to her husband:

Happy anniversary to the love of my life!! I love you babe, with all my heart and soul. God has truly blessed us. I look forward to many more exciting years together.

With all my love, your wife Sarah.



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Colbert Named To President's List

Submitted by Judy Colbert

Joshua Keith Colbert was named to the University of Alabama's President's List for the Fall 2012 semester. The President's List recognizes students who earn a 4.0 gpa on at least 12 credit hours of work.

Congratulations Joshua, MawMaw and PawPaw are proud of you and all your accomplishments. Your hard work and determination has placed you among Alabama's academic elite; may you have continued success as you work toward your academic and career goals.

First Generation Indian Descendant Opens Own Business

Submitted by Vicki Johnson

Congrats to Jessica Fogg of Slidell, LA on the opening of her own business, TRENDS, a full service salon in Slidell, LA.

Jessica is the daughter of Camern (Kim) & Tina Fogg of Slidell, LA and the granddaughter of the late Euline Walker Connors.

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To sit with you and talk awhile
To be together in the same old way
Would be our great wish today.
The tears in our eyes we can wipe away
But the ache in our heart will always stay
Life goes on we know that's true
But nothing is the same since we lost you.



I know the best memories live within
us as treasures that we will share forever.

We miss you very much and we will always
love you,

The Lee Martin Family

Submitted by Edie & Pam Martin

Dear LaVan,

April 13th will be a year since God called you
home. He saw that you were really tired and sick
and so He said "Come with me."

We miss you as much today as we did a year ago,
but time and prayers heal. You are especially
missed at St. Anna's when we have a big event
because you wanted everything to be perfect,
even the cornbread.

God had a plan for you, to go see Jeff, Mama,
Grannie Alice, and Aunt Ora. We know you
are having a 'good ole time'. We can see you all
sitting around, gossiping and telling stories.

You were the boss, and that is the way it was; now
Jean is bossing us around and telling us what to
do.

God called you first because you are so smart; He
called you to go and prepare a place for us when
we meet again in Heaven.

Edie, Pam, Lee Van, and Lesa are missing you too
but they know you are in a better place and not
hurting any more.

God bless you until we meet again.

Your loving brothers and sisters, J.T., Janette,
Helen, Jean, Velma, Douglas, and Otha.



