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Tribal Realty closes and staff given administrative leave

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

The Tribal Realty office has been closed and employees have been placed on administrative leave.

According to David Wyatt in Tribal GIS, it all began several years ago. In 2008, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) notified the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians that it was not within their scope of work under law to document and process land transfers that did not impact the trust and trust lands of the Tribe and that they were going to give the Tribe two years to learn the processes and take over the responsibilities. Even though the period of learning had gone long past the two years, the relationship between the Tribe and the BIA seemed amiable.

But sometime in the last two weeks, the relationship took an abrupt turn. The Superintendent of the BIA, Cherokee Agency posted the following notice on the doors of offices occupied by tribal employees in the Cherokee Agency building, "Authorized Persons Only, Security Clearance Required, Notice, 1. Access to these records limited to: Authorized Persons Only, 2. Information may not be disclosed from this file unless permitted pursuant to 43 CFR (Code of Federal Regulation) 2.56, 3. These records may not be altered or destroyed except as authorized by 43 CFR



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2.52, 4. The Privacy Act contains provisions for criminal penalties for knowingly and willfully disclosing information from this file unless properly authorized."

In an email dated Aug. 11, 2016, Principal Chief Patrick Lambert addressed BIA Superintendent William McKee and copied Danny Davis, EBCI Attorney General. It reads as follows: "Due to the highly unorthodox interference in our Tribe's efforts to 638 contract the BIA Realty and Forestry services, coupled with the veiled threat issued against my Tribal employees by the local BIA office leaves me with no choice but to add protection over my employees and keep them from facing any potential criminal charges. I am placing all Tribal employees in Tribal Realty

Services department on Administrative leave until the BIA clarifies its threatening nature and offers to our Tribe an agreement over the records. These actions by the BIA and its local employees will have a highly negative impact on our Tribe and its members and businesses. I am therefore urging you to take immediate action and cure this situation by sending forth an agreement clarifying our ownership of the local land records and lifting the threat of federal criminal prosecution against our employees for doing their jobs. Kindly awaiting your response..."

In an executive order with the same date, Chief Lambert suspended all Tribal real estate services. He also reference the Aug. 4 Tribal Council session in which Council

rescinded a resolution passed giving negotiation and enacting authority to the Principal Chief for a "638 self-determination" contract between the federal government and the EBCI. The resolution to rescind was submitted by Wolfstown Rep. Bo Crowe and Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose. They explained that the reason for their resolution was to allow time for the Council, Executive, BIA and employees to meet to discuss best options and for all parties to understand the implications of moving forward. Their resolution was passed, which, in effect, dissolved the Principal Chief's authority to enter into an agreement.

According to the Executive Office, tribal employees were put in a position of imminent danger

of prosecution due to the issuance of the memorandum by the BIA Superintendent. With the executive order, Chief Lambert ordered the tribal employees that occupied offices in the BIA building to refrain from entering the building and issued them administrative leave until the situation could be resolved. Chris McCoy, Director of Communications for the Principal Chief, stated, "Principal Chief Lambert wants to make clear that all employees are on paid leave and he expects that the situation will be resolved quickly. This was a move to protect our tribal employees from the threat of Federal prosecution".

There are currently 11 employees that were housed in the BIA building.

Until the situation is resolved,

all real estate transactions that were in progress are on hold, according to both Wyatt and McCoy. Wyatt stated that federal land records and tribal land records are intermingled in the offices at BIA. Other issues that must be resolved are land records ownership, processes by which the tribal employees may access records for research and the ability of tribal members to access this information for their own research (similarly to access at county Register of Deeds offices).

In his responses to Tribal Council, Chief Lambert indicated that tribal employees were doing approximately 85 percent of the work with regard to possessory holdings. As to the current situation, he said, "Trust responsibility by the Federal Government at its core needs to be

reviewed. The BIA was designed to handle leases and the outer boundaries of Cherokee lands, not possessory holdings. This stalemate affects any Tribal program that utilizes these records, and we will not put the livelihood of our employees at risk while, they, the BIA, decide how to work this out".

It is unclear whether the employees will return to the BIA building or be located in alternative offices, exactly who maintains ownership of the building, and whether or not the Federal employees in the building are able to access the offices of the Tribal Realty employees who are on administrative leave.

Neither Superintendent McKee nor Attorney General Davis could be reached for comment at press time.

"These actions by the BIA and its local employees will have a highly negative impact on our Tribe and its members and businesses."

- Principal Chief Patrick Lambert



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Cherokee woman struck by vehicle, dies of injuries

Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) Officers responded to a report of a female subject that had been struck by a vehicle on Casino Trail in the area of the Cherokee Pharmacy and Food Lion on Monday, Aug. 8 at approximately 9:28pm. Upon arrival, CIPD officers found that Althia Lossie Cruz, 51, an EBCI tribal member from Cherokee, had been struck and critically injured by a vehicle. The driver of the vehicle that struck Cruz was still on scene when officers arrived.

Cruz was transported to the Cherokee Indian Hospital by Tribal EMS. She succumbed to the injuries and was pronounced dead at the emergency room.

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol assisted CIPD officers with the accident scene. This incident is still under investigation.

- CIPD

Whittier man found dead in Cherokee

Cherokee Indian Police Department Officers and Emergency Services responded to a residence on Tsali Enola Rd. in Cherokee on Saturday, Aug. 6 at approximately 10:23pm to a report of a man identified as Kyle Lee Hawkins lying on the ground. Hawkins, 40, from Whittier, was pronounced dead on scene.

Local residents reported to police that they found Hawkins lying on the ground and immediately called for help. Although CIPD Detectives are still investigating the incident to determine the cause of death, no foul play is suspected.

