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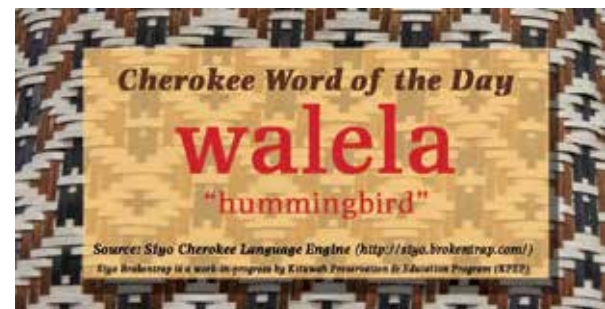
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Tribal political wranglings

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Within a four-hour span, Principal Chief Patrick Lambert was suspended from office and then, subsequently, not suspended from office.

In two resolutions, Tribal Council approved Articles of Impeachment (Res. No. 546) against Principal Chief Patrick Lambert and then suspended him from office (Res. No. 547) pending a hearing. During its regular session on Thursday, April 6, Council voted 9-3 on both measures, the first to approve the Articles which will be presented during an Impeachment Hearing set for Thursday, April 20 and the second to suspend him from office – an action that was overturned by the Cherokee Tribal Court.

Following the vote for suspension, Chief Lambert commented, “This is what happens whenever someone stands up and does the right thing. Show me one thing that’s a crime on there. There’s nothing. This is a vindictive attitude and action by Tribal Council because I have the federal government in here investigating unlawful activity.”

He requested thirty days to respond to the Articles of Impeachment, but Tribal Council Chairman

Bill Taylor related that resolution, which was heard first, had already been ratified by himself and Vice Chief Richard G. Sneed and wouldn’t be brought back to the floor.

A few hours later, the suspension was overturned in a ruling by Judge Sharon Tracey Barrett, Cherokee Tribal Court temporary associate judge. She wrote in part, “...the Principal Chief will not have his powers or authorities suspended as a result of the Tribal Council’s actions today...”

Judge Barrett then set Monday, April 17 at 11:30am in Cherokee Court as the time for a hearing on the request for a preliminary injunction on the impeachment process.

The Articles of Impeachment contained seven Articles total, each of which allege Chief Lambert “violated his duty and oath of office to preserve, protect, and defend the Charter and Governing Document of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians”. The allegations range from contract violations to changing the tribal organizational structure without Tribal Council approval.

During debate on the Articles of Impeachment, Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy, one of the three dissenting votes along with Big Cove Rep. Richard French and Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke, said Tribal Council was breaking the law with that action and others. “Right here today, everybody at this table that receives \$80,000 in income is breaking the law because those raises were given illegally. I don’t

care if you’re a new Council member. I don’t care if you’re an old one, you’re breaking the law.”

She made a motion to kill Res. No. 546 which was defeated.

The night before, on Wednesday, April 5, Rep. McCoy filed a Temporary Restraining Order against nine Tribal Council representatives in an attempt to keep them from “introducing or considering any articles of impeachment or anything related to the impeachment of Chief Lambert”.

Her motion was denied, and Judge Barrett wrote, “At this early stage of the litigation, before the Defendants have even had an opportunity to appear and defend themselves with respect to the relief sought, the Court finds and concludes that there has been an insufficient showing...”

A hearing on Rep. McCoy’s case was held in Tribal Court on Tuesday, April 11 after press time. Details will be reported at a later date.

During Thursday’s discussions, Yellowhill Rep. Anita Lossiah noted, “Our duties for Tribal Council, the legislative body of this government, are for budget and for legislation, and when these laws are not followed, we have the authority for enforcement under the Charter. Additionally, public funds cannot be spent without proper approval. We must protect the human resources and public funds of this Tribe.”

Birdtown Rep. Travis Smith, who made the motion to pass both measures, said he wants to see the process go forward. “He (Chief

Lambert) will have his due process if he’ll let it go through. He has tried to block his own due process in every possible way, and Teresa (McCoy) has helped that in every possible way. We’re trying to get through a process here and be fair about it and open-minded about it.”

Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha addressed the due process issue during debate on the suspension legislation. In addressing Rep. McCoy, he referenced the impeachment process used previously for former Tribal Council Chairman Bob Blankenship and the late former Principal Chief Leon Jones – both of whom were vindicated during their impeachment hearings.

“Tribal Council is given authorization to impeach any elected official by two-thirds vote. We’re trying to do due process that you helped establish during the Blankenship and Jones era,” Rep. Wachacha told Rep. McCoy. “The President of the United States can’t even veto his own impeachment.”

Previously, in February, Chief Lambert vetoed Res. 502 (2017) that called for Articles of Impeachment to be drawn up against him. During the March Regular Session, Tribal Council overrode the veto by a vote of 9-3.

During debate on the suspension, Lori Taylor, an EBCI tribal member from the Big Cove Community, stated that she felt any of the Tribal Council representatives currently under investigation by federal authorities should be suspended also. To date, no charges have been

filed nor has an official list of those under investigation been released to the public.

Rep. McCoy stated she didn't feel that Tribal Council even possessed the legal power to suspend Chief Lambert. "I need to see the law, the Code, the Ordinance, anything that says we can suspend a Chief. You don't get to make up the law. You don't get to make it up. You're still not following the process. It's wrong. You don't suspend an Indian Chief."

Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose told Chief Lambert following the vote to approve the Articles of Impeachment, "With the findings that we have here, it's not like I woke up one morning and said, 'I'm going to impeach Patrick Lambert'. I voted for you. I mean, I did everything in the world to get you in office. There was an investigation performed, and there were findings. All I wanted was a hearing. That's all I asked for. That's all I want is to see the evidence."

In other business on Thursday, Rep. McCoy had four resolutions she submitted on the agenda, three of which were to impeach other tribal officials including Tribal Council Chairman Bill Taylor, Vice Chief Richard G. Sneed, and eight members of Tribal Council excluding herself and Reps. French, Saunooke, and Crowe. The fourth piece of legislation dealt with where business is allowed to be conducted by Tribal Council.

Rep. McCoy withdrew the resolution seeking impeachment of Chairman Taylor, and the remaining resolutions were tabled until the May regular session of Council.

At the end of Thursday's session, Chief Lambert addressed Council again and stated, "The Court has ruled and it has been shown who is standing as Chief until another time, and that's me. And, I'll make sure things are taken care of in the proper way just as I always have for the year-and-a-half that I've been here."



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RESOLUTION NO. 546 (2017)

WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Tribal Council possesses the sole authority to impeach any EBCI officer who violates his oath of office, or is guilty of any offenses making him ineligible to hold said office by a two-thirds vote of Tribal Council. Charter and Governing Document of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, sect. 22 (Oct. 8, 1986), *see also* sect. 1 (outlining EBCI officers).

WHEREAS, EBCI Tribal Council passed Resolution No. 502 (2017) which directed Articles of Impeachment for Patrick H. Lambert be prepared and submitted for approval.

WHEREAS, Articles of Impeachment are prepared, attached and submitted for approval.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in Council assembled, at which a quorum is present, the EBCI Tribal Council approves the attached Articles of Impeachment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Articles of Impeachment may be amended by Tribal Council at any time until the hearing has convened.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Articles of Impeachment can be amended by Tribal Council to conform to the evidence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Articles of Impeachment be published in the Cherokee One Feather.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED an Impeachment hearing shall be held on _____.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED Tribal Council shall carry out the intent of this resolution and the Vice-Chief is authorized to ratify this resolution because of the conflict of interest by Patrick H. Lambert.

Submitted by: Tribal Council

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION NO. 546 (2017): Insert April 20, 2017
into the blank.

RESOLVED, That Patrick H. Lambert, Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, is impeached for violation of his oath of office and violations of the Cherokee Code, and that the following articles of impeachment are to be exhibited to the Tribal Council:

ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT EXHIBITED BY THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS IN THE NAME OF ITSELF AND OF ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS, AGAINST PATRICK H. LAMBERT, PRINCIPAL CHIEF, IN MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF ITS IMPEACHMENT AGAINST HIM FOR VIOLATIONS OF HIS OATH OF OFFICE AND VIOLATION OF THE CHEROKEE CODE.

ARTICLE I

In his conduct while Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Patrick H. Lambert violated his duty and oath of office to preserve, protect and defend the laws confirmed and ratified by the enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, particularly Cherokee Code §117-45(d) states “No elected official, program director or any member of their immediate family, shall enter into any contract for services or goods with any Tribal entity, enterprise or program for the purpose of either receiving or providing services or goods.” Further, Patrick H. Lambert violated his duty and oath of office in that he failed to conduct himself in a manner most conducive to the interest and prosperity of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

On or about September 17, 2015, Patrick H. Lambert signed a contract for Cherokee Hotel Properties, LLC d/b/a Cherokee Grand Hotel with Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise d/b/a Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort, a Tribal enterprise. *See* C.C. §16A-1(a). Cherokee Hotel Properties, LLC is organized under the State of North Carolina and managed by Cynthia Lambert and Patrick Lambert. While Mr. Lambert signed the contract prior to taking his oath of office, the contract began after he took his oath of office on January 1, 2016. Mr. Lambert and his wife made three thousand eight hundred twenty-five dollars (\$3,825) a night before the Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise terminated his contract in approximately November 2016. A total payments to Cherokee Grand Hotel for January 1, 2016 to October 31, 2016 is one million one hundred sixty-two thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,162,800). However, after termination Mr. Lambert and his wife continue to receive payments from the contract at a reduced rate.

ARTICLE II

In his conduct while Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Patrick H. Lambert violated his duty and oath of office to preserve, protect, and defend the Charter and Governing Document of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, particularly Charter and Governing Document, sect. 18 states “The Principal Chief, Vice-Chief and members of Council before entering on the duties of office shall take the following oath...”

1. On October 31, 2015, Cloninger, Barbour, Searson Jones, PLLC invoiced the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians c/o Principal Chief Patrick Lambert for twenty-six thousand one hundred ninety-five dollars and ninety-six cents (\$26,195.96) for Legal Services. However, twenty-five and eight tenths hours were billed for legal services performed from September 13, 2015 through October 3, 2015, prior to Patrick H. Lambert being sworn-in as Principal Chief. The total cost for the legal services during this period was nine thousand one hundred twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$9,112.50). Sage Dunston authorized payment on December 18, 2015.
2. On Monday, October 5, 2015, Patrick H. Lambert took his oath of office. However, the expansion and renovation of tribal executive office contract contains a start date of October 1, 2015.

ARTICLE III

In his conduct while Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Patrick H. Lambert violated his duty and oath of office to preserve, protect, and defend the laws confirmed and ratified by the enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, particularly Cherokee Code §117-19(a)(2) states “(a) Before a Contract with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians shall be valid and binding the following shall occur:...(2) A contract in an amount of \$50,000 or more which complies with all budget, financial, and legal requirements for that program and the Tribe, and is within the fiscal parameters of the Annual Budget approved by the Tribal Council, shall have the approval of Business Committee before being executed by the Principal Chief.”

1. On or about October 1, 2015, Patrick H. Lambert executed a contract regarding the expansion and renovation of the tribal executive offices in the amount of sixty-two thousand dollars (\$62,000). The original contract did not have Business Committee approval as required by Cherokee Code.
2. On or about November 11, 2015, Patrick H. Lambert executed an amended contract regarding the forensic audit in the amount of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000). The amended contract did not have Business Committee approval as required by Cherokee Code. Mr. Lambert’s action not only violates the Cherokee Code but also violates the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Fiscal Management Policies and Procedures which states “If a contract amendment price increase puts the total contract price over \$50,000, obtain Business Committee’s approval & signature...” EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS FISCAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES §2213 (2015). As of September 30, 2016, the actual expenditures for this contract were three hundred fifteen thousand four hundred seven dollars (\$315,407). This amount far exceeds the amended contract price which was executed by Patrick H. Lambert without Business Committee approval. Again, the Fiscal Management Policies and Procedures states “Changes (Amendments) to a contract must be in writing and signed by both parties prior to work being done. A contractor cannot commence extra work unless a written and signed Amendment has been approved through the process. The Tribe will not pay more than

agreed to in the original contract unless a written and signed Amendment is provided.”
Id.

3. On or about December 28, 2015, Patrick H. Lambert executed a contract regarding a consulting agreement in the amount of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000). The original contract did not have Business Committee approval as required by Cherokee Code.
4. On or about March 21, 2016, Patrick H. Lambert executed a contract regarding timeclocks in the amount of eighteen thousand four hundred twelve dollars (\$18,412). However as of September 30, 2016, the actual expenditures for this contract were one hundred eighty-one thousand eight hundred sixty-one dollars (\$181,861). This amount far exceeds the contract price executed by Patrick H. Lambert. The contract violates Cherokee Code because it requires Business Committee approval. C.C. §117-(a)(2). Additionally, the contract violates the Fiscal Management Policies and Procedures because the “Tribe will not pay more than agreed it in the original contract unless a written and signed Amendment is provided.” *Id.*

ARTICLE IV

In his conduct while Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Patrick H. Lambert violated his duty and oath of office to preserve, protect, and defend the laws confirmed and ratified by the enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, particularly Cherokee Code §96-4.33 states “Organizational structure and levels of authority are established by order of the Principal Chief who shall approve, maintain and revise as necessary, an organizational chart for the Tribe and for each of its programs and divisions, subject to Tribal Council approval.”

On or about December 9, 2015, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians approved the organizational chart that Patrick H. Lambert submitted with the Fiscal Year 2016 annual budget. Thereafter, Patrick H. Lambert made significant changes to the tribal organizational structure and levels of authority without approval by the Tribal Council, in direct violation of C.C. §96-4.33.

ARTICLE V

In his conduct while Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Patrick H. Lambert violated his duty and oath of office to preserve, protect, and defend the laws confirmed and ratified by the enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, particularly Cherokee Code §92-7.B states that the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) shall be supported by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians payroll, procurement, hiring assistance, drug testing and other administrative processes.

On or about December 16, 2016, Patrick H. Lambert ratified Ordinance No. 406 (2016). However, Mr. Lambert wrote a “Signing Statement” stating he was not allowing TERO to use tribal resources regardless of the Ordinance.

ARTICLE VI

In his conduct while Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Patrick H. Lambert violated his duty and oath of office to preserve, protect, and defend the Charter and Governing Document of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, particularly Charter and Governing Document, sect. 4 states "There shall be an Executive Committee, which shall consist of the Principal Chief and the Vice-Chief. The Committee shall execute and carry out tribal laws and administer the daily operations of the Tribe."

1. On or about June 3, 2016, Patrick H. Lambert issued an executive memorandum, without the Vice-Chief's knowledge or input, assigning an interim manager although the manager position was filled. The program manager was not notified, still classified as manager, and compensated at the manager's pay rate until December 12, 2016. The assigned interim manager was compensated at his lower level position while performing the duties of manager until December 12, 2016. Additionally, the investigation found Patrick H. Lambert violated C.C. §96-5.08(A) by not having "written concurrence" of the Executive Committee.
2. On or about August 3, 2016, Patrick H. Lambert named a political appointment and authorized a salary prior to a budget being approved for the position. A budget amendment "creating" the position and salary level was not executed until August 15, 2016. Further, Patrick H. Lambert failed to carry out Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Council Resolution No. 16 (2009) that modified the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Budget Policy. Specifically, Patrick H. Lambert failed to obtain Executive Committee approval on unbudgeted salary increases. *See* EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS BUDGET POLICY §4.A. (2009). Further, Patrick H. Lambert failed to obtain Budget Council approval on "positions that increase the approved number of positions for the current Fiscal Year." *Id.*
3. During Fiscal Year 2016, Patrick H. Lambert authorized five employee pay adjustments without any supporting documentation to the Executive Committee. Mr. Lambert's failure to provide the Executive Committee supporting documentation violates C.C. §96-6.04(C)(1) as well.

ARTICLE VII

In his conduct while Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Patrick H. Lambert violated his duty and oath of office to preserve, protect, and defend the Charter and Governing Document of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, particularly Cherokee Code section 14-70.44 states "It shall be unlawful, being a public servant, and with the intent to materially benefit himself or another or to harm another, to knowingly commit an unauthorized act which purports to be act of his office, or knowingly refrain from performing a non-discretionary duty imposed on him by law."

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WHEREAS, Patrick H. Lambert, by such conduct, warrants impeachment, hearing, and removal from the Office of Principal Chief.