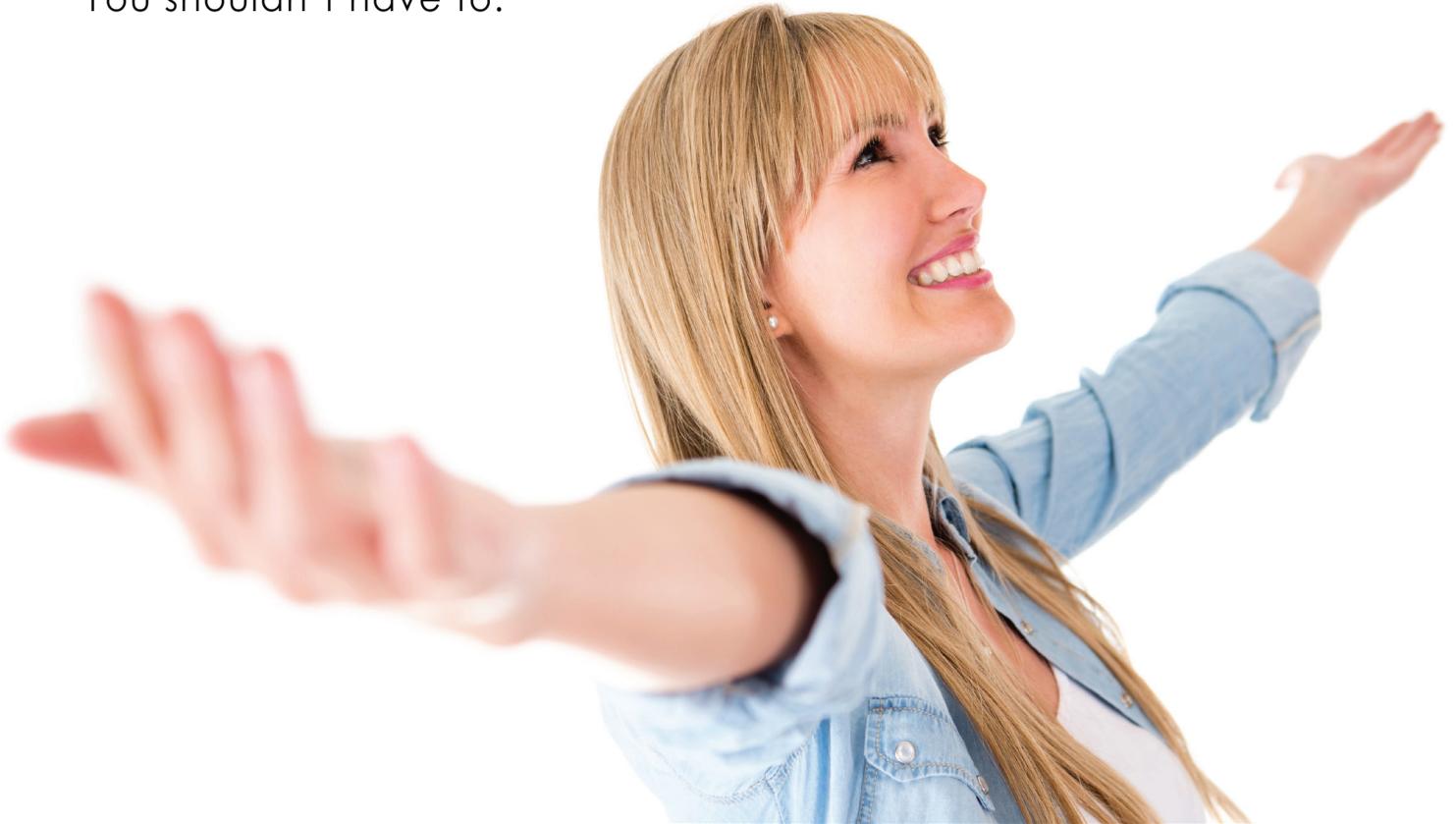
Lee (LaVan) Martin with his brothers and sisters:

*L-R back row, J. T., Janette, Helen, Jean, and
Velma. L-R front row, Douglas, Otha, and
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Submitted by Velma Amos

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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 are 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 for additional information.

Natural Resources Conservation Services

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The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is the USDA agency which works at the local level to help people conserve all natural resources on private lands.

Visit the NRCS web site www.al.nrcs.usda.gov to see updated news and information about services that may be helpful to you and your family.

Contact David Elliott, NRCS Tribal Liaison, at (251) 368-0826 or 5770 Poarch Road, Atmore, AL for more information.

2013 Summer Law Internship Program

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians Legal Department is establishing a summer internship program for law students with an interest in learning about the legal issues that face a federally recognized tribe. This internship will offer the opportunity to obtain practical knowledge and experience regarding both tribal and federal Indian law.

Under this Program, a law student will assist the Attorney General or any designated supervising attorney in providing legal services and representation to the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, its Tribal Council, its Tribal boards/committees, its Tribal Government, and its Tribal authorities, commissions, enterprises, and other entities in a broad variety of matters, including, but not limited to, contracts, employment issues, administrative matters, real estate matters, Indian gaming, taxation, tribal jurisdiction, environmental law, cultural resource preservation, criminal matters, child welfare, and legislation. The internship will last six weeks during the summer of 2012. A stipend will be paid to the selected candidate.

Applications are due by close of business on April 19, 2013. The selected candidate will be informed by April 26, 2013.

