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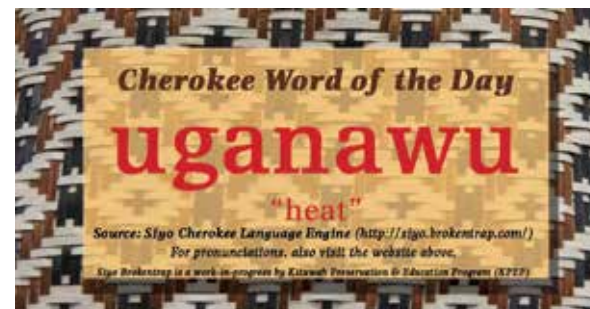
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# A growing partnership

## Chief Sneed ratifies purchase of land adjacent to Nikwasi Mound

**SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**  
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**T**ribal Council approved legislation during its Budget Council session on Tuesday, Aug. 1 for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to purchase a 0.59 acre tract of land that sits adjacent to the historic and culturally-significant Nikwasi Mound in Franklin. Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed made the legislation, which approves the purchase price of \$400,000 from Mainspring Conservation Trust, Inc., a non-profit organization, official by ratifying it in his office on Wednesday, Aug. 9.

“We’re here this morning to ratify the resolution to purchase the adjoining property to Nikwasi,” Chief Sneed told the group assembled for the signing which included tribal, Mainspring, and Franklin officials. “This is an opportunity for the Eastern Band, in partnering with Mainspring Conservation and Macon County and the Town of Franklin, for the Eastern Band to acquire cultural and historic lands that were our aboriginal homelands. The long-term plan is to create a cultural corridor that preserves and protects historic sites for the Eastern Band, and this is just one more step in a long process that will continue until all of our lands that are important to us are



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**PURCHASE:** Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed (seated right) ratifies legislation authorizing the purchase of 0.59 acres adjacent to the Nikwasi Mound in Franklin as Tribal Council Chairman Bill Taylor (seated left) and other officials from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Mainspring Conservation Trust, and Franklin observe. The signing occurred in the Office of the Principal Chief on Wednesday, Aug. 9.

protected and preserved.”

According to the legislation which was signed on Wednesday, “...the land and improvements purchased by the Tribe shall be used to preserve the significant historical and cultural value of said lands, promote 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.”

Chief Sneed went on to say, “I’d like to thank everyone from the Town of Franklin, Mainspring Conservation, our Environmental and Natural Resources office, and I’d like to specifically thank Juanita Wilson for all of her hard work on this. And, for everyone who’s had a part. I’d like to thank Tribal Council for stepping up and appropriating the funds to purchase this property demonstrating their com-

mitment to preserving and protecting our historical landmarks.”

Tribal Council Chairman Bill Taylor said, “This is a long time coming. As tribal leaders, we always talk about how we want to protect and preserve our culture and tradition, and what better way to protect and preserve one of our historical sites and something that is real dear and close to us; actually bringing back all of our mounds where our forefathers and our ancestors are buried. By us doing that, we’re able to protect and preserve our culture and actually be

able to take care of them and give them the respect and dignity that they deserve.”

He added, “We’ve never looked at getting a mound back as a revenue-generator or a profit source, it was just to bring it back into the Tribe’s control. That way we’d be able to maintain it, take care of it, and give it the respect that it deserves. We’re more or less just making an educational place for the public...this just puts us one step closer to one day actually getting the mound itself back. I think we’ve gotten a good, working relationship with Macon County and starting to grow that relationship, and today is a big step in that process of maybe being able to bring the mound back into the possession of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.”

Sharon Taylor, Mainspring Conservation Trust executive director, commented, “This is a really exciting day because part of the mission of Mainspring Conservation Trust is to conserve the heritage of this area. We cover six counties in western North Carolina so this is a hugely significant day for us because we worked with the Tribe for well over a decade to try to conserve some of their most sacred cultural sites. But, just to increase the prominence of Nikwasi Mound and the acquisition of this building next door to Nikwasi Mound, we think it is really significant and will bring much more prominence to that sacred site for the Cherokee people.”

In describing the purchase site, she noted the 0.59-acre site includes an empty building that

was once Dan’s Auto. “We hope that’s going to be transformed into a building that will bring much more prominence to the cultural significance of the area.”

Sharon Taylor stated that Mainspring Conservation Trust started an initiative several years ago called Mountain Partners. “That was to bring reconciliation between the Tribe and the Town of Franklin and Macon County; just so we could get to this point today. So this day really is significant to bring those partnerships together. So, it really isn’t important who owns the Mound, just so the Mound is honored in the way that it needs to be honored and today is a big step towards that.”

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.”

Townsend noted there are 25 archaeologically-known mounds throughout western North Carolina. Of those 25, he said the Tribe owns five including: Kituwah, Cowee, Nvnvyi, Birdtown, and Talulah.

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

## 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. 14-29 (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



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# Cherokee Hospital Pharmacy distributing Narcan

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

In an effort to reduce opioid overdose deaths in the community, the Cherokee Indian Hospital Pharmacy has begun distributing naloxone, sometimes referred to by the brand name Narcan, kits free of charge to the public.

“Patients who are eligible to receive medications from the Pharmacy only need to check-in at one of the front windows to request a kit,” said Jason White, Cherokee Indian Hospital chief pharmacist. “The pharmacist does a chart review and an order for the kit is placed and processed under a standing physician order. We require and provide education for the patient on how to use the kit. In the state of North Carolina, patients do not need to see a doctor to procure a Narcan kit from a pharmacy, and we take the same approach at CIH Pharmacy.”

White said there aren’t limits per se on the number of kits a person can request. “There isn’t a hard cap. We dispense one kit at a time. We recognize that the meds expire and need to be replaced occasionally. Patients/individuals should only need one at a time and are encouraged to not hesitate to use it if needed. We



Photo courtesy of Narcan

**PREVENTION:** The Cherokee Indian Hospital Pharmacy has begun distributing naloxone, sometimes referred to by the brand name Narcan, kits free of charge to the public.

will replace used, lost, or expired kits when needed.”

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), “Naloxone is a medication designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose. It is an opioid antagonist – meaning that it binds to opioid receptors and can reverse and block the effects of other opioids. It can very quickly restore normal respiration to a person whose breathing has slowed or stopped as a result of overdosing with heroin or prescription opioid pain medications.”

Narcan provides naloxone in a nasal spray system. “Narcan nasal spray is a prefilled, needle-free device that requires no assembly and is sprayed into one nostril while patients

lay on their back,” NIDA information states.

On the costs of the Narcan program at Cherokee Indian Hospital, White noted, “We are able to procure kits at about half the cost of what other pharmacies pay for them. This amounts to about \$30 per patient who requests a kit. Narcan kits are funded through the same sources we use to provide medications to our patients who are eligible and utilize CIH services.”

The FDA approved the use of Narcan nasal spray in November 2015. “Combating the opioid abuse epidemic is a top priority for the FDA,” Stephen Ostroff, MD, then-acting FDA commissioner, said at the time. “We cannot

stand by while Americans are dying. While naloxone will not solve the underlying problems of the opioid epidemic, we are speeding to review new formulations that will ultimately save lives that might otherwise be lost to drug addiction and overdose.”

NIDA reports that from 1996 to 2014, “at least 26,500 opioid overdoses in the U.S. were reversed by layperson using naloxone”.

“We are in contact with the Pharmacy about their efforts to distribute naloxone to the community,” said Freida Saylor, Analenisgi director. “In conjunction with the Pharmacy, we have taken a proactive stance to preserve life when at all possible through policy, prevention and education. We are in support of the distribution as we have seen the implications of the opioid use and overdose in the community. We hope to continue to work with community members to broadening these efforts as time goes on.”

The Cherokee Nation has taken the fight against opioids to court. First filed in April in the District Court of the Cherokee Nation, the suit (Cherokee Nation v McKesson Corp.) was filed in federal court on Friday, July 21.

The original petition filed by the tribe names

McKesson Corporation; Cardinal Health, Inc.; Amerisourcebergen; CVS Health; Walgreens Boot Alliance, Inc.; and Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. as defendants and states, “Today in the Cherokee Nation, as elsewhere in the country, prescription opioids are more deadly than heroin.”

The petition goes on to state, “The brunt of the epidemic could have been, and should have been, prevented by the defendant companies acting within the U.S. drug distribution industry, which are some of the largest corporations in America. These drug wholesalers and retailers have profited greatly by allowing the Cherokee Nation to become flooded with prescription opioids.”

The lawsuit alleges that an estimated 845 milligrams of opioids were distributed throughout the Cherokee Nation in 2015. “That amount would average out to be approximately 703 milligrams per Cherokee Nation citizens within those counties. Obviously most people do not take opioids, so this per capita average can be spread across the approximate estimate of Cherokee Nation citizens who actually use opioids to give a more accurate picture of the level of opioid diversion in the Cherokee Nation.”

# BIA and Oconaluftee Job Corps strengthen partnership

The Bureau of Indian Affairs and Oconaluftee Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center (JCCCC) signed an agreement to increase fire and non-fire training and work-based learning opportunities for students on Tuesday, Aug. 1.

The agreement provides additional avenues for JCCCC students to gain employability skills and experience as they assist the U.S. Forest Service in sustaining our nation's forests and grasslands and delivering needed benefits to the public. The students' training and work opportunities are vast and include fuel reduction, trail maintenance, and timber marking and cruising.

"We are elated to formalize this partnership with BIA to not only support natural resource training and development, but to also create pipelines and platforms of Eastern Band of Cherokee youth to achieve career enhancement opportunities," said JCCCC Director Jimmy Copeland. "This agreement signifies a relevant partnership with BIA focused on youth training to include supporting Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian needs on tribal lands which also may provide avenues for timber, fire and fuels support."

The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the JCCCC have a long and mu-



BIA Cherokee Agency photo

**AGREEMENT:** Jimmy Copeland (left), Oconaluftee Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center director, shakes hands with William McKee, Cherokee Agency superintendent, following the signing of a collaborative agreement between the two entities on Tuesday, Aug. 1.

tually-beneficial history including collaboration on fire suppression efforts to protect homes and businesses on Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians land boundary.

"I am excited about our partnership with the Oconaluftee Job Corps," said Cherokee Agency Superintendent William McKee. "I am reminded of a Henry Ford

quote, 'Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.' We are looking forward to great success in this joint effort."

This agreement comes less than a month after a complementary agreement with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Both agreements expand Oconaluftee's

capacity to provide meaningful and beneficial career-building experiences to JCCCC Students.

The Oconaluftee JCCCC borders the Tribal lands of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee. The Job Corps program is the nation's largest residential, educational, and career technical training program that prepares economically disadvantaged youth, ranging in age from 16 to 24, for productive employment. Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers are associated with national forests or grasslands and are operated by the Forest Service under an inter-agency agreement with the U.S. Department of Labor, which has the overall management of the Job Corps program.

