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# PLASTICGATE

## Malfeasance charged by Principal Chief Lambert

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When the Principal Chief was called to the podium on the morning of Tuesday, April 5 to present his announcements, as is standard practice for sessions of Tribal Council (this session being a Budget Council), he had one item of importance on his list. Chief Lambert had previously stated that he is conducting forensic audits on tribal government and programs to determine any prior misuse of tribal funds and resources. He said his intent is to hold accountable those in leadership who may have stolen from or defrauded the tribe. His announcement at April's Budget Council included preliminary reporting on what has been found to date regarding alleged misuse of funds, and he indicated that the most complete documentation focuses on the previous executive administration.

Chief Lambert made the following comments to Tribal Council:

"We've talked for a while about some of the work that has been going on around the reservation on the forensic audits. I am going to give you a few minutes of review on that, but I want to first start out by saying that it only been a few short months ago, six months



Image from Livescreen

**Principal Chief Patrick Lambert gives preliminary findings of a forensic audit of tribal government and programs to Tribal Council during a Budget Council session on Tuesday, April 5.**

to be exact, that I, like you, took a solemn oath to preserve and defend the people of this Tribe. Part of that duty includes insuring that crimes committed against the people by public officials are held accountable for their actions. I deeply believe in justice just as I know that each of you do. I believe that our tribal government must be open, honest and accountable.

"That is why since taking office, I have authorized a series of forensic audits to be completed on a number of programs in departments across tribal government. The intent of these audits is to begin to rebuild a strained relationship between the government and the people that it is supposed to represent.

"Let me say that nothing herein is pointing a finger at anyone sitting in these chambers, because what I am referring to and what

I am going to refer to in the next couple of minutes, is about the former executive credit cards. That is the piece that is most complete at this point. And, I want to point out the forensic audit and what that pertains to. What we found is clear fraud, wrongdoing, crimes and a failed system of checks and balances within this tribal government.

"These truths that we've all known well over time, but have been hidden have rocked the very foundation of this Tribe which allows for the people of this Tribe - people sitting behind me, people watching Council on TV - to consent to be governed. I am angry that the very top officials of this Tribe have mistreated our people by being greedy, selfish and unethical.

"I am beyond angry that a small minority of public officials have allowed this to happen and even took part in the behavior. I have sent au-

ditors and fanned them out across the Boundary, collecting evidence and the proof necessary to make this a Federal case. And, I intend on taking these clear violations of the law to the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's office. It is beyond serious. And, I am not playing games. I want those involved arrested, tried, convicted and sent to jail. Now, whether we get that done or not will be up to the Feds because that is where that information is going.

"The lives of some privileged few around here, or who felt they were privileged, are about to get seriously altered, because their crimes have finally caught up with them. No more joy rides on the Tribe's dime...no more free lunches...no more free vacations...no more free clothes for them, their families and friends. That is, the gravy train has come to an end. Contrary to popular belief, no one is above the law; not me, not any of you. People need to know and deserve to know exactly what has happened behind closed doors in this house, behind closed doors at Qualla Housing. That is what has been happening and everywhere and anywhere tribal officials conduct business whether that is here, in the clubhouse, in the parking lot, or under the shade tree.

"As the duly elected Principal Chief of this Tribe, the Chief Executive of this Tribal Nation, I have the responsibility, codified in the governing document to dispense the day-to-day operations of the Tribe, execute and carry out the law. That is what I was elected to do, to make



this place work for the people again. I started six months ago today, and I am recommitting myself to that very goal again today.

“To give you a snapshot of where we are at in the preliminary report, here is a small sampling of what has happened around here before I came into office. Thousands of dollars in cash advances were authorized by the former Executive Office paid to parties unknown, taken from local ATM machines while the Tribe was open and conducting business, clearly in violation of the law and policy. Here is a direct quote from the auditor’s preliminary report, ‘We understand that credit cards can be used in certain emergency situations as noted above. Upon our review of the transactions making cash advances, we noted that all transactions in the reviewed period occurred on a business day, including one transaction on a Tuesday, two transactions on Wednesdays, two transactions on Thursdays and one transaction on a Friday. In addition, we did not identify any of the transaction dates as holidays. As such, tribal government offices would have likely been open to release funds if necessary. Overall, the initial findings are disturbing. There appears to have been substantial misuse of tribal assets, the extent to which we do not yet know’.

“Now, (the auditors) are careful to say that their findings are preliminary because they are still reviewing documents. However, it is difficult to see what other legitimate explanation could be found. Thousands have been spent on miscellaneous car and insurance payments; thousands of dollars paid to Banana Republic, Ameri-

can Eagle, Dillard’s, Macy’s, White House Black Market, Lane Bryant, Victoria’s Secret, Brooks Brothers, Joseph A. Bank, Dick’s Sporting Goods, Oakley Sunglasses, stretch limousine services, Dollywood parking passes, Mitchell’s Tuxedos, Netflix subscriptions, Cherokee Mandara Spa treatments and I could keep going. There have also been thousands of dollars spent at local restaurants for personal meals. Thousands and thousands spent on golf trips to Augusta National Golf Course; the Links at River Lakes in Bakerfield, Calif.; Indian Wells Golf Course in Indian Wells, Calif.; Whistling Straights Golf Course in Wisconsin; Balentine Resort in Charlotte, North Carolina; Dorado Beach Golf Course in Puerto Rico. Charging thousand of meals on credit cards after receiving per diem. Folks, this is just the beginning.

“This, right here, is the preliminary report. Imagine what we will find when the full report for the past 12 years comes into view. This government is in serious need of honesty, transparency and ethics. We can only get to that place when all of the cards are on the table and cleared the deck. As I speak, right now, there are audits going on in other areas within the Tribe.

“As I speak, there are troubling preliminary findings in Qualla Housing. The inability to produce basic documents like bank statements, receipts and financial instruments are the norm over at Qualla Housing. And let’s be clear, the inability for individuals to produce documents or unwillingness to produce a document that will slow the investigation down is not going to happen, rather it increase scrutiny because where there is

smoke, there is fire. The people deserve a government that is open, honest and transparent, and I am not going to stop until it is. If you have nothing to hide, then produce your documents.

“In short, our Tribe is at a crossroads. Either we are going to continue to go down the road of good old boy politics that rewards bullies, turf wars, and hides the truth from the people, or we will follow the road endorsed by the people this past election and rededicate ourselves to getting something done for the people. Folks, I have seen enough in tribal politics over the first six months I have been here and it is worse than you think. I am fighting for a Tribe that works for the people.

“That is why I, as the Principal Chief of this Tribe, invited and encouraged the FBI and the U.S. Attorney’s office onto our land. I have already forwarded several cases to them, one of which is mishandling of funds by the EMS and Emergency Management. These federal agents have full authority to investigate, interrogate, detain and arrest those involved in these crimes against our people. So rest assured, every attempt to slow down the progress we make only emboldens me to go further for the truth and for justice. I want to thank everyone here in the chambers this morning.

“I want to thank the Tribal Council for hearing me out and for the good work to report and bring current and former tribal officials to justice. Remember, no one is above the law and that includes me. I will stand accountable for everything I do everyday, just as I know you will. And, I want to thank those tribal employees who came forward with info and documents when I offered

them amnesty back during my first few days in office.

“I have one thing to pass out, Mr. Chairman, and this is an indication of my seriousness and work thus far in working on these issues for the tribal government. This shows some of the things and just the efforts in trying to be conservative and being honest with what we are doing. You will see from these things in the paper that I am passing out...the first six months is all that we have to compare to...I have been here for six months...so, I took the first six months that I have been here and compared it to the first six month of each of the last four years. You will see, just for gas, food and travel, my total expenditures over a six month period has been \$2,519, compared to the first six months in each of the last four years, totaling-average over \$16,000 almost \$17,000. I have reduced costs in gas, food and travel by 85 percent expenditure. Travel and training for the same six months, I have reduced travel by \$175,000, a 35.5 percent decrease. Payments for credit card charges made to First Citizens Bank in the first six months have been reduced by \$673,000, a 63 percent reduction and the fuel cost, I have reduced by 45 percent.

“I am working hard. I will continue doing that for the full time I am here. Maybe that will just be four years, but I am going to give it everything I have got, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.”

Chief Lambert distributed a document titled “Credit Card Expenditure” to the Tribal Council, audience in chambers and in the waiting area. The paper recounted the information shared by the Chief in his address.

# Honoring a hero

## Statues honoring Charles George nearing completion

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**T**wo life-size statues of PFC Charles George, an EBCI tribal member from the Birdtown Community who was posthumously presented the Medal of Honor for



Photo contributed

**The EBCI PFC Charles George Memorial Fund Project Committee reported to Tribal Council on Tuesday, April 5 that a clay model (shown above) of the statue has been made and it will soon be cast in bronze.**

his heroic actions in Korea, are nearing completion. The EBCI PFC Charles George Memorial Fund Project Committee reported to Tribal Council on Tuesday, April 5 that a clay model of the statue has been made and it will soon be cast in bronze.

The statues, one of which will set in front of the Charles George VA Medical Center in Asheville and the other which will be displayed at a spot in Cherokee to be designated later, are currently at the studio of artist James Spratt in Hendersonville. Spratt, a U.S. Navy veteran and long-time patient at the Charles George Medical Center, is the sculptor on the project.

“The clay model is complete except for just a few minor adjustments and additions,” Warren Dupree, project committee chairman, told Council.

In January, Tribal Council approved unanimously a one-time donation of \$35,000 to the project which represented the entire fundraising amount that was needed.

Dupree said the clay model weighs about 300 pounds. “We have paid regular visits, about every two weeks, to check on progress and to interact with Mr. Spratt.”

He added that Spratt is a cancer patient at the Medical Center. “This is what he wants to do to pay back. He is a life-long bronze sculptor artist. He knows that he is at the end of his life, but before he passes on to be with our Lord Jesus Christ, this is what he wants to do for our people and for the Charles George VA Medical Center.”

Dupree said the clay model is set to go to the foundry located in Atlanta on Thursday, April 14. Etched black marble stones will be set with the statues that will include words in both English and Cherokee language.

He said the statues should be ready in the latter part of June. “The excitement level everywhere is just unbelievable.”

Dupree said they need recommendations from EBCI tribal members and leaders, “Where would you like to see this bronze sculpture placed? It is 5’ 6”. It is about as accurate as it can be because there are very few surviving pictures of Charles George, and the artist has been working from those photographs and interacting with Patty (Buchanan, George’s niece) and the family.”

He related that the Committee has discussed this at length and has ideas but welcomes the ideas of all. “It must be high visibility where we have the community flow of traffic on a very high level each and every day. The hundreds of thousands of visitors and guests that we have that come to Cherokee every year, we need to give them the opportunity to view this national hero.”

Dupree said PFC George is only one of 28 American Indians to ever be presented with the Medal of Honor. “He gave his life to protect his two war buddies, and this is how we honor his memory. We can read his history. We know his history, but now we have an opportunity, thanks to you our governing body and to our people, to make sure that our children and our grandchildren and our great grandchildren will always be able to see his face.”

Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha, himself a U.S. Army veteran, commented, “On military bases or on federal property, they always exemplify heroes at entrances or at centerpieces inside their facilities. We don’t really have an entranceway that would be too secure, but I’ve thought about the traffic circle and I’ve thought about the bridge that was named for him also; somewhere of him overseeing the place that was named after him.”

If you have questions or suggestions for the statue committee, contact Dupree 508-2657.

# Council upholds Governmental Affairs veto

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Last month, Tribal Council voted 8-3 to place the Tribal Governmental Affairs budget under their budget – monies that were previously located in the Executive Office's budget. Twenty-nine days after that vote (March 1), Principal Chief Patrick Lambert vetoed the legislation on Wednesday, March 30 which led to a hearing on the veto during the Budget Council session on Tuesday, April 5.

After brief discussion on Tuesday, the veto was upheld by a weighted vote of 62-38. The

following voted to override the veto: Chairman Bill Taylor, Vice Chairman Brandon Jones, Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha, Yellowhill Rep. B. Ensley, Birdtown Rep. Travis Smith, Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose and Yellowhill Rep. Anita Lossiah. Voting to uphold the veto were: Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke, Painttown Rep. Marie Junaluska, Wolfetown Rep. Bo Crowe, Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy and Big Cove Rep. Richard French.

Chief Lambert's veto letter was read during the hearing in which he wrote, "This resolution cannot even be carried out as it is written. There does not exist a Tribal Governmental Affairs line item that can be moved. There does exist a Governmental Affairs budget, but not a line item. The request to move a line item that does not exist is not possible so the intent of the resolution cannot be carried out."

The letter continued, "More importantly, this resolution represents a breakdown in the working relationship between our branches caused by a disgruntled minority. We need to be working to move our Tribe forward instead of revising budget issues in an effort to create a turf battle."

Rep. Saunooke called for policies and procedures to be put in place with regard to the monies that she feels should be spent with input from all tribal leaders. "This should be a joint effort with the executive and legislative and with the lobbyists, and this is not happening people, and our public is really upset with all of us."

Early on in the discussion, there

was some confusion as to whether further debate would be allowed on the issue. Chairman Taylor stated that it was Council's tradition when dealing with vetoed legislation to hear the veto letter and then take a vote to either uphold or override the veto. "The debate happened on the floor on March 1. I'm just going by the way we've always handled vetoes."

Chief Lambert disagreed, "We've already gotten into discussion here, and I think it needs to be debated out."

Rep. McCoy agreed with Chief Lambert and told Chairman Taylor, "You're wrong. We have discussed veto issues in the past when the former Chief was in here. I remember me and him got in a catfight right here over a veto. We overrode it, but we got in a catfight over it because we were allowed to discuss it."

The vote was taken without further discussion prior.

Following the vote, Rep. Wachacha stated, "This budget was moved under the Council back two terms ago. Mike Parker made the move. There was a second. But, it was never placed into Council's line item, and that was the argument I placed the last time we talked about this resolution. The resolution here basically just made it redundant." He then reiterated what he said during the March 1 debate and commented that all tribal leaders need to sit down and figure out political donations together. "This has to stop between the two bodies of government. At any point, we need to realize what the real threats are and quit fighting amongst each

other."

Rep. Ensley said the need to get going on donations is real and urgent. "It bothers me that we haven't cut those checks yet, because without the help that we have in D.C. and in Raleigh, we wouldn't be where we're at today. We've got some very hard fights ahead of us with the Lumbees, the Catawbass, everything, our gaming rights, ramp issues, and without these people helping us, we can't do anything. We need to iron this out and get some checks cut to the people who've helped us."

Chief Lambert commented, "I've got a solution to this problem, but yet, there's four members of this Tribal Council that haven't stepped foot in my office in months. The communication here is obviously lacking."

Speaking of where the governmental affairs budget is now he said, "We all know that old resolutions get overridden by new resolutions or ordinances. A new resolution was passed in October (2015). We had a clear discussion on that. I agreed to remove three positions out of my budget in order to keep it where it was because we were going to have mutual discussions."

He added, "If Council wants to create a line item in their budget for these matters, create a line item. Why attack my office and this body?"

Chief Lambert ended by saying that "personal vendettas" and "personal gripes" need to end and both bodies, executive and legislative, truly need to work together.



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# Council tables legislation that would ban bear pits

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The keeping and displaying of bears in concrete pits has been a controversial topic in Cherokee for several years now. Tribal Council tabled legislation (Ord. No. 116 – 2016), submitted by Principal Chief Patrick Lambert, during its Budget Council session on Tuesday, April 5 that would ban the confinement of bears in a pit or any underground enclosures.

“This Ordinance gets to the heart of what I think, and a lot of members feel, is a cruel and inhumane treatment of animals,” Chief Lambert said during debate on the legislation. “Twenty years ago, when these concrete pits were created, no one really thought anything about it, but times change.”

He said the bears deserve care and respect. “Our Tribe has held them in a sacred place and looked upon them as revered creatures for centuries. To now belittle ourselves to the point of allowing these animals to sit down in a concrete pit, to me, in today’s time, is unconscionable.”

Chief Lambert said an amendment might need to be made to the Ordinance to give current owners a chance to come into compliance. “There are animal groups out there that would pay to have these animals brought to an animal sanctuary where they can live out the remainder of their days with free roaming and grass and a comfortable life.”

Collette Coggins, owner of the Cherokee Bear Zoo in downtown

Cherokee, commented, “When we built the business 24 years ago downtown, we built it to, actually, the Tribe’s standards. I’ve had people come up here and make allegations that we’ve been cited, that we’ve had fines, and we’ve had none of it. We’re regulated by the USDA. We’ve always been regulated by the USDA.”

She said the idea of an animal sanctuary is exactly what she has had in mind for almost four years, but she will need a different parcel of land as expansion at her current site is not possible. “I’ve came to Council with three different pieces of property and been denied all three times for absolutely no reason.”

Coggins added that she has run a “good, clean business”. Referring to PETA’s involvement in the issue over the years, she stated, “It’s just ridiculous and it’s ongoing, and it’s not the enrolled members stirring it up. That’s why I’ve got a huge problem.”