Council tables amended gaming management agreement

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An amended management agreement between Harrah's NC Casino Company, LLC and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians was presented to Tribal Council during its regular Budget Council session on Tuesday, April 4. A resolution to pass the agreement was tabled so that a work session could be held for further discussion on the document.

"We've negotiated a better management agreement for the Tribe with Harrah's," said Mike McConnell, an attorney with the EBCI Office of the Attorney General who served on the negotiating team. "We were able to maintain our relationship with Harrah's, and we have a good deal moving forward."

According to the resolution, some of the caveats of this new agreement include: bringing the management of both Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort and Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel under one agreement, increasing the duration of the management agreement to seven years, decreasing the management fee paid to Harrah's from 3.75 percent in years 1-3 to 3.50 percent in years 4-7, and Harrah's agrees to make a \$1.25 million community donation earmarked for "community improvement and enhancement" and continue its \$500,000 annual donation to the Tribe's scholarship fund.

"I do think this is a good agreement," McConnell noted. "We did work very diligently on it. It provides benefits for the Tribe that were not present in the old ver-

sions."

Danny Davis, EBCI Attorney General, said he has reviewed most of the agreement. "If you look at some of the concessions that were made from Harrah's, it looks like actually a better deal than we had before."

John Houser, TCGE chairman and part of the negotiation team, commented on Tuesday, "This new agreement will save the Tribe roughly \$8 million versus the agreement that we were currently operating under. It was a good negotiation. The effort from Harrah's was very fair...we feel very good about the agreement."

He added, "It's the same agreement really that we've been operating under since we opened the casino except the deal just keeps getting a little bit better."

Houser said the new management agreement "is the best deal in Indian County" and noted that the management fee with Harrah's started at 28 percent when Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort first opened in 1997.

The agreement, although not approved by Tribal Council yet, is currently at the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) for initial approval, said Houser who added that they were under a deadline date of March 30 to get the initial agreement to NIGC. "We were able to get it to the NIGC for their pending approval, and it has been approved subject to this body's (Tribal Council) approval, and of course, the Chief's approval. It can still be changed because it hasn't been ratified by this body yet."

Ann Hines Davis, TCGE attorney who served on the ne-

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gotiation team, explained, "They (NIGC) understand that there may be some tweaks to it." She noted an extension of six months has been granted from NIGC for final approval by tribal government.

Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha made the motion for the resolution to be tabled for a work session and more discussion. "I wanted the Chairman (Taylor) to be involved in the negotiation so we could be included

in the conversations with everything that was being negotiated..."

He said he understands that the major tenets of the agreement have remained unchanged, but did note, "It may not have changed, but moving forward there's some things that need to be clarified. It needs to be more black and white and not so grey when it deals with the relationship between Harrah's and this government."

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Council tables Chief's "Power to the People" program, discusses renewable energy

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A program, developed by Principal Chief Patrick Lambert, whereby elder members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians would have their power bills paid for them will have to wait a little longer. During a Budget Council session on Tuesday, April 4, Tribal Council tabled a resolution to implement Chief Lambert's "Power to the People, Putting our Elders in the Comfort Zone" program.

"We do a lot of things for our elders, but we should be pursuing all we can for our elders," Chief Lambert said during discussion on the legislation which was tabled by a vote of 9-3 with Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy, Big Cove Rep. Richard French, and Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke voting to pass.

"I think this is a very good way for us to show our appreciation to our elders, also to help take care of our elders who are having to take care of others in their homes, and also to help those elders who are struggling day-to-day to make ends meet," commented Chief Lambert.

The program itself would be voluntary and would cover the more than 1,150 EBCI senior citizens (age 59 1/2 or older) in a five-county (Cherokee, Graham, Jackson, Haywood, and Swain) service area. The legislation states that, if passed, \$2 million would be appropriated into the Tribe's General Fund for the program which would be administered through the EBCI

Public Health & Human Services division.

Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose said he supported the idea, but would like the Tribe look at all sides of the energy issue. "I believe in taking care of our elders, but maybe we should take it to another step and maybe look at adding solar panels to their homes to lower that bill as we pay for it. That'd be something I'd like to see done too."

Chief Lambert said he fully supports the idea of the Tribe getting involved in renewable energy such as solar, wind, and water power and related he would like to see a

was needed on the legislation and the overall "Power to the People" program. "Everybody remembers the 2008 crash (stock market), and there were some programs that we had to cut back on, and I'd hate that if something else happened. I wouldn't want to take away."

He said it's time for the Tribe to invest in the future. "I don't disagree with paying for the power bills, but I was trying to look at it as a whole scope and starting with the seniors and disabled on renewable energy."

Chief Lambert said he's fully on board with a future vision for solar

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- Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose

solar farm created. "It would be a pretty good chunk of land, but with the right amount of investment, and we're talking probably \$30-40 million to build a 60 to 70 acre site...that would power this whole Tribe, and we could basically make this entire Tribe net zero on electricity consumption. I think it's a great idea. I think solar is the up-and-coming way, and if we can capitalize on that, I think it's a good way to go."

Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha also supports the idea of renewable energy and said more discussion

and other forms of renewable energy, but did add, "But, this will meet the need now because there's going to be a lot of our elder's homes that simply don't qualify for a solar set-up because of their location, not being on the south side of a mountain or something like that. So, there's going to be restrictions on that. This would be a direct, immediate help and impact on all of our elders..."

He said he's having solar panels added to his home later this month. "In six and a half years, I'll have the system paid for and will have a zero electric bill."

Rep. McCoy related that she is also currently taking advantage of solar power at her home in the Big Cove Community and spoke of the difference in her power bill from February 2016 to February 2017. "Our power bill, in that one month, was cut close to 70 percent from last year. We're no longer paying \$100 power bills at my house because we have a 12-panel solar panel. Right now, at my house, we're not using Duke (Energy). We're using sunshine because it's free. Sunshine is free. That water running out there is free. That wind that's blowing is free."

Birdtown Rep. Travis Smith said he wanted more specifics on the program before passage. He said the re-occurring energy costs would only be around \$2 million now but could rise to \$5 million or more. "One of the things I'd like to see is a plan on this. Bring us a true number on what we're going to cover. It's got to be defined of what we're going to do inside this plan."

He added, "There's opportunities out here with grants to help our people with. Instead of just throwing money at a problem, we can look at this. It might take us a little longer to capture what we're looking for."

After brief discussion on whether to pass the legislation and then develop guidelines for the program afterwards, the resolution was tabled with the understanding that a work session will be scheduled for this month to discuss guidelines and more program details.

Investigative Report from Chief Lambert – April 2, 2017

Editor's Note: The attached report was received from the EBCI Communications Division on behalf of the Office of the Principal Chief.

I know your time is valuable so I want to apologize from the outset on the length that this report will be and say thank you for committing a few minutes of your time to better understand these issues so you may be better informed.

We have all heard that Tribal Council is pushing a drive to attempt to impeach me and remove me from office. They say it is because I violated some HR policies on hiring and some contracting policies. But we all know the real reason they are doing this.

Policies and procedures are not Tribal law and over the prior 10 plus years it has been proven these things are not impeachable offenses

So, let's take a look at their record. I ask you to compare it to what they are trying to accuse me of to justify impeachment. And then ask yourselves... how many of the very ones attacking me have sat idly by and watched this happen for the past 10 years...

Resolution #503 set forth that an investigation into the past 10 years was to be conducted. And that is one thing I have been working on and the following are some results of that investigation so far.

The following reports came directly from the Office of Internal Audit and were presented to the Tribal Council and resulted in no prosecution or impeachment:

1) March 2009 – Contracts are not in compliance

Contracts exceed approved limits

Assets are not safeguarded

Payroll documentation not properly authorized

2) October 2009 – HR issues

Contract expenditures not supported by a valid contract

Personal Files are not properly maintained and safeguarded

Hiring, selection and recruitment procedures not adhered to

Exit interviews not conducted according to

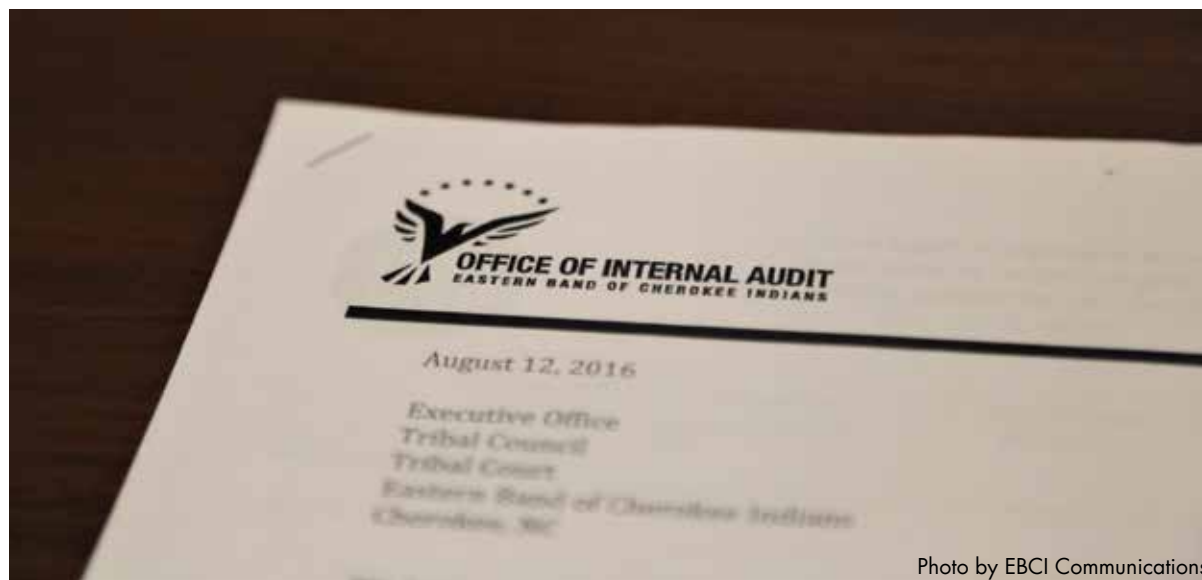


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policy

Timesheets are not complete and are not accurate

Fixed assets are not properly inventoried and not safeguarded

3) Oct 2009 – Contracts expenditures not supported by a valid contract

Higher Education funds used for non-program expenses

Student paybacks are not monitored and tracked

4) January 2010 – Tribal Contracts (See attached report)

Contract expenditures are not supported by a contract

Contracts exceed spending and performing limits

Expenditures not requiring a contract paid by contract line item

5) June 2010 – Contracts not supported with valid contracts

Mileage reimbursements & time sheets inaccurate and not reviewed

Fixed Assets not inventoried or safeguarded

6) September 2010 – Contracts not supported with valid contracts

Comp Time arrangement not authorized

Non-capitalized assets not safeguarded

7) March 2011 – TERO has no administrative oversight

Cash handling policies and procedures are not followed

Timesheets not accurate, complete or authorized

Travel reconciliations not performed timely

TERO certifications not in compliance

Fixed assets not safeguarded

Purchasing not authorized

8) September 2011 – Contract spending unauthorized

9) December 2011 – HR Issues

Improper 401(K) processes, procedures not followed

New Hire designations and disclosures not obtained

10) May 2012 – Contract expenses not supported by valid contract

Contract lines used for non-contractual expenses

Purchases not authorized

Fixed assets not safeguarded

Travel not reconciled

Timesheets not properly authorized

11) June 2012 – Contract expenses not supported by valid contract

Files not properly established or maintained

Personal information not being protected

Policies and procedures not updated
Fixed assets not safeguarded
Travel reconciliations not timely

12) August 2012 - Contract expenses not supported by valid contract
Assets not properly recorded
Purchases not business related
Procurement practices not monitored

13) September 2013 - Contract expenses not supported by valid contract
Student SSN's not safe guarded
No strategic plans or disaster recovery plan
Program computer files are not secure
Paybacks not effectively monitored or reconciled

14) May 2014 - Capitol assets missing
Cherokee artwork not safeguarded
Grant administration at program not effective
Tribal government property not secure
Contracts are not valid

The above reports obviously came before my term in office but were never addressed or dealt with. These internal audit reports are routinely sent to the Chief and Tribal Council. No one on Tribal Council asked for the former Chief to be impeached for far worse. No one even tried to clean up the mess. Why?

One of the most unbelievable aspects of the prior administration is that a total and complete policy of outright theft seemed to be OK and acceptable. Under my administration, if someone chooses to violate your trust and steal from our Tribe, regardless of who commits the theft, I will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law.

Each of the following shows a total lack of respect for the law and disregard for internal controls. If a person was shown to be stealing they were never prosecuted and even the person caught stealing was oftentimes simply left in their job or moved to a different position. But in each of these crimes the past administration never pushed for prosecution of the crime! The following is extracted straight out of the records from Internal Audit for just 1-2 years (2010-2011) and, again, resulting in no prosecution or impeachment:

1) October 14, 2009 – Tribal Credit Cards – Lack

of documentation, 85% failure rate on reconciling travel authorizations, reconciliations took months or are still outstanding.

2) January 26, 2010 – Tribal Contracts – 38% of all Contract expenditures not supported by a contract in amounts of \$928,194. There were also uncovered expenditures that are not allowed such as contract to Top Side Aviation for someone to take Flight Lessons.

3) April 19, 2010 – Theft of Cash from Cherokee Volunteer Fire Department – Use of a debit card to go shopping at Walmart, Target, ATM withdrawals, purchase of food and fuel.

4) June 18, 2010 – Board of Elections/Cherokee Youth Center – Embezzlement and Falsification of Payroll records. Cash was embezzled through false entries on timesheets by duplication on both. Double paid for the same time by both entities.

5) June 28, 2010 – Qualla Housing Authority – Theft and mishandling of cash. Cash shortages. Continuous cash discrepancies. No mortgage accounts established and no payments recorded yet customer had receipts. Manual changes made to customer accounts without documentation. Payments were not ever posted. No investigation was ever done by management or the QHA Board.

6) June 10, 2011 – Cherokee Tribal Court – Cash Theft from the Clerk of Courts Office. Significant weaknesses exist and lack of internal controls and cash handling procedures.

Since the campaign and when I got sworn into office, I promised to work non-stop, night and day, to clean this system up and end any corruption from waste, fraud or abuse. And I have made great strides in those regards. But we still have a long way to go.

As soon as I got into office I commissioned Forensic Audits to be performed on several departments within our Tribe. When those audits were completed I turned them over to the US Attorney and FBI. Since that time, they have been conducting their own investigations.

I have continued adding and strengthening our controls and systems within the Tribe to protect against waste, fraud and abuse, and we are beginning to see much improvement. For instance, I put an end to credit card abuse by cancelling all the tribal credit cards carried by employees. There were instances where em-

ployees were purchasing personal items (even underwear) online with the tribal credit cards and many other fraudulent acts. I remember at the Casino one lady was caught purchasing coloring books and crayons for her kids on the Casino P-Card and was fired and banned from working for a full ten-year period. Seems like a clear double standard.

As many of you know, I am a licensed attorney and have worked for the past twenty-one years in a highly-regulated system within the Gaming Commission, and I fully understand internal control systems and how they are designed to protect our assets and the individuals working within the system. Just as an example, remember in 2005 when I uncovered the illegal reserves at the Casino by the prior administration; the law had been broken and the NIGC came in and forced the casino to return all the money to our Tribe and to per capita. And when in 2000 we uncovered theft within the Casino by several workers, they were all arrested and convicted of felonies. In 2014, we caught another theft in the casino that resulted in a multi-year prison sentence to the person. The reason I bring these matters up is to show I have had a long history of internal control enforcement, and I do not take kindly to any instances of theft, fraud or abuse and will work to clean up the system. The system under the prior administration was rotten and will take a lot of effort and time to clean up! But I'm working on it.

When I set out on this path I told everyone this system did not become corrupt overnight (it has developed over the prior twelve years under the past administration) and therefore was going to take me quite a while to get it all cleaned up. I set a starting point and went backwards for a three-year period to begin and have expanded that into a ten-year period. The forensic audits have turned up what appear to be massive fraudulent activities within our Tribe and Qualla Housing.

As for their cries to impeach me... nowhere has there been any accusation of any money or benefit coming to me from any of my actions. As a matter of fact, I have refused benefits that usually come to this office; such as purchasing

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myself a new car. I don't feel like I need a Cadillac or an electric sports car in my first term; and if I should be re-elected to a second term I will consider the purchase of a car, but believe me... it will not be a Cadillac or an electric sports car. A sense of entitlement is exactly what is wrong with this system, coupled with no fear of being caught for illegal, immoral or unethical actions.

