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Smith pleads Guilty in Connection with Fatal Stabbing

Defendant facing up to Life in Federal Prison

BRYSON CITY - Robert Benjamin Smith, 24, of Cherokee, NC, entered a guilty plea in U.S. District Court in Bryson City on Wednesday, Jan. 19 to second degree murder in connection with his involvement in a Oct. 22, 2010 fatal stabbing incident which occurred on the Cherokee Indian Reservation. U.S. Attorney Anne M. Tompkins of the Western District of North Carolina made the announcement, along with Aaron T. Ford, Acting Special Agent in Charge of FBI's Charlotte Division, and Ben Reed, Chief, Cherokee Indian Police Department.

According to official court documents, on Oct. 22, 2010, after having spent the day together drinking beer and using

drugs, the defendant and victim got into a fight which resulted in the victim being stabbed to death.

On Wednesday, Smith entered a guilty plea to one count of second degree murder, a lesser-included offense of first degree murder. The plea was offered pursuant to a plea agreement. Smith had previously been charged in a one count federal bill of indictment filed on Dec. 7, 2010 with one count alleging first degree murder.

He will be sentenced at a later date, and will remain in local federal custody until that time. He is currently facing a maximum statutory penalty of any number of months, up to life, in prison.

The case was investigated by the FBI and the Cherokee Indian Police Department, and the prosecution is being handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Don Gast of the Asheville Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina.

- Source: DOJ

FEDERAL COURT BRIEFS

Littlejohn, Taylor plead to Robbery

Emery Lee Littlejohn, 24, and Paul Kenneth Taylor, 20, both EBCI tribal members, pled to a single count of robbery (18 USC 2111) in U.S. District Court on Wednesday, Jan. 19 pursuant to a plea agreement. They were originally charged with robbery, burglary and kidnapping. According to the criminal complaint, Taylor and another co-defendant (whose was continued) forced their way into a private residence with an Airsoft pistol that looked like a gun and restrained the family while they robbed them. Littlejohn was the getaway car driver. They were arrested by Cherokee Indian Police after a traffic stop near the scene. Both confessed.

Three enter Guilty Pleas to Robbery

George Lee Hernandez, 20, John Ray West II, 43, and Stephen Russell Dean McCoy, 23, all EBCI tribal member, entered pleas of guilty to robbery in U.S. District Court on Jan. 19. Hernandez and West pled

guilty to one count each of robbery (2111) and McCoy pled to two counts of robbery, all pursuant to plea agreements. According to the criminal complaint, the three robbed several businesses in Cherokee using either knives, a baseball bat, or an Airsoft pistol. All three confessed. The Cherokee Indian Police Dept. and the FBI worked this case jointly.

George pleads to Statutory Rape, Larceny

John William George, 20, an EBCI tribal member, pled guilty to two federal indictments in U.S. District Court on Jan. 19. He pled guilty to statutory rape (18 USC 2243 in 2:10CR28) and to larceny of a firearm (18 USC 924(1) in 2:10CR32). He entered his guilty pleas pursuant to a plea agreement. The Cherokee Indian Police Department and ATF jointly worked the investigation of the cases.

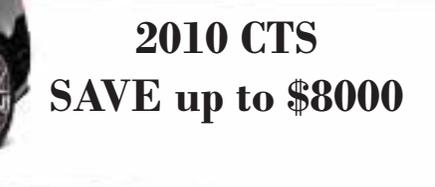
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Chief's Community Report

Doyu ulihelisdodi agiwoni-hisdi hi gvnigesv igvndii. The past few weeks have come with much excitement and many activities. I would like to take some time to tell you about what I have been involved with over the past few weeks.

First off I would like to once again publicly thank our many tribal programs that assisted during the snow storm. Many of our tribal employees came out during the storm to ensure everyone's safety while traveling the roads. Many more of our tribal programs assisted in checking in on our elders, ensuring that everyone had an adequate heating source, clearing parking lots and shuttling people to dialysis appointments. I would like to thank Cherokee DOT, Facilities, Emergency Management, Tribal Construction and Tribal Transit. Without your dedication and your hard work we would not be able to adequate care of our enrolled members, particularly our senior citizens.

This past Saturday Paula Deen came to Cherokee to attend the Ribbon Cutting of the new 400 seat restaurant in the Casino. She came not only for the ribbon cutting but also ate three meals at the restaurant to critique the food. While there were some areas that need to be polished up, overall Paula was very pleased with the look of the restaurant and quality of the food. I invite everyone to visit this new restaurant in the Casino hotel and I congratulate all the employees on a job well done.

Earlier this week TGC, TCGE and Wells Fargo came together for a retreat to discuss the Casino's debt. We discussed the current status of the Casino, which is doing quite well. And we discussed the Casino's debt load and how we might structure future payback of the debt. We all understand that is our responsibility to manage this debt wisely and it was the general consensus that we as Tribe must do our best to pay back the debt as aggressively as possible. Overall, the expansion of the Casino is moving ahead on time and on budget and by the

end of 2011 it will be substantially complete. I am very excited to see the progress made by our Casino and hope you join me in thanking the leaders and staff at the Casino for doing an excellent job managing this business.

I, my staff, Tribal Council and many of our tribal programs and employees are busy preparing for the Annual USET Impact Week in Washington, DC. Every year I and Tribal Council travel to USET's Impact Week in DC to meet with our fellow tribal leaders as well as national leaders. This year we are preparing for many meetings with granting agencies to maintain our relationships to sustain our continued funding that helps so many tribal programs and enrolled members. This will also give us the opportunity to seek new funding to improve and develop our tribal programs. Our national lobbyist is preparing meetings with many legislators including Congressman Heath Shuler and Senator Richard Burr. Our Tribal government is constantly looking for ways to maintain our current relationships and foster new relationships to further this Tribe and our community. I will keep you updated about our dealings in DC and will give a report upon my return.

I would like to update everyone on the progress made by our Economic Development Office on the Skate Park. The Skate Park design is complete and incorporated substantial input from skaters and the local community. The contract has been signed for the initial site work, including excavating and drainage structures; this should be completed by early to mid-March. Once this is completed you can expect to see the concrete work begin, which is the most significant part of the project. The goal is to have the park opened in late May. I am very excited about this project as it will give our youth another opportunity for outdoor recreation, which I expect will decrease our problems with obesity and drug use among our teens.

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Questions or Comments can be directed to Cindy Chandler at
828-497-7031 or cindchan@nc-chokeee.com.

What would Health Care Repeal mean for Indian Country?

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**
ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Republican-driven House of Representatives voted 245-189 on Wednesday, Jan. 19 to repeal the Affordable Health-care for America Act which included the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. Looked at as a mostly symbolic act as the Democratic-majority Senate would be unlikely to vote along for the repeal, what would a possible repeal mean for Indian Country?

“A vote to repeal the Affordable Health Care Act would only turn back the clock on the real progress we are making toward ensuring that Native Americans have access to quality affordable health care,” said Interior Secretary Ken Salazar the day after the vote. “The Affordable Care Act included landmark legislation that permanently reauthorizes the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, which is so important to modernizing and improving the health care provided by the Indian Health Service to American Indians and

Alaska Natives.”

According to information from the DOI, if the Act is repealed, several key provisions would be taken away from American Indians including: tax exclusions for individuals whose Tribes have purchased health insurances for its enrolled members, exemption from tax

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penalties for those who don't enroll in an exchange plan, and allowing tribes to purchase federal insurance for employees.

Rep. Ed Markey (D-Mass.), the ranking member of the House Natural Resources Committee, agrees with Salazar's sentiments. “Rolling back these health care reforms would be a serious setback for the health of American Indian communities everywhere. Native American communities need more health care, not less,

and the Republican efforts to take away patient rights will affect millions of our citizens, neighbors, friends and family members.”

The Republicans were supported by three Democrats including Rep. Dan Boren (D-OK) whose district includes parts of the Cherokee Nation. “Like most

prevent our nation's job creators from producing the kind of economic growth that is sorely needed.”

Rep. Heath Shuler (D-NC), whose district includes the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, voted against the repeal stating, “The American people expect Congress to find real solutions to the challenges facing us, not continue divisive partisan bickering. The healthcare legislation that passed last year had serious flaws, and we should be working to solve those problems.”

While not specifically addressing Indian Country, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Viscick said in a statement on Thursday that a repeal would have vast affects on rural Americans, a category many American Indians fit into. “Approximately 80 percent of rural Americans are self employed or work for a small business. The law is bringing down their health care costs and the tax incentives it provides will help small businesses hire more people and provide health care coverage to employees.”

- Interior Secretary Ken Salazar

Oklahomans, I support common-sense health care reforms such as preventing insurance companies from denying individuals with pre-existing conditions, allowing children to stay on their parents insurance until they are 26, and making it illegal to drop someone because they are sick,” he said. “However, when taken as a whole, the health care legislation adds far too many taxes, mandates, and regulations that burden Oklahoma families and

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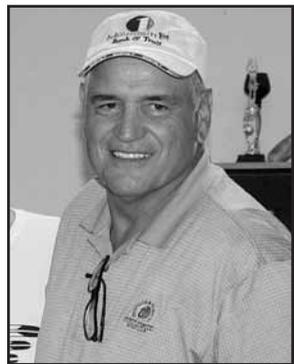
Vetoed Res. No. 493 – Arlyce Watkins requests old Elementary School property for public market, garden space – Veto Upheld
Tabled Ord. No. 532 – Hunting & Fishing Ordinance Amendments – Remains Tabled
Tabled Ord. No. 561 – Fire Prevention Code – Remains Tabled
Tabled Ord. No. 562 – Tribal Business Preference Law – Remains Tabled
Tabled Res. No. 569 – EBCI Lands Committee resolution to rescind transfer to Zane Edwin Bowman – Passed
Res. No. 574 – Amendment to Res. No. 663 (97) – last will and testament of Agnes Lossiah Welch (d) – Passed
Res. No. 575 – Recognition of successors in interest to George Teesateskie Jr. (d) – Passed
Res. No. 576 – Amendment to Res. No. 474 (10) – last will and testament of Amanda Elaine Smoker (d) – Passed
Res. No. 577 – Donation of \$500 to Cherokee High School Varsity Football team – Passed
Res. No. 578 – EBCI support use of \$250,000 in NCDOT small construction funds for US 19/Goose Creek intersection improvements located at Jenkins Grocery in Birdtown Community – Passed

Res. No. 579 – Request to rescind Res. No. 119 (10) – lease agreement with Mills Construction Company for property purchased by Tribe from John and Melba Haigler – Passed
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- Source: TOP Office

CHEROKEE NEWS BRIEFS

Crowe to be inducted into Burke County Sports Hall of Fame

Charles Crowe, an EBCI tribal member, will be inducted into the Burke County Sports Hall of Fame according to *The News Herald*. The induction ceremony will occur at the Collett Street Recreation Center in Morganton on Feb. 4. Crowe, known as “Inky” by family and friends, was an All-American halfback in 1961 and 1962 when he played for the North Carolina School for the Deaf. Tickets will be available for the induction event at the door for \$15 for a 6:15pm reception and a 7pm banquet.



- Source: Lynne Harlan, EBCI Public Relations, Photo courtesy of Robin Swayney

Welch receives Master’s Degree

Natalie Welch, an EBCI tribal member, shown with her grandfather Ham Bradley, received her Master’s Degree in Business Administration from the University of Central Florida on Dec. 17, 2010. She will receive a Master’s Degree in Sport Business Management in May upon completion of her internship at Disney/ESPN’s Wide World of Sports. During her time in the DeVos Sport Business Management Program, she has taken three rebuilding trips to New Orleans, worked with the Orlando Magic and Chicago Fire, completed Racial and Gender Report Cards for the TIDES Institute, and served as a head coach for Girls on the Run Orlando.