Amy Walker, an EBCI tribal elder from the 3200 Acre Tract, said, “If I had to live in the city and walk on concrete, my spirit would die, and when that dies, I’m left a shell of a person. And, so I believe the same goes for the animals. If I had a dog or a cat, I would never put it in a pit and leave it day after day, week after week, year after year.”

Birdtown Rep. Travis Smith said the Tribe should give Coggins an opportunity to lease property for a proper, animal sanctuary. “I don’t think Ms. Coggins has ever been opposed to building a natural habitat for her animals or bringing it up to any new standards that the

Tribe proposes...the problem has always been that that Tribe has never allowed her to lease property.” He made the move to kill the Ordinance stating, “This Ordinance doesn’t allow the ample amount of time that it’s going to take to build that.”

Yellowhill Rep. Anita Lossiah said it is time to move forward with a new type of wildlife facility that includes proper enrichment for the bears. “If a bear has proper enrichment, then it helps prevent any kind of unhealthy responses that the bear could have...concrete pits are a thing of the past. It’s antiquated. The time is right to move forward with appropriate legislation for appropriate facilities, but not sacrificing the safety of our visitors, of our tourists, of our bears.” Her colleague, Yellowhill Rep. B. Ensley, didn’t agree with the Ordinance. “We know we’ve got something to deal with, but we don’t need some people like the PETA group coming in here telling us what to do. I think we can handle our own problems. Collette, she is willing to invest her own money.”

Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy said the issue needs further discussion and made the motion to table which was eventually approved. “The Big Cove Community will not support bears in cages. The Big Cove Community will not stand for it.”

She added, “For once in our lives, we need to be tribal people and show the world that the animals that we claim to revere and take part in our clan systems and are part of our history, that we care enough about them to display

them to the world in a healthy and creative way.”

Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose said he doesn’t agree with keeping bears in pits and related he’d like to see the Tribe work with Coggins to bring her idea of a wildlife sanctuary to fruition. “It’s hard for me to see bears in pits like that. It’s hard for me to even see a dog on a leash...I want to see them walking on grass, climbing trees.”

Tribal Council Chairman Bill Taylor agreed and commented, “If we’ve got an enrolled member (Coggins) that’s willing to put their money up and build it, I don’t have an issue with it. She’s in good standing with the people she’s leasing from. She’s paid her levy. I don’t have a problem with that, and I think we need to allow her do that.”

“I think all of us want to see the bears come out of those facilities and put into an outdoor facility, but I’m in full support of our local business people. They’re the ones that keep the levy coming in and feeds the programs here.”

After the vote was taken to table the legislation, Rep. Lossiah noted that the Ordinance governing bears and other captive animals needs to be looked at and strengthened even beyond the federal minimal requirements. “Under our sovereignty, we can do better. We can rise above the minimal requirements that the feds have set upon us.”

During the debate on the issue, it was decided to have a work session on the legislation, but that has not been scheduled as of press time.



# CIPD report sheds new light on Allison crash

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Patrick Bradley Allison, 42, an EBCI tribal member and tribal employee, was killed as the result of a head-on collision that occurred on Birdtown Road (US-19) on the morning of April 14, 2015. Until now, not many official details of that crash have been released.

The official Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) report on the incident has not been released until now. The Cherokee One Feather made an official public records request for the report in January, and the paper received the report, with parts redacted (blacked out) by the EBCI Attorney General's Office, on Monday, April 4. In all, five full pages were redacted from the report.

The report includes a diagram, completed by the CIPD, which shows the driver of vehicle one which was traveling westward, driven by Michael Dean Tomes II, allegedly attempting to pass two vehicles on the left and striking vehicle two, driven by Allison, head-on. The report states that "vehicle one came to rest on the westbound shoulder of U.S. 19. Vehi-

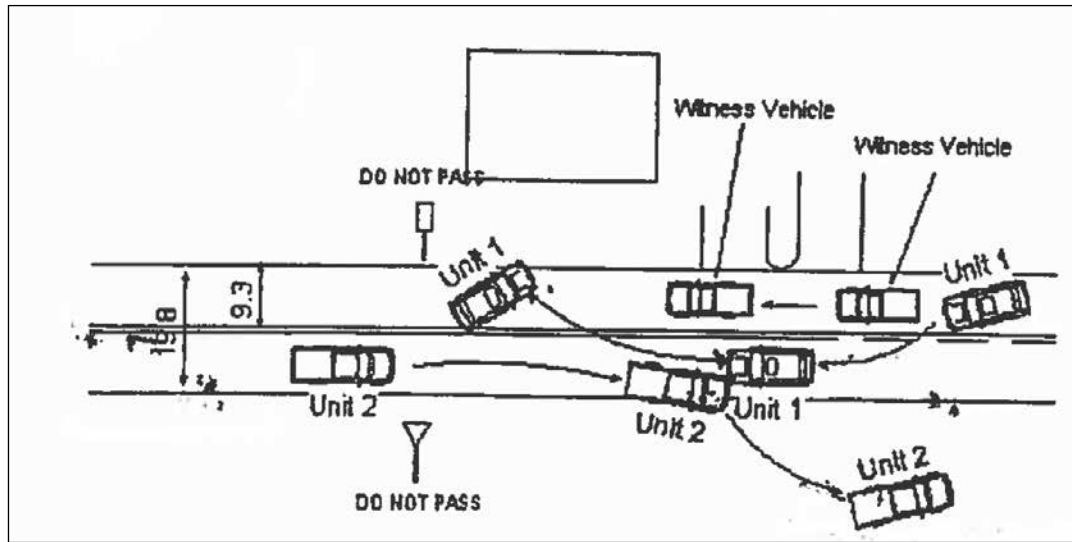


Image from CIPD Report

**The Cherokee Indian Police Department report on the April 14, 2015 fatal collision in the Birdtown Community includes this diagram which shows the alleged sequence of events. Vehicle one was driven by Michael Dean Tomes II and vehicle two was driven by Bradley Allison.**

cle two traveled down an embankment and came to rest off the eastbound shoulder."

Tomes has since been indicted on a federal Involuntary Manslaughter charge, a misdemeanor which carries a maximum sentence of eight years in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both according to Department of Justice officials. The indictment alleges that Tomes was "driving a vehicle upon a highway or public vehicular area carelessly and heedlessly in willful and wanton disregard of the rights or safety of others..."

In the report, CIPD Lt. Lester R. Swayney reported on a conversation he

had at the scene with Josh Ammons, passenger in the vehicle with Allison. "Mr. Ammons stated that they were heading to work when Brad said 'hold on'. Mr. Ammons stated that he looked up and saw the other vehicle in their lane then Brad swerved to the right but they had no place to go."

Also in the report, CIPD Patrol Officer Bryan S. Chekelelee gives a narrative in which he interviewed Tomes. "Officer B. Chekelelee asked the driver which lane he was traveling in and the driver stated he was not sure for sure, he didn't recall. Officer B. Chekelelee asked the driver what exactly had happened

to cause the wreck and the driver stated that he was trying to swerve to avoid hitting a white car and next thing he knew, he heard a loud bang, the loudest bang he had ever heard and then next thing he knew he was in pain and standing outside of his vehicle."

"Officer B. Chekelelee then asked the driver where the white car was located at that time he was trying to miss and the driver closed his eyes (which looked as if he was in a lot of pain) and said he didn't remember. The driver stated he didn't even remember where he was at."

The report goes on to state that Officer Chekelelee asked Tomes for his name

and alleges that he gave Michael Dean. After the accident, Officer Chekelelee met with a witness (name redacted in report) at the police department who informed that he had found evidence at the scene including a "wadded up" piece of paper and the photo of a little girl.

"(Name redacted) stated that after all the emergency services units left the area he then walked around the yard to look at the aftermath of the accident and that's when he noticed the paper wadded up. He picked up the paper and unwadded it to find a copy of a identification card and a picture of a little girl. But (name) stated that the picture of the little girl had the face picked out. (Name) met Officer B. Chekelelee at the police department with these items and turned them over to law enforcement."

Upon examining the identification card, Officer Chekelelee stated in the report that he realized that only partial information had been given of the man's name.

The report states that Tomes underwent a "test for other drugs" and the results are pending.

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### Tribal member gives presentation on marijuana

Devyn Smith (left), an EBCI tribal member from the Yellowhill Community and a junior at UNCA, was selected to present at the National Conference of Undergraduate Research Symposium on the UNCA campus on Saturday, April 9. His topic for the presentation centered on tribal sovereignty as it pertains to the business of marijuana on tribal lands. Smith's research took into consideration the effects of local, state, federal laws and their impact on the Tribe's ability to make marijuana a cash crop. Smith is pictured receiving a congratulatory handshake from Vice Chief Richard G. Sneed.



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# Second Annual Gadugi Earth Day event planned

Cherokee will celebrate the second Gadugi Earth Day event at the Acquoni Expo Center parking lot on Friday, April 22 from 12-5pm. Earth Day began and exists today as a day for teaching environmental awareness and promoting environmental protection. Earth Day is held each year on April 22. It was started in the United States in 1970, but has now spread to more than 192 countries.

Last year's event in Cherokee was attended by over 70 participants and led to over 1,500 pounds of materials recycled and the shredding of over 2,500 pounds of documents.

The stations representing at this year's event will include: EBCI Natural Resources: Air & Water Quality & Bio Diesel, EBCI Cooperative Extension, PHS Community Health: Needle Disposal and Mosquito Prevention, Cherokee Police



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**T. Trejo, Tribal Recycling Program manager, unloads a barrel of recycled products brought by Mary Long, of the Wolfetown Community, to last year's Gadugi Earth Day event at the Acquoni Expo Center.**

Department: Litter Control and Information on Disposing of Medicine, Harrah's Cherokee Casino Go Green Code, Costa Rica Eco Study Tour: Recycled Crafts, American Security Shredding Truck, EBCI Composting, EBCI Recycling, Cherokee Hardware, and Food Corps.

Recycle bags and t-shirts will be given to the first 100 participants. This year will include a recycling competition between individuals and community clubs (with prizes).

Gadugi Earth Day is sponsored by the following programs: EBCI Cooperative Extension Center, EBCI Natural Resources, and EBCI Recycling. Youth leadership programs participating in this event are Cherokee Youth Council, Costa Rica Eco-Study Tour and the Junaluska Leadership Council.

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# Chief's Monthly Report for March 2016

By **PRINCIPAL CHIEF**  
**PATRICK LAMBERT**

## **March 1-3**

Attended budget and regular council meetings

## **March 2**

Held meetings with the NC State President of Duke Power to discuss mutual interests of maintaining good working relations for our business and residents. Also held a meeting with the Verizon Networking and Cell Towers to advance our efforts for better communications on the Qualla Boundry.

## **March 4**

Held a meeting with Phil Drake and the Balsam West Board to discuss future goals and possibilities. Had a lunch meeting with First Citizens to discuss banking opportunities from FCB. Also had phone conferences with Scott Barber from Caesars and was scheduled with Wilson Pipestem for conference.

## **March 5**

Happy Birthday to our very own Sallie Bradley! She is 102 years young!

## **March 7**

Various staff and Secretary meetings.

## **March 8**

Business Committee in the morning. Then meeting with Congressman Mark Meadows (R-NC) in my office.

Later in the evening, we attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting in Andrews and spoke to them about the business relationship we share and how their business climate is growing since the opening of the new casino. It was good to see that a lot of new businesses



Photo by Kristy M. Herron/EBCI Commerce

**Principal Chief Patrick Lambert gives the welcome speech at the Rain-bow and Ramps Festival on Saturday, March 26.**

have been created because the casino has brought more tourists to their town and it has had a positive impact on the tourism there.

That same evening, I attended the Cherokee County Community Club meeting. It was great to see several friendly faces there.

## **March 9**

Conducted Open House in the Chief's office and visited with over 20 individuals.

## **March 10**

Work sessions on the audit, Debt Service Payoff Discussion and the Investment Committee.

That evening, we attended a special-called meeting in Snowbird to discuss several building projects for the community. I plan to work diligently to get the Snowbird proj-

ects moving.

## **March 11**

Had a Cherokee Preservation Board Meeting. Was glad to welcome the new Executive Director for the Foundation, Mr. Bobby Reines.

## **March 13**

I had an opportunity to meet President Clinton in Asheville along with a few council members. Cyndi and I were able to have our picture taken with him and then we stayed a few minutes to listen to his speech on the upcoming election for Hillary.

## **March 14**

Gave the welcome speech to a group with the Governors North Carolina Tourism 365. There were over 500 attendees that come from

all over to discuss ways to bring tourism to our state.

## **March 15-17**

Open door meetings with many local members.

## **March 18**

Investment Committee meetings, Secretary meetings, ITSWG organizational meetings and election of officers, projects meeting and updates. Later in the evening, I attended the Birdtown Easter Egg Hunt put together by the Birdtown Community Club.

## **March 21**

Meeting with Vice-Chief to discuss various issues. Had Executive staff meetings and Cabinet meetings. I attended the Planning Board meeting in the afternoon to make plans for many new projects coming forward.

## **March 22**

Started with a Business Committee meeting until 10:30.

This day was the kick off of the 1st Annual Principal Chief's Easter Eggstravaganza. It was a lot of fun, and I was very happy to see the number of people that attended. There were over 1,500 people (children and adults) that came out to this event. We heard a lot of good feedback and learned what we can do to make it better next year. Thank you to all my staff that worked to put this together and I appreciate all of those that came out. I was so glad to see all the happy children and some good family fun being had by everyone!

## **March 23**

Had several work sessions this day with Tribal Council, the Adventure Park/Water Park, Balsam West proposal, Plan for new cell



towers with Itswg.

### March 24

Today was the protest hearing regarding the removal of the former TGC commissioners. After the attorneys gave their testimonies for all sides, the Tribal Council went into recess and stated a decision would be rendered on the following Tuesday.

### March 25

Good Friday Holiday

### March 26

This day, I gave the welcome speech at the Rainbow & Ramps festival. It was very well attended event and the program they put together was quite entertaining. I want to thank the employees that worked on this event and all the volunteers that helped serve the food. I look forward to next year's festival. Good job everyone.

My staff attended and helped with the Snowbird Easter Egg Hunt and had a great time helping the SnowBird community club.

### March 27

Happy Easter

### March 28

Gave a Welcome Speech to the NC EMS Statewide Conference. Several hundred were in attendance and it was great to see them all here in Cherokee. Later, I had meetings with my Executive Staff and my Cabinet. Later in the afternoon I had a Capital Committee meeting and was able to get several projects moving forward.

### March 29

Today, a decision was made regarding the old TGC Commissioners protest. The protest was denied. Tribal council fully supported the

decision, with one abstention.

This same day, we had a site visit from the US DOJ from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency. Our legal department and finance department did a great job presenting the program called JEDi we have developed from Grant Funds. This program is having a very positive impact in care and tracking of our youth and families. Great team work, thank you.

Later that evening I attended the Memorial Service and Tribute to Mr. Sam "Snake" Panther from Big Cove. He was a great Community leader and advocate and will be greatly missed by everyone! Thank you to Ms. Cindy West for all her work on pulling it together on behalf of the family.

### March 30

Open Door meetings today and I saw many members and heard their concerns. My staff went right to work and have resolved many of their concerns already. These days are always busy but it is great seeing so many people and always my pleasure to help where I can.

### March 31

This was a very busy day for me. I attended four different events. First, I met with the Cherokee County Commissioners in Murphy to discuss the continuation of providing County services for our health and safety inspections. We reached agreement and the County will continue its services to our facilities at no cost.

I then traveled to Snowbird and met with the Little Snowbird Church to come to an agreement regarding the use of the Little Snowbird Playground to build the community a new pavilion, and I am happy to report that we did reach agreement and we can now move forward at rebuilding that

widely used community space. It's been in need of repair and updating for many years and I am excited that we will soon see a newly built area for the Snowbird community.

While in Snowbird I also attended the ribbon cutting for the Snowbird transit building. Even though the weather wasn't cooperating, it was good to see so many come out and support the good work the Transit Department does to help all our communities. Ms. Kathy Littlejohn has done a great job with the entire Transit Program and I appreciate her leadership in that program.

Then, later in the evening I attended the wedding of a longtime family friend. Her family has been very special to me all my life and I was happy to be able to witness a very special day in her life. Congratulations Betty!

As you can see, I've been quite busy this month as well. As I review this report the thing that does not come through in these reports is how busy I can be with just the hundreds of emails, texts, phone calls, paper correspondence and drop-ins I deal with daily. My staff is wonderful and we are working hard for you. I will continue to do the work I was charged with and I will as always need your prayers and your support. I appreciate everyone that played some part in helping accomplish all we have done together in the past month and in my first 6 months. Look for my Full Six Months Report in your mail and in the One Feather this week.

I know I can't do this job alone. I know we can do great things together. We are showing it every day. Thank you for all your support and prayers!

May God bless you and the EBCI!