As many of you have heard me say, I have worked hard all my life and took chances in business and that hard work has served me and my family well in my professional life and in my personal financial life. What I own is from hard work, saving and investing and is not from ill-gotten gains as some in the

prior administration grew used to. It seemed there were many who felt like the Tribe was their own personal piggy-bank and they could use and abuse our resources at their own will. Those days have ended, and I believe the day of reckoning is close. I do not and will not apologize for taking this stand to clean up the mess from the past years of fraudulent neglect and abuse and will continue this path as long as I am in office.

In these same regards to cleaning up the government and making government officials more accountable to you, I have sponsored two referendum questions and we are now out collecting signatures. The first is a question on setting term limits on tribal Council; and the second is a question for you to have the power and process to remove

(recall) any elected official from office if they are violating the law or committing immoral or unethical acts. I ask that you get your signature on these forms so we can get these questions on the ballot for a full vote.

In closing I ask for you to consider who to vote for in the upcoming Tribal Council Elections. Many of the current members have lost their way and are no longer working for The People. They seem to only have their self-preservation in mind and want you to vote for them again, regardless if they are doing what you want or not. There are currently 4 members who are working closely with me to clean this Tribe up and get the past administrations crimes addressed and prosecuted, Tommye Saunooke, Richard French, Teresa McCoy and Bo Crowe.

But you must ask yourself... what about the other eight? Do they want rid of me because they think it will make all their worries go away? I am GLAD to say...this FBI investigation will continue regardless of what they do to me. I am not here to judge anyone, that will be left up to the Courts and our Good Lord. But I can vote for the persons I see doing the right things and work against those attacking me and others who are trying to make a positive difference.

We should vote against those who either through sheer ignorance or an unholy alliance for power, bribery or a serious lack of

judgment are trying to help cover up for their family and friends. If your council member does not stand for uncovering waste, fraud and abuse and prosecuting those who have committed those crimes against our Tribe, then you should vote against that member and find a new Council Member. If your council member attacks those who try to do the right thing or attacks them for sheer issues of power or hatred from the past, then you should vote against them as well. We can do better! The ongoing actions of Tribal Council are a black-eye to all of the EBCI, and you can stop it.

It is time to clean up our government and let the rest of the world know that we are an honorable, God fearing people and will protect all our assets for Cherokee families and our future generations!

May God bless you and may our Tribe be a blessing unto God with proper teachings and examples to help fulfill His will and further His teachings. This is one of the messages I took from Sunday morning service at Church: In Psalms 1, "There are two roads in life, be a blessing to God and live your life to bear fruit OR live a life of non-belief, rebellion and destruction". I choose the former.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report to gain a better understanding or more knowledge on these matters.

- Chief Lambert

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Harrah's Cherokee photo

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: The Multi-Tainment Center (bowling center, etc.) at Harrah's Cherokee began the month of March with its Topping Out Ceremony on March 7. The next week, exterior framing began on the west and south faces. This process has added steel studs to the metal framework. On March 21, roofing construction began at the highest point of the structure's roof. Work will progress downward to the future patio roof, then the drive-through canopy. The concrete slab was completed on March 25, bringing the total amount of concrete poured to nearly 1,850 cubic yards. Completing these slabs will allow interior work to begin.



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GREEN: The Spring Garden Fair, sponsored by Principal Chief Patrick Lambert, was held at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8. Patrons peruse a large assortment of plants and flowers on Saturday morning.



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CIPD Arrest Report March 27 - April 3

The following people were arrested by the Cherokee Indian Police Department and booked into the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center. It should be noted that the following defendants have only been charged with the crimes listed and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Hollifield, Nashay- la Salena – age 24

Arrested: March 27
at 19:09

Not released as of
press time

Charges: Failure to Appear on Mis-
demeanor, Possession Schedule II
Controlled Substance (two counts),
Possession Drug Paraphernalia,
Possession Contraband

**Number of times in
CIPD Detention: 3**

Sherrill, Courtney Anne – age 21

Arrested: March 27
at 16:37

Not released as of
press time

Charges: Violated Order of Condi-
tional Release

**Number of times in
CIPD Detention: 2**

Wolfe, Jasmyln Tiandra – age 20

Arrested: March 27
at 11:33

Not released as of
press time

Charges: Probation Violation

**Number of times in
CIPD Detention: 6**

Cline, Gregory Lee – age 41

Arrested: March 28 at 21:05
Released: March 31



Charges: Assault on
a Female
**Number of times
in
CIPD Detention: 1**

Kirkland, Stephen Boyd – age 29

Arrested: March 28
at 16:27

Released: March 29

Charges: Child Abuse in the Second
Degree, Simple Affray, Assault on a
Female (DV), Assault With a Deadly
Weapon

**Number of times in
CIPD Detention: 1**

Cabrera, Delores Amelia – age 43

Arrested: March 29
at 04:30

Not released as of
press time

Charges: Obstructing Justice, Deliv-
er Schedule II Controlled Substance

**Number of times in
CIPD Detention: 5**

George, Elicio San- chez – age 20

Arrested: March 29
at 18:08

Not released as of
press time

Charges: Failure to Appear on Mis-
demeanor

**Number of times in
CIPD Detention: 3**

Taylor, Terrance Blayne – age 25

Arrested: March 30
at 16:17

Released: March 30

Charges: Child Abuse in the First
Degree, Sexual Abuse, Sexual
Abuse of a Minor or a Ward

**Number of times in
CIPD Detention: 2**



Davis, Austin Blake – age 19

Arrested: March 31
at 13:30

Released: March 31

Charges: Harassment, Second De-
gree Trespass

**Number of times in
CIPD Detention: 1**

Sutton, Chantel Nicole – age 26

Arrested: March 31
at 10:53

Released: March 31

Charges: Failure to Appear on Mis-
demeanor

**Number of times in
CIPD Detention: 2**

Wildcatt, Quincey Gvhe – age 25

Arrested: March 31
at 23:55

Not released as of
press time

Charges: Providing alcoholic bever-
ages to, possession of, consumption
of alcoholic beverages by persons
under 21 years old; Domestic Vio-
lence – Bodily Injury; Child Abuse
in the Second Degree; Intoxicated
and Disruptive in Public

**Number of times in
CIPD Detention: 6**

Crowe, Ina Luzene – age 40

Arrested: April 1 at
22:20

Not released as of
press time

Charges: Simple Assault (DV)

**Number of times in
CIPD Detention: 1**

Watty, Crystal Lynn – age 43

Arrested: April 1 at 19:03
Released: April 3



Charges: Intoxicated
and Disruptive, Mis-
demeanor Larceny
**Number of times
in
CIPD Detention: 3**

Welch, Benny Lee – age 53

Arrested: April 1 at
17:38

Not released as of
press time

Charges: Failure to Obey Court
Order, Failure to Appear on Misde-
meanor

**Number of times in
CIPD Detention: 4**

Burgess, Dora Lillard – age 36

Arrested: April 2 at
14:00

Released: April 3

Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive
in Public, Resisting Lawful Arrest

**Number of times in
CIPD Detention: 5**

Crowe, Eric Wil- liam – age 46

Arrested: April 2 at
00:35

Not released as of
press time

Charges: Possession Marijuana up
to ½ oz., Possession Drug Parapher-
nalia, Assault on a Female (DV)

**Number of times in
CIPD Detention: 1**

Harrison, Terri Lehua – age 52

Arrested: April 2 at
19:31

Not released as of press time

Charges: Failure to Appear on Mis-
demeanor

**Number of times in
CIPD Detention: 2**



TRIBAL COURT REPORT

Judgment Summary for March 29

BIRD, April D.

14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass – Guilty Plea, 30 days jail time suspended, six months probation, credit for time served (4 days)
14-10.41 Breaking and Entering – Dismissed, Prosecuting Witness Failed to Appear

BRADLEY, Rashonda Lashae

14-10.64 Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle – Guilty Plea, 120 days jail time suspended, nine months probation, credit for time served (15 days)
14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Dismissed on Plea

CLINKSCALES, Howell J.

14-40.1(b)(5) Domestic Violence – Violation of Court Order – Dismissed With Leave to Refile
14-5.2 Communicating Threats (DV) - Dismissed With Leave to Refile
14-40.56 Assault on a Female (DV) - Dismissed With Leave to Refile
14-40.30 Kidnapping (DV) - Dismissed With Leave to Refile
14-40.49 Assault by Strangulation - Dismissed With Leave to Refile

KOMENDA, Melissa Blanch

14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass – Dismissed, Settled in Mediation
14-25.13 Harassment – Dismissed, Settled in Mediation

LOSSIAH, Kashayla

14-10.64 Unauthorized Use of a

Motor Vehicle – Dismissed, Prosecuting Witness Failed to Appear

PRICE, Dustin Lee

14-10.60 Larceny – Dismissed, Prosecuting Witness Failed to Appear

SWAYNEY, Dwayne Edward

20-28 Revoked License – Dismissed Per Prior Plea
20-140(b) Reckless Driving – Dismissed Per Prior Plea

WAHNETAH, Kevin

14-05.6(c) Drugs: Manufacturing, Selling or Delivering, Possessing with intent to sell or deliver schedule VI – Dismissed, Officer Unavailable

WELCH, Jason

14-30.3 Compulsory School At-

tendance – Guilty Plea, Prayer for Judgment Continued, child may not have any unexcused absences

WELCH, Paden R.

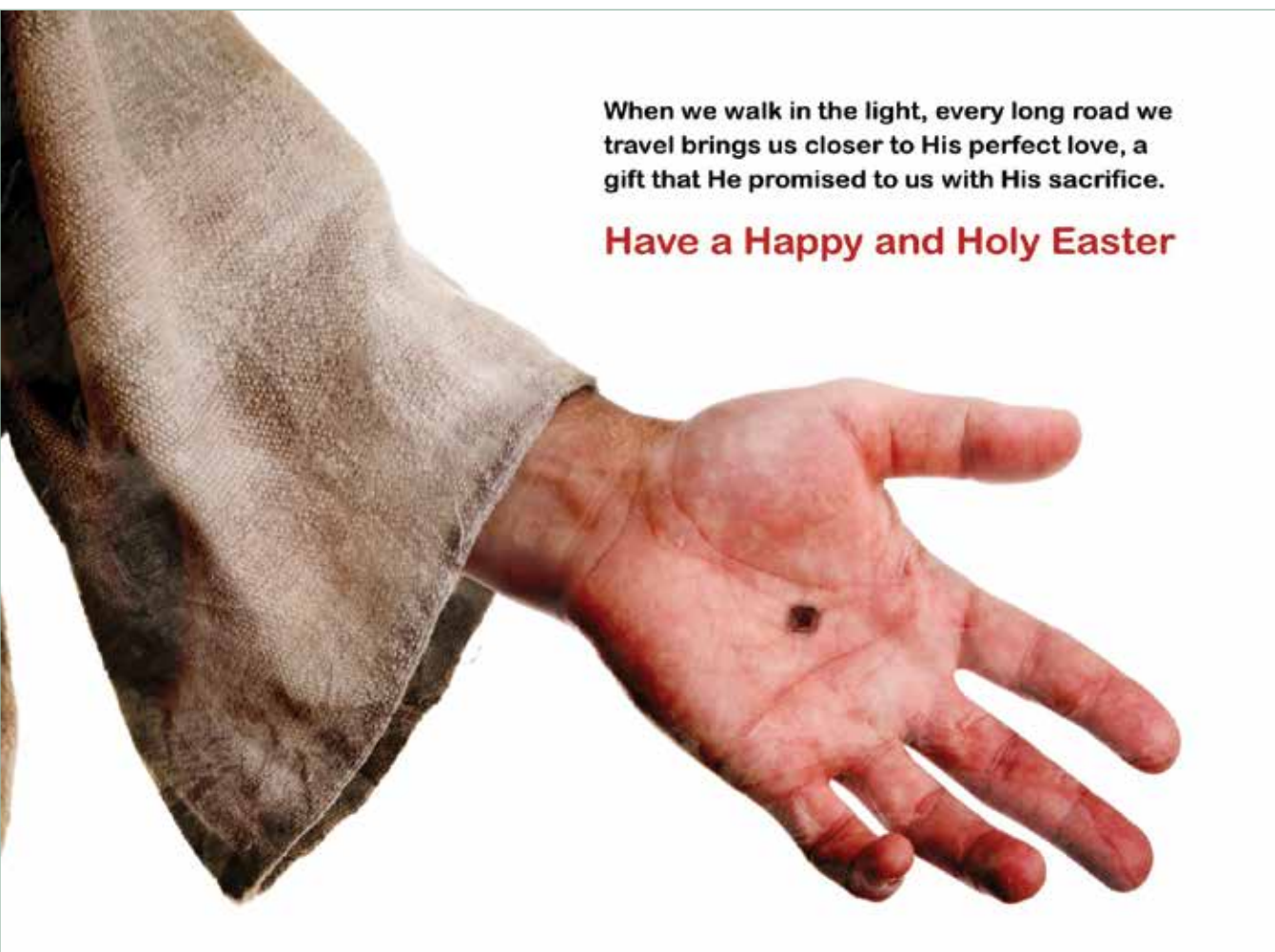
14-15.6(a) Providing Alcoholic Beverages to persons under 21 – Guilty Plea, 30 days jail time suspended, six months probation, 72 hours community service, obtain Substance Abuse Assessment, \$50 fine, \$190 court costs
14-70.19 Resisting Lawful Arrest – Dismissed on Plea

WEST, Charles Ray

20-28 Revoked License – Dismissed After Investigation

WILNOTY JR., Michael Warren

14-5.3 Telephone Harassment – Dismissed, Settled in Mediation



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Miss Cherokee report for March 2017

AMORIE GUNTER
MISS CHEROKEE 2016-17

Siyoy! The month of March, I was asked to attend the annual Woman's Day. This is a day that honors our Cherokee women. I was blessed to be there with some great Cherokee women. For many years, I have been volunteering for the BabyFace program at the Hope Center. I was asked to come help prepare Easter baskets for their annual Easter party. It is always a joy to volunteer with this program.

At the end of the month, I had the pleasure of traveling to Washington, DC with many other tribal members. I attend the Cherokee Days event that the National Museum of the American Indian has every year. While there, I was able to meet so many new people and

check out the outwork displayed by our Cherokee locals as well as the Cherokee Nation. Each day, I had two meet-and-greets along with Little Miss Cherokee Neveyah Panther, Junior Miss Cherokee Alitima Perkins, Miss Cherokee (Nation) Sky Wildcat, Junior Miss Cherokee (Nation) Lauryn Skye McCoy, and Miss Keetoowah Cherokee Chelsea Tiger. I also got to participate in many dance demonstrations that the Oconaluftee Indian Village and the Warriors of Anikituwah performed.

Touring the museum, hanging out with princesses, and representing my Tribe was the best part of my weekend!

If anyone would like to request me to attend and event please email:

ebcimisscherokee@gmail.com

Sgi, thank you.



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ROYALTY: Miss Cherokee Amorie Gunter (second from left) is shown during the Cherokee Days event at the National Museum of the American Indian with other royalty from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Cherokee Nation including (left-right) – Junior Miss Cherokee Alitima Perkins, Gunter, Little Miss Cherokee Neveyah Panther, Miss Cherokee (Nation) Sky Wildcat, and Junior Miss Cherokee (Nation) Lauryn Skye McCoy.

Museum hosting Cherokee Voices t-shirt artwork contest

The Museum of the Cherokee Indian is offering a \$200 prize for art created by an EBCI tribal member. Art is needed for a t-shirt for this year's 20th Annual Cherokee Voices Festival at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. First prize is \$200. The theme of this year's festival is "Passing the Knowledge—the Rising Generation." Art must include: "20th Cherokee Voices Festival, June 10, 2017. Museum of the Cherokee Indian (name or logo)." The artist can include his or her signature. Art will be printed in color.

Art must be submitted by Friday, April 21. It can be in physical format or electronic format (at 600 dpi) but must be camera ready. A panel of judges will make the decision by Sunday, April 30, and the t-shirt will be available for sale at the Cherokee Voices Festival on June 10. The winning art submission will become the property of the Museum.

Info: Barbara Duncan, education director at the Museum 736-0538 or bduncan@cherokeemuseum.org

- Museum of the Cherokee Indian



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

INDIAN BALL: Exhibition stickball games between Big Cove and Stoney were held at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds during the Cherokee Heritage Days event, sponsored by the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, on Saturday, April 8. Big Cove won both games.