- Source: Clara Bradley

NAIWA Raffle Winner

The winner of the quilt in the recent NAIWA raffle is Tammy Jackson. “Due to unforeseen circumstances, we regret the delay in announcing the raffle winner,” said NAIWA officials.

- Source: NAIWA

New Election Board announced

The EBCI Board of Elections announced its new members on Tuesday, Jan. 25. Denise Ballard, former School Board Member and CYC manager, has been slated to be the new chairperson through 2012. She is joined by Kenny Rogers, Annie Owens, Margaret French, Shirley Reagan and Maria Q. Smith.

- Source: EBCI Election Board

2011 CES Science Fair

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Obama appoints three to Indian Law and Order Commission

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama announced his intent on Wednesday, Jan. 19 to appoint the following to the Indian Law and Order Commission: Carole E. Goldberg, Theresa M. Pouley, and Ted Quasula.

President Obama said, "I am proud to appoint such impressive men and women to these important roles, and I am grateful they have agreed to lend their considerable talents to this Administration. I look forward to working with them in the months and years ahead."

Goldberg is currently the Jonathan D. Varat Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law, where she directs the Joint Degree Program in Law and American Indian Studies and serves as faculty chair of the Native Nations Law and Policy Center.

She is also a Justice of the Court of Appeals of the Hualapai Tribe in Arizona. Goldberg is author of numerous books and articles in the fields of Federal Indian Law and Tribal Law, and has been the Principal Investigator on major grants from the National Institute of Justice to study the administration of criminal justice in Indian country.

In 2006, she was the Oneida Indian Nation Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School. Previously, Goldberg served as an Associate Dean of UCLA Law School. Ms. Goldberg holds a B.A., magna cum laude, from Smith Col-

lege and a J.D. from Stanford Law School.

Pouley is currently the Chief Judge of the Tulalip Tribal Court. She is also an Associate Justice of the Colville Tribal Court of Appeals, and a member of the Colville Confederated Tribes in Northeast Washington.

Judge Pouley has served as the President of the Northwest Tribal Court Judges Association since 2005, and on the Board of Directors for the National Tribal Court Judges Association from 2003 to 2004. From 1999 to 2005, Judge Pouley was the Chief Judge of the Lummi Nation. In 2009, she worked with the Department of Justice as a facilitator for the "Tribal Nations Listening Session", and in 2010 she facilitated a "Focus Group on Human Trafficking of American Indian and Alaska Native Women and Children" developed by the Office for Victims of Crime.

She has also worked and lectured with the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts on domestic violence and Indian law issues for the last several years. Judge Pouley frequently lectures at local, state and national conferences on Tribal Courts and Indian law issues, and makes regular presentations at the University of Washington's Indian Law Symposium. In 2005, The National Tribal Child Support Association named her Outstanding Judge. Previously, Judge Pouley practiced law in Michigan and Washington until her appointment to the bench in 1999.

She continues to teach Indian law

at Edmonds Community College, and previously taught at Northwest Indian College. Judge Pouley holds a B.A. from Gonzaga University and a J.D. from Wayne State University Law School.

Quasula is currently the general manager of the Grand Canyon Skywalk located on the Hualapai Indian Reservation. He is a member of the Hualapai Tribe in northern Arizona.

Previously, Quasula served as chief of police for the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe from 2003 to 2007. He also served for 26 years in the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Law Enforcement Services within the Bureau of Indian Affairs, where he worked his way up from field criminal investigator to Director of the national program from 1990 to 2000.

Quasula started his law enforcement career with the Flagstaff, Arizona, Police Department in 1972. Currently, he serves as Chairman of the Nevada Indian Commission and Vice-President of the Board of Directors for the Northern Arizona University Alumni Association. Quasula is a graduate of the Government Program for Senior Executives at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy. He holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in police science and administration from Northern Arizona University.

- Source: White House

DOJ to combat Violence Against American Indian Women

Task Force of federal and Tribal Prosecutors formed to Improve Law Enforcement Strategies

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Eric Holder announced on Friday, Jan. 21 the formation and inaugural meeting of the Violence Against Women Federal and Tribal Prosecution Task Force.

The creation of the Prosecution Task Force fulfills a pledge made by Attorney General Holder at the department's Tribal Nations Listening Session in October 2009.

"We know too well that tribal communities face unique law enforcement challenges and are struggling to reverse unacceptable rates of violence against

women and children," said Attorney General Holder. "The creation of the Violence Against Women Tribal Prosecution Task Force has been a priority for me since my visit with tribal leaders last year, and I believe it is a critical step in our work to improve public safety and strengthen coordination and collaboration concerning prosecution strategies with tribal communities."

United States Attorney Deborah Gilg of the District of Nebraska, six Assistant United States Attorneys working in Indian Country, and six representatives from tribal governments comprise the Task Force including Staff Attorney Joshua Breedlove, Mississippi Choctow (MS)

In addition to the six assistant U.S. Attorneys and six tribal attorneys, the task force includes a group of advisors and liaisons from the Justice Department's Of-

fice of Violence Against Women, health care professionals and law enforcement officials.

Within a year of convening, the Task Force is directed to produce a trial practice manual on the federal prosecution of violence against women offenses in Indian Country. In the short term, the Task Force will explore current issues raised by professionals in the field, and recommend "best practices" in prosecution strategies involving domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Violence against American Indian women occurs at epidemic rates. In 2005, Congress found that one in three American Indian women are raped during their lifetimes, and American Indian women are nearly three times more likely to be battered in their lifetimes than Caucasian women.

Obituaries

Adonna Wolfe

Adonna Wolfe, 46, of Cherokee, died Jan. 14, 2011 at Cherokee Indian Hospital following a long illness. She was a resident of Bryson City and was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church of Cherokee. Adonna was a skillful basket maker and was a member of the Qualla Arts and Crafts Co-op.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Eli Wolfe and Irene Pheasant Wolfe; a brother, William Phillip Wolfe; and a sister, Marion Walkingstick.

She is survived by her significant other, John Decoteau; daughter, Mary Lynn Decoteau; son, Cody John Decoteau; sisters, Mary Lambert, Pearl Wolfe, Berdina Wolfe, all of Cherokee, Alice Fortney of Waynesville; and brothers, Robert Wolfe and Glen Wolfe, both of Cherokee.

A service was held on Monday, Jan. 17 at Macedonia Baptist Church, and burial was in the Wolfe Cemetery in Big Cove. The Rev. Dan Conseen and the Rev. James "Bo" Parris officiated. Pallbearers were Melvin Lambert, Travis Wolfe, and Billy Jack Crowe.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangement.

Hubert Lee Gentry

BRYSON CITY — Hubert Lee Gentry, 69, of McMillan Rd, and formerly of Haywood County, passed away Wednesday January 19, 2011 at Swain County Hospital. A Native of Haywood County, he was the son of the late Howard and Ellen Ledford Gentry.

He is survived by his significant other, Leola McMillan; 1 Brother, Bobby Gentry and his wife Rhonda of Maggie Valley; 1 Stepdaughter, Tonya Carroll of Cherokee; 1 Stepson, James McMillan of Bryson City; 3 Step Grandchildren, Kelcie Carroll, Richard Maney and Sarah Beck.

Funeral Services were held at 2pm on Saturday, Jan. 22 in the Chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. The Rev. James (Red) Bradley officiated and burial was in Turner Cemetery in Maggie Valley.

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A lot of food was donated plus 66 food boxes were sold and Food Lion doubled that and donated 50 for a total of 182.

We appreciate you Mr. Dills and staff at Food Lion for your time and donations.

Also to the following people who donated items for the drawing: Chief Hicks, Vice Chief Larry Blythe, Gary Ledford, Gloria Rattler, Patrick and Cindy Lambert, David Maney and Tonya, Lucille Wolfe, Barb at Pizza Inn, Lana at Bradley's Grocery, Margaret at Old Gray Mare Produce, Ken at Museum of the Cherokee, Chris at River's Edge Outfitters, Lori at Lori's Hair Salon, Shirley at Peter's Pancakes, and to all the vendors, customers and school children.

Thank you all and God Bless!

Jan Walkingstick

Thank You

The staff and students of Oconaluftee Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center would like to extend their sincere thanks to Mr. Tom Wahnetah, owner of Atomic Restoration, for the truck and trailer donated for the annual Cherokee Christmas Parade. Our students had a great time planning, designing, and participating in the float and parade activities- they received 3rd place! It would not have been possible without your generosity. Thanks again.

Oconaluftee Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center

Booster Club says

Thanks

The Cherokee High School Booster Club would like to thank the following parents for working the concession stand during the Wrestling Tournaments: Tammie Ledford, Dean Bradley, Sunshinie Toineeta, Bruce Toineeta, Emerson Welch, Jason Littlejohn, Jeannie Littlejohn, Kathi Littlejohn, and Shelby Hornbuckle.

Thank you for your help and support. Go Braves!

Open Letter to the Big Cove Community

Dear Residents of Big Cove,

I would like to inform you that the Big Cove Community Club, in cooperation with the Cherokee Police Department, is creating a Neighborhood Watch Program. It is important that we work collectively as a group to provide a safe and secure environment for our children, elderly and anyone who resides in our community. A Neighborhood Watch is not about being a snitch or spying on our neighbors. It is about having the courage to acknowledge that we are ultimately responsible for what happens in our community. We are obligated to protect our natural resources, our homes, property and all individuals that reside here.

I am very proud of our community for having a long-standing tradition of working together. The Big Cove Free Labor or Gadugi is a prime example of our community working together for a common goal. We need to embrace the spirit of Gadugi to make Big Cove the best that it can be. We would encourage all residents to participate and we value any input that you can provide to make our community safe and secure.

If you would like more information or would like to comment please contact Bo Taylor at kolanyvi@gmail.com or call 828-538-0044 or Mary James at 828-497-9670.

Respectfully,

Bo Taylor and Mary James
Community Watch Coordinators

Thank You

We would like to say Thank You to all the family and friends that came out Sunday to celebrate Nicey's 95th birthday with her. She was real happy to see everyone and spend time with you. A special thank you goes to Rock Springs Baptist Church and Pastor Greg Morgan for allowing us to use their fellowship hall, Reva Bird for everything you helped us with, Pam, Nehi, Martha and Sharri for making sure everything was clean afterwards. We hope everyone had a good time and we look forward to celebrating many more

birthdays with Nicey. Thank you all so much.

Sincerely,

Diane Driver and Nicey L. Rattler

Protesting Resolution regarding Family's Possessory Holdings

To Editor:

I have been asked by many Tribal members what was going on in Tribal Council regarding my possessory holdings in Meeting House Cove in the Big Cove Community. My mother, Alice Wolfe Bowman, had a Last Will and Testament in which she named me as a beneficiary to the rest and residue of her estate.

The Tribal Lands Committee presented a Tribal Resolution to revoke my possessory holdings based on an opinion from the Attorney General's Office which stated that "a will can only be applied to probate the property someone holds at the time of their own death. Because Alice pre-deceased all of the Wolfe heirs, she never held any of the land. Therefore, she could not leave that land under the terms of her will."

This was the result of a protest filed by one of my sisters and nephews back in 2007.

The resolution was passed on Jan. 6, 2011 due to this opinion from the Tribal Attorney's Office and an incomplete packet of information presented to Tribal Council. The opinion contradicts previous documented and applied legal opinions of Tribal Attorney Ben Bridgers and the Tribal Attorney who advised that my mother's will determined that the John and Linda Wolfe holdings be put in my name.

