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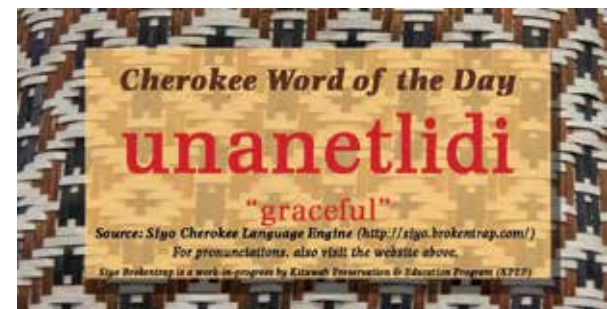
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# Council formalizes approval of Special Election for Vice Chief

**SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**  
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For the second time in a week, Tribal Council voted to have a Special Election to fill the vacancy of Vice Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. By a slim margin of 51-43-6, Council passed Res. No. 692 during their regular session on Thursday, Aug. 3 that states in part, "The Tribal Council instructs the Board of Elections to schedule a Special Election."

A week earlier, in a special session, that was a reconvening of the July Session, Council voted 57-43 to hold the Special Election. There was no resolution accompanying that vote; just a move by Wolfstown Rep. Bo Crowe, a second by Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke, and a vote.

The passage of Res. No. 692 was a formalization of the vote and provided the document necessary for the EBCI Board of Elections to carry out the special election. That vote went as follows: For – Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy, Big Cove Rep. Richard French, Yellowhill Rep. B. Ensley, Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke, Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose, and Rep. Crowe who introduced that legislation as well; Against – Painttown Rep. Marie Ju-naluska, Chairman Bill Taylor, Vice Chairman Brandon Jones, Yellowhill Rep. Anita Lossiah, and Birdtown Rep. Travis Smith; Abstain – Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha.

According to the TOP Office, the resolution had not been ratified nor vetoed as of press time.

Denise Ballard, EBCI Election Board chairperson, told the One Feather the Board will schedule the special election once they receive a ratified resolution. She said the basic timeframe will be as follows: advertise the filing for a week, 15 day filing period, and then 30 days from the filing deadline will be the special election.

Ballard noted that filing fees and background checks will be in place for the special election just as in any tribal election. But, she did note that there will be no early voting or absentee voting.

Due to the time it takes to garner background checks, she did relate, "We would encourage people to file as early as they can if they are considering running."

At the beginning of the discussion on Res. No. 692 on Thursday, Chairman Taylor asked for legal opinions on the legality of holding a special election for Vice Chief.

"Both the Charter and the Cherokee Code state that the Tribal Council elects a successor when there is a Vice Chief vacancy," said Carolyn West, Tribal Council legal counsel. "There is no provision, in either the Charter or the Code, for a Special Election."

Chairman Taylor then asked EBCI Attorney General Danny Davis, "Are there any provisions in the Charter or the Code that allows for a Special Election?"

Davis answered, "No, other

than if it is a simultaneous vacancy."

Later in the discussion, he added, "There is no provision for a special election under these circumstances."

Section 14 of the EBCI Charter and Governing Document states in part, "In case of death, resignation or disability of the Vice-Chief, the Council may elect a successor who shall serve until removal or disability or his successor is elected."

Section 161-8(b) [Special Elections] of the Cherokee Code states, "If the position of Vice Chief is vacated, the Council may elect a successor from Tribal Council Representatives, who shall serve until his or her successor is elected the balance of the elected term of office."

Rep. Wachacha, who abstained in the vote on Res. No. 692, stated, "I've got calls from both sides. People are wanting to have the special election, but then I get calls too with people saying the law is pretty clear the way it is and follow the law. I'm sort of torn right now because I want both, but I know it can't be both ways currently."

Referring to Section 14 of the Charter, Rep. McCoy commented, "We violate the Charter when we don't consider the word may. And, I think when the legal counsel for the Council is giving us an answer to something, she needs to answer the whole question. She left out the word may, and we may, and we have. We've selected outside. We've selected inside, and we've let

our people vote."

She went on to say, "This is a Council decision. Our public's expecting a special election, and that's the way I'm going to lean."

Rep. Saunooke said, "I will not go against the wishes of my people. If they want to vote, they should be allowed to vote."

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed related that he's had people tell him there was no planning following the impeachment of former Principal Chief Patrick Lambert. "This is the plan. Had this body gotten together to create a plan, that's conspiracy. The ordinance is the plan. The ordinance guides what this body is to do in the event of a vacancy in the Chief's office, the Vice Chief's office, or both offices simultaneously."

Rep. Lossiah said she couldn't support a special election. "We've been advised that this wasn't allowed in the law, and everybody around this horseshoe was in agreement on having an election for the Vice Chief...but, if it's not allowed for in the law, that would be a violation of the law that I was sworn to uphold. And so, at that point, it seems that you need to change the law to allow for a better policy."

Several snags have arisen for the Tribe due to the vacancy in the Vice Chief's office including signing authority for issuance of payments and hiring within the tribal government. During their special session on July 27, Tribal Council passed Res. No. 667 (2017) which extend-

ed the signatory authority granted to Chief Sneed in Res. No. 610 (2017) until Dec. 31, 2017 at 5pm or until a new Vice Chief is sworn in – whichever comes first. Both resolutions provide that payments issued on behalf of the Tribe can be processed with only one signature, that of Chief Sneed, instead of himself and a Vice Chief.

The hiring freeze within the tribal government remains.

Section 4 of the EBCI Charter and Governing Document states, “There shall be an Executive Committee, which shall consist of the Principal Chief and Vice-Chief. The committee shall execute and carry out tribal laws and administer the daily operations of the Tribe.” Part of those daily operations include tribal government hiring. The EBCI Treasury Division re-

leased a statement following the July 27 special session, “In the absence of a Vice Chief, all hiring processes, employment transfers and other employment actions requiring Executive Committee approval remain on hold until further action is taken.”

Rep. Rose spoke to some of the problems that have arisen due to the hiring freeze and related that Tsali Care Center is having volunteers work now due to understaffing at the facility. “If we can’t have a special election, I hate it, but you know I have to look after the employees too. But, I want to do the right thing by the people so it’s a really hard choice.”

Big Cove Rep. Richard French noted, “I won’t turn on my people. That’s who we’re here for.”



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## EBCI Election Voter information

### **Absentee Voting**

Absentee ballots may be applied for by phone or mail until Tuesday, Aug. 15. The last day to apply for absentee ballots in person is Friday, Sept. 1. Absentee voters must meet one of the following six criteria: (1) serving on active military duty; (2) a federal employee assigned to duty other than the Cherokee Indian Reservation; (3) enrolled in an institution of higher education; (4) a tribal employee required to be away from Cherokee for training or other employment reasons on election day; (5) in a hospital, nursing home, or other treatment facility, and because of physical condition and treatment is unable to return to Cherokee on election day; (6) physically reside on Cherokee trust lands but will be absent on election day. Documentation supporting reason for request must be provided.

### **Early Voting**

Early voting will be in the Commerce Conference Room next to the Election Board Office in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex from Aug. 14-28 (Monday – Friday) from 8am – 4:30pm and Saturday, Aug. 26 from 8am – 4:30pm.

### **Voter Registration**

The last day to register to vote for the General Election is Friday, Sept. 1.  
Info: Election Board 359-6361



- EBCI Election Board



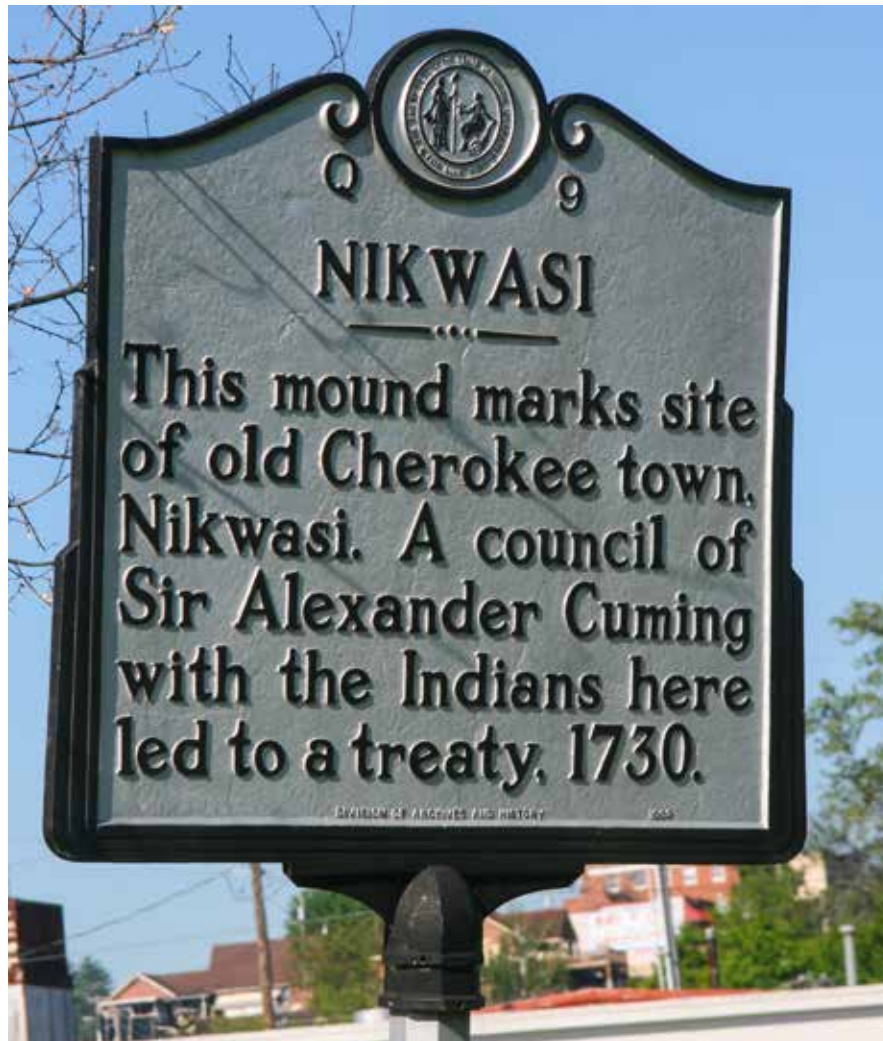
# Tribe to purchase land adjacent to Nikwasi Mound

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The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will soon own a small tract of land in Franklin that sits adjacent to the historic and culturally-significant Nikwasi Mound. During the regular Budget Council session on Tuesday, Aug. 1, Tribal Council approved legislation to purchase the land, approximately 0.59 acres, for \$400,000 from Mainspring Conservation Trust, Inc., a non-profit organization.

"I am happy to have the support of the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in providing for the purchase of land adjacent to the Nikwasi Mound in Franklin, North Carolina," said Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed. "It is important to our people to protect our heritage and acquiring an important parcel of land will ensure that future generations of Cherokee people have access to our historic sites. We are happy to partner with Mainspring Conservation Trust to create a heritage corridor which provides recreation and teaches Cherokee history."

According to the legislation, which passed on Tuesday by a 10-0 vote (Big Cove Reps. Richard French and Teresa McCoy were absent for this vote), "...the land and improvements purchased by the Tribe shall be used to preserve the significant historical and cultural value of said lands, pro-



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

**SITE:** A historic marker sits at the Nikwasi Mound in Franklin. Tribal Council approved legislation to purchase a 0.59 acre tract adjacent to the historic site.

mote awareness and education of Cherokee history and culture, and be explored for potential economic development and/or cultural preservation activities."

In the same legislation, Tribal Council authorized \$100,000 be used from Endowment Fund No. 2 "for the purpose of assessing the highest and best use of the land and improvements for cultural

preservation and economic development opportunities."

Russell Townsend, EBCI tribal historic preservation officer, gives a brief historical account of the site. "Nikwasi Mound is a Mississippian period mound that is likely 800 to 900 years old. It was built by ancestors of modern Cherokee people, and several ancient Cherokee stories are associated with it. The best

known story is that of the 'spirit warriors' who come from inside the mound to protect the community in time of need. It is said that happened in pre-Colonial times as well as during the American Civil War."

He added, "There are currently 25 archaeologically-known mounds in western North Carolina. These mounds were seemingly built over the past 3,000 years."

Of those 25, Townsend said the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians currently owns the following mounds: Kituwah, Cowee, Nvn-vnyi, Birdtown, and Talulah.

In recent years, tribal officials have advocated purchasing the Mound itself. In the spring of 2012, maintenance workers with the Town of Franklin sprayed herbicide on the Mound leaving dead, brown grass. This angered many within the Tribe.

"I would rather own the mound and let us take care of it," then-Principal Chief Michell Hicks told the One Feather in May 2012. "That would be my preference because I know that we'll do the right thing. The right thing to do, just like Kituwah, just like Cowee, is to bring it back into the hands of its original owners."

Nikwasi Mound was put on the National Register of Historic Places on Nov. 26, 1980. It is listed in the Register as Nequasee.

A request for comment from Mainspring Conservation Trust went unanswered by press time.

# Council approves needle exchange program

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Last month, Vickie Bradley, EBCI Secretary of Public Health and Human Services, told Tribal Council that over 600 people in the Cherokee community have been diagnosed with the Hepatitis C virus (HCV). Council took action to help curb the spread of disease from dirty needles and passed a clean needle exchange program during its regular session on Thursday, Aug. 3.

The program itself will be administered by the EBCI Public Health and Human Services division.

"It is the only evidence-based program to be effective in reducing the incidence and prevalence of disease," Secretary Bradley told Council on Thursday. "The World Health Organization has monitored syringe exchange programs, or what we call harm reduction programs, worldwide, and they've been successful in almost eradicating HCV or Hepatitis in Scandinavian countries. And, so, it is the only proven method to be effective in reducing the incidence of disease."

She said harm reduction is not just about the exchange program itself, but the education component is very important. "It's about teaching people how to be safe and saving lives. Law enforcement really endorses this program because the incidents of needle sticks in our public safety workers is decreased an average of 67 percent with an exchange program."

Secretary Bradley related that the State of North Carolina spent \$50 million on Hep C treatment

and \$190 million on HIV treatment last year alone.

Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy introduced Res. No. 611 (2017), which was passed during the June session of Tribal Council, that called for an ordinance to be drawn up (Ord. No. 621 – 2017) that would codify the clean needle exchange program. Ord. No. 621 received unanimous support on Thursday.

"Right now, we are in trouble with the drugs, and it's not just us," said Rep. McCoy. "It's everybody. It's everywhere."

She noted that the needle

borhood in a situation it's in might not be the people with the best character who feel comfortable in places like that, and then they find a market. And, it's our people. Then, what they leave behind is death and disease and things that we don't want our people to be exposed to."

Birdtown Rep. Travis Smith said he was mowing at a graveyard recently and found discarded syringes. "It's still littered with needles everywhere. It's saddening. It really is. You see them (needles) everywhere, and I'm hoping that this helps that out and helps cut

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*– Vickie Bradley, EBCI Secretary of Public Health and Human Services*

exchange program is needed badly due to the prevalence of dirty, discarded needles found throughout the Cherokee community – on the sides of roads and even in business areas. "I would not bring my family to this town. And, I'm sorry. I know that's going to aggravate people, and I don't mean to harm business, but business has a responsibility. The Tribe shouldn't be responsible for keeping the business area clean."

Rep. McCoy said having discarded needles lying around town sends the wrong message. "The type of people that see our neigh-

back on the Hepatitis problem that we have."

He added, "I think this will be money well spent and something good for our community. It does sound bad. It sounds like we're condoning the drugs, but we're really not. We're trying to help a lot of other problems that go along with drug use."

Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke commented, "Everyone in here is going to be affected by someone or somebody that you know that's an addict. So, we need to accept that and help them all that we can and move on."

The clean needle legislation offers more than just an exchange program. Ord. No. 621 states that the following will be offered under the program:

- Disposal of used needles and hypodermic syringes
- Needles, hypodermic syringes, other injection supplies, and birth control for men and women at no cost and in quantities sufficient to ensure that needles, hypodermic syringes, and other injection supplies are not shared or reused.
- Reasonable and adequate security of program sites, equipment, and personnel. Written plans for security shall be provided to the Cherokee Police Department and shall be updated annually.
- Educational materials on all of the following:
  - Overdose prevention
  - Unplanned pregnancy prevention
  - The prevention of HIV, AIDS, and viral Hepatitis transmission
  - Drug abuse prevention
  - Treatment for mental illness, including treatment referrals
  - Treatment for substance abuse, including referrals for medication assisted treatment
  - Prenatal care during pregnancy, and postnatal care for children born with addiction to substances or effected by substances including referrals for pre- and postnatal care
- Access to naloxone kits
- Personal consultations from a program employee or volunteer concerning maternal and prenatal health, mental health, or addiction treatment as appropriate.

If you need more information on proper disposal of needles, visit [www.fda.org/safesharppdisposal](http://www.fda.org/safesharppdisposal).