USDA Forest Service operates 26 JCCCCs that span seven Forest Service regions, 23 national forests and grasslands and 17 states with a capacity to house, educate, and train over 5,000 enrollees. In addition to offering enrollees the opportunity to earn their high school diploma or general equivalency diploma, and enroll in college classes, JCCCCs offer vocational training in more than 30 occupations, many of which are pre-apprenticeship programs managed by international trade unions.

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# Report from Chairman Taylor on recent Washington, DC trip

**DENNIS EDWARD  
(BILL) TAYLOR**  
TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Last week, I had the opportunity to travel to Washington, DC and had some very productive meetings with Mike Andrews, staff director for the Senate Indian Affairs Committee for Senator John Hoeven (R-ND), chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee. I also had the opportunity to meet with Ben Keel (Chickasaw Nation), White House Council on Native American Affairs; Billy Kirkland (Navajo), White House Intergovernmental Affairs; Deputy Secretary of the Department of Interior Jim Cason; Mike Black (Oglala Sioux), Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs; on issues that our Tribe are facing and other tribes across the country as well.

Our main focus on this trip was the Lumbee Recognition Bill, lands into trust (Coopers Creek, Kituwah, Sequoyah Birth Place Museum properties in Vonore,



Tenn.) and touched on any other properties that may have any cultural significance to our Tribe. We also had discussions on the opioids issue that we are dealing with on the reservation. We had some very good discussions on this issue and the lack of funding in the Indian Health Service budget for FY 2018 for education, rehab, after care, and the Hep C epidemic that we are dealing with. We also had discussion on the law as far as charging non-enrolled persons who are bringing the drugs onto the reservation and selling to our enrolled members. I voiced my concern that once we ban an individual from the

reservation for bring drugs onto the reservation we need to be able to prosecute them in federal court.

While on Capitol Hill, I also had the opportunity to meet with the National Indian Gaming Commission Chairman Jonodev Chaundhuri (Muskogee Creek), Vice Chair Kathryn Isom Claus (Taos Pueblo), Associate Commissioner Sequoyah Simmermeyer (Coharie - NC state recognized tribe), and Director of Finance Yvonne Lee to discuss the second amended and restated management agreement between the Eastern Band and Caesars Entertainment on the Harrah's Cherokee Casino and our Valley River Casino in Murphy. Those discussions went very well on the status of the management agreement. We also let them know that we had just came out of a tough time administration wise but things were looking up and we were headed in the right direction and that communication has gotten better between the Executive Branch and the Tribal Council and we looked forward to continuing a good working relationship

with the NIGC.

As Chairman of Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee, these are the duties I am responsible for that people never get a chance to actually see. This is something that I have always wanted to do since I was a kid growing, to help my people, and I was taught this at an early age by my father. In the last eight years, I have met with nearly 60 U.S. Senators and Congressmen from around the United States on issues from health care, housing, education, lands in to trust, federal recognition, and gaming just to name a few. During the last eight, years I have sacrificed time with my family to make these trips to make sure that our people were protected and taken care of. But, that is my job. That is what I signed up for, and I will continue to do so as long as I am a Council Member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee.

Thank you,

**Dennis Edward (Bill) Taylor**  
Wolftown/Big Y Tribal Council Rep.  
Tribal Council Chairman

**The Snowbird  
and John Welch  
Senior Centers  
are closed this  
week and will  
reopen Tuesday,  
Aug. 22.**

## *Attention business owners*

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(Res. No. 13, 4-3-1953; Res. No. 28, 12-4-1973; Res. No. 10, 10-18-1983)

# Report from Birdtown Rep. Smith on recent Washington, DC trip

**TRAVIS SMITH**  
BIRDTOWN  
TRIBAL COUNCIL REP.

First, I want to apologize for not attending the back-to-school giveaway with the community. I hear it was a major success and over 200 kids were helped with this giveaway. Those that did not receive assistance should be receiving your bag this weekend. Next, I would like to apologize to my son, Rayce, for missing his Middle School Orientation. I know he's overly excited to move in to middle school and to see his friends again.

## Thursday, Aug. 10

Our morning starts off with the flight to DC and meetings start with National Indian Gaming Commission Chairman Jonodev Chaudhuri (Muscogee Creek), Vice Chair Kathryn Isom-Claus (Taos Pueblo), and Associate Commissioner Sequoyah Simmermeyer (Coharie - NC State recognized tribe), and Director of Finance Yvonne Lee. Our discussions covered past oversights and deadlines. We assured the Commission that, with the current administration and the work from our TCGE and TGC, that would not happen again. We also discussed the deficiency report that we have received in the last few days on the management agreement pending. All the merits are being addressed, and there were no major findings. This was also a great time to reassure the NIGC that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians was on sound ground once again and moving forward.

From there, we headed on to the Hart Senate office Building to

meet with Senate Indian Affairs Committee Chairman John Hoeven (R-ND) and Mike Andrews, staff director. The meeting started off on the Discussion of the Lumbee Recognition Bill. Just so you know, this has been going on for a century or longer. We bring forward the same stance we have had for years that we're not against anyone receiving federal recognition, but they should go through the process laid out by the Department of Interior, in the Federal Acknowledgment of American Indian Tribes.

The Lumbees have claimed multiple tribal identities and experts question their native ancestry. The new OFA rule clarifies that they will now only show that 80 percent of their membership has Native American ancestry. During the end of the Obama Administration, there was a solicitor's opinion which recommended allowing the Lumbee to go thru the OFA process. All these, as well as dollars and cents, were discussed. In 2011, the CBO (Congressional Budget Office) estimated the cost to the Federal Government for program funding would top out around \$850 million over five years based on 54,000 enrolled Lumbee.

Next discussion was on the opioid abuse, and we all know this isn't just an EBCI problem but a nationwide problem. Senator Hoeven wanted to hear our story and make sure he had the facts to present to the POTUS during discussion, and the national emergency declared by Trump on Opioid Abuse. We gave him the facts we had and we offered to send his staff more information once we returned.

Senator Hoeven also asked about what he has heard through

news on FBI and housing. This was a great time for us to clear the air and make sure he knew, we as the EBCI, were in a better place today and moving forward. We also informed him there were no charges from that FBI show. He was glad to hear from us and eager to meet again. It's good to have friends like Senator Hoeven in DC.

## Off to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Next meeting was at the White House with Ben Keel, White House Council on Native American Affairs, and Billy Kirkland, White House Intergovernmental Affairs. Always a pleasure to meet on the grounds of the White House, just to think about all the great tribal Leaders that have walked the same halls we're walking for our Tribe now. Makes you think back to the times the EBCI was less fortunate and had to make these trips to try and secure funding for health, education, and public works and most times it was a fight because every tribe was fighting for the same dollar.

Today's meeting was on the Lumbee Bill. Ben Keel seemed to have done his homework and had some information provided before our meeting. He was a historian on this issue along with others, but we still gave him the truth and what our true feelings were as a federally recognized tribe. It was also noted that we didn't agree with the "congressional fix" of just allowing congress to vote if a group was Native American or not. The Department of Interior has provided a process that is fair, and that's the way the Lumbee should proceed if they want to try for recognition again.

We had more discussion about the opioid abuse problem and offered the same help to the White House to help fight this problem in Indian Country and the U.S. We made them aware that everyone knows this is an epidemic, but while we met in Nashville there was no future funding for this problem. This bought up the problem we have of not being able to prosecute non-enrolled members on our lands for dealing drugs.

Long day, time for dinner and some rest.

## Friday, Aug. 11

Off to the Department of Interior meeting with newly appointed Jim Cason, Secretary of the Interior, along with Mike Black, Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Again, discussion started with the Lumbee issue, and we gave our stance once again, well received by Mr. Cason. Discussion went on to the opioids and lack of funding in IHS and BIA. First chance we had to discuss our need for help with lands into Trust in Tennessee. We also had some discussion on the lands into trust on Coppers Creek and Kituwah properties. We explained to them we know some of this was our fault and we were fixing our surveys quickly as possible.

Overall very good meetings, felt our message was clear on where we stand on the Lumbee Bill and well received. There will possibly still be hearings scheduled, and we will weigh in at that time also. This was a great trip for also mending the fences on the bad press we, as a Tribe, have received over the past year or so. Washington, DC now

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# Raven Rock Entertainment to pursue casino in Kentucky

By JENAY TATE

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Wise County guys with a big idea and an expert connection are headed over Pine Mountain Friday morning to debut their idea for economic growth at Eastern Kentucky's premiere development event, SOAR — Shaping Our Appalachian Region.

They want to build a casino in Jenkins, Ky., and that little independent city across the state line from Wise County wants to help them. The growth of jobs and the economy would be immediate and far-reaching, including into Norton and Wise and Dickenson counties in Virginia and perhaps even farther, says James Hibbitts, a native of Jenkins who's lived most of his life in Wise.

Hibbitts said he and his partners in Raven Rock Entertainment know they'll face some opposition to the gaming facility they have in mind — a mini-casino and resort modeled after one in Murphy, N.C. But they also know what opportunity it presents. The one in Murphy turned around that declining textile town in a matter of just a few years, Hibbitts said. They've been there and talked to businesses, town officials and economic developers. Literally hundreds of direct jobs would be created, Hibbitts said, many of them high-paying positions, and then as-yet untold numbers of spinoff positions and development.

"You're talking some coal



Photo courtesy of Coalfield Progress

**PARTNERS:** Standing on Pine Mountain, overlooking Jenkins, Ky., are Raven Rock Entertainment Partners, from left, Kevin Mullins of Wise County (Ky.); James Hibbitts of Wise; Erik Sneed, an EBCI tribal member of Cherokee; and Gary Stratton of Wise.

miner's wages here," Hibbitts said, with salaries of \$70,000 to \$80,000, \$40,000-\$60,000 and then running the gamut. As happened in Murphy, the plan is to engage community colleges in training for wide-ranging positions, perhaps 800 to 1,000, across a 300-room lodge with about a 150,000-square-foot gaming floor and all connected to hiking and biking trails, ziplines and other outdoors recreation on Pine Mountain.

In a television interview Wednesday, Jenkins City Manager Todd Depriest said he had talked to the mayor in Murphy and views the Raven Rock proposal "from good neighbors" as an opportunity to "make a difference from now on." It could be an anchor to tourism, he said, and hopes people would "see that it's an idea that is working" elsewhere and would "try to give it

a shot."

The group faces many hurdles, Hibbitts acknowledges, like those pesky little matters of land to put it on, money to develop it all and, oh, having to change gaming laws in the commonwealth of Kentucky to permit it.

That move is underway simultaneously, he said, in a state that is home to thoroughbred horse racing, the Kentucky Derby and Churchill Downs. Horse tracks now have slot machines. Not only that, keno games and the lottery are available in every convenience store in Kentucky, says partner Gary Stratton, a native of Lawrenceburg, Ky., who's worked in business and economic development while also teaching at the University of Virginia's College at Wise.