The land was not put in the name of the Old People: Salkinney Wolfe (my grandmother), Walker Wolfe, Josephine Wolfe nor Rebecca Wolfe because they did not want the property divided. My mother was the sole lineal descendant of John and Linda Wolfe and she made a Last Will and Testament to follow the wishes of my great-grandmother Linda Wolfe who I lived with for many years until her death and then I went to live with Mose and Cindy Welch.

I have filed a protest with Tribal Council to have my possessory rights restored to me. My protest will be presented during the February 2011 session of Council.

Sincerely,

Zane Edwin Bowman

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EDITORIAL

A New Challenge

By **ROCHELLE JEAN JONES**
EDITOR

I recently began work as the new editor of the *Cherokee One Feather*, and I am excited about the new challenges I face. I have read the *Cherokee One Feather* for years, and I believe this new opportunity holds potential for a rewarding new year for me.

Since I came on board there have been two major snow storms and the holiday season, so this is the first opportunity I've had to introduce myself.

Many of you know me from my work in the Cherokee schools where I taught English for many years. Earlier, I taught English and news writing when I lived in northern New Mexico. Leaving education, I moved to the casino where I worked in career development and hospitality.

I am a graduate of Cherokee High School. I am also a graduate of the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque NM where I received a BA and MA in education. I then attended Western Carolina University where I received an EdS degree in educational administration.

My husband is Junior Jones, and we have 2 children, Shelly and Will. Our grandbaby is Jayvin. We have lived in the Painttown Community for the past 20 years.

Over the past month I have marveled at the work tribal employees and tribal members undertake for the community. I hope to begin bringing you those stories, but I will need your help. When you hear newsworthy information in your community, I hope you will call, drop me an email, or come by the office to tell us about it. We even welcome submissions of stories and photos which you think the community would enjoy.

We will also continue covering news, our true mission, but to be truly effective we need information. If you have an event coming up, please send them to us so we can attend.

I realize all I am asking of you as loyal readers, but it is my hope that the success of the *One Feather* can become a goal of all our communities. If you have other ideas or would like assistance getting your information in the paper, please let me know so we can be sure to take care of your needs.

The new challenge for the *One Feather* in 2011 is to keep you informed and interested in the paper. I look forward to hearing from you throughout the year.

Jean Jones

rochjone@nc-chokeee.com

828-497-1754

Letters Policy

The *Cherokee One Feather* is available as a forum for any opinion or point of view concerning issues of general interest. Letters should be typed, exclusive to the *One Feather*. Letters must be signed and should include a name, address and phone number. Only the name and town (if writer resides outside of Cherokee) will be printed. Letters critical of specifically-named minor children will not be published. Unsigned letters will not be considered for publication at all. The *One Feather* will not accept poetry submissions as a letter or requests for pen pals.

Disclaimer: *the opinions expressed on the Opinions pages do not necessarily reflect the views of the Cherokee One Feather, the Principal Chief, the Vice Chief or Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.*

A Late Thank You

The family of Adam Blackfox wishes to express our sincere appreciation for every act of kindness shown to us during our loss. We would like to thank the ladies who prepared the food. Thanks to Polly, Judy, and Johnnie Castorena for all their help and to Caroline Oocumma.

Thanks to those who brought food to the visitation service. Thanks to Long House Funeral Home for all they did. Thanks to Wolftown Free Labor for preparing the grave. Thanks to the pallbearers: Larch Tooni, Mike Thompson, Dale French, Tuff Jackson, Troy Arch, Frank Driver, Jerry Driver, and Mike Parker. Thanks for carrying Adam's body to his final resting place.

Thanks to everyone for the flowers. They were beautiful. Thanks to Rock Springs Church Choir for the songs. Thank you to Greg Morgan and Bo Parris for the comforting words. Thanks to Bill Taylor for cleaning the steps to the cemetery and to B. Enslay for making sure the road was cleared for the family.

To those who wanted to come and couldn't due to weather conditions, we appreciated the calls. Thanks to everyone for all that you did.

Special thanks to my family members who were with us. Special thanks to Matthew Tooni for playing his flute at the cemetery.

Thanks to everyone for their prayers and also to the EMS and the Cherokee Police Dept. for the escort.

Keep us in your prayers,
**Wife – Lucille, Sons – Kevin
 and Charlie, and Daughter – Lucinda**

Thank you from the family of Aubrey Kina- Marie Littlejohn

First, we would like to thank God for giving us the strength to make it through our loss. We would like to thank the Bethabara Church members for the use of their church. A special thanks goes out to the following: Reverend Bo Parris, Reverend Eddie Sherrill, and Mr. Ray Kinsland, the singers, Rock Springs Choir, Acquoni Baptist Choir, Reagan Cole, and Phyllis Shell. Thank you to Chief Hicks, Vice Chief Larry Blythe, and Tribal Council Members Jim Owle, Tuney Crowe and Terri Henry.

We would also like to thank the pall bearers, Hunter Rattler, Matt Carey, JD Swayney, and Daniel Taylor. Thanks to Tribal Construction and facility maintenance workers. Thank you to the following people for time spent with us, and for the preparation of food during our time of loss: Keredith Owens, Becky Walker, BIA Employees Association, Bentley and Tate Tahquette, Cesar Hernandez, Enos and Delores Taylor, Linda Montalongo, the Women's Group of Bethabara Church, Peggy and Mose Oocumma, Jan McCoy, Goliath and Shirley Taylor, Butch and Louise Goings, Rosemary and Noach Mejia, and Punkin Long.

Also, we would like to thank Chief of Police Ben Reed, Officers Carla Neadeau, Donald Cline, David Velez, Officer Penick, and Sheriff Curtis Cochran. Bruce Martin Jr. and the Long House Funeral Home and staff, John Locust and his staff for the beautiful flowers. The family would like to thank everyone for their special thoughts and prayers. Please forgive us if we have forgotten to mention anyone by name. All of you have been a tremendous blessing to our family, and we thank every one of you.



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA)

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Cherokee Agency, has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed construction and leasing of twenty (20) single family homes at Hyatt Cove on the west side of U.S. Route 19 (Soco Road) in the Wolftown Community on the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Reservation in Jackson and Haywood Counties, North Carolina.

NOTICE: This is a "Notice Of Availability" (NOA), that the Environmental Assessment (EA) and FONSI for the construction and leasing of the homes at Hyatt Cove are available for public review. The BIA has adopted the EA, prepared for the Tribe, entitled "Final Environmental Assessment, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Hyatt Cove Residential Housing Development, Jackson and Haywood Counties, North Carolina", dated December 15, 2010. The FONSI determination was based on review and analysis of the information in the EA. Based on the EA, it has been determined that the action will not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. This NOA also constitutes a public notice that the decision to proceed has been made. This NOA initiates a 30 day comment and appeal period from the date issued. The EA and FONSI are available at Cherokee Agency, Highway 441 North, P.O. Box 1959, Cherokee, NC 28719.

APPEALS: "Any person who may be adversely affected by this decision may appeal the decision to: Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs Eastern Region, 545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700, Nashville TN 37214 in accordance with the regulations set forth at 25 CFR Part 2. The notice of appeal must be signed and mailed within thirty days of the date of this decision. The notice should clearly identify the decision being appealed, and a copy of the decision should be attached to the notice of appeal. Copies of the notice must be sent to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, MS 4140-MIB, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20240, as well as to my office and to all other interested parties known to the person appealing the decision. The notice of appeal to the Regional Director must also certify that the appealing party sent copies to each of these parties. The Regional Director will notify an appealing party of further appeal procedures. If no appeal is timely filed, this decision will become final for the Department of the Interior."

For further information please contact Kurt G. Chandler, Regional Environmental Scientist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regional Office, 545 Marriott Drive, Suite 700, Nashville, TN 37214, telephone (615) 564-6832.

Darlene Whittey Asting
 Superintendent, Cherokee Agency
 Bureau of Indian Affairs

Date: 1/19/11

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Cherokee Boys Club Report

CLUB SCHEDULE:

Saturday, January 29 – School Make-Up Day (Early Dismissal)
Wednesday, February 2 – Club Staff and Strategic Planning Meeting – 8:30 a.m. at the Inn of the Seven Clans
Wednesday, February 9 – Resolution Deadline – 8:30 a.m.
Saturday, February 12 – School Make-Up Day (Early Dismissal)
Wednesday, February 16 – Board of Directors Meeting – 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, February 17 – Safety Committee Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
Monday, February 21 – School Make-Up Day (Club and Tribal Holiday – Presidents Day)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING RESULTS:

Resolution 2419 – Approve General Manager Status - Passed
 Resolution 2420 – Approve Health Occupations Instructor for Job Corps - Tabled
 Resolution 2421 – Approve Increase in Club's Capital Expenditure Threshold – Passed

The following information was taken from the Boys Club's 2010 Annual Report:

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE CHEROKEE BOYS CLUB

The Club has provided educational, vocational, and leadership training opportunities for thousands of Cherokee youth.

1. In the 46 years since the Tribe incorporated the Club, over \$323 million dollars have been paid in wages and benefits to Club employees, and the Club has earned over \$706 million dollars in revenue from services performed.
2. The Club has provided a home for 1,650 youth in the Children's Home since the Home opened in 1970.
3. The Club provides the Norman Maney Recreation Park, the Blythe Youth Center/Conference Room, and assists the school and community with academic, athletic, cultural, recreational and other youth programs.
4. The Club has purchased \$150,168,752 worth of buildings, equipment, and vehicles. The book value of these, less accumulated depreciation is \$138,562,210. The Club has no external debt.
5. The Tribe owns the Club. As of this date, the total assets and liabilities for the period ending June 30, 2010 were not available pending the completion of the annual audit.
6. The Club has purchased approximately 112 acres of land on the Reservation. The property is being used for past, present, and future expansion of Tribal and Club projects.
7. For the year ended June 30, 2010, the Club had revenue of \$45,043,461 and expenditures of \$44,772,364 for an excess of \$271,097. Any undesignated surplus is used to make payments on Club buildings, vehicles, equipment and for educational projects for Cherokee youth.
8. The Club provides classroom and office space for Southwestern Community College's Cherokee Center, several Tribal departments, a building for, 109,000 square feet of warehouse space for Tribal programs, the facilities for the Tribal Juvenile Programs, and office space for the Tribal Division of Housing and Community Development.
9. The Club administers scholarships in memory of Vernon Hornbuckle, Jamy Lambert, Bertha Saunooke, Joe Bennes, Annie Kaviuk and Ralph and Eula Beck.
10. The Club operates a program to perpetuate seed for Cherokee Corn.
11. The Club provides vocational opportunities for many Cherokee High School and college students through its "On-the-Job" training program.
12. The Club and numerous Club employees donate many services to the School, the Tribe, and the Community.

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE

Staff from the Cherokee Hospital will be at the Cherokee Boys Club Conference Room on Thursday, January 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to provide flu shots. (Note: the possibility of inclement weather may affect scheduling.)

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Barbara Jones on the birth of a grandson, Bentley Tanner Jones, born to Clay Jones and Trisha Brooks on Tuesday, January 18. He weighed 7 lbs. and 6 oz.

NCCE offers help to American Indian Students studying Natural Resources

The National Center for Cooperative Education in Natural Resources (NCCE) was established in May 1997. Located on the campus of Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS, the purpose of NCCE is to better serve American Indian and Alaska Native students interested in pursuing careers in natural resource fields with tribes, the BIA or other natural resources agencies.

NCCE offers students tuition assistance up to \$5,000 annually. In addition, it also offers the following: summer employment (\$10-\$12/hour) related to academic field of study, employment opportunities after graduation, and benefits (life insurance, health, vacation and sick pay, and retirement). The application deadline is March 5 of each year.