Cherokee Days held at NMAI



Photos by Kristy M. Herron/EBCI Communications

DANCING: The Warriors of Anikituwah, including John Grant Jr. (foreground left) and Mike Crowe Jr. (foreground right), lead the Cherokee Beaver Dance.



LECTURE: Dawn Arneach, Museum of the Cherokee Indian executive assistant, gives a talk on the history of the Beloved Men and Women of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.



ARTISTRY: Lydia Louise Goings, noted Cherokee basket maker, is shown working on her craft with her husband Butch Goings in the background.

March report for Cherokee Central Board of Education

DR. SCOTT PENLAND
CCS SUPERINTENDENT

Paula Coker, CES Principal, and Scott Rossa, CES PE instructor, discussed bringing the Carolina Panthers' Youth Camp called "Play 60 Youth Program to Cherokee Elementary School. The Camp is run by former Carolina Panther football players and is funded by Gatorade and Under Armour. Students in grades 2-5 will be eligible to participate.

CHS students that attended Close-Up in Washington D.C. informed the Board on their work in DC. It was a great learning experience and the group's main project is to come up with ideas to improve the downtown area and entice more businesses to locate in Cherokee.

Scott Donald, of PFA Architects, presented the plans for the new wrestling facility, soccer concessions and press box.

The Athletic Director discussed the upcoming Cheerleaders National Competition in Myrtle Beach, SC. He also informed the board that participation in the CHS and CMS track program has increased immensely.

Dr. Payne discussed the possible changes

in the Sacred Path program for next year. The Sacred Path committees in all three schools are going to meet before the end of this school year and plan Sacred Path for the future.

Dr. Payne invited the Board to participate in the "focus groups" on March 7. Community members have been invited to the school to discuss the future direction of the school system. The meeting is open to all community members.

The Board was informed that the Department of Public Instruction has approved Cherokee High School to begin the EMT Certification program beginning in August 2017.

The Board discussed school lunches and possible ways to meet USDA guidelines while still serving nutritious meals.

Kim Parker discussed with the board about hosting a fundraising event called "The Joey Parker Memorial Ride" in honor of her brother. The proceeds will be donated to the Cherokee SPED department in her brother's name.

Dr. Penland discussed the upcoming AdvancedEd Accreditation process. The review team will be on campus for three days in April and will study all phases of the educational programs in place. They will then meet with the

school board to discuss their findings.

Dr. Penland informed the Board that the last day of school would be Friday, May 26 and graduation would be on Saturday, May 27.

The Board was presented a "draft" school calendar for the 2017-18 school year. This information is also being shared with all school employees before making it final.

The Board asked for Finance to compile a list of all grants that the school system receives.

The Board approved for the SPED department to take the funding for one teaching position and employ 2 teacher assistants.

The Board approved the following personnel:
Science teacher for Cherokee High School
Social Worker for Cherokee High School
3 full-time Custodians
3 Substitute custodians
Head Softball coach
Softball assistant coach
Head Golf coach
Golf assistant coach
SPED teacher assistant
1 Employee increase in pay for obtaining master's degree

School Board Report by Chelsea Saunooke

CHELSEA SAUNOOKE
WOLFTOWN SCHOOL BOARD REP.

News and Announcements

- Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! Thursday, March 2.
- Cherokee Central Schools hosted a Community Focus Group on Tuesday, March 7 at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. The event focused on personalized/blended learning and ESTEAM Education. Blended Learning is an education program that combines online digital media with traditional classroom methods. ESTEAM Education- integrating the "Education of Science Technology Engineering Arts & Mathematics" is a way to teach how all things relate to each other, in school and in life.
- Coffee Fundraiser by CCS TaG "Talented and

Gifted" students. The price is \$15 a bag, and 60 percent of each bag purchased goes to the TaG program.

- Cherokee Musical Theater Presents Disney's Beauty and The Beast Jr.- April 27-28 at 7pm, April 29 at 2pm and 7pm, and April 30 at 2pm
- Pre-K Registration has begun! The Hope Center is now taking Pre-K applications through May 5. Contact the Hope Center for more information 554-5101
- Play 60 Camp April 5: Carolina Panthers host a Football Camp for grades 2nd-5th
- National Accreditation is coming up for renewal. Comes up every five years. Meetings and interviews are scheduled for the month of April with AdvancED a non-profit, non-governmental organization that accredits primary and second-

ary schools throughout the United States and internationally.

- Hiring of a new Superintendent: Interviews will be conducted mid-April.
- PF Architects: Design of new wrestling facility, track/soccer press box, concession stand and bathrooms. Also conducting a feasibility study on the current and future needs of the school.
- Important Dates to Remember
 - EOG Testing: May 15-19
 - Spring Break: April 10-14
 - Last Day for Students: May 26, Early Release Day
 - Baccalaureate: May 26 at 6pm and High School Graduation May 27 at 10am

OBITUARIES



Priscilla Blanche Sneed Cooper

Priscilla Blanche Sneed Cooper, 88, of Cherokee, went to her heavenly home on March 20, 2017. She was the daughter of the late Cam and Minda Bradley Sneed. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Kenneth Cooper. Also preceding her in death were four brothers, Ernest, Pat and Vernon Sneed; and an adopted brother, Joe Bermuda; and five sisters, Carie Robinson, Pokie Sneed, Claudia Seay, Marie Maney

and Winifred Tiger. Mrs. Cooper was a science teacher and a very successful business woman. She is survived by one daughter, Lawana Cooper Almond (Eddie); two sons Harold Kenneth (Rena) and John Cameron (Katie); one sister, Virginia Dixon; grandchildren, Ashley, Bambi, and Courtney Almond, Chad, Dusty, Laurel, and Tres Cooper, Sonya, Cameron and Tiffany Cooper; and 13 great grandchildren, all of Cherokee.

A memorial service was held on Friday, March 24 at The Cherokee United Methodist church with Rev. John Ferree and Rev. Steve Phillippi officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Cherokee United Methodist Church Building Fund at PO Box 367 Cherokee, NC 28719, or to The Cherokee Boy’s Club (Pricilla Cooper Scholarship Fund), of which she was an emeritus board member, at PO Box 507 Cherokee, NC 28719.

Margaret (Mitch) Lossiah Margaret (Mitch) Lossiah, 74,

of the Painttown Community, passed away Saturday, April 1, 2017. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late Andy and Annie Bird Sherrill. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Lee Andy Bird, David Bird, and John Ute Sherrill; and one sister, Julie Queen.

She is survived by two daughters, Mollie Grant and Tommie S. Lossiah; two sons, Andy David Sherrill and Calvin Lossie; three grandchildren, Christopher Drew Grant (Beth), Vanessa Grant, and Jannie K. Lossie; three great grandchildren, C.J. Grant, Chloe Locust, and Otis Jacob George; sisters, Jessie Wildcatt (Quincy), and Rita Wildcatt; special friend, Jeanne Crowe; and her two special pets, Jordan and Chuby.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the two hospice rooms at Cherokee Indian Hospital or to the Cherokee Wound Care at Cherokee Indian Hospital.

Crisp Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Lex Owl

Lex Owl, age 63 of Murphy, passed away Friday, March 24, 2017. Owl was born April 9, 1953 in Swain County, NC to the late Clifford Owl and the late Maggie Reed Owl. He was a member of Kingdom Hall Jehovah’s Witnesses in Marble. He enjoyed making and selling Indian crafts and loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include wife, Barbara Owl; daughter, Krystal Lequire; brothers, Cliff Owl, Norman Reed, Henry Owl, Perry Owl, Kermit Owl and Raymond Owl; sisters, Alva Chastain, Belva Ashe, Shirley Rogers and Norma Coleman; grandchildren, Natasha Lequire, Jada Lequire, and Isaac Lequire.

Funeral services were held at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses on Tuesday, March 28. Arrangements were entrusted to the Cochran Funeral Home of Murphy. You may send condolences to the family and sign the guest register at www.cochranfuneralhomes.com.

EBCI Primary Election Official List of Candidates

Big Cove Tribal Council Damian Nicholas Solis Richard French Fred Penick James (Chigger) Bradley James Darren Panther Cody Swayney Lavita L. Hill Lori Taylor Sheila Standingdeer Perry Shell Big Cove School Board Karen “French” Browning Tammy Bradley	Lori Blankenship Birdtown Tribal Council Gilbert Crowe Albert Rose Michael J. Youngdeer Travis Smith Boyd Owle Gary R. Ledford Ashley Sessions Robert “Bob” Driver Curtis Wildcatt Birdtown School Board Sasha McCoy Watty Melissa Smith	Gloria “Punkin” Griffin Ray Long Big Y/Wolftown Tribal Council Bo Crowe Jeremy Wilson Sam “Frell” Reed Jarrett “Sheriff” Crowe James David Jumper Dennis Edward (Bill) Taylor Wolftown School Board Chelsea Taylor Saunooke Isaac (Ike) Long Joey Owle	Painttown Tribal Council Tommye Saunooke Janet R. Arch Cherie Rose Yona Wade Mark Hicks Lisa Taylor Marie Junaluska Terri Henry Yellowhill Tribal Council Anita Welch Lossiah David Wolfe	Lloyd Arneach Jr. Charles Penick Mary “Missy” Crowe Tom Wahneta Cherokee County – Snowbird Tribal Council Bucky Brown Janell Rattler Phillip Ellington Adam Wachacha Larry Blythe Isaiah Chekelelee
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- EBCI Board of Elections

Cherokee spring turkey season

Cherokee's spring turkey hunting season is open April 8 - May 20. Hunters are invited to participate as a field reporter and submit turkey harvest data to the EBCI Natural Resources program. This information is important to help the department maintain a healthy turkey population on Cherokee lands. Call 359-6109 after a turkey is harvested with some or all of the following information: location and date of kill, number of days hunted to kill the bird, turkey's approximate age (adult or juvenile), turkey's spur length, and turkey's beard length.

- EBCI Natural Resources Program

Big Cove Children's Center opening

The Big Cove Children's Center is opening on Monday, April 24. One 3-year-old classroom will be open at this time. If your family is interested, applications are available at the Dora Reed Center. Head Start services are free. If you have submitted an application that has been wait-listed and you are interested in a slot at Big Cove, call Helen Martin, Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start family services manager, 359-6592.

*- Qualla Boundary Head Start/
Early Head Start*

Upcoming June per capita deadlines

- Federal Tax Withholding, Guardianship, Letters of Executor, Waivers and Form W9 Deadline: Friday, April 14
- Address Change Deadline: Friday, May 5

- EBCI Enrollment Office

Judaculla Art Competition

The Western Carolina University Cherokee Center is sponsoring a Judaculla Art Competition in honor of the Judaculla Rock and Cherokee Legend. Gift card prizes will be given to the top three submissions. Artwork must be submitted on paper, canvas, or in standing sculpture form. Winning artwork will be the property of WCU and will be displayed in various locations on the WCU campus and within the Cherokee Center. The deadline to enter is May 1 by 4pm. Info: WCU Cherokee Center 497-7290 or snsampson@wcu.edu

- WCU Cherokee Center

Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds Committee meetings

The Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds has started their 2017 Cherokee Indian Fair Committee meetings. They will be taking ideas on this year's theme and planning the 2017 Cherokee Indian Fair.

Everyone is welcome and ideas and input are encouraged. These meetings will be held every second Tuesday of the month at 2pm at the Fairgrounds.

- Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds

Summer Youth College Experience accepting applications

The EBCI Education and Training Program is now accepting applications for the 2017 Summer Youth College Experience Program. This program lasts for five weeks, begins on June 12 and concludes on July 14. During the program,

participants will:

- participate in ACT preparation with a certified Kaplan instructor,
- receive Financial Management training,
- work in paid internships, and
- visit local colleges

To participate in the program, applicants must be enrolled members of the EBCI who are rising juniors or seniors. Participants must have an overall 2.0 GPA. There are a limited number of slots for the Summer Youth Program. All participants must submit to a drug test.

Applications are available at the EBCI Education & Training Program office located in the Ginger Lynn Welch complex. The deadline to submit an application with all the required paperwork is Friday, April 14.

Info: Tasheena Parker 359-6650

- EBCI Education & Training Program

Eastern Band Community Foundation announces Bill Taylor Scholarship availability

Applications for the Bill Taylor Scholarship are now being accepted by the Eastern Band Community Foundation. This scholarship is available to all EBCI tribal members or their immediate family members who study business/business-related curricula. The deadline to apply is June 1.

This scholarship was named in honor of previous Tribal Council Chairman Bill Taylor for his involvement and encouragement in bringing the gaming industry to Cherokee and has awarded

\$36,312 in scholarships since 2000. Awards are based on students meeting various eligibility requirements detailed on the NCCF website www.nccommunityfoundation.org. Applications can also be downloaded on this site under "Qualla Reservation". The Eastern Band Community Foundation is an affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation. In addition to the website, like us on Facebook, follow us on LinkedIn and Twitter @NCCF for more information on the North Carolina Community Foundation.

Info: Norma Moss at normah-moss@gmail.com

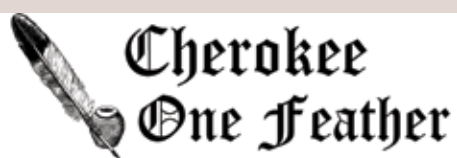
- Eastern Band Community Foundation

New Opportunity School for Women program

The New Opportunity School for Women program at Lees-McRae College has the mission to improve the educational, financial, and personal circumstances of low-income women – usually between the ages of 30-55 – who live in or hail from the southern Appalachian region. A total of 14 women will be selected for the June 11 – July 1 session which is a three-week residential program where participants will live on campus. Assistance is available for child care costs and travel costs. Participants will explore career, educational, personal, and cultural development including internships, resume writing, interview skills, computer basics, women's health, creative writing, and much more. Info: Jennie Harpold (828) 898-8905, harpoldj@lmc.edu

- Lees-McRae College

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R-E-S-P-E-C-T (Just a little bit)

ROBERT JUMPER

ONE FEATHER EDITOR

Wow! We are experiencing a twilight zone moment in our country and in our Tribe. We have forgotten most or all of what our ancestors, not to mention our mammas and daddies, told about treating other people. Back in the day, we minded our manners. No matter what we thought of people, we were invited to show courtesy and even kindness to them.

It's fitting to talk about kindness and peace, especially at this time of year. While it would seem that Easter is a celebration of colored eggs and the rabbits who presumably lay them, the day is remembered as the resurrection day of Jesus Christ. Now, before you send hate mail to me, I understand and respect that people have various views on Christ. Some say he was a man, others a prophet or teacher, and still others the son of the living God.

It is up to each individual to decide what they believe about Jesus. My point here is that one of the names used to describe Jesus is "Prince of Peace". And, if anything can be said about the recorded history of Christ, it was that he was a man who exemplified kindness and courtesy. Even to the Pharisees and Roman rulers, who despised, mocked, beat, and eventually crucified Jesus, he remained kind and peace-filled. In fact, in the recorded history of Christ, the overwhelming evidence is that he treated everyone with kindness and respect.

Contrast that life with those we see around us today, particularly those in leadership roles. From the federal government level to the halls of our own tribal government, we see what amounts to verbal brawling and name calling. It may be, in part, that being peaceful or kind is seen by many as signs of

weakness; some call it meekness. Nothing could be farther from the truth. It takes great courage and character to stand in the face of criticism and hate, and return kindness for venom. When parents fight or abuse each other, the biggest losers are their children and family. When government officials fight, the biggest losers are the constituency and the community.

There has to be a way that we can settle our differences peacefully and respectfully. Just like parents with regard to children, our leaders are the ones who are supposed to be our examples, the standard by which we may pattern our behavior. They are the ones that we should be able to look up to for kindness, courtesy, and respect. With regard to our Tribe, time after time, we have witnessed elders, adults and even our youth come to the podium at our Tribal Council house and plead for us to unify as one people in peace. Our elders especially understand that a house divided cannot stand.

Hopefully, in the coming days and weeks, there will be resolutions to the issues that have divided our house. One of our great strengths as a Tribe has always been our dedication to our community in the face of outside enemies. Today, we face our own demons. The enemies are from within us. They are not people, but are instead attitudes and emotions. We must learn and heed the teaching of those who went before us who insisted that the Cherokee way was a way of peace, courtesy, kindness, and respect. Humility is not a sign of weakness. It is a trait of greatness.

On a personal note, I hope that each of you has a happy and holy Easter. It is a time to remember a sacrifice that changed the history of the world; the sacrifice of one solitary life.