To apply, please submit the following to the Legal Department by personal delivery, e-mail to glangham@pci-nsn.gov, or fax to (251) 368-1610, by the deadline:

- (1) A cover letter;
- (2) A current resume; and
- (3) A copy of your transcript.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible for selection and participation, an applicant must meet the following requirements at the time the internship begins and for the duration of the internship:

- (1) Must be currently enrolled at an accredited law school and submit official transcript for the 2011-12 academic year prior to the start of the internship.
- (2) Must provide legal proof of authorization to work in the United States.
- (3) Must not currently be subject to any disciplinary action by any institution or entity, including, but not limited to, any education or law enforcement agency.
- (4) Must possess a high level of maturity with the ability to work with and maintain confidential information.
- (5) Must possess a valid state driver's license.

Please call or e-mail any questions to Gia Langham, Legal Executive Assistant, at (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2525 or glangham@pci-nsn.gov.

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EDUCATION UPDATE

FLORIDA INDIAN YOUTH PROGRAM

It's time to sign up for the Florida Indian Youth Program! The Florida Indian Youth Program is a great opportunity. During the ten day program, the students participate in more than 50 separate educational, cultural and social events and activities, all designed to increase the probability of high school graduation and inspire the students to higher academic achievement.

Where: Tallahassee, Florida

When: July 13, 2013 through July 27, 2013

Who: All Tribal Member and 1st Generation youth ages 14-19, who have not completed the 12th grade.

Student must turn 14 by September 1st of program year.

You may come by the Education department and pick up an application or go online to <http://www.fgcia.com/SiteYouthProgram.html>.

All applications are due by June 28, 2013. There are no exceptions! All applications should be completed and mailed to 1341 Cross Creek Circle Tallahassee, FL 32301 or emailed to info@fgcia.com

If you have any more questions feel free to contact Christyn Sells at (251)368-9136 ext. 2244 or by email csells@pci-nsn.gov

FREE FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP APRIL 9, 2013 FAMILY SERVICES AUDITORIUM 6:00 PM -7:30 P.M.

(You do not have to be Tribal to attend the workshop. This workshop is available to all families who need to know more about Financial Aid.)

The Poarch Creek Education Department is hosting a Financial Aid Workshop April 9, 2013 at 6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M. in the Reservation's Family Services Auditorium (Building 500). Dr. James Theeuwes, Director of Financial Aid, at Faulkner State will be the workshop presenter.

Faulkner State Community College has been the only community college in Alabama to offer the Federal Student Loan programs. The federal loan programs usually charge less interest than the private education loan programs. Student Loan Repayment programs usually prefer federal student loans.

Everyone is invited. It is not necessary to be Tribal to attend the workshop. This is an excellent opportunity for parents and students to learn more about the Federal Student Aid programs, state aid, and college based scholarships. The students and parents that work together in applying for aid are usually more successful in receiving financial aid. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

The address is 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL 36502. The Reservation is located near Interstate 65 Exit 54. Turn onto Jack Springs Road, the next turn will be on Calvin McGhee Drive, and then you turn between the two gray buildings, Buildings 300 and 400. Please park in the parking lot behind Building 300.

Contact Billie J. McGhee at 251-368-9136, ext. 2243 or bmcghee@pci-nsn.gov, if you need additional information and plan to attend. We will not turn you away if you do not contact us; however, we do need to know how many people are planning to attend.



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



The Tribal Council, Education Advisory Committee and Education Department would like to recognize all tribal members and first generation PCI descendants that are graduating from high school this year.

Complete this form and **return to the PCI Education Department before 5pm on May 3, 2013.**

Full Name: _____

Select one of the following:

_____ I am a tribal member.

_____ I am a first generation PCI descendant.

High School Attended: _____

High School's Mailing Address: _____

School Counselor or Contact Person (name, phone number, and email address): _____

Date of Awards Banquet or Honor's Day: _____

*It is the responsibility of the graduate to complete all portions of this form with accurate information. If all portions of this form are not complete, the graduate will not be recognized on his/her award's/honor's day. Please direct any questions to Magen Weaver at 251-368-9136 ext. 2021 or via email mweaver@pci-nsn.gov in the PCI Education Department.