- CIPD

Tribe set to receive funds in Ramah Settlement

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

This fall, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will join hundreds of federally-recognized tribes across the country in receiving funds from a \$940 million settlement in a class action lawsuit known as the Ramah Navajo Chapter Settlement. The settlement, which became final on April 25, ended a more than 25-year dispute over contract support costs for tribal agencies.

According to information from Lloyd B. Miller, Co-Class counsel based in Anchorage, Alaska, Class Members (tribes involved in the settlement) could start seeing checks as soon as next month. In all, there are 699 tribes and tribal organizations that are involved in the settlement.

The suit was first filed by the Ramah Navajo Chapter, a sub-unit of the Navajo Nation, in 1990. The Oglala Sioux Tribe of South Dakota and the Pueblo of Zuni joined the suit as class representatives at a later date followed by other tribes throughout the years.

After legal fees and other estimated costs, the total amount for distribution is \$854,600,000. In January, estimated amounts for each Class Member were released by the Class Counsel. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is estimated to receive \$1,177,741, and the Cherokee Boys Club Inc. is

estimated to receive \$207,505.

"The Cherokee Boys Club prides itself on over 80 years of dedicated service to the members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Cherokee community," said Cory M. Blankenship, Cherokee Boys Club Board president. "In partnership with the tribal government, the Club has provided

costs between the years 1989 and 1993. A third settlement in 2008 made adjustments to the system for negotiating indirect cost rates. Earlier settlements left unresolved claims for unpaid contract support costs from 1994 to the present.

"Since 1994, Congress has capped the maximum appropriation the BIA could spend on

" There is no longer any question that we agreed to pay these amounts and we are liable."

- Kevin Washburn, acting Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs

essential services in the spirit of self-determination. As a recipient of federal funding for such services, the Club applauds the efforts of those who worked tirelessly on the Ramah Settlement. This action is a significant win for Indian Country and our Tribe, and undoubtedly a step in the right direction in fulfilling the trust obligations of the federal government to Indian tribes across the country as we seek to provide essential services to our members."

Information from the Class Counsel states, "The Ramah litigation is a class action lawsuit against the BIA over unpaid contract support costs. Two earlier settlements in the case generally dealt with unpaid contract support

contract support cost payments. As a result, the BIA long asserted that it could not be held liable for any resulting underpayments. In 2012, the United States Supreme Court held that capped 'not to exceed' agency appropriations in and after 1994 did not relieve the government of its contract obligation to pay full contract support costs to Indian Self-Determination Act contractors."

Kevin Washburn, Acting Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, said in a comment last fall, "From the tribes' perspective, underfunding of contract costs is another broken promise. There is no longer any question that we agreed to pay these amounts and we are liable."

Summer huts and signage

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Kim F. Deas, Planning Coordinator for the Commerce Division of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), is the person responsible for compliance and enforcement of both the sign and “chiefing” ordinances currently in tribal law. Approximately three years have passed since the sign ordinance was overhauled and a new regulation was established concerning street performing in Cherokee and the rest of the Qualla Boundary.

Chiefing is a performance art that came into being in the late 1940s as tourism began to replace lumber production as a primary source of revenue. In those days, tourists had a very distinct perception of what Native Americans looked and acted like. They took their profile of “Indians” from the ones they saw in the popular western movies of the day. To the American tourist, all Native Americans should look like what they saw in the movies. Those were “real” Indians. So, as Cherokees crafted ways to make money for their families, they incorporated the tipis and large feather headdresses into roadside shows that would attract tourists. The “Chiefs” and their families would make money by dancing, storytelling and posing for pictures with tourists for tips.

The downtown areas of Cherokee, along the main thoroughfares were and are the main areas for chiefing. Shop owner sometimes hire men and women to chief in



ROBERT JUMPER/One Feather

Local dancer performers sit under a summer hut prior to a show on Friday, Aug. 12.

front of their stores to lure tourists closer and hopefully into their places of business.

In the period that lead up to the new legislation being passed, there was no regulation of who could put on a chiefing show and there was no guideline as to how and where a performance area would be established. Concerns had been raised that visitors were getting a warped presentation that was not representative of the Cherokee culture. Also, some performance areas were situated dangerously close to vehicular traffic and creating concerns that someone might be injured. In a few instances, some who took up chiefing harassed and threatened visitors when they did not provide tips or showed enough interest in the performer.

The new law intended to clean up the chiefing profession. Ordinance changes included designated areas where chiefing would be permitted, educational elements

that provide the audiences with an honest picture of Cherokee history and culture, and a provision that only EBCI tribal members may participate in the practice of chiefing.

“You have to be an enrolled Cherokee person to do it. You have to show your tribal identification card to get the permit,” Deas said.

Permits range from \$25 - \$75. Anyone who performs under that permit has to be an EBCI tribal member as well. The Commerce Division built a series of “summer huts” to replace the tipis, which were more in line with the housing of Cherokee families in the 18th and 19th centuries. Chiefing, under the ordinance, is only permitted in those summer huts.

According to Deas, this season has been a good one as far as compliance with tribal law in these areas. Some tweaking to the ordinance occurred last year, which caused some disagreements among the permit holders, but since then,

Deas says that they have come to terms with the new regulations and realize that the laws are there to stay so the permit holders are following compliance rules.

One area that may need to be looked at is that some permit holders do not consistently operate or perform in their summer huts on a regular basis throughout the season. Deas stated, “It has gone really well, but I really think the reason it has gone that well is that there are at least three that paid to have summer huts but are never at them”.

As a tourist attraction, the return on investment is not where it could be with all summer huts in play during the tourist season. Deas pointed out that two of the huts are manned throughout the season and that would not be so if they were not making money and seeing good traffic flow.

Similarly, signage plays a huge role in the look and perception of tourists. Along with new regulations for chiefing, a “sign ordinance” was established to address the outcropping of unattractive “permanent” signs that obscured the view of many of the businesses and streetscapes in the business district. Deas said that, after an initial clean up and education process, this initiative has also seen positive results.