Facebook Weekly Question Responses

Note: The following comments were made on the Cherokee One Feather Facebook page to our weekly question:

Do you think that EBCI tribal members should get into the Cherokee Indian Fair for free?

Ursula Stevens-Garcia: Yes, free

Lea Wolf: Yes, why should we pay to be a part of our tradition?

Michael J. Youngdeer: I believe that it should remain free for those who want to have the experience whom otherwise would not be able to afford it. Although many things are free to the enrolled members, they usually do not utilize these available opportunities. The Fair entry is just one of those we should continue to keep as it allows get togethers in a long time tradition.

Jeremy Wilson: Quite honestly, the Fair has gone downhill so much from what it used to be that it would be wrong to charge enrolled members for something that's theirs anyway. If there is a small charge for enrolled members, then there should be a greater effort to improve the Fair to make them feel it was worth their money.

Tammy Lambert: Yes

Doris Johnson: Yes

Gary Lackey: No, I do not...it is just like any Fair that any creed, race, etc. puts on...there should not be any special consideration for them. Everyone else that wants to attend has to pay.

Mary Crowe: Yes, and we build it

back up to the premier event it was back in the day! Ready the history and why our Fair was created should be highlighted! Something for a future article in the One Feather!

Ashley Sessions: I would like to see our fair without rides just one year to see how it would go. Focus on the cultural events, have a couple days for powwow dancing, stickball, pageants, food! The rides just make it look trashy with what they are bringing in.

Claudette Ross: I'm hoping Patrick Lambert will spruce up the rides this year. I know he has way more important stuff to worry about, but this Fair (is) the only time that some kids and families have any kind of fun because they don't got the money to take vacations or go to Tennessee for a weekend. So, I'm hoping they get better, cleaner rides this year.

KitnBen Welch: Yes, I totally agree Ashley Sessions. Most of those rides are very old...the bigger ones, and look so dumpy some years. To me, it doesn't feel like it's enjoyable because it's just rides that's all. It's a Tribe tradition...we should have stuff there to show that like you said. I'd love it.

Hollis Bird: Yes

Christina Terrell: Maybe if there was a small fee, they could afford a better carnival company with better, safer rides.

Lori Taylor: I would pay if the Fair had a face lift! Improve! But, I think children's day should stay! Kids need that time to relieve stress, laugh, have fun! But, if it was

upgraded and worth that amount money yes I'd pay for it!

Jeffrey Long: Yes, I would pay if upgraded, but I really go in there to view the ribbons won and to eat. I really don't go to the shows or anything.

Theresa Jones: Yes

Jaime Lossiah: Yes, it's our Fair. We should get in free.

Donna Wolfe: Free - yes

Keri Brady: No, people get enough for free, but the elderly and disabled shouldn't have to pay. People are going to have to learn to use their per-cap more wisely and stop wasting it!

Fallin McCoy Black: Yes

Bailey Littlejohn: With how crappy the rides/people that work them, yes...

Wayne Wolfe: Make it like it used to be...you have to enter something in the exhibits to get a pass.

Mike Stewart: I say at a discount would be nice.

Driver Blythe: It really isn't worth the money anymore. I like the exhibit hall and getting a bite to eat, but the shows they have going on are hit or miss with entertainment. Couple of years ago, they had the stands filled with people, now it barely gets halfway or 3/4 filled. Plus, I feel sorry for the youth because it looks like the games and rides have been cut in half since I was a kid. Free is my opinion.

David Anderson: You're right.

The only reason I go is to play ball, eat, and to visit with people. The games and rides are way down along with the quality. If I had kids, I'd rather take them across the mountain and spend the money on something they would really enjoy. And, the music choices are mind-blowing.

Terri Bohanan: Free - yes

Christina C. Barron: I say free to the elderly and disabled people and half price for the enrolled members. Enter in the exhibits to go in for free.

Tosh Welch: The Fair is for all Cherokee. Therefore, there should be no admission. Rides and dinners should be reasonably priced. It's not about entitlement. The Fair is supposed to be accessible to all enrolled members regardless of financial status. Or better yet, under 18 enrolled for free. Over 18 free after registering to vote.

Marlene Wilson: Yes

Karen Wood Alley: Yes

Maryanne Thompson Canales: I think free because it is about us for us, right? However, I must give a big thanks to the Fair Committee for their time and efforts. Yes, they need help. You don't get to complain if you haven't assisted given the opportunity out there. The Fair used to be the highlight of all communities and somewhere down the line it's lost its way. Please go sit on that committee, ask some of the elders to join, bring fresh ideas and stop complaining. I for one don't want this fair to go anywhere!

More Poll Responses

Michael Zepeda: Free entry! You need to look at it as any other business. When I walk into a business and I see something nice or a few things that are nice, I will purchase it. But, if that same business asked me to pay \$5 to go in the door then I'm not going in at all.

Danielle Billy Hicks: We already do...thanks Tribe...we love it for our kids.

Virginia Rogers: Yes

Raye Rufty Ratliff: Sure

Adam Owl: If I have to pay to get in, I would hope that my children would actually have some decent rides to enjoy!

Jeannie Littlejohn: Yes, we enjoy the Cherokee Indian Fair...family and friends you haven't seen in years is the best.

Ann Holcomb: Yes!

Alisson Johnson: Infants and elders for free

Lauren Messerly: Yes!

Michelle Bignault: Yes, of course they should!

Janett Swisher Owens: Yes

Tashina Rodriguez: No!

Celine Lambert: Yes

Shawn Saunooke: I say bring in

tractor pulls and a demolition derby...then charge. If it's going to be the same boring stuff, let it be free.

Joey Owle: No, enrolled members should pay something to get into the Fair. Free admission perpetuates entitlement within our community. Just because it's "our" Fair does not mean it should be free. It perpetuates the notion of social service entitlement. The Fair should be there to make money. Part of the reason the quality of the Fair has gradually decreased over the years is because we switched to free entry for all enrolled members. The budget for putting on the fair, entertainment included, was around \$50K last year, if I remember correctly from a Fair planning meeting I attended. We expect a lot for minimal investment. However, if we could guarantee greater revenue by charging enrolled members, then I think we could contract for a

higher quality carnival company.

Carol Pina: Yes

Billie Jo Rich: Of course, isn't it ours? And, while we're at it, tribal emergency services workers should get in free whether they're enrolled or not.

Jell Campers: No!

Dustin Armachain: It's bad enough it costs my family \$100 every day inside maybe we should pay to get in but everything inside is free food games and rides. I figured that wouldn't go well, so leave it alone unless like someone else said if the rides were better then I would consider it and who needs 10 food trucks with the same thing in them? That space could be used for more rides for all ages. There should be no two trucks alike including carnival games.



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Bonus Poll Question

Note: The following comments were made on the Cherokee One Feather Facebook page to a second weekly question:

In yesterday's (Monday, April 3) poll question about admission price for the Cherokee Indian Fair, many of our readers expressed that they wished the Fair was "the way it used to be"...as a piggy-back to that question, we're doing a second question this week...what specifically did you like about past Fairs that you'd like to see brought back, and do you have any new ideas to add as well?

Tim Rattler: The Fair is always nice...greasy pig only thing I didn't see I like...

Evan Watty: They need to bring back the Radar.

Driver Blythe: Bring back good shows for the Fair. Entertainment used to pack the stands. We had Foreigner and Charlie Daniels back-to-back for God's sake. Now, we have fifth place American Idol contestant from 2009. Bring some more rides and games for the youth. It's like half of the entertainment for the youth has disappeared. Keep it free.

Ashley Sessions: This is a long shot, but I would absolutely love to see a Tiny Miss Cherokee! Ages 4-5, this would give them the practice and experience with the older girls so that when they are ready to compete for the Little Miss title they will be ready! I would also love to see Senior Miss be brought back. During the ramp festival, they introduced the reigning Senior Miss and she won in 2009! Let's bring it

back and get our elders involved!

Teresa Lambert Wolfe: The animals (livestock)

Candi Teesatuskie: Better rides and games and more known entertainers; I'd also like to see Senior Miss (Cherokee) brought back. Keep it free for enrolled members. Kids Day should be all-day Saturday - wristband special where kids can ride all day again...even if you have to pay like \$20 for an all-day wristband.

David Green: Better rides...I know I'm getting too old for most, but they seem to be getting worse and worse.

Doris Johnson: Food Booths in the center of Fairgrounds, hand-built stands where you walked up and sat around "U" for your meal. Vendors were also alongside the food booths...where vendors are located now is too crowded and you don't get to visit (talk) with folks. A carnival with more rides, more than two or three adult rides. Community activities throughout the week, not just on Saturday.

Joey Owle: Charge enrolled members, higher quality carnival company, enrolled members exchange item in exchange for admission tickets, food trucks, extend carnival area into Welcome Center parking lot effectively shutting down Hwy. 19 and diverting traffic for the week, craft beer vendors outside fence, utilize pavillion next to Welcome Center for additional entertainment, a baseball fast-pitch booth, bigger Ferris wheel, laser light show, grassy lounge park area, healthy food options, zip-line from the top of Mt. Noble, and sky-diver entry for opening of the Fair

Tosh Welch: Better rides...the parade used to be a spectacle. Bands from the Asheville area would come, and there was a better crowd for the parade itself. Parents used to whip their kids. Now, they just let them run wild, and there is no respect for elders who are walking or sitting and visiting.

David Nancy Allen: I remember it from 60 years ago...nothing then is now...so much fun...have a cookie jar dated 1952 from one we were at...loved it.

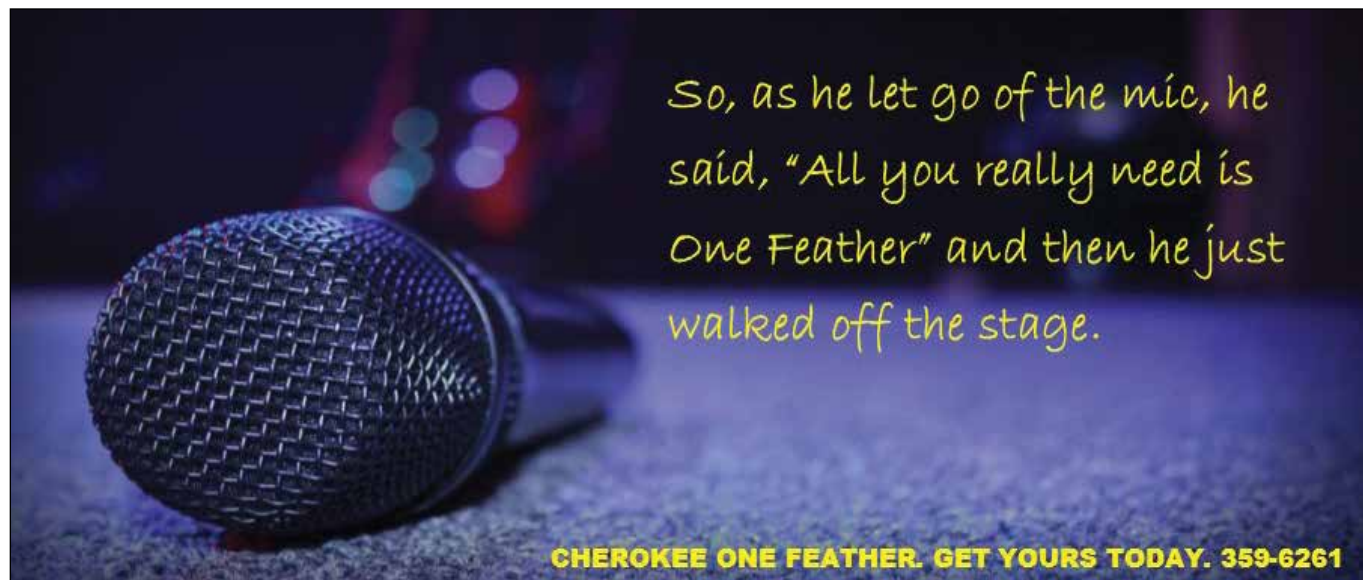
Melanie Parton: I would like for there to be the school band competition after the parade like there used to be. Also, bring back the clogging competitions.

Dennis Ray Burgess: Live bear wrestling

Onita Bush: The tent booths...the senior pageants

Marlene Wilson: Clogging, Indian dancing, small pow wow on last night of the Fair...keep the admission like it is.

Joshua Rory Welch: Higher quality carnival company. This past Fair's Ferris wheel had see thru gigantic holes in the buckets of our kids. That was definitely the lowest we could have got. Concerts and beer vendors would be great considering there is not a law on the Boundary against charging entry fee into a confined area and serving alcohol to patrons over 21. You didn't hear that from me. Okay you did. More festivities. I like Joey's idea of shutting down the road on this side of the river. Have vendors up and down.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Money should not determine state, federal elections

(Editor's Note: Ms. Hibbard is referring to municipal, state, and federal elections; not tribal elections.)

Dear Editor, I would like voters to determine who wins our elections.

Would you like to have a chance to vote on a ballot measure to affirm that:

1. Individual people have constitutional rights but corporations do not. Super PACs, unions, and other large donors to political campaigns are subject to regulation by the people, through federal, state, or local law.
2. Money is property and is not free speech. Money cannot be used to determine the outcome of elections through high dollar marketing techniques.

We would like folks to:

1. Read and sign the petition: www.ncwethepeople.org
2. Write emails and post cards to your legislators.
3. Get other non-profit organizations to partner with the sponsoring groups in our coalition. (There are currently twenty groups.) See website linked above.

With enough public support, the legislators in Raleigh will recognize the wisdom in allowing North Carolinians to vote in November 2018 on just such a ballot measure.

Signed,

Ann Hibbard

Lake Junaluska, NC

Respect is two-way street

Representative Mike Clampitt, NC House District 119, explained to his constituents, at his town hall

meeting of Feb. 24 in the Waynesville Haywood County Historic Courthouse, how "in Raleigh we have red buttons and green buttons" to vote on matters before the legislature. At the next town hall, March 31, at the beautiful Jackson County Library in Sylva, we displayed small red and green squares, to respectfully and peacefully express our opinions. Mr. Clampitt's response to our small red and green squares (6"x6" or so) was, in essence, "no signs, or I'll have you thrown out".

Does this seem an egregious attempt to suppress constitutionally protected expression? Mr. Clampitt stated that he was "here to listen" to us, but a good bit of his time was spent lecturing as if we were not his employer, but wayward children. This, despite the fact that he was the youngster in the room. Respect is a two-way street.

Bil Aylor

Bryson City, NC

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support as I continue to advance my education. As one of this year's recipients, I am grateful for being able to focus more on my studies. Because I am a non-traditional student, I rely on the education department and student loans to help finance my education, while raising two growing boys. Receiving this scholarship will help reduce my financial burdens and provide additional backing.

I have continued to do well at the University of Kansas because of the additional assistance. I can report that my academics have

remained strong throughout my intense curriculum, maintaining at 4.0 throughout. My plan is to complete my MBA while working for the University as a student coordinator with the department for community health working on various projects and age groups. My educational pursuits would not be possible without the generous support from the Yogi Crowe Scholarship Fund and our Tribe's Higher Education Department. Thank you for enabling this opportunity!

Sincerely,

Luke Swimmer

Thank you from family of Ned Smith Sr.

These past few weeks have been nothing but a blur for our family. However, we know that because of this strong and tight community, our family never has done without. The phone was always ringing with well wishes and prayers being sent. Food was constantly being delivered to the door or the community building, or people were just coming by to hold our hand during our time of grief. It's an amaz-

ing feeling when the community comes together to uplift others in their time of need. We would like to thank each of you that brought, prepared, and served food; those that sang; the grave diggers; those that sent flowers, texted, called, said our name in prayer, or simply shared a hug.

There are too many to personally name, but we would like to thank each of you for your kindness during this difficult time. The Cherokee EMS workers, the Cherokee Church of God, the ER Staff, Bo Crowe and the grave diggers, Big Y community Club, Cherokee boys Club, Rosemary Bigwitch, Bernice Taylor Brother Ned Pressley, Brother Benji Collins, Brother Hilliard Smith, we truly appreciate each of you. Knowing what you all did for Papaw or the family made it a little easier to comprehend. Thank you again, and we truly appreciate each and every one of you.

**The family of Ned D. Smith Sr.
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Cultural Events

“Genesis of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians” historical presentation. **April 13** at 7pm in the Community Room of the historic Jackson County Courthouse. This is the April program of the Jackson County Genealogical Society and is free of charge and open to the public. Genealogist and historian Anita Finger-Smith will discuss the reasons why the Eastern Band of Cherokee are in North Carolina. Info: 631-2646

Sequoyah Birthplace Museum events for April.