Complete and return this form to: The Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Attn: Magen Weaver, Education Department, 5811 Jack Springs Rd. Atmore, AL 36502

The Fred L. McGhee Early Learning Center

Pre-K Registration

CHILD MUST BE 4 YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE SEPT. 1, 2013

When: Friday, April 12, 2013

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Closed for lunch 12-1

Where: The Fred L. McGhee Learning Center

44 Creek Drive

Atmore, AL



You must bring:

- Certified Birth Certificate
- Shot Record (Alabama Blue Card)
- Social Security Card
- Proof of Tribal Enrollment -OR- Indian descent letter

PARENTS OF FIRST GENERATION INDIAN DESCENT STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE:

If your child does not have a first generation Indian descent letter you must contact Tribal Member Benefits @ 251-368-9136 ext. 2281 as soon as possible. Your child will be required to undergo DNA testing, which is scheduled two times per month on a first come first served basis. We cannot accept students who do not have a letter at the time of registration. If you have questions about registration you may contact Fran Gregson @ 251-368-8762.

The Family Services Department Update

April, 2013

Family Services Department Overview of Services

The Family Services Department strives to meet the needs of tribal members and their families. We have a variety of services available to aid tribal members who are in need. All **federally-funded programs** provide services to tribal members living within the five county service area. All **tribally-funded programs** are available to all tribal members regardless of residence. The following is a brief overview of our services by program area:

Adult Services: (Coordinator: Wanda Fowler)

- Homemaker Aide: This program is limited to the five-county service area and provides limited homemaker services to eligible tribal member households. This program has specific guidelines governing the eligibility and delivery of services. **Our current Homemaker Aides are Angela Bartley, Juanita Slate, and Shirley “Pug” Roberson.**
- Respite Care: This is a **tribally-funded program** available to all tribal members regardless of their residence. This program provides time-limited respite services for Tribal Households providing care for members of their household who require twenty-four (24) hour in-home care; and for those disabled Tribal Members adults living alone who require twenty-four (24) hour in-home care. This program has specific guidelines governing the eligibility and delivery of services.

Child/Family Welfare Services: (Coordinator: Michealine Deese)

- The primary goal of this program is to help our tribal member families maintain a healthy family unit and to resolve crisis situations before abuse or neglect occurs. Common presenting problems include tribal member families and children who are experiencing personal or family crisis situations, behavior management problems, and parenting issues. If child abuse or neglect occurs with a tribal member child, this program provides the necessary foster care placements until the issues are resolved or permanent placement is established. This program also works with tribal member families who are interested in becoming foster or adoptive parents.

Community Services: (Community Services Specialist: Lena White)

- L.I.H.E.A.P.: This is a **federally-funded program** designed to provide limited financial assistance to eligible low income households to aide with energy cost. This program has specific guidelines and is based upon specific income limitations. It is only available at specific times during the fiscal year. Always check this newsletter for dates and times for the L.I.H.E.A.P. program
- Crisis L.I.H.E.A.P.: This is a **federally-funded program** designed to provide limited financial assistance to low income households who are experiencing a crisis situation. There are specific guidelines detailing what is defined as a crisis and there are also specific income limitations. This program is available throughout the year.
- CCDE: This is a **federally-funded program** designed to provide limited financial assistance to aid in the payment of child care services for tribal member and first-generation descent children. There are specific eligibility guidelines and funds can only be provided to a licensed child care facility.
- CSBG: This is a **federally-funded program** and it provides limited financial assistance to eligible low income households. The over-all goal of this program is to help households obtain self-sufficiency. As with all federally-funded programs, there are specific guidelines regulating this program. This program is available throughout the year depending upon the funding amount.