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## FOOTBALL

# Panther signs to play at Carson-Newman

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

Last month, Kennan Panther, Braves senior linebacker, committed to play football this fall at Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City, Tenn. He made it official by signing his letter of intent during a ceremony

this past season with 158 tackles, plans to study physical education at Carson-Newman with the goal of coming back to Cherokee Central Schools to work as a coach.

Melanie Lambert, Panther's mother, related, "I'm so proud of him. It's very exciting. He's been playing football since he was six. When he started

he is at today if it wasn't for them."

Cherokee High School principal Debora Foerst stated, "We love him as a student. We love him as an athlete, both in football and in basketball. But, today is about what his future holds for him."

Kent Briggs, Braves head football coach, said that playing

college football is something that very few people get to do. "A lot of people talk about wanting to do it. A lot of people think they're going to do it, but very few people do."

He went on to say, "He's going to be successful because of the way he works."

Coach Briggs praised the fact that Panther was named All-Smoky Mountain Conference for the second year in

a row (2014, 2015) as well as being named a team captain in both his junior and senior years. But, he said the best thing Panther earned in high school was the respect of his teammates.

"Very rarely does a junior become a captain as voted on by his teammates. It's generally a senior position. But, he did such a good job that, in

his senior year, he was elected captain again. You can't say anything stronger than that."

CHS Assistant Principal Craig Barker has been Panther's position coach at linebacker. "He is one of the best football players I've ever coached in my life. I've coached a lot of good ones. I've seen a lot of good ones come through here, and he's one of the best."

He told Panther, "I'm excited for your family. I'm excited for your future and all that you've accomplished. I'm extremely proud of you."

During his tenure at Cherokee, Panther also played basketball. Willis Tullios, Braves head basketball coach, commented, "Everyone knows what he's meant to the school. Today, he's signing a football scholarship, but I want you to know that he was just as valuable to basketball as he was to football. He didn't score 30 points a ballgame, but the things he did were things that had to be done, and he took that role and he did it. And, he did it full speed every night and full speed every day at practice."

The Carson-Newman Eagles play in the Division II South Atlantic Conference. They went 9-3 in their 2015 season which ended in a 61-59 loss to Valdosta St. in the first round of the playoffs.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

**With his family looking on, Kennan Panther (seated center), Braves senior linebacker, signs a letter of intent on Wednesday, April 6 to play football at Carson-Newman University this fall.**

emony in the Charles George Memorial Arena on Wednesday, April 6.

"It's kind of a dream come true," said Panther. "I've wanted this day since I was really little. It's important to me so I worked my tail off to get here, and I'm just glad I can have this day."

Panther, who topped the Smoky Mountain Conference

walking, he carried a football around with him all the time. This has always been his dream. We're just extremely proud of him. He's worked extremely hard to get here, and I'm proud of his worth ethic."

She added, "I want to say thank you to all of the coaches he's ever had since youth league up to high school because he wouldn't be where

**TRACK and FIELD**  
**Cherokee travels to**  
**Andrews**

**A**NDREWS – The Cherokee High School track team traveled to Andrews High School on Wednesday, April 6 for a four-team meet with Andrews, Hayesville and Murphy. Following are full results from NCMilesplit.com:

**Girls**

**110M Hurdles**

- 1 – Kelsey Fulgham (MHS) 17.04
- 2 – Emma Stroup (MHS) 17.24
- 3 – Emily Reid (MHS) 18.04

**100M Dash**

- 1 – Claire Hendrix (Hayes) 13.64
- 2 – Taryn Farmer (MHS) 14.04
- 3 – Erika Griggs (And) 14.14

**1600M Run**

- 1 – Cameron Rice (MHS) 5:52
- 2 – Shelby Wolfe (Cher) 6:24
- 3 – Mariah Hodges (Hayes) 6:37

**200M Dash**

- 1 – Emma Cox (Hayes) 28.14
- 2 – Claire Hendrix (Hayes) 28.64
- 3 – Emily Reid (MHS) 29.74

**300M Hurdles**

- 1 – Peyton Wood (MHS) 52.44
- 2 – Neva Jones (And) 53.04
- 3 – Abby Carder (MHS) 54.74

**3200M Run**

- 1 – Cameron Rice (MHS) 12:32.90
- 2 – Elizabeth Cambranis (MHS) 13:59.00
- 3 – Mariah Hodges (Hayes) 14:10.00

**400M Dash**

- 1 – Bree Anderson (Hayes) 1:06.24
- 2 – Morgan Dudley (Hayes) 1:07.24
- 3 – Le-Ann Wheaton (MHS) 1:08.74

**4x100M Relay**

- 1 – Murphy 55.44
- 2 – Andrews 58.34
- 3 – Hayesville 1:03.44

**4x200M Relay**

- 1 – Murphy 1:57.20
- 2 – Hayesville 1:58.00
- 3 – Andrews 1:59.80

**4x400M Relay**

- 1 – Murphy 4:35.50
- 2 – Hayesville 4:38.90

**4x800M Relay**

- 1 – Murphy 11:28.10
- 2 – Hayesville 12:03.60

**800M Run**

- 1 – Nikki Smith (Hayes) 2:54.50
- 2 – Morgan Dudley (Hayes) 3:00.60
- 3 – Bethany Anderson (Hayes) 3:01.10

**Discus Throw**

- 1 – Tiffany Holloway (And) 113-04
- 2 – Brionna Jumper (Cher) 87-03
- 3 – Madi Crisler (Hayes) 84-01

**High Jump**

- 1 – Emma Stroup (MHS) 4-08
- 2 – Sydney Davis (Hayes) 4-06
- 3 – Emma Cox (Hayes) 4-06

**Long Jump**

- 1 – Claire Hendrix (Hayes) 15-08
- 2 – Erika Griggs (And) 14-05
- 3 – Susanna Pullium (And) 13-11.50

**Shot Put**

- 1 – Tiffany Holloway (And) 38-05
- 2 – Kimonta Lloyd (Hayes) 36-09
- 3 – Kelia Oliver (MHS) 32-00.50
- 4 – Tierra Toineeta (Cher) 31-00

**Triple Jump**

- 1 – Claire Hendrix (Hayes) 33-

01.50

- 2 – Katlyn Stiles (MHS) 31-00.50
- 3 – Taryn Farmer (MHS) 29-00.50

**Boys**

**100M Dash**

- 1 – Brian Smith (Hayes) 11.44
- 2 – Ian Johnston (MHS) 11.74
- 3 – Tye Mintz (Cher) 11.84

**110M Hurdles**

- 1 – William Fulford (Hayes) 16.44
- 2 – Grant Lindsay (MHS) 16.84
- 3 – Subin Park (MHS) 17.04

**1600M Run**

- 1 – Adam Urbaniuk (Hayes) 4:47.80
- 2 – Ethan Murray (MHS) 4:56.70
- 3 – Gavin Morgan (Hayes) 5:00.00
- 4 – Darius Lambert (Cher) 5:00.70

**200M Dash**

- 1 – Brian Smith (Hayes) 23.04
- 2 – Grant Lindsay (MHS) 24.14
- 3 – Jamie Lawson (MHS) 24.84

**300M Hurdles**

- 1 – Grant Lindsay (MHS) 40.74
- 2 – Subin Park (MHS) 43.24
- 3 – Wesley Fulford (Hayes) 43.84

**3200M Run**

- 1 – Gavin Morgan (Hayes) 11:01.10
- 2 – Isaac Nicholson (Hayes) 12:09.60
- 3 – Aramis Hall (And) 12:12.50

**400M Dash**

- 1 – Hunter Reaux (Hayes) 53.44
- 2 – Jonathan Wheaton (MHS) 54.64
- 3 – Alex Higdon (MHS) 55.34

**4x100M Relay**

- 1 – Hayesville 47.54
- 2 – Murphy 47.84
- 3 – Andrews 50.14
- 4 – Cherokee 1:03.34

**4x200M Relay**

- 1 – Murphy 1:39.00
- 2 – Cherokee 1:43.10
- 3 – Hayesville 1:44.10

**4x400M Relay**

- 1 – Murphy 3:40.50
- 2 – Hayesville 3:41.60
- 3 – Andrews 3:59.40

**4x800M Relay**

- 1 – Murphy 9:10.00
- 2 – Hayesville 9:18.10
- 3 – Andrews 10:05.50

**800M Run**

- 1 – Anda Urbaniuk (Hayes) 2:04.00
- 2 – Ethan Murray (MHS) 2:05.80
- 3 – Darius Lambert (Cher) 2:19.50

**Discus Throw**

- 1 – Logan Cowart (Hayes) 123-05
- 2 – Dalton Kent (MHS) 120-02
- 3 – Logan Thurmond (Hayes) 120-00
- 5 – Byron Locust (Cher) 109-08

**High Jump**

- 1 – Hagan Newton (MHS) 5-10
- 2 – Cody Smith (And) 5-06
- 3 – Tyler Rose (And) 5-06

**Long Jump**

- 1 – Hunter Reaux (Hayes) 19-04
- 2 – Taylor Parker (And) 18-07
- 3 – Tye Mintz (Cher) 17-08.50

**Shot Put**

- 1 – Cameron Debty (And) 45-01
- 2 – Tyler Holloway (And) 44-01
- 3 – Logan Cowart (Hayes) 43-04.50
- 4 – Byron Locust (Cher) 41-00.50

**Triple Jump**

- 1 – Hunter Reaux (Hayes) 42-11.00
- 2 – Stone Follari (Hayes) 36-00.50
- 3 – Ian Johnston (MHS) 35-02.00

# SCOREBOARD and SPORTS BRIEFS

## BASEBALL

### Tuesday, April 5

Swain County 6 Cherokee 4  
Hayesville 3 Rosman 2  
W. Henderson 12 Franklin 5  
Smoky Mtn. 10 Pisgah 6

### Thursday, April 7

Rosman 10 Brevard 9

## Baseball Box Scores

### Swain County 6 Cherokee 4

Swain 300 010 2 (6 runs, 4 hits, 1 error)

Cherokee 110 100 1 (4 runs, 9 hits, 7 errors)

WP: D. Blankenship: 7 IP, 9 H, 2 ER, 1 BB, 11 K

LP: Aniyah Younce: 7 IP, 4 H, 4 ER, 6 BB, 12 K

Leading hitters: Cherokee - Jason McMillan 2-4, 2 singles, 2 runs;

Junior Robles 2-4, 2 singles; Jayce

Watty 2-4, 2 singles, run scored;

Aniyah Younce 1-2, single, RBI.

Swain County - T. Bradley 1-3, single, 2 runs; Z. Epps 1-3, triple,

RBI, 2 runs; C. Cutshaw 1-2, single, RBI, run

### Hayesville 3 Rosman 2

Hayesville 300 000 (3 runs, 3 hits, 2 errors)

Rosman 002 000 0 (2 runs, 4 hits, 1 error)

WP: Leek 5 IP, 3H, 2R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 6 SO

LP: Rice 6 IP, 3H, 3R, 3 ER, 1 BB, 10 SO

Leading hitters: Hayesville - Leek

1-2; Rhinehart 1-3; Voigt 1-3, 2

RBIs, 2B. Rosman - Dotson 2-3, 2

RBIs; Petit 1-3, 2B; Conley 1-3, 2B

## SOFTBALL

### Tuesday, April 5

Hiwassee Dam 3 Robbinsville 1  
Andrews 18 Blue Ridge 4



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**Highlands' Madison Lloyd (#22) can't put on the brakes and goes over the back of Cherokee's goalkeeper Kyleigh Wiggins during the first half of a home game for the Lady Braves on Tuesday, April 5. Wiggins stood strong and made the save, but the Lady Highlanders' took the win by a score of 6-0.**

Copper Basin (Tenn.) 3 Murphy 2

Hayesville 1 Rosman 0

Franklin 12 W. Henderson 2

## SOCCER

### Tuesday, April 5

Highlands 6 Cherokee 0

### Thursday, April 7

Cherokee 7 Tri-County E.C. 0

## Cherokee athletes named finalists for WNC Sports Awards

ASHEVILLE – Several Cherokee High School athletes have been named finalists in different categories of the 55th WNC Sports

Awards Banquet which is scheduled for Sunday, May 15 at the Omni Grove Park Inn in Asheville. The Lady Braves basketball team has two finalists including Pooh King and Bree Stamper who are both finalists for the Wells Fargo 1A/2A Female Athlete Award. Multi-sport standout Jason McMillan is a finalist for the David L. Cappiello, MD 1A/2A Male Athlete Award and the John and Darlene McNabb Male Athlete of the Year Award. The Cherokee Braves varsity basketball team is also a finalist for the BMC of Asheville 1A/2A Male Team Award.

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## TRACK and FIELD CMS team travels to Hayesville

The Cherokee Middle School track team traveled to Hayesville for a four-school meet on Monday, April 4. Following are the results as provided by Hayesville Middle:

## Girls Team Scores

- 1 – Hayesville
- 2 – Robbinsville
- 3 – Murphy
- 4 – Cherokee

## Boys Team Scores

- 1 – Murphy
- 2 – Cherokee
- 3 – Robbinsville
- 4 – Hayesville

## Girls Shot Put

- 1 – D. George (Cher) 29-09
- 2 – M. Rogers (Robb) 25-02.25
- 3 – A. Combs (Hayes) 24-07.00
- 5 – R. Girty (Cher) 23-05.25

## Boys Shot Put

- 1 – Davis (Murphy) 36-11.75
- 2 – Hernandez (Cher) 35-10.75
- 3 – C. Martin (Hayes) 35-04.00
- 5 – M. Lossiah (Cher) 34-00-.75

## Girls Discus Throw

- 1 – A. Combs (Hayes) 81-03
- 2 – S. Pullium (Murphy) 78-03.5
- 3 – K. Cabe (Hayes) 55-06
- 5 – T. Bradley (Cher) 49-09

## Boys Discus Throw

- 1 – C. Martin (Hayes) 100-02
- 2 – G. Garland (Robb) 98-08
- 3 – R. Davis (Murphy) 89-08.5
- 4 – M. Hernandez (Cher) 87-10
- 5 – M. Lossiah (Cher) 84-00



### Girls High Jump

- 1 – S. Lewis (Robb) 04-07
- 2 – K. Davis (Hayes) 04-06
- 3 – H. Coker (Hayes) 04-04

### Boys High Jump

- 1 – J. Dorsey (Murphy) 05-07
- 2 – S. Lawson (Robb) 05-07
- 3 – C. Lane (Robb) 05-04

### Girls Long Jump

- 1 – L. Ayers (Robb) 14-03.25
- 2 – A. Roberts (Murphy) 13-00
- 3 – T. King (Cher) 12-09.75

### Boys Long Jump

- 1 – J. Dorsey (Murphy) 16-11
- 2 – S. Lawson (Robb) 16-10.5
- 3 – K. Mintz (Cher) 16-04

### Girls 55M High Hurdles

- 1 – K. Matheson (Robb) 9.81
- 2 – Davis (Hayes) 9.85
- 3 – Robert (Murphy) 10.26

### Boys 110M High Hurdles

- 1 – G. Clappsaddle (Murphy) 15.66
- 2 – R. Dickey (Murphy) 16.02
- 3 – R. Scharie (Murphy) 16.18
- 5 – J. Welch (Cher) 16.90

### Girls 100M Dash

- 1 – S. Morgan (Murphy) 13.37
- 2 – L. Hatherly (Hayes) 13.64
- 3 – K. McClure (Hayes) 13.81
- 4 – J. Martin (Cher) 14.84

### Boys 100M Dash

- 1 – J. Dorsey (Murphy) 11.52
- 2 – C. McGuirge (Robb) 11.54
- 3 – G. Clappsaddle (Murphy) 16.64
- 4 – C. Mintz (Cher) 11.68

### Girls 1600M Run

- 1 – A. Barlow (Robb) 6:09.11
- 2 – M. Reyes (Cher) 6:20.07
- 3 – A. Thomas (Hayes) 6:29.45
- 5 – C. Lee (Cher) 6:35.95

### Boys 1600M Run

- 1 – R. Pebbles (Cher) 5:32.30
- 2 – C. Jones (Murphy) 5:32.50
- 3 – D. Thompson (Cher) 5:41.51

### Girls 4x200M Relay

- 1 – Robbinsville 2:04.00
- 2 – Murphy 2:05.31
- 3 – Hayesville 2:15.04

### Boys 4x200M Relay

- 1 – Cherokee 1:46.74
- 2 – Murphy 1:51.42
- 3 – Robbinsville 1:51.84

### Girls 400M Dash

- 1 – L. Hatherly (Hayes) 1:11.52
- 2 – C. Leak (Murphy) 1:13.88
- 3 – T. King (Cher) 1:14.25

### Boys 400M Dash

- 1 – R. Dickey (Murphy) 58.15
- 2 – D. Flying (Cher) 58.66
- 3 – L. Ritz (Murphy) 1:00.41
- 5 – J. Welch (Cher) 1:05.22