- April 22 from 10am – 5pm: Finger weaving class taught by Sharon Ensminger. Cost is \$25, bring a

small box and two skeins of heavy weight yard of different colors (one light, one dark). Bring a bag lunch. Class size limited to 15.

- April 29 from 10am – 5pm: Cherokee Basket Weaving taught by EBCI tribal member Mary Thompson. Cost is \$20 plus cost of basket materials. Call for list of needed materials to bring to the class. Bring a bag lunch. Class size limited to 12.

Info: Sequoyah Birthplace Museum (423) 884-6246, www.sequoyahmuseum.org

Free Cherokee Syllabary Class. **Every Thursday Now – April 27** from 7-8pm in the Cherokee Choices community room. Limited slots are available. This is not a

Cherokee language class. EBCI tribal members ages 10 and up only. Bring a writing utensil and a pack of index cards to class. Info: Tara McCoy 359-6783

Native American Arts Festival in the Smokies. **May 28-29** at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds from 10am – 6pm daily. Guest speaker Niles Aseret will talk on Code Talker Awareness. Native American dancing and singing, arts and crafts vendors, food, more. Open to the public. \$5 admission with 10 and under free. Food and vendor space is available. Info: Amanda Tortalita 269-8308, alevans116@gmail.com

Church Events

Holy Week and Easter Services at Cherokee Wesleyan Church. **All are invited to the church for special services as follows:** April 13 at 6pm – Special Communion Service. April 14 at 6pm – Good Friday Service. April 16 (Easter Sunday) at 10am – Sunday School for all ages, 11am – Special Easter Service. Covered dish immediately following worship service. Special activities and treats for the children. Info: Pastor Patricia Crockett 586-5453

“Sunrise to Sunset” Free Easter Sunday Community Events. **April 16** at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Sunrise Service and breakfast 7-9am, service in amphitheater, breakfast in Exhibit Hall. Second Service and lunch 10am – 12pm, service in amphitheater, picnic lunch on grounds. Games, inflatables, giveaways, and music 1:30-5:30pm, Fairgrounds area. Sunset Service 6-10pm, service in amphitheater. Info: (727) 439-8010

Episcopal Bishop to conduct service locally on Easter. **April 16** at 9:30am at St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church located in Cherokee on Old River Road. Episcopal Bishop will lead the Holy Communion. St. Francis priest Rev. Everett Fredholm and Deacon Glenda McDonald will assist the bishop. All are welcome. Info and RSVP for dinner: Brenda Brown 788-3037

Fundraisers/Benefits

Upcoming Turkey Shoots at Jess Welch’s residence in the Big Cove Community:
- Saturday, April 15 at 5pm. Bene-

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WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

APRIL 10-16, 2017

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WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckaseigee River	* Stocked April 4 * Check flow releases for rising water levels.	Good all day Single Hook Artificial Lure Catch and Release Only	Rainbow, Brook, and Brown Trout	Midges, Blue Wing Olives, Black Caddis, March Brown	Black Caddis, Midges, Woolly Buggers, Stonefly Nymphs, Streamers, Topper Johns, Hare’s Ear
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	Not stocking, all wild brown trout and catch and release	Good mid-day	Rainbow and Brown Trout	Midges and Blue Wing Olives and Black Winter Stones	Flashy nymphs, Tiny BWO, Midges and various colors, Prince Nymph, Black Elk Haired Caddis, Little Black Stone
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	* Stocking April 4 Follow posted regulations- wild trout	Fair mid-day	Rainbow, Brown, and Brook Trout	Midges and Blue Wing Olives, Little Winter Stone, Quill Gordon	Dark Hendricksons, BWO, Caddis, Caddis Pupua, Stonefly Nymphs, Purple Parachute

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MONDAY, APRIL 10	TUESDAY, APRIL 11	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12	THURSDAY, APRIL 13	FRIDAY, APRIL 14	SATURDAY, APRIL 15	SUNDAY, APRIL 16
BEST	SEASON’S BEST	BETTER	BETTER	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
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fit Brothers in the Wind Motorcycle Club to help fund their upcoming ride to Oklahoma.

Good fun, good prizes. Info: 497-2434

Mountain Mediation Services “Bridges to Peace” fundraiser.

April 29 from 11am – 2pm at Jackson County Recreation Dept. There will be inflatables, games, and relays, as well as interactive and educational events that focus on educating children and parents about bullying - recognizing it, preventing it, and addressing it. Sponsorships for the event are being solicited from community organizations and individuals.

General Events

Canning Classes for April. The EBCI Cooperative Extension Center will be holding canning classes which will explore canning basics, acidic and low-acid foods, equipment overview, jams and jellies, and pickles and relish. The classes will be held at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Center on these dates:
- Monday, April 17 from 6-8pm
- Monday, April 24 from 6-8pm
- Tuesday, April 25 from 6-8pm
Info: 359-6937

Jackson County Arts Council annual members meeting.

April 17 from 6-7:30pm in the Community Room of the Jackson County Public Library Annex in Sylva. A small reception will follow in the Atrium downstairs. Staff will be on site to help people join or renew their sponsorship of the JCAC. Info: 507-9820 or info@jacksoncountyarts.org

Swain County Democratic Party meeting. April 18 at 6pm at

party headquarters located at 122 Everett St. in Bryson City.

Indivisible Swain County NC meeting. April 19 at 6pm at the Historic Calhoun Hotel, 135 Everett St. in Bryson City. Topics to be discussed include environmental and health care issues. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118

Amazing Adventures in Art event. April 20 at 4:30pm at Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. Artwork will be presented by CES Pre-K through fifth graders from 4:30-5:30pm. That will be followed by performances by traditional dancers, CES Chorus, and traditional singers from 5:30-6:15pm.

Junior Ranger Day. April 22 from 10am – 2pm at Sugarlands Visitor Center in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Hands-on activities include: Ranger-guided walks, old-fashioned toys and games, Cherokee pottery, animal tracks, and more. Free for all ages. Info: (865) 436-1252

Cherokee/Whittier Swain Democrat Precinct meeting. April 25 at 6pm at Birdtown Gym. Everyone is welcome. Agenda items include: Swain County Democratic Party Convention results, attendance at the upcoming May 20 District Convention, and updates from other area meetings. Info: Brenda 488-1118

Indianpreneurship class. Starting April 25. Tuesdays from 6-9pm in the Ginger Lynn Welch Conference Room. This five-week course provides insight on what it takes to start and run a business. Create a mission statement, lay out

business goals, and build a business plan. Cost is \$65 and includes the book. To register, <http://bit.ly/Indianpreneurship-Spring-2017>. Info: Sabrina S. Arch 359-6708, sabrarch@nc-chokeee.com, or Kim Winchester-Rosario 359-6719, kimbrosa@nc-chokeee.com

Smokey Mountain Elementary School Kindergarten registration. April 28 from 8:30am – 4:30pm at the school. If this date doesn't work for you, contact the school for a different time 497-5535.

Health/Sports Events

Snowbird Health Fair. May 11 from 10am – 2pm at Snowbird Gym in the Snowbird Community. Free health screens – blood pressure and blood sugar, yoga and exercise demonstrations, information from various tribal programs and local programs. Info: Snowbird Community Health – Jennifer (828) 346-6990, Hanna or Nettie (828) 346-6991, or Onita (828) 346-6992

Upcoming Pow Wows for April 14-16

Note: This list of pow wows was compiled by One Feather staff. The One Feather does not endorse any of these dances. It is simply a listing of ones occurring throughout the continent. Please call before traveling.

LLTC Anwebiwin Pow Wow. April 15 at Cass Lake Bena High School in Case Lake, Minn. Info: Flower Kingbird (218) 335-4224, flower.kingbird@lltc.edu

34th Annual Michigan State University Pow Wow of Life.

April 15 at Jenison Fieldhouse on MSU campus in East Lansing, Mich. MC: Ruben Littlehead. Host Drum: Bear River. Info: Ashley Ryerse (517) 304-2377, ryerseas@gmail.com

UC Davis 45th Annual Pow Wow. April 15 at East and West Quad in Davis, Calif. MC: Tom Phillips. Host Drum: North Bear. Info: Sarah Livas (530) 752-4287, powwow@ucdavis.edu

23rd Annual University of Iowa Pow Wow. April 15 at University of Iowa Fieldhouse in Iowa City, Iowa. MC: Terry Fiddler. Host Drum: Meskwaki Nation. Info: NASA Pow Wow Committee (319) 335-8298, studorg-ui-nasa@uiowa.edu

California State University Dominguez Hills 7th Annual Pow Wow. April 15-16 at CSU Dominguez Hill Sculpture Garden in Carson, Calif. No contact information available.

3rd Annual Veteran's Wacipi. April 15-16 at Four Winds High School Gym in Fort Totten, ND. Emcees: Butch Felix, Danny Seaboy. Info: Catherine Howard (701) 230-9597 or Lynette Lovejoy (701) 230-4988

OU AISA's 103rd Annual Spring Contest Pow Wow. April 15 at Lloyd Noble Center in Norman, Okla. MC: Neil Lawhead. Head Southern Singer: Anthony Monoessey. Info: Shelby Mata (580) 351-4993, shelbymata@ou.edu

Community Club Meetings

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Big Y Community Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Big Y Community Building. For information on renting the building for your special occasion, call Bunsey Crowe, president, 497-6339 or 788-4879. Rent is \$60/day for gym and community room with \$25 returnable clean-up fee.

Big Cove Community Club meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the Big Cove Rec. Center. Info: Chairman Butch Hill 497-7309, Vice Chairman Joe Red Cloud 269-6130, Secretary Lavita Hill 736-3126, or Treasurer Lisa Hardesty 788-1646

Birdtown Community Club meets the last Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Community Building. Potluck starts at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6pm. To reserve the building for your special occasion, call Faye McCoy, treasurer, 226-5194 (\$50 fee with \$20 key deposit).

Paint Town Community Club meets the last Monday of each month at 5:30pm at the new Paint-town Gym. Info: Lula Jackson 736-1511, Lois Dunston 736-3230, Abe Queen (Free Labor) 269-8110, Jennifer Jackson (building rental) 269-7702

Snowbird Community Club meets the first Tuesday of each month or the Tuesday before the Tribal Council meeting. Info: Roger Smoker, chairman, (828) 479-8678 or (828) 361-3278, rogersmoker@yahoo.com

Wolftown Community Club meets the first Monday of each

month at 7pm at the Wolftown Community Club Building. Info: Tuff Jackson, chairman, 788-4088

Yellowhill Community Club meets the first Tuesday of every month unless it's a holiday. If anybody would like to teach an art or craft call Reuben 497-2043 to be scheduled.

Community Groups

Big Y Archery Club meets every Tuesday at 7:30pm at the Big Y Community Club Building. Indoor targets and 3D game targets available. This is free of charge to all and everyone is welcome. Instruction is available.

Support Groups/Meetings

Cherokee Diabetes Support Group. This group, for community members with diabetes or pre-diabetes and their family and friends, meets at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Demonstration Kitchen on the first Tuesday of each month from 4:30-5:30pm. Info: Nilofer Couture, MPH, RD, LDN, CDE, 497-9163 ext. 6459 or Nilofer.Couture@cherokeehospital.org

AA and NA meetings in Cherokee. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): Tuesdays at 7pm at Cherokee Indian Hospital (CIH), Saturdays at 10am at CIH conference room
Narcotics Anonymous (NA): Mondays at 8pm at CIH, Thursdays at 8pm at CIH, Fridays at 7pm at CIH conference room

Analenisgi Recovery Center weekly class schedule

Monday: Community Culture 11:15am – 12:30pm; Stressed No

More 2-3pm; Nar-Anon 6-7pm (1st and 3rd Mondays); CoDA 6-7pm (2nd and 4th Mondays)

Tuesday: Recovery Thru Art 8:45-9:45am; Healthy Relationships 11am – 12pm; Employment Workshop Series 11am – 12pm (2nd Tuesday); Family Support Skills 1-2pm; Surviving Emotions 2-3pm

Wednesday: Managing "Monkey Mind" 10-11am; Recovery is Happening Now 11am – 12pm; My Self, My Boundaries 2-3:30pm; Family Support Skills 5-6pm; HIV/AIDS/Hep C Support Group 5:45-6:45pm (2nd and 4th Wednesdays)

Thursday: Life Recovery Bible Class 9-10am; Connections with Brene' Brown 10-11am; Managing "Monkey Mind" 11am – 12pm; Improve Self-Esteem 1-2:30pm

Friday: Recovery Thur Art 9:30-11am and 11am – 12pm; Cherokee Language Class 1-2:30pm
Info: 497-9163 ext. 7550

CIHA Bariatric Support Groups meet every second Thursday of the month at Snowbird Clinic from 11am – 12pm (Chrystal Frank) and every fourth Thursday of the month at Cherokee Indian Hospital from 12-1pm (Nilofer Couture) and 4:30-5:30pm (Linda Johnson). Groups are led by registered dietitians. Info: CIHA Nutrition Dept. 497-9163 ext. 6459

TERO Mother Town Healing Project. Recovery support, personal growth, skill-building, healthy life skills, lunches provided, weekly incentives and rewards. Sponsored by TERO, EBCI Executive Office, Vice Chief Richard G. Sneed, VOC, and EBCI Cooperative Extension. Info: Steven Long stvlong@nc-chokeee.com, Erin Taylor erintayl@nc-chokeee.com, Jennifer Wilson jennwils@nc-chokeee.com

com, Jennifer Wildcatt jennwild@nc-chokeee.com, Front Office 359-6421

Cherokee Cancer Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month at Betty's Place at 40 Goose Creek Road. A pot luck is held at 5:30pm, and the meeting is open to all. Betty's Place is also open Monday – Friday 10am – 2pm and provides counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals. Info: 497-0788

Event listings are free of charge. Send your event name, date and time, location, and contact info to scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com.

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Daniel in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What book's first verse is, "The elder unto the well-beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth."? *Ephesians, 3 John, Titus, 2 Peter*
3. From Exodus 25, what was the cover on the Ark of the Covenant called? *Mercy seat, Mordecai, Mina plat, Myrrhan*
4. Which prophet was famous for his vision of the dry bones? *Daniel, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Nathan*
5. From Judges 4:4, who was the first female Israelite leader? *Deborah, Esther, Ruth, Miriam*
6. What is/was the first sin called? *The Exodus, Eucharist, The Fall, Ephah*

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) 3 John; 3) Mercy seat; 4) Ezekiel; 5) Deborah; 6) The Fall

Comments? More Trivia? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com

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Dear Cherokee Choices,
I have been a couch potato for years but I'm proud to say I have been walking regularly for the last few months. I have never been a runner, but I would like to be able to run the Cherokee Choices Mother's Day 5K on May 13 at New Kituwah Fields. I'm not sure if I will be ready. Do you think this is possible and if so where do I begin?

Sincerely,
Couch to 5K

Dear Couch to 5K,
Beginning to run for a beginner can be challenging. Remember to listen to your body and increase gradually. All you need to begin is: 1. Clearance from your medical provider, 2. Running shoes, 3. 10-30 minutes a few days each week, and 4. Motivation! Check out the Couch to 5K running plan shown with this article and progress through the days normally. In the beginning, you will be doing lots of walking as warm ups and cool downs. Later on, when you've experienced long periods of running, you won't need to walk as much. This is a modified plan so around

The Couch to 5k Training Plan Week	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
1	5 min walk 2 min jog 5 min walk	Relax!	5 min walk 4 min jog 5 min walk	Relax!	5 min walk 6 min jog 5 min walk	Relax!	Relax!
2	5 min walk 6 min jog 5 min walk	Relax!	5 min walk 8 min jog 5 min walk	Relax!	5 min walk 10 min jog 5 min walk	Relax!	Relax!
3	5 min walk 10 min jog 5 min walk	Relax!	5 min walk 12 min jog 5 min walk	Relax!	5 min walk 14 min jog 5 min walk	Relax!	Relax!
4	5 min walk 14 min jog 5 min walk	Relax!	5 min walk 16 min jog 5 min walk	Relax!	5 min walk 18 min jog 5 min walk	Relax!	Relax!
5	5 min walk 18 min jog 5 min walk	Relax!	3 min walk 20 min jog 5 min walk	Relax!	3 min walk 22 min jog 5 min walk	Relax!	3 min walk 24 min jog 3 min walk
6	2 min walk 25 min jog 3 min walk	Relax!	27 min jog 3 min walk	Relax!	30 min jog	Relax!	RACE!

week 6, you'll be done with walking altogether but always remember to listen to your body and walk whenever you need to.