- Tribal Assistance Fund: This is a **tribally-funded program** and is available to all tribal members regardless of their residence or income. This program is designed to provide limited financial assistance to tribal members who are experiencing a loss of income, reduction of income, or a major medical incident.
- Tribal Child Care Program: This is a **tribally-funded program** and is available to all tribal members regardless of their residence or income. This program mirrors the CCDF program and provides limited financial assistance to aid in the payment of child care services for tribal member and first-generation descent children. This program is for households whose income exceeds the CCDF income guidelines and for those households who live outside of the five county service area regardless of income. As with the CCDF program, there are specific eligibility guidelines and funds can only be provided to a licensed child care facility.
- Tribal Crisis Fund: This is a **tribally-funded program** and is available to all tribal members regardless of their residence or income. This program provides limited financial resources for PBCI tribal members and their immediate family during individual and household crisis situations caused by natural disasters, personal crisis, medical crisis, or the death of an immediate family member.

Victim's Advocacy: (Coordinator: Melissa Durden)

- This program provides a variety of services for victims of Domestic Violence, Family Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, and Sexual Assault. The Tribe's shelter and transitional housing unit are utilized to provide emergency shelter and housing for victims.

Administrative Support Team:

- The Family Services Department Administrative Support Team includes **Kathy Ledkins, Special Assistant to the Director; Crystal Hadley, Family Services Clerk; Judy Camden, Family Services Clerk; and Stella Rutherford, Family Services Clerk.** This team keeps the office needs covered and ensures financial procedures are done properly and in a timely manner. **Martha Gookin is the Family Services Director.**

***If you have any questions about any of our services, please feel free to contact us at (251)-368-9136, ext. 2600.**



****If you suspect fraud, waste, or abuse in any of the Community Services Programs (LIHEAP, Community Services Block Grant, Child Care, or the Tribal Assistance or Crisis Funds, please contact the Family Services Department at (251)-368-9136, ext. 2600.**

If you or a loved one is a victim of domestic violence, please contact Melissa Durden, Victim's Advocacy Coordinator, for assistance or information. You can reach Melissa at (251)-368-9136, ext. 2212, or via e-mail at mdurden@pci-nsn.gov. You are not alone. We are here to help you.

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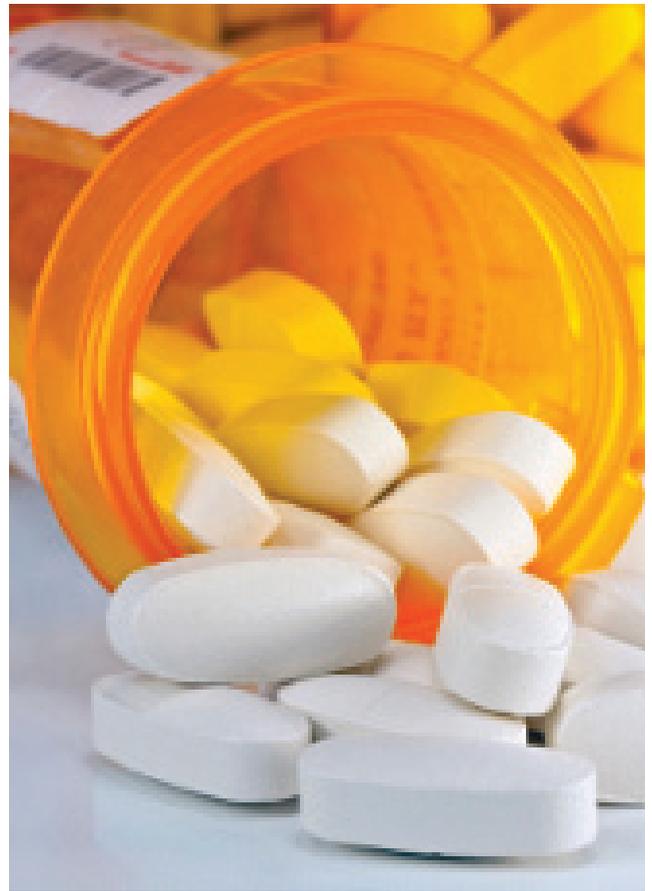
The Family Services Department * 5811 Jack Springs Rd. * Atmore, AL 36502
 Phone: (251)-368-9136, ext. 2600 Fax: (251)-368-0828

Pharmacy Closing Daily For Lunch

Until further notice the Poarch Creek Pharmacy will be closing daily for lunch from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Please keep this closure in mind when making plans to visit the Pharmacy.