# Casino expanding again

## Council approves TCGE funding request for fourth tower, convention center

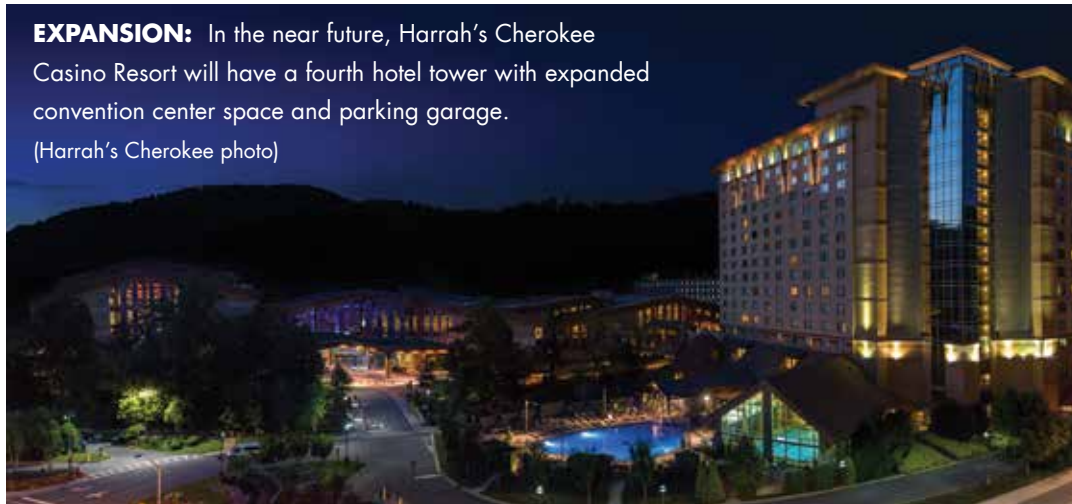
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In the near future, Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort will have a fourth hotel tower with expanded convention center space and parking garage. Tribal Council passed Ord. No. 567 (2016) during the regular Budget Council session on Tuesday, Aug. 1 that gives the TCGE (Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise) authority to enter into the Fifth Amended and Restated Loan Agreement with Wells Fargo Bank for the funding of the additions.

According to the ordinance, which passed 11-1 (Wolftown Rep. Bo Crowe voted against), Wells Fargo will provide the following to the TCGE:

- a reducing revolving credit facility of \$526,562,000 to refinance the existing reducing revolving credit facility;
- an \$85,000,000 term loan facility to refinance

**EXPANSION:** In the near future, Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort will have a fourth hotel tower with expanded convention center space and parking garage.  
(Harrah's Cherokee photo)



the balance of the term loan facility for the construction of the Valley River Casino;  
• and a \$250,000,000 delayed draw term loan facility for the construction of the fourth tower and convention space known as the Hotel and Convention Center Project.

According to Investopedia.com, a delayed draw term loan is "a special feature in a term loan that stipulates that the borrower can withdraw predefined amounts of the total pre-approved amount of a term loan at contractual times".

"This is not gaming, it is complimentary to gaming," Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed said during discussion on the legislation on Tuesday. "It is a means of diversifying our revenue streams...we talk about diversification. We've talked about diversi-

fication for years, and we've yet to do it."

He said gaming revenue is currently flat and is being "outpaced" by program expenditures. "All of the services that have been discussed and the needs of our people, the revenue has to come from somewhere. That money doesn't just fall out of the sky. It has to be generated."

Chief Sneed said these additions are projected to bring in an additional \$46 million annually to the Tribe, \$30 million of which he said is cash flow. He said most of the revenue of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is generated from TCGE projects. "They've got a perfect score if you want to look at the projects they've brought forward. They're the main revenue source for this Tribe."

He stressed the need for the expansion, "Currently, the casino is turning away

60,000 visitors annually because we cannot accommodate them."

Birdtown Rep. Travis Smith related he met with TCGE officials recently to discuss the loan agreement. "I think everyone's wishes are kept in mind, and they're trying to move ahead. I think securing this doesn't actually hurt us in any way. I think they've worked out a pretty good deal..."

Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy said she wasn't opposed to the measure, but did have concerns of the focus of Tribal Council. "I don't see this Council asking anyone to go out and find the funding to put us into houses. I see millions of dollars come through here, I just don't see millions of dollars in houses being built. I don't see a whole lot of things happening that we need to be focusing on..."

She added, "The complaints that I here in the community are that everything is geared towards gaming. And, they're tired of it."

Yellowhill Rep. B. Ensley, who serves as the Planning Board chairman, said this project passed through Planning Board and then was approved by Tribal Council previously. "The casino monies have allowed us to meet most of the needs of our Tribe."

He hopes the new convention center will be busy. "We've got to expand... hopefully, every weekend of the year we'll have something going on here to diversify the income for the Tribe. We, as politicians, want to provide every service that people want and need, but it takes money to provide those services."

Resolution No. 484 (2016) was approved during Budget Council on Jan. 17 and gave the authorization for the fourth tower and convention center. It passed 69-24 with Vice Chairman Brandon Jones, Wolftown Rep. Bo Crowe, and Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha voting against and Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy being absent.



# Old high school to be demolished

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**T**he old Cherokee High School building, which has sat vacant since 2009, will be demolished. Tribal Council passed a resolution during its regular Budget Council session on Tuesday, Aug. 1 authorizing the EBCI Division of Commerce and the Tribal Finance Office to “identify and secure funding” for that demolition.

The resolution, which passed 10-0 (Big Cove Reps. Teresa McCoy and Richard French were absent for that vote), states in part, “The existing old high school building is in ill-repair from years of sitting vacant and numerous types of vandalism, this building poses a safety and health hazard to our public... there is a great need for this condemned or non-functional building to be demolished to save the Tribe approximately \$465,000 per year.”

According to numbers provided by EBCI Commerce officials, the vacant building has been costing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians an average of \$1,273.82 per day in utility costs.

“We had a good discussion on Planning Board on this project, and we hoped that the Multi-Sports Complex and the retail would be accomplished within the same project,” Yellowhill Rep. B. Ensley, who serves as Planning Board chairman, stated during discussion on the issue on Tuesday.

During the July 17 Planning Board meeting referenced by Rep. Ensley, Commerce officials presented four options for the 21.4



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**DEMOLISH:** The old Cherokee High School building, which has sat vacant since 2009, will be demolished per a Tribal Council resolution passed during the regular Budget Council session on Tuesday, Aug. 1.

acre site including: Multi-Sports Complex, some form of niche retail, cultural diversity with retail, and a five-star grocery store with retail.

In a One Feather interview on July 26, EBCI Commerce Secretary Mickey Duvall said, “Of those four projects, the number one project that they liked was the Multi-Sports Complex, and that would be in conjunction with other sports facilities we have in Cherokee.”

He added, “We’ll have to coordinate what we build up there with what we already have. Obviously, if we’ve got enough softball fields, we don’t need to build softball fields. But, if we need a multi-purpose facility to hold wrestling tournaments or others, we’ll build it up there.”

During Tuesday’s Budget Council session, Cherokee County

– Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha stressed the need to maximize the site. “You may be able to put more than one of these projects on there depending on how the land lays so we’re not piecemealing another project that we can capitalize on the whole tract that is setting there. It’s in the business district, and I think we could really use that with bringing more people in with our diversification.”

An exact amount for the demolition wasn’t listed in the resolution passed on Tuesday, but Commerce officials did relate during a July 12 working session that a full demo would cost around \$783,660.

During that July 12 working session, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed commented, “Granted, it would be nice to have an administrative building there. It would be

nice to have cultural things there or anything of the sorts, but whatever the decision is, we have to be honest with ourselves that right now our spending is outpacing the amount of revenue that can be generated by gaming.”

In that same meeting, Birdtown Rep. Travis Smith advocated for the demolition of the building, “The numbers aren’t there for this building. We moved out of it and built a new school for a reason, because it was old and it was run down and there were problems with it. I think that it’s time has come and gone.” This month’s Planning Board session is set for Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 1pm in the Tribal Council Chambers. The agenda for that meeting has not yet been set.



## Budget Council Results – Tuesday, Aug. 1

(Note: These results have been compiled by One Feather staff. The official results and count sheets, from the TOP Office, will be posted to theonefeather.com when received later this month.)

**Item No. 1:** Tabled Ord. No. 567 (2017) – ordinance approving TCGE amended and restated loan documents - PASSED

**Item No. 2:** Tabled Res. No. 659 (2017) – approval of FY2018 Budget and Organizational Chart - TABLED

**Item No. 3:** Tabled Ord. No. 620 – Amendment to Ord. No. 487 (2017) – Revenue Allocation Plan - PASSED

**Item No. 4:** Privilege Tax increase

– TABLED, Work Session will be scheduled

**Item No. 5:** Tabled Res. No. 626 – Tribe's Housing and Community Development Division now requests to transfer Birdtown Community Parcel No. 68-F (part of Parcel No. 68-B) containing 1.000 acre to enrolled member Donald Dwayne Jackson – WITHDRAWN

**Item No. 6:** Budget Amendment for Family Support Services FY2017 - PASSED

**Item No. 7:** Budget Amendment for Community Health FY2017 - PASSED

**Item No. 8:** Budget Amendment for Cherokee Choices FY2017 - PASSED

**Item No. 9:** Budget Amendment for WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counseling FY2017 - PASSED

**Item No. 10:** Budget Amendment

for CDOT TRIP FY2017 – PASSED  
**Item No. 11:** Budget Amendment for CDOT BIA Roads Maintenance FY2017 - PASSED

**Item No. 12:** Budget Amendment for Tribal Education FY2017 - PASSED

**Item No. 13:** Budget Amendment for Snowbird Youth Center - PASSED

**Item No. 14:** Budget Amendment for Workers Compensation FY2017 – PASSED

**Item No. 15:** PHHS, Women's Wellness Program, is authorized to apply and accept North Carolina Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (NCBCCCP) funds on behalf of the communities up to \$30,600 – PASSED

**Item No. 16:** Request funding to match the grant from Cherokee Preservation Foundation to assist

with cost for the project manager and travel for the "Tuti Tsunadelogwasdi Uninohelv" (Stories of the Snowbird School) project – PASSED AS AMENDED

**Item No. 17:** Tribal Council authorizes the Principal Chief to execute the purchase and contract for the purchase of a parcel of developed deeded land adjacent to the Nikwasi Mound located in Franklin consisting of 0.59 acres with improvements for the price of \$400,000 plus surveying, title insurance, attorney fees, and closing costs on behalf of the EBCI – PASSED

**Item No. 18:** EBCI Division of Commerce and the Finance Office is authorized to identify funding to demolish the old Cherokee High School – PASSED AS AMENDED

**Item No. 19:** Tribal Council appro-

## CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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appropriates funding for Painttown Rep. Marie Junaluska and any other Council representative to travel to the Holy Land from Nov. 19-30 – PASSED AS AMENDED

## **Tribal Council Results – Thursday, Aug. 3**

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**Item No. 1** – (New ordinance) Ord. No. 682 – Amendment to Cherokee Code Chapter 113, Hunting & Fishing – DEEMED READ AND TABLED  
**Item No. 2** – (New ordinance) Ord. No. 683 – Dangerous Buildings Ordinance – DEEMED READ AND

TABLED

**Item No. 3** – Tabled Ord. No. 618 – Amendment to Cherokee Code Chapter 117A, Impeachment – TABLED

**Item No. 4** – Tabled Ord. No. 619 – Amendment to Cherokee Code Chapter 55B, Limited Liability Company – PASSED

**Item No. 5** – Tabled Ord. No. 621 – Amendment to Cherokee Code Chapter 130A, Clean Needle Exchange – PASSED

**Item No. 6** – Tabled Ord. No. 622 – Cherokee Code Chapter 113, establishment of the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources – TABLED

**Item No. 7** – Request to clean-up Mt. Noble EMS Communication Tower area – WITHDRAWN

**Item No. 8** – Resolution to approve LLC Operating Agreement and By-

Laws – PASSED

**Item No. 9** – Laura Wheeler, in fulfillment of a doctoral degree at Duke University, requests to conduct a research study entitled “Casino Gaming Revenue Transfers” – KILLED

**Item No. 10** – J Martin Productions request for document film about various aspects of Cherokee culture and history – KILLED

**Item No. 11** – Appointment of Honorable Brenda Toineeta Pipestem as Associate Judge of the Cherokee Court – PASSED

**Item No. 12** – Tribal Council declares the opioid crisis a public nuisance which must be abated for the benefit of the Tribe – PASSED

**Item No. 13** – Appointments to the Balsam West FiberNet Board of Directors – HELD

**Item No. 14** – Appointments to

the EBCI Information Technology Strategic Working Group (ITSWG) – PASSED AS AMENDED (appointments were Cherie Rose and Lloyd Arneach Jr.)

**Item No. 15** – Appointment of TERO Commissioner – PASSED AS AMENDED (appointment was Billy Brown)

**Item No. 16** – Tribal Council does authorize the Youth Wrestling Organization to take possession of and use old Painttown Gym to provide a dedicated space for training and competition and for facility to be named Osley B. Saunooke Youth Wrestling Facility – WITHDRAWN

**Item No. 17** – Resolution authorizing construction of a home for Sarah Powell-Bradley and transfer of land to Charlotte Ann Bradley Reineke – WITHDRAWN

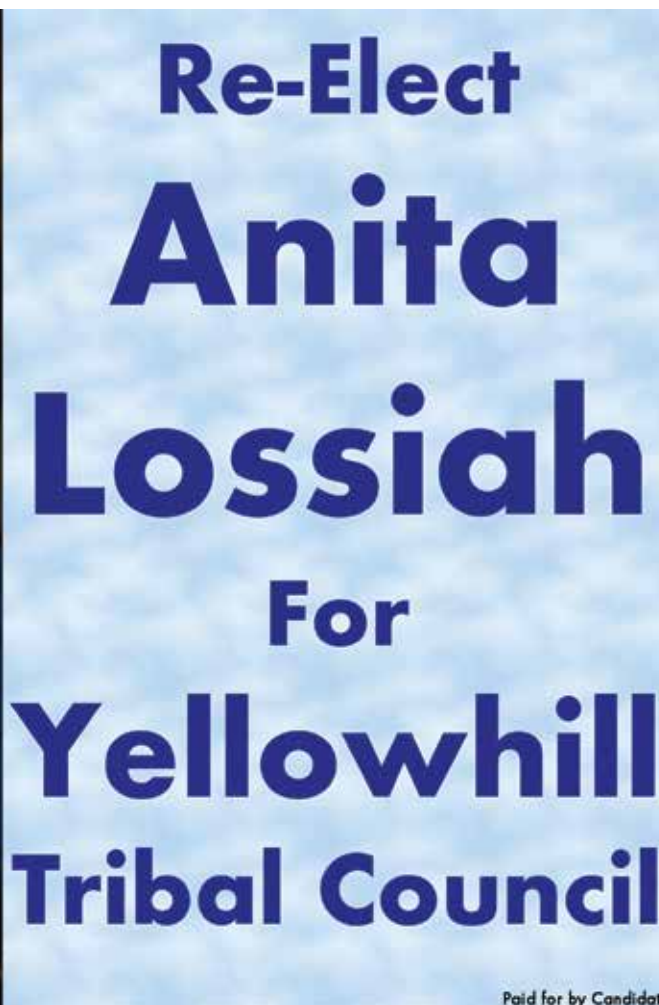
**Item No. 18** – Revocation of life estate for Lora Kay Oxendine Taylor – PASSED AS AMENDED

**Item No. 19** – Banishment of Kristie Marie Long – HELD FOR SEPTEMBER SESSION

**Added Item** – Res. No. 692 calling for a Special Election for the office of Vice Chief – PASSED

**Emergency Resolution #1** – Res. No. 693 – Vacant position on EBCI Election Board for Big Y/Wolftown, Pam Straughan added in position – PASSED AS AMENDED

**Emergency Resolution #2** – Res. No. 694 – Principal Chief to formally request the BIA certification of the Tribe’s correctional facility under the TLOA (Tribal Law and Order Act) – PASSED



**Cherokee  
Dispatch  
497-4131**

# Cherokee Nation, BIA place health center land into trust

**TAHLEQUAH, Okla.** – A 240-acre tract of land in Ochelata owned by the Cherokee Nation was recently placed into federal trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Eastern Oklahoma Regional office.

Principal Chief Bill John Baker and BIA Deputy Regional Director Jessie Durham signed the deed, transferring the site from fee simple status into trust status.

“Cherokee Nation remains dutiful in exploring ways to continuously develop our land base and utilize our sovereign rights as a tribal government,” said Cherokee Nation Secretary of State Chuck Hoskin Jr. “This effort will directly impact and improve the lives of our citizens in Washington County.”

The property, located at 395200 W. 2900 Road in Ochelata, is home to the Cherokee Nation's 28,000-square-foot Cooweescoowee Health Center, which opened in 2015 and received more than 38,000 patient visits in fiscal year 2016.

“Every day in the Cherokee Nation we are furthering our goal



**LAND INTO TRUST:** A tract of land in the Cherokee Nation was recently put into trust. Shown (left-right) seated – Cherokee Nation Tribal Councilor Dick Lay, BIA Deputy Regional Director Jessie Durham, Principal Chief Bill John Baker, and Deputy Chief S. Joe Crittenden; back row – Secretary of State Chuck Hoskin Jr. and Cherokee Nation Real Estate Services Director Ginger Reeves.

of creating a stronger and more viable future for the next seven generations,” said Cherokee Nation Tribal Councilor Dick Lay. “Placing this land into trust in Ochelata rep-

resents the tribe’s commitment to the citizens of District 12 and their futures, and I am proud to be a part of that.”

Including the 240 acres at the

Cooweescoowee Health Center, the Cherokee Nation has 61,709 acres of land in trust throughout the tribe’s 14-county jurisdiction.