The biggest challenges have been properties that have gone out of business. With no one accountable to confront at that property, enforcement may be difficult. There are provisions in the law

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Upgrading the fun

Destination Marketing eyeing Fairgrounds renovation

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The exhibit hall at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds was built in 1980 with the current food booths being added in 1995. With both structures being decades old, and the food

booths having fallen out of state Code compliance, officials in the EBCI Destination Marketing Program are eyeing renovations to the entire Fairgrounds site.

“There is an actual need for upgrade to the building (exhibit hall), but especially to those food booths because Codes have changed and they need more space,” said Tonya Carroll, Destination Marketing manager. “They need new equipment to bring them up to Code.”

Carroll said the idea for renovating the Fairgrounds has been floating around for more than five years. “Two years ago, we put in a Capital Request to

get a new building, do some renovations on the Food Booths, and then upgrade the sewer, water and electrical.”

She said the tribal administration changed during the approval of that request. In February, she met with Principal Chief Patrick Lambert and the two discussed renovation ideas. “He was very supportive of the project. He connected us with a TERO firm (Studio 15) that would draw up some preliminary plans, at no cost to the Tribe, just to give us some ideas of what could happen over there.”

Carroll said Studio 15 staff

met with Fairgrounds staff to develop the “very preliminary” plans that she has shown to the EBCI Tribal Planning Board as well as several community groups.

Those preliminary plans include expanding parking, adding a new main gate area, expanding the dining area and bringing the food booths into Code compliance, expanding the size of the exhibit hall, providing a new outdoor dining area, and upgrading the utilities.

“We just really want to stress that these aren’t the actual plans,” Carroll related. “We’re trying to get a lot of community feedback to see what works best and what makes the space as functional as it can be for our current events, but also we’re looking into the future. If we do these renovations, it’s going to be more desirable for outside events to come in as well.”

She said the limited space at the Fairgrounds has been taken into account in the preliminary plans. “We wanted to figure out how we could utilize it for more than one event at a time. That would increase our revenue and increase our use of the space throughout the year. One issue that we do have right now is that it’s very limited in the colder months. We really just have to utilize the building, and so the entire outside space really isn’t being utilized in the winter.”

Carroll said redesigning



Image courtesy of Studio 15

The image shows a conceptual design by Studio 15 of the preliminary plans for renovations to the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds including a new main gate, ticketing area, and expanded exhibit hall.

the site and the buildings will help. "We're looking at having increased building space so people can have their events there during the winter months."

One major change in the preliminary plans is the absence of grass from the Fairgrounds.

Carroll said they have toyed with various surface options for the site.

"We get feedback that it is really difficult for people in wheelchairs, people with strollers, and people with walkers to actually maneuver around the grounds during events because of the surface that is there now."

She said the size of the current grass area has also been a cause of concern. "We've also gotten comments about the grass area not being wide enough for things like the adult stickball games."

Carroll said there are a lot of options they've looked into, but concrete is the early front-runner. "It is more expensive than a lot of the other surfaces like pavement, but it doesn't get as hot as pavement."

She also said the use of pavers was discussed as a possibility. Pavers are currently in use in the parking lot adjacent to the Ray Kinsland Stadium at the Cherokee Central Schools. "There are other options out there that we're definitely wanting to look into."

To garner public comment, Carroll and several members of the Fairground staff hosted a meeting in the Tribal Council Chambers on Thursday, Aug. 11. Another public meeting is planned for Tuesday, Aug. 23 at 6:30pm in the Chambers. Everyone is welcome

to attend and provide comment on these plans or call in 359-7000 with their comments.

She is also planning to attend the Community Club Council meeting next month in the Snowbird Community as well as several individual community club meetings. "Overall, there is interest in this project, and people in the community think there should be some form of renovation to the Fairgrounds, and so, we're excited about that support."

Carroll noted that right now project costs are not possible to estimate. "Right now, since we don't have any plans of what we're going to do, we can't determine a cost. And, I know that aside from the cultural and historical significance of what we do, the cost is the next priority."

"We're trying to get a lot of community feedback to see what works best and what makes the space as functional as it can be..."

- Tonya Carroll, EBCI Destination Marketing manager

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CIPD Arrest Report Aug. 8-15

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

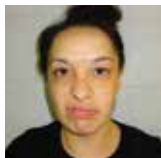
Bradley, Rashonda Lashae – age 28

Arrested: Aug. 8 at 13:40

Not released as of press time

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 4



Griffin, Alicia – age 24

Arrested: Aug. 8 at 12:10

Released: Aug. 8

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 1

Pheasant, Owen Randall – age 32

Arrested: Aug. 8 at 12:55

Not released as of press time

Charges: Violate Domestic Violence Protection Order; Possession Drug Paraphernalia; Possession with intent to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule IV Controlled Substance; Dangerous Drugs – Free Text; Aggravated Weapons Offense;



Reckless Endangerment; Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 3

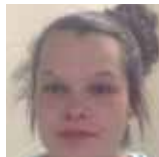
Smith, Brooke Leighann – age 20

Arrested: Aug. 8 at 10:40

Released: Aug. 8

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 4



Blanton, Darius D. – age 18

Arrested: Aug. 9 at 10:10

Released: Aug. 9

Charges: Assault on a Female (DV), Criminal Mischief to Property

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 1



Lossiah II, John Ricky – age 35

Arrested: Aug. 9 at 16:08

Released: Aug. 9

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 2



Martinez, Antonio – age 32

Arrested: Aug. 9 (no booking time given)