The minimum requirements for the NCCE program include:

- Have finished the freshman year in college, be in good academic standing, and accepted to attend or attending an accredited college or university
- Pursuing at a minimum a bachelor's degree

Majoring in a natural resources field such as: Forestry, Soil Conservation, Range Management, Geographic Information Systems, Wildlife Management, Watershed/Hydrology, Fisheries Management, and Civil Engineering

Interested in a career working with Tribes, the BIA or other natural resources agencies.

The application process consists of submitting the following:

- Completed federal employment form (OF 612) or resume. The form may be found online at www.opm.gov and the resume must include all the information requested in the OF612.
- Completed "Verification of Indian Preference for Employment" (Form BIA 4432)
- Letter of application including your perception of your academic and applied strengths – A description of your career goals and objectives
- Letter of recommendation from academic advisor or faculty member that

includes: How long and in what capacity the advisor or faculty member has known you as a student – His or her perception of your academic and practical application strengths – Any other pertinent information

Proof of enrollment or acceptance into a college forestry or natural resources program

Transcript and current class schedule

Letter of support from Tribal or BIA area or agency natural resources staff
Send application package to: Brenda Woods-Brown, Natural Resources Liaison Office, Haskell Indian Nations University, 155 Indian Avenue, Box 5018, Lawrence, KS 66046.

Info: Brenda Woods-Brown (785) 749-8493, cell (785) 691-8223, bwoodsbrown@fs.fed.us or Elaine Kiefer (785) 749-8427, cell (785) 691-8224, ekiefer@fs.fed.us, or visit www.itcnet.org.

- Source: BIA

Agriculture and Range Students wanted for BIA Programs

Agriculture and Range students interested in careers with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) or a Tribe are wanted for a Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) or the Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP). Applications are currently being accepted with a deadline of March 5. The qualifications for the program include: have completed at a minimum your freshman year in college, be a member of a federally recognized tribe, have a 2.0 GPA or better, be able to work at least 10 weeks in the summer. For the SCEP position, you must be able to complete 640 hours OJT prior to graduation. Info: Brenda Woods-Brown (785) 749-8493, bjbrown@fs.fed.us, cell (785) 691-8223. Send applications to: 155 Indian Avenue, Box 5018, Lawrence, KS 66046.

- Source: BIA

Snow Make-up Days for Cherokee Central Schools

As of Jan. 14, the following snow days must be made up:

1. Dec. 6, 2010 – optional teacher workday
2. Dec. 13, 2010 – Admin. Leave
3. Dec. 14, 2010 – optional teacher workday
4. Dec. 15, 2010 – optional teacher workday
5. Dec. 16, 2010 – Admin. Leave
6. Dec. 17, 2010 – optional teacher workday
7. Jan. 7, 2011 – Admin. Leave
8. Jan. 10, 2011 – Admin. Leave
9. Jan. 11, 2011 – Admin. Leave
10. Jan. 12, 2011 – Admin. Leave
11. Jan. 13, 2011 – Admin. Leave
12. Jan. 14, 2011 – Admin. Leave
- Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2010 and Monday, Jan. 17 (MLK Day) have already been counted as make-up days. The following days will also be make-up days:

1. Saturday, Jan. 29 (early dismissal at 11:40am)
2. Saturday, Feb. 12 (early dismissal at 11:40am)
3. Monday, Feb. 21 (President's Day)
4. Thursday, May 19
5. Friday, May 20
6. Monday, May 23
7. Tuesday, May 24
8. Wednesday, May 25
9. Thursday, May 26
10. Friday, May 27 (last day of school, early dismissal at 11:40am, graduation)
- Tuesday, May 31 and Wednesday, June 1 will be Teacher Workdays (Admin. Leave Payback Days)

- Source: Cherokee Central Schools

The Cherokee Chamber of Commerce completes successful year

By MATTHEW PEGG

The Cherokee Chamber of Commerce had many exciting promotional opportunities in 2010.

This March, the Chamber hired a new executive director, Matthew Pegg who initiated a Membership drive which doubled Chamber membership and created a new marketing slogan "Meet Me in the Smokies".

The Chamber also acquired the Cherokee Friends program, a tourism ambassador program sponsored by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. Cherokee Friends dressed in traditional regalia

provided information to visitors throughout Cherokee during the summer months. This year, the Chamber will again host the program. Any tribal members interested in participating should watch for announcements.

The Chamber also initiated the Connect the Smokies reservation and ticketing system for hotels and attractions. The Chamber hosted the Western North Carolina Chamber Executives retreat. Thirteen chamber of commerce executives visited Cherokee for the event.

The Chamber participated in Community Day sponsored by the Cherokee

Preservation Foundation and hosted the Meet Me in the Smokies Open golf tournament which was a benefit for the Sequoyah National Junior Golf Program.

The Chamber partnered with the tribal wildlife and fisheries program to produce spots on the Fly Rod Chronicles television show and established a strong working relationship with the Oconaluftee Job Corps by providing youth opportunities.

The Chamber hosted the Rumble in the Rhododendron fishing tournament and participated in the Marketing College presented by the Cherokee Presentation Foun-

ation to become a Member of the Greater Cherokee Tourism Council.

The Chamber also distributed over 40,000 visitor guides and responded to thousands of emails and phone inquiries. The Cherokee Chamber of Commerce is committed to bringing visitors to Cherokee through our programming.

The Cherokee Chamber of Commerce welcomes any business interested in joining us to call Matt Pegg at 497-6700 to learn more.

Matthew is the executive director of the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce.

Qualla Library Notes



- o *Strategic moves* – Stuart Woods
- o *Tick Tock* – James Patterson
- o *William and Kate: A royal love story* – Christopher Andersen

February's Reading selection is *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. The Book Club is open to everyone. Info: Qualla Library 497-1764.

Book Club Meeting

A Book Club Meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 31 at 5pm at the Qualla Boundary Public Library. January's Reading selection is *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday

Dr. Seuss' Birthday is coming up! If you are interested in reading to a group of students at the Qualla Boundary Library on March 2 from 9am – 12pm, contact Dee Owle 497-1764.

New BOOKS at the Library

- o *Call me irresistible* – Susan Elizabeth Phillips
- o *Girl in the green raincoat* – Laura Lippman
- o *Honest illusions* – Nora Roberts
- o *Shawnee Trail* – Ralph Compton

New Podcast alerts People to Threat to Smokies Bat Populations

Bats play a significant role in the natural world and this biological function is being threatened by a disease that has already killed off millions of bats in the northeast United States. A new podcast recently released by Great Smoky Mountains National Park describes Park bat and cave resources and the potential threat of the often fatal disease known as white-nose syndrome (WNS) to its bat populations. The in-depth podcast, produced by Great Smoky Mountains Association, is posted on the Park's website <http://www.nps.gov/grsm/photosmultimedia/wns-bat-video.htm>. In addition, a new bat exhibit has been installed at the Park's Sugarlands Visitor Center, giving visitors a chance to learn about these often misunderstood mammals.

"The educational materials provide a wealth of information on bat biology, their roosting and foraging behavior, the potential implications of WNS and what researchers and biologists are doing to manage this threat, as well as how the public can help protect bats," said Bill Stiver, Park Wildlife Biologist.

The Park is home to at least 11 species of bats, a primary group of flying mammals that play a critical role in the health of ecosystems by consuming forest and agricultural crop insects—such as moths, beetles and mosquitoes. One of the species in the Park, the Indiana bat, is federally endangered and another, the Rafinesque's big-eared bat, is a state listed species of concern in both Tennessee and North Carolina. In the winter of 2010, two little brown bats in a Park cave tested positive for a newly-described fungus, *Geomyces destructans*, which is thought to be the cause of WNS, a symptom that appears on the faces of bats as a white frothy substance.

In an effort to prevent the unintentional spread of



Photo by Ann Froschauer

A researcher holds a Northern Long-eared Bat captured during surveys of bat populations in the park.

the fungus by people, the Park closed all of its 16 caves and two mine complexes to public entry in 2009. The Park's caves serve as important hibernacula (place of rest) and the closure is still in effect as researchers try to understand how the disease is being transmitted from bat to bat and from cave to cave. Violators face fines of up to \$5,000 or six months imprisonment.

WNS was first detected in the Northeast in 2006 and is quickly spreading south and has been found in cave systems as far west as Oklahoma. According to biologists from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, WNS is taking a heavy toll on bats that hibernate in caves and mines and has the potential for wiping out federally-endangered species such as the Indiana bats and even more common species of bats such as the little brown bat.

Scientists theorize that the fungus irritates the bats, making them restless and causing them to wake early, burning precious fat reserves needed during winter hibernation. They speculate that the affected bats could freeze to death or starve before the insects on which they feed emerge in the spring. There is still much to be learned about WNS. Fish and Wildlife Service officials say that no human illnesses related to the disease have been documented, but humans could certainly feel the effects of losing entire bat species which help to keep insect populations in check. One little brown bat can eat up to 1,000 of those pesky mosquitoes in one hour.

The National Park Service is taking an active role in developing monitoring and surveillance strategies and containment protocols for its caves. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park is cooperatively working with other parks and federal, local and state agencies across the country to protect bats and manage cave habitats. Ongoing research in the Smokies includes monitoring bat populations in the winter during hibernation and tracking bats in the summer to determine habitat use. Park biologists are taking additional steps to better understand bat populations and their habitats to help officials identify potential impacts of this fungus on the Smokies resources. This winter biologists will test other bat species for the fungus.

Park managers are also asking visitors to help biologists monitor bats by reporting unusual bat behavior, appearing out of season, or one that appears to be sick or injured. For human safety, it is important not to touch or handle a bat. Reports on bat incidents inside the Park can be made to the Park's visitor centers or a Park Ranger. Unusual bat activity outside the Park should be reported to state wildlife agencies.

- Source: NPS

Meeting scheduled for Forest Landowners and Wild Crafters

By CHRISTINE BREDEKAMP

Do you harvest ginseng from private or public lands? Are you interested in learning how to make money from forest land? Do you want to grow and sell forest botanicals like shiitake mushrooms and ramps?

Forest landowners, wild crafters and the general public are invited to get the latest info on these topics Feb. 15 from 6:30 – 9 pm in the Big Room in the Jackson Community Services Building, 538 Scotts Creek Road in Sylva.

All who register will be entered

for a drawing for free ginseng seeds and 'Growing and Marketing Ginseng, Goldenseal & Other Woodland Medicinals' by Persons and Davis.

Please call the Jackson County Extension Service 586-4009 if you will attend, so that handouts will be sufficient. No registration fee. Light snacks will be provided.

Featured speakers include Michael Cheek and Brian Schneider, with the NC Division of Forest Resources; Jeanine Davis, Ph.D., and Caroline Edwards, with the Department of Horticultural Science, NC State University, Mountain Hor-

tical Crops Research & Extension Center; and Alyx Perry, Director of the Southern Forests Network.

Cheek and Schneider will speak on 'Smart Investing: How To Manage the Forest to Grow Money'. Davis focuses on opportunities with ginseng, ramps and other valuable botanicals and new regulations related to wild crafting. Edwards will discuss financial activities involving Silvanism, the Mountain Mushroom Cooperative, and regional value-added kitchens. Perry brings the latest on the 'Triple Bottom Line': green certification, branding, regional markets and networking to grow

your forest business.

Funding for these events provided by an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant from the USDA Forest Service's Southern Research Station as part of the Western North Carolina Forest Products Cooperative Marketing Project.

If you'd like more information about this event or to schedule an interview, please call 828) 586-4009 or email Christine_Bredenkamp@ncsu.edu.

Christine is a NCSU Horticulture Extension Agent.

WRESTLING

Roper gets 100th Win, Braves split meet

ONE FEATHER STAFF REPORT

Cherokee junior John Roper got his 100th career win in high school wrestling by pinning Murphy's Danny Shalarb at the :37 mark in the match at home on Tuesday, Jan. 18. Roper (25-4) is currently ranked 3rd in the state according to retrorankings.com.

