



Tunica-Biloxi Singers and Story Tellers

Donna Pierite is married to Michael Pierite and they have two children, daughter Elisabeth, a bead-worker and dancer, and son Jean-Luc Pierite, a tribal craftsman and graphic artist. Mrs. Pierite and her family belong to the St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in Marksville where she and her children are multilingual chanters. Mrs. Pierite, her daughter, son and brother (Steven Madere) wrote and produced Tawaka (in Tunica "sub-commander"), the language and culture page that appeared in the Tunica-Biloxi tribal newspaper. Along with her husband, children and her brother, Mrs. Pierite has given various presentations at schools, universities and other venues, including performances at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival. Mrs. Pierite has also made several televised appearances, including a featured role in "Taste of Louisiana with Chef John Folse"(Season 11, Episode 1). In an effort to gain more exposure for the tribe's language and culture, the Pierite Family can be seen at Alligator Feeding Shows at the Paragon Casino in Marksville, Louisiana at 12pm, 2pm and 6pm every Saturday.