### Girls 4x100M Relay

- 1 – Robbinsville 59.30
- 2 – Murphy 1:00.38
- 3 – Hayesville 1:05.03

### Boys 4x100M Relay

- 1 – Robbinsville 51.50
- 2 – Murphy 51.68

### Girls 800M Run

- 1 – A. Thomas (Hayes) 2:49.96
- 2 – M. Reyes (Cher) 2:52.06
- 3 – A. Barlow (Robb) 2:57.79

### Boys 800M Run

- 1 – R. Pebble (Cher) 2:31.52
- 2 – C. Jones (Murphy) 2:33.04
- 3 – J. Burch (Hayes) 2:36.66
- 4 – C. Pheasant (Cher) 2:37.18
- 5 – D. Thompson (Cher) 2:37.91

### Girls 200M Dash

- 1 – Morgan (Murphy) 29.03
- 2 – L. Hatherly (Hayes) 29.24
- 3 – L. Moses (Murphy) 29.53

### Boys 200M Dash

- 1 – S. Lawson (Robb) 25.60
- 2 – R. Dickey (Murphy) 25.77
- 3 – G. Clappsaddle (Murphy) 25.81

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## WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL

### WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

APRIL 11-17, 2016

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
<b>Tuckaseigee River</b>	Catch & release, single hook artificial only	Great (Check stream flow)	Rainbow, brook, brown trout, smallmouth bass	Dark caddis, blue Quills, Quill Gordon, March Brown	Stone flies, bird's nest nymph, soft hackle pheasant tails, girdle bugs, streamers (sculpin patterns), San Juan worm, Prince nymph
<b>Chattooga &amp; Whitewater Rivers</b>	Not stocking, all wild brown trout and catch and release	Good	Brown trout	Quill Gordon, Blue Quill, March Brown	Quill Gordon, Blue Quill, March Brown, (dry flies), Parachute Adams, Prince nymphs, pheasant tails, hares ears, stone fly nymphs
<b>Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River &amp; Small Streams</b>	Follow posted regulations- wild trout	Good	Rainbow, Brown and Appalachian Brook Trout	Blue wing olive, Blue Quill, Quill Gordon, March Brown, Midges	Parachute Adams, Parachute Hares Ear, Elk Hair Caddis, Prince Nymph, Pheasant tail nymph, Hares Ear, Topper John

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### BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, APRIL 11	TUESDAY, APRIL 12	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13	THURSDAY, APRIL 14	FRIDAY, APRIL 15	SATURDAY, APRIL 16	SUNDAY, APRIL 17
AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
5:17 AM-7:17 AM 5:46 PM-7:46 PM	6:14 AM-8:14 AM 6:42 PM-8:42 PM	7:09 AM-9:09 AM 7:36 PM-9:36 PM	8:02 AM-10:02 AM 8:27 PM-10:27 PM	8:52 AM-10:52 AM 9:16 PM-11:16 PM	9:39 AM-11:39 AM 10:02 PM-12:02 AM	10:24 AM-12:24 PM 10:46 PM-12:46 PM


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# PHHS says EBCI travelers should be aware of Zika

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

If you have plans to travel to the Caribbean to soak up some rays or hit the links in Puerto Rico, the EBCI Public Health and Human Services division is warning EBCI tribal members to be aware of the Zika Virus.

ing to the CDC. It is named after Uganda's Zika Forest, and the first human case was discovered in 1957.

In February 2016, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the virus a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC).

"There are no local acquired cases in the United States," said Smith, "but, there are

selves from mosquitoes. They're advising pregnant women not to travel at all to those areas because Zika has been linked to birth defects."

The CDC reports that Zika has been linked to increased numbers of babies born with microcephaly, eye defects, hearing problems, impaired growth and brain structure development issues.

"Basic mosquito protection is wearing EPA-registered bug spray, wearing long shirts and long pants and using screens on your windows or doors," said Smith who related that this species of mosquito is often found in sitting water in temporary containers such as old flower pots, tires, etc.

"The Aedes mosquito is a daytime and a nighttime biter so you'll want to be careful all day and night."

While it can be dangerous to a pregnant woman, the basic symptoms of Zika are mild and are not fatal said Smith. "You're going to have a rash and fever, red eyes, and sometimes you'll have Zika and not even know that you have it because you're not always going to be presenting symptoms. But, if you are, it's generally going to last five days and then go away. It's not deadly at all. The worst thing is that it can cause birth defects in pregnant women."

Smith added, "We don't want to instill fear with people here in Cherokee that Zika is a concern here because it's not. We just want to promote mosquito prevention."

For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov/zika](http://www.cdc.gov/zika), [www.cherokee-hmd.com](http://www.cherokee-hmd.com), Cherokee Community Healthy 359-6882, Women's Wellness 359-6420, or Smith 359-1500



**Spread by the Aedes species mosquito, the Zika Virus was first discovered in 1947 in Uganda according to the CDC.**  
(Photo by Muhammed Mahdi Karim)

"It's a virus being spread by a mosquito," said Abigail Smith, MPH, PHHS public health preparedness coordinator. "It's spread by a mosquito biting a human. It has also been found to be spread by sexual transmission from male to female. Currently, there is active transmission of Zika in Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Pacific Islands."

The Zika Virus is nothing new. Spread by the Aedes species mosquito, the virus was first discovered in 1947 in Uganda accord-

312 cases reported in the United States that were acquired while traveling or through sexual transmission with someone who had traveled."

The CDC states that transmission has been reported in several U.S. territories including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

Smith related there is a Level 2 travel advisory to the areas affected. "That basically means that if you're going to travel to these areas, use extra precaution to protect your-



# Medicine Drop hammers home proper disposal of medications

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

For the past six years, the Cherokee Indian Police Department has participated in Operation Medicine Drop in an effort to encourage the proper disposal of medications. This year's event, held recently, was especially successful as a total of 25,681 dosage units of various medications and drugs were collected.

"Operation Medicine Drop is a partnership of Safe Kids North Carolina, the Riverkeepers of North Carolina, N.C. State Bureau of Investigation, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of North Carolina, and local law enforcement agencies working together to encourage the public to safely dispose of unused, unwanted and expired medication," said Ben Reed, CIPD. "By providing safe and secure ways for people to get rid of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications, Operation Medicine Drop helps prevent accidental poisonings and drug abuse while protecting our waters."

Reed related that the following dosage units were collected at this year's event: 1,637 controlled substance; 14,026 prescription non-controlled; 8,054 over-the-counter non-prescription; 147 veterinary meds; and 1,817 unknown.

He stated that after each event, CIPD officials separate, count and



CIPD photo

**The Cherokee Indian Police Department, in cooperation with Jackson County Safe Kids, collected the following dosage units at its recent Operation Medicine Drop Event: 1,637 controlled substance; 14,026 prescription non-controlled; 8,054 over-the-counter non-prescription; 147 veterinary meds; and 1,817 unknown. Shown (left-right) are Ben Reed, CIPD; Ruby Lawrence and Jenelle Midgett, both with Jackson County Safe Kids; and Glen Weeks, CIPD Detention jail administrator.**

log all of the medications collected and then take them to the SBI Office in Asheville. "The SBI disposes of the medicine and medicine bottles and/or containers, by incinerating everything collected from locations across the state of North Carolina."

Reed added, "Operation Medicine Drop has been a great resource for Cherokee Indian Police Department and our community. Don't simply throw your old medicine in the trash or flush it into the sewer system. Also, keeping it at home introduces a risk of theft, abuse of the meds, and/or accidental use by children."

A large concern for many is

the possibility of such medications making their way into drinking water supplies. Sarah Janssee, MD, PhD, MPH, a science fellow at the Natural Resources Defense Council, told WebMD, "Ever since the late 1990s, the science community has recognized that pharmaceuticals, especially oral contraceptives, are found in sewage water and are potentially contaminating drinking water."

Locally, Cherokee water officials are taking steps to curb this.

"I guess we're more fortunate than other locations," said Sheila Hyatt, Cherokee Water Treatment manager. "The sewer line runs all

the way to the head of Big Cove, so looking at it from this point of view, the downstream users of the wastewater plant could potentially be affected. On the other side of our source is the Park, so we are very fortunate."

She added, "Just to be on the safe side, we still monitor for SOCs (Synthetic Organic Contaminants), VOCs (Volatile Organic Contaminants), IOC (Inorganic Contaminants) and TOCs (Total Organic Carbon). We are very stringent on bacteriological monitoring, which includes Crypto and Giardia. Our primary concern right now is runoff from pastures in the summer and road salt during the winter."

According to Operation Medicine Drop's website, the following locations provide permanent drop-boxes for disposal of medications:

## **Cherokee County**

- Cherokee County Sheriff's Office, 577 Regal Street, Murphy, NC 28906
- Murphy Police Department, 93 Peachtree Street, Murphy, NC 28906
- Andrews Police Department, 1101 Main Street, Andrews, NC 28901

## **Jackson County**

- Jackson County Sheriff's Office, 399 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, NC 28779

## **Swain County**

- Swain County Sheriff's Department, 95 Brendle Street, Bryson City, NC 28713





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## Hugs not drugs, Tsalagi Drug Free

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## Spring Garden Fair held

Katie Rainwater, Food Corps, describes the contents of seed balls that she made to patrons at the first annual Spring Garden Fair at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 9. The event drew local businesses and organizations who set up information booths on gardening and agriculture.



# ATTENTION: Cherokee Commercial Property Owners

The **EBCI Division of Commerce** is looking to start a Property Bank to ramp up retail interest in Cherokee.

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### Construction begins on Big Cove Day Care

Principal Chief Patrick Lambert begins the demolition to the entrance ramp of the Big Cove Day Care modular building on Monday, Apr. 4. A new 6,500 square foot facility is currently under construction and will increase the number of students from 24 to 36. Shown (left-right) are Big Cove Rep. Richard French, Yellowhill Rep. Anita Lossiah, Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy, unknown and Principal Chief Lambert.



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Photo courtesy of Cherokee Middle

## Will it float?

Raven Fork Creek posed a challenge for the Cherokee Middle School ESS Life Skills students on Tuesday, April 5 as they "pushed off" their hand-made boats. Shown in the photo front to back are DaQuan Jumper, Destyni Johnson, Keeifer Taylor and Martha Humes, teacher assistant. Mrs. Houston's class has been studying buoyancy in science class this month. Using all recycled materials for their 'build', the students were eager to see if their vessels were sea worthy, but the rough seas proved too much for them as they all capsized. "They didn't float", said DaQuan Jumper.

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**Barbershop: The Next Cut (PG-13)**

11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

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**The Jungle Book 3D**

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**The Boss (R)**

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3:40pm, 6:50pm, 10:00pm

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**Hardcore Henry (R)**

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## OBITUARIES

### Elsie Welch Watty



Elsie Welch Watty, 80, of Cherokee passed away Friday, April 8, 2016 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital.

She was born Sept. 12, 1935 in Cherokee to the late Adam Welch and Anna Powell Welch.

Elsie was a true woman of God. She was very faithful to her church. She loved her dog "Gweedo", flowers, and watching birds. Elsie loved her family and friends. She was a Cherokee Basket Maker her whole life, specializing in White Oak Baskets. She started making baskets as a little girl. She had a basket in the Smithsonian Museum. She was a fluent Cherokee speaker.

Elsie is survived by her husband, Samuel Watty; her children, Samuel E. Watty and companion Linda Jumper, Mary C. Montelongo and husband Dave, Dennis A. Watty, Charlie D. Watty and wife Francine, Regina Watty and companion John Malpass, Becky Watty and husband Cleto Montelongo, Sara Elise Watty; two sisters, Annie French and Molly Herbole; special granddaughter, Teena Watty; special nephew Alfred Welch and wife Maybelle; 22 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren also survive.

In addition to her parents,

Elsie was preceded in death by one daughter, Anna Louise Watty; five brothers, Frank, Wilson, Simpson, Larch, and John; and two sisters, Charlotte and Agnes.

The funeral service was held on Monday, April 11 at the Straight Fork Baptist Church with Revs. Charles Ray Ball, James "Bo" Parris, and John Driver officiating. Burial followed at the Sam Watty Cemetery. Grandchildren and friends served as pallbearers.

### Harriett Patricia Walkingstick Hornbuckle



Harriett Patricia Walkingstick Hornbuckle, 76, of the Painttown Community, went home to be with the Lord, Monday, April 4, 2016. Patricia was a life-long resident of Cherokee and was a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. "Pat" as she was known in the community, gave of herself and time to many organizations. Pat was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and NAIWA to name a few.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Hornbuckle; son, Everett Hornbuckle; and daughter, Laverna "Cookie" Ray Hornbuckle. Patricia is survived by her grandson, Yona Wade, of the Painttown Community; grand-

daughters Keyonna Hornbuckle of the Birdtown Community; Shelby Hornbuckle of the Yellowhill Community; and great grandchildren Odie Hoot Owle, Piper Wren Owle and special niece Cathy Dunlap.

Service were held on Thursday, April 7 at Acquoni Baptist Church.

### Wendell Erwin (Delli) Locust

Wendell Ervin (Delli) Locust, 33, of the Wolftown community went home to be with the Lord Saturday, April 9, 2016. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of Frank James Sr. and Betty Littlejohn Locust of Cherokee.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Owen and Agnes Bigwitch Long Littlejohn and Arthur William and Sallie Junaluska Locust; uncles, Ernest Locust Sr., Ammons and Johnson Littlejohn; cousins, Ernest Locust Jr., Patrick George, and Kirk Locust; sister, Brittany Renee Locust and brother, Travis Littlejohn.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his brother, Frank James Locust Jr. (Jody); three sisters, Beverly (Marcos), Kimberly (Calvin), and Victoria (Ricky) Locust; uncles, James Locust Sr. (Evelyn), Arthur Locust Jr. (Parshala), Jeremiah Locust; aunts, Laura Saunooke, Ernest Wilnoty, Yahnies Squirrel, Linda George (Johnny), Wilani Taylor, and Suzanne Locust; three nieces, Adrianna Locust,

Keya Standingbear, and Brianna Locust; and six nephews, Luther Standingbear Jr., Henry Standingbear, Lawrence Standingbear, Wanblee Standingbear, Eli Simpson and Keaton Locust.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 12 at Goose Creek Baptist Church. Revs. James (Red) Bradley and James Gunter officiated with burial in the Littlejohn Cemetery.

### Chipa Long Eagle Wolf

Chipa Lone Eagle Wolf, 62, of Jasper, Ga., passed away Saturday, April 10, 2016 at his residence.

He was cremated and there are no local services scheduled at this time.

Wolf was the founder of the Cherokee County Indian Festival. He enjoyed riding horses, motorcycles, catching snakes, riding bulls and rescuing animals.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bob Mincey and Jackie Peters. Survivors include his wife, Ruby Wolfe; father figure, Larry Giles; children, Joshua A. Krumaker and Cecilia W.R. Wolf; sister, Cherokee Rose Haider; brothers, Mike Satterfield and Butch Satterfield; niece and nephew, Silena Giles Jumper and Lance Giles; and one grandchild.

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## THANK YOU LETTERS

### A special thank you to Birdtown Representatives

I would like to say thank you to the Birdtown Council Members Travis Smith and Albert Rose for the time and effort spent and the help you both have provided throughout my illness. My family thanks you both for all the during-business hours text and phone calls, but more importantly, all the after-hours times spent talking to us and helping us resolve our issues.

You are prime examples of what our community representatives should be during their time in office. We were not even Birdtown residents when my issues began to arise, and you treated myself and my family no differently. We really

appreciate you stepping in to help us resolve the issues taken care of as well as the issues we are still working on.

You are now and will remain always in our hearts and prayers.

**Jerry Sherrill and family**

### Expresses sincere appreciation

In Sincere Appreciation. Concerning the death and funeral services of Retired Army James R. Smith, wife Irene and family would like to express our sincere appreciation to all who assisted us and to all who attended or visited Chief Patrick Lambert, Vice Chief Richie Sneed, their office personal, Council Members, American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post 143, Longhouse Funeral Home, Police Department, Cherokee Boys club, Bo Parris,

Rock Springs Church Singers and so many friends that it is hard to mention them all. Please know that the efforts of everyone during this time will be remembered and cherished.

Thank you very much.

**Larry Maney**

### Destination Marketing says thanks for Swarm Game help

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Destination Marketing program would like to thank the following for their help and participation in the Georgia Swarm Native American Heritage Game held on Sunday April 10, 2016. Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, the staff and players for the Georgia Swarm and the Infinite Energy Arena, Vice Chief Rich Sneed, The American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post 143, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Royalty, the Warriors of AniKituhwa, the Big Cove, Hummingbirds, and Wolfstown

stick ball players, Clement Calhoun, Cherokee Boys Club, Kathi Littlejohn, and all of the fans that traveled and attended the game. We would also like to thank our staff and volunteers that helped organize the event and the Welcome Center staff for giving away the tickets.