Several other Braves are also listed in the latest rankings by retrorankings.com including Tavi Rivera who is 4th in the 160lb. division and Will Bird who is 3rd in the 189lb. division.

Cherokee's team split Tuesday's meet as they beat Asheville School 42-39 but lost to Murphy 37-30.

Cherokee 42 Asheville School 39

103lb. – Jim Raynor (AS) won by forfeit

112lb. – Otto Putzrath (AS) won by forfeit

119lb. – Levi Swearengin (Ch) pinned Stuart Chae (AS) at the 2:16 mark

125lb. – Justin Parris (Ch) pinned Jules Gonsoulin (AS) at the 1:50 mark

130lb. – Cain Oocumma (Ch) won by forfeit

135lb. – Quin Thompson (AS) won by forfeit

140lb. – Colby Yanez (Ch) pinned Alex Leung (AS) at the 2:44 mark

145lb. – Sanai Meles (AS) won by decision (13-11) over Wesley Long (Ch)

152lb. – Jessica McCoy won by forfeit

160lb. – Phillip Stone (AS) won by forfeit

171lb. – Tavi Rivera (Ch) won by forfeit

189lb. – John Roper (Ch) pinned Ben Willis (AS) at the 1:32 mark

215lb. – Matt Henson (AS) won by forfeit

285lb. – Parker White (AS) pinned Raymond Taylor (Ch) at the 3:46 mark

Murphy 37 Cherokee 30

103lb. – Matt Wood (M) won by forfeit

119lb. – Levi Swearengin (Ch) pinned Ryan Dockery (M) at the 2:58 mark

125lb. – Justin Parris (Ch) won by forfeit

130lb. – Cain Oocumma (Ch) pinned Sam McCoy (M) at the 1:40 mark

140lb. – Chandler Gooch (M) won a major decision (17-4) over Colby Yanez (Ch)

145lb. – Wesley Long (Ch) pinned J.T. Cable (M) at the 1:38 mark

152lb. – John Garrett (M) pinned Jessica McCoy (Ch) at the 2:49 mark

160lb. – Jesse Beaver won a decision (6-5) over Tavi Rivera (Ch)

171lb. – John Roper (Ch) pinned Danny Shalarb (M) at the :37 mark

189lb. – Brandon Stiles (M) won by forfeit

215lb. – Cody Howard (M) won by forfeit

285lb. – Alex Craze (M) pinned Raymond Taylor (Ch) at the 1:27 mark

CMS Braves edge Murphy 42-39

ONE FEATHER STAFF REPORT

The Cherokee Middle School Braves edged the Murphy Middle Bulldogs 42-39 at home on Tuesday, Jan. 18. The Braves won six of their matches by pins.

Full results are as follows:

93lb. – Michael George (Ch) pinned Dustin Garrett (M) at the 2:03 mark

103lb. – Frankie Whiddle (M) pinned Ethan Swearengin (Ch) at the :44 mark

112lb. – Matt Lee (Ch) pinned Eddie Wiley (M) at the 3:44 mark

119lb. – Jake West (M) pinned Austin Padilla (Ch) at the 2:15 mark

125lb. – Jarron Bradley (Ch) pinned Noah Pinkleton (M) at the :45 mark

130lb. – Treanie Arch (Ch) pinned Alex Pinkleton (M) at the 1:33 mark

135lb. – Graham Swain (M) won by forfeit

140lb. – Tristan Flying (Ch) won by forfeit

152lb. – Mary Beth Dockery (M) won by forfeit

160lb. – Malachi Beaver (M) won by forfeit

171lb. – Bailey Beaver (M) pinned Jace Girty (Ch) at the :45 mark

189lb. – Taylor Davis (Ch) pinned Bradley Puccio (M) at the 3:13 mark

215lb. – Austin Sheffield (M) won by decision (5-4) over Dakota Ward (Ch)

285lb. – Shepard Martin (Ch) pinned Drew Dockery (M) at the 1:45 mark

Braves split at Meet in Asheville

ONE FEATHER STAFF REPORT

ASHEVILLE – The Cherokee Braves wrestling team went 1-1 at a meet held at Asheville School on Wednesday, Jan. 19. Cherokee beat Asheville School 45-24 but lost to East Henderson 36-32.

Cherokee 45 Asheville School 24

103lb. – Jim Raynor (AS) won by forfeit

112lb. – Otto Putzrath (AS) won by forfeit

119lb. – Levi Swearengin (Ch) pinned Stuart Chae (AS) at the 1:31 mark

125lb. – Justin Parris (Ch) pinned Jules Gonsoulin (AS) at the 2:53 mark

135lb. – Cain Oocumma (Ch) pinned Quin Thompson (AS) at the :54 mark

140lb. – Wesley Long (Ch) pinned Alex Leung (AS) at the :45 mark

145lb. – Colby Yanez (Ch) won by major decision (9-1) over Sanai Meles (AS)

152lb. – Jessica McCoy (Ch) won by forfeit

160lb. – Tavi Rivera (Ch) won by technical fall (18-2) over Phillip Stone (AS)

189lb. – John Roper (Ch) pinned Ben Willis (AS) at the 1:13 mark

215lb. – Matt Henson (AS) won by forfeit

285lb. – Parker White (AS) pinned Raymond Taylor (Ch) at the 3:01 mark

East Henderson 36 Cherokee 32

112lb. – Drake Baldwin (EH) won by forfeit

119lb. – Levi Heatherly (EH) pinned Justin Parris (Ch) at the 3:30 mark

125lb. – Levi Swearengin (Ch) pinned Jesse Case (EH) at the 5:01 mark

130lb. – Josh Haskell (EH) won by forfeit

135lb. – Mauricio Morero (EH) won by decision (14-9) over Cain Oocumma (Ch)

140lb. – Colby Yanez (Ch) pinned Kendall Murphy (EH) at the 1:35 mark

145lb. – Wesley Long (Ch) won by decision (12-10) over Aaron Moody (EH)

152lb. – Aaron Rogers (EH) won by decision (9-3) over Jessica McCoy (Ch)

160lb. – Tavi Rivera (Ch) won by injury default over Daniel Moody (EH)

171lb. – Matthew Pohl (EH) won by forfeit

189lb. – John Roper (Ch) pinned Brandon Thomas (EH) at the :55 mark

215lb. – Hayden Cole (EH) won by forfeit

285lb. – Raymond Taylor (Ch) won by forfeit

Andrews edges Braves 35-33

ONE FEATHER STAFF REPORT

ANDREWS – The Wildcats edged the Braves 35-33 on Friday, Jan. 21 on the back of a controversial forfeit by Cherokee. One of Andrews wrestlers jumped several weight categories so that the Wildcats could enter someone in the 215lb. weight class where Cherokee had no entrant. The Wildcats earned the forfeit and the 6 points earned proved the difference in the match.

The issue was protested at the state level by Cherokee, but Andrews pre-

vailed and the category jump was deemed legal and the win upheld on Monday, Jan. 24.

In all, there were six total forfeits with Andrews benefitting from four of them.

112lb. – Chandler Cable (A) won by forfeit

119lb. – Levi Swearengin (Ch) pinned Logan Beard (A) at the 5:15 mark

125lb. – Justin Parris (Ch) won a decision (10-3) over Erik Rubino (A)

135lb. – Zack Burson (A) pinned Cain Oocumma (Ch) at the 5:32 mark

140lb. – Colby Yanez (Ch) pinned Ray Stiles (A) at the 3:09 mark

145lb. – Wesley Long (Ch) by forfeit

152lb. – Dylan Perrone (A) won by forfeit

160lb. – Tavi Rivera (Ch) pinned Phil Chambers (A) at the 3:51 mark

171lb. – John Roper (Ch) won by forfeit

189lb. – Zack Bevins (A) won by forfeit

215lb. – Eric Arreaga (A) won by forfeit

285lb. – Sam Wahneetah (A) won by technical fall (23-8) over Raymond Taylor (Ch)

Running the Roads with Cherokee Runners**Cherokee Runners participate in Hot Chocolate 10K**

By **GERRI GRADY**
CHEROKEE RUNNERS

Over the last few weeks, the Cherokee Runners have been working out mostly at the Cherokee Life Fitness Center on treadmills, elliptical machines, stationary bikes, the weight room and the track. It can be a challenge to keep fitness levels up during the cold winter months, particularly when there are heavy snows.

The second race of 2011 was the Isaac Dickson Elementary School Hot Chocolate 10K in Asheville. The course starts with a nice downhill run that levels off for 6 miles. The last two tenths of a mile is the challenge as it is a moderately steep uphill finish. The Cherokee Runners accepted this challenge with determination and grit (as well as a few grimaces). Running in this event were: Steph and Robin Swimmer, Sean and Gerri Grady, Brooke Lossiah, Marlene Arch and Pam Sneed. Our cheering sec-



Photo courtesy of Gerri Grady

Some of the Cherokee Runners participated in the Isaac Dickson Elementary School Hot Chocolate 10K held recently in Asheville including: (left-right) Marlene Arch, Gerri Grady, Robin Swimmer, Sean Grady, Danielle Lossiah, and Pam Sneed. Stephan Swimmer (not pictured) also participated.

tion was Dawna Paul and Karleigh Reeves. This year, Elnora Thompson, Skye Littledave and Chad Bowman volunteered to help with the event. Elnora worked the last water stop on the course while Chad and Skye acted as marshals at the 3-mile mark.

A presentation by Tom Burns, Physical Therapist, was made at the Jan. 14 regular meeting of the Cherokee Runners. He discussed various injuries that can occur while training and how to cope with them. Burns made his presentation using a Power Point with handouts. Future presentations will include long distance running and group members will also present their personal goals and objectives.

The next run that the group will participate in is the Trail of Tears 7-Mile run at Red Clay, Tenn. Anyone that is interested in joining is encouraged to attend the Feb. 1 regular meeting at Age Link at 5pm.

NEWS ka-no-he-da**Ko-La-Nv-Yi Kids Youth Group holds Meeting**

SUBMITTED BY **MARY W. THOMPSON**

The Ko-La-Nv-Yi Kids Youth Group met on Saturday evening, Jan. 23 at the Big Cove Recreation Center. They enjoyed a hot dog and a bag of pop corn, provided by the community.

Darrell Ross went over the rules, previously adopted by the group, and then the meeting focused on what the kids wanted and what they would be willing to do to get it. Some ideas included a trip to either Six Flags, a zoo, Dollywood, Ripley's Aquarium, a lake, camping and much more.

Some ideas for fundraising or providing a community service included shoveling driveways for our elders, bingo, making artwork and many other good ideas. The kids plan on getting started with a craft project on Feb. 5.

Adult volunteers are encouraged to attend. Thanks to Darrell, Margaret, Totsie, Mariah, Joni, Samantha for showing up and helping the children.

All Big Cove children are invited to participate. The meetings will be at the Recreation Center. Any children needing a ride should contact Totsie 497-7172 or 497-5853.



Photo by Mary W. Thompson

The Ko-La-Nv-Yi Kids Youth Group held a meeting last Saturday night.



VITA NATIONS/One Feather contributor

Red Sky in the Morning

This beautiful sky was seen in the Yellowhill Community early on the morning of Thursday, Jan. 20.



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ROCHELLE JEAN JONES/One Feather

Hey Ya'll!

Restaurateur and TV personality Paula Deen (left) smiles as she and Principal Chief Michell Hicks cut the ribbon to officially open Paula Deen's kitchen at Harrah's Cherokee Casino and Hotel on Saturday, Jan. 23.

Miss Cherokee gives an Update on her Year

By **TONYA CARROLL**
MISS CHEROKEE 2010

Since you last heard from me I have been very busy fulfilling my duties as your Miss Cherokee 2010.