Tips

- Warm up before you run and stretch after every workout to avoid injuries.
- If you start developing an injury, STOP running before it gets worse and take a few days off.

- This is only a rough outline of the perfect plan for you. You can change it as you need to.
- Don't push yourself too hard when you jog. Go at a comfortable pace.
- Hydrate properly and energize yourself at least an hour before you run.
- Make sure you have the correct running shoes

For more information on the Mother's Day 5K, contact Tara McCoy 359-6783, taramcco@nc-chokeee.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the race!

- Robin Callahan, RD,LDN, MHS /
Personal Trainer- Cherokee Choices

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Rentals Units Available: Qualla Housing Authority currently has two bedroom rental units available. Applications are available at the main office located at 687 Acquoni Road. Office hours are 7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Once qualified and selected, please be advised that there is a \$200 cash deposit due at lease signing. Additionally, the tenant is responsible for Duke Energy and Tribal Water & Sewer accounts placed in their names. You may have a co-signer, but the account must be in the tenant's name. QHA adheres to HUD standards & regulations in selection/qualifying potential customers. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call

828-359-6320. Please make sure that you have completed the checklist on the front page of the application that pertain to your needs. QHA is taking applications for our TSALAGI Program. Do you have your own land and an approved site form, and you meet the income guidelines? Give Jonathan Rattler, QHA Housing Services Manager a call for more information at 828-359-6320. UFN

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Invitation to Businesses and Services to participate in the 10th Annual Cherokee Housing Fair

The E.B.C.I Housing Division will be hosting the 10th Annual Housing Fair at the Cherokee Indian Fair Grounds. This years fair will be held on **Wednesday, June 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

The housing fair is an opportunity for businesses to showcase their products and services to members of the E.B.C.I and residents of the Qualla Boundary. We are seeking participation from builders, contractors, providers of services, and hardware/building supply companies. We would also like to invite lending institutions, insurance providers, and local retailers that provide home appliances, electronics, furniture, home/garden equipment, and other household goods.

- There will be space available on the grounds and inside the exhibit hall, depending on your needs.
- Tables will be provided (limit 2 upon availability).
- In lieu of a registration fee, we are requesting each vendor bring a door prize(s) to be raffled off to attendees.
- **The deadline to register is May 24th, 2017.**


If you have any questions or would like to register, please feel free to contact Leigh-Anne Ledford at (828)359-6906 or by email at autuledf@nc-chokeee.com, we look forward to your participation!



Open Letter to Elected Officials,

If you are a member of Tribal Council, Executive Office or School Board, the Cherokee One Feather invites you to submit a monthly report of your activities and your position on any relevant issues currently facing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. We will publish your report of any reasonable length at no cost to you. We only ask that you adhere to a few simple political advertisement/commentary policies that prevent personal attacks and attempt to maintain a level of common decency. If you contact our offices, we will be glad to share the policy in detail. We are happy to offer this as a service to the Cherokee community and to further inform them on your activities on their behalf.

Regards,
Robert Jumper
Cherokee One Feather Editor

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Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

- **SPED Teacher Assistant (2 positions)** - Requires Associate's degree or 48 completed semester hours of study at an institute of higher education.
- **Special Education Teacher K-12** - NC Teaching license required.

Applicants who have accepted the Early Retirement Incentive Plan (ERIP) from EBCI or affiliated entity must wait 3 years before applying for employment.

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EMPLOYMENT

Now Hiring: Cherokee Historical Association is hiring a full-time Maintenance position. Applicants can apply online at www.cherokeehistorical.org or pick up a job description and an application at the CHA main office, 564 Tsali Blvd. Across the street from the Museum of the Cherokee Indians. Applicants must submit a completed application & resume. All applications are due Friday, April 7, 2107 COB. **4/13pd**

Cherokee Historical Association is seeking daytime employees for our Main Box Office at \$8/hr. These positions are seasonal. Dedication to great guest service is required, cashier/box office experience is helpful. Duties include

answering phones, processing ticket orders, etc. Please apply in person at the Cherokee Historical Association Office at 564 Tsali Blvd (across from the museum) between 9AM and 4PM Monday through Friday. **4/13pd**

Full time Bookkeeper/Payroll Admin position available. Accounting Degree or equivalent work experience with a minimum of 2 years' experience with QuickBooks, full knowledge of accounts payable, accounts receivable helpful, indirect cost accounting a plus. Must have experience with on-line data base payroll management. Excellent computer skills required, experience with Microsoft Excel and Word. Applications available at DisAbility Partners, 525 Mineral Springs Drive, Sylva. Please call Gale at 828-631-1167 for more information. **4/13pd**

Unto These Hills is seeking seasonal Top of House workers for the 2017 season. Seasonal positions available: Ushers, Concession, Box Office and Gift Shop Workers. Applications and job descriptions can be picked up at the Cherokee Historical main office located at 564 Tsali Blvd. Cherokee, NC; across the street from the Museum. You can also visit our website cherokeeadventure.com and apply online. **4/20pd**

Cherokee Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program taking applications. This is for EBCI tribal members with a physical and/or mental disability who need assistance finding, getting, or maintaining a job. Located in the VOC Building behind Tribal Bingo. Info: 497-4300. **4/27**

Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort is seeking energetic individuals for the following Full Time hourly positions: Senior Concierge (shift leadership position), Female Host, Male Host. Also seeking candidates for the following licensed position: NC Licensed Massage Therapist. All full time positions are eligible for a benefits package that includes medical, dental, vision, 401k, paid holidays, vacation, sick time, and more. Candidates must pass background check and drug test. Please contact the Spa at 828-497-8550 or email resume to laurenw@mandaraspa.com for consideration. **4/13pd**

Air Quality Summer Intern
May-August 2017
Salary: \$12.00 per hour, full time hours
Duties: This EPA grant funded position is designed for an educational internship with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Air Quality program. This person will be responsible for community outreach, document drafting, assisting in field work, and overseeing the Healthy Homes Toolkit project.
Project Description: The project developed for this position is to implement EPA's Healthy Homes Toolkit into Tribal homes. This will include establishing connections with other Tribal divisions that already do in-home assessments for community members. The intern will organize trainings, meetings, documentation, and follow-up.
Desirable Qualifications: 1) Current undergraduate student in a related program (Environmental Health, Environmental Science, or Natural Resources)
2) Interest in pursuing a career in air quality

3) Preference will be given to Cherokee Indians/American Indians/Alaska Natives
How to Apply: Please submit your resume and two references to: Katie Tiger
katerenw@nc-cherokee.com
Resumes must be received by end of business on April 19, 2017. **4/13pd**

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:
Phlebotomist


Applications and job descriptions are available at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Human Resources Office, Monday – Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm. For more information please call (828) 497-9163 and ask for Sheila Brown, Sarella Jackson, Chantelle Smith or Elle Bradley. These positions will close on April 17, 2017@ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and the original CIHA job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **4/13pd**

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:
Housekeeper
Master Level Therapist –Adult
Snowbird Residential Treatment Manager


Applications and job descriptions are available at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Human Resources Office, Monday – Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm. For more information please call (828) 497-9163 and ask for Sheila Brown, Sarella Jackson, Chantelle Smith or Elle Bradley. These positions will close on April 24, 2017@ 4:00pm. In-

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LEGAL NOTICES

Notice to All Parties with outstanding POKERPRO balances at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort

Due to the discontinuation of the Pokerpro Poker system, Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort will disburse any remaining Pokerpro funds to their rightful owners until 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2017. All outstanding Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort Pokerpro funds will no longer be available after midnight on May 12, 2017.

The above mentioned Pokerpro balances may be withdrawn by the person named on the Pokerpro account at the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort Poker room cashier.

Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort thanks all of its customers for your continued patronage. **5/11pd**

Notice to All Parties in Possession of Harrah's Cherokee Casino and Hotel \$1, \$2.50, \$5, \$25, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 Chips

This is notification of the retirement of Harrah's Cherokee \$1, \$2.50, \$5, \$25, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 Chips that were in use prior to August 31, 2012. Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort will redeem all outstanding \$1, \$2.50, \$5, \$25, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 Chips, used prior to August 31, 2012, from any persons/parties possessing such until 11:59 p.m.

on Thursday, May 11, 2017. All outstanding Harrah's Cherokee \$1, \$2.50, \$5, \$25, \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 Chips, used prior to August 31, 2012, will be deemed to be of no value, and will no longer be accepted or redeemed after midnight on May 12, 2017. The above mentioned chips can be redeemed for cash at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort cashier cages. Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort thanks all of its customers for your continued patronage. **5/11pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-017

In the Matter of the Estate of Jack Edwin Bowman

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Bobby Dean Raines, P.O. Box 2368,
Cherokee, NC 28719. **4/13pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-018

In the Matter of the Estate of Christopher Adam Woodard

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed

below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROMDATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Emily Woodard, P.O. Box 863, Dillsboro, NC 28725. **4/20pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-016
In the Matter of the Estate of Patrick Teesateskie

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROMDATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Patricia Teesateskie, 14 Noah Geneva Ledford Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **4/20pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File Nos.: EST 11-023; EST 11-025; EST 11-027; EST 11-033; EST 11-069; EST 11-073.

In the Matter of the Estates of: Clarence James Deck (d. 03/08/2011); John Wayne Rose, Jr. (d. 03/31/2011); John Boyd Owle (d. 01/24/2011); James Harvey Smith, Sr. (d. 05/13/2011); James Michael Taylor (d. 09/05/11); Keith Martinez, Sr. (d. 11/04/11).

All persons, firms, or corporations having outstanding claims or interest in these estates are hereby notified of a hearing to settle the above named estates at the following date and time or be barred from

making any further claims against the estate.

Courtroom 1, EBCI Justice Center, April 27th, 2017 at 1:30pm. **4/20pd**

THE CHEROKEE COURT
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA
FILE NO: CV 16-449

Mountain Credit Union
c/o Mark A. Pinkston, Esquire
Van Winkle, Buck, Wall Starnes & Davis, PA, Post Office Box 7376
Asheville, North Carolina 28802-7376, Plaintiff, vs.

Gene Talala, 29 Thurman Drive
Cherokee, NC 28719

Defendant.

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA To: GENE TALALA

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:

The sum of \$9,589.86 together with interest at the rate of \$3.7186 per diem from the 2nd day of August, 2016 and the Plaintiff have and recover its attorney fees in the amount of \$1,438.48, and that the costs of this action be taxed to the Defendant.

YOU ARE REQUIRED to make defense to such pleading not later than May 22, 2017, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

THIS the 31st day of March, 2017.
VAN WINKLE, BUCK, WALL, STARNES AND DAVIS, P.A.
MARK A. PINKSTON
North Carolina State Bar Number:

see **LEGALS** next page

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Attorney for Plaintiff

11 North Market Street (28801)

Post Office Box 7376

Asheville, North Carolina 28802-

7376

(828) 258-2991 (Telephone)

(828) 257-2767 (Facsimile)

4/20pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File No. EST 17-020

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Dorothy L. Thompson**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROMDATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
TION

Sarah Toineeta, P.O. Box 43, Cherokee, NC 28719. **4/27pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File No. EST 17-019

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Couney Shell**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROMDATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-

TION

Gussy robin Zepeda, P.O. Box 155,
Cherokee, NC 28719. **4/27pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File No. EST 17-022

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Justin Chase Wolfe**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROMDATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
TION

Albert William Sluder, P.O. Box
1386, Cherokee, NC 28719.

5/4pd

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

Request for Proposals

The Cherokee Tribal Court seeks competitive proposals for a Public Defender on a contractual basis. The Public Defender will represent indigent persons in cases assigned to him/her by the Court, including criminal, domestic violence, traffic, jury trials and appeals as required.

Qualifications include:

1. Applicant must possess good trial skills, a good record of court attendance and references indicating an efficient court practice in whatever court he or she practices in. Applicant must have litigated multiple jury trials.
2. Applicant must be currently licensed to practice in North Carolina State and Federal Courts. Applicant must have at least five (5) years of litigation experience

preceding this contract.

3. Applicant must be a member or be willing to become a member of our Cherokee Bar.

4. Applicant must have at least \$1,000,000 in commercial general liability insurance coverage.

Interested individuals should submit a brief letter proposal including the following information:

- Name and contact information
- Copies of certifications
- Relevant work experience

Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before April 14, 2017 will receive priority over later submissions. Please mail or fax proposals to Amber Shuler, Judicial Secretary, PO Box 1629, Cherokee, NC 28719. Fax #828-359-0012 or email to ambeshul@nc-cherokee.com.

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The Cherokee Tribal Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **4/13pd**

**Deceased Members of the
Eastern Band of Cherokee
Indians between Oct. 1, 2016 –
March 31, 2017**

This is a list of deceased members of the Tribe whose estate is entitled to a pro rata share of the deceased member's per capita distribution of net gaming revenues for the period Oct. 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017 pursuant to Section 16C-5 of the Cherokee Code.

This section does not apply to deceased minors. Distribution to the estate of a deceased member may be made only to the authorized, or court appointed, executor or administrator of the estate. The Enrollment Office must have on file a letter or other written document from the Cherokee Court or other court appointing an executor or

administrator for the estate. Please submit in person to the Tribal Enrollment Office at 808 Acquoni Road, Ginger Lynn Welch Complex or mail to Enrollment Office, PO Box 2069, Cherokee, NC 28719.

Please report the death of an enrolled member to the Enrollment Office at 828-359-6464, 6466, 6467, 6465 or call if you have any questions.

Each person is shown with their date of death, full name, and executor's name(s).

10/3/2016 - Stamey, Joseph Michael; executor Roger D. Stamey
10/5/2016 - Houser, Charles Rayl; executor Mark Randall Houser
10/5/2016 - Taylor, Bettie Winifred; executor Jessica Santos
10/7/2016 - West, Doris Lee; executor Sherlyn W. Kinlaw
10/9/2016 - Detlefsen, Connie Colleen
10/9/2016 - Montelongo, Mary Carol; executor David Montelongo Sr.