### REZ GIRLZ say thanks

We write this note in appreciation to the following businesses and people for your support in making our trip to Mississippi a success. We, the "REZ GIRLZ", would like to thank TGC, Cherokee Bottle Water, Tribal Council, Chief's Office, Painttown Community Club, Cherokee Boys Club, Cherokee Historical Association, Talking Leaves, K&R Electrical, Snowbird Recreation, Lori Taylor, Henry Chiltoskie, Lucille Wolfe, Adam Wachacha and Brandon Jones. Again thank you for all your support.

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Photo courtesy of Cherokee Children's Coalition

**Tahnee's Kids Fund donates to Children's Coalition**  
Officials from the Tahnee's Kids Fund gave a \$1,075 check to the Cherokee Children's Coalition on Friday, April 8. Last weekend, both groups joined together to host the 2nd Annual Splash of Color Dash, and the proceeds for that event were donated to the Coalition for the Week of the Young Child Children's Fair that will be held Thursday, April 21. Shown (left-right) Emily Behm, CCC treasurer; Amanda Bradley, CCS secretary; Sarah Beck, CCC chairman; Laura Lambert; Bryan Wesley; Michelle Wesley; Perry Arkansas; Emra Arkansas; and Zae Milsaps.



# Shiprock Chapter must have lawyer for filing

**NOEL LYN SMITH**  
THE DAILY TIMES

*Note: This article is reprinted here with permission from The (Farmington, NM) Daily Times. It features EBCI tribal member Carolyn West.*

**S**HIPROCK, NM – A Shiprock District Court judge ruled on Wednesday, March 30 that the Shiprock Chapter must obtain legal counsel if it want to continue its petition asking the court to invalidate a tribal council resolution approving a proposed water rights settlement.

remains under consideration by the court.

In February, Yazzie filed a petition for declaratory judgment on behalf of the chapter. The petition, filed against Speaker LoRenzo Bates and the Navajo Nation Council, requests that the court invalidate, the Jan. 26 council resolution approving the proposed Navajo Utah Water Rights Settlement agreement. The settlement would settle the tribe's water claims in the upper Colorado River basin in Utah.

After hearing arguments from Yazzie and Carolyn West, an EBCI tribal member and attorney with the Office of

proceedings.

Woody granted the chapter up to 10 days to retain legal counsel. If no counsel is named, the court will dismiss the petition. She said Yazzie can represent himself as an individual in his own court filing, but he cannot represent the chapter.

Chief Legislative Counsel Levon B. Henry said in an interview after the hearing the decision was fair to both sides.

"She does, as she said, have to protect the integrity of the court," Henry said.

In an interview at the chapter house, Yazzie said he anticipated the ruling. He said he will update chapter members about the hearing, the decision and their options for proceeding before the time limit to obtain a lawyer expires.

"I want to make sure the people understand before they take any type of action," Yazzie said.

During the hearing, West reiterated that tribal law mandates that only individuals who are members in good standing of the Navajo Nation Bar Association shall provide legal representation in tribal courts. She cited sections of the Navajo Nation Code and a Navajo Nation Supreme Court decision that address the use of legal counsel.

West added that individuals who appear as legal counsel are regulated by the Navajo Nation Bar Association, as well as state bar associations, in order to practice in Navajo courts.

Yazzie argued that the chap-

ter government was created by the people to incorporate a sense of community and decision by consensus, and that chapter officials implement decisions reached by community consensus or majority vote.

"To the best of his ability, his words and actions represent the chapter members' decision. The chapter president is not separate from the chapter membership in that way," Yazzie said.

He said the Diné have always stood and talked for themselves, without the assistance of a third party.

"We have the inherent right to speak for ourselves. Why would we want some legal mind to try to interpret what is on our minds, what is in our hearts?" Yazzie asked, adding it would be risky for the chapter to hire a lawyer because he or she may not fully comprehend the chapter's opinion and position.

Wednesday's hearing was held after Woody issued a March 11 order that requested that the chapter clarify Yazzie's representation and sought the names of chapter members who wished to appear on the petition filing.

The council has filed several motions to dismiss the petition. In Woody's order, she wrote the court would consider those motions after addressing the issue of the chapter's legal representation first.

*Editor's Note: Delores Maney advises that Carolyn West is the daughter of Delores French Maney and the late Frank West*



Photo by Jon Austria/The Daily Times

**Navajo Nation Chief Legislative Counsel Levon Henry and Navajo Nation Legislative Council Attorney Carolyn West leave a Wednesday hearing at Shiprock District Court.**

District Court Judge Genevieve Woody also determined that chapter President Duane "Chili" Yazzie cannot represent the chapter, as the petition

Legislative Counsel, the judge said Yazzie lacked the qualifications mandated by tribal law and the Navajo Rules of Court to represent the chapter in legal

# Cherokee Nation opens new \$14M Sam Hider Health Center

**JAY, Okla.** — The Cherokee Nation celebrated the opening of its new \$14 million Sam Hider Health Center in Jay, Okla. on Friday, April 8. The 42,000-square-foot health center replaces an aging 26,000-square-foot facility that was more than 80 years old.

It offers a physical therapy department for the first time, in addition to adding space for primary care, dental, optometry, radiology, behavioral health, public health nursing, pharmacy, laboratory, nutrition, WIC and diabetes care services.

“Dedicating the Sam Hider Health Center means we’ve now opened four health care centers that have either been expanded or are brand new within our health system. This state-of-the-art facility in Delaware County will enable the tribe to provide the kind of health care our Cherokee people deserve,” said Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Bill John Baker. “We made a wise investment three years ago when we poured \$100 million from CNB business profits into improved health care access for

Cherokees. We pledged to expand facilities, provide more and better health services, and reduce wait times, and we followed through on that promise.”

In 2015, the health center had more than 77,000 patient visits and issued nearly 154,000 prescriptions.

“A new, state-of-the-art health care facility in Jay has been sorely needed,” said Tribal Councilor Curtis Snell. “This new facility is going to allow our health care staff the space to work more efficiently while providing the space for a higher level of comfort for our patients. It is just another testament of the tribe’s commitment to providing the best quality of health care possible to our Cherokee Nation citizens.”

The new Sam Hider Health Center is the fourth and final project completed under a \$100 million health care capital improvement plan using casino profits. The Cherokee Nation opened a new health center in Ochelata and expanded health centers in Sallisaw and Stilwell in 2015.

“The Cherokee Nation is the

standard bearer in health care in not only Indian Country but throughout the United States, and this new facility along with other projects only reinforces that status,” said Connie Davis, executive director of Cherokee Nation Health Services. “With the combination of modern facilities and first-class health care providers, Cherokee Nation citizens can rest assured they are receiving top quality care at Sam Hider Health Center and all Cherokee Nation medical facilities.”

Community photographs, along with a piece detailing historical schools and churches of Delaware County, are some of the art on display in the new health center. It also incorporates woven baskets, a display featuring the traditional Cherokee fishing technique known as gigging, and wooden seals honoring the five-armed branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

“In addition to being a first-class health care center, the facility also reflects the identity of the communities in Delaware County,” said Secretary of State Chuck Hoskin Jr. “From community photographs to

décor detailing history of community schools and churches to the artwork, each and every person can form some type of connection to this facility. Making people feel at home through the use of art and culture will only allow our staff to better serve our patients and find positive solutions to their conditions.”

Cherokee Nation Construction Resources, a wholly owned company of the Cherokee Nation, served as contactor for the new health center. Selser Schaefer Architects designed the facility.

“The Sam Hider Health Center staff is very excited about the new facility,” said Mike Fisher, clinic administrator.

The building is named in honor of the late Rev. Sam Hider, who was pastor of the Piney Baptist Church, taught Cherokee classes, led gospel singings and helped former Chief W.W. Keeler lay the foundation for the present-day Cherokee Nation.

- Anadisgoi, Cherokee Nation  
Newsroom





## Summer Day Camp applications being taken

Cherokee Life Recreation will begin accepting summer day camp applications on Monday, May 2. Cherokee Life will be having Day Camp at two locations again this year including Painttown and Birdtown Gyms. Both Locations will have 50 available spots, and they are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Applications can be filled out at the gym in which your child will be attending. A \$50 deposit, payable at the EBCI Finance Office, is due before the Day Camp deadline of Wednesday, June 1. Info: Mary Beth Thompson, Birdtown Gym, 359-6890 or 359-6896; Taylor Bird, Painttown Gym, 359-3345

- Cherokee Life Recreation

## Turkey Season open through May 21

Cherokee's spring turkey hunting season is open through May 21. Hunters are invited to participate as a field reporter and submit turkey harvest data to the EBCI Natural Resources program. 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

## Bill Taylor Scholarship deadline is June 1

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 or a 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 \$30,762 in scholarships since 2000. Awards are based on students meeting various eligibility requirements detailed on the NCCF website [www.nccommunityfoundation.org](http://www.nccommunityfoundation.org). Applications can also be downloaded on this site under "Qualla Reservation".

Info: Norma Moss  
[normahmoss@gmail.com](mailto:normahmoss@gmail.com)  
- Eastern Band Community Found.

## Vietnam Veterans info, photos sought for Fair

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Destination Marketing program is seeking photo sub-

missions of Vietnam Era Veterans 1962-1973 for use in a special presentation on Veteran's Day at the 2016 Cherokee Indian Fair on Friday, Oct. 7. Info: Kristy Herron 359-6480 with any questions and to submit photos.

Also, a commemoration ceremony will be held the same day to honor all Vietnam Veterans. All Vietnam Veterans are asked to contact Warren Dupree, Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143, 508-2657 to be included in this honoring.

- EBCI Destination Marketing

## Upcoming DNA testing schedule

The following dates are available to schedule appointments for DNA collection:

- Friday, April 15

- Wednesday, April 20
- Friday, April 22
- Wednesday, April 27
- Friday, April 29

Please check with the EBCI Enrollment Office 359-6465 prior to scheduling to make sure you are eligible for enrollment. The local collection site is at the EBCI Tribal Enrollment office located at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. Appointments will be scheduled by the staff of 1 Family Services from 9-11:30am and 1-3pm.

To schedule an appointment at the local collection site, contact Michelle, Tribal Enrollment, 359-6463. To schedule an out-of-town appointment, contact Amber (918) 685-0478. All DNA questions should be directed to the staff of 1 Family Services.

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# CPF releases list of spring grantees

The Cherokee Preservation Foundation (CPF) recently awarded 18 new grants totaling over \$2.4 million, continuing its mission to improve the quality of life for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and the surrounding region.

Awarded grants include:

**Nantahala Racing Club:** To develop youth leadership through environmental stewardship and wilderness instructor training.

**The Bascom Corporation:** To introduce a cultural education component to a Cherokee exhibit.

**EBCI Kituwah Preservation and Education Program:** To

support Cherokee language preservation through programming activities.

**Graham County Indian Education:** To host a six-week Cherokee arts and crafts cultural summer camp for Graham County.

**Cherokee Historical Association:** To continue implementation of the organization's business plan to further sustainability.

**The Museum of the Cherokee Indian:** To continue the Cherokee Friends program and to implement elements of the Museum's new business plan.

**Friends of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park:** To

develop and continue curriculum units that integrate Cherokee culture into existing GSMNP educational programs at Cherokee Central Schools.

**Western North Carolina Regional Education Foundation:** To create a Career and Technical Education (CTE) program at Cherokee Central Schools.

**Mainspring Conservation Trust:** To continue planning around the Nikwasi Cultural Corridor and capitalize on current opportunities and cultural assets between the Qualla Boundary and Nikwasi mound.

**North Carolina International**

**al Folk Festival, Inc.:** To offer a cultural exchange program between Folkmoot and the EBCI.

**Snowbird Cherokees Traditions:** To support the Snowbird summer language camp and adult evening classes.

**Western Carolina University:** To implement the Right Path and Coulter Adult Leadership programs.

**Hope Center-Cherokee:** To support the BabyFACE (Family and Child Education) program at the Cherokee Central Schools and local community in efforts to increase parental knowledge of child development and school readiness.

**Sequoyah Birthplace Museum:** To conclude CPF's support for Sequoyah Birthplace Museum and its permanent exhibit to further sustainability.

**Western Carolina University:** To evaluate community interest and solicit design input on a community mapping project on the Qualla Boundary.

**Mainspring Conservation Trust:** To continue a bird monitoring, research, and education program at Mainspring's Tennesse Bottomland Preserve, EBCI's Cowee Mound, and the Welch Farm property in Andrews.

**Graham Revitalization Economic Action Team:** To initiate a "living laboratory" along the Sweetwater Creek Greenway on the Robbinsville High School Campus.

**EBCI Cooperative Extension:** To facilitate sewing classes and textile education for the EBCI community.

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## Georgia Swarm hold Native American Day

The Georgia Swarm lacrosse team held Native American Day on Sunday, April 10. Free game tickets were distributed by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and tribal members and leaders were featured prior to the game. (Photos by Kristy M. Herron/EBCI Commerce)



During an exchange of gifts prior to the game, Swarm co-owner Andy Arlotta (left) presents a team jersey to Vice Chief Richard Sneed. Following, Clement Calhoun, EBCI tribal member and Big Cove Ball Team leader, presented Arlotta with two sticks.



Kathy Littlejohn (holding microphone), Cherokee storyteller, tells the stickball story prior to the start of Sunday's game.



Shown (left-right) Wenster Green (#61), Six Nations; Jerome Thompson (#22), Onondaga Nation; Miles Thompson (#2) Onondaga Nation; Tonya Carroll; EBCI Commerce; Vice Chief Richard Sneed and his wife Trina; Randy Staats (#83, Six Nations; Lyle Thompson, Onondaga Nation; and Johnny Powless (#93), Six Nations.





# Office of the Principal Chief Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

*Patrick H. Lambert, Principal Chief*  
*Richard G. Sneed, Vice-Chief*

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Tribal Programs  
**FROM:** Patrick Lambert, Principal Chief  
**DATE:** April 4, 2016  
**RE:** Translation of Cherokee Syllabary

*PHS*

During the Tri-Council meeting held on Friday, August 28, 2015, Resolution Number 02-15 was unanimously passed by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the Cherokee Nation, and the United Keetoowah Band.

This resolution resolved that "...all Cherokee language materials that go out to the public, such as billboards, signs, brochures, newsletters, and pamphlets shall be approved by at least three members of the Cherokee Language Consortium of the United Keetoowah Band, Cherokee Nation, and Eastern Band of Cherokees to assure accuracy and authenticity."

I am instructing that any program considering use of the Cherokee Syllabary adhere to this directive. Ms. Myrtle Driver, Mr. JC Wachacha, and Mr. Jonah Wolfe are available to assist with these syllabary translations. There are several other individuals at New Kituwah that may help as well. These individuals may be reached at the New Kituwah Academy at (828) 359-6401.

Thank you for your adherence to this resolution.



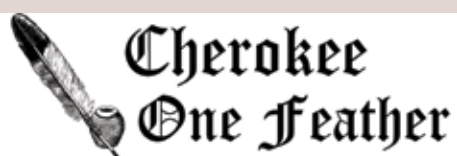
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# Sex, lies and video tape

**ROBERT JUMPER**  
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

**A**s a tribal member, I was left a little bewildered by the Tribal Council sessions of the last week of March and the first week of April. It ran the gambit of alleged unethical hiring practices at the Gaming Commission to alleged dipping into the tribal coffers for personal benefit to alleged conduct unbecoming a gaming commissioner.

Also during this session, we were scheduled to get our first look at the new ethics policy. If there was ever an example of why we need an ethics policy in tribal governing, all we need to do is go back over those last work sessions and Tribal Council sessions. There were so many references to drunkenness, credit card theft, misuse of power and position and favoritism that parts of the Tuesday and Thursday sessions looked like a reality television show. The bad news for all of us is that it is not a reality show but our reality. Just the thought of funds that should be used to uplift the Cherokee people, allegedly being used to buy a nightie or two at Victoria's Secret should be enough to sicken any member of our community. And, then one member of the Council requests the removal of a Gaming commissioner based on a portion of video that the Council Representative refers

to; a portion of which has been appearing on social media and is a topic of discussion at most water coolers on Boundary (the behavior seen in the video is apparently not suitable to discuss at the dinner table). In this case, the Council member indicated that they have seen a copy of the original security video feed from the Gaming Commission. The commissioner in question is denying any wrongdoing and some Council members want an investigation into how presumably confidential, proprietary video was leaked to the public and ended up on social media.

The outcome of all of this alleged contemptable behavior is yet to be seen. The strongest charges come from the Principal Chief of the Tribe, who is a pretty reliable source. He shared some comments from a forensic audit that he had commissioned after he took office. He hasn't yet said the "who", but he was very specific about the "what".

The "what" is thousands of dollars of your money...money intended to feed, clothe and care for children, debilitated, elderly tribal members, money that should be spurring economic growth and municipal projects like schools and medicine, allegedly being used to buy clothing, meals and massages, rent limousines and movies, and have golfing outings across the United States and Puerto Rico. And, if that doesn't make your blood boil, when the Chief concluded his list, he added, "Folks,

this is just the beginning". Just the beginning? I am having trouble digesting a few days' worth of Council sessions and we have only seen the tip of the iceberg? It is time to break out the Tums.