- Anadisgoi, Cherokee Nation News

## CIPD investigating apparent hit-and-run fatality

**C**herokee Indian Police Department officers were dispatched to the intersection of Hwy. 19 and Jess Littlejohn Road on Thursday, Aug. 3 at approximately 7:20am. Upon arrival, officers located a deceased male, later identified as Melvin Esmal Herndon, 86, of Eutaw, Ala.

After the initial investigation, it was concluded that Herndon succumbed to injuries sustained from an apparent hit-

and-run. After speaking with witnesses, CIPD officials noted they believe the incident occurred in the early morning hours of Aug. 3 between 12:45-1am.

If you have any information pertaining to this ongoing investigation, you are asked to contact Traffic Sergeant Donnie Allen 359-6624.

- CIPD

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EBCI Destination Marketing would like to thank all of the volunteers, sponsors and participants in the 2017 Children's Trout Derby. We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable experience!

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#### Vendors:

Dr. Magical Balloon, Professor Whizpop, Lee Andrews Productions, Madison Crowe, Sound of Music, WNC Mountain Trout Fishing, Inc., Pepsi Bottling Company, Pautzke Bait Company, K&B Meat Processing, Cherokee Bottled Water, All American Awards, Food Lion, Eagle Claw Fish & Tackle, Papa Don's Portable Toilets, and Demivada.





# Starry night...during the day

## Museum hosting Planetarium for month of August

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

For the entire month of August, the Museum of the Cherokee Indian is providing a chance for its patrons to look at the skies in a new way. A planetarium dome, on loan through a program with Rice University in Texas, will be on display in the Ken Blankenship Education Wing at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian.

"The Museum is always trying to be innovative, and we're trying to bring some new things to the Museum," said Bo Taylor, Museum executive director. "We've got a change in exhibit coming, and this is hopefully a lead-in into doing more things that are interactive so you don't just come and experience our fantastic exhibit, but you get to see other things as well. We're trying to expand on what we're doing." He added, "I'm excited about this. One thing we want to constantly be doing is changing and bringing new things to the Museum and to Cherokee."

The planetarium show lasts approximately 20



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

**SHOW:** A planetarium dome will be set up in the Ken Blankenship Wing of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian for the month of August.

minutes and explains the scientific principles behind a solar eclipse. This coincides well with the preparations undergoing now for the upcoming solar eclipse on Monday, Aug. 21 of which Cherokee is in the sliver of the United States that will experience a total eclipse that day.

Dawn Arneach, Museum executive assistant, contacted Dr. Patricia Reiff, a Rice University professor of physics and astronomy, about the possibility of bringing the planetarium to the Museum. Dr. Reiff also leads ePlanetarium, a company that distributes planetarium domes and

equipment.

Arneach traveled to Houston, Texas recently for a one-day training session with Dr. Reiff on the proper set-up and operation of the planetarium dome.

She said the show will surprise people. "I don't think anyone's expecting it. I keep going back to the TV show, 'The Big Bang Theory'. A lot of kids have not been involved in science and math, and then 'The Big Bang Theory' comes on, and there's been a growth of kids involved. Who knows, maybe they'll want to learn to do shows that would be shown in a dome or become astrono-

mers and find out more. I hope it enhances the kids that come in and look at it and that they take away something with them that they want to do more."

The dome was shipped to the Museum in three bags including the dome, a projector, and other equipment. When complete, the Museum will ship it back.

"Our planetarium shows are truly immersive because they present the viewer with images, in front, behind, above, and on both sides of their seat," Reiff said in a statement. "People love these shows, and they are a great vehicle to teach Earth and space

science, but unfortunately full-sized planetariums require six projectors, working in conjunction with six different computers."

She said their dome planetarium "aims for a wider audience through the development and distribution of a small, fully portable system that uses an inflatable dome and single-projector display".

The planetarium will be open at the Museum seven days a week from 9am – 5pm through the end of August. Two shows are planned an hour. The cost is \$5 per person, and EBCI tribal members receive free admission with their tribal enrollment card.



**STARS:** This photo shows part of the exhibit from inside the dome.





Photo courtesy of Robin Swayney

**READING:** The Qualla Boundary Public Library reported that the readers in their Summer Reading Program read a total of 30,801 minutes. Jodie Bird (back row, far left) was the top reader with 11,245 minutes. She was followed by Mattie Woodward (back row, third from left) who logged 3,945 minutes and Carter Stephens (not pictured) with 1,372 minutes. "These readers are amazing," said Robin Swayney, Qualla Boundary Public Library manager. "They have great parents that helped to encourage them to read and brought them to our weekly meetings. Thank you to all our friends and family that donated items and time to help make this year's Summer Reading program a blast."

**Steak and  
Seafood  
Buffet  
Friday  
night  
starting at  
5pm**



Little Princess Restaurant  
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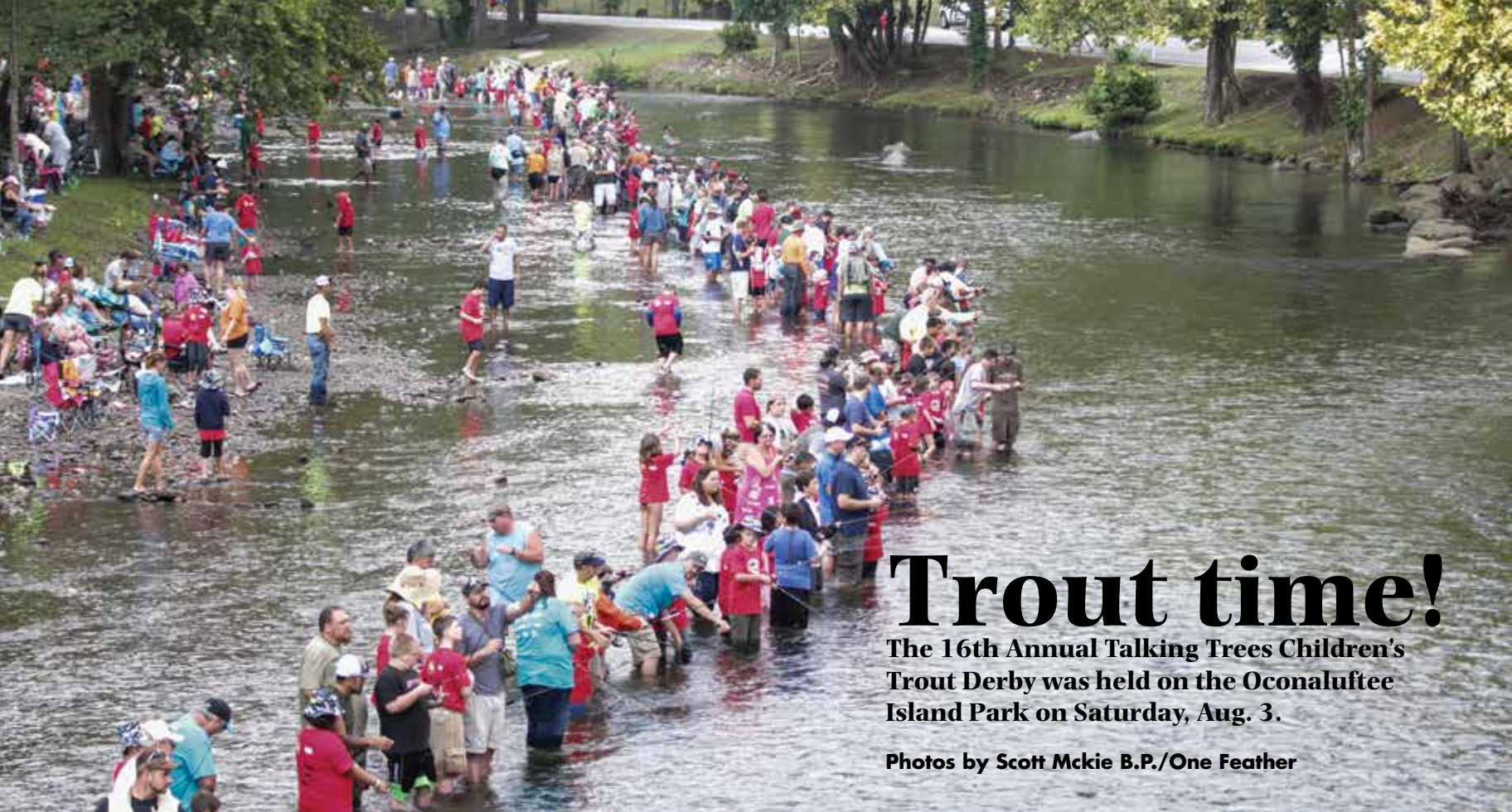
# 2017 Qualla Boundary Blueberry Festival

Sponsored by the North American Indian Women's Association (NAIWA)



Free Admission  
Cherokee Indian  
Fairgrounds  
August 12 from  
9 am to 2 pm





# Trout time!

The 16th Annual Talking Trees Children's Trout Derby was held on the Oconaluftee Island Park on Saturday, Aug. 3.

Photos by Scott Mckie B.P./One Feather



**SMILES:** Laila Crowe, 6, of the Birdtown Community, smiles as Sandy Fadler, an event volunteer from Ohio, paints a heart on her face at Saturday's event.



**CATCH:** Jordan Bustle, 7, from Statesville, holds up his catch from the day.





**TEAMWORK:** Stephanie Wildcatt helps Loki Raya, 4, of the Big Cove Community, fish in the “ponds”, small plastic pools for the younger children.



**SMILES:** Angel Winchester (back) and her children, Tagan (left), 4, and Morgan, 5, are all smiles as they show off their catch.



**QUITE A HAUL:** Uweluga Swimmer, 3, from the Big Cove Community, holds up his catch.



**DERBY TIME:** Nouachi Wood (right), from Charlotte, celebrates as her daughter, Evelyn Wood, 7, catches a fish at Saturday’s event. Cedric Lowry (left) handles net duties on this catch.

# Cherokee Central Schools 2017-18 School Bus Routes and Schedules

## Bus. No. 1 (Soco)

Brian Plummer  
Departs from Boys Club: 6:45am

### Morning Run:

- 1 – Swimmer Branch
- 2 – Wrights Creek Road, Swimmer Branch to Don Maney Road
- 3 – Tooni Branch
- 4 – Old Gap Road
- 5 – Standingdeer Road
- 6 – Casino Trail (bypass)
- 7 – Old River Road

### Afternoon Run:

- 1 – Old River Road
- 2 – Standingdeer Road
- 3 – Old Gap Road
- 4 – Wrights Creek Road, Swimmer Branch to Don Maney Road
- 5 – Tooni Branch
- 6 – Swimmer Branch

## Bus. No. 2 (Agelink)

Driver pending  
No morning run  
Afternoon Run:  
1 – CCSS to Agelink

## Bus No. 3 (Soco)

Randy Lossiah  
Departs from Boys Club: 6:45am

### Morning Run:

- 1 – Jenkins Creek
- 2 – Soco Hwy. (Jenkins Creek to Church of God)
- 3 – Soco Hwy. (Heritage Housing to Bradley Loop)
- 4 – Bradley Loop
- 5 – Soco Hwy. (Bradley Loop to Macedonia Road)
- 6 – Macedonia Road
- 7 – Soco Hwy. To Don Craig Road
- 8 – Don Craig Road
- 9 – Soco Hwy. to Wrights Creek Road

### Afternoon Run:

- 1 - Soco Hwy. from Wrights Creek to Don Craig Road
- 2 – Don Craig Road
- 3 – Soco Hwy. (Don Craig to Macedonia Road)
- 4 – Macedonia Road
- 5 – Soco Hwy. to Bradley Loop
- 6 – Bradley Loop
- 7 – Soco Hwy. (Bradley Loop to Heritage Housing)
- 8 – Soco Hwy. (Church of God to Jenkins Creek)
- 9 – Jenkins Creek

## Bus No. 4 – Soco

Sam Crowe  
Departs from Boys Club: 6:35am

### Morning Run:

- 1 – Dobson Ridge
- 2 – Wrights Creek to Joe Bradley's
- 3 – Bradley Branch
- 4 – Thompson Branch
- 5 – Wright's Creek Road down to Big Y intersection from Don Maney Road to Hwy. 19
- 6 – Lucy Long Road
- 7 – Soco Hwy. from Wrights Creek to Cherokee

### Afternoon Run:

- 1 – Soco Hwy. (Cherokee to Wrights Creek)
- 2 – Lucy Long Road
- 3 – Big Y intersection
- 4 – Thompson Branch
- 5 – Bradley Branch
- 6 – Wrights Creek to Joe Bradley's
- 7 – Dobson Ridge

## Bus No. 5 – Big Cove/ Cherokee

Jason Owle  
Departs from Boys Club: 6:40am

### Morning Run:

- 1 – Bunches/Indian Creek Road
- 2 – Stop at Lobo Wolfe Road
- 3 – Sherrill Cove
- 4 – Down 441, cross bridge at Museum and pick up students going up Acquoni Road and Piney Grove

### Afternoon Run:

- 1 – Down 441, cross bridge at Museum, unload students going up Acquoni Road and Piney Grove
- 2 – Sherrill Cove Road
- 3 – Stop at Lobo Wolfe Road
- 4 – Bunches/Indian Creek Road

## Bus No. 6 – Soco

Candi Teesateskie  
Departs from Boys Club: 6:40am

### Morning Run:

- 1 – Old Soco Road (up Hwy. 19 and down Old Soco)
  - 2 – Soco Hwy. (Church of God to Parker's Trailer Park)
  - 3 – Stillwell Branch
- ### Afternoon Run:
- 1 – Stillwell Branch
  - 2 – Soco Hwy. (Parker's Trailer Park to Church of God)
  - 3 – Old Soco Road (up Old Soco/ down Hwy. 19)

## Bus No. 7 – Soco

Clyde Dull  
Departs from Boys Club: 6:40am

### Morning Run:

- 1 – Washington's Creek Road
  - 2 – Upper and Lower Blue Wing Road
  - 3 – Long Branch Road
  - 4 – Old Mission Road to Olivet Road
- ### Afternoon Run:
- 1 – Old Mission Road to Olivet Road
  - 2 – Long Branch Road
  - 3 – Upper and Lower Blue Wing Road
  - 4 – Washington's Creek

## Bus No. 8 – Youth Center

Driver pending  
No Morning Run  
Afternoon Run:  
1 – CCSS to Youth Center

## Bus No. 9 – Soco

Timothy Swayney  
Departs from Boys Club: 6:30am

### Morning Run:

- 1 – Hyatt Cove Road

- 2 – Rough Branch (J. Bradley Drive, G. Crowe Drive, turn at entrance to J. Crowe Drive to June's Loop)
- 3 – Soco Hwy. from Hyatt Cove to Jenkins Creek

### Afternoon Run:

- 1 – Soco Hwy. from Jenkins Creek to Rough Branch
- 2 – Rough Branch (J. Bradley Drive, G. Crowe Drive, turn at entrance to J. Crowe Drive to June's Loop)
- 3 – Hyatt Cove Road

## Bus No. 10 – Big Cove

Justin Buchanan  
Departs from Boys Club: 6:40am

### Morning Run:

- 1 – Big Cove Loop (up right side and down left)
- 2 – Driver Road
- 3 – Big Cove Road from Driver Road to Soggy Hill

### Afternoon Run:

- 1 – Big Cove Road to Soggy Hill
- 2 – Big Cove Loop (up left side and down right)
- 3 – Driver Road

## Bus No. 11 – Big Cove

John Crowe  
Departs from Boys Club: 6:40am

### Morning Run:

- 1 – Straight Fork
- 2 – Big Cove Loop (up right side to Myrtle Driver's then down left side)

### Afternoon Run:

- 1 – Straight Fork
- 2 – Big Cove Loop (up right side to Myrtle Driver's then down left side)

## Bus No. 12 – Big Cove

Aaron Bradley  
Departs from Boys Club: 6:45am

### Morning Run:

- 1 – Towstring Road
- 2 – Katie Davis Road
- 3 – Galimore Road
- 4 – Soggy Hill Road
- 5 – Big Cove Main Road from Soggy Hill to Mingo Road



6 – Mingo Road  
7 – Big Cove Main Road from Mingo Road to CCSS

**Afternoon Run:**

1 – Big Cove Main Road from CCSS to Mingo Road  
2 – Mingo Road  
3 – Soggy Hill Road  
4 – Katie Davis Road  
5 – Galimore Road  
6 – Big Cove Road from Mingo to Soggy Hill  
7 – Towstring Road

**Bus No. 13 – Cherokee/Birdtown**

Bob Price  
Departs from Boys Club: 6:45am

**Morning Run:**

1 – Adams Creek Loop (left side)  
2 – Rattler Road  
3 – Sim Taylor Road  
4 – Joe Lambert Road – John Larch Road  
5 – Mt. Noble Road  
6 – Herman Lambert Road  
7 – Eagle’s Nest Housing Project  
8 – Lower Housing Project  
9 – Wolfe Campground

**Afternoon Run:**

1 – Adams Creek (right side)  
2 – Eagle’s Nest Housing Project  
3 – Herman Lambert Road  
4 – Mt. Noble Road  
5 – Joe Lambert Road – John Larch Road  
6 – Rattler Road  
7 – Sim Taylor Road  
8 – Lower Housing Project  
9 – Wolfe Campground

**Bus No. 14 – Soco**

Sarah Smiley  
Departs from Boys Club: 6:25am

**Morning Run:**

1 – US 74 – Gateway to Barker’s Creek  
2 – Old Mission Road to turn at Ferguson’s  
3 – Hoot Owl – Cucumber Road