On Friday, Nov. 19, 2010 I traveled to Raleigh, North Carolina for the 15th Annual American Indian Heritage Celebration. The celebration was on Saturday, Nov. 20. At the event, I participated in Grand Entry, accepted gifts on behalf of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and Harrah's Cherokee Casino, and danced with the Warriors of AniKituwa.

After returning home, I joined our elders at Tsali Manor on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010 for a birthday and Thanksgiving celebration. I was honored to meet so many of our elders and talk with them. They are a wonderful bunch, and I look forward to visiting them again soon. Also, the staff at Tsali Manor works very hard to ensure our elders are in good hands and they do a wonderful job.

On Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010 I participated in the 2nd Annual Jingle Bell Walk in Asheville. The 5K run/walk started at 9am and it was very cold. I chose to participate in this event because there are a number of tribal members suffering from arthritis including some of my relatives. This walk is important because it raises money for research to try to find a cure for arthritis.

I was also able to volunteer at the Christmas Store sponsored by Family Support and organized by Leslie Lossiah on Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2010. This store helps low income families purchase items for their children for Christmas at a tenth of the cost. This is a wonderful program, and our tribe is lucky to have such dedicated people helping our community.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 9, 2010, I was able to participate in my first Christmas Parade as Miss Cherokee in Waynesville. This was a wonderful experience. I received a lot of positive crowd participation and felt honored that I was able to represent the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in this parade.

That Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010, I rode in the Cherokee Christmas parade. It is always fun to get to participate in events in Cherokee and this was no exception. I enjoyed waving and wishing the spectators a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Also in the month of December, I was able to attend a luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2010 for the Madison Hornbuckle Children's Cancer Founda-



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

Miss Cherokee 2010 Tonya Carroll rides in the 2010 Cherokee Christmas Parade on Dec. 11, 2010.



Photo by Jan Smith

Carroll attends the Tsali Care Christmas Party in December.

tion in the new Paula Deen Restaurant at the Casino Hotel. This Foundation is very important, not only to our Tribe but to the Western North Carolina region because they provide monetary assistance to families that have a child or children with cancer. Madison Hornbuckle was an EBCI tribal member that died of cancer at the young age of eleven. At the event I

was able to say a few words and I took that opportunity to thank Madison's family, the people involved in starting and running the Foundation, and the donors.

The same day, I was able to attend a Christmas party at Tsali Care Center. At the party I gave the residents and staff a large Christmas card that my grandmother Dee Smith made with the

help of my aunt Phyll Reed. I was also able to walk around and greet each family. It was a joy to get to meet some of the residents and wish them a Happy Holiday.

After the Holidays I was able to attend Swain West Elementary School on Jan. 21. I was able to plan a program for the fifth grade class at the elementary school that included demonstrating a few Cherokee social dances and teaching them some words in Cherokee. Matt Tooni was able to come with me to the program and sing the dance songs for us. The children really enjoyed the program and asked a lot of great questions about Cherokee and our culture. I am looking forward to going to all the local schools during my reign.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who has helped me fulfill my duties the past few months. They include my family, friends, and the Royalty Board. I would also like to thank my co-workers and supervisor at Qualla Arts and Crafts for graciously allowing me time off to attend events.

Finally, I would like to thank Janice Owle for allowing me to use her car for the Waynesville and Cherokee Christmas parades and Harold R. Bradley for detailing and driving the car.

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By: Billy Young

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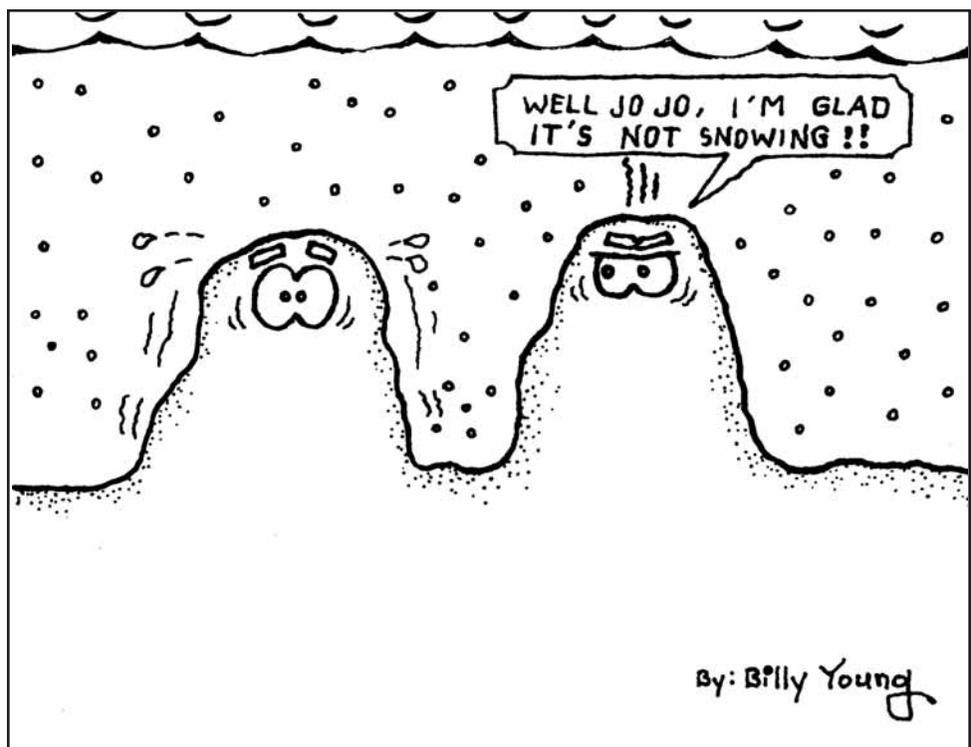
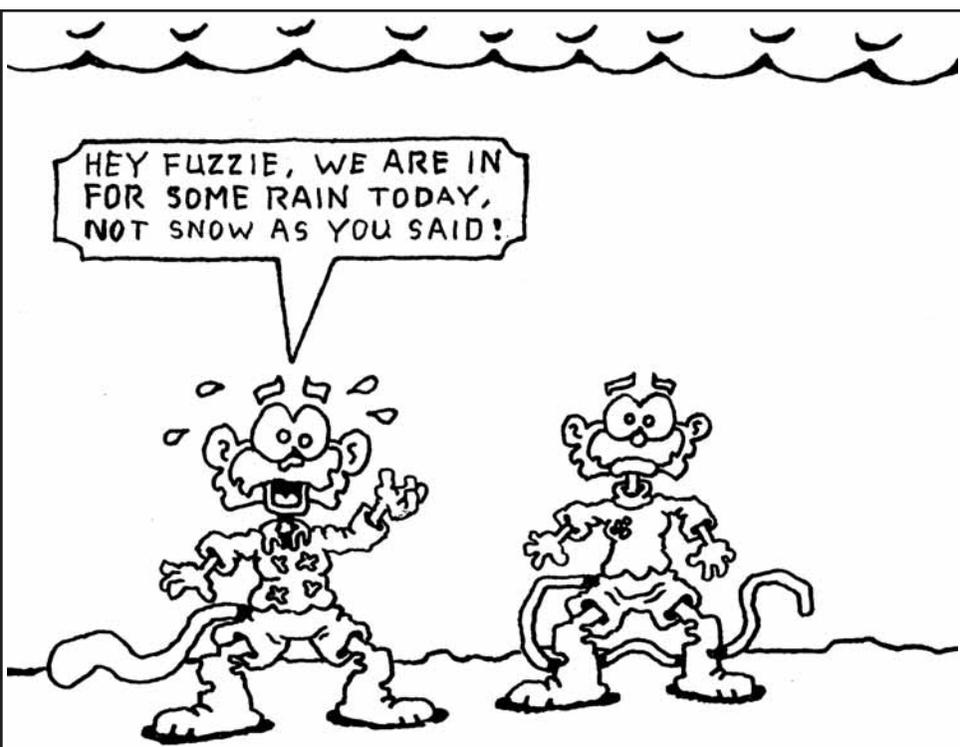


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FOR RENT

For Rent - House in Birdtown, 3bdrm, 1 ba, large kitchen, laundry and bonus room, quiet neighborhood, annual lease \$725.00 per month, first/ last plus security, serious inquiries call 828-421-5604 **1/20pd.**

For Rent - 2 bdrm, 1 ba, mobile, quiet park in Ela, no pets, references, background check required \$375 per month, \$300 deposit call 488-8752 **1/27pd.**

Renters Special - 1bdrm furnished or unfurnished, all utilities included(Directv and Internet) \$650.00 a month, \$300.00 deposit, located in Bryson City call 828-788-0323 **1/27pd.**

Three Bedroom House - No pets, \$700 per month, \$500 dep. Required. (828) 458-5460. **2/3pd.**

WANTED

Looking for Tribal Land to build a house on. Would prefer Yellowhill Community, but am willing to consider other options. Call (828) 736-4231. **2/3pd.**

FOR SALE

For Sale - 1996 Stratos Boat: 115 Evinrude; 12V Trolling Motor. Please call Rob Wahnetah 828-226-3844. **1/27pd**

For Sale - Complete tattoo set-up. Open your own shop. \$3,000 worth of equipment. Will sacrifice for \$650. (828) 269-8282. **1/27pd**

Computer Monitor - 18.5 inch High Definition Widescreen Flat Panel New in Box \$100. 497-4741 **2/3pd**

Sunbeam Mix Master - 12 Speed Stand Mixer w/bowl & beaters dough hooks & whisks, New in Box - \$125 497-4741 **2/3pd**

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Firewood - for sale call 497-7679 or 488-2888, John Smith. **3/3pd.**

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JW Builders, Inc., Building quality custom homes and log homes. Conventional stick built, any floor plans, very affordable. Also offering remodeling and additions. NC licensed contractor, TERO certified, residential/commercial. Many references and fully insured. 828-736-2018. **8/26/11pd**

Attn: Enrolled Members who live on the Reservation. Have you tried to purchase a vehicle from "Kings Auto Sales" in Hendersonville, NC? Did they tell you that they couldn't sell to you because you live on the Reservation? If so, please call 788-6790 or 788-4497. **1/27pd**

Tax Preparation by Sandi - Can save you time and money. Monday thru Saturday 9am - 7pm. Located on Olivet Road. 497-4128. **4/21pd**

Hunt Club - Union Co. South Carolina 2011 Season, Hunt 2,100 acres for Deer - Turkey, Hardwoods - Cutovers. (864) 427-7635 before 9pm. **2/17pd.**

FREE

Christians. Have you been correctly baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ? Acts 2-38 - ch 19-5-ch 8-16. Free gospel literature. Write: Ed Watkins PO Box 4636 Beaufort SC 29903. **2/3**

YARD SALES

Yard Sale at Granny's Kitchen, January 29th, Saturday at 8am. New items every Saturday thru the month of February. Clothing, household items, books, computer games, toys, computer games, Wii games, Xbox360 games, shoes, kid's clothes, furniture and more. **1/27pd.**

EMPLOYMENT

Kituwah Preservation & Education Program Kituwah Mentors Program

KPEP currently has two positions open for the Kituwah Mentors Program for college students who are interested in advancing their Cherokee Language skills and also interested in continuing their educational needs in the Early Childhood Education and/or Early Elementary Education.

Interns will be able to participate in the classrooms as their schedule allows and we would like for them to work from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm every afternoon with the Fire Keepers Afterschool program at Atse Kituwah.

Please submit a letter stating why you want to participate in the Mentors Program and how your experience here will contribute to your future educational goals.