This is not the first time we have had accusations of corruption in government, but, it is the first time in recent history that so much has come to light in so many sectors of our government. We need those forensic audits and the information that those expose should be given to every tribal member. We need the ethics policy, created and approved by the people, not by the government. We need an ethics policy that actually holds politicians accountable in the same way that tribal employees are held accountable with specifically-defined penalties for violating the code of ethics. We desperately need a constitution that establishes a true democratic government and provides equal protection under the law with legislative, executive and judicial authorities; and a constitution that clearly separates those duties. And, we need those who hold the purse strings of the Tribe to be diligent and hold themselves accountable for the bad, as well as the good, decisions they have made in allocating funds. The worst enemy of an elected official is the use of the term "I didn't know". Constituents expect their leaders

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### We're so proud of the Chief!

You don't have to live within the Boundary to admire Chief Lambert's courage and determination to clean up tribal government.

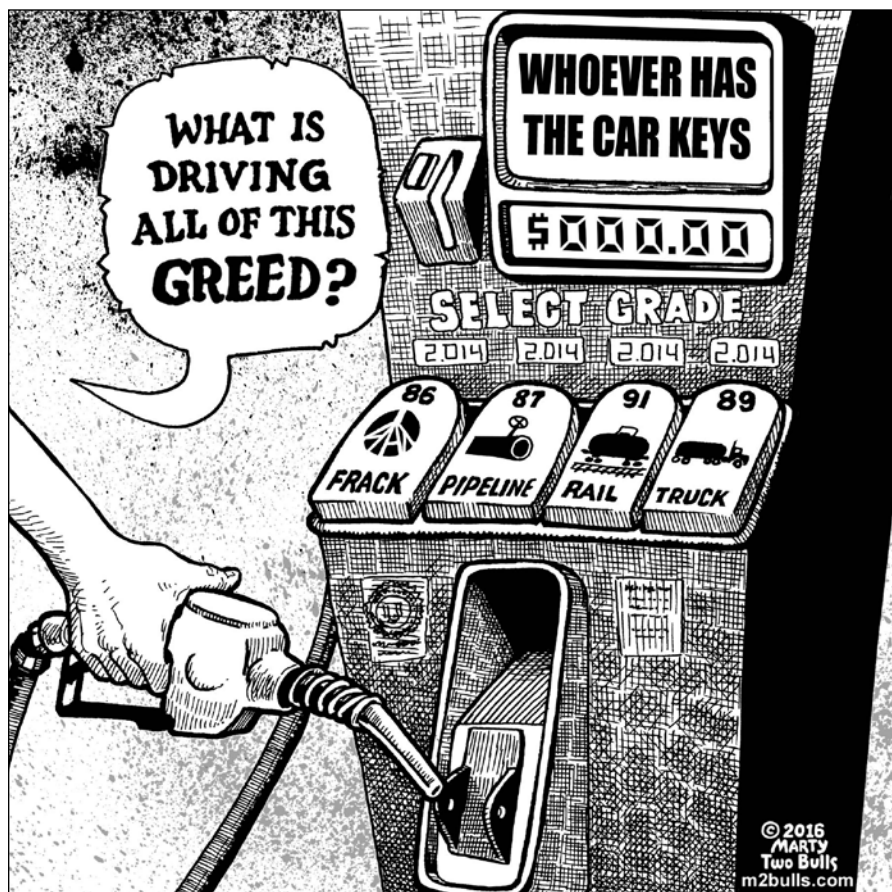
Everyone here in Jackson County who's heard the news of his efforts to make tribal government fair and honest again is cheering for him.

Yeah, Chief Lambert!

Mary Joyce  
Jackson County Resident

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to know. The ethics policy did not make it to the floor on Thursday. The submitting committee asked that it remain tabled. There was also a separate proposed resolution to establish a separate ethics division, which was also tabled. From the unemployed tribal member to the highest position in the Tribe, all of us make mistakes. None of us are perfect. The difference is what we do with our mistakes. We have the choice to either hide or make excuses for our failings, or to take responsibility for our actions and try to correct and be better for it as a government and as a people.



Hey, Cherokee  
business owners:  
Join us for some (very happy)  
marketing news.

Cherokee  
Tourism Marketing Presentation

April 19, 8:30–10 a.m.

We'd like to update you on important marketing initiatives under way, intended to help you and your business grow. This presentation is happening at the Fairfield Inn and Suites, 568 Paint Town Rd. Breakfast will be served, so kindly RSVP to the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce by calling 828.788.0034 by April 15 if you plan to attend.

  
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## Poll Responses

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

**Are you in favor of Chief Lambert's proposal to eliminate bear pits in Cherokee?**

**Danny Owl:** Just build a legitimate zoo and problem is solved.

**Brandie Lynn:** Free them. My heart breaks for caged animals.

**LeeAnn Back:** A real zoo would be better because if you free them, then they may not be able to live on their own. Being caged up for so long would make it hard for them to know how to live in the wild on their own!

## Cherokee One Feather Poll of the Week Results

**Are you in favor of Chief Lambert's proposal to eliminate bear pits in Cherokee?**

Yes **74%**

No **19%**

I need more information **7%**

Question of the week now up on [theonefeather.com](http://theonefeather.com):

**Where in Cherokee would you like to see the PFC Charles George Memorial Statue placed?**

**Jamie Hansen Douts:** Yes, stop the bear pits! No zoos! Hopefully, there is a bear rescue or wildlife sanctuary that could take them.

**Joseph Two Feathers:** Yes, but not because PETA threatens tribal land and commerce. It is the right thing to do. Living in a concrete pit

isn't right for any animal and is no way for us to show visitors how we treat an animal that is central to our own stories and identities.

**Leslie Lossiah:** My question is, what are they gonna do with the bears once it's closed down? Animals that have been kept in seclusion like that can't just be thrown back into the wild and be expected to survive off their instincts. I agree with Danny (Owl), build a zoo.

**Brianna Nations:** Yes, it is animal cruelty, but not because PETA says to do it, but because the Cherokees want to do what is right for one of nature's animals. Turn the old go-cart amusement park across the Saunooke Village into a natural bear habitat. The tourists would love it, and this would enhance their visit here.

**Brenda Thomas Deitz:** Yes, so sad to see them in those concrete pits!

**Alice Miller:** Place them in a bear rescue or wildlife sanctuary. The bears that have lived in the bear pit should not be released in the wild as they would not know how to fend for themselves.

**Evan Watty:** Just send them off to

a reserve and tear down both bear pit buildings. They're eyesores.

**Greg Kinnamon:** It's time to end the bear pits!

**Lea Wolf:** Yea, it's cruel.

**Jaye Simmons:** Yes, because the Cherokee have much respect for the black bear, and the pits give the impression to outsiders that they do not. Allow the bears to roam the beautiful lands of the Cherokee as nature intended.

**Melanie Parton:** Yes, I am 100 percent in favor. I think it is cruel to keep any animal locked up in a cement cell just so a man can make a profit.

**Robert Waldroup:** I think the proposal should be expanded to include dog tethers.

**SeDonna Skye:** Yes, get rid of the horrible cruel pits they are in and build a sanctuary or send them to a rescue or another sanctuary so they can finally live happy lives. They are so miserable and they deserve better.

**Karen Flores:** Yes, the black bears are important to Cherokee. Do away with the pits. They are cruel.

**Lisa Taylor:** Yes, I support Chief Lambert's proposal 100 percent. Every effort should be made to find placement for the bears. It is cruel for these bears to live in a concrete pit when they were created to be in the wild.

**Teresa McCoy:** Yes! I have no respect for anyone who makes money off the suffering and torture of others - people or animals.



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## More Poll Responses

**Christopher Watty:** A real zoo would be cool...lions, tigers and bears ! And, other animals would be a great attraction for Cherokee...a water park or a zoo? That's a hard question...or a water park/ zoo. People can swim with the bears!

**Beth Rogers:** Yes, but since those bears have been there since birth, they can't be returned to the wild. Build them something with grass and trees and water to play in. Bears are our brothers! Treat them right and with the respect they deserve.

**Tim Rattler:** Just my opinion, but we should keep them open...more laws on treatment...soon, they will be like the native and be "endangered".

**Sammy Hardin:** Yes, end the cruelty. What a beautiful way to honor the beasts that roam the woods in which we have called home for centuries. Be the change Chief Lambert. You're a beautiful soul. Set them free.

**Kina Armachain:** Yes,...the bears are meant to be wild, not tamed. Now, they don't know how to hunt their own food to survive.

**Diane Wolfe:** Yes, they need a natural habitat, not cement.

**Shirley Simonds:** No bear should be held in captivity. They were meant to be in the wild. What's going to happen to them now?

**Wayne Beaver:** I agree with Chief Lambert. I also would like more information. It would be good to

have a natural bear habitat where they would be protected and people could study them at times. Some of us know what it's like to be brothers to the bear. The bears don't deserve to be in cages. Am I my brother's keeper?

**Michael Zepeda:** I think we need a zoo displaying our mountain animals, but the pits are disgusting.

**Derek Tahquette:** Yes, they are an embarrassment to the reservation.

**Shayne LeMaster:** I'm not opposed to the attraction, but the facility is an embarrassment. So much could be done with it. Bring some Cherokee heritage lessons/facts inot the exhibit and also focus on conservation and education for the species and regional wildlife. Make it a true attraction, not a roadside stop.

**Vickie Graham:** Get rid of them.

**Deni Kaye:** Yes! Stop it! End it now...

**Shannon O'Lear:** The bears are our brothers. It has always hurt to know that pit exists.

**Nathan Bradley:** Yes, but build them a natural enclosure like those at the WNC Nature Center or Grandfather Mountain and include our culture to educate people that visit.

**Mara Nelson:** Yes, absolutely! This cruel business should have been eliminated long ago.

**Sandy Shepards:** It's cruel. They belong in a sanctuary.

**Johnny Williams:** Yes, they were not meant to be like this. They are to roam free so we can learn from them.

**Vangie Stephens:** Yes, it is a cruel thing. They can be placed where they have the outdoors as much as possible for them.

**Deb Perry:** Yes, and they need to be put in a sanctuary so they won't be suffering as much. However, starting a zoo would be one step up from this cruelty. These animals do not belong in a zoo of any sort. They are not here for us to make a profit off of.

**LaSheena Carroll:** It's cruel. The handlers don't truly care for them. To me, it's the best. Let them be bears and not "attraction" that barely get cared for.

**Angela Dickinson Hedrick:** Yes, it is so sad and depressing; not the life bears were meant to live. Please, please stop!

**Beverly J Lee-Prince:** Yes, the pits are cruel to healthy bears. Sanctuaries (should be) made like true habitats for bears that are disabled or unable to function in the wild in a different situation.

**Roberta Gloyne:** Yes, they are cruel.

**Debbie Ricca:** Agree, get rid of them!

**Caressa Jackson:** Yes, replace it with a more natural habitat. Expand the facility and make it more educational and beautiful, even if it means moving it to a different location.

**Michelle Bignault:** I always enjoyed seeing the live bears, but I always leave with such a sad feeling for them. The last time I went, several years back, they had a precious, healthy, cub in a small, glass enclosure space. And, all he did was cry for his momma and pace back and forth.

**Dorien Jones:** Yes, it should've been shut down a long time ago. It's depressing to see such beautiful animals stuck in a concrete pit. I can't even imagine what it is like for them. They weren't created for human amusement. They need to be moved to an animal sanctuary or reserve.

**Susan Landis:** We took our children there once years ago, and it upset them to see bears living in such a place.

**Kim S. Lambert:** Yes, the bears deserve better. They deserve to live their life in the wild. And, all the negative publicity that has happened over the years has affected our tourism dollars. I can only imagine the revenue that we have lost that could have been put into our hospital or for programs. People do not want to visit a place that allows this mistreatment to continue.

**Lisa Sampson:** The pits are terrible places. However, having a natural habitat-type environment would be acceptable. It could also include other animals native to this area and important to the Cherokee culture.

**Lisa Montelongo:** Yes, never should have been allowed...close them all down including Santa's Land black bears.

## Church Events

**Revival. April 10** at 7pm at Toqua Community Church at 930 Highway 360 in Vonore, Tenn. There will be various speakers. Info: (423) 295-2143

**Revival. April 17-22** at Hyatts Chapel Baptist in Whittier. Sunday services at 11am and 5pm with visiting preacher Lewis Jackson from Rutherfordton. Monday – Friday service at 7pm nightly with visiting preacher Daniel Stewart from Robbinsville. Special choir singing each night. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Revival. April 28** to May 1 at 7pm nightly and Sunday at 11am at Yellowhill Baptist Church. Pastor Danny Cannon, a special guest speaker, and everyone is welcome.

## General Events

**Panel Discussion on “Wilderness & The Anthropocene”.** **April 15** from 6-9pm at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Asheville. The four panelists are esteemed scholars and authors John Lane (Wofford College), Catherine Reid (Warren Wilson College), Drew Lanham (Clemson University), and Jennifer Frick-Rupert (Brevard College). The panel will consider what it means to have wilderness, “where man himself is a visitor who does not remain,” during the Anthropocene, the term used to describe the current geologic time period as being defined by humans. Free and open to the public, but space is limited to 100 attendees. RSVP is requested via [www.wilderness-and-the-anthro](http://www.wilderness-and-the-anthro)

[thropocene.eventbrite.com](http://thropocene.eventbrite.com). Info: Michelle Ruigrok, Wilderness Society outreach coordinator (828) 587-9453 or [michelle\\_ruigrok@tws.org](mailto:michelle_ruigrok@tws.org)

**Mud Dauber (Didanisisgi) Pottery Festival. April 16** from 10am – 5pm at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. The event will feature Cherokee potters who will be selling their work as well as participating in a variety of roundtable discussions about Cherokee pottery including: family traditions, tools used, patterns, etc. Food will be available for purchase. Open to the public, this is an opportunity for Cherokee art collectors and pottery enthusiasts to meet and talk with potters.

**60th Celebration of Life Gathering in memory of Donna Kim Cowling Potluck Luncheon. April 16** from 1-5pm at the Big Y Community Center. Anyone familiar with Donna and her family are more than welcome to attend.

**Jackson County NAACP Branch 54AB membership meeting. April 16** at 10am at Liberty Baptist Church at 551 Scotts Creek Road in Sylva. After the membership meeting, there will be a public meeting starting at 10:45am. This meeting will feature high school teachers and college student activists who will share their concerns about racial hate speech at their schools. There is no admission charge and everyone is invited to attend. Info: NAACP (828) 332-7118

**Swain County Democratic Party County Convention. April 16**

at 10am at Swain County Chamber of Commerce. Delegates will be selected to attend the District Convention scheduled for Saturday, May 21 at Haywood Community College in Waynesville. Info: Rocky Sampson, county chair, 735-1950, or Gwen Bushyhead 736-3043

**Jackson County Democratic Party County Convention. April 16** at 10am – 12pm at the Council in Aging Senior Center in the County Services Park in Sylva. Highlights of the event will be the election of delegates to the District and State Conventions and the opportunity to meet Democratic candidates for local, state, and national offices. All Democrats are welcome.

**1st Annual Honor our Cherokee Speaker’s Walk. April 18** at 10:30am. The walk starts in the parking area across from KFC and ends at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. This event is sponsored by the office of Principal Chief Patrick Lambert, Kituwah Preservation and Education Program, and Western Carolina University.

**Healing and Wellness Coalition meeting. April 19** at 12pm at Agelink Ernestine Walkingstick Conference Room. Bring your lunch. Info: (828) 331-8688 or 497-9498

**Indianpreneurship. Starts April 26** from 6-9pm in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex large conference room. This five-week course (Tuesdays) provides insight on what it takes to start and run a business. The cost is \$60 and includes the book. To register: Kim

Winchester-Rosario 359-6719, [kimbrosa@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:kimbrosa@nc-chokeee.com) or Sabrina S. Arch 359-6708, [sabrarch@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:sabrarch@nc-chokeee.com)

**Mini Resource Fair for Graham County. April 26** from 6-8pm at the Graham County Community Room located at 196 Knight Street in Robbinsville. Various agencies will be represented. Info: Jody 631-3900 ext 126 or [jody@region-akids.org](mailto:jody@region-akids.org)

**Parent Panel on “The Real Story about Raising Children with Special Needs”. April 28** from 5-7pm at Western Carolina University in the Killian Room 102. This free workshop is geared towards college students; however, it is open to everyone and will provide insight into working with individuals with special needs and their families. Info: Jody 631-3900 ext. 126 or [jody@regionakids.org](mailto:jody@regionakids.org)

**Relay for Life of Cherokee. April 30** from 4-10pm at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Carrie Shuler 788-3525, [carrie.shuler@cancer.org](mailto:carrie.shuler@cancer.org)

**Musical presentation of Disney’s “The Lion King Jr.” May 5-7** at 7pm at Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. The show is being presented by Cherokee Central School’s Musical Theater Department. Tickets are \$5. Pre-show dinner will be available at 5:30pm for \$7. Tickets are available at the front offices of Cherokee Middle School and Cherokee High School.