We appreciate your understanding and apologize for any inconvenience.

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Boys & Girls Club News

- Summer session will begin Tuesday, May 28, 2013.
- Stomp Dancing, Archery, and Pottery classes have begun.
- The Teen Center will be open every Saturday from 5:00 – 10:00.



Pottery made by 2nd and 3rd graders.

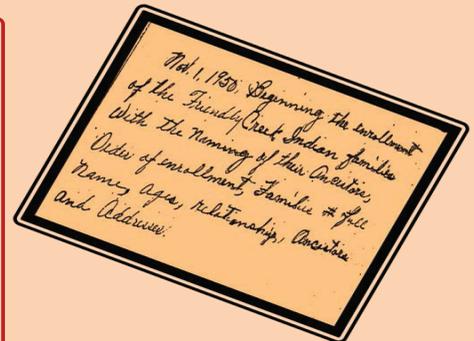


Archery lessons are taught by a professional.



Dr. Deidra Dees teaching the children how to stomp dance.

The Calvin McGhee Cultural Authority at the Poarch Band of Creek Indians invites you to spend the



**Evening with
Mrs. Roberta McGhee Sells**
Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
Family Services Auditorium, Building 500

For our Evening with the Elders Series, join us to hear the voice of Tribal Council Secretary Mrs. Roberta McGhee Sells who was interviewed by Dr. J. Anthony Paredes in 1972 and whose voice was digitized by the University of Florida.

The whole family is invited. Refreshments will be served.

Contact Ms. Ellen O'Barr at 368-9136 extension 2218 or Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees extension 2655 or 2656.

LEGAL UPDATE

Submitted by Legal Department

We 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 us at (251) 368-9136 Ext. 2525. If you would like full copies of any legislation, please contact Dr. Deidra Dees, Tribal Archivist.

Significant Tribal Legislation

Executive Code

The Tribal Council approved amendments to the Executive Ordinance on March 7, 2013. The revisions establish a process for the promulgation of rules and regulations and policies and procedures, outline the powers and duties of each Executive Officer of the Tribal Council, and revise the process for the delegation of authority by Tribal Chairman and others within Tribal Government. The revised Executive Code also adds the Human Resources Director as one of the four Executive Employees in Tribal Government responsible for the enforcement and administration of tribal and applicable federal and/or state laws

Significant Court Cases

White v. PBCI et al. (Tribal Court)

On May 1, 2009, former Tribal Judge Ernie White filed suit in Tribal Court against the Tribe and six individual Tribal Council members that voted to remove him from judicial office, alleging violations of his constitutional rights and demanding damages exceeding \$3 million for each of his four claims.

The Tribe filed a motion to dismiss all claims based on sovereign immunity. In May 2010, the Tribal Court granted the Tribe's motion to dismiss. On April 5, 2011, the Tribal Supreme Court entered a Decision affirming the dismissal of the claims against the Tribe and the named Tribal Council members in their individual capacities

because there was no waiver of sovereign immunity. The Tribal Supreme Court, however, remanded the matter for consideration of the Tribe's motion to strike White's second amended complaint, which alleged claims against the individual Tribal Council members in their official capacities and was filed after the notice of appeal.

The Tribal Judge denied the motion to strike the second amended complaint.

On October 5, 2011, the individual Tribal Council member defendants filed a motion for summary judgment. After briefing by all parties, the Tribal Court granted the individual Tribal Council member defendants' motion for summary judgment on December 7, 2011.