He's returning to Kentucky this fall and won't be far from the state house in Frankfort, where

he's already at work spreading the word about the need to change gaming laws as gambling floors are opening in Lexington, Franklin and Louisville.

"Expanded gaming is not such a stretch," Stratton said, noting the state's laws have been expanded three or four times already. "We have a history of this." The push now is to get the question on the ballot, he said.

Along with Hibbitts and Stratton, the Raven Rock Entertainment partnership includes businessmen Kevin W. Mullins of Wise and Erik Sneed of Cherokee, N.C., who brings casino experience to the table and has family connections in Haysi.

It was in that small Dickenson County town where the inspiration for a casino came to Hibbitts, a one-time banker who'd been living mostly a comfortable life in Wise County. Then, after 25 years of working throughout Wise, Dickenson and Lee counties, Hibbitts got laid off at the end of 2013 as downturns in the coal industry rippled to hit those on its outskirts.

Hibbitts spent six months without a job. Then he got hired as a car salesman but was making half of what he had been and had no health insurance.

"If you've not lost your job, you don't understand what it's like out here," Hibbitts said. "It's a whole different world."

He pulled a stint with Halliburton, driving into Ohio and West Virginia, until the bottom dropped out of the natural gas industry and everyone he was working with got laid off.

He went to work for Pikeville



Medical Center in January 2015 and that's where he met Depriest. For the past year and a half, Hibbitts has been working at a car dealership in Pennington Gap. "I have struggled the whole way," he said. "But that's the way of our world right now."

Helping ease that struggle is driving Hibbitt's passion for the project. He said the hairs rise on the back of his neck as he thinks about Raven Rock Entertainment's debut Friday. If you've been sitting at the courthouse with comfortable jobs in Wise for 40 years, "you can't even start to understand what your people are going through. You have no idea," he said.

Hibbitts was conducting monthly inventory at a Haysi convenience store one Friday where they had to wait three hours for a

group of old fellas to finish scratching off lottery tickets. His traveling partner observed, "Those ol' men over there need a casino . . . I came up out of my seat."

That's it, he said, and in that instant set about his work to find out more information, partnerships and support. A close friend in Clintwood introduced him to Sneed. Mullins, a best buddy, banker friend and successful businessman, was on board as was Stratton.

A more positive gaming climate is part of what prompted the group to think Kentucky first rather than Virginia. They're confident the benefits will pour into Southwest Virginia, too, Hibbitts said, adding that he hopes Norton and communities in Wise and Dickenson counties "will meet us at the state line" with their support.



**CONCEPT:** These are drawings of what a Raven Rock Entertainment casino/resort might look like.

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## EBCI Candidate Platforms

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### Boyd Owle -

Birdtown Tribal Council candidate

Greetings Dear Birdtown Registered Voter,

My name is Boyd Owle and I am running for 2017 Birdtown Tribal Council. Running for Tribal Council has always been an aspiration of mine and I feel now is a great time after seeing all the idleness, unproductivity, chaos and mere separation of the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch over the last few months. A new Chief has been seated and a Vice Chief will be seated in the near future and the next step is for all concerned citizens of each community to cast their vote wisely and elect members of Council they feel will bring back unity and trust to begin the healing process of the Tribe.

I am one of seven children to Robert (Bob) Owle and the late Helen Enloe Owle. I am a lifelong resident of the Birdtown Community where I reside with my wife of 28 years, Cathie, and four children, Amanda, Neil, Christian and Brett. I attended the Cherokee School System and graduated from Cherokee High School in 1974 before entering the work force full-time immediately thereafter. I've worked for the Tribe for approximately 43 consecutive years and plan to retire from the Tribe in September of

this year. My career with the Tribe started at the age of 16 working for various Tribal Summer Programs and then for the Cherokee Boy's Club for over twenty years before going to work for Harrah's Cherokee Casino. I worked at the casino for almost 12 years before I became the Tribal Sanitation Manager for nearly eight years now.

At the age of 47, I enrolled in The Adult Studies Accelerated Program at Montreat College and received my Associates of Science Degree in 2004. Having the urge to pursue further into the program I received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in 2006 and received a Master of Science in Management and Leadership Degree in 2009. I am a very dependable, honest, hardworking, fair, and open minded individual and it would be honor to represent Birdtown Community and be a voice for all its people.

My top six platforms are as follows:

**Unity** - Finding and bringing unity, trust and partnership back into the Executive and Legislative Branches of Tribal Government. I promise to work closely with the Chief, the Vice Chief and Council Members alike in a concerted effort to get business, productivity, teamwork and strong work ethics back on track.

**Employee Rights and Security** - Adhering strictly to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Personnel Policies and Procedures Handbook per all hiring and firing processes. The employees are the backbone of the EBCI work force and all its departments and the many people they serve on a daily basis. Employees should be treated fairly, honorably and respectfully during their tenure as Tribal Em-

ployees.

**Prioritize Spending** - All spending should have rank from high importance to low importance and over-all accountability of spending. Cut wasteful spending all the while investing and/ or saving for the future.

**Diversification** - The need for more businesses on the Qualla Boundary such as prominent restaurants, clothing and shoe outlets, family friendly ventures that will not only attract visitors but will also be of great benefit to our own people.

**Drug and Addiction Problem** - The Cherokee Indian Police Department and Cherokee Judicial System must work closely together to combat and stifle out the current drug problem on the Qualla Boundary. Assistance, fostering, mentoring and follow-up for the addiction problem is second to none on the Qualla Boundary but we must get the Judicial System to initiate court ordered sentences at Recovery Centers for repeat offenders in an attempt to change addiction habits of individuals for the betterment of themselves, the communities and the Tribe. Myself, like many other families throughout our communities have lost loved ones due to drugs problems and/or addiction and we must try and save others from these horrible times of loss and sorrow.

**Housing** - Identify problems and then find solutions that have been plaguing housing opportunities on the Qualla Boundary for many years. Allocate and budget for more tribal funding all the while exploring for grants and other funding sources to help build houses, apartment complexes and also renovate existing houses for better living conditions for elders,

medically disabled and handicapped individuals. The purchasing of buildable land is very important as it lessens the monies needed for infrastructure as that of purchasing steep mountain land. Land up for purchase needs to be first looked at, appraised and then negotiated upon due to buildability instead of paying asking price. Remember, vote wisely.

Sincerely,

**Boyd Owle**

Candidate for Birdtown Council Representative



**Sharri Pheasant** -  
Vice Chief candidate

Siyo Nigada, my name is Sharri Pheasant. I am a member of the Bird Clan. I was raised in the Big Cove and Snowbird Communities. I am the daughter of the late Allene Ledford Watty and the late Charles Pheasant. I am the granddaughter of the late Mason & Lillian Teesateskie Ledford, and the late Driver and Nettie Swayney Pheasant.

I am writing this as our Tribe faces a trying time. We remain a people divided on issues such as impeachment, elections, corruption, misinformation, and epidemic levels of addiction in our communities. We are all Cherokee. Yet, it



seems that we have succeeded in becoming our own worst enemy in regards to jealousy, fear, and hatred. It should not be this way.

Should Tribal Council and The Principal Chief decide a special election take place, Our Tribe will again be faced with a difficult decision. Will We Unite, or Will We Divide? Tribally Enrolled Members may choose to support platforms and candidates who would attack one another and cause further division. Or, they may choose to say “Ye-Li-Gwu!”, “Enough Already” and support a candidate that will help start the process of healing, unifying, and progressing our Tribe forward to meet the needs of our people locally, regionally, and nationally. We are one people. From Hanging Dog to Towstring, from Massey Branch to Rough Branch, from Big Cove Loop to 3200 Acre Tract, we can move forward together.

I have decided to give the Cherokee People a viable option in a candidate for Vice-Chief. Should we be faced with a special election, I will file as a candidate for Vice-Chief. My platform cannot be extensive as we are faced with a 2-year term to get things done, and almost 2 years has passed with little forward progress as a Tribe. My platform will be simple. My promise to every member of this Tribe is that I will run my campaign without negativity. We have already seen enough

of that. As Cherokees, we should respect one another. I will treat my opponents with dignity and respect and only speak of them in a good way.

I will listen. I will hear your stories, and your concerns. I will gladly offer support during your time of loss. I will help you celebrate your achievements. I will encourage you to do more, to grow, to succeed, to recover, and to heal. COMPASSION is badly needed amongst our people. Let us return to caring for one another.

I will bring my knowledge of the workplace and Tribal Operations to the table. My EXPERIENCE encompasses 31 years of service to the Tribe. I have worked at all levels from entry-level labor to Program Manager. My work experience includes tenures at Cherokee Boys Club, Qualla Housing, WIC, Finance, Travel & Promotion, Domestic Violence Shelter, Higher Education & Training, and the Tribal Operations Program. During my 31 yrs of service, I raised 4 children, assisted in raising 7 grandchildren, worked full-time, and I achieved my EDUCATIONAL goals of a Bachelor's Degree in Business from Montreat College, and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Western Carolina University. I have seen some discussion recently. Some argue that an advanced degree doesn't replace the common sense

that comes from experience. Others have argued that elected officials should be required to if not aspire to have an advanced degree. I am proud to say that I possess both.

Keeping our contemporary needs in mind, we should not lose focus on our CULTURE and TRADITIONS. We cannot continue to operate as a Tribe while allowing our culture and traditions to remain at risk. The bottom line is this, “We are not producing fluent Cherokee speakers at the same rate we are losing them”. When our last fluent speaker leaves us, then our identity as a people is forever changed. Our identity is rooted in stories, songs, medicine, ballgames, and our relationship with our land. Our relationship to these cultural aspects and to one another are based in our language. I feel it is my responsibility as a mother and grandmother to protect and preserve this language for that next generation. I will remind and provoke Tribal Council and the Office of Principal Chief to treat our language, culture, and traditions as if they are in a state of emergency. We have the sovereign authority and the resources available to make these things part of our everyday workplace, education, and interaction on this boundary. I say let's stop talking about what can be done, and move forward with doing it.

Lastly, I can only endeavor to be HONEST in all my dealings. As

a candidate for Vice-Chief, I have decided to step forward to offer a new option to an old challenge. We almost always pick which politician to choose from. I am not a career politician. In fact, I don't consider myself a politician at all. I can't offer promises that I won't keep. I can however, give you an honest answer when asked a question. If I don't have the answer. I will tell you that I don't and I will try to find you an answer. I have never centered my life around money or power. I have only ever tried to treat the people around me the way I would want to be treated myself. My granny once told me, the good that I do here for people on earth, will be rewarded when we get to heaven. This is the lesson I have always carried in my heart, and I will continue to carry it with me whether I am elected or not.