**Spring Sobriety Camp Out. May 12-15** at the Yogi in the Smokies



Campground in Big Cove. Bring your chairs, camping gear, warm clothes, and pow wow regalia. Registration begins Thursday, May 12 at 12noon. Info: Herb W. 506-8563 or firesidecircle@yahoo.com

**Cherokee Customer Celebration. May 14** from 10am – 4pm. Vendors needed. Info: Cherokee Welcome Center 359-6490 or Josie Long 359-6491

## Sports Events

**Smoky Mountain Senior Games, age 50 and over. April 18 – May 13.** Registration begins Monday, March 14 and ends on April 8. Cost is \$15. Events include: basketball shooting, billiards, bocce, bowling, cornhole, croquet, disc golf, football throw, golf, horseshoes, shuffleboard, softball throw, spin casting, swimming, table tennis, tennis, pickleball, track & field, and heritage, literary, visual and performing arts. Info: Jackson County Parks & Recreation Department (828) 293-3053 or Janell Rattler (828) 346-6962.

**Cornhole Tournament. April 23** at Birdtown Gym at 10am. Bring your own partner followed by a blind draw. \$40 per team, \$10/person for blind draw. Prize money will be half of the entry fee on both tournaments. Concessions will be available. Proceeds will assist Aniyah Younce with Under Armour's Baseball Factory travel expenses.

## Upcoming Pow Wows for April 15-17

*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.*

**39th Annual Texas Gulf Coast Tia-Piah Pow Wow. April 15-16** at Albert V. Sallas Park in New Caney, Texas. Emcees: Gary Kodeseet, Herbert Johnson. Head Southern Singer: Chad Tahchaw-wickah. Info: Gary Cornett (281) 332-6771, tgctp.jojo@gmail.com, www.gulfcoasttiapiah.org

**Sho-Ban Jr./Sr. High School Annual Spring Pow Wow. April 15-16** at Sho-Ban High in Fort Hall, Idaho. MC: Hank Johnson. Host Drum: Spring Creek. Info: Tyson Shay (208) 269-6465

**24th Annual Spring Contest Pow Wow. April 16-17** at Northside Aztlan Community Center in Fort Collins, Colo. MC: Corky Old Horn. Host Northern: Meskwaki Nation. Host Southern: Bad Company. Info: Jan (970) 498-0290, ncipa.pw@gmail.com

**2nd Annual Veterans Contest Wacipi. April 16-17** at Four Winds High School in Fort Totten, ND. Emcees: Butch Felix, Danny Seaboy. Info: Catherine Howard (701) 230-9597 or Clifford Abrahamson (701) 652-5871

**Multicultural Student Union of Western Oregon University 23rd Annual Pow Wow. April 16** at Western Oregon University Pacific Room in Monmouth, Ore. MC: Nick Sixkiller. Host Drum: Woodsmen. Info: (503) 838-8403, msu@wou.edu

**University of Nevada – Reno Pow Wow. April 16-17** at Lawlor Event Center in Reno, Nev. Info: Saundra Mitrovich (775) 682-6499, smitrovich@unr.edu

**Phi Sigma Nu Pow Wow. April 16** at Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah, Okla. MC: Choogie Kingfisher. Head Southern Singer: Chris Chanate. Info: Nicholas McElhaney (918) 207-6923, Mcelha02@nsuok.edu

**22nd Annual University of Iowa Pow Wow. April 16** at University of Iowa Fieldhouse in Iowa City, Iowa. MC: Tyler Lasley. Host Drum: Haymaker. Info: Tracy Peterson (319) 335-8298, studorg-ui-nasa@uiowa.edu, www.powwowuiowa.edu

**3rd Annual Gourd Dance Portland. April 16** at NAYA Pavilion in Portland, Ore. MC: Tom Phillips. Head Southern Singer: Jimmy Reeder. Info: Dr. Cornel Pewewardy (503) 725-9689, cornelop@pdx.edu

**6th Annual Columbia University Pow Wow. April 16** at Columbia University Morningside Campus in New York City, NY. MC: Cliff Matias. Host Drums: Silvercloud, Mystic River. Info: nac.columbia@gmail.com

**Bacone College Pow Wow. April 16** at Historic Bacone Campus in Muskogee, Okla. MC: Kinsel Lieb. Head Southern Singer: Francis Mendia. Info: (918) 360-6471,

timothyj@bacone.edu

**Leech Lake Tribal College Anwebin Niimi'idiwin. April 16-17** at Cass Lake Bena High School in Cass Lake, Minn. Emcees: Murphy Thomas, Branden Bowstring. Host Drum: LLTC Singers. Info: David Northbird (218) 335-4222, david.northbird@lltc.edu

**Oklahoma City Pow Wow Club April Benefit Dance. April 16** at Indian Hills Pow Wow Grounds in Oklahoma City, Okla. Emcees: Tom Morgan, Sammy Tone-kei White. Head Southern Singer: Robert Tehauno. Info: Tom Morgan (405) 826-8189

## Ongoing Events

**VFW Bingo. Every Tuesday at the Governor's Island VFW.** Early bird at 5:30pm, regular games at 7pm. Info: Billy Whitt 736-4146

## AA and NA meetings in Cherokee.

Nar-Anon (family support): Mondays at 6pm at Church of Christ 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

## June 2016 per capita deadline

The deadline to submit federal tax withholding forms, waivers, letters of administration, or court-ordered guardianship for the June 2016 per capita distribution will be Friday, April 15 at 4:30pm. Forms are available at the Tribal Enrollment Office, located in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex, Monday – Friday 7:45am – 4:30pm. Address changes will be accepted until Friday, May 6 at 4:30pm.

- EBCI Tribal Enrollment



# Yohn and Yona

By Dylan West







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## SERVICES

**Tax Preparation by Sandi – Can save you time and money. Monday thru Saturday 9am – 7pm. Located on Olivet Church Road. 828-497-4128. 4/14pd**

## YARD SALES

**April 1 & 2**, 50 Bryson St. past Joe's Laundry mat, 8:30am-3pm. Husqvarna, riding mower 23hp. Ariens self propel push mower, table saw, nail guns, heater, tools, shovels, rakes \$4 each, glass ware, much more. 488-8951

## REALTY

The following names are clients who have transactions in the Realty Office that were drafted before January 1, 2015. Since these transactions are over one (1) year old, if the transactions are not completed by April 29, 2016, they will be considered null and void and filed into the proper file. If your name is listed below please come into Realty Office to sign and complete your transaction. If you have any questions regarding these transactions, please feel free to call the Realty Office at (828) 359-7442 or (828) 359-7443.

### **Cherokee County**

Allen James Rattler, Joshua Bryant Rattler, Maria Queen Smith

### **Cherokee Community**

Rebecca Smith Bridges, Robert Warren Cooper, Willis Demetric Davis, Charles Thomas Lambert, Lana Jo Lambert, Alice Mae Catt Lewis, Kenneth Malcolm Lewis, Jr., Charlotte Littlejohn, John Ricky Lossiah, Jr., Verlin Sequoyah

### **Wolfetown Community**

Lechay Raelyn Arch, Matthew Sampson Armachain, Charles William Bigwitch, James Everett Cucumber, Ronda Lynn Bradley Cucumber, Lee Edward Culler, Carol Lynn George, Dewayne Gene Hicks, Jacquelyn Bradley Johnson, Hugh Noland Lambert, III., Patricia Kay Kannott Lambert, Stephen Jesse Lambert, Will Thomas Lambert, Henson Junior Lambert, Brenda Toineeta Pipestem, Jeremy Justin Raby, Treva Faye Hicks Reed, Jack Hamilton Smith, Joel Hartman Smith, Jonathan Larch Taylor, Susan Coleen Toineeta, Sarah Jane Washington Wabagkeck, William Francis Washington, Jr., Bessie Jean Bird Welch, Christian Joseph Yates

### **Painttown Community**

Leslie Shannon Swimmer Bryant, Shena Dale Pigeon Standingdeer, Tony Standingdeer, Savetta Rowena Bradley Williams, Charles Wolfe  
**3200 Acre Tract**  
Lynn Francis Markley, II., Pauline Walker Markley, Glenn Gilbert Wolfe

### **Snowbird Community**

Janie Mae Conseen Brown, Sasha Darlene Jumper Castillo, Donnie Edward Jackson, Florence Ethelyn Jackson Moose, Jessica Leigh Cogdill Smith, Damien Riley Wachacha  
**Big Cove Community**  
Cora Lynn Sanders Crowe, Kimnerly Dawm Crowe, Kristin Lynn Sanders Crowe, Edmond Meroney French, David Norman Watty, Elsie Welch Watty, Kerri Lynn Wolfe

### **Birdtown Community**

Philip Sampson Armachain, Sarah Allen Ben, Jerry Russell Blankenship, Donald Carl Cline, Lillie Marlene Tolley Cline, Melissa Renee Cline, Kandace Rhean Griffin, David Lawrence Jay Huskey, Joseph Curtis McCoy, Franklin Terry

Taylor, William Thomas Thompson, Curtis Lee Wildcatt, Kathleen Wildcat, Bernard David Wilnoty, Michele Annette Mathis Wilnoty, Mary Winona Wolfe Youngbird

### **Proposed Land Transfers**

Norma Jean Holt Moss to Fannie Jean Craig Hold for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 217-C (Part of Parcel No. 21-B), containing 0.024 acres, more or less.

Geraldine Stamper to Carol Savannah McAbee and Carl Wesley Junaluska for Painttown Community Parcel No. 203-F (Part of Parcel No. 203-D), containing 0.758 acres, more or less.

Pamela Geraldine Lambert to Steven Garfield Lambert, II for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 58-J (Part of Parcel No. 58), containing 1.001 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Reuben Teesatuskie to Jordan Tyler Lee Bennett for Upper Cherokee Community Parcel No. 670-M (Part of Parcel No. 670-H), containing 1.201 acres, more or less.

Reuben Teesatuskie to Jordan Tyler Lee Bennett for Upper Cherokee Community Parcel No. 670-N (Part of Parcel No. 670-H), containing 1.201 acres, more or less.

Finley O'Dean McMillan and Erma Louise Cucumber McMillan to Gabriel David McMillan for 3200 Acre Tract Community Parcel No. 72 (Part of Parcel No. 41), containing 1.123 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Carmen Va Laire Junaluska to Joseph Henry Wolfe, Jr. for Wolfeown Community Parcel No. 894 (Part of Parcel No. 767), containing 0.240 acres, more or less, together with all improvements



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# **EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS**

For deadlines and applications call 554-6388. Indian Preference does apply. A current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a Tribal application.



## **POSITIONS OPEN**

*\*Please attach all required documents\**

*\*eg: Driver's license, Enrollment, Diplomas, Certificates\**

**Closing April 15, 2016 @ 4 pm**

1. C.N.A- Home Health (\$23,616-\$29,520)
2. Program Assistant- Cherokee Choices (\$34,112-\$42,640)
3. Language Specialist Assistant (2 positions)- KPEP (\$25,830-\$32,288)
4. Plumber- Help/HCD (\$37,474-\$46,843)
5. Library Manager (Snowbird)- Public Library (\$37,474-\$46,843)
6. Supply Coordinator Assistant- QHA (\$23,616-\$29,520)

**Closing April 22, 2016 @ 4 pm**

1. RN Supervisor (3 positions)- Tsali Care (\$49,200-\$61,500)
2. RN (2 positions) Tsali Care Center - (\$45,018-\$56,273)
3. Cook Aide- Tsali Care Center- (\$19,598-\$24,498)
4. O&M Mechanic- Waste Water Treatment Plant- (\$31,078-\$38,848)
5. Environmental Health & Safety Manager- Regulatory & Compliance (\$58,794-\$73,493)
6. Firefighter- Fire & Rescue- (\$34,112-\$42,640)
7. Youth Development Professional (Re-Advertisement)- CYC (\$21,484-\$26,855)
8. C.N.A (4 positions)- Tsali Care Center (\$23,616-\$29,520)

**Open Until Filled**

1. Patrol Officers- CIPD (\$34,112-\$42,640)
2. Detention Officer- Detention Services (\$31,078-\$38,848)
3. Part Time- Paramedic- Tribal EMS (\$34,112-\$42,640)

**Download Applications & Job Descriptions**  
**NC-Cherokee.com/HumanResources/Employment/Job-Opportunities**

## EMPLOYMENT

### THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

EMERGENCY HIRE CNA / CHEROKEE COUNTY CLINIC  
FT RN NIGHT FLOAT / IN PATIENT  
FT RN NIGHTS / IN PATIENT  
PTI CNA/CLERK – IN PATIENT  
FT LPN / CMA –OPD  
FT LPN / CMA – PEDS  
FT PHARMACY TECH I  
FT MEDICAL RECORDS CODER  
FT PHYSICAL THERAPY REHAB AIDE  
FT DIETARY 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 Teresa Carvalho or Deb Toineeta. These positions will close on April 15, 2016 @ 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. **4/14pd**

### JOB ANNOUNCEMENT ACADEMIC TEACHER

ORGANIZATION: Oconaluftee Job Corps (Cherokee Boys Club Contract – U.S. Forest Service), 52 Cherokee Boys Club Loop, Cherokee, N. C. 28719  
OPENING DATE: April 14, 2016  
CLOSING DATE: Until Filled  
REQUIREMENTS: Must possess and maintain a NC Teacher's Certificate. Must have adequate training, skills, and experience to perform all duties required of position and to be competent and reliable.

Application and job description can be picked up from the Cherokee Boys Club's Receptionist at the

Information Window between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (828-497-9101).

The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit mandatory. **4/21pd**

### Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings (open until filled):

- Varsity Volleyball Coach - High School diploma required; must have previous experience coaching volleyball.
- Elementary Receptionist - Associate's Degree preferred; must have high school diploma or GED. At least five (5) years experience working with various computer programs and clerical work.
- Special Education First Grade Teacher - NC Teaching license required.
- Elementary Teacher - NC Teaching license required.
- SPED High School Teacher Assistant - Must have an Associate's Degree or two years (48 semester hours) of study at an institute of higher education.
- Finance Director - Preferred Certified Public Accountant. Required Education includes a minimum of Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college in Accounting or Finance. Must have three years verifiable experience in an accounting position with at least one year progressive supervisory experience to qualify for this position.
- Human Resources Director - Preferred Master's Degree from an accredited college in Human Resources, Business Management or other business related field. Required Education includes a minimum of

Bachelor's Degree including two years of School HR, Personnel, or verifiable work experience. Also, must have experience in Education Licensure and Certification. Three to six months in this position would be necessary to become proficient in most phases of the job.  
•Payroll and Travel Clerk - Minimum qualifications include AA degree in business or other business related field. Specialized payroll training or five years work experience in business office management and related technical skill areas.

For complete job descriptions please visit Cherokee Central Schools Human Resources at [www.ccs-nc.org](http://www.ccs-nc.org) **4/14pd**

### THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

FT OPTICAL ASSISTANT  
FT HOUSEKEEPER  
FT RN EVENING FLOAT –IN PATIENT

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 Teresa Carvalho or Deb Toineeta. These positions will close on April 22, 2016 @ 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. **4/21pd**

### JOB ANNOUNCEMENT TEACHER AIDE AGELINK

ORGANIZATION: Cherokee Boys Club, P. O. Box 507, Cherokee, N. C. 28719  
DEPARTMENT: Agelink Child Care Department  
OPENING DATE: April 14, 2016

CLOSING DATE: Until Filled  
REQUIREMENTS: Must have GED or High School Diploma

Application and job description can be picked up from the Receptionist at the Boys Club Information window between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (828-497-9101).

The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit mandatory.

Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. **4/21pd**

### JOB ANNOUNCEMENT LEAD TEACHERS AGELINK

ORGANIZATION: Cherokee Boys Club, P. O. Box 507, Cherokee, NC 28719  
DEPARTMENT: Child Care Department – Agelink  
OPENING DATE: April 14, 2016  
CLOSING DATE: Until Filled  
REQUIREMENTS: Must have GED or High School Diploma, NC Child Care Credentials 1 and 2

Application and job description can be picked up from the Receptionist at the Boys Club Information window between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (828-497-9101).

The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory.

Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. **4/21pd**



## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

### PART-TIME

#### RESIDENT COUNSELORS

Organization: Cherokee Boys Club  
Department: Cherokee Children's Home (508 Goose Creek Road)

Opening Date: April 14, 2016

Closing Date: Until Filled

REQUIREMENTS: Must have a valid North Carolina Driver's License with a verifiable driving record.

Must have a High School Diploma or GED. Experience in a residential care setting preferred. Must be able to relate well to children, youth and their family members. Must have good writing and verbal communication skills and be able to complete daily reporting requirements. Must have the ability to lift 50 pounds and be physically mobile to conduct required physical demands of the job. Must be 21 years of age.

Applications and job descriptions can be picked up at the Information Desk of the Cherokee Boys Club between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or call 828-497-9101 for more information.

The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens.

Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. **4/21pd**

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- \* Director Coulter Faculty Center
- \* Executive Director of Residential Living
- \* Facilities Maintenance Technician
- \* Social/Clinical Research Specialist
- \* Warehouse Associate

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- \* Birth-Kindergarten
- \* Biology
- \* Chemistry
- \* Communication
- \* Construction Management
- \* Curator of Collections & Exhibitions
- \* Engineering or Engineering Technology
- \* Fine & Performing Arts – Bardo Arts Center
- \* Geosciences
- \* Marketing
- \* Parks & Recreation Management
- \* Physical Therapy
- \* Social Work

Please go to <https://jobs.wcu.edu> for details and to apply online. Western Carolina University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, and veteran status, consistent with applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, and policies, and the policies of The University of North Carolina. Additionally, the University promotes the realization of

equal employment opportunity for minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and veterans through its affirmative action program. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in the application and interview process please call (828) 227-7218 or email at [jobs@email.wcu.edu](mailto:jobs@email.wcu.edu) **4/14pd**

**VOC is taking applications for a Crew Leader** with Supervisory Experience and Seasonal Workers for Lawn Maintenance and Landscaping. Applications can be picked up at VOC behind the Tribal Bingo. **4/14pd**

## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the Book of Genocide in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Luke 8, Jesus caused swine to rush into what body of water? *River Jordan, Dead Sea, Nile, Sea of Galilee*
3. In 2 Kings 9, what creatures ate the carcass of Jezebel? *She-bears, Dogs, Frogs, Worms*
4. From Matthew 17, what did Peter find with a coin in its mouth? *Ram, Fish, Viper, Raven*
5. To see Jesus, Zacchaeus climbed what type tree? *Fig, Carob, Sycamore, Box*
6. What was the first bird released from the Ark? *Raven, Pigeon, Sparrow, Dove*

more; 6) Raven  
ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Sea of Galilee; 3) Dogs; 4) Fish; 5) Sycamore; 6) Raven

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## LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 16-017

### **In the Matter of the Estate of Thomas Lee George**

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 FIRST PUBLICATION

Letitia George, PO Box 60, Whittier, NC 28789. **4/14pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 16-007

### **In the Matter of the Estate of Denning Andrew Rochester**

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

Denning Andrew, PO Box 284, Cherokee, NC 28719. **4/14pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 16-018

### **In the Matter of the Estate of Rachel Anne Hornbuckle**

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: June 22, 2016

Stacey Harsh, PO Box 1450, Cherokee, NC 28719. **4/14pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 16-022

### **In the Matter of the Estate of Ruth M. Garrett**

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: June 22, 2016

Barbara Garrett Owle, 1190 Wolfetown Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **4/14pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 16-020

### **In the Matter of the Estate of Cecil Taylor**

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

Lucy Bigmeat, PO Box 156, Cherokee, NC 28719. **4/14pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 16-021

### **In the Matter of the Estate of Frances Hornbuckle Wahnetah**

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

Howard K. Wahnetah, PO Box 1463, Cherokee, NC 28719.

**4/21pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 16-016

### **In the Matter of the Estate of Samuel A. Panther**

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

Carolyn Panther, PO Box 889, Cherokee, NC 28719. **4/14pd**

EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE  
INDIANS

CHEROKEE TRIBAL COURT  
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA  
FILE NUMBER: CV 16-030  
ALLY FINANCIAL INC.,  
Plaintiff,  
v.

FRANCES ANN SMITH,  
JESSE JAMES HILL JR., and  
JEFFREY JACKSON HEISEL,  
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS  
BY PUBLICATION

TO: JEFFREY JACKSON HEISEL

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:

Civil action regarding repossession of a 2014 Kia Soul, vehicle identification number (VIN) KND-JX3A57E7708949, in which you are identified as a title owner on the vehicle's certificate of title.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days after April 7, 2016 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This 7th day of April, 2016.  
Kimberly N. Carpenter; Earwood, Moore, Carpenter & Guy, PLLC; Attorney for Plaintiff; 559 West Main Street; Sylva, NC 28779; 828-339-1010. **4/21pd**

## **BIDS, RFPs, etc.**

### **Request for Proposal (RFP) for Phase II Archaeological Survey on the Qualla Boundary in Cherokee, NC**

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is seeking proposals from qualified firms to conduct a Phase

see **LEGALS** next page



## LEGALS: Notices from page 30

II Archaeological Survey on the site of the former Cherokee Elementary School. The complete scope of work to be provided by the firm to be hired as Contractor is part of a complete RFP packet which may be obtained by contacting Doug Cole, Strategic Planner, at the EBCI Tribal Planning Office, at 828-359-6709.

[dougcole@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:dougcole@nc-chokeee.com).

Responders to this RFP must submit Letters of Intent to bid not later April 11, 2016 to Doug Cole, Strategic Planner – Tribal Planning Office, 810 Acquoni Rd., Suite 132, Cherokee, NC 28719. Complete bids in writing must be received not later than 4:00 PM on Friday, May 13, 2016 to the same address. Bids must be submitted as required in the RFP.

First preference will be given to qualified TERO contractors. **4/14**

## Search Cherokee's Sex Offender Registry at this link:

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If you have already submitted your application, it will be considered active for 6 months from the date of application. To qualify, applicants must be 21 years or older (18-21 years eligible for non-gaming positions), must successfully pass an RIAH hair/drug test and undergo an investigation by Tribal Gaming Commission. Preference for Tribal members. This property is owned by the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation, managed by Caesars Entertainment. The Talent Acquisition Department accepts applications Mon. - Thur. from 9am - 4:30pm. Call 828.497.8778, or send resume to Human Resources Department, 777 Casino Drive, Cherokee, NC 28719 or fax resume to 828.497.8540.



## TRANSIT'S WEEKLY SHOPPING TRIPS

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**Deceased Members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Between Oct. 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016**

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, 2015 – March 31, 2016 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, 359-6466, 359-6467, 359-6465 or call if you have any questions.

- Armachain, Minda Faye – 11/17/15; executor Kristian Blackfox
- Ball, Lois Bonnie Rose – 2/3/16; executor Donna Watson
- Blevins, Eva Michelle Blythe – 11/2/15
- Bradley, Morgan Maurice – 1/21/16; executor Loretta Bradley
- Brown Jr., Diamond – 2/9/16
- Buchanan, Charles Ervin – 10/6/15; executor Hollis Bird
- Burgess, John Henry – 1/29/16
- Catt, Mary Ellen – 1/26/16; executor John Parker
- Childs, Faye Louise Smith –

- 1/10/16
- Cole, Tom Junior – 12/7/15
- Cole Jr., Kelsey Eugene – 11/14/15
- Cooper, James Arnold – 1/6/16; executor Janene M. Cooper
- Cucumber, Kent Elliot – 1/21/16
- Deck, Polly Owle – 11/22/15
- Denton Jr., James Craig – 10/4/15; executor Connie Smith
- Deyton, Edith Vanderbilt Hyde – 10/4/15; executor Warner Deyton
- Feather, Joseph – 11/24/15; executor Carole Love
- French, Edwin Leroy – 3/19/16
- Garrett, Ruth Melinda Rogers – 2/17/16; executors Barbara Owle and Jasper Garrett Jr.
- George, Thomas Lee – 1/71/6 – executor Letitia George
- Green, Alfred Herman – 3/4/16
- Grindstaff, Louisa Wachacha – 12/14/15; executor Terry Grindstaff
- Gunter, Dalton Scott – 1/22/16; executor Tiffany Owle-Plummer
- Hawkins, Donna Kim Cowling – 10/9/15; executor Rachel Arden
- Hill, Yonnie Watty – 12/1/15
- Holt, Mark Robert – 12/31/15; executor Norma Moss
- Hornbuckle, Rachel Ann Lambert – 1/27/16; executor Stacey Harsh
- Johnson, Lloyd Kyle – 12/4/15
- Killian, Coy Timpson – 2/18/16
- Killian, Levean – 10/1/15; executor Patti Dockery
- Lambert, Lana Jo – 11/24/15; executor Joyce B. Todd
- Lambert, Wesley Morris – 2/1/16
- Lindsay, William Norman – 12/28/15; executor Ella Theriot
- Littlejohn, Thomas Andrew – 1/21/16
- Locust Jr., Ernest – 3/30/16
- Long, James Paul – 1/11/16; executor Linda Long
- Lossiah, Anthony Edward – 10/6/15; executor Candida Lossiah
- Lossiah, Maggie – 10/15/15;

- executor Charlene Lossiah
- Maney, Donald Edward – 10/7/15; executor Stephanie Maney
- Martin, Lena Vanelle Smoker – 10/13/15
- Moles, William Michael – 2/4/16
- Montelongo, Anacleto – 10/27/15
- Morris, Nannie Odessa Sampson – 10/4/15; executor Amber Cruz
- O'Kelley Velma Jean Ledford – 3/22/16
- Panther, Samuel Alfred – 2/8/16
- Powell, Russell Francis – 12/30/15
- Rattler, Nicey Ledford – 12/4/15; executor Calloway Ledford Sr.
- Roberts, Arthur Hugh – 11/19/15; executor Cathy Drye Roberts
- Rochester, Denning Andrew – 11/13/15; executor Denning Andrew Rochester Jr.
- Rose, Thurman Louis – 3/19/16
- Sampson, Maverick Harper Blythe – 2/18/16
- Saunooke, Hazel Lee – 1/30/16
- Sequoyah Jr., Amoneeta – 10/30/15; executor Kathy Welch Sequoyah
- Shetley, Lillian Faye Rose – 2/25/16
- Shuler, Eugene – 12/27/15
- Smith, James Robert – 3/20/16
- Smith, Jarrette Jackson – 10/28/15; executor Debra Smith
- Smith, Robert Alexander – 11/2/15; executor Travis K. Smith
- Smith, Sibbald Michael – 1/24/16
- Sneed, Margaret Catolster – 1/22/16; executor Trina Owle
- Taylor, Cecil Edward – 2/10/16
- Taylor, Edward Johnson – 1/29/16; executor Louise E. Taylor
- Taylor, Elisha Ray – 1/30/16
- Taylor, Nancy Juanita Smith – 3/10/16
- Taylor, Sherry Jeanette – 1/21/16; executor Christopher

- Southards
- Thompson, Eugene – 1/7/16
- Toineeta, Cheyenne Nicole – 12/22/15
- Toineeta, Dorothy Pearl – 1/26/16; executor C. Douglas Toineeta
- Traylor, Jacob Mark – 11/2/15
- Wahnetah, Frances Lorene Hornbuckle – 2/9/16
- Walkingstick, Nickyjack David – 10/27/15
- Watty Sr., Manuel Henry – 10/31/15; executor Manuel H. Watty Jr.
- Welch, Shirley Jean West – 10/20/15; executor Alfred Welch

**New Enrollees of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians as of March 31, 2016**

This is a listing of new enrollees of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who were officially enrolled between Oct. 1, 2015 and March 31, 2016 who, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY TRIBAL LAW, are eligible to receive a per capita distribution of distributable net gaming revenue for the period of Oct. 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016. This list is being published according to Cherokee Code Section 16C-4.

- Acheson, MylahRuth
- Arch, Galix Axton
- Armachain, Tso-I Che
- Armachain, Zaiden Mekhi
- Ayers, Maverick James
- Ball, Brennley Rayna
- Bark, Tsulenitsanv
- Bark, Usanuli
- Bark, Xiomara
- Bedonie, Karissa Lynne
- Bottchenbaugh, Hewitt Walker
- Joseph
- Bradley, Joshua Jacob
- Bradley, Myla Renaye



Brady, Jase Robert  
Brown, Amiyah Kanati Caroline  
Brown, Messiah Sean  
Brown Jr., Michael Shawn  
Buchanan, Lily Ann Marie  
Buchanan, Paxton Joshua  
Bushyhead, Manda Marie  
Clark, Aaron Christopher  
Claudio, Lily Keilani  
Climbingbear, Asha Adela  
Cline, Karson Blake  
Coffey, Juan Isom  
Coffey, Trinity Sue  
Contreras, Jaylan Alexis  
Cornwell, Ryleigh Michelle  
Corral, Allison Kendra  
Cox-Wachacha, Zueri Kha-Lynn  
Crowe, Cassia Nuva  
Crowe-Lossiah, Izabela Shelby  
Denton, Carter Ray  
Dixon, Ahlani Rayleigh  
Drakeford, Nylah Kay Elizabeth  
Driver, Addalyn Mackenzie Elizabeth  
Driver, Colton Riley  
Driver, Jaden Dallas  
Edwards, Samuel Lee  
Gammon, James Allen Xavier  
Gammon, James Stephen Ray  
George, Otis Jacob  
George, Remington Liam  
Gloyne, Elwood Driver  
Guerrero, Dominic Mason  
Hall, Noah Kelton  
Hawk, Scotti Ellisa  
Hayes, Kevin Anthony  
Haynie, Aubrey Selvaria  
Hicks, Sage Ida Lizzie  
Hill, Colton Lane  
Hogner, Lyric Lydia-Joe  
Hornbuckle, Micah Isaiah  
Hornbuckle, Selena Rose  
Hoyle, Gracelyn Rain  
Hulgan, Eli James  
Huskey, Layla Marie Lee-Ann  
Johnson, Caiden Iriah Steven  
Jones, Fisher Lee  
Jones, Huntley Ryan  
Jones, Warrick Maximus Clay  
King, Jaiden Alexander

Lambert, Jamison Bodie  
Lane, Eli Rayne  
Lane, Maia McKenzie  
Ledford, Branson Michael Charlee  
Leffel, Julian Kyle  
Lindner, Brayden Wesley  
Littlejohn, Levii Lovii  
Locust, Keaton William  
Long, Joe Keet  
Lopez, Ian Hector  
Lossiah, Korra Alkinney Li  
Lossiah III, Kirk Wilson  
Lowery, Coraline Elizabeth Dessie  
Maney, Adeline Elizabeth  
Maney, Elisha James-Henry  
Martens, Addie Mayson  
Martin, Anthony Shane  
Martin, Harper Gracelynn  
Martin, Laila Adriana  
Martinez, Ismael  
Maye, Carletoe Dallas  
Mayhew, Leona Lillian  
McKinney, Grayson Tyus  
Medford, Faith Neriah Torres  
Moore, Zaeley Idalan  
Morris, Cohen Alan  
Myers, Leighton Maximus  
Newton, Lyla Rubye  
Owl, Vaelyn Donley  
Panther, Draylen Don  
Panther, Jax Rowen  
Pheasant, Zaiden Charles  
Prado, Jasmen Lynn  
Prado, Jilynnne Lucia  
Prado, Julio Lorenzo  
Pratama, Ida Bagus Arjuna Cakra  
Wahyu Ezra  
Queen, Nya Leigh  
Quinones, Dante Luciano  
Rattler, Adrian Moody Timothy  
Rhodes, Alizabeth Ann  
Rhodes, Devin Daniel James  
Rhodes, Matthew Scott  
Rhodes, Jr., Eric James  
Rickman, Emanuel Josiah  
Rickman, Ezekiel Job  
Rogers, Taiya Kailey  
Rumsey, Coralee Carter  
Santos, Julian Manuel  
Saunooke, Abel Kaizer

Saunooke, Ansley Grace  
Saylor, Cohen Trace  
Sequoyah, Ni-Kwa-Si Marie  
Smith, A'Kyla May  
Smith, Kylie Ann  
Smoker, Raylee Marie  
Sneed, Andrew Leland  
Sneed, Ava Jaymes  
Sneed, Monroe Braelyn  
Soap, Tobias Jace  
Squirrel, Damiyn Wenonah  
Streets, Ahnnewake Cambria  
Swayney, Amiyah Rose  
Swayney, Jayvian Chey  
Tahquette, John Anthony  
Taylor, Alyssa Rose  
Taylor, Keylan Jayseon Amani  
Teesateskie, Kayden Kirk  
Teesateskie, Kylee Grae  
Teesateskie, Pippa Ameille  
Teesatuskie, Taylor Avaleena  
Ann  
Thomas, Nikola Tre

Thompson-Martin, Shaye  
Lynn J.  
Tipton-Lambert, Jessilyn Arabella  
Toineeta, Isaiah Jesse  
Tramper, Preston Deandre  
Tullos, Liam Maddux  
Wachacha, Rory Rhea  
Wade, Alena Nanci-Ann  
Waldroup, Carter James Lowell  
Waldroup, McKenna Tyler  
Walkingstick, Maylynn Zophiah  
Skai  
Watty, Andi Saviana  
Welch, Autumn Skye  
Welch, Gracelyn Elissia  
Welch, Paul Sampson Boss  
West, Charity Sue  
West, Theseus Shane  
Williams, Walela Kaelene  
Wilnoty, Elsa Mae  
Woodall, Shania Renelyn  
Wright, Wyatt Richard

# Congrats Loretta!



At the 2015 National Senior Games in Minnesota, Loretta Crowe placed 3rd in the Running Long Jump, 5th in the Shot Put and 6th in the Discus Throw! (Loretta is pictured 3rd from the right).



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