White filed a notice of appeal on December 15, 2011. On August 3, 2012, the Tribal Supreme Court reversed the Tribal Court's decision and remanded the case to the Tribal Court for a trial on whether the individual Tribal Council member defendants' violated White's due process rights.

Both the Tribe and White file motions for summary judgment regarding back pay. On November 17, 2012, the Tribal Judge issued an order declaring that the individual defendants in official capacities violated White's procedural due process rights and awarded him \$315,000 in back pay. The individual Tribal Council member defendants filed an appeal to the Tribal Supreme Court on November 30, 2012 arguing that an award of back pay is impermissible under the law. The briefing is now complete in this matter, and the Tribe is now awaiting a decision from the Tribal Supreme Court.

Rape v. Poarch Band of Creek Indians et al. (Tribal and State Courts)

On November 16, 2011, Jerry Rape filed a complaint against the Tribe, PCI Gaming, Creek Indian Enterprises, Creek Casino Montgomery, and gaming employees (collectively referred to as the "Tribe") in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama. Rape asserts, among other things, that he hit a jackpot of

approximately \$1,377,015, but that the Tribe refused to pay him. The Tribe verified that the jackpot was the result of a machine malfunction. Rape alleges breach of contract, unjust enrichment, misrepresentation, suppression, civil conspiracy, negligence, negligent hiring and/or supervision, respondeat superior, and spoliation of evidence and seeks compensatory damages in the amount of the alleged jackpot, punitive damages, and damages for mental anguish and emotional distress.

On November 18, 2011, Rape filed substantially the same complaint in the Tribal Court.

State Case

On January 20, 2012, the Tribe filed a motion to dismiss the state complaint arguing that the court lacked jurisdiction and that the defendants enjoyed sovereign immunity. On May 2, 2012, the state court granted the Tribe's motion to dismiss.

On June 8, 2012, Rape filed a notice of appeal to the Alabama Supreme Court. On January 23, 2013, Rape filed his brief with the Alabama Supreme Court, and the Alabama Attorney General and Jim Hildreth, Escambia County, Alabama Tax Assessor, filed briefs in support of Rape's position. The Tribe's brief is due in April.

Tribal Case

On January 20, 2012, the Tribe filed a motion to dismiss based on sovereign immunity. On June 7, 2012, the tribal court granted the Tribe's motion to dismiss. Rape did not appeal this ruling.

Muscogee Creek Nation et al. v. Poarch Band of Creek Indians et al. (Federal Court)

On December 12, 2012, the Muscogee Creek Nation, Hickory Ground Tribal Town, and Mekko George Thompson (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Muscogee") filed a complaint against the Tribe, individual Tribal Council members, the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, PCI Gaming Authority, individual PCI Gaming Authority Board members (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Tribe") in the United

States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama. The Department of Interior, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior, the Director of the National Park Service, the Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Auburn University, Flintco, LLC, Martin Construction, Inc., and D.H. Griffin Wrecking Company, Inc. were also named as defendants. The Muscogees have requested that the Court permanently prohibit the Tribe from engaging in any construction, improvement, or other "ground disturbing activity" on the Tribe's trust property located in Wetumpka, Alabama and order the Tribe to restore the property to its natural state. To justify this request to the Court, the Muscogees allege violations of numerous federal laws pertaining to Indian tribes and the preservation of historic, cultural, and archeological resources on federal and Indian lands. The Tribe and several defendants in this case have filed motions to dismiss. The Muscogee response is due March 25, 2013.

State of Alabama v. PCI Gaming Authority et al. (State Court)

On February 19, 2013, the Alabama Attorney General on behalf of the State of Alabama filed a complaint against PCI Gaming Authority, individual Tribal Council members, and individual PCI Gaming Authority Board members (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Tribe") in the Circuit Court of Elmore County, Alabama. The suit alleges that the Tribe's gaming activities are public nuisances and seeks to prohibit gaming on the Tribe's trust lands. The Tribe plans to vigorously defend itself against these claims that ignore federal jurisdiction and authority over gaming on trust lands.