All letters can be submitted to:

Cynthia Grant, Community Language Supervisor
PO Box 486 Cherokee, NC 28719
828-554-6403 (office)
828-497-0328 (fax)

We will accept letters now through February 10, 2011. All letters will be due by the close of business on the last day. **2/10**

CHA taking Applications

The Cherokee Historical Association is now taking applications for the Oconaluftee Indian Village 2011 season. Crafters, Guides and Costumers needed. Applications may be picked up at the Cherokee Historical main office. **1/27**

CHA needs Box Office and Retail Clerks

The Cherokee Historical Association is now taking applications for the 2011 season. Box Office and Retail clerks needed. Applications may be picked up at the Cherokee Historical main office. **2/17**

Health Occupations Instructor - Job Corps

ORGANIZATION: Oconaluftee Job Corps, (Cherokee Boys Club Contract - U.S. Forest Service), P. O. Box 507, Cherokee, N. C. 28719 (52 CBC Loop)

DEPARTMENT: Oconaluftee Job Corps

OPENING DATE: January 27, 2011

CLOSING DATE: February 10, 2011

DESCRIPTION: Health Occupations Instructor instructs and supervises the Health Occupations program students using an approved training curriculum. Instruction is designed to permit a trainee to acquire as a minimum those skills necessary to become employable as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA).

To obtain a complete Scope of Work and Job Requirements, please see Tiffani Reed, HR Coordinator, at the Cherokee Boys Club Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (828) 497-9101.

Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. **2/3**

Tribal Bingo Enterprise Job Announcement

Announcement Date: January 27, 2011

Closing Date: February 3, 2011 at 4pm

Name of Position: Part Time Floor Attendant (Evening Shift, 1 position)

Summary of Job: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Most importantly, demonstrate confidentiality. One year experience preferred. Must obtain a valid NC Driver's License and High School Diploma or GED. Application and a complete job description may be picked up at the Tribal Bingo Hall and returned to April Taylor.

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One Feather deadline

Tuesday at 12noon

EMPLOYMENT

Tribal Bingo Enterprise Job Announcement

Announcement Date: January 27, 2011
Closing Date: February 3, 2011 at 4pm

Name of Position: Part Time Concession Attendant (Evening Shift, 1 position)

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Tribal Bingo Enterprise Job Announcement

Announcement Date: January 27, 2011
Closing Date: February 3, 2011 at 4pm

Name of Position: Full Time Floor Attendant (Evening Shift, 1 position)

Summary of Job: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Most importantly, demonstrate confidentiality. One year experience preferred. Must obtain a valid NC Driver's License and High School Diploma or GED. Application and a complete job description may be picked up at the Tribal Bingo Hall and returned to April Taylor.

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Parts Counter/Service Writer

ORGANIZATION: Cherokee Boys Club, P. O. Box 507, 52 Cherokee Boys Club Loop, Cherokee, NC 28719

DEPARTMENT: Garage/Shop

OPENING DATE: January 27, 2011

CLOSING DATE: February 10, 2011

DESCRIPTION: This position will be responsible for ordering parts and maintaining a parts inventory for Club fleet and privately owned vehicles. Position will also be responsible for preparing service work orders and service billing.

To obtain a complete Scope of Work and Job Requirements, please see Tiffani Reed, HR Coordinator, at the Cherokee Boys Club Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or call (828) 497-9101.

Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. 2/3

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Notice of Service of Process by Publication

State of North Carolina
 Haywood County
 In the General Court of Justice
 District Court Division
 In Re: Walkingstick 10-JA-105

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Adjudication on Abuse, Neglect and Dependency
Filed October 18, 2010 in the District Court of Haywood County, North Carolina

To: Respondent Parents Brittney Marie King and Norman Rozelle Walkingstick

You are entitled to be appointed Counsel and should contact the Haywood County Clerk of Court immediately at (828) 454-6503 to request Counsel. If the Court determines at the hearing on the Petition that the allegations are true, the Court will conduct a Dispositional hearing to consider the needs of the juvenile and enter an Order designed to meet those needs and the objectives of the State. The Dispositional Order, or a subsequent Order, may upon a Motion in the Cause and a hearing order Termination of Parental Rights. You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than March 2, 2011, and upon your failure to do so, the Petitioner, the Haywood County Department of Social Services, seeking service against you, will apply to the Court for the relief sought. 2/10

This the 20th day of January 2011

Rachael J. Hayes, Attorney for Petitioner
 Haywood County Department of Social Services
 486 East Marshall Street
 Waynesville, North Carolina 28786
 (828) 452-6620

Requests for Bids

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
 Cherokee Department of Transportation
 1840 Paintown Road
 P.O. Box 2400
 Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
 Phone: (828) 497-1890

Projects: Big Cove Rd Mixed Use Path – Archeological Assessment

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting sealed bids for the completion of an Archeological Assessment for the Big Cove Rd Mixed Use Path Project. Proposals are due February 10, 2011 at 2:30PM.

Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement.

You may request the full bid package through the CDOT Office, or TERO. If you have any questions or comments, please contact CDOT at (828)-497-1890. 1/27

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BIDS, RFPs, etc.**Advertisement for Bids**

Sealed proposals will be received by Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians Cherokee Transportation Building at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex, Cherokee, NC 28719 on February 17th, 2011 no later than 2:00 pm, and immediately thereafter opened in private for the furnishing of labor, material and equipment entering into the construction of:

Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Transportation Building
Cherokee, North Carolina

The project consists of a new 9,200 SF±, 1 level structure housing Cherokee Transit and Cherokee DOT. This contract is funded in whole or in part using funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). For more information reference the Notice to bidders in the specifications Project Manual.

A Pre Bid Conference has been scheduled for February 3rd, 2011 at 2:00 pm at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex LARGE conference room.

Single Prime Contract Bids (to include General Contract, Mechanical, Plumbing, Fire Protection, and Electrical).

Requirements adopted by the Tribal Council, Ordinance No. 592, May 14, 1999 for Tribal Employment Rights will be part of this project.

Complete plans, specifications and contract documents will be open for inspection in the office of Padgett & Freeman, Architects, P.A., 30 Choctaw Street, Asheville, North Carolina 28801, The Cherokee Building Construction Office, and at the TERO office in Cherokee North Carolina. The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined and purchased from:

ARC North Carolina, 45 Asheland Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801, Phone: (828) 254-9536

Fax: (828) 253-8467, <http://www.itrepro.com/>.

Hours of Business are for 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Plans and specification sets will be available on starting January 12th, 2011. All Bidders may obtain the Contract Documents printed sets as listed above, for a purchase price of \$150.00. No individual sheets of drawings or specification sections will be issued. No documents will be released until deposit or payment is made.

Note: Printed Plans and Specifications deposit for qualified bidders is \$150.00 for one set. Disks of the specs and drawings in a PDF format are available at no cost.

The Owner reserves the unqualified right to reject any and all proposals.

Signed: Scott T. Donald, AIA, On behalf of: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians 2/10

Public Notice

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Department of Transportation
1840 Paintown Road
P.O. Box 2400
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
Phone: (828) 497-1890

RE: Cancellation of "Community Service" Lighting Account

On February 15th 2011 the Cherokee Department of Transportation (CDOT) will cancel a Duke Energy Account historically known as the Community Service Lighting Account. CDOT will no longer provide this service. Any Business, Individual, or any other entity wishing to retain any lighting provided under this account on their property must contact Duke Energy and request Duke Power Lighting service be added to an existing account.

CDOT continues to upgrade the public street lighting services within the community. This is another step in refining these services. Changes and upgrades will continue for the next few years until completed. If you have any questions or comments, please contact CDOT at (828) 497-1890. 2/10

Invitation to Bidders

Sealed bids are invited on additions to the Additions and Renovations to TSALI CARE CENTER.

The construction shall include but not necessarily be limited to: Architectural, Civil, Structural, Mechanical, Plumbing, and Electrical work shown and noted in the Bid Documents.

Bids will be received by Mr. Travis Smith, Building Construction Manager, 810 Acquoni Rd., Suite 118A, Cherokee, North Carolina, 28719 on or before 12:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, February 15, 2011, at which time bids will be opened privately and the Contract awarded as soon thereafter as practicable.

All bids must be submitted on the Bid Form provided with the contract documents.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on February 1, 2011 at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Ginger Welch Complex, 810 Acquoni Rd, Suite 117. Bidders must be present at the mandatory pre-bid meeting for their bid to be considered.

Questions regarding this bid shall be submitted by only Bona Fide Bidder (General Contractor) as follows:

- To the Architect, no later than four (4) working days prior to the Bid Date.
- In writing, transmitted electronically, to Architect, utilizing RFI form, which will be provided on request.
- To obtain RFI Form, which is a Microsoft Word Doc., send request to pludman@cope-associates.com.
- RFI Form shall be filled out and transmitted, in Word Doc. Format, to pludman@cope-associates.com
- Response to RFIs will be transmitted to all, and only, bidders of record.
- Questions received from other than bona fide bidder (General Contractor), or in format other than that stated above will not be considered.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a certified check or by a Bidder's Bond or "Bid Guarantee" executed by the Bidder and a surety company in the sum of five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to execute an acceptable performance and payment bond in the amount equal to 100 percent of the Contract price within seven (7) days of contract award notice.

Please be advised that Indian Preference (as defined by the Tribal Employment Rights Office) applies for this contract. Equal Employment Opportunities (EEO) documentation required by Executive Order 11246 as Amended and Regulations (41 CFR Part 60-4) shall be application through the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation.

Bid documents may be examined at www.copeplans.com and also examined at the offices of the following:

McGraw Hill Construction Dodge Room, Asheville, North Carolina
AGC Plan Room, Asheville, North Carolina

Only Qualified Bidders (General Contractors) shall obtain Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents at the office of Cope Associates, Inc., 2607 Kingston Pike, Suite 5, Knoxville, TN 37919, upon deposit of a check for \$150.00 made payable to Cope Associates, Inc. for one (1) set of documents. Documents may be shipped, provided Bidder's deposit check, and account number for desired shipper, has been received in the Office of Cope Associates, Inc. The full amount of the deposit will be refunded to General Contractors who submit a bona fide bid, provided that the Drawings and Project Manual are returned to the office of the Architect in good condition within 14 calendar days after opening of bids. Plans Deposit for successful bidder will NOT be refunded.

Additional sets of Contract Documents may be purchased, at bidders cost, directly from the printer, Lellyett & Rogers at www.copeplans.com, or Sub-Bidders and Vendors may purchase, at their cost, complete sets of bid documents directly from printer, Lellyett & Rogers at www.copeplans.com or obtain them from General Contractor. 1/27

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BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Soliciting Quotes

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Sealed quotes should be in our office by Tuesday, February 15, 2011 5:00pm and delivered in the following manner:

MAIL – 120 Hoot Owl Road, Whittier, NC 28789

Project plans and specifications are available in our main office located at 120 Hoot Owl Road, Whittier, NC 28789 with prior appointment. Please contact main office at 828-497-8900 to set up an appointment. Plans should also be available at the Eastern Band of Cherokee plan room located in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex.

Workers compensation, auto, and general liability are required from all subcontractors, along with performance and payment bonds.

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REALTY

Proposed Land Transfers

Valerie Ann Saunooke to Ashley Nicole Saunooke and Amanda Shalice Washington Upper Cherokee Community Parcel No. 160-B (part of Parcel No. 160) containing 1.262 acres, more or less.

Valerie Ann Saunooke to Ashley Nicole Saunooke and Amanda Shalice Washington Upper Cherokee Community Parcel No. 160-A (part of Parcel No. 160) containing 2.452 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Valerie Ann Saunooke to Ashley Nicole Saunooke and Amanda Shalice Washington Upper Cherokee Community Parcel No. 106-G (part of Parcel No. 106) containing 0.055 acre, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Phillip McKinsey Haigler to Meriam Seonia Thompson Haigler Cherokee County (Grape Creek) Parcel No. 145-D (part of Parcel No. 145) containing 7.743 acres, more or less.