I encourage every enrolled member of the EBCI to register to vote. Voter turnout in the last election was substantially low. Every voice can be heard, IF YOU VOTE! So please register to vote. As you weigh your options for Vice-Chief, I humbly ask for your consideration and support in the event of a special election for Vice Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Sgi,

**Sharri Pheasant (Se-li Tv-di-s-di)**  
Compassion, Experience and Education, Culture and Tradition

<p><b>DC TRIP:</b> Rep. Smith's report on recent trip to Wahington, <i>from page 7</i></p> <p>knows the EBCI is alive and well and working hard to make sure we continue to prosper and be leaders in Indian country. Working here on</p>	<p>the Hill is something I thoroughly enjoy and want to thank our Tribe for allowing me to do this for the last two years, and hope to continue this for years to come. I also want to thank our federal lobbyist, Wilson Pipestem. He always goes above his contract to make sure</p>	<p>we get in the doors we need and meet the people we need to meet. Chairman Taylor has shown me the ropes here and is a great leader of the EBCI. I'm sure between me and him we can talk to almost any Senator or Congressman to help the EBCI on most issues. These</p>	<p>are some of the most important times that we, as Council have, and mostly never even noticed. These are long, tiresome days with many miles walked to make sure we represent our Tribe the best we can.</p>
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# RE-ELECT

## DENNIS EDWARD (BILL) TAYLOR

Wolftown/Big Y Tribal Council member

I, Bill Taylor, am a qualified and registered candidate for Wolftown/Big Y Tribal Council.

I am proud to serve Wolftown, Big Y, and the entire membership of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Your vote will mean quality representation for ALL Wolftown and Big Y members. I appreciate your support for the past eight years.

I am asking for your vote in the Sept. 7 election. I am and will be at your service.



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# Tribal members win “Native American 40 under 40” award

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

**H**ope Huskey and Jacob Reed, both EBCI tribal members, have been selected to receive the Native American 40 under 40 award from the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

**AWARD:** Jacob Reed (left) and Hope Huskey, both EBCI tribal members, have been selected to receive the Native American 40 under 40 award from the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development.

(NCAIED). The awards will be presented at the Northwest Enterprise Development Conference at the Tulalip Resort and Casino in Tulalip, Wash. next month.

“This very special award recognition was created nine years ago to acknowledge

those emerging Native American, Alaska Native, and First Nation citizens between 18 and 39 years of age who have demonstrated leadership, initiative, and dedication to achieve significant contributions to Native communities throughout North America,” Chris James, NCAIED president and chief executive officer, said in a letter to Huskey and Reed. “You are a true embodiment of what

the NCAIED stands for, and a shining example of the economic future and advancement of Indian Country.”

Huskey, who is the associate director of the Sequoyah Fund, noted, “It is always nice when someone from this community can be recognized, especially since there aren’t a lot of Indian tribes around us. It’s nice to put us with the rest of the group.”

Reed, EBCI Commerce Division economic analyst, commented, “A lot of other Indian tribes are ahead of us as far as enterprise and economic development so to me it feels like we’re sort of

playing catch up. It helps us with our standing with those other tribes.”

While at the Northwest Enterprise Development Conference to receive her award, Huskey is also slated to moderate a panel on project management and small business

development. Reed will be unable to attend the Conference as he is helping to run and execute the upcoming Blue Ridge Run.

Both are optimistic about the future of economic and enterprise development within the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. They also credit Gloria Griffin, Cherokee Enterprise Development Center manager, with helping them get started in the field.

“I think since they passed the LLC last week, it’s going to be a huge boost for us to be able to develop things on the Boundary and also off-Boundary,” said Reed. “So, we can either invest as equity partners in a project or do start-ups on our own. It really just opens up a lot of doors for us to do things that we previously weren’t able to do.”

Huskey noted, “I like the idea of the Tribe expanding outside of just Cherokee and us looking at opportunities at different places and then, also our ability to help grow small businesses here in Cherokee and provide opportunity for our members.”

Huskey is a member of several boards including the Cherokee Boys Club, Mainspring Conservation Trust, Jackson County Arts, and the Nikwasi Initiative. She received her bachelor’s of arts degree in literature from UNC Asheville and her master’s degree in project management from Western Carolina University.

Reed is the chairman of the EBCI Investment Committee and serves on the Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Committee for USET. He received his bachelor’s of science degree in business administration from Western Carolina University and his master’s degree of business administration from East Carolina University.



# Miss Cherokee report for month of July 2017



**PLAY BALL:** Miss Cherokee 2016-17 Amorie Gunter welcomes fans to an Atlanta Braves baseball game against the Chicago Cubs at SunTrust Park on July 18 in Atlanta. (Photo by Logan Riely/Beam Imagination/Atlanta Braves/Getty Images)

## AMORIE GUNTER MISS CHEROKEE 2016-17

**S**iyoy! July was a very busy, fun month for me! Myself, along with the other princesses, rode in the 4th of July parade in Gatlinburg, Tenn. We had so much fun and won first place for our float!

I attended the Choctaw Indian Fair in Mississippi. While there, I was able to introduce myself, share a gift with Chief Phyliss Anderson, and watch their Miss Choctaw pageant. Every girl represented with such style and grace and I was honored to be able to watch it!

Shortly after I got back from Mississippi, I began the folkmoot festival. This takes place in Waynesville at the Folkmoot Center. Many countries came from all over the world and showed off their country's traditions and cultures. Cherokee was featured in this program, and I was honored to be able to carry our tribal flag into many events. I also got to ride in the Folkmoot parade. This was the second year that Folkmoot had a Cherokee Ambassador Day, and I got to be one of the tour guides for the day. I took the country of Slovenia

around Cherokee and showed them the beauty of Cherokee while I gave them our history. I would like to say sgi, thank you, to the Folkmoot staff, especially Lisa Wilnoty, for allowing me to be so involved this year!

As many people know, and for those that do not, my platform is bringing awareness to childhood cancer but more specifically childhood brain tumors. I had the opportunity to sell Atlanta Braves tickets as a fundraiser. I raised over \$1,000 that will be donated to the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation! Because I was able to sell all the tickets, I got the chance to go on the field before the game and say "Play Ball" as Miss Cherokee. I was so honored and blessed to have had this opportunity!

I will be hosting my 3rd annual 5K race with the theme being "Race you to the castle" - a Disney themed 5k. I encourage everyone to come out, dress up, and help raise money for a great cause! If anyone would like any additional information, please feel free to contact me at [amoriegunter@yahoo.com](mailto:amoriegunter@yahoo.com).

Sgi!

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A photograph of a cowboy riding a brown horse during a rodeo event. The cowboy is wearing a blue and red plaid shirt, blue jeans, and a white cowboy hat. He is leaning forward, holding the reins. The horse is galloping. In the background, there are yellow banners with the letters "A" and "S".

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**5th Annual 7 Clans Rodeo**  
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## 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; or Tracy Swimmer at the Cherokee Middle School 554-5031, 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.

## 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

## 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.

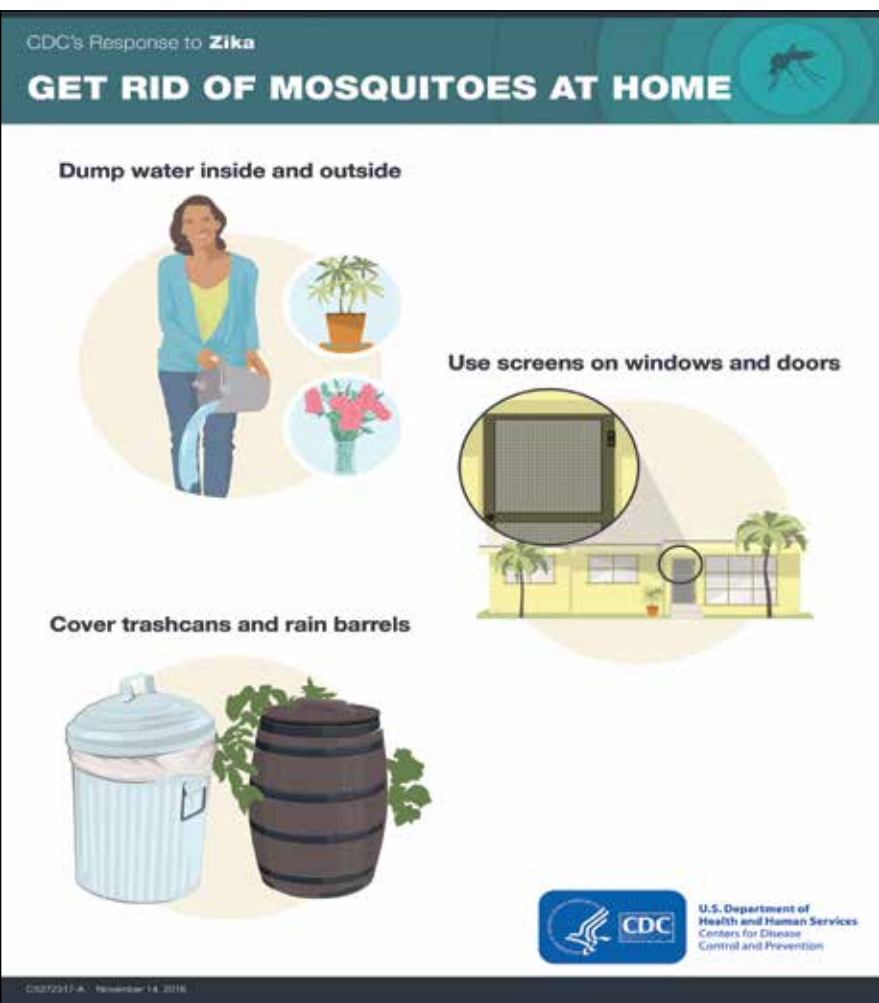
Applications will be available at Tsali Manor, Snowbird, and John Welch Senior Centers. If you are applying for Electric Heating Assistance, bring a current bill and the last four digits of the Social Security number of the individual whose name the bill is in as well as your EBCI enrollment card. If you do not use the contract companies, it is your and your company's responsibility to get your delivery invoices turned in to the program.

- EBCI Senior Citizens Program

## Swain Elementary Schools' "Stop and Go" Morning Choice

On a trial basis, the transportation department for Swain County Schools will offer a "stop and go" community location to be offered in the morning only. This is for Swain East Elementary and Swain West Elementary only. The Swain East Elementary location will be Birdtown Gym at 7:35am, and the Swain West location will be the Marianna Black Library Parking area at 7:35am.

- Swain County Schools



**One Feather deadline  
Friday at 12noon**



## Percy B. Ferebee

### Endowment Fund accepting grant applications

The Percy B. Ferebee Endowment Fund will be accepting grant applications through Sept. 30. Grants from the Endowment are limited to exempt organizations, under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, located in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties and the Cherokee Indian Reservation in western North Carolina. The Endowment typically does not fund requests for general operating and salary expenses.

Primary considerations will be given to projects which will be of a non-recurring nature or short-term in duration as to reliance upon grants from the Endowment. Grants may be made to match contributions or other sources of funds for the support of a particular project.