Not released as of press time

Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Criminal Conspiracy I

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 2



Wahnetah, Kyle Austin – age 25

Arrested: Aug 9 at 16:56

Released: Aug. 9

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 5



Bradley, David Alvin – age 27

Arrested: Aug. 10 at 17:28

Not released as of press time

Charges: Probation Violation

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 4



Martinez, Angela Crystal – age 37

Arrested: Aug. 10 (no booking time given)

Not released as of press time

Charges: Driving While License Revoked, Fictional Registration Plate, Failure to Appear (three counts)

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 1



Sequoyah, Donica – age 19

Arrested: Aug. 10 at 16:18

Released: Aug. 10

Charges: Possession with intent to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule VI Controlled Substance; Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 1



West, Roman Gregory – age 37

Arrested: Aug. 10 at 12:51

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Charges: Receiving or Possession Stolen Property (three counts), Obtain Property False Pretense (two counts)

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 1



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**Orr, Sarah Ashley –
age 27**

Arrested: Aug. 11 at
12:43



Not released as of press time

Charges: Contributing to the delinquency, undiscipline, neglect, or abuse of minors (two counts); Assault on a Child Under 12; Assault Inflict Serious Injury; Child Abuse in the First Degree

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

**Smith, Jaimee Li-
anne – age 24**

Arrested: Aug. 12 at
05:20



Released: Aug. 13

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

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

**Brady, Cammy Jo –
age 30**

Arrested: Aug. 13 at
13:33



Not released as of press time

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

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

**Ford, Marquis
Gwan – age 35**

Arrested: Aug. 13 at
15:00



Not released as of press time

Charges: Criminal Mischief (DV), Second Degree Trespass (DV), Assault on a Female (DV)

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

**Toineeta, Marlana
Lorraine – age 38**

Arrested: Aug. 13 at
22:22



Not released as of press time

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

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

**Everhart, Minda
Anne – age 45**

Arrested: Aug. 14 at
21:36



Released: Aug. 14

Charges: Simple Assault

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

**Everhart II, Scott
Edward – age 21**

Arrested: Aug. 14 at
23:00



Not released as of press time

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Simple Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Driving While License Revoked

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

**Sandoval, Gerson
David – age 39**

Arrested: Aug. 14 at
03:17



Not released as of press time

Charges: Criminal Mischief to Property (DV)

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

**Saunooke, Michelle
Lynn – age 49**

Arrested: Aug. 14 (no
booking time given)



Not released as of press time

Charges: Assault with a Deadly Weapon (DV)

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

**Wolfe, Diamond
Spring – age 21**

Arrested: Aug. 14 at
21:27



Not released as of press time

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

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

Tribal Court Judgment Summary for July 20

DAVIS, Carl

14-5.2 Communicating Threats –
Dismissed on Plea

14-25.14 Public Nuisance – Guilty,
8 days active jail time, credit for
time served (8 days)

14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass
– Dismissed on Plea

Galanick, Scott John

14-60.30 False Pretenses – Guilty
Plea, Prayer for Judgment Contin-
ued, \$190 court costs

14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing
Stolen Property – Dismissed on
Plea

14-10.60(c) Grand Larceny – Dis-
missed on Plea

Hicks, Candice

14-10.9 Criminal Mischief – Guilty
Plea

14-10.41 Breaking and Entering –
Guilty Plea, 8 days active jail time,
credit for time served (8 days), \$75
restitution ordered

Hornbuckle, Laura

14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a
controlled substance classified in
Schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Dis-
missed Upon Investigation

14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a
controlled substance classified in
Schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Dis-
missed Upon Investigation

14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a
controlled substance classified in
Schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Dis-
missed Upon Investigation

Mata, Felisa Benita

14-25.14 Public Nuisance – Guilty
Plea, 5 days active jail time, credit
for time served (2 days)

Otter, Joseph L.

20-7(a) No Operator's License –
Dismissed After Investigation

Rubio, Garcia

14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second
Degree – Dismissed Upon Investi-
gation

Teesateskie, James Eric

14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Sec-
ond Degree – Amended to Child
in Restrained Seat, 21 days active
jail time, credit for time served (21
days)


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First look

The Cherokee Braves participated in the Robbinsville Rumble scrimmage along with the Robbinsville Black Knights, Andrews Wildcats, and Hayesville Yellow Jackets at Big Oaks Stadium in Robbinsville on Friday, Aug. 12. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



Kent Briggs (right), Braves head coach, talks with Will Davis (#55) following a play.



Cherokee's Holden Straughan (#20), junior wide receiver, runs around an Andrews player (#20 not listed on roster) following a catch.



Two small Braves fans celebrate in the background as Cherokee's Shane Swimmer (#3), junior wide receiver, catches a ball and runs past a Hayesville player (#42 not listed on roster) en route to a touchdown.



Cherokee's Blake Smith (#15) runs for a big gain.



Cherokee's Tye Mintz, junior quarterback, drops back for a pass.



Cherokee's Isaiah Evans (#5), sophomore running back, gets a block from teammate Anthony Toineeta (#18), senior wide receiver, to help him around and over Andrews' Drew Pyle (#12).



Cherokee's Terrence Ledford (#22) tackles Andrews' Drew Pyle (#12).



Cherokee's Seth Smith tackles Hayesville's Alan Gillis.

Winners focus on winning

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Michael Phelps cruised to his 20th Olympic Gold Medal on Tuesday, Aug. 9 with a win in the 200M Butterfly event. Phelps is the most decorated Olympian in history and has done that by focusing on himself, not necessarily his competition.

Chad le Clos took fourth in that race Tuesday, a race he won the gold medal in at the 2012 London Games by narrowly edging out Phelps. Last year, le Clos made some comments, after winning the 100M Butterfly race at the World Championships, which angered many. But, most importantly, it angered Phelps.

“Michael Phelps has been talking about how slow the butterfly events have been recently,” le Clos was quoted as saying. “I just did a time he hasn’t done in four years. So, he can keep quiet

now.”