10/14/2016 - Toineeta, Clyde Douglas; executor Linda Gail Parker
10/21/2016 - Jackson, Betty Jean; executor Michelle Stamper
10/25/2016 - Smith, Steve Harrison; executor Bobbie Bradley
10/28/2016 - Littlejohn Jr., Jeremiah; executor Rhonda Beth McCoy
10/29/2016 - Cooper, Harry Milton; executor Tammy M. Holtzclaw
10/31/2016 - Melquist, Mary Alice
11/1/2016 - Howard, Margaret Louellen; executor Floyd Howard
11/3/2016 - Littlejohn, Rosezenia; executor Evelyn Locust
11/5/2016 - Owl, Skye Lorenzo; executor Marguerite Owl
11/6/2016 - Laney, Evangeline
11/8/2016 - Henson, Vicky Marie; executor Timothy Darrell Henson

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11/11/2016 - Boyer, Cynthia Anne
11/14/2016 - George, Bernadine;
executor Denise George
11/16/2016 - Sequoyah, Phyllis;
executor Patricia S. Trampler
11/20/2016 - Roland, Sandra Gail;
executor Kelly West
11/21/2016 - Finger, Thomas
Henry; executor Carolyn F. Finger
11/23/2016 - Bigmeat, Nancy
Jane; executor Noel E. Bigmeat
11/26/2016 - Larch, John Daniel;
executor Catherine M.D. Larch
12/2/2016 - Standingdeer, Tony
Howard
12/3/2016 - Long, Jerry Harlan
12/3/2016 - Rattler Sr., Dennis
James
12/7/2016 - Heeter, Henrietta
Irene
12/11/2016 - Queen, Donald El-
wood; executor Donovan Crowe
12/11/2016 - Thompson, Mike
Leroy; executor Sarah Thompson
Toineeta
12/15/2016 - Smith, Calvin Mar-
cellus
12/19/2016 - Cambron, Jasmine
Arizona
12/21/2016 - Catolster, Sara; execu-
tor Billy Jo Miller
12/23/2016 - Reed, Gary Lee
12/28/2016 - Cucumber, Tammi
Anna
12/29/2016 - Lynn, Betty Louise;
executor Rodney Stewart
12/29/2016 - Shelton, Flora Mae
1/2/2017 - Hornbuckle, Gregory
Hugh
1/2/2017 - Long, Leonard Wolfe
1/5/2017 - Driver Jr., Roy David
1/7/2017 - Conseen, Patrick
Shawn
1/8/2017 - Hurst, Barbara Ann
1/17/2017 - Turner, Alyne
1/19/2017 - Thompson, Edison;
executor Amanda Strohm
1/24/2017 - Thompson, Dorothy

Lucille; executor Sarah Toineeta
1/25/2017 - Crisp, Katherine Lona
1/26/2017 - Lambert, John Hall;
executrix Lorraine E. Lambert
1/26/2017 - Owle, Charles Ed-
ward; executor Charles E. Owle, Jr.
1/26/2017 - Teesateskie, Patrick
Daniel; executor Patricia Teesates-
kie
2/6/2017 - McMillan, Earl
2/10/2017 - Wolfe, Justin Chase;
executor Albert W. Sluder
2/12/2017 - George, Dakotah
Peyton
2/16/2017 - Driver, Waneema Jean
2/18/2017 - Welch, Margaret
2/19/2017 - Bowman, Zane Ed-
ward; executor Bobby Dean Raines
2/22/2017 - Nave, Betty Ross;
affiant Kenneth W. Ward
2/26/2017 - Landers, Joyce Imo-
gene
2/27/2017 - Shell, Couney; execu-
tor Gussyrobin Zepeda
3/1/2017 - Otter, Samuel Ralph;
executor Charlene R. Otter
3/3/2017 - Smith, Harry Allen
3/4/2017 - Biddix, Nancy
3/4/2017 - Reed, Sallie
3/4/2017 - Swayney, Kina Bernice
3/8/2017 - Smith Sr., Ned David
3/10/2017 - Woodard, Christopher
Adam; executor Emily Woodard
3/13/2017 - Bradley, Austina
Rashae
3/13/2017 - Myers, Lawanda Sue;
co-executors Barak and Paxton
Myers
3/17/2017 - Owle, Maggie Marie
3/19/2017 - Poncho, Nancy Ed-
wina
3/20/2017 - Cooper, Priscilla
Blanche
3/23/2017 - Sanders, Billy Ruth
3/24/2017 - Owl, Lex
3/27/2017 - Cooper, Rodriques
Charles

**Qualla Housing Authority
accounts delinquent for**

March 31, 2017

*Note: For questions regarding ac-
counts, amounts owed, and to make
payment arrangements, contact Julius
Taylor, Qualla Housing Authori-
ty, P.O. Box 1749, Cherokee, NC
28719, phone – 359-6321*

T.S.A.L.A.G.I.: Jeannie M. Welch,
Aaron James Lewis, Glen-Jessica
Davis, Terri Lyn Welch, Fredrick
Lee McCoy, Ashyra D. Ledford,
Donna Lynn Armachain, Natasha
Lequire Taylor, Alisah N. Ensley,
Thomas W. Ward, Salina Swimmer
Lee, Michelle Lynn Orr, Cleo Guer-
rero, Kayla Crowe, Angela Lavonne
Lossiah, Ned Long Jr., Jessica D.
Martinez, Danita M. Thompson,
Rebecca L. Lossiah, Sonia D. Taylor,
Beau D. Carroll, Christy L. Reagan,
James Paul McCoy, Candice T. Led-
ford, Andrew Samuel Hull Sr.

Rentals: Jacqueline Keever, Shau-
na Hornbuckle, April Scales, Jessica
Burrell, Linda Bradley, Daniel
Salinas, Marcelena Bird, James
Pheasant, Heather Panther, Sa-
mantha Driver, Sadie Standingdeer,
Phylicia Pheasant, William Driver,
Nancy Neff, Joshua Lossiah, Isaac
Teesateskie, Jefferson Arneach,
Dolores Kay Ellington, Elizabeth
Arch, Jami Leigh Kirkland, James
Plummer, Clinton Parker, Shakira
Supher, Linda Calhoun, Destiny Ba-
dillo, Mary Gean Littledave, Angela
Armachain, Debra S. Wilson, Erica
Watty, Cassandra Lossiah, Sydney
Taylor, Cassidy Kalonaheskie, Rita
P. Lequire, Christina S. Reed, Jesse
Rose, Violet B. Lee, Carol Oocum-
ma, Tosha McCarter, Jamie Ray
Hornbuckle, Sharon D. Davis,
Christine F. Davis, Kevin Blackfox,
Tiara H. Smith, Tina Crowe, Wil-
liam Driver, Linda Lambert, Kevin
Swimmer, Justice Welch, Adria
Aguilera, Stacy George, David
George Jr., Lisa Lowery, Shelly Rat-

liff, Jonna Bird, John E. Toineeta,
Damon Taylor, Edna R. Hornbuck-
le, Gary Reed II and Amy Meuse,
Maggie Toineeta, Ronda Colindres,
Katrina Davis, Ursula Millsaps,
Norma Driver, April Bird, Kristie E.
Hornbuckle, Andrea West, Danielle
Vesely, Joe Panther, Velva J. Powell,
Robert Martens, Mary Ledford,
Jordan Panther, Vanessa Lopez,
Sydney Taylor, Daphne Oocumma,
Joshua Lossiah, Heather Single-
ton, James A. Armachain, Myra
Calhoun, Angel Kirby, Nicolasa
Anastacio, Thomas Parsons, Steven
Tisho

Rehab Loans: Cheryl L. Taylor,
Angela M. Kalonaheskie, Wanetta
S. Davis, Ondia J. Littlejohn (QHA),
Kathie K. McCoy, Allen B. Welch,
Albert J. Bowman, Ann W. Holt,
Lawanda Williams, Jane Wolfe,
Geraldine N. Bradley, Janell Rattler,
Tashina L. Sequoyah

Bertha Saunooke Housing: Sally
Jo Anderson, Carley D. Maples,
John P. Taylor, Cheyenne Hoyle,
Loretta Rosario, B. Denise McCoy,
Henerietta-Scott Welch, Patricia M.
Garcia

Mutual Help Finance: Camila B.
Bumgarner, Estate of Margaret Ad-
ams, Jack Beck, Herbert Wachacha,
Allen Larch

Home Program: Tina Bridges

Loan Program: Jerry L. and
Jeannie Driver, Duana and Richard
Wiggins, Allyson Denise Lambert,
Lucy Ann Dugan, Jeanne R. Bur-
gess and J.C. Wachacha, Darrell
J. Lambert and Tammy Lambert,
Mariah Latrice Mahan, Alex-
ander Hornbuckle Jr., Joshua R.

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Welch and Tanya Welch, Kandy K. Welch and Kirsten Ensley, Tamara Thompson, Dora Leann Reed, Janet Ruth Arch, Frankie Bottchenbaugh and Andrea Bottchenbaugh, Rachel Paige Crowe and David Taylor, Kara Shae Howard, Amanda B. Huerta, Barbara W. Miller, Nathaniel Crowe and Trudy Crowe, Sammy Anthony Crowe and Tonya Crowe, Heather Vanessa Webster, Frank Thomas Ledford and Amy Ledford, Jenea Michelle Taylor and Anthony Taylor, James William Crowe, Billy J. Bennett and Bobbi Bennett, Lystia Lee Saunooke, Sherrene L. Swayney, Jessica L. Lambert and Boyd Lambert, Heather Saunooke and Jason Saunooke, Lou Ellen Jackson, Kenneth J. Jumper, Tena Marie G. Uffort, Donna Lee Jackson, Martha Sampson, Bobby Brady, Melissa Gloyne, Lee Ann Panther, David G. Jumper, Lisa Montelongo, Justin C. Wright, Wendy L. Smith, Deborah Thompson, Hannah E. Smith, James D. Sneed, Jason George, Annie C. Tramper, Edwin Taylor, Natalie Smith, Savannah Wilnoty and Michael Wilnoty, Jessica C. Smith, Jessica L. Betty and Ari Betty, John E. Bird

Mutual Help: Robert Tramper, Angela Joy Smith, Donnie Smith, Myra C. Smith, Johnny Long, Peggy Bradley, Terence Cabe, Marvin Wolfe and Libby Wolfe, Mike D. Walkingstick, Randy M. Wachacha, Henrietta Lambert, Rose Shell, Kathleen Talala, Jacqueline Marie Porter, Dorothy Swadling, Katina L. Brown-Martin, Heather Dawn Bird, Stephanie L. Watty, Jessica L. Maney, Sharianne Pheasant, Martha F. Arch, Judith Biello, Daphne Blount, Tashina Pepion, Mary D. Lossiah, Monica Tchakirides, Tracy

E. Reed, Deborah Walkingstick, Jean A. Chapa, Gwynneth Bird, Londa Rivera, Larry P. McCoy and Jackie B. McCoy, Kenitre Corbin, Kristine L. Gunter, Shannon R. Bradley, Pamela Smith, Angelique Brady, Heather N. Sneed, Elsie Feather, Tonya Y. Owle, Sheronda Watty and Christopher Watty, Trina Louise Rhinehart, James D. Maney, Elaine Garcia, Wanda L. Jackson, Estate of Henrietta Lambert, Sequoyah Thompson, Edna Faren Galindo, Teresa A. French

Mobile Homes: Lillian S. Locust, Dawn Rae Crowe, Jennifer R. Wildcatt, Debra C. Standingdeer, Herbert George, Wanda Kalonaheskie, Katherine M. Bradley, Dorine Renea Reed, Victoria G. Thompson, Hunter Adam Welch, Erica A. Lambert, Kayce C. Maney, Catherine Mindy Larch, Dusty Lyn Jones, Danny Lane Swayney, Justin Edward Long, Dora Smith Rattler, Justin Stuart Jackson, Henrietta L. Sampson, Kallup Earl McCoy, Susie J. Brady Lequire, Patricia Wildcatt, Becky Crowe

**REALTY
Cherokee County**

The following is a list of tribal members that have documents to sign in the Tribal Realty Services Office. These are land transfers from both Tribal Members and the Eastern Band by Resolutions Kamryn Rebecca Rattler, Henry Larkin Wright, Jr., Kathryn Susan Jasper, William Edward Wright, Elizabeth Jo Poscich, Robert Terry Gilmor, Thomas Winkler Gilmor, Denise Winkler Hall, Kathryn Winkler Rogers, Lois Winkler Wyatt, David Eric Rogers, Nathan Scott Rogers, Lea Karen Rogers, Steven Kyle Rogers, Allen James Rattler, Joshua Bryant Rattler, Maria Queen

Smith.

3200 Acre Tract

The following is a list of tribal members that have documents to sign in the Tribal Realty Services Office. These are land transfers from both Tribal Members and the Eastern Band by Resolutions Crystal Lee Rich, Christopher Robin-Hugh Lambert, James Raymond Owl, Kristy Ann Nations, Sandra Leigh Ledford Robbins, Sheena Roaxana Walkingstick, Gloria Jean Griffin, Frank Edward Griffin, Jr., Nancy Suzanne Griffin, Sherry Yvonne Welch, Kobe Gavin Toinetta, Glenn Gilbert Wolfe, Pauline Walker Markley, Lynn Francis Markley, II.

Agreement to Divisions

Mary Edith Reed Smith, Dennis Ray James, Frankie Nelle James Patencio, George Milton James, Eric Thomas Lambert, James Dwayne Lambert, Carla Marie Sneed Ballew, Howard Vincent Sneed, Patricia Elean Sneed Lambert, Mary Louise Sneed Welch, Rena Janet Johnson Wachacha, Jackie Lee Johnson, Doris Earlene Lambert.

If you've submitted a survey application that is over a year old and the survey is not complete, please visit the Tribal Realty Office to update your survey application.

Proposed Land Transfers

Donna Thompson Sequoyah to Stephanie Renee Sequoyah for Painttown Community Parcel No. 504-A (Part of Parcel No. 504), containing 1.00 Acres, more or less.

Jean Johnson Arch to Davy Michell Arch for Painttown Community Parcel No. 170-A (Part of Parcel No. 170), containing 6.865 Acres, more or less.

George Curtis Arneach, Sr., and Frances Dee Owle Arneach to Teresa Elaine Arneach Lovins

and George Curtis Arneach, Jr., for Painttown Parcel No. 719-A (And Lease Area, Part of Parcel No. 719), containing 0.664 Acres, more or less.

George Curtis Arneach, Sr., and Frances Dee Owle Arneach to Teresa Elaine Arneach Lovins and George Curtis Arneach, Jr., for Painttown Parcel No. 719-B (And Lease Area, Part of Parcel No. 719), containing 0.383 Acres, more or less.

George Curtis Arneach, Sr., and Frances Dee Owle Arneach to Teresa Elaine Arneach Lovins and George Curtis Arneach, Jr., for Painttown Parcel No. 502-D (And Lease Area, Part of Parcel No. 502-C), containing 0.993 Acres, more or less.

George Curtis Arneach, Sr., and Frances Dee Owle Arneach to Teresa Elaine Arneach Lovins and George Curtis Arneach, Jr., for Painttown Parcel No. 502-G (Remainder of Parcel No. 502-E), containing 21.194 Acres, more or less.

George Curtis Arneach, Sr., and Frances Dee Owle Arneach to Teresa Elaine Arneach Lovins and George Curtis Arneach, Jr., for Painttown Parcel No. 133, containing 1.9 Acres, more or less.

George Curtis Arneach, Sr., and Frances Dee Owle Arneach to Teresa Elaine Arneach Lovins for Painttown Parcel No. 110-A (Part of Parcel No. 110), containing 0.69 Acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

George Curtis Arneach, Sr., and Frances Dee Owle Arneach to George Curtis Arneach, Jr., for Painttown Parcel No. 110-D (Remainder of Parcel No. 110),

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containing 3.808 Acres, more or less.

Genevieve Reed Lambert to Jolely Elizabeth Queen for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 1324 (Part of Parcel No. 822), containing 0.916 Acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Patricia Kay Kanott Lambert to Timmy Ray Smith for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 226, containing 1.12 Acres, more or less.

Anna Louise Hornbuckle to Sabrina Ann Hornbuckle for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 694 (Part of Parcel No. 47), containing 1.004 Acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Carl Lamont McCoy to Carla

Renee McCoy for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 267, containing 0.40 Acres, more or less.

Alan B. Ensley And Elizabeth Ann Driver Ensley to Houston Jermaine Hornbuckle for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 556 (Part of Parcel No. 498), containing 0.921 Acres, more or less.

George Curtis Arneach, Sr., and Frances Dee Owle Arneach to Teresa Elaine Arneach Lovins and George Curtis Arneach, Jr., for Wolfetown Parcel No. 1389-F (Part of Parcel No. 1389), containing 8.000 Acres, more or less. (Undivided Interest)

Linda Gail Smith to Jo Ann Smith Ray for Big Cove Community Parcel No. 698 (Part of Parcel No. 614), containing 1.001 Acres, more or less.

John Edward Houser to Rob-

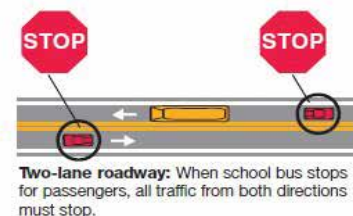
ert Leroy Blankenship and Laura Jane Wolfe Blankenship for Big Cove Community Parcel No. 647, containing 183.544 Acres, more or less. (Undivided Interest)

Joseph Stephen Watty to Martha Faye Watty, Joseph Michael Watty, and Matthew Stephen Watty for Big Cove Community Parcel No. 335-B (Part of Parcel No. 335), containing 13.734 Acres, more or less.

Johnny Ferlin Huskey to Ronda Dell Reed for 3200 Acre Tract Community Parcel No. 198, containing 1.548 Acres, more or less.

George Curtis Arneach, Sr., and Frances Dee Owle Arneach to Teresa Elaine Arneach Lovins and George Curtis Arneach, Jr., for Cherokee Village Parcel No. 17, containing 0.07 Acres, more or less.

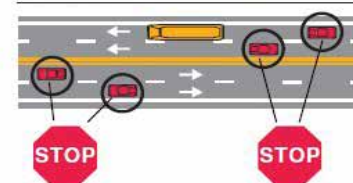
North Carolina SCHOOL BUS STOP LAW



Two-lane roadway: When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop.



Two-lane roadway with a center turning lane: When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop.



Four-lane roadway without a median separation: When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop.

More information on reverse.

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Olivia, a 3-year-old Australian Labradoodle, lives in the Birdtown Community with Jade Peone.



Is your pet your best friend?
If you'd like to have your pet
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and the **hope**

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and the **brain**

and finally the **soul**

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Call 497-9163 for help