The Endowment was created under the will of Percy B. Ferebee for educational, charitable, and benevolent purposes.

Info: [www.wellsfargo.com/private-foundations/ferebee-endowment](http://www.wellsfargo.com/private-foundations/ferebee-endowment), email to [david.m.miller@wellsfargo.com](mailto:david.m.miller@wellsfargo.com)

- Percy B. Ferebee Endowment Fund

## OBITUARY

### Rafe Allen Rattler

Rafe Allen Rattler, infant son of Jon Rattler and Brandy Keen Rattler, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2017 at Mission Hospital in Asheville.

In addition to his parents, Rafe is survived by one brother, Kale Walkingstick; one sister, Zoe Walkingstick; maternal grandparents, Shawn Keen and Tammy King; great grandmother, Sue Rattler; one uncle, Thumper Rattler; aunts, Tiffany Keen, Joy Archer, Kiri Lambert, and Clareece Rattler.

Rafe was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Jonathan Allen Rattler.

Funeral services will be private.

Long House Funeral Home is assisting the Rattler family.

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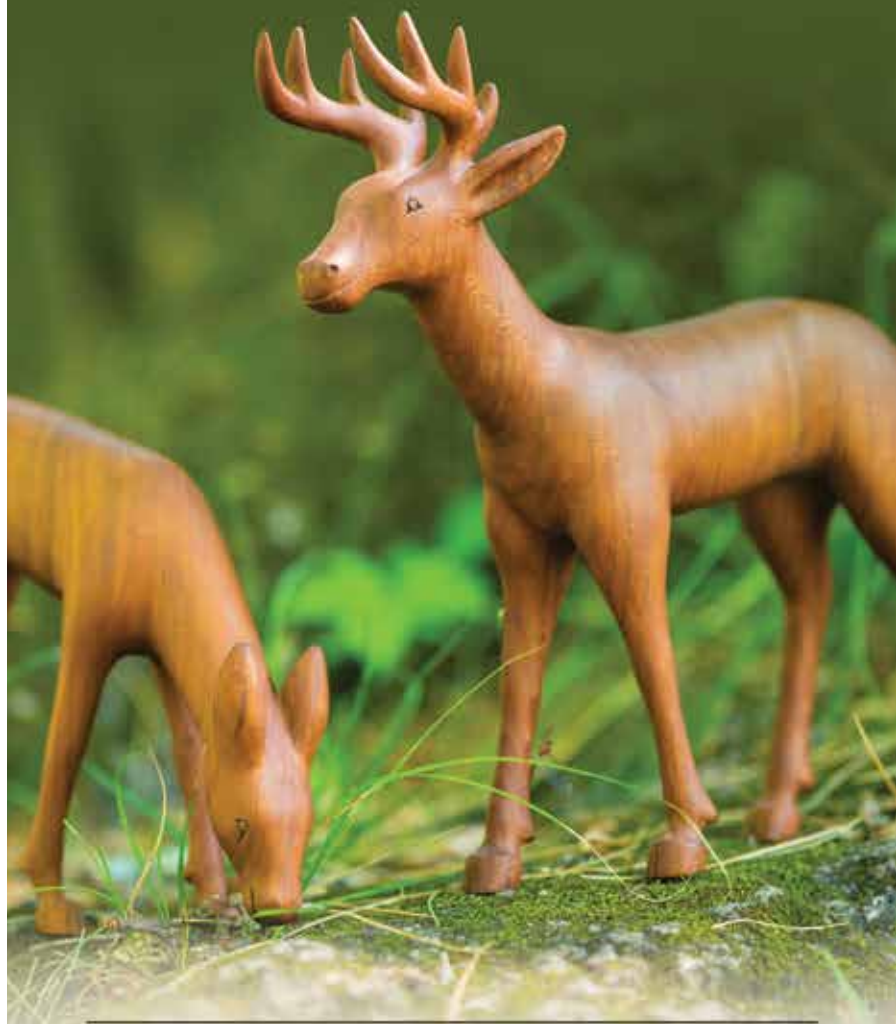
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## FOOTBALL

# Braves open season at North Buncombe on Friday

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

ONE FEATHER STAFF

**F**our members of the Cherokee Braves 2016 varsity football team were named to the All-Smoky Mountain Conference team. Those players, including Tye Mintz, Byron Locust, Holden Straughan, and Zak Perez are all back for the 2017 campaign except this year they're seniors. Last year's team went 9-5

and made it to the 1A West Regional semi-finals. This year's team is hoping for more and starts their 2017 campaign at North Buncombe on Friday, Aug. 18 at 7:30pm.

"We've been working hard," Kent Briggs, Braves head coach, said after a scrimmage against the Erwin Warriors at Ray Kinsland Stadium on Friday, Aug. 11. "I think the scrimmage was good for us. We played a really good football team, and we did some really good things. Obviously,

we're not ready to play the first game yet, but we've got another week to go. I was really proud of the way some of the guys stepped up."

He noted that the Braves didn't run a lot of their offense during Friday's scrimmage to avoid showing too much of their hand before the season starts. "Defensively, I think we did a nice job against Erwin's quickness and the things that they do, and I was proud of the effort. We just have to watch the film and get better."

Last season, Mintz was one of the top passers in western North Carolina with 1,870 yards passing, 1,028 yards rushing, and 30 combined touchdowns. Straughan was one of his main targets and caught 44 passes for 518 yards and 6 touchdowns.

On Mintz, Coach Briggs commented, "He's gotten better every year, and we just hope he does this year what he's done the last two years in getting better. He's a large part of our offense and our defense. He's got a lot of experience, and he's got some players around him that have a lot of experience."

Locust, who made a crucial fourth quarter sack that sealed a Braves victory over Choctaw Central in last year's Battle of the Nations game, was second on the team last season with 81 total tackles. Perez, a part of an iron defensive line, had 61 tackles last season and plans to add more this year.

"Byron (Locust) and Zak (Perez), Will (Davis), Holden (Straughan), all those guys have done a great job over the last three years," Briggs commented. "All of them have been really good leaders, and they've been doing a nice job of helping this football team get better every year, and I'm looking forward to seeing their senior year."

Briggs ended with, "I think we can do some great things this year if we can stay healthy."



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

**LEADER:** Tye Mintz, Braves senior quarterback, rolls out for a pass during a scrimmage against the Erwin Warriors at Ray Kinsland Stadium on Friday, Aug. 11.





# FIRST LOOK

*Cherokee scrimmaged  
Erwin on a rainy  
Friday night at home*

Photos by Scott McKie B.P./  
One Feather

**GOOD DEFENSE:** Cherokee's Nate Evans (18) breaks up a pass to Erwin's Kendrick Weaver during a scrimmage game at Ray Kinsland Stadium on Friday, Aug. 11.



**PEP TALK:** Kent Briggs, Braves head coach, gives his team encouragement following Friday's scrimmage.



**RUNNING TOUGH:** Isaiah Evans, Braves junior running back, runs hard up the middle during Friday's scrimmage.



**CHASING:** Cherokee's Chace Andrews (66), senior defensive lineman, chases down Erwin's Jacob Silver.



# CHEROKEE BRAVES



## 2017 CHEROKEE FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

### FOOTBALL

Aug. 18 - at North Buncombe  
Aug. 25 - at Choctaw Central (Miss.)  
Sept. 1 - OPEN  
Sept. 8 - vs Asheville School  
Sept. 15 - vs Smoky Mountain  
Sept. 22 - vs Carolina Gladiators  
Sept. 29 - at Swain Co.  
Oct. 6 - vs Rosman  
Oct. 13 - at Andrews  
Oct. 20 - vs Robbinsville  
Oct. 27 - at Hayesville  
Nov. 3 - vs Murphy  
Nov. 10 - First Round of State Playoffs  
Game Time: 7:30pm

### JV FOOTBALL

Sept. 14 - at Robbinsville  
Sept. 21 - vs Swain Co.  
Sept. 28 - at Murphy  
Oct. 5 - at Rosman  
Oct. 12 - vs Andrews  
Oct. 19 - vs Hayesville  
Game Time: 6pm

### VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 24 - at Highlands  
Aug. 29 - at Hayesville  
Aug. 31 - vs. Murphy  
Sept. 5 - at Robbinsville  
Sept. 7 - at Rosman  
Sept. 11 - at Hiwassee Dam  
Sept. 12 - vs Swain Co.  
Sept. 14 - at Blue Ridge (JV and varsity only)  
Sept. 18 - vs Franklin (JV and varsity only)  
Sept. 19 - at Andrews  
Sept. 21 - vs Highlands  
Sept. 25 - vs Robbinsville  
Sept. 26 - vs Hayesville  
Sept. 28 - at Murphy  
Oct. 2 - vs Rosman (Pink Game)  
Oct. 9 - vs Hiwassee Dam  
Oct. 10 - at Swain Co.  
Oct. 12 - vs Blue Ridge (JV and varsity only)  
Oct. 17 - vs Andrews (Senior Night)  
Oct. 21 - First Round of State Playoffs  
Game Times: JV 5pm, Varsity 6pm

### CMS VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 24 - at Martins Creek  
Aug. 29 - at Hayesville  
Aug. 31 - vs Murphy  
Sept. 5 - at Robbinsville  
Sept. 7 - at Rosman  
Sept. 11 - at Hiwassee Dam/Ranger  
Sept. 12 - vs. Swain Co.  
Sept. 19 - at Andrews  
Sept. 21 - vs Martins Creek  
Sept. 26 - vs Hayesville  
Sept. 28 - at Murphy  
Oct. 3 - vs Robbinsville  
Oct. 5 - vs Rosman  
Oct. 9 - vs Hiwassee Dam/Ranger  
Oct. 10 - at Swain Co.  
Oct. 17 - vs Andrews  
Game Time: 4pm

### BOYS SOCCER

Sept. 6 - vs Swain Co.  
Sept. 13 - at Hayesville  
Sept. 18 - vs Andrews  
Sept. 20 - at Murphy  
Sept. 25 - at Highlands  
Sept. 27 - vs Blue Ridge  
Oct. 2 - at Swain Co.  
Oct. 9 - vs Hayesville  
Oct. 11 - at Andrews  
Oct. 16 - vs Murphy  
Oct. 18 - vs Highlands  
Oct. 23 - at Blue Ridge  
Nov. 1 - First Round of Playoffs  
Home Game Times: 4:30pm, Away  
game times may vary

### CROSS COUNTRY

Aug. 26 - WNC Cross Country Carnival, Hendersonville (HS)  
Sept. 2 - WCU XC Invitational, Cullowhee (HS, MS)  
Sept. 6 - Watermelon Run, Jackson Co. Rec. Park  
Sept. 9 - at Murphy (HS, MS)  
Sept. 16 - Cherokee XC Invitational, home meet (HS, MS)  
Sept. 27 - at Hayesville (HS, MS)  
Sept. 30 - at Asheville Christian Academy (HS)  
Oct. 7 - Wendy's Invitational (tentative), Charlotte (HS, MS)  
Oct. 11 - at Robbinsville (HS, MS)  
Oct. 14 - NC Runners Elite XC Invit. (tentative), at Kernersville  
Oct. 18 - Smoky Mountain Conference XC Championships, Cherokee host (HS, MS)  
Oct. 28 - 1A West Regionals, Swannanoa (HS)  
Nov. 4 - State finals, Kernersville