4 – Old Mission Road  
**Afternoon Run:**  
1 – Old Mission Road  
2 – Hoot Owl – Cucumber Road  
3 – Old Mission Road to turn at Ferguson’s  
4 – US 74 – Gateway to Barker’s Creek

**Bus No. 15 – Cherokee**

Herbie Lossiah  
Departs from Boys Club: 6:50am

**Morning Run:**

1 – Lambert Branch  
2 – Yellowhill Road and Peavine Road  
3 – CBC Loop by Agelink  
4 – Acquoni Road  
5 – Catolster Road  
6 – Grassy Branch Road

**Afternoon Run:**

1 – Grassy Branch Road  
2 – Catolster Road  
3 – Ginger Lynn Welch Center/Boys Club  
4 – CBC Loop by Agelink  
5 – Yellowhill Road and Peavine Road  
6 – Lambert Branch

**Bus No. 16 – Birdtown**

Shauna Perry  
Departs from Boys Club: 6:35am

**Morning Run:**

1 – Owl Branch  
2 – McCoy Branch  
3 – Keener Road  
4 – Old #4 Road to Butch Goings’ and return  
5 – Upper #4 Road  
6 – Tee Pee Road  
7 – Old US 441 to CCSS

**Afternoon Run:**

1 – Old US 441 to Hungry Bear  
2 – Tee Pee Road  
3 – Upper #4 Road  
4 – Keener Road  
5 – Lower #4 Road to Butch Goings’  
6 – Return via Jenkins Bridge and Hwy. 19

7 – McCoy Branch  
8 – Owl Branch

**Bus No. 17 – Soco**

Charlie McCullough  
Departs from Boys Club: 6:45am

**Morning Run:**

1 – Mink Branch  
2 – Bigwitch Road to Mark Crowe’s  
3 – Reed Road (Bluewing Church Road)  
4 – Wright’s Creek Road between Swimmer Branch and Big Y intersection  
5 – Downtown Cherokee

**Afternoon Run:**

1 – Downtown Cherokee  
2 – Wright’s Creek Road between Swimmer Branch and Big Y intersection  
3 – Mink Branch  
4 – Bigwitch Road to Mark Crowe’s  
5 – Reed Road (Bluewing Church Road)

**Bus No. 18 – Birdtown**

Chad Swayney  
Departs from Boys Club: 6:35am

**Morning Run:**

1 – Hwy 441 from Old Mill to Hwy. 74  
2 – Conley’s Creek Road to Golf Course  
3 – Ollie Jumper Road  
4 – 3200 Acre Tract  
5 – Walker Wood Road – cross Governor’s Island Bridge  
6 – Hwy. 19 and both SAFE houses  
7 – Bertha Saunooke Heights  
8 – Main highway to school

**Afternoon Run:**

1 – Birdtown main highway to Bertha Saunooke Heights  
2 – Bertha Saunooke Heights  
3 – Hwy. 19 and both SAFE houses  
4 – Governor’s Island Bridge – Walker Woody Road  
5 – 3200 Acre Tract  
6 – Ollie Jumper Road  
7 – Conley’s Creek to Golf Course

8 – from Hwy. 441 to Old Mill

**Bus No. 19 – Birdtown**

Ernest Sneed  
Departs from Boys Club: 6:50am

**Morning Run:**

1 – Wildcatt’s  
2 – Kallup McCoy Road  
3 – Brady Road  
4 – Fisher Branch Housing Project  
5 – Goose Creek Rec. Park Road  
6 – Kate Lambert Road  
7 – Hospital Road  
8 – Drama Road

**Afternoon Run:**

1 – Drama Road  
2 – Hospital Road  
3 – Kate Lambert Road  
4 – Goose Creek Rec. Park Road  
5 – Fisher Branch Housing Project  
6 – Wildcatt’s  
7 – Kallup McCoy Road  
8 – Brady Road

**Bus No. 20 – Birdtown**

Connie Rose  
Departs from Boys Club: 6:50am

**Morning Run:**

1 – Goose Creek Road from Cooper’s Creek Road  
2 – Dewitt Owle Road  
3 – Wagon Wheel Gap Road  
4 – Locust Branch Road  
5 – Goose Creek Main Road  
**Afternoon Run:**  
1 – Goose Creek Main Road  
2 – Locust Branch Road  
3 – Wagon Wheel Gap Road  
4 – Dewitt Owle Road  
5 – Goose Creek Road to Cooper’s Creek Road

**Bus No. 50 – SPED Run**

Jack Davis  
Departs from Boys Club: 6:50am

**Bus No. 51 – SPED Run**

Melanie Hyatt  
Departs from Boys Club: 6:15am

# Cherokee Central School Board Report

**GLORIA GRIFFIN**  
BIRDTOWN SCHOOL  
BOARD REP.

The first day back to school for the Cherokee Central Schools Staff will be Monday, Aug. 7, and I would like to say welcome back. A Welcome Back staff breakfast will be provided to the staff on at 7:45am that morning. Once the breakfast is open, the CCS Superintendent and the School Board will meet with all staff in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center for an open meeting.

The CCS School Board will retreat to the board room once our breakfast and Staff Meeting are over to meet with our Attorney for

a short Board 101 on Ethics and the roles that CCS School Board are to adhere to.

The Board has partnered with Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed to offer a Financial Literacy class that will begin this upcoming year with the freshman class and will be a required class to graduate from Cherokee Central School. Cherokee School System has also partnered with the Oconaluftee Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center, which will allow our students to enter and remain connected to the labor market through furthering their education and training. This MOU with the Jobs Corps will allow our students to take carpentry, electrical, and masonry if they want to

go from school to work. We will also be offering EMT Training at the high school this year. CCS already offers CNA Classes for anyone who would like to work in the medical field upon graduation.

Now, there is a space study due to us outgrowing our space and needing to find ways to increase some spaces that maybe empty to fit our needs.

## **2016/17 Accomplishment at CCS: District Level**

- Successfully completed district re-accreditation with AdvancED
- Began Blended Learning initiative with focus groups and surveys (teachers, students, assistants, community) and professional development for teachers

## **Cherokee Elementary School**

- Seventeen grade 5 students have been in the National Honor Society for two years; five new grade 4 members inducted
- 100+ student entries into the Science Fair; two grade 5 students won second place at the Western Regional Science Fair and receive an honorable mention at the State Fair
- Attendance rate (93.09 percent) increased and bullying reports decreased
- Facilitated 10 after-school clubs or activities for students (tutoring, Garden Club, Chorus, Yearbook, Traditional Dance, Lego Robotics, basketball, Traditional Singing,

Battle of the Books, and Running Club)

- Seven teachers nearing completion of their National Board Certification

## **Cherokee Middle School**

- Students participated in the Short Attention Span Theater and "The Beauty and the Beast" production.
- Major decrease in discipline issues, including bullying
- 175 students made Honor Roll for the entire year
- Increased parent involvement through newsletter and parent luncheon

## **Cherokee High School**

- Students participated in the Short Attention Span Theater and "The Beauty and the Beast" production.
- The Chamber Singers traveled to Orlando, Fla. and to Washington, DC for performances.
- Student attended Governor's School this summer
- Close-Up students invited to attend meetings in Hawaii next year; these students presented ideas to Tribal Council

## **IT**

- New copier and phone implementation and replacement
- Purchasing and installing Pro-methean Boards for each classroom

## **Facilities**

- Upgraded HVAC – TRANE
- New playground surface and PK sandbox
- Painted all buildings

# Cherokee Animal Shelter



OPEN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7:45 AM to 4:30 PM  
DOGS AND CATS AVAILABLE NOW AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION  
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**Cherokee Indian Hospital**  
**497-9163**



## **Cherokee High School, Middle School athletic passes for sale**

The Cherokee High School Athletic Department is selling athletic passes to all home games (excluding playoffs and conference tournaments). This program will allow parents, family, and friends of the Cherokee Athletic Program to support the athletes by helping fund various needs (athletic fields, equipment, meals, uniforms, etc.) while making it more affordable for an individual or family to attend more of our athletic contests.

There are five different options to choose from including: Family pass, Individual Pass, Senior Citizen Pass, High school graduate/college student Pass, and a CCS Student Pass.

- The Family Pass (\$200) will allow a family of five admission to all home games.

- The Individual Pass (\$100) is for ages 21- 59.

- The Senior Citizen Pass (\$75) is for any individual 60 years of age and up.

- Recent High School graduates or College Student (age 18 – 20) Pass (\$75).

- The Student Pass (\$25) is for any student in K-12 at Cherokee Central Schools.

If you would like to purchase a pass, Tina Swimmer 554-5027, 736-6624, [tina.swimmer@ccs-nc.org](mailto:tina.swimmer@ccs-nc.org); or Tracy Swimmer at the Cherokee Middle School 554-5031, [tracyswimmer.ccs-nc.org](mailto:tracyswimmer.ccs-nc.org).

Once you purchase your Athletic Season Pass your name will be placed on a list that will be at every ticket gate at all home games. This list will allow you to not have to stand in line to purchase a ticket for admission.

- CHS Athletic Dept.

## **Missing cats**

Two cats are missing from the Birdtown Community off Old No. 4 Road near Junaluska Road and Paulette Smart Road. The first is a male black cat with a little white on his chest, and the other is a male grey cat with sea green eyes and looks like a Russian Blue. Reward offered. Info: 788-2953

## **Head Start recruitment**

Qualla Boundary Head Start and Early Head Start is now recruiting children ages 3-5 years old for the 2017-18 year. Children's services provided by the program include: health screenings, dental screenings, independence, engaging activities, and a structured schedule. Info: Helen Martin 359-6590

- Qualla Boundary Head Start

## **Miss Cherokee 2017 applications available**

Application Packets for Miss Cherokee 2017 can be picked up and returned at the Cherokee Historical Association. Applicants must be 18-25 years of age, never married, no children and members of the EBCI. The application fee must be paid at the Finance Office and the application returned with proof of payment attached, no later than Friday, Aug. 25 at 4pm. Info: Ursula Millsaps 506-1372 or Connie Huntsman 736-5489

- Miss Cherokee Board

## **Tribe conducting turkey count**

As part of their Gadugi Ecology initiative, the biological staff with the EBCI Natural Resources Program is looking to count turkey between July 1 – Aug. 31. Counting and recording the number of

gobblers, hens, and chicks (also known as poult) can tell a lot about the health of a turkey population. They are asking all citizens to send along any sightings with the following information: date of sighting, number of hens, number of poult, number of gobblers, county and location, and your name and address (optional). You can hand deliver this information to the EBCI Natural Resources Program Fisheries and Wildlife Department at 1840 Painttown Road in Cherokee, email to [ebcifw@gmail.com](mailto:ebcifw@gmail.com), Facebook message them at <https://www.facebook.com/ebcifw/> or mail to P.O. Box 1747, Cherokee, NC 28719. Info: 359-6110

- EBCI Natural Resources Program

## **Cherokee Central Schools testing calendar for 2017-18**

Following is a list of tests for Cherokee Central Schools. Testing window dates are tentative and may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

- WICA Screener, Aug. 14 – Sept. 27 (any eligible student enrolling after the first day of school, Aug. 14, must be screened within 14 days)

- NWEA MAP BOY, Aug. 14-31

- mCLASS: Reading 3D BOY, Aug. 14-31

- Beginning of Grade 3 Reading, Aug. 29
- NWEA MAP MOY (CES), Nov. 28 – Dec. 19
- mCLASS: Reading 3D MOY, Jan. 3-19
- ACCESS for ELLs, Feb. 5 – March 5
- NWEA MAP EOY, April 2-27
- mCLASS: Reading 3D EOY, April 2-27
- EOG and alternate assessments, May 17-31
- EOC/CTE and alternate assessments, May 24-31

- Cherokee Central Schools

## **Senior Citizens Fuel Assistance applications**

The EBCI Senior Citizens Program will begin accepting Fuel Assistance Applications on Monday, Sept. 11.

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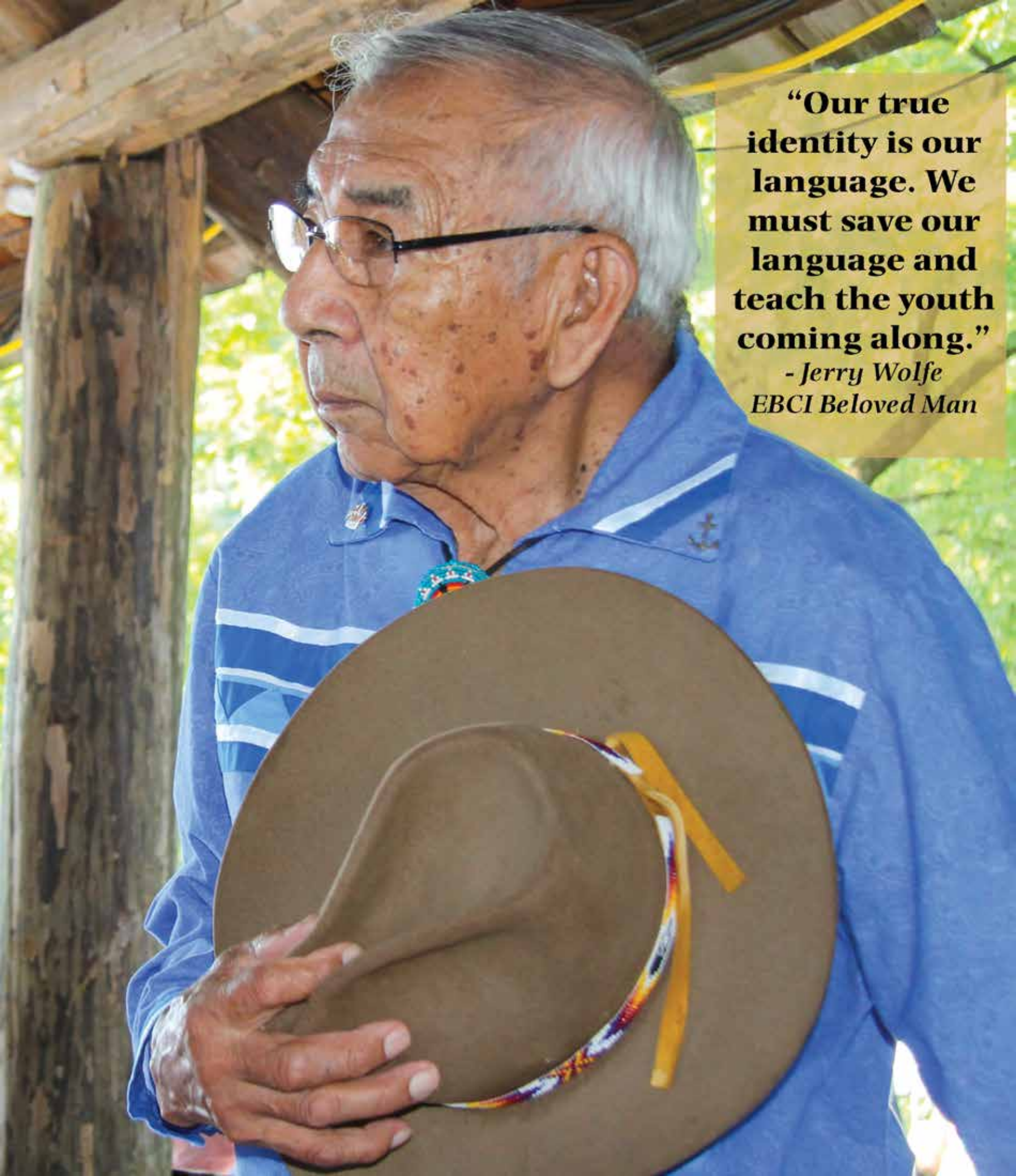


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language and  
teach the youth  
coming along.”**

*- Jerry Wolfe  
EBCI Beloved Man*





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# Armchair marketing

**ROBERT JUMPER**  
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

“I know how to market Cherokee because I am the demographic,” said anyone who has provided advice and guidance in a leadership role within our tribal government. It seems that we know what we like, therefore we know what they like (“they” being the 10.7 million traveler households within a 300-mile radius of Cherokee-our primarily geographic market, or the 323.1 million potential travelers in the United States, or 7.5 billion potential travelers worldwide, most of them not tribal members). For any one person or even a few people to state that they know what our prospective consumer wants is a bold statement.

Why do destinations employ marketing firms? Because, to be successful at something as complex as destination marketing, you need great analysis, educated planning, and expert execution. Because we need to, desperately need to, maximize the impact on the visiting public. Because with aging accommodations and attractions, we need to sell the prospective clients on our positives and downplay the negatives. Because many heads are better than one, especially if all those heads are dedicated to the task of dissecting our prospective customers wants and convincing them that we have what their heart desires.

The “I have lived here all my life and I know what the tourist wants” mentality has been slowing to the tourism efforts of Cherokee for many years. The promotional efforts of the Tribe are not always dictated by sound research, but the whim of an individual or small group. The Tribe invests money into surveys, competitive analysis (seeing what is working or not working in other municipalities), and research into the impact of our own efforts. But, if this research contradicts a favored project, then research is ignored in favor of the project. Just when some momentum is achieved regarding marketing development, a new face or a different agenda will change the entire playing field and the Tribe has to reinvent its marketing effort.