In doing so le Clos not only poked the bear; he rolled the bear over and kicked it. Why would anyone do that?

Following Tuesday’s race, a photograph surfaced and made the rounds on the internet showing Phelps (in front by the way) with his head forward and his eyes on the prize. Le Clos was seen looking over at Phelps almost fixated on him.

As the photo made its way around cyberspace, a quote was added to the meme which states, “Winners focus on winning. Losers focus on the winners.”

I searched and searched to try to find the origin of that quote, and every time I found it there was no attribution or it was simply listed as “unknown”.

But, that quote rings true for all athletes...or, at least it should.

Concentrate on what you’re doing. Con-

centrate on executing your game plan and your strategy. Don’t worry about your opponent. With any luck, they’ll be concentrating on you and the tide will change.

In sports and in general, I’ve never had any use for trash talk. What’s the point? It’s not going to elevate your game, and it’s only going to provide your opponent with that proverbial “locker room fodder” that many teams thrive off of.

Tony Dorsett, Heisman Trophy winner and Pro Football Hall of Fame running back, once said, “To succeed...you need to find something to hold on to, something to motivate you, something to inspire you.”

I completely agree...but, why give that to your opponents in the form of trash talk?

In my opinion, we should all just keep our mouths shut, our heads pointed forward, and keep on swimming.



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NASA in Cherokee
Randy Wachacha, a
pitcher for the team East-
ern Band, tosses a pitch
in the first round of the
2016 NASA Coed Softball
Tournament at the John
Crowe Recreation Park
on Thursday, Aug. 11.

Skaters were jamming

The 3rd Annual Cherokee Skate Jam was held at the Cherokee Skate Park on Saturday, Aug. 13. A total of 30 contestants entered the contests which were held in Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced Divisions.

(SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

Official Results

Beginner Division

- 1 – Xander Brady
- 2 – Jake Jacobs
- 3 – Hayden Herman

Intermediate Division

- 1 – Trayvon Sims
- 2 – Robert August
- 3 – Katin King

Advanced Division

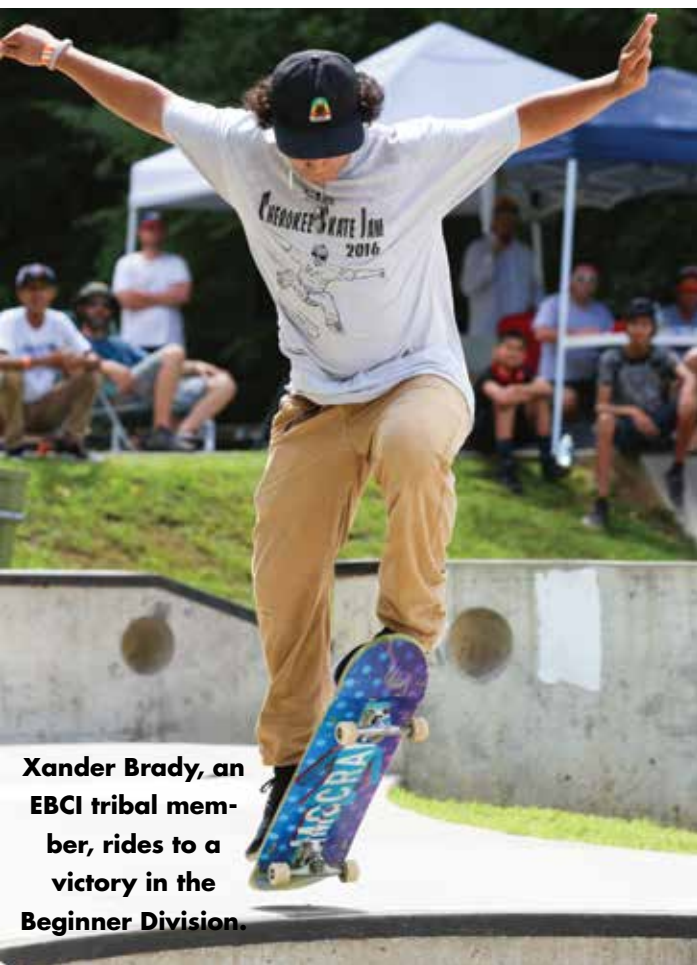
- 1 – Jared Lee
- 2 – Keanu Brown
- 3 – Addison Keith

Best Bike: Jamie Norton

Best Trick: Keanu Brown



Xavier Locust, an EBCI tribal member, flies out of the bowl while competing in the Beginner Division.



Xander Brady, an EBCI tribal member, rides to a victory in the Beginner Division.



Above: Jared Lee, the oldest competitor at the contest, took first place in the Advanced Division. Right: Ira Smart, an EBCI tribal member, gets some air during one of his contest runs.



Jone-Bowman Fellows go on weekend retreat

The current nine member cohort of Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program Fellows, along with four Mentors and one Advisory Committee member, recently spent the weekend at the YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain. This annual retreat brings this group together to prepare for the upcoming academic year. During the retreat, the Fellows had the opportunity to complete their individual leadership learning plans, develop a group community service project, set goals and connect as a group of future Cherokee leaders.

Four members of the Removal Bike

Ride Alumni also presented on cultural leadership and the importance of committing to a team.

“The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program mentors and advisory committee have worked diligently to ensure this program reflects the type of leadership exemplified by Chief Jones and Councilman Bowman,” said Alicia Jacobs, Jones-Bowman program director. “We are pleased with the new Fellows’ enthusiasm, leadership qualities, and interest in improving their communities.”

Info: Alicia Jacobs 497-5550 or <http://www.cpfdn.org/jonesbowman.html>.

- Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program



Photo courtesy of Alicia Jacobs/Jones-Bowman

The Jones-Bowman Fellows are shown at a recent retreat at YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain including (left-right) front row - Brantly Junaluska, Faith Long, and Rebecca Teesateskie; middle row - Kayla Johnson, Chloe Blythe, and Jacob Long; and top row - Tim Swayney, Michael Thompson, and Caleb Teesateskie.

SIGNAGE: Updates on chiefing and sign ordinance issues, *from page 5*

for the government, after attempting to get the business in compliance, to remove signage and bill the business owner for the cost of removal. Deas said that option has not been used to date. She also commented, that she is sensitive to the damage it might do to an owner’s reputation by addressing these issues while visitors are in town. Low impact and easily corrected violations are addressed immediately, but she feels it is in the best interest of all parties to wait until off-season to tackle the larger issues.

Temporary signage for special events and candidates during elections present another challenge to the appearance of Cherokee and for

enforcement by the planning coordinator. Cherokee Municipal Code Section 137-17 subsection f states, “No portable signs or banners shall be permitted, except portable signs or banners placed for one period of not more than 30 days to announce the opening of a new business, or the change of management or ownership”.

Deas commented, “Those are the only ones that are really something that I can’t keep control over all of the time, because you drive in one Monday and they are everywhere for whatever is going on. I pull them up. I have notified people. I put it in the paper x amount of times back two years ago that those type of signs are not allowed. Portable, removable are not allowed. Period.”

Exceptions are tribal event signs, which are

permitted a few days before an event and are supported to be removed the day after the event concludes. She has taken down as many as 102 signs in a single day that were violating the law. In Section 136-33 subsection a, the Code specifies a \$10 per sign, per candidate fee for political or campaign signs. The Code is vague with regard to how long the signs may be on display and the locations where these signs are permitted. The Code also does not address removal of the signs once the election concludes.

Overall, Deas thinks that sign ordinance has been a good thing and has achieved the goal of reducing clutter and bringing a cleaner, more organized look to the downtown and the business district.

James named SBA's head of field operations

WASHINGTON – Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet, head of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), has announced that Chris James, of Cherokee, has been appointed to serve as SBA's Associate Administrator for the Office of Field Operations in addition to his current role as Associate Administrator for the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs.

"I am honored to join the Office of Field Operations and look forward to continuing to serve the President and the U.S. small business community," said James, who oversees many priority initiatives



SBA photo

Chris James, of Cherokee, has been appointed to serve as SBA's Associate Administrator for the Office of Field Operations in addition to his current role as Associate Administrator for

at SBA. These include Startup in a Day, which encourages cities to centralize and streamline the requirements and support services for entrepreneurs to start a business, and the SupplierPay program, a White House-led effort with the private sector designed to strengthen America's small businesses. He also coordinates the American Supplier Initiative, an Administration-wide effort to support American manufacturing.

James previously led the SBA's Office of Native American Affairs, which promotes and enhances small business services and opportunities for Native Americans. He remains an active member

of the White House Council on Native American Affairs, the White House Rural Council, White House Community Solutions Task Force and the White House Interagency Group on Insular Affairs.

James is responsible for providing senior leadership to almost 50 percent of the SBA's budgeted workforce including insuring the implementation of its overall goals, programs, and operations. He is also responsible for management and oversight of over 90 offices covering all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and all U.S. Territories.

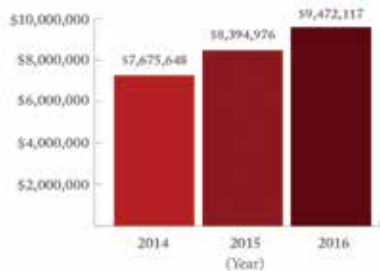
- SBA



Overview

For comparison's sake, this report covers year-to-date data for each of the years noted.

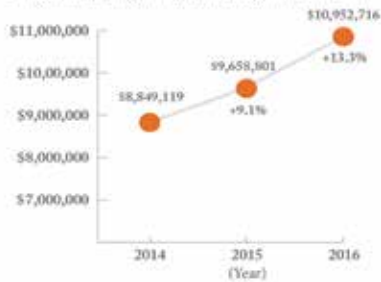
Total Tribal Levy (October-June)*



*Source: EBCI Tribal Levy and Privilege Tax Report

Total Levy and Privilege Tax Collections (October-June)*

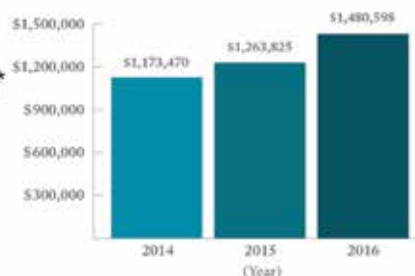
Since the EBCI Destination Marketing Organization's role is to promote overnight visitation and increased commerce amongst non-gaming entities, we have segmented them out:



*Source: EBCI Tribal Levy and Privilege Tax Report

Total Privilege Tax (October-June)*

In the case of Privilege Tax, gaming vs. non-gaming collections are only available beginning in 2016. Therefore, data for Total Privilege Tax contains both gaming and non-gaming taxes collected.

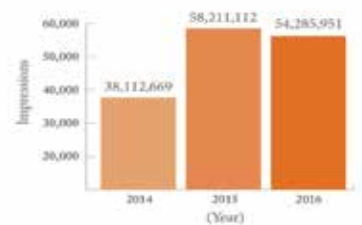


*Source: EBCI Tribal Levy and Privilege Tax Report

Paid Media Activity (April-June)*

"Paid media activity" is advertising placed on Cherokee's behalf with the goal of driving overnight visitation to non-gaming accommodations. Increased overnight visitation will benefit non-gaming hoteliers and the entire Cherokee economy—with special emphasis on the Cultural Attractions. "Impressions" are the total number of media exposures against Cherokee's prime consumer target audience across the markets we support. CPM is "cost per thousand" for advertising media impressions. This is a measure of cost efficiency.