### GIRLS GOLF

Aug. 16 - at Mill Creek (3pm)  
Aug. 22 - at Chatuge Shores (3:30pm)  
Aug. 28 - home, Sequoyah National (3:30pm)  
Aug. 31 - at Sky Valley (3:30pm)  
Sept. 11 - at The Ridges (3:30pm)  
Sept. 19 - at Old Union, 18 holes (1pm)  
Sept. 25 - at Maggie Valley Country Club (3:30pm)  
Oct. 2 - home, Sequoyah National (3:30pm)  
Oct. 9 - at Waynesville Country Club, 18 holes (1pm)  
Oct. 16 - Regional Tournament at Glen Oaks Country Club

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and make sure to like us on Facebook for photo galleries from games. #GoBraves #GoLadyBraves





**1 – Tye Mintz**  
Grade: 12th  
Position(s): QB, OLB  
Favorite Football Team: Panthers



**2 – Michael Bernhisel**  
Grade: 11th  
Position(s): WR, DB  
Favorite Football Team: Panthers



**5 – Isaiah Evans**  
Grade: 11th  
Position(s): RB, Safety  
Favorite Football Team: Panthers



**7 – Bobby Crowe**  
Grade: 10th  
Position(s): QB, DB  
Favorite Football Team: Packers



**9 – Karson Wildcatt**  
Grade: 12th  
Position(s): WR, DB  
Favorite Football Team: N/A



**10 – Cade Mintz**  
Grade: 10th  
Position(s): WR, CB  
Favorite Football Team: Panthers



**12 – Cecil Walkingstick**  
Grade: 10th  
Position(s): WR  
Favorite Football Team: N/A



**15 – Blake Smith**  
Grade: 11th  
Position(s): WR, DB  
Favorite Football Team: Braves



**18 – Nate Evans**  
Grade: 12th  
Position(s): WR, DB  
Favorite Football Team: Redskins



**20 – Holden Straughan**  
Grade: 12th  
Position(s): WR, OLB  
Favorite Football Team: Braves



**22 – Terence Ledford**  
Grade: 11th  
Position(s): WR, DB  
Favorite Football Team: Falcons



**23 – Kyler Hill**  
Grade: 11th  
Position(s): HB, LB  
Favorite Football Team: Ravens





**26 – Jaden Welch**

Grade: 10th

Position(s): WR, DB

Favorite Football Team: Redskins



**28 – Tank Anthony**

Grade: 11th

Position(s): HB, LB

Favorite Football Team: Panthers



**32 – Damian Blanton**

Grade: 11th

Position(s): HB, LB

Favorite Football Team: Seahawks



**35 – Joaquin Layno**

Grade: 11th

Position(s): HB, LB

Favorite Football Team: Raiders



**36 – Sterling Santa Maria**

Grade: 10th

Position(s): WR, OLB

Favorite Football Team: Vikings



**48 – Tony Bernhisel**

Grade: 12th

Position(s): HB, LB

Favorite Football Team: Seahawks



**52 – Seth Smith**

Grade: 11th

Position(s): OL, LB

Favorite Football Team: Raiders



**53 – Hayes Reed**

Grade: 10th

Position(s): OL, DL

Favorite Football Team: Steelers



**54 – Zak Perez**

Grade: 12th

Position(s): OL, DL

Favorite Football Team: Panthers



**55 – Will Davis**

Grade: 12th

Position(s): OL, DL

Favorite Football Team: Raiders



**56 – Mykel Lossiah**

Grade: 10th

Position(s): OL, DL

Favorite Football Team: Steelers



**65 – Demetryus Bradley**

Grade: 12th

Position(s): OL, DL

Favorite Football Team: Steelers





**66 – Chace Andrews**  
 Grade: 12th  
 Position(s): OL, DL  
 Favorite Football Team: Saints



**67 – Chayton Hernandez**  
 Grade: 11th  
 Position(s): Guard  
 Favorite Football Team: Panthers



**68 – Michael Hernandez**  
 Grade: 10th  
 Position(s): TE, OL, DL, LB  
 Favorite Football Team: 49ers



**70 – Byron Locust**  
 Grade: 12th  
 Position(s): OL, DL  
 Favorite Football Team: Braves



**72 – Isaiah Armachain**  
 Grade: 11th  
 Position(s): OL, DL  
 Favorite Football Team: Broncos



**75 – Malakai Tooni**  
 Grade: 11th  
 Position(s): OL, DL  
 Favorite Football Team: Panthers



**77 – Josh Driver**  
 Grade: 11th  
 Position(s): OL, DL  
 Favorite Football Team: Chiefs

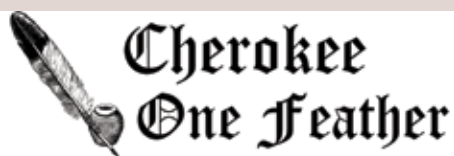


**79 – Zack Lossiah**  
 Grade: 10th  
 Position(s): RT, DL  
 Favorite Football Team: Panthers



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# 15,578

**ROBERT JUMPER**  
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

We are only three weeks away from some important decisions. We have done our best to provide you with the tools you need to make informed decisions. The Junaluska Leadership Council provided candidate forums so that you could see your prospective leaders answer questions on current affairs of the Tribe. The One Feather offered free space in the paper, monthly since March, for any candidate to share their platform and commentary with you. And, we organized a series of debates in July and invited all primary candidates to come and share their views. All those debates were televised and recorded, available for playback and review at ebc.com and the One Feather's You Tube channel.

By now, if you live on the Boundary, you have had home visits and been invited to at least one community meal by some or all the candidates. Some have called you and sent you letters. As the time to decide ticks away, the urgency of the candidates' needs to reach you with their messages increases.

This election is likely to be a close series of races. Every year, there is an event or issue that voters seem to hang their vote on. This year, there are several issues that many tribal members are passionate about and will influence our choice.

In addition to the candidates, there are special interest groups attempting to sway your decision. I have heard leaders of some of these groups state that they are the voice of the people or that they speak for the people. Many group leaders with completely opposing viewpoints will say that they speak for the people or "this is what the people want". I am always a little curious about a statement like that. After all, we are 15,578 strong per Tribal Enrollment. I find it a little hard to believe that any one person can speak for the opinions of all. Our

tribal membership is a very diverse and opinionated group. It would be very challenging for us all to be in consensus on any topic. Besides, I know that none of those who have claimed to be speaking for the people have asked me how I feel about any subject. Having been a public speaker for most of my career, I can sympathize with those using that language. After all, it doesn't sound quite as impactful to say "I speak for some of the people".

We do have a way for people to be put in positions of speaking on behalf of the people. The process is called election. In tribal elections, all members who are old enough to vote, are invited to mark our ballots and say who we want to represent us in our government affairs. The importance of our vote cannot be overestimated. Each one of the registered voters who makes the journey to the polls will select the voices and plot the governmental direc-

tion for the 15,578 members of our Tribe. For the next two years, those we select will make decisions for all of us, including child care, elder care, housing, economic development and diversification, hospital services, recreation facilities, and per capita distribution.

It is vital that we think beyond those two years they will serve. The decisions they make will affect generations to come. Don't vote for someone because he/she is a "good old boy or girl". Don't vote for someone who provides you with temporary, personal favors or gifts. Make sure that the promises made are ones capable of being kept. Watch the reruns of the videos, read the commentary and platforms of the candidates, and seek out the candidates to question them on the issues important to you. Use your head and your heart when you go to the polls. The stakes are high. Do your homework, meditate, and yes, pray before you cast your vote. The 15,578 are counting on you and they want you to speak with them by casting your vote.

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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:

**How would you handle the vacancy in the Vice Chief's Office for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians? (a) Special Election; (b) Appointment by Tribal Council; or (c) leave the position open until the next Vice Chief's election and extend the Principal Chief's authority to authorize tribal payments and grant authority to hire?**

**Utsilugi Galanvdy:** Follow the chain of succession and how it is spelled out in the law. That means no special election.

**Brittany Welch:** C - because right now the Tribe is at a stand still on hiring people and it's hurting a lot of departments and programs and also tribal members who need jobs.

**Glen Pratt:** Election, but seems like (it) doesn't matter. If they don't want you in, they just impeach. I love Cherokee but was troubled with what went on there.

**Kim S. Lambert:** A - so the people's voice can be heard

**Nat Crowe:** Special election, but no one already in a tribal employee seat should be able to run, especially Council members as they already have a Council spot. It should be up to the people of our Tribe to elect a Vice Chief just as it is with regular elections. They represent our Tribe as a whole, and we should be able to choose that person we feel is best for the job. If it is left up to Council, it will be one of them whom will continue the corruption that was being dealt with before the seat came open. Council seems to have too much power now and only looks after themselves. They are trying to make it where the only people in power are just as corrupt as them.

**Justin Jumper:** I say special election because, as was stated in an earlier comment, we are at a stand still on the hiring and it is hurting all of Cherokee...there are job openings and plenty of

people wanting to go to work but can not because of this.

**Jimmy Bradley:** (A)!

**Mary Crowe:** I would handle it according to our tribal laws which states the Council will seat the Vice Chief. But, if 12 people cannot follow the law and step up, then we have what we have now. Until we have a Vice Chief we are putting ourselves in jeopardy. I asked for a special election for Principal Chief and the Vice Chief only serve as interim until then and we vote for a Council in September. But, hey I'm just a voting community member.

**Donald Johnson Sr. :** Special election! People's choice!

**Mary Long:** Special election

**Debbie-Jim Sexton:** Not sure what the controversy is over the grounds for a special election. In order to take the vacant Chief's office, didn't our Vice Chief at the time have to resign the lower office in order to take the higher one? Not being able to hold both offices simultaneously, logic would dictate that you'd have to resign one and that is what creates the vacancy. As I recall, one of the legitimate circumstances given was in the event of resignation... so I fail to see the controversy over a special election.

**Matilda Calhoun:** I want to vote!

**Shannon Ross:** (B)

**Randy D. Myers:** I know my voice does not count because of being Chickasaw and (Cajun) from Gulf Coast...(I've) been here 10 years from Hurricane Katrina, but think you should have a Special Election.

**Nannie Taylor:** I thought they passed on a Special Election in Council, or did they change it again? But, they need to let our people vote and not appoint or select amongst themselves to become Vice Chief.

**Driver Blythe:** (B) I really don't feel like seeing

a long list of candidates and trying to figure out who I want to vote for in a short amount of time. Also, It seems to me people are looking at this position as a retirement stage instead of as the Vice Chief spot.