An essential element of marketing is engaging in product development. To sell a person on your product, you must convince the person that they need the product. So, when beginning to develop or overhaul a product, the first step would be to do the research necessary to find out who your target client is and find out what they want. This applies to accommodation, attraction, amenity, and event development. Next, you would come up with a strategic plan for development that included what the product should look like, where it fits within your overall community development plan, and a timeline for implementing the necessary changes and upgrades to craft the product into what the customer wants; not what you or I want.

You hear a lot about the good old days of tourism in Cherokee. You know, back in the day when you had bumper to bumper traffic and the hotels were full. Back when the tribal budget was in the millions instead of hundreds of millions. Back when most of us were living off federal government commodity handouts instead of Ruth's Chris. Back when the only “steady” jobs were summer jobs at the cultural attractions, instead of year-round employment paying a living wage at the casino. Back when the tribal employee count numbered barely in double digits, instead of in the thousands. And, back when tribal budgets were measured in grants and millions of dollars, instead of business revenue and nearly a half-billion dollars. Most of us are getting per cap checks that are bigger than our welfare checks were back in the good old days.

The evolution of marketing is very much like the evolution of cars. In the early development of vehicles and even into the early 1970s, when your vehicle had an issue, you were more likely to pop the hood or crawl under the car and “mechanic” it yourself rather than take it to a professional. Cars were simpler and we could trace the problem to its source and make the car run again. We could fix it ourselves. But, as cars became more complex, especially with the addition of computerized, hybrid,

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and alternative fuel vehicles, most of us realize that, when our vehicles fail, that we may do more harm than good if we try to play shade tree mechanic on our vehicles. Making mistakes in working on our vehicle will leave us with costly repairs and traveling on foot. Marketing has evolved beyond the newspaper insert and the poster on a side of a barn. Marketers talk in their own language of acronyms and analytic terminology. Online, internet campaigns are launched with laser precision, using filters to put an advertisement before the eyes of a client that has been scientifically identified as having the right attributes to be a candidate for a specific product. Tinkering

with that mix of filters without extensive expertise is like playing Russian roulette with your hard-earned tourism dollars.

We need to understand how very important it is that we get the marketing of the tourism right in Cherokee. We all know that, far and away, our adult gaming operation outpaces our cultural tourism effort by a staggering margin. But, we also know that tourism is currently our only fall back means of revenue generation, and represents the only diversification effort in progress. And, as we have been told by our leadership, threats are looming. In the best destination relationships, the government, experts in the field, businesses, and community all come together in support of each other with a common goal-to provide the product in an attractive

way for the traveling public...our prospective clients.

Marketing is the most important aspect of economic development, particularly when it comes to consumer sales. You may have the best product in the world, but if it is marketed ineffectively, your product and business will fail. You may have the best marketing in the world, but if your product development is poor and not what the customer has been promised, your product and business will fail.

With so much riding on the successful promotion of Cherokee and the Boundary, it is critical that we analyze, plan and execute based on sound research and not opinions. It is why tourism development funding in municipalities dependent on that revenue stream is either put it at the top of their budgets, and they create a separate tax that assists in promoting "heads in beds", commonly called an occupancy tax. Here, we call it a privilege tax.

Our uniqueness as a tourism destination is our culture and our lands. Surely, we have beautiful scenery, great rushing streams, and majestic mountains. And, just like any parent with a child, we say our land is the most beautiful. In our eyes, it is. From a tourist's prospective, they see that beauty in our land, and all the land of the municipalities around us. It is not unique. We must show our historic and/or cultural uniqueness in a way that appeals to the target audience to compete for tourist dollars. We can say we have the best mountains,

fishing, etc., but so do our competitors for the tourist and tourist dollar. Our product is getting older while our target audience is getting younger. How we handle product development in Cherokee will determine the future of tourism and possibly the economic viability of our government.

Our economic engines exist to generate revenue to provide services and for the benefit of our community. Our tribal leadership must find the balance between marketing, product development and governmental community services or the Cherokee community will suffer the loss.

David Ogilvy, recognized as a founding father of modern advertising, said this to the board of directors of his international marketing firm, "If you always hire people who are smaller than you, we shall become a company of dwarfs. If, on the other hand, you hire people bigger than you, we shall become a company of giants."

Henry Ford is attributed with saying, "I am not the smartest, but I surround myself with competent people."

Let's not let power or perceived power stand in the way of doing the right thing when it comes to making important decisions like the direction of tourism marketing and economic development. We, as a Tribe, need to surround ourselves with competent collaborators that will help us make informed, educated decisions about economic development.

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## Facebook Weekly Question Responses

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

***Should money be spent by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to promote Cherokee as a tourist destination? How do you feel about tourists?***

**Judy Wilkey:** Cherokee has been a tourist destination since the first motel popped up in town. Perhaps there's not a need for a full-blown agency if someone from the government center could be assigned to work with Jackson and Swain county's Chambers, not to mention there is the casino that brings alot of business to town. I'm constantly seeing Harrah's commercials on the Charlotte broadcast stations and those resources need to be used to the Tribe's advantage before spending its own money.

**Trudy Terry Bradshaw:** The quality of food and servers at the restaurants needs improvement if you are going to do that.

**Candy Johnson:** Yes, but we need to step up our game. Visitors love it when we share our culture. Maybe a dinner theatre, art gallery, artist area like the River Arts District, places to eat on the river, classes for tourists and families, tours of Kituwah, tours of the reservation, don't get me started!

**Darrell Pyle:** Absolutely

**Tim Rattler:** I'm with Candy...very well said

**Deborah Lambert:** I agree with Candy, time to step it up. Maybe ask visitors what they would like to see.

**R.C. Williams:** My family loves Cherokee. We have been coming to Cherokee several times a year for almost ten years. We love coming. We love the Museum, the play, the Village, the art co-op, Santa's Land, the forest roads, the river park, the campfire at the park, the hikes, the parkway, and of course the casino.

If I could think of things to make a great

place better, I might suggest... reopening the Fun Park; restaurant theater with native legends, dance, and traditional food; more events at the Indian Village (like the Halloween one, maybe to celebrate native holidays, that'd be so cool) and add a restaurant to the village, museum, and play. Offer more plays to go see; a center that offers day-classes teaching traditional crafts; classes teaching how to recognize, grow, and use medicinal herbs; expanding or rotating the museum exhibits to keep it fresh for people who want to return again and again; more kid fishing tournaments throughout the year; more forest roads (both for quiet nature drives and for rowdy 4-wheeling fun); concerts at the fairgrounds; camps for kids to experience the many different aspects of traditional native life; guided river tours; zip lines; rock climbing park; water park with water slides... those would be cool!

**Randy Sisk:** The casino and walking the strips makes for adult entertainment, but what do the younger people have? EBCI needs to return to "family entertainment". I just sent a letter to the Chief outlining several options. I can only hope for a response.

**Mikell D. Dyer:** If the EBCI wants Cherokee to be a tourist destination, then aggressively use the companies that are professional at promoting such locations. Those services will cost money. Don't hesitate by trying to get it through the government for free or some other form of discount, like everything else. Cherokee is a drying up tourist destination that each new generation cares less and less about visiting. The word "Cherokee" is not what draws most vacationers in as it used to be in years past. They come because of the mountains and trout fishing, not to learn about the EBCI. I have even met some travelers that squat in or around Cherokee, then travel away from this area to eat, drink and do fun family things around Gatlinburg, Peigon Foege, Grandfather Mtn, Blowing Rock, etc. etc.

I have only lived in Cherokee for three years, but have traveled extensively throughout America and Europe. In my honest opinion, Cherokee's Tourist Trade and Revenue, is seriously dwindling and will continue unless some major

changes aren't adopted and implemented.

**Agnes Reed:** In my opinion, Cherokee has always been a tourist destination. I don't mind, people love Cherokee and our culture. However, the current state our community is in drug wise is shaming. Why would we invite tourists into our town, when drug deals are going down at our local grocery store and in the parking lot at McDonald's? Why would we invite people to come here, when most of the restaurants won't take time to clean their parking lots, or mop their floors? Why would we want families to stay in our motels, knowing someone overdosed in the room the night before?

**Carol Bradley Long:** Locals need to understand that we rely on tourism. Any place that has contact with the public needs to improve on customer service. We need to make our town inviting. Upgrade the shops down town to specialty shops instead of you see one you see them all. We need to be promoting cultural activities like regular stickball games and daily storytelling. Utilize more family activities.

**Debbie Nelson Heinl:** Get more places to eat and something to see and spend money doing. Nature rides on the Blue Ridge Parkway is all most come for then you struggle to find a restaurant to eat at.

**Robert Sherrill:** Promoting the Cherokee would be great if there was something to promote! Come ride a tube down our river or come to our casino just isn't going to do it! If it wasn't for 441 running through town, this dead-end town would have went away a long time ago! Too many empty stores right in the middle of town!

**Donald Johnson Sr.:** If you would pay out more through your casino, you would see it attract a greater number of people. Fairly soon people who only come to gamble will quit coming because of hardly any payouts and they visit nothing else now. It is not a place for people to just come dump money and leave. Give them options and they will reward you!

## More Poll Responses

**Kathy Murray:** You have many tourists come through and staying in Cherokee. (There are) no good restaurants to go to or choose from in Cherokee. (There's) not anything in Cherokee to do, only casino right now. Cherokee has nothing much to offer tourists.

**Chesna Byrd:** (I've) never been, but what's the point of promoting a tourist destination if there's nothing for tourists to do? Before advertising, I would invest in attractions. I'm pretty sure there are people that can be hired for this very thing in order to get the most out of what a certain area has to offer. My own area likes to think they are a good destination and know what to do business wise, meanwhile the entire county is going under.

**Sarah Starr Harms:** Hadi! The land is for the Giduwa, not for selling out to fancy resorts. The people can't heal with most of the political interest in tourism.

**Keawe Bone:** I think we should invest into our workforce. Let's stop being the voice of tourism and doing this same show putting our people as a spectacle. Let's change into a good type town. Look at the highest growing trends; what's the most profitable venue for revenue and let's become the authority on the matter. Why can't we expand our borders? Why can't we have schools to show our children how to be accountants and stock brokers? Why can't we legalize marijuana use for medical purposes and grow our own medicine and employ enough tribal members to supply surrounding areas with legal and real gains towards a sustainable future? Let our people become a part of mainstream society that allows us enough influence to keep our people strong and current. Put money where we know money can be made off of the input. Invest in our people. Give them a job and a voice to control their own work environment give them the chance to increase profit margins. We can not really (have) only just the casino or entertaining venues anymore. I think our people need more stability and opportunity to grow.

**Allison Johnson:** I think the historical tourism investment is good. So many people that visit Gatlinburg don't realize what they are missing at the bonfire, Museum, drama, and just the awesome culture of Cherokee.

**Amanda McCoy:** Yes, we need to keep advertising as a whole. How else do you expect tourists to come? Contrary to what some people think there are tourists who come here to learn about our culture and traditions as well as hiking, horse-back riding etc. Now, if you want to talk about crappy advertising for this area go pick up the 2017 Cherokee Travel guide. There are multiple things to do in this area and that pamphlet promotes a lot of things for Bryson City, which there's nothing wrong with that, but when there's only tiny snippets of things to do in Cherokee versus all the things listed for another town there's a problem.

**Keri Brady:** Advertising is a good way to reach beyond our connecting states, national stations such as ABC, CBS, and NBC. Local stations advertise nationally. There are people driving hundreds and hundreds of miles to visit Dollywood just on ads they have seen on tv. The Smokey Mountains ss the most visited national park in the country. We need to take advantage of that fact. I have talked with visitors, and they miss the live music that used to be in Cherokee and the Indians taking pictures with people. Cherokee should have a dinner theatre featuring Cherokee-themed shows. But, we must also have other shows like maybe something interactive with visitors. Pigeon Forge has a lot of different things to do and buisnesses. Maybe a business that teaches pottery; you pay for an hour experience and take home what you make. Just give the tourist something to do while their here.

**Lynne Cooper Pyle:** Yes! Tourism has always been the number one industry in Cherokee. It's what funds our Tribe.

**Mitch Littlejohn:** Just the question being asked says it all. Advertising is the main way to get information out to people thinking about coming to Cherokee. Without spending money on this. people who might be interested in coming to

Cherokee might go somewhere else because they see an ad for somewhere to go. We need to focus money on advertising.

**Michael Parker:** Yes, most definitely.

**Michael A. Jarvis:** Well, since tourism is the only source of revenue for Cherokee, NC, then yes.

**Lisa Sampson:** We need to do more to increase tourism. It shouldn't be all about the casino. Maybe indoor theatres or dinner shows based on Cherokee culture would be a good idea. Showing our history and our culture is what people look for when they visit. The Village and the Drama are good, but they are only open a few months out of the year. The music and the dancers are only around a few months out of the year. Make indoor and outdoor events where these types of things can be enjoyed year around. People flock to the beaches for the beach, but they enjoy activities like miniature golf, go carts and the pavilions while they are there. Same holds true for Cherokee. Visitors come to see and learn about Cherokee and it's people but they would enjoy those types of activities while they are visiting. Not to mention giving our own people something to enjoy in their free time.

**Panda Jackson:** There is nothing here for any of the young people to do. The whole town is outdated. We get a bowling alley; that would have done well back in the 70s and 80s, but I don't see it doing well at this day in time. We have very limited options on anything. I have heard tourists complaining about there is nothing new here, a lot of empty buildings, streets rolling up around 6. We have one grocery store, Saunookes Village - there is nothing there. Put another grocery store on this side of town! Build up the place a lil bit more. Open businesses on Sunday. Not everyone is in church on Sundays. Build up the entrance from Gatlinburg. Make it look more inviting. Everyone (is) wanting to build up around the casino. Do something with everywhere else.



**Jeremy Wilson:** It's not so much the amount of money you spend to promote. It's how you promote. Strategy > Spending

**Albert Jason:** If we are going to bring more tourists in then we definitely need to have better restaurant choices. Like that eyesore spot in front of the casino has potential to be a great restaurant. Most the better choices serve alcohol. So that needs to be passed. We're all adults here who like to have a drink or two with our dinner.

**Beverly Carson:** Would rather just go to the Food Lion instead of having to go in a casino to eat. Some really good restaurants would be great. Stores that sell local pottery and wood crafts instead of all that made in China stuff, so many things I love about Cherokee. The best day of my recent vacation was just sitting at the river park watching my grandchildren play in the water for hours. The powwow was a real disappointment, hope it was just because of the weather, but seems like it was so much better before the stage was built over at what used to be called the Council Grounds. It has lost it's family celebration feel and turned into a performance type of event, and the "spirit" seems to have left.

**Laren Marquez:** I would love more authentic restaurants. And, the makeshift teepees along the sides of the road are a little disappointing. We all know the Eastern Cherokees didn't live in those.

**Vangie Stephens:** Also, better quality of food and service in some fast foods

**Mary Crowe:** We need a serious Revitalization Plan for Historic Downtown Cherokee and up to Saunooke Village and begin to create a tourist destination that will protect our natural resources. Also, we have a travel and promotion department and a "Chamber of Commerce" which really needs to be reorganized and strengthen to Advertise and Promote Cherokee as a premier destination.

**Wade Simmons:** (I) love to visit Cherokee! It's in the heart, now the stores!

**Isabel Catolster:** The main streets are too congested. Improve the roads for everyone's benefit. Parking lots kept clean. Tsali has some dilapidated shops and lots. Too many empty shops.

**Beverly Trantham:** Yes. More cultural events and restaurants. Develop the run down motel in town. Make them useable for families that have a budget for vacation. Develop surrounding properties outside of reservations too. Need an outlet mall or area; a kid's place open all year; restaurant and play theme. Lower lease prices downtown area. Help the locals have more businesses. holiday events during winter that draw tourists. Food truck Fridays. Downtown and outdoor concerts

**Crystal R. Rhymes:** I think we need more cultural activities for families. You can pretty much do everything in one day...Museum, Village and Unto These Hills. Then, it's just craft shops or the casino. We also need more restaurants for folks to choose from.

**Bailey Littlejohn:** The only thing we have to promote is the casino. The reservation seriously needs better things around here if we want more people to come visit.

**Margaret Hollenbeck:** Absolutely, it should. It helps you to become more self-sufficient.

**Quetseli Baker Truesdell:** Money should be spent to promote Cherokee, but more cultural business should be developed. Many people are sick of pharmaceutical medicine. Why not have an herbal medicine attraction to show how to grow and prepare local native North Carolina plants as medicine? That is unique to our area. You can't make every kind of medicine. There are too many, but basic ones are a good to share. Promote stick ball. Many people enjoy sports. Native food restaurants are needed that serve Native American food. Again, to be inviting people to the nation of Cherokee they want to see, hear, smell and taste Cherokee culture, something they can't experience in Pigeon Forge or elsewhere. Let's be proud to share Cherokee culture.

**Cookie Parker-Williams:** Look at Gatlinburg, then look at Cherokee. What's missing?...major corporations investing money long term. That choice should be up to the people, not the few sitting on Council.

**Jody Stone:** As a visitor for 40+ years now and coming two to threes times a month in previous years I have a few suggestions. It would be really nice to have a some better places to eat that serves your traditional foods. Paul's is good, but not much parking among other things. The powwow use to be a great event when it was at the Fairgrounds. The stands are covered from the sun and rain and the bathrooms are much better than the old school area. I know several people, including ourselves, who have stopped coming due to the move. And, there used to be a powwow mother's day weekend. It would be nice to have one another time in the year as well as July 4th. And, the shops would be much better if they had items from the area or even other Tribes and get rid of the Made in China shops. We always enjoy visiting, but it has become much harder to attend the powwow now since my husband is disabled and can't sit in the sun and harder to access areas. Qualla is an awesome store as well as the museum, but I don't think a lot of people know about them. A larger store with more items like the hand made moccasins, clothing, blankets, jewelry etc would be great and the stick ball sticks! Anything to do with the culture I think visitors would really love.