*Source: Element Advertising, 2014-2016 media plans. Paid media activity covers April-September every year. This data covers April, May, and June (50% of the marketing year).



Website Analytics for VisitCherokeeNC.com (October-June)*

| Year | Sessions | % Change | Users | % Change | Pageviews | New Users |
|-------|----------|----------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 2014: | 260,383 | | 210,547 | | 824,488 | 79.6% |
| 2015: | 504,383 | +93.89 | 400,986 | +90.5% | 1,660,110 | 78.9% |
| 2016: | 673,083 | +33.45 | 543,908 | +35.64% | 1,978,604 | 80.1% |

"Website analytics" are data derived from activity on VisitCherokeeNC.com. "Sessions" are periods of time that a user is active within the site. "Users" are visitors to the site. "Pageviews" are the total number of website pages that are viewed by users. A "New User" is a user who hasn't visited the site in two or more years.



*Source: Google Analytics, 8/8/16

Social Media (October-June)*



Facebook

307,395 likes total



Twitter

7,740 followers and 349,650 impressions



Blog

53,826 pageviews



Pinterest

5,444 average monthly viewers

*Source: TB Media, 8/8/16

PR Snapshot*

The following events received media coverage as a result of PR efforts for the period of August 2016.

- Bowling and Entertainment Center: *One Feather, WLOS, Business NC, Spartanburg Herald, GoUpstate.com, 540 WRGC The River, Asheville, News Link/VisitNC*
- White County News
- Romantic Asheville (the Oconaluftee Indian Village feature, and "Unto These Hills" feature)

*Source: Stansbury Metcalf Public Relations, 8/8/16

Cherokee Youth Council represents in Oklahoma City

Recently, the Cherokee Youth Council represented the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians at the UNITY (United National Indian Tribal Youth) Conference in Oklahoma City, Okla. Seven teens and two adults traveled to Oklahoma to learn and educate other tribes about the EBCI community. Over 2,000 youth were in attendance at the conference.

“The conference educates young people ages 14-25 about Indian country issues and solutions across the world and it is always an honor to attend and represent our tribal community in a positive manner,” said Sky Sampson, Cherokee Youth Council manager. “Our Youth Council members work very hard to prepare for this trip and educational opportunity. They complete numerous community service hours, plan and implement a presentation and performance, and this year they came together and created their very own moccasins to wear during the performance.”

The teens gain their spot to have this experience and then are nominated by the entire Youth Council each year.

“We are so proud of each of them and how they have represented our tribe and community,” said Sampson. “Thank you to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the Cherokee Preservation Foundation and each of our teen parents and families for your continued support in making these experiences possible for our young leaders.”

- Cherokee Youth Council



Photos courtesy of Sky Sampson/CYC

Shown (left-right) are Eason Esquivel, Hope Long, Nola Pina, Ayden Evans, Jacob Long, Evie Cotterman, and Jackson Warshaw.



Shown (left-right) at a dinner during the Conference are Jackson Warshaw, Jacob Long, Nola Pina, Evie Cotterman, Hope Long, Ayden Evans, and Eason Esquivel.

“We are so proud of each of them and how they have represented our tribe and community.”

- Sky Sampson,
Cherokee Youth Council manager



Photo courtesy of Hope Huskey/Sequoyah Fund

Sequoyah Fund hosts Youth Camp

Jaden Armachain presents his business plan for a new restaurant during the Sequoyah Fund's 4th annual Youth Entrepreneurship Camp held July 25-28 at Wolftown Gym. This year's camp focused on art enterprises. Betty Maney, owner of Betty Maney Gallery, taught campers how to make traditional Cherokee mats and Daniel Tramper, owner of Deer Clan Productions, talked about how he transitioned from a dancer to owner of a production company. Throughout the week campers expanded their creativity while working on bead projects, making things out of clay, and creating new products out of household trash while learning about business fundamentals like financials and advertising. The week long camp gives 10-14 year olds the opportunity to plan their dream business while looking at the assets of their community and implementing their interests.



Photo by Lynne Harlan/CIHA

VA Home Based Care Team visits Cherokee

The Charles George VA Medical Center – Home Based Primary Care Team (HBPC), the Cherokee Indian Hospital VA benefits coordinator and tribal representatives met on Wednesday, Aug. 10 to discuss the Home Based Primary Care project in Cherokee. Shown (left-right) are Joanna Wright, HBPC case manager; Denise Vish, HBPC medical provider; Patsy Ledford, president Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 Auxiliary; Vice Chief Richard G. Sneed; Amanda Bazan, HBPC social worker; William "Skip" Myers, Cherokee Indian Hospital VA benefits coordinator; and JD Arch, EBCI veterans affairs coordinator. If you are interested in learning more about this project, contact Skip Myers 497-9163.

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How will Cherokee affect you?

Museum hosting Native Writing Contest

The Museum of the Cherokee Indian is hosting a Native Writing Contest in three divisions: middle school, high school, and adult. There are three categories including: poetry (maximum 40 lines), research topic (1,000 to 2,000 words on any American Indian theme, bibliography must be included), and short story (maximum 2,500 words). First, second, and third place winners in each category and division will receive certificates and all first place winners will also receive a prize from the Museum of the Cherokee Indian Gift Shop. Cherokee actress DeLanna Studi will serve as a special guest judge. Submissions will be taken Oct. 1 through Oct. 14 at 4pm and may be emailed to Dawn Arneach (arneach@cherokeemuseum.org), mailed to Museum of the Cherokee Indian, P.O. Box 1599, Cherokee, NC 28719, or hand-delivered to the Museum Box Office. Winners will be notified on Nov. 1. Info: Dawn Arneach 497-3481 ext. 207