**Candice Ledford:** Just let him hire and pay people. People need jobs. Bills need to be paid.

**Keri Brady:** A special election because the people will speak through a vote, and then the position will be filled and no one can protest the outcome of whom the Vice Chief is.

**Denise Owle:** A special election...let the people choose.

**Wilson Johnson:** Special election

**Richie Wolf:** Appointment by Tribal Council

**Charles Penick:** Appoint interim Vice Chief to serve through until a Special Election result was achieved; preferably in conjunction with the September Council Election.

**Debbie Taylor:** Election

**Kia Saunooke:** Special election

**Onita Bush:** Special election...we have a right to be heard.

**Jeff Thompson:** B or C...I'm all for the democratic process, but I don't want to wait until December before things can start moving again.

**Karen Savage:** Appoint by Tribal Council

**Rory Howe:** Special election is critical to maintain consistency. How did the Cherokee fill a position in the case of a death? Same principle

**Candy Escobedo Baird:** Election

**Gladys Penick:** I agree, appoint interim Vice Chief to serve through until a special election result was achieved; preferably in conjunction with September Council Election.

## More Poll Responses

**Lisa Taylor:** Let the people vote! Voting is democracy. Appointment is communist. My thoughts.

**Erin Kephart:** B - The election will only cause trouble. Plus, it's against tribal law.

**Shell Nelson:** A lawyer who does not think the word "may" in a sentence needs to be interpreted as the actual word - used in said sentence - needs to go back to law school. Wording is everything in a legal document! "MAY" means that they (Council) have a choice. The word, either inadvertently or on purpose, was left in the document...so, I say utilize the choice, as it was left open to utilize, whether by mistake or on purpose. Trust is so important to have as an elected official. Their capabilities, their actions, and

their judgment should reflect their values. And, when there is none to very little trust...you'd think that a good politician would want to build trust with their constituents, their people. If a Special Election is what the majority are calling for...then I say give it to them. Build some trust...as like I said, right now they have little to none.

**Claude Sneed:** Let Council do their job!

**Michelle Bignault:** Special election. Let the people choose a Vice Chief; someone who can be trusted and respected. Keep the people's voice the most important action alive and well.

**James Harris:** If just after election- a new term then special election; if midterm then quorum and Tribal Council selection; split vote

Chief has tie breaker; late in term leave open til next election and give Chief temporary authority to handle responsibilities with oversight by Tribal Council.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR Apology to Cherokee community

In 2016, I was part of a "cultural exchange" trip to New Zealand. I made a mistake. I spoke indirectly on behalf of Cherokee people.

Those in charge of this trip were a Maori woman named Doreen Bennett and a man who claims to be Cherokee named Mashu White Feather, aka Larry Johnson. At that point in time, I barely knew Mashu and was unaware of his past. The Cherokee Nation, UKB and EBCI have confirmed that he is not a member of any of their tribes. He is not Cherokee, nor a speaker for Cherokee people and neither am I.

I was mistakenly identified in a

news story as a Cherokee Nation member by the Te Karere news service. At that time, I believed I had Cherokee ancestry. However, I have since learned there is no proof of that. I mistakenly referred to myself as Cherokee.

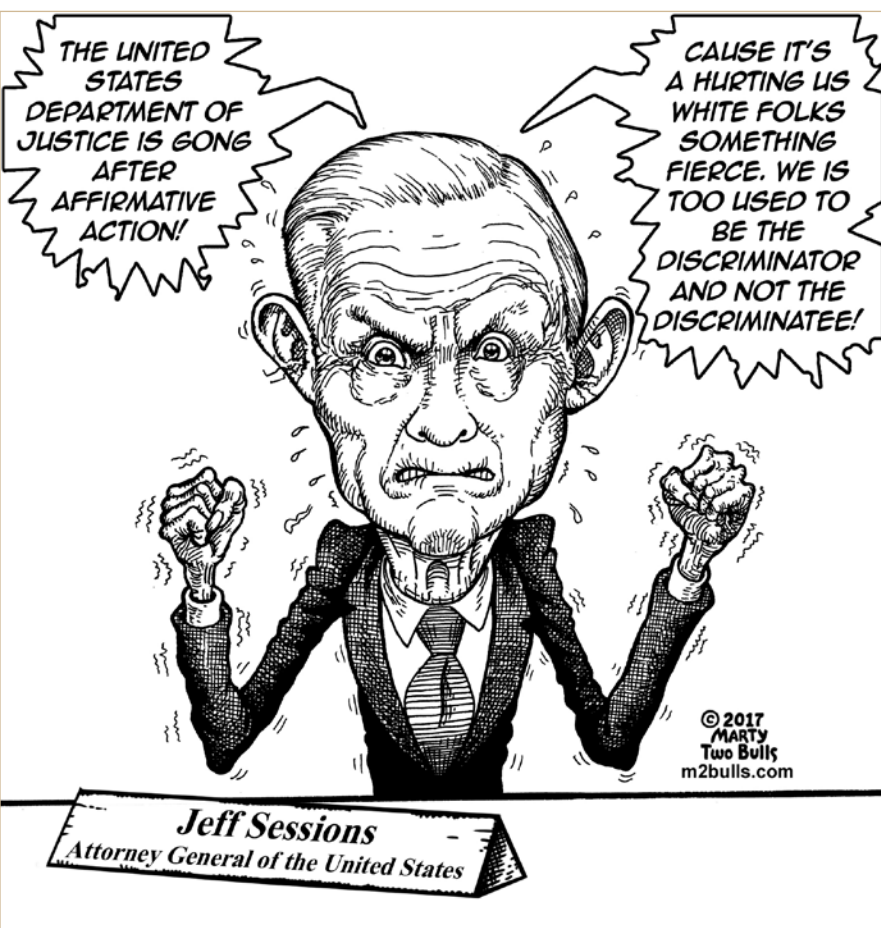
Someone at Te Karere misinterpreted this to mean that I was a Cherokee Nation member, but that is not what I said.

With regard to Mashu, considering he had me convinced that he was a "Cherokee elder" at that point in time, I did not see fit to correct the many inaccuracies and misunderstandings that he delivered as a public speaker.

I received no financial compensation whatsoever for going on this trip.

I want to apologize and make amends for what I have done. I hope in the future I can be a good ally.

**Luke Mason**  
Cherokee, NC



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## Cultural Events

**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)

**Qualla Boundary Historical Society meeting. Aug. 22** at 6:30pm at Qualla Boundary Public Library. Info: Robin Swayney 497-6725 or Mary Wachacha 497-5350

## Church Events

**Raymond Jackson, Furman Wilson, and**

**Emma Garrett Memorial Brush Arbor Gospel Singing. Aug. 25-26** at 7pm nightly at the Singing Grounds past Jacob Cornsilk Community Center in the Snowbird Community. Featured Singers: Journey Home (Tenn.), Lone Oak Quartet (NC), Unseen Hope Quartet (NC), Walking by Faith (NC), Jackson Family (Va.), Forgiven Quartet (NC), Welch Family (NC), Isaac's Well (NC), Zion Hill Choir (NC), and Gospel Mountaineers (NC). Everyone is welcome. Bring a lawn chair.

## Fundraisers/Benefits

**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

**"Meet and Greet" for Perry Shell and Turkey Shoot. Aug. 19** at 3pm at Jesse Welch's Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. A "Meet and Greet" will be held for Big Cove Tribal Council candidate Perry Shell from 3-5pm followed by a turkey shoot at 5pm. Food and refreshments will be provided. Good prizes, bring your best gun. Info: Perry Shell 497-0044 or 269-0926

**Swain Arts Center Photography Contest reception. Aug. 19** at 6:30pm in lobby of the Arts Center. A total of 46 photographs, submitted by 20 local artists, will be on display. Light refreshments, music. Info: Rachel Lackey, Swain Arts Center director, 488-7843

**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

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### WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT



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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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6:54 AM-8:54 AM 7:20 PM-9:20 PM	7:47 AM-9:47 AM 8:15 PM-10:15 PM	8:44 AM-10:44 AM 9:13 PM-11:13 PM	9:42 AM-11:42 AM 10:12 PM-12:12 AM	10:42 AM-12:42 PM 11:12 PM-1:12 AM	N/A 11:42 AM-1:42 PM	12:11 AM-2:11 AM 12:40 PM-2:40 PM

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**Dinner and Discussion with Ashley Sessions. Aug. 22** from 4:30-8pm at Birdtown Gym. Come for a meal and with any questions you may have.

**Indivisible Swain County meeting. Aug. 22** at 6pm at Swain County Democratic headquarters at 122 Everett Street in Bryson City. Topics being discussed include environmental and health care issues and Swain County listening sessions. All are welcome to attend. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118

**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-registration \$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 fireside-circle@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 raf-

fle, 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

**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.

**Cherokee Healing and Wellness Coalition meeting. Aug. 22** at 12pm at Agelink Ernestine Walkingstick conference room. Everyone is welcome to bring your lunch and join them in planning for new projects to promote wellness, recovery for adults, and substance abuse prevention programs focused on youth. Info: (828) 331-8688 or 497-9498

**Community Dance. Aug. 26 at 6:30pm** at Yellowhill Activity Center. All ages dance featuring the Will Hayes Band. Cost: \$10. Info: 788-0502

**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-chokeee.com

### Upcoming Pow Wows for Aug. 17-20

*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.*

**99th Annual Crow Fair. Aug. 17-20** in Crow Agency, Mont. Emcees: Jason Goodstriker, Howie Thompson, Truman "Boogie" Jefferson Jr. Host Drums: Black Lodge, Young Spirit. Info: Samuel

Enemy Hunter (406) 240-6935, Kaylene Little Light (406) 665-5430, crowfairvendor2017@gmail.com

**155th Annual Crow Creek Dakota Nation Wacipi. Aug. 18-20** in Ft. Thompson, SD. Emcees: Jerry Dearly Sr., Jesse St. John Sr. Host Drums: Stoney Park, Young Blue Bird. Info: Jeff Swanson (605) 730-2114

**Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Wacipi. Aug. 18-20** at SMSC Wacipi Grounds in Shakopee, Minn. Emcees: Juaquin Hamilton, Ruben Little Head. Host Drum: Northern Cree. Invited Drums: Midnite Express, Young Bear, Sharpshooter, Southern Style, Yellowhammer, Wild Band of Comanches, High Noon, Showtime, Mato Pejuta, Bull Horn. Info: (952) 445-8900, www.smscwacipi.org

**Sounds of Thunder Mountain Contest Pow Wow & Celebration. Aug. 19-20** at Kaibab Paiute Reservation in West Fredonia, Ariz. MC: Alex O. Shepard. Info: Ona Segundo (928) 643-6114

### 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 Painttown 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. Instruc-

tion 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

## CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Rosemary,  
a 1-year-old Italian  
Greyhound, lives  
with Lidia Flores  
in the Birdtown  
Community.