**Collette Partridge Coggins:** Really! Is that even a question?

**Driver Blythe:** Beer

**Dorothy Meadows:** Most definitely

**Zacchaeus Maney:** Beer=better restaurants! I have heard quite a few tourists ask me personally, "Where is steakhouses like Texas Roadhouse, Outback Steakhouse, and an Olive Garden?" After 8pm, welcome to Ghost Town Cherokee.

**Brenda Dunaway Bray:** Better restaurants!

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## New business and Festivus

WILLIAM LEDFORD

Seems there's never a dull moment these days. In Washington, DC, aka Trumpville, or the Trumpkin Patch, it's become obvious that the circus ain't gonna leave town until people actually realize the big orange guy really has no clue and even though somebody might be offering one, he ain't listening. For his first six months, there's not a week that has gone by without something happening, and it seems to be always negative but he wants everyone to ignore that and concentrate on his accomplishments. Those total zero by the way.

On the other hand, it's finally quiet at home, maybe good, maybe not so good. No news ain't necessarily a good thing. Seems that my offer to stand in as acting Vice Chief was totally ignored, but I'm ok, outta sight, outta mind I guess.

On the personal front, something that needed doing has finally been done. The trash has finally been taken out. Family joke there. I'm sorry that I let it accumulate for so long. But, far more important than all of that is my young nephew danced at the powwow. Ok, with him being a way small toddler he actually napped at the powwow because grand entry, both, are his nap time(s). But, he was out there. Now, it's time for my youngest grandson to get out there with him next year and shake some tail feathers. Guys, are ya listenin'?

I was recently back in the homeland for a short visit. The visit was both happy (a family reunion) and sad (the passing of my auntie), and semi-satisfying as a long-festering situation was finally resolved. I was once asked by a member of

another tribal nation, "How long does it take to have a non-Indian removed from a home on the Eastern Cherokee Rez?" The answer, for us anyway, was nearly a year...or was it over a year...I forget. And, it almost came down to a visit to the Swain County Magistrate's Office. Imagine, we nearly had to file charges off the Rez to have a non-Indian removed from the Rez. This after rulings from Tribal Council and Tribal Court and conversations with Tribal Magistrate. The whole thing was confusing, frustrating, and very nearly impossible. Remember the old Saturday Night Live skit with Belushi and Ackroyd called "The Thing That Wouldn't Leave"? Described this situation perfectly.

For the second time, both while driving back to New Mexico in a rental vehicle and wearing New Mexico license plates, I was stopped by the Tennessee State Police, aka the Drug Task Force. He said I was speeding, I may have been. I had cruise control set to 70mph in a 70mph zone and the truck, a Dodge 1500 with the Bighorn package sporting a 5.7 Hemi, was accelerating up a slight incline so maybe I was going 72. But, to me I was stopped for DWR (Driving While Red, yeah, we're redskins again it seems). He asked the usual questions. Was I carrying large amounts of cash? (I nearly LOL'ed being a po' Cherokee with 25 bucks in my wallet.) Was I carrying automatic weapons? (Nope, too old, Tadalfil don't work no mo' so I don't even have a semi-automatic weapon. Yeah, ya'll know what I mean.) And...was I carrying large amounts of marijuana, heroin, cocaine or meth? (Again I nearly LOL'ed 'cause based on news reports, Albuquerque has plenty of those and don't need none brought in by us.)

There's a lady on a commercial for the genealogy research site Ancestry.com that postulates that by using the service she discovered that

she is 26 percent Native. Two things strike me here. One, usually, always, Native blood is passed down using division by two. As in, one parent is 100 percent Native, the other is not, so then 50 percent. The next generation divides again and thus 25 percent. Using that logic, she should have already known that someone, grandfather or grandmother, was a fullblood Skin. I do think that maybe she is Skin based upon the more compelling visual evidence (i.e. the skinny legs and larger upper body that suggests she is what we Indins call a deer woman). And, like a buffalo babe, that's not always a positive thing.

Festivus. If you're a Seinfeld watcher, which I was and am, you'll remember Festivus. On the show, this was a holiday invented by George Costanza's father to avoid the commercialization of Christmas and was celebrated on Dec. 23. "Festivus for the Rest of Us". I believe that Festivus must mean a lot to Donald Trump because of the traditions which include: The Airing of the Grievances, Feats of Strength and Festivus Miracles. Trump airs his grievances on Twitter daily. And, there's never a normal handshake, there's always some stupid "deathgrip" event so, Feats of Strength. And, his accomplishments such as the size of his inauguration crowd, the number of fraudulent voters that cost him the popular vote, his grand speech on foreign soil, the denial of Russian election assistance, size of his hands, all can be considered Festivus Miracles. And, finally, there's the plain unadorned Festivus pole. Without the makeup and expensive garb, it could be Melania. Just my opinions folks, if you don't agree you desperately need psychiatric help. Or glasses.

If you want a good joke, Google these words, Kneesles and Tolio. If you have a sense of humor like mine this a hilarious joke, if not, oh well, too bad. See ya on the flip side.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Tribal member frustrated with housing issues

I am writing this in regards to roadblocks I've been running into concerning the land transfers. I started the procedure to have property transferred to me last fall. It has been almost a year now, and although it has gone through all departments and has been deemed "buildable", I am at a standstill on the final survey and official transfer.

I have also heard from the folks at Tribal Realty that some people have been waiting two years and that mine may be another year because of a shortage of qualified surveyors. This unacceptable!

I am in an undesirable living situation right now, and although frustrating, I will be ok. But, what

concerns me more is that other people have been waiting so long for a simple survey. We are talking about people's lives here and the necessary need to have housing available. What, if anything, is anybody doing to expedite these surveys? Two years? Really?

**Kerry McCoy**

### Visitor surprised at Drama changes

I came to Cherokee again after 10 years on July 29, 2017, not to see Harrah's and all its "gilded cages", but to expose my soul and spirit to the extremely unjust, raw

and emotional upheaval of the Cherokee Nation's version of "Unto These Hills". I have always vowed to come back, because of the dramatization I saw then.

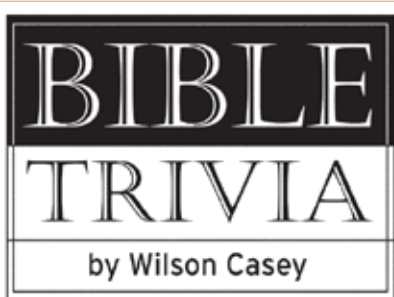
I finally made it back this year and brought five people with me. I was so surprised to see how different the dramatization was!

Please don't misunderstand, the children were beautiful and theatrical, but the soul of the story was missing. The one I saw 10 years ago was more than just a show. The actors that included Mr. Mike Crowe had you praying for the forgiveness of humanity. Maybe it is just me. Being Afro-American

could have me feeling super-sensitive about this Nation of people.

As heavy and deep as the one I saw years ago, I feel it was "The truth, nothing but the truth so help me..." I don't know that I will come back, but I feel honored to have experienced what must have been the closest depiction of what happened to a race of people I have ever seen...it took courage.

**Verna Spicer**  
Charlotte, NC



1. Is the book of Titus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Joshua 2, who hid two spies on a roof? *Hosea, Ezra, Satan, Rahab*
3. What was the first bird released from the Ark? *Raven, Pigeon, Sparrow, Dove*
4. From 2 Kings 9, what creatures ate the carcass of Jezebel? *She-bears, Dogs, Frogs, Worms*
5. Of these, who worked seven years to earn a wife? *Isaiah, Abraham, Jacob, Joshua*
6. From Joel 3, what was the mountain of the Lord? *Sinai, Zion, Nebo, Moriah*

ANSWERS: (1) New; (2) Rahab; (3) Raven; (4) Dogs; (5) Jacob; (6) Zion  
Comments? More Trivia? Visit [www.TriviaGuy.com](http://www.TriviaGuy.com)

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) As eager as you are to take on that new challenge, it would be best to temper that spurt of "Ram"-bunctious energy until you have more facts to back up your decision.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) This is a good time for hardworking Bovines to take a break from their hectic on-the-job schedules to bask in the unconditional love and support of friends and family.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Pay attention to what you hear in the workplace. You could pick up some hints about possible changes. Meanwhile, a new infusion of creative energy sets in by week's end.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Try to be more flexible in dealing with a suddenly difficult situation, whether it's on the job or in the home. Others might have some good points to offer. Listen to them.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You might think you're not getting the royal treatment you deserve. But be careful not to become a royal pain by complaining about it. Be patient and allow things to work out.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Watch that penchant for being super-judgmental at work. It might create a bad impression with someone whose decisions could determine the course of your career.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You've been your usual busy-bee self, gathering nectar wherever you can find it. But now's a good time to kick back, relax and just enjoy smelling the roses.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) That pesky personal situation seems to be improving. But change comes slowly, so be patient. Expect someone to bring more positive news by week's end.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Whoa! Ease up on that hectic pace you've been putting yourself through. Take time to recharge your energy levels before going full gallop again.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Try to be intrigued, not intimidated, by the issues you're suddenly facing, and you'll be ahead of the game. Don't be afraid to demand answers to your questions.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) New associates freezing you out of their inner circle? Never mind. Put a warm smile on that friendly face of yours, and you'll soon thaw them all down to size.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your wise guidance helps colleagues agree to compromise and move forward. Meanwhile, there are still vital issues you need to deal with in your personal life.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You enjoy being free with your emotions, but you also can exercise disciplined focus. You would make a fine artist.

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**F**amilies  
**O**pening their hearts  
**S**upporting  
**T**eaching and  
**E**nable children to  
**R**each their potential

**C**elebrating milestones and  
**A**cknowledging the little things  
**R**eaffirming the value of  
**E**very child.

The Family Safety Program is in need of caring people like you to become foster parents. Please contact **Nikki Toineeta at (828) 359 1520.**

**Cultural Events**

**Cherokee Heritage Day. Aug. 12** from 11am – 5pm at Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Indian frybread by Toni, arts and crafts demonstrations, stamped pottery workshop, chunky game demonstration, storytelling, and more. Info: 497-3481, [www.cherokeemuseum.org](http://www.cherokeemuseum.org)

**Workshop on Feather Capes. Aug. 17-18** from 5-7pm in the Art Studio of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Michael and Lauren Crowe will teach how to assemble a feather cape using a netted base. Cost is \$20 for EBCI tribal members. Sign up in the Museum store for this workshop sponsored by the Museum and the North Carolina Arts Council. Participants will need to bring scissors, heavy thread or artificial sinew, a needle to fit your thread, Ziploc bags, and feathers. Netted cape bases can be purchased for \$50. Info: Barbara Duncan 497-3481 ext. 306 or [bduncan@cherokeemuseum.org](mailto:bduncan@cherokeemuseum.org)

**Fundraisers/Benefits**

**Turkey Shoot and Indian Dinner Fundraiser. Aug. 12** at 5pm at Jesse Welch’s residence in the Big Cove Community. Food prepared by Sharyn Panther. This is a benefit dinner for Reece Welch as she prepares to run for Teen Miss Cherokee. Baked goods will also be sold. The Indian Dinner includes: fried chicken, bean bread, cabbage, potatoes, fat back, and drink. Info: 497-0970

**Bingo Fundraiser. Aug. 12** from 6-10pm at Big Cove Rec. Center. This is a benefit for the Kolanvyi Indian Ball teams. Chili and frybread will be sold too.

**Kolanvyi Indian Ball teams Yard Sale Fundraiser. Aug. 19** at 9am at Kolanvyi Stickball Field. If you would like to set up and sell at the yard sale, the tabled are \$10 and come with two chairs. Extra tables are \$5/each. The team will be selling food items and a bake sale. Info:

Michelle Long 736-9852 or Kelly Murphy 788-6512

**General Events**

**Cherokee Elementary School Open House. Aug. 10** from 4-6pm. Info: 554-5020

**“Lessons Learned on Hazel Creek” program. Aug. 10** at 6:30pm in the Community Room of the Jackson County Courthouse in Sylva. Hosted by the Jackson County Genealogical Society, the program will entail Dan Pierce, UNC Asheville NEH Distinguished Professor, discussing his research and new book on a once bustling community located within the boundaries of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. A refreshment reception will follow at 7:30pm. Free admission. Info: 631-2646

**Blueberry Festival. Aug. 12** from 9am – 2pm at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Cornhole, blueberry products, children’s activities, traditional

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**WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL**

**WEEKLY FISHING REPORT**

AUGUST 7-13, 2017

| WATERSHED   | STOCKING   | PRODUCTIVITY                 | ACTIVE SPECIES                  | HATCHES                           | FLY/BAIT   |
|---|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Tuckaseegee River</b>                                  | Check flow releases for rising water levels.             | Best mornings and evenings   | Small Mouth Bass                | BWO, Stoneflies                   | Poppers, Frog Patterns, Stealth Bombers, Shad  |
| <b>Chattooga &amp; Whitewater Rivers</b>                  | Not stocking, all wild brown trout and catch and release | Morning & Evening.           | Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout      | Yellow Stone, Green Stone, Caddis | Purple Parachute, Jim Charlie, Stimulator, Ants, Beetles, Greenie Weenie   |
| <b>Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River &amp; Small Streams</b> | Follow posted regulations-wild trout                     | First light and late evening | Rainbow, Brown, and Brook Trout | Yellow Stone, Caddis, Midges      | Adams, Messer’s Hoppilator, Messer’s Nymph, Ants, Palmers, Orange Stimulators, Inchworm, Messer’s Smoky Mtn. Caddis, Charlie Whooper |

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**BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE**

| MONDAY, AUGUST 7                   | TUESDAY, AUGUST 8                  | WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9                | THURSDAY, AUGUST 10                | FRIDAY, AUGUST 11                  | SATURDAY, AUGUST 12                | SUNDAY, AUGUST 13                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| BEST                               | BEST++++                           | BETTER                             | GOOD                               | AVERAGE                            | AVERAGE                            | AVERAGE                            |
| 1:12 AM-3:12 AM<br>1:37 PM-3:37 PM | 2:01 AM-4:01 AM<br>2:25 PM-4:25 PM | 2:49 AM-4:49 AM<br>3:13 PM-5:13 PM | 3:37 AM-5:37 AM<br>4:01 PM-6:01 PM | 4:24 AM-6:24 PM<br>4:48 PM-6:48 PM | 5:13 AM-7:13 AM<br>5:37 PM-7:37 PM | 6:02 AM-8:02 AM<br>6:28 PM-8:28 PM |

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games, stories, baked goods, and more. Sponsored by the North American Indian Women's Association (NAIWA). Vendor tables available \$5/each or free to community fundraisers and vendors that have activities or treats for children. To reserve tables or information: Lucille Wolfe 736-5285, Bessie Wallace 497-2389, or Carmaleta@msn.com

**Taylor Family Reunion. Aug. 13** at 2pm at Tsali Manor Pavilion. Info: Agnes Welch 736-9718, Bessie Welch 497-0208, or Brittany Rogers 736-2736

**Wildland Fire discussion. Aug. 14** from 6-8pm at SCC Gymnasium in Bryson City. Several agencies including the Southwestern NC Resource Conservation & Development Council, NC A&T, N.C. Cooperative Extension, and others will participate in a discussion entitled "A Firewise Future: Protecting Our Families, Homes, and Communities". Barbecue provided with RSVP. RSVP to lkays@southwesternrcd.org or (828) 452-2519

**Jackson County Democratic Party monthly meeting. Aug. 15** at 6:30pm at party headquarters on Mill Street in Sylva. The meeting is open to all Democrats. Frank C. Burrell, JCDP chair, will preside. Info: www.jacksonsdems.com

**Swain County Democratic Party meeting. Aug. 15** at 6pm at county headquarter at 122 Everett Street in Bryson City. All are welcome. Agenda items include: county chair position. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118

**Wedding Invitation from Joseph Watson and Jackie Johnson. Aug. 20** at 1pm at Oconaluftee Island Park. The couple is extending an open invitation to all of their friends and family. They ask that attendees please RSVP so they can know how many guests to plan for. RSVP: (828) 399-9113

**Fireside Circle Fall Gathering Campout. Sept. 7-10** at Yogi in the Smokies Campground. NA/AA/Al-anon speakers, Talking Circles, meetings, sobriety pow wow, and more. Registration begins Thursday at 12pm. Pre-registra-

tion \$45/adult, kids 11-17 are \$20, kids 10 and under free; price includes food and tent/camper site for three nights. Info: Herb W. 506-8563 or firesidecircle@yahoo.com

**Swain Arts Center Community Art Exhibit. Sept. 17** at 2pm at Swain Arts Center. Local artists in Swain and surrounding counties will be featured, and all artists are invited to submit their work. Artwork will be received in the lobby of the Arts Center on Monday, Sept. 11 from 8-11am. All artwork submitted must be available for display through the end of the exhibit on Oct. 30 and be priced to sell. Info: Rachel Lackey 488-7843

**Ledford – Greybeard Family Reunion. Sept. 23** from 12-4pm at Yellowhill Activity Center. Plenty of parking in the back. Bring food, door prizes, and pictures of your elders – present and past. There is a planning committee if you'd like to help. Info: Regina 788-5655 or Renee 226-6090

**Rebel Cruise-In. Oct. 1** from 1-4pm at Sylva Plaza (Sav-Mor parking lot). The cruise-in commemorates The Rebel Restaurant where young people used to cruise "back in the day". There will be t-shirts, music, food trucks, a 50/50 raffle, classic cars, muscle cars and rat rods. Don't miss the police escorted cruise by all participating vehicles from Sylva to Dillsboro and back at 4pm. \$20 registration per vehicle. All funds raised will benefit the Jackson County Genealogical Society. Info: (828) 506-9241 or 508-4160

### Health/Sports Events

**Braves varsity football scrimmage. Aug. 11** at 6:30pm at Ray Kinsland Stadium. The Braves will take on the Erwin Warriors.