Iva Ann Larch Mills to Aaron David Miles Painttown Community Parcel No. 764-A (part of Parcel No. 764) containing 0.660 acre, more or less.

The Estate of Wanda June Taylor Maldonado to Monica Dean Wildcatt and Kevin Lee Tafoya Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 15-B (remainder of Parcel No. 15) containing 0.500 acre, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Amy Lynn Teesateskie to Ontono Mila Rodriguez Painttown Community Parcel No. 140 (part of Parcel No. 139) containing 1.42 acres, more or less, together with improvements.

Amy Lynn Teesateskie to Ontono Milan Rodriguez Painttown Community Parcel No. 170 (part of Parcel No. 137) containing 0.030 acre, more or less, together with improvements.

Charleston Edwin George to Amy Jometa Smoker Birdtown Community Parcel No. 748-E (2nd remainder of Parcel No. 748) containing 1.840 acres, more or less.

Eugene Owle Jr. to Brian David Owle 3200 Acre Tract Community Parcel No. 75 (part of Parcel No. 22) containing 0.219 acre, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Sabrina Sue Bradley to David Ethan Arch Big Cove Community Parcel No. 461 containing 35.714 acres, more or less.

Big Cove Community

The following is a list of tribal members that have documents to sign in the BIA Realty Office. These are land transfers from both tribal members and the Eastern Band by resolution. David Ethan Arch, Lelia Leona Lambert Bales, Sarah Devona Beck, Cynthia Anne Crowers Boyer, Gaynell Johnson Bradley, Sabrina Sue Bradley, Karen Elizabeth French Browning, Nannie Kalonaheskie Calhoun, Freda Charlene Wolfe Cisneros, Renee Long Cole, James Kenneth Crowers, Leonard Edmund Crowers, Robert John Crowers, Edwin Leroy French, Joseph Robinette French, Walter Nathaniel French, Kathy Linda Ross Galanick, Viola Yvonne Shell Garnett, Jackie Lee Johnson, Joseph Lawrence Johnson III, Tony Antony Johnson, Angela Diane Long, Frances Ann Wolfe Maney, Gary Allen Maney, Katrina Lucille Taylor Maney, Uriah Joel Maney, Cleto Alfonso Montelongo, Christina Lynn Owle, Daniel Adam Owle, Deborah Sue Panther, Samuel Patrick Panther, Sharon Lenell Welch Panther, Wilma Panther Pheasant, Riana Eileen Marie Rich, Shannon Patricia Lynn Rich, Ernest Lynn Ross, Letina Renee Saunooke, Lisa Ball Saunooke, Rynda Lynn Marie Saunooke, Steven Lewis Saunooke, Elliot Clark Shell, Meroney George Shell, Michael Jay Shell, Robert George Standingdeer, William Phillip Standingdeer, Anita K. Pheasant Teesateskie, Jonathan Lynn Toineeta, Brianne Bolemahnem Tsavatewa, Rebecca Lynn Watty, Paul Stephen West, Abel Wolfe, Deweese Wolfe, Edwin Wolfe, Jane Wolfe, Jasper Wolfe, Jonah Wolfe

Divisions

James Daniel Arch, Brandy Darlene Davis, Donald Ray Davis, Roberta Ann Davis, Jackie Lee Johnson, Kirk Wilson Lossiah Sr., Maury Estes Lossiah, Velma Jean Ledford Lossiah, Melissa Ann Maney, Joanna Lee Parris, Jamie Ophelia Parris Tranter, Rena Janet Johnson Wachacha, Vanessa Lossiah Welch

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"Kina Marie"

*So young, precious and
Beautiful to me;
Now I only have special
Memories of you in my mind;
If I had a genie and one
Wish I'd turn back the hands of
time.*

*"Kina Marie"
Not too late to cry, but too
Late to say goodbye; Now I walk
Around thinking, why didn't he
choose me?*

*"Kina Marie"
God took you for a reason I
Have failed to see;
You are in his hands now and
That is a wonderful place to be.*

*"Kina Marie"
You're in a better place I cannot dis-
agree;
But, you'll miss out on all the love of
your big sis Zoey.*

To: Kina Marie
From: Paw Paw
"You will never be forgotten."

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Happy 20th Birthday Hammdogg

**We love you!
Mom and Dad**

Congratulations Kelsey on your graduation from UT

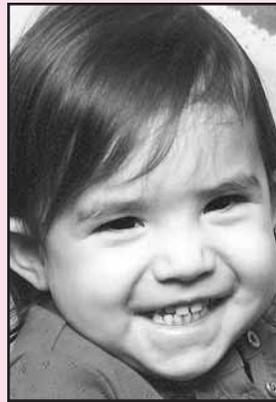
I love you
and
I am very
proud of
you!

Mom



Happy 2nd B-Day to a beautiful little girl

We love
you!
Mom,
Windall,
Mia and
Ariyanna



Happy Birthday Tiny

**We love you!
Aunt Ruth and Family
Aunt Annie and Family
Aunt Caron and Family**

Congratulations Kelsey on your graduation from UT

We love
you,
Grams
and
Pop



Happy Birthday



Love,
Dad,
Chloe
and
Ashton

Happy Birthday Mommy

**I love you
Zoey**

Happy Birthday

Lordy, Lordy Charlene
McCoy is 40, and Don's 45



Jan. 27th

Love you
both,
Your
Family

Happy 4th Birthday Jed!



I hope all your birthday wishes come
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SANDOVAL

Estella Lisette Martinez Sandoval born on January 14 to Francisco Martinez and Maria Sandoval of Cherokee in Jackson County, weighing 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

JACKSON

Udohiyu Ayosgi John Randolph Jackson born on January 17 to John Jackson and Svnoyi Durham of Cherokee in Swain County, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

GENERAL EVENTS

Book Fair. Jan. 27 from 11am – 7pm and **Jan. 28** from 7:45am – 1:30pm at the Qualla Boundary Public Library. The Books are Fun Book Fair will feature first run, top quality products from some of the world's leading publishers. Info: Jim and Stacy Eichorist (828) 298-2264

Public Meeting regarding Law and Order. Jan. 31 at 5pm in the EBCI Tribal Council Chambers. The following programs will participate in the forum: Police Commission, Cherokee Indian Police Department, Cherokee Tribal Court system, EBCI Attorney General, EBCI Domestic Violence program, EBCI Juvenile Services, and the EBCI Prosecutor's Office.

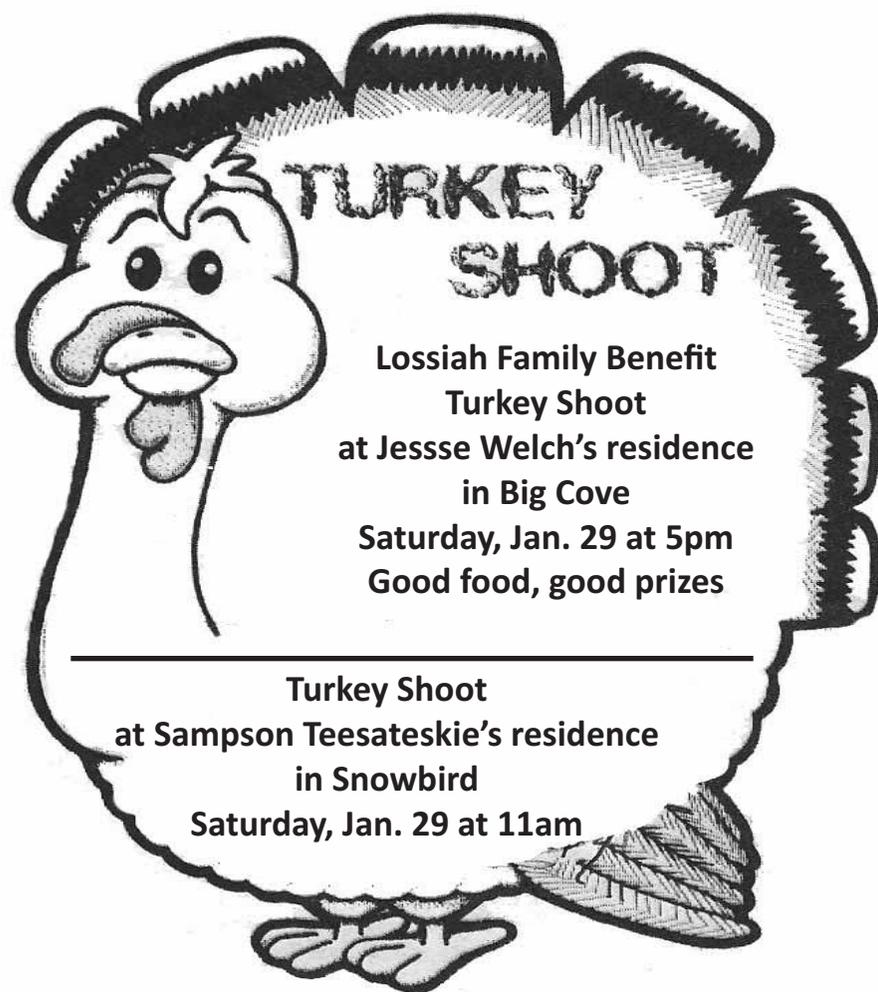
CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church has moved. The new location for the Church is the Wolfstown Gym. This is only until the new church is built on the property located behind the Gym on Long Branch. Sunday Morning Sunday School is scheduled for 10am and Sunday Worship Service at 11am.

HEALTH & SPORTS

Aerobathon. Feb. 4 from 10am – 4pm at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. \$5 entry fee for each participant and a membership is not needed. Various class types will be available including: 15 minute sessions of aerobics, step, yoga, strength and stretch, meditation, and Cherokee Aerobics. Instructors are Cherokee Community Fitness Leaders. All proceeds go towards continued education for Cherokee Community Fitness Leaders.

SCC's Self-Defense Workshop. Feb. 8 and 10 from 6-9 each night at the Jackson SCC Campus. The cost is \$30. Learn how to survive an attack, gain confidence and self respect and get into shape. Southwestern Community College's Self-Defense workshop will teach principles, drawn from Judo, Western Boxing and Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. Instructor Nicholas Altman has his master's degree and is also a Black Belt. Info: 339-4497.



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cherokee Local Foods Network meets the last Tuesday of every month from 11am – 1pm at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Center at 876 Acquoni Road. Info: Sarah 554-6935

Free Tax Prep in Cherokee County. Feb. 1 – April 13 at the First United Methodist Church Annex Building on Valley River Drive in downtown Murphy. Tax preparation will be done on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1-7pm by AARP Tax-Aide, all IRS-certified volunteers who live in the Murphy area. This free service is confidential and open to anyone with simple returns. Info: (828) 835-0220.

Lions Club 2011 Birthday Calendars are available for sale. See any Lions Club member to purchase one for \$5 each.

Driver's Education classes will be held in March and also in the summer. Info: CHS 554-5030.

Smoky Mountain Beekeepers Education Meetings will be held the second Thursday of each month at 7pm in the Jackson County Community Services Building in Sylva. Info: Arnold 488-4196

Cherokee Quilting Group Organizational Meeting

Jan. 31 at 6:30pm at EBCI Cooperative Extension Office. If you are interested in learning more about quilting and sharing your knowledge, you're invited to join the new group. Bring project you are working on or types of quilting you are interested in learning about to the meeting. Light refreshments will be served. Info: Valorie Welch 554-6931 or valewelc@nc-chokeee.com.

2nd Annual Basketball Alumni Night

Feb. 7 with registration at 5pm at Cherokee High School. The Braves will host the Hayesville Yellow Jackets. Photos of Braves memorabilia will be on display. Please bring any photos or team items to share with former players.



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