PCI Recreation Department Information

2013 NAYO/NASA Information

NASA Co – Ed Softball

Registration: January 21st – March 22nd, 2013

Host Tribe: Cherokee, North Carolina

Tournament Dates: May 23rd – 26th, 2013

NAYO Baseball & Softball

Registration: January 21st – May 31st, 2013

Host Tribe: Seminole Hollywood, Florida

Tournament Dates: July 17th – 21st, 2013

NASA Softball

Registration: April 1st – May 31st, 2013

Host Tribe: Choctaws, Choctaw Mississippi

Tournament Dates: August 8th – 11th, 2013

The Rising Stars Studio of Dance Hip Hop Dance Camp April 13th, 2013

PCI Recreation Department

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Ages 3-6 Cost: \$25.00

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For more information on leagues, events, and the Wellness Program contact the Recreation Department at (251) 368-9136 ext. 2256

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You can also follow the Tribe on Twitter at twitter.com/PoarchCreek.

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APRIL 2013

Tribal Council Meetings

Thursday, April 4th & 18th 4:00 pm
Tribal Council Chambers

Tribal Court Sessions

Monday, April 8th & 22nd 9:00 am
Tribal Courtroom

CIEDA Meetings

Friday, April 5th & 19th 7:30 am
CIEDA Offices

CMCA

Monday, April 8th & 22nd 5:00 pm
Welcome Center

Housing Authority Meetings

Thursday, April 11th & 25th 4:00 pm
Building 400 Conference Room

Recreation Authority Meetings

Tuesday, April 9th & 23rd 11:00 am
Recreation Department (Gym)

TERO Commission Meetings

Tuesday, April 9th & 23rd 3:00 pm
TERO Offices

Education Classes/Club Meetings

4-H Club

Monday, April 8th & 22nd 6:00 pm
Education Department

GED Classes-Day Schedule

By Appointment

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
8:00 am - 11:00 am or
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

GED Classes-Night Schedule

Tuesday & Wednesday
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Thursday 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Education Department

After School Tutoring

Monday - Thursday 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Education Department

Homework Club

Monday-Thursday 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Throughout school year
Education Department

After School Tutoring

Monday - Thursday 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Grades 1-6 All through school year
Education Department

Recreation Programs

Gym & Weight Room Hours

Monday - Friday
6:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Pool Opens April 1, 2013

NAYO Baseball & Softball & NASA Softball Registration ongoing

Adult Softball League Registration March 1, 2013 - April 30, 2013

Memorial Bricks on Sale April 1-30, 2013

Other Dates To Remember This Month

Tuesday, April 2, 2013

5:00 p.m. (CST) Deadline to submit
Letter of Candidacy, Biography, and
picture if name is to be printed on ballot
and bio & picture to be published in the
May 2013 newsletter.

Saturday, April 6, 2013

Poarch Creek Aviation Day
Bay Minette Airport, Bay Minette, AL
Sponsored by Sky Warrior, Inc. Flight
Training School

Monday, April 8, 2013

***Tribal Election Candidates meet with
Election Board***
Building 600 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

5:00 p.m. (CST) Deadline to submit
information to be published in the May
2013 newsletter.

Friday, April 12, 2013

Relay On The Rez
PCI Football Field
12:00 Noon - 12:00 Midnight

Friday, April 13, 2013

***Names of Candidates and any proposed
constitutional amendments, ordinances,
and/or resolutions will be posted.***

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

***An Evening With The Elders -Featured
this month is Roberta McGhee Sells***
Family Services Auditorium
6:00 p.m.

Friday, April 19, 2013

***Last day to apply for Summer Law
Internship position with Legal Dept.***

Saturday, April 27, 2013

Community Awareness Information Date
Information to be distributed throughout
community by Family Services staff.

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