**Appalachian Community Dance Association free dance lessons. Tuesdays from through Aug. 15** at Yellowhill Activity Center. Line Dance at 5:45pm, East Coast Swing and Rumba at 6:30pm. Instructors are Bob Canady, Sherri Booth, Cathy Miller, and Chris Smith. All ages welcome. No dance experience required. Lessons will conclude with a Community Dance on Aug. 26 at 6:30pm featuring the Will Hayes

Band. Info: 788-0502

**4th Annual Cherokee Skate Jam. Aug. 19** at Cherokee Skate Park. Registration from 9-10:30am, start time is 11am. Registration fee: \$10. Prizes will be given in three categories (beginner, intermediate, and advanced) as follows: 1st place - \$200, 2nd place - \$150, and 3rd place - \$100. Additional competitions for prizes also.

**33rd Annual Cherokee Children's Home Golf Tournament. Sept. 14-15** at Sequoyah National Golf Club. Two-man teams, Captain's Choice. Registration now through Aug. 11. Proceeds benefit the Cherokee Children's Home. Food, games, prizes, fun. Info: Sarah Smiley 359-5575, sarasmil@nc-choerokee.com

### Upcoming Pow Wows for Aug. 10-13

*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.*

**103rd Annual Meskwaki Pow Wow. Aug. 10-13** in Tama, Iowa. Info: (641) 484-4678, visit: www.meskwakipowwow.com

**Brokenhead Ojibway Nation 13th Annual Traditional Pow Wow. Aug. 11-13** at Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, Scantbury, Manitoba, Canada. Emcees: Paul Guimond, Cliff Coyne. Info: Ralph Kent or Glenda Smith (204) 766-2652

**23rd Annual Sacramento Contest Pow Wow. Aug. 11-13** at O'Neil Park in Sacramento, Calif. MC: Tom Phillip. Host Southern: Red Buffalo. Info: Marcia Hoaglen (916) 804-7326

**Spirit of Nations Pow Wow. Aug. 12** at Patriot Academy in Jefferson City, Tenn. Info: (865) 607-9427, www.indiancreekproductions.com

### Community Club Meetings

**Big Y Community Club** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Big Y Community Building. For information on renting the

building for your special occasion, call Bunsey Crowe, president, 497-6339 or 788-4879. Rent is \$60/day for gym and community room with \$25 returnable clean-up fee.

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

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

fee with \$20 key deposit).

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

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

**Wolftown Community Club** meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Wolftown Community Club Building. Info:

Tuff Jackson, chairman, 788-4088

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

## Community Groups

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

## Support Groups/Meetings

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

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

## Analenisgi Recovery Center weekly class schedule

**Monday:** Community Culture 11:15am – 12:30pm; Stressed No More 2-3pm; Nar-Anon 6-7pm (1st and 3rd Mondays); CoDA 6-7pm

(2nd and 4th Mondays)

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

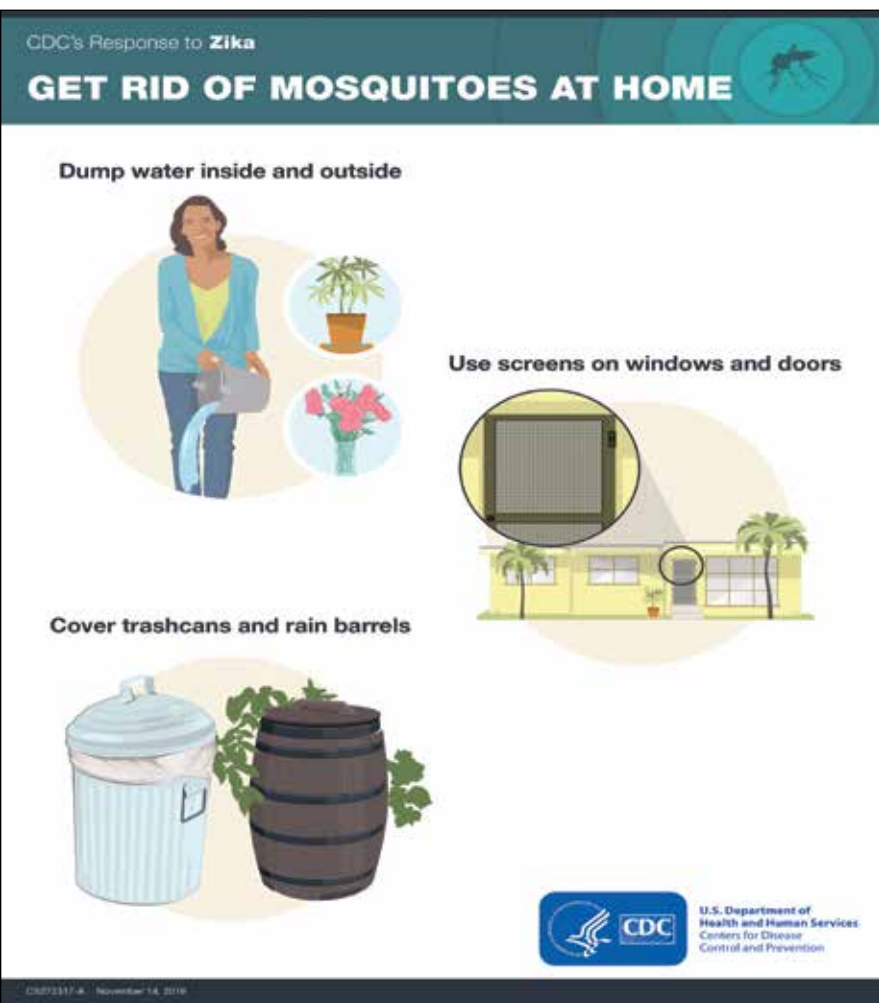
**Wednesday:** Managing “Monkey Mind” 10-11am; Recovery is Happening Now 11am – 12pm; My Self, My Boundaries 2-3:30pm; Family Support Skills 5-6pm; HIV/AIDS/Hep C Support Group 5:45-6:45pm (2nd and 4th Wednesdays)

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

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

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

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





# CLOSING NOTICE

**Due to the solar eclipse, Kituwah Fields will be CLOSED to vehicular traffic from sundown on Saturday, Aug. 19 until Aug. 21 at 4pm.**



FOR RENT

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

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

FOR SALE

Nordic track treadmill \$250: 508-3763  
Side by side Whirlpool refrigerator \$200, Amana clothes dryer \$95,

Leather punch kit \$350: 371-8806  
Troybuilt mower Super Bronco new parts \$450: 246-0277

NEEDED

The Ledford family is requesting donations due to theft and vandalism of their home place. Household items, mowing and yard care equipment in running order, and other lightly used items will be greatly appreciated. Call Damin (828) 506-4542. 8/10

SERVICES

Law Office of Shira Hedgepeth, Tribal Legal Advocate, For representation call 828.585.5044 or email shira@legal-decisions.com. Find us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/legaldecisions. 8/31pd

REALTY

Cherokee County

The following is a list of tribal members that have documents to sign in the Tribal Realty Services Office. These are land transfers from both Tribal Members and the Eastern Band by Resolutions  
Allen James Rattler, David Eric Rogers, Denise Winkler Hall, Elizabeth Jo Poscich, Henry Larkin Wright, Jr., Joshua Bryant Rattler, Kamryn Rebecca Rattler, Kathryn Susan Jasper, Kathryn Winkler Rogers, Lea Karen Rogers, Lois Winkler Wyatt, Maria Queen Smith, Nathan Scott Rogers, Patricia George Buchanan, Robert Terry Gilmor, Steven Kyle Rogers, Thomas Winkler Gilmor, William Edward Wright,  
**3200 Acre Tract**

Christopher Robin-Hugh Lambert, Crystal Lee Rich, Frank Edward Griffin, Jr., Glenn Gilbert Wolfe, Gloria Jean Griffin, James Raymond Owl, Kobe Gavin Toinetta, Kristy Ann Nations, Lynn Francis Markley, II, Nancy Suzanne Griffin, Pauline Walker Markley, Sandra Leigh Ledford Robbins, Sheena Roaxana Walkingstick, Sherry Yvonne Welch

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Agreement to Divisions

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

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

Proposed Land Transfers

Jack Allen Lambert to Damon Allen Lambert and Brett Alan Lambert for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 677 (Part of Parcel No. 486 Goose Cr. Housing Project), containing 0.335 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

William Lawson Smith to Kristan Nicole Cucumber for Upper Cherokee Community Parcel No. 53, containing 5.388 acres, more or less.



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**CERTIFICATION PERIODS:**

- ZERO INCOME (LITTLE CHANCE OF CHANGE) – Every 3 months
- ZERO INCOME (FREQUENT CHANGES IN INCOME) – Every month to 2 months
- STABLE (NON-CHANGING INCOME) – 12 months
- ELDERLY/DISABLED (FIXED INCOME) – Up to 24 months. Must be contacted every 12 months to make sure they want to continue services.
- SELF-EMPLOYED – Recertification should fall when they receive the majority of their income.

**GROSS INCOME (20% EIC DEDUCTION):**

- PAID WEEKLY – Gross amount of check x 4.3 = Gross monthly income (before 20% deduction)
- PAID BI-WEEKLY – Gross amount of check x 2.15 = Gross monthly income (before 20% deduction)

**DEDUCTIONS:**

- 20% - (0.20 x Gross Income)
- Utility Deduction - \$300.00
- Medical Deductions – Medical costs >\$35.00
- Child Support - Paid
- Dependent Care Expenses

| Household Size (FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standards) |           |                                     |
|---|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| 1   | (\$1,147) | 6 (\$2,941)                         |
| 2   | (\$1,492) | 7 (\$3,287)                         |
| 3   | (\$1,837) | 8 (\$3,634)                         |
| 4   | (\$2,193) | *Each additional member (+\$347.00) |
| 5   | (\$2,567) |                                     |

**EBCI Per Capita and Per Capita Loans are NOT considered as income at this time. Please, feel free to contact the Tribal Foods Office (828-359-9751) for detailed eligibility requirements and to schedule an appointment. Thanks from the TFDP Staff.**





# Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

## Payroll Officer -

Administration Department

Opening Date: Aug. 9, 2017

Closing Date: Aug. 23, 2017

## Assistant Finance Director -

Administration Department

Opening Date: Aug. 9, 2017

Closing Date: Aug. 23, 2017

## Lead Teachers - Agelink

(must have credentials)

Opening Date: July 24, 2017

Closing Date: Until Filled

## Part-Time

## Teachers Aides - Agelink

Opening Date: Aug. 2, 2017

Closing Date: Until Filled

Cherokee Boys Club P.O. Box 507  
Cherokee, NC 28719

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.

*The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates or readvertise positions without notice.*

# Cherokee Indian Hospital Job Listings



**These positions will close on August 17th, 2017 at 4:00pm.**

Kitchen Supervisor - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center  
Residential Supervisor- Snowbird Residential Treatment Center  
Registered Nurse Lead - Outpatient  
PTI Certified Nursing Assistant - Inpatient  
Cook  
Targeted Case Manager  
Integrated Classroom Skill Builder  
Contracting Officer  
Operations Administrative Assistant  
Housekeeper

**These positions are open until filled:**

Master Level Therapist- Justice Center  
Physician- Emergency Room  
Snowbird Residential Treatment Manager  
Mid-Level Provider- Emergency Room  
Targeted Case Manager - Analenisgi (2 Positions)  
Targeted Case Manager- Snowbird Residential Treatment Center  
Master Level Therapist- Snowbird Residential Treatment Center  
Cultural Coordinator- Snowbird Residential Treatment Center  
Pedodontist

**To apply, visit [careers.cherokeehospital.org](http://careers.cherokeehospital.org).  
If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital  
HR department at 828-497-9163.  
Indian preference does apply.**



## Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort is Holding Open Interviews in August

**Tuesdays from 9am-3pm  
Wednesdays from 10am-4pm**

Talent Acquisition Office (1st floor, park on  
level 1 of casino garage, applicant parking designated)

Interview for Bartender, Bar Helper,  
Cage Cashier, Cook, Casino Cocktail Server,  
Cleaning Specialist, Room Attendant and Steward  
Apply online or in our office. Same day interviews. Bring photo ID.

## Hot Jobs in the Following Departments:

### HARRAH'S CHEROKEE CASINO RESORT

Casino Operations, Facilities,  
Finance, Food & Beverage, Hotel, Retail,  
Security & Surveillance, Table Games

\$1,000 hiring bonus for EMT/Security Officer - NC EMT Certification Required

\$500 hiring bonus for Casino Cocktail Servers, Cleaning Specialist, Cooks and Bartenders

\$400 hiring bonus for Cook II

### HARRAH'S CHEROKEE VALLEY RIVER CASINO

EVS, Drop & Count, Food & Beverage, Housekeeping, Surveillance

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VALLEY RIVER  
CASINO & HOTEL

For a complete listing of jobs go to  
**HARRAHSCHEROKEEJOBS.COM**

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 Cherokee Indians, managed by Caesars Entertainment. The Talent Acquisition Department accepts applications Mon. - Thur. from 8am - 4:30pm. Call 828.497.8778, or send resume to the Talent Acquisition Department, 777 Casino Drive, Cherokee, NC 28719 or fax resume to 828.497.8540.

Scan this code to connect with us instantly by using Facebook Messenger!



## Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

- **Secretary (Middle School)** - Two year degree in business preferred; -OR- at least 5 years in office management. H.S. Diploma or GED required.
  - **Cultural Coordinator** - Master's degree preferred; must have a Bachelor's degree in business or office related field. -OR- work experience in business office management organization and related technical skills area. Must have experience in budget and finance, as well as grant writing.
  - **Director of Information Technology** - Master's degree in related field with 077 licensure teaching experience; -OR- eligible for a professional license issued by the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction.
  - **Dance Instructor** - Must have a bachelor's degree preferable in dance or education. Applicant must show qualified dance training and teaching experience. Current valid educator license with appropriate endorsement -OR- must have the qualifications and experience to become a licensed teacher. Lateral entry licensure is acceptable.
  - **Woodshop Teacher** - A valid North Carolina teaching certificate in the appropriate area of hire, or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board may find acceptable.
  - **Assistant Superintendent** - Master's degree in School Administration required; three years experience in field of education & one year experience in School Administration.
  - **Elementary Teacher K-5** - NC Teaching license required.
  - **Special Education Teacher K-12** - NC Teaching license required.
- Applicants who have retired from EBCT or other affiliated entities must wait a period of 6 months before applying for employment. Applicants who have accepted the Early Retirement Incentive Plan (ERIP) from EBCT or affiliated entity must wait 3 years before applying for employment.

**APPLY ONLINE at:**

**<https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/>  
or visit [www.ccs-nc.org](http://www.ccs-nc.org) for more information.**



## EMPLOYMENT

### Espinoza Hauling & Trucking

**Co.** is needing good experienced dependable dump truck drivers with CDL & up to date medical card. Call (828) 488-0444 for application info. **8/17pd**

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

Kitchen Supervisor- Snowbird Residential Treatment Center  
Residential Supervisor- Snowbird Residential Treatment Center

To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close on August 17th, 2017 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **8/10pd**

### Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort

is seeking dependable, energetic individuals for the following Full Time hourly positions: Senior Concierge (shift leadership position), Female Host. Also seeking candidates for the following licensed positions: NC Licensed Massage Therapist, NC Licensed Esthetician. All full time positions are eligible for a benefits package that includes medical, dental, vision, 401k, paid holidays, vacation, sick time, and more.

Candidates must pass background check and drug test. Please contact the Spa at 828-497-8550 or email resume to laurenw@mandaraspa.com for consideration. **8/10pd**

### Americorps Tribal VISTA: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

The conservation and management of air, water, forest, and wildlife resources is a continuing priority for the EBCI. The EBCI Natural

Resources program has taken great strides over the last decade to create the capacity to manage and conserve natural resources for the EBCI community. The EBCI identified the need to begin to address the impacts of climate change on these resources in the EBCI Legacy Plan (Integrated Resource Management Plan) which was approved by EBCI Tribal Council in 2015. Climate change impacts will require informed adaptation strategies to mitigate impacts on cultural and natural resources. The EBCI Natural Resources program presently requires additional staff resources to further the development of strategies and tools to meet the previously mentioned needs.

**Member Duties :** The primary focus of the VISTA member would be to continue the development of climate planning and outreach initiatives focused on culturally significant plant resources. The VISTA position will also continue to grow EBCI's capacity to address climate concerns through expanding outreach to the community and Tribal leadership, seeking financial resources, and building upon innovative partnerships with state and federal entities.