Is your pet your best friend?  
If you'd like to have your pet  
(whatever that may be) featured as the  
**Cherokee Pet of the Week**,  
send a high resolution photo,  
type and name of pet to:  
scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com, or message  
us at the One Feather Facebook page.

## Dinner and Discussion with Ashley Sessions

**Tuesday, Aug. 22**  
from 4:30-8pm  
Birdtown Gym

**Come join us for a meal  
and with any questions  
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**“Your voice matters to me...Your voice is my voice.”  
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September 1-3

In this tournament named after the Cherokees' home, you can fish for tagged trout worth up to \$5,000 in a \$20,000 total purse. Entry fee is \$11 everywhere Cherokee fishing permits are sold. All ages and fishing methods welcome.

For registration details:  
Visit [CherokeeNC.com](http://CherokeeNC.com)  
or 828.359.6110.



*How will Cherokee affect you?*



**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**

Home for Sale: 4 Bedroom 2 story home, located in the Rough Branch Housing Development, in the Wolfetown Community. QHA is accepting sealed bids through

Wednesday, August 30, 2017. Serious Inquiries only- contact Qualla Housing Authority at 828-359-6320, for more details. 8/24pd

Dump Truck 6-ton single axle 9-foot bed Ford Diesel F-700, 8.2 liter, Detroit Allison, 5-speed co-hi, former DOT, ready to work. \$9,000. (828) 508-0568. 8/24

Free furniture: 545-1759

Gun cabinet \$85, chest of drawers \$25, recliner \$45: 508-9997

5 electric motors \$80, air compressor 350 psi \$100, brand new vending machine \$1000: 421-0946

Ladies Harley boots \$75 size 6.5-7,

Men’s turquoise ring \$60, tires 265-70r-17: 488-6548

95 Saturn for parts car: 342-3954

**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

**WANTED**

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private lot for camper: 331-0139



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**BIBLE  
TRIVIA**  
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Habakkuk in the Old or New Testament or neither?  
2. Man and woman came into being on what day of creation? *First, Second, Third, Sixth*  
3. How many windows were in Noah’s Ark? *Zero, 1, 52, 100*  
4. From Proverbs 15, what does a soft answer turneth away? *Wisdom, Scorn, Wrath, Fear*  
5. Which apostle was shipwrecked three different times? *Paul, Peter, Philip, James*  
6. Who was the father of David? *Moses, Noah, Abraham, Jesse*  
**ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Sixth; 3) 1; 4) Wrath; 5) Paul; 6) Jesse**  
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# Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements



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

## Carpenter Helpers - Construction and Facilities Dept.

Opening Date: Aug. 16, 2017  
Closing Date: Aug. 30, 2017

## 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

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 will close on August 24th, 2017 at 4:00pm.

**Administrative Assistant** - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center  
**Housekeeping/Grounds/Maintenance Specialist** - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center  
**Residential Technician** - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center  
**Kitchen Specialist** - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center  
**Emergency Hire Dental Assistant II (2 Positions)**

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** - Analenisi (2 Positions)  
**Targeted Case Manager** - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center  
**Master Level Therapist** - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center  
**Cultural Coordinator** - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center  
**Pedodontist**  
**PTI Registered Nurse** - Inpatient

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

**\$1,000 hiring bonus** for EMT/Security Officer - NC EMT Certification Required  
**\$500 hiring bonus** for Bartenders, Casino Cocktail Servers, Cleaning Specialist, Cooks, Cook II, Service Connection Agents

### Other opportunities available in:

Casino Operations, Facilities, Finance, Food & Beverage, Hotel, Table Games

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**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 828.497.6778, or send resume to the Talent Acquisition Department, 777 Casino Drive, Cherokee, NC 28719 or fax resume to 828.497.8540.

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# SEQUOYAH FUND

LENDING AND TRAINING FOR BUSINESS OWNERS

## Account Manager Position

Full-time

## About Sequoyah Fund

The Sequoyah Fund, Inc is a certified Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) located in Cherokee, NC providing lending and training for small businesses on the Qualla Boundary and in the seven far-western counties of NC. Sequoyah Fund was founded in 1996 as a revolving loan fund of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and incorporated in 2006 to better serve the needs of new and growing businesses. Since our founding, we have made over 400 loans totaling over \$15 million, and we currently manage \$6.8 million in assets.

## Position Description

The Account Manager will be responsible for origination, application evaluation, due diligence, financial analysis, underwriting, and closing of small business and housing rehabilitation loans. The Account Manager will be the primary contact for loan clients, assessing their needs and directing them to appropriate assistance providers. Included in the Account Manager's duties are loan modifications and collections. This position will serve as the liaison to Sequoyah Fund's legal team, auditors, and lending partners. Some travel will be required. Pay is competitive with similar positions within the finance industry and is commensurate with experience.

## Qualifications

The ideal candidate should have a bachelor's degree in business management, accounting, finance, or other related degree. Relevant experience may be considered in lieu of a business-related degree. Lending experience is not necessary, as training will be provided. Candidate should be familiar with Microsoft Office products, self-motivated, and able to thrive in a team environment. The selected candidate will be required to pass a drug test, criminal background check, and personal credit check.

## How to Apply

Applicants must submit an online application and attach a current resume at the following link:  
<http://bit.ly/SF-Account-Mgr>

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.



## 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**

### 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**

### TERO Employment Manager

Applications and job descriptions are available at the TERO Office, Monday – Friday from 7:45am – 4:30pm. For more information, please call (828) 359-6521. This position will close on August 25, 2017 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and the original EBCI job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of EBCI application. **8/24pd**

## LEGAL NOTICES

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

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 seeking 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**



## Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

- **Boy's Basketball Varsity Head Coach** - Must have previous successful experience.
- **Talented and Gifted Teacher Assistant** - Must have an Associate's Degree or 48 completed semester hours at an institute of higher education.
- **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.
- **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 EBCI 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 EBCI 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.



## STAFF OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Housekeeping 2nd Shift  
Electronic Resources Access Coordinator (*Library*)  
Business & Technology Applications Analyst  
Counselor (*Human Services*)  
University Physician  
Director of Marketing and Promotions (*Athletics*)

## FACULTY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Assistant Professor (*Social Work, Web and User Experience Librarian, Psychology, MSA/PMC Program*)

## VISIT [JOBS.WCU.EDU](http://JOBS.WCU.EDU) FOR DETAILS AND TO APPLY

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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 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  
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 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  
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 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  
Walter Lambert, 1056 Adams Creek Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **8/31pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate Files: EST 12-005; EST 12-012; EST 12-061.  
**In the Matter of the Estates of:  
Gary Martin (d. 11/21/2011);  
Steven Blake Ross (d.  
12/02/2011);  
Ammons Tooni 09/15/2012).**  
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, September 21st 2017 at 1:30pm. **9/7pd**

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY  
PUBLICATION  
THE CHEROKEE COURT, EASTERN  
BAND OF CHEROKE 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. **8/17pd**

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY  
PUBLICATION  
THE CHEROKEE COURT, EASTERN  
BAND OF CHEROKE INDIANS  
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA  
FILE NO: CV 17-409  
**CAROLYN LITTLEJOHN PILKINGTON, Plaintiff vs  
FRED PILKINGTON, Defendant,**  
To: FRED PILKINGTON,  
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 25th day of September, 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. **9/7pd**

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. **8/17pd**

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. **8/17pd**

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY  
PUBLICATION  
THE CHEROKEE COURT, EASTERN  
BAND OF CHEROKE INDIANS  
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA  
FILE NO: CV 17-262  
**DEBORAH THOMPSON, Plaintiff  
vs ROBERT DABROWSKI, Defendant,**  
**To: ROBERT DABROWSKI,**  
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**



## BIDs, RFPs, etc.

### Destination Marketing Program Request for Proposal Announcement

The purpose of the request is to obtain proposals from qualified marketing and advertising agencies interested 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 responsible for strategic guidance and brand



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) This week could offer more opportunities for ambitious Lambs eager to get ahead. But don't rush into making decisions until you've checked for possible hidden problems.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Some light begins to shine on professional and/or personal situations that have long eluded explanation. Best advice: Don't rush things. All will be made clear in time.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Although you might want to protest what seems to be an unfair situation, it's best to keep your tongue and temper in check for now. The full story hasn't yet come out.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Work prospects are back on track. But watch what you say. A thoughtless comment to the wrong person — even if it's said in jest — could delay or even derail your progress.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A colleague might try to goad you into saying or doing the wrong thing. It's best to ignore the troublemaker, even if he or she riles your royal self. Your supporters stand with you.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Be careful not to let your on-the-job zealotry create resentment with co-workers who might feel you shut them out. Prove them wrong by including them in your project.

development that will be the guardian 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 marketing 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 Department 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-

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Although it's not quite what you hoped for, use your good business sense to make the most of what you're being offered at this time. Things will improve down the line.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A more positive picture of what lies ahead is beginning to take shape. But there are still too many gaps that need to be filled in before you make definitive plans.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Continue to keep a tight hold on the reins so that you don't charge willy-nilly into a situation that might appear attractive on the surface but lack substance.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You still need to demand those answers to your questions. Remember, your wise counseling earns you respect, but it's your search for truth that gives you wisdom.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You'll find that people are happy to help you deal with some difficult situations. And, of course, knowing you, you'll be happy to return those favors anytime. Won't you?

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Give that special someone in your personal life a large, loving dollop of reassurance. That will go a long way toward restoring the well-being of your ailing relationship.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are a delightful paradox. You like things neat and tidy. But you're also a wonderful host who can throw a really great party.

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- Non-traditional and/or traditional out-of-home
- Strategic partnerships and sponsorships
- Grassroots efforts/tie-ins
- Online Advertising/Website

You may pick up a copy of the full request for proposal by contacting 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**

### 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**

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

<http://nc-chokeee.nsopw.gov/>





# Cherokee Rally for Recovery

## People do Recover

Cherokee Indian Fair Grounds  
September 16th,  
3 - 7:00 pm

### Recovery changes the conversation from problems to solutions.

This rally is to celebrate National Recovery Month and spread the message that *people do achieve sustained recovery from alcohol, drugs, and emotional struggles*; as well as other life challenges.

### Everyone is welcome:

Families, individuals, people in recovery, people seeking recovery, community partners, community leaders, and the media.

***Our community supports Recovery!***



Free Food ~ Free Family Event  
Guest Speakers ~ Music ~ Raffles  
Giveaways ~ Bouncy house  
Info on resources and services from  
local organizations, groups and  
Services.

So, as he let go of the mic, he  
said, "All you really need is  
One Feather" and then he just  
walked off the stage.

**CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER. GET YOURS TODAY. 359-6261**



# 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/>

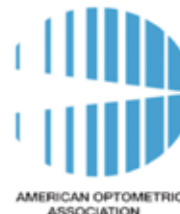


Viewing path of the eclipse

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)





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