**Program Benefits :** Living Allowance , Relocation Allowance , Training , Health Coverage\* , Education award upon successful completion of service , Childcare assistance if eligible .

For details please contact: Mike LaVoie at (828) 359-6113. **8/10pd**

## LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
The Cherokee Court  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
**Estate File Nos.: EST 12-072; EST 12-065; EST 12-073**  
**In the Matter of the Estates of: Allen Ray Carver (d.**

**11/7/2012); John Alan Smith (d. 10/17/2012); Andrew David Murphy (d. 12/19/2011)**

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

Courtroom 1, EBCI Justice Center  
August 24, 2017 at 1:30pm  
**8/10pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 17-042

### In the Matter of the Estate of Angela Ledford Jackson

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  
Jennifer Jackson, P.O. Box 2335,  
Cherokee, NC 28719. **8/10pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 17-043

### In the Matter of the Estate of Rose Marie Crisp

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

Glenn Crisp, P.O. Box 559, Whittier, NC 28789. **8/10pd**

## NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

THE CHEROKEE COURT, EASTERN  
BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS  
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA  
FILE NO: CV 17-263

### TYRONE DEMETRIUS STEWART, Plaintiff vs

### DORCUS NECHELL STREETMAN, Defendant,

To: DORCUS NECHELL STREETMAN,  
ADDRESS NOT KNOWN

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 SUMMONS FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE.

You are required to make defense to such pleadings on the 30TH day of AUGUST, 2017, said date being 40 days from the first date of publication of this notice and upon your failure to do so the party Seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

**8/10pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 17-043

### In the Matter of the Estate of Henrietta Lambert

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  
Jasmine Raedean Lambert, P. O.  
Box 2315, Cherokee, NC 28719.  
**8/17pd**



NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY  
PUBLICATION

THE CHEROKEE COURT, EASTERN  
BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS  
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA  
FILE NO: CV 17-262

**DEBORAH THOMPSON, Plaintiff  
vs ROBERT DABROWSKI, Defen-**  
**dant,**

To: ROBERT DABROWSKI,  
ADDRESS NOT KNOWN

Take notice that a pleading seek-  
ing relief against you has been filed in  
the above-entitled action.

The nature of the relief being sought  
is as follows: CIVIL SUMMONS FOR  
ABSOLUTE DIVORCE.

You are required to make defense  
to such pleadings on the 30TH day  
of AUGUST, 2017, said date being 40  
days from the first date of publication  
of this notice and upon your failure  
to do so the party

Seeking service against you  
will apply to the Court for the relief  
sought. **8/10pd**

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PRO-**  
**CESS BY PUBLICATION**

EBCI THE CHEROKEE COURT  
CHEROKEE, NC  
FILE NO.: 17-CV-279

**NICODEMUS BUSHYHEAD**  
**v.**  
**ALEXANDRIA J. JACKSON**

TO: Alexandria J. Jackson

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seek-  
ing relief against you has been filed in  
the above-entitled action. The nature  
of the relief being sought is CHILD  
CUSTODY. You are required to make  
defense to this pleading not later  
than September 12th, 2017, said  
date being 40 days from the first date  
of this publication, and upon your  
failure to do so, the party seeking  
service against you will apply to the  
Court for the relief sought.

This is the 3rd day of August 2017.

K. Denise Hallauer-Fox, Attorney for  
Plaintiff, EBCI Legal Assistance Office,  
PO Box 2280, Cherokee, NC 28719,  
828.359.7400  
N.C.G.S.\_1A-1, Rule 4(j1).

**8/17pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 17-037

**In the Matter of the Estate of**  
**Jo Anne K. Taylor**

All persons, firms and corpo-  
rations 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  
Joey Taylor, 246 Sunland, Andrews,  
NC 28901. **8/24pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 17-047

**In the Matter of the Estate of**  
**Elnora Owle Maney**

All persons, firms and corpo-  
rations 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  
John Winfred Maney, 9286 Big Cove  
Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **8/31pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 17-048

**In the Matter of the Estate of**  
**Ethel M. Lambert**

All persons, firms and corpo-  
rations 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  
Walter Lambert, 1056 Adams Creek  
Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **8/31pd**

**BIDs, RFPs, etc.**

**Destination Marketing Program**  
**Request for Proposal**  
**Announcement**

The purpose of the request is to  
obtain proposals from qualified mar-  
keting and advertising agencies inter-  
ested in becoming the Eastern Band  
of Cherokee Indians' (EBCI) long-  
term partner and Agency of Record  
by providing strategic marketing and  
advertising planning and subsequent  
campaign development. Agencies  
may partner with other agencies  
or subcontractors to create a team  
that is suited to develop the plan and  
campaign. However, there must be a  
single "lead" agency that is responsi-  
ble for strategic guidance and brand  
development that will be the guard-  
ian of that brand through all forms  
of communication. All billing will  
need to be managed through the lead  
agency such that the Tribe receives a  
single bill for all services.

The EBCI is looking for a market-  
ing partner to create an advertising  
campaign for 2017-2018 that will  
build intent to visit and length of stay  
in Cherokee. The selected agency will  
collaborate with the EBCI Depart-  
ment of Commerce staff to create an  
integrated campaign strategy that  
may include, but certainly not be  
limited to:

- Television
- Radio
- Print
- Viral/mobile/social media cam-  
paigns
- Non-traditional and/or traditional  
out-of-home
- Strategic partnerships and sponsor-  
ships
- Grassroots efforts/tie-ins
- Online Advertising/Website

You may pick up a copy of the  
full request for proposal by contact-  
ing Robert Jumper at robejump@  
nc-chokeee.com (828-359-6482),  
Trent Winchester in the TERO office  
(daniwinc@nc-chokeee.com, 828-  
359-6422), or accessing it through  
the Cherokee One Feather website at  
www.theonefeather.com. Deadline  
for submissions is August 18, 2017.  
**8/17**

**Requests for Proposals**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee Department of  
Transportation (CDOT)  
680 Acquoni Road  
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719  
Phone: (828) 359-6530

**Guard Rail Installation**

The Eastern Band of Cherokee  
Indians' CDOT Office is requesting  
sealed Proposals (NCDOT Qualified  
Firms) for Guard Rail Installation  
services. On Six (6) Roads located on  
the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indi-  
ans' Qualla Boundary. The roads are  
located in Swain & Jackson County,  
on the lands of the Eastern Band of  
Cherokee Indians.

All bid packages must be turned  
into the C.D.O.T offices located on  
680 Acquoni rd. The deadline for  
submitting proposals will be August  
31ST 2017 at 11.am

Please be advised that all TERO  
rules and regulations, Tribal pro-  
curement policies, applicable state  
and federal rules, regulations and

laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement.

You may request the full request for proposal requirements through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact CDOT at (828)-359-6530.

8/10pd

### **Request for Proposals Investigative and Related Services (OIA-17-04)**

The Office of Internal Audit and Ethics of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is requesting proposals from experienced individuals or firms for investigative and related services. The work will include serving as lead investigator

on various assignments and providing other detection and prevention services. Must demonstrate relevant experience and qualifications. For details, a complete RFP package may be requested by contacting Rebecca Claxton, Audit Manager at 828-359-6769 or rebeclax@nc-chokeee.com. Proposals must be received on or before August 18, 2017. 8/10pd

### **Personal items need to be picked up at CIPD**

There are personal items that are currently being held in the property room at the Cherokee Indian Police Department. As of today, July 31, 2017, you have 60 days to contact our evidence personnel at 828-359-6609 or 828-359-6618. After Oct. 30, 2017 any property not picked up

will be destroyed or turned over to the Cherokee Indian Police Department.

Evidence personnel will arrange a date and time with you to collect your property. They will also instruct you on necessary documents to bring in order for the property to be turned over to you.

The following need to contact our evidence personnel: Adrian S. George; Aletha M. Mathis; Amanda Nicole Sherrill; Amy Lincoln; Anita Nicole Flippo; Barry Coggins; Charles Hammond; Cody John Decoteau; Corie Bradie; Darren Sneed; Dayini Lossie; Devan Whisper Jackson; Ernest Jarrett Sneed; Estefan Ryne Welch; Jacob Ivey Jr.; John Ricky Lossie; Jonathon S. Hill; Jordan Elizabeth Littlejohn; Justin Reeves Lambert; Katelynn Ledford; Kyle Cragar Sneed; Larry or Melba

Haigler; Lauren Elisabeth Hodge; Living Waters Church/Jack Russell; Matthew Armachain; Matthew Hughes or Johanna Climbingbear; Michael Christopher Estes; Monica Kristine Singer; Rodney and Rhonda Rogers; Steven Lewis Saunooke; Tyler Lee Crowe; Velva Powell.

10/25

# EBCI Election Board

## 359-6361



\$10



\$5



\$5



\$20 to \$25

**Cherokee Cultural  
Eclipse Celebration  
gear is now available at  
the Cherokee  
Welcome Center and  
Cherokee Indian  
Fairgrounds. Hurry,  
people are gobbling  
them up like I swallow  
the sun! Available only  
while supplies last!**

**Cherokee Welcome Center  
828-359-6490  
Cherokee Fairgrounds  
828-359-6473**





# **See the stars!**

# **Learn about the**

# **upcoming eclipse!**

**Mon - Sat.**

**9am - 5pm**

**Sunday**

**9am - 4pm**

## **Museum of the Cherokee Indian**

EBCI Tribal members  
receive free admission with  
their enrollment card.

For all others,  
admission is \$5.



**Visit the Planetarium Dome  
currently set up in the  
Ken Blankenship Education  
Wing for the month of August.**



Questions? Call the museum at  
(828) 497-3481, or visit  
[www.cherokeemuseum.org](http://www.cherokeemuseum.org)



# Solar Eclipse notice

On Monday, Aug. 21, a total solar eclipse will be visible in various parts of the United States including Cherokee, NC. Due to this natural event, officials of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are expecting much heavier traffic and visitor volume to the area from Friday, Aug. 18 through the weekend to the actual eclipse on Monday. Residents of the Qualla Boundary (Cherokee Indian Reservation) are encouraged to avoid unnecessary travel out and around the reservation during this time period for safety and to avoid delays. For more information on a solar eclipse event being hosted by the Tribe,

visit: <http://visitcherokeenc.com/events/detail/cherokee-cultural-eclipse-celebration/>

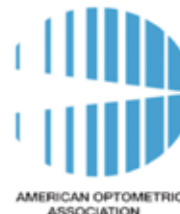


Viewing path of the eclipse

For safety guidelines on viewing  
the eclipse, visit:

<https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov>





# How to View the 2017 Solar Eclipse Safely

A solar eclipse occurs when the Moon blocks any part of the Sun. On Monday, August 21, 2017, a solar eclipse will be visible (weather permitting) across all of North America. The whole continent will experience a partial eclipse lasting 2 to 3 hours. Halfway through the event, anyone within a roughly 70-mile-wide path from Oregon to South Carolina (<http://bit.ly/1xuYxSu>) will experience a brief total eclipse, when the Moon completely blocks the Sun's bright face for up to 2 minutes 40 seconds, turning day into night and making visible the otherwise hidden solar corona — the Sun's outer atmosphere — one of nature's most awesome sights. Bright stars and planets will become visible as well.



Credit: Rick Fienberg, TravelQuest International and Wilderness Travel

Looking directly at the Sun is unsafe except during the brief total phase of a solar eclipse ("totality"), when the Moon entirely blocks the Sun's bright face, which will happen only within the narrow path of totality (<http://bit.ly/1xuYxSu>).



The only safe way to look directly at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed Sun is through special purpose solar filters, such as "eclipse glasses" (example shown at left) or hand-held solar viewers. Homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the Sun. To date five manufacturers have certified that their eclipse glasses and hand-held solar viewers meet the ISO 12312-2 international standard for such products: American Paper Optics, Baader Planetarium (AstroSolar Silver/Gold film only), Rainbow Symphony, Thousand Oaks Optical, and TSE 17.

- Always inspect your solar filter before use; if scratched or damaged, discard it. Read and follow any instructions printed on or packaged with the filter. Always supervise children using solar filters.
- Stand still and cover your eyes with your eclipse glasses or solar viewer before looking up at the bright Sun. After glancing at the Sun, turn away and remove your filter — do not remove it while looking at the Sun.
- Do not look at the uneclipsed or partially eclipsed Sun through an unfiltered camera, telescope, binoculars, or other optical device. Similarly, do not look at the Sun through a camera, a telescope, binoculars, or any other optical device while using your eclipse glasses or hand-held solar viewer — the concentrated solar rays will damage the filter and enter your eye(s), causing serious injury. Seek expert advice from an astronomer before using a solar filter with a camera, a telescope, binoculars, or any other optical device.
- If you are within the path of totality (<http://bit.ly/1xuYxSu>), remove your solar filter only when the Moon completely covers the Sun's bright face and it suddenly gets quite dark. Experience totality, then, as soon as the bright Sun begins to reappear, replace your solar viewer to glance at the remaining partial phases.



An alternative method for safe viewing of the partially eclipsed Sun is pinhole projection. For example, cross the outstretched, slightly open fingers of one hand over the outstretched, slightly open fingers of the other. With your back to the Sun, look at your hands' shadow on the ground. The little spaces between your fingers will project a grid of small images on the ground, showing the Sun as a crescent during the partial phases of the eclipse.

A solar eclipse is one of nature's grandest spectacles. By following these simple rules, you can safely enjoy the view and be rewarded with memories to last a lifetime. More information:

[eclipse.aas.org](http://eclipse.aas.org)

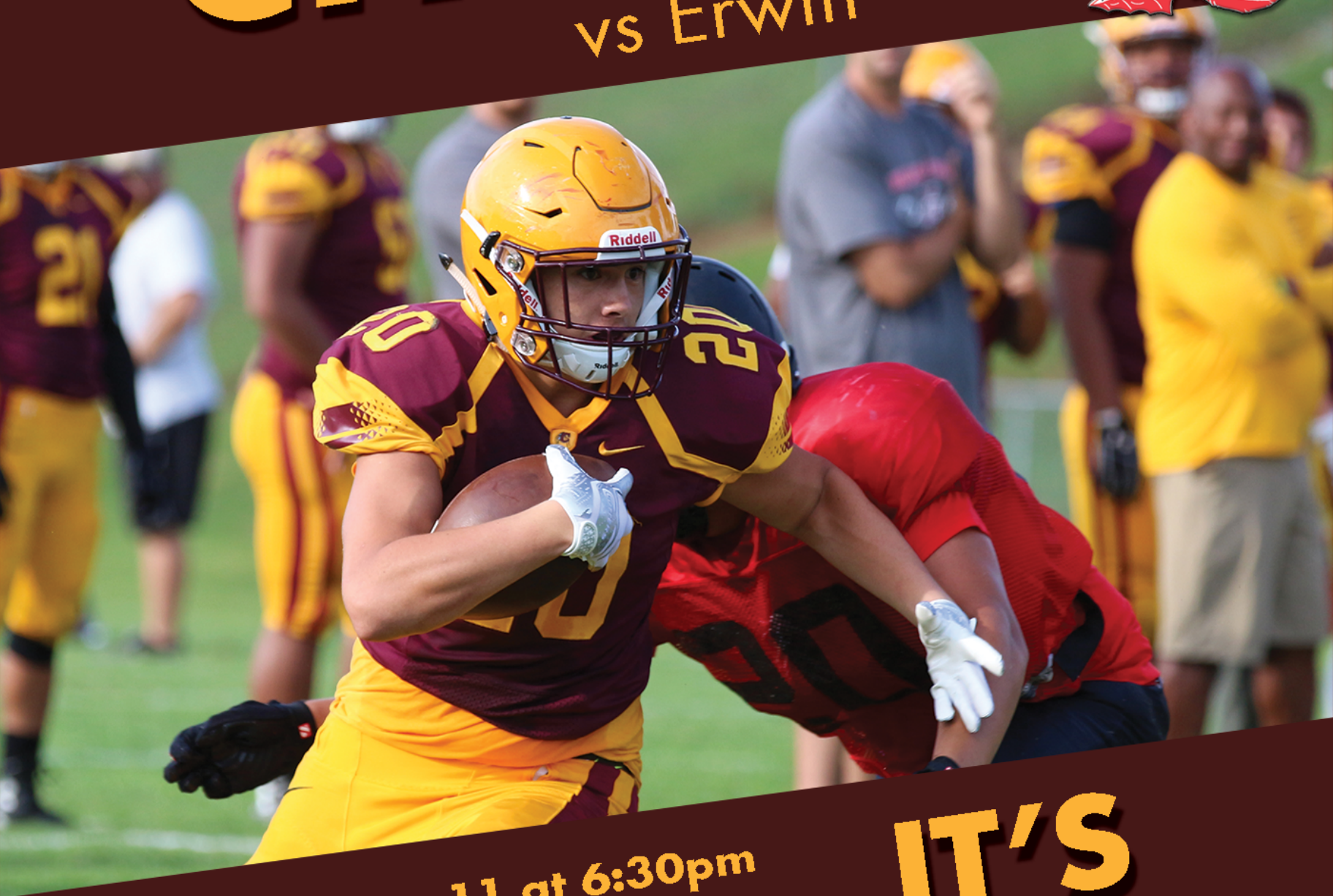
[eclipse2017.nasa.gov](http://eclipse2017.nasa.gov)





# CHEROKEE

vs Erwin



Friday, Aug. 11 at 6:30pm  
Ray Kinsland Stadium

IT'S

SCRIMMAGE TIME!