- Museum of the Cherokee Indian

Attention Miss Cherokee contestants

If you are a female EBCI tribal member between the age of 18-25 and are interested in running for Miss Cherokee 2016, applications may be picked up at the Council House. The application and fee is due by Sunday, Aug. 28. You may turn in the application at the Council House or bring it to the first

practice on Aug. 28. Info: Royalty Board ebcimisscherokee@gmail.com

- Miss Cherokee Royalty Board

Cherokee Central Schools Athletic Season passes for sale

Cherokee Central Schools is now offering 2016-17 Athletic Season passes for the following prices:

- Family Pass (five people): \$200
- Individual Pass (ages 21-59): \$100
- Senior Citizen Pass (ages 60+up): \$75
- High School Graduate or College Student (ages 18-20): \$75
- Cherokee Central School student (PreK – 12th): \$25

This pass is good for all home games of Cherokee Middle and Cherokee High Schools. This does exclude playoff games and conference tournaments. Info: Tina Swimmer 554-5027 or Tracy Swimmer 554-5031

- Cherokee Central Schools

Per Capita notice for new applicants

New applicants must submit a complete EBCI enrollment application to the Enrollment Office by 4:30pm on Thursday, Sept. 15 to be considered for the December 2016 per capita distribution. Enrollment applications received after this date will not be considered for the December distribution. Applications are available at the Enrollment Office located in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex at 808 Acquoni

Road.

Complete applications include:

- a County-certified birth certificate and
- Certified DNA results sent directly from the lab to the Enrollment Office.

*DNA Testing must be performed on or before Friday, Aug. 26 to obtain the results before the Sept. 15 deadline.

- Applications for newborns will be considered for enrollment without the social security number. However, an Enrollment Card will not be issued until the Enrollment Office receives the social security number for the new enrollee.

To schedule a DNA test in Cherokee, contact Michelle at the Enrollment office 359-6463. To schedule a DNA test out of town, contact Amber Harrison (918) 685-0478.

The Enrollment Office now accepts Voluntary Assignments of per capita for the cost of DNA Testing. For details, contact Melanie Lambert at the Enrollment Office 359-6465.

To request an application and for all other questions, contact the Enrollment Office (828) 359-6469, 359-6467 or 359-6465.

- EBCI Enrollment Office

WCU Cherokee Center update

Classes will begin at Western Carolina University on Monday, Aug. 22. Best wishes to all students for a successful Fall semester.

The Cherokee Center would like

to announce this year's Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Day, Catamount Football on Sept. 10 at 6pm. Cherokee Studies Programs will host a tailgate party before the game and all community members are welcome. The first 5,000 fans to enter the gate will receive a free Catamount t-shirt. Ticket will go on sale at the Cherokee Center starting Wednesday, Aug. 17. These \$15 general admission tickets will be reduced to \$10. Call the Center 497-7920 or come by 1594 Acquoni Road between the hours of 8am – 5pm. This game is WCU vs. Gardner Webb.

In line with this, we want to collect the names of all present and former student athletes that played at WCU. If you are such a person or know of others, please give us a call with that information.

- WCU Cherokee Center

THANK YOU LETTER Reed family says thanks

The Reed family, of Whittier, would like to thank the nursing staff and other personnel at the Tsali Care Center for the loving care they gave our brother, Gene, during his recent illness and death. We would also like to express our love and gratitude to our dear cousin, Wanda Jones, who lovingly devoted so much of her time and attention to Gene during his illness.

Nayda Reed Bailey
Buford, Ga.



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Nominees for the 2016-18 Cherokee Boys Club Board of Directors

The following people were nominated and have agreed to accept the nomination to run in the election for the Cherokee Boys Club Board of Directors to be held on Thursday, Aug. 25 in the Club's Lobby: Albert Arch, Robert Lambert, Cory Blankenship, Jason Littlejohn, Eden Brown, Donnie Owle, Jimmy Burns, Greg Owle, Tonya Carroll, Jacob Reed, Tunney Crowe, Joseph Saunooke Jr., Samuel Crowe, Ashford Smith, Jack Davis, DeAnne Smith, Kim Deas, David Stamper, Consuela Girty, Jay Thomasson, Jeremy Hyatt, Thomas Wahnetah, and Tammy Jackson.

Election Information

The election will be held on the fourth Thursday in August (Thursday, Aug. 25) in the Club lobby with polls open from 7am - 4pm, according to the following rules:

A. All voters must present a Club Membership Card. If they do not have a membership card, they may get a free card at the Club Information Desk (any enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians or a current or former employee of the Cherokee Boys Club is eligible for Club membership).

B. Each member will be given one ballot and may vote for five Board

Members.

C. If a ballot has over five names marked, the ballot will not be counted.

D. The five Regular Board Member candidates receiving the most votes will be named Board Members. (In case two or more candidates tie for the number five position, a run-off election will be held on Thursday, Sept. 1, between the tied candidates at the same time and place.)


E. The Student Representative Election will be held at the High School on a date to be approved by school officials. Nominations will be submitted from the Automotive Technology Vocational Classes

or Boys Club OJT summer youth trainees. Nominees must not be a senior. Student Representative Ballots will be counted and certified by the Club Election Committee or their designated representatives.

F. A member of Cherokee Tribal Council, appointed by the Tribal Council serves as a member of the Club Board.

G. The five Board Members elected in the election, the Student elected in the Student Election, and the two outside business people appointed by the Board must be approved by Tribal Council at the Council's September meeting.


- Cherokee Boys Club




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Welcome Center gearing up for the Cherokee Indian Fair Parade

The Cherokee Indian Fair is just around the corner. Preparations are already in full swing, and the theme selected for this year's fair is "Living Cherokee Strong". The Cherokee Indian Fair parade will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 4 beginning at 4pm. Floats will begin to assemble at the Casino Parking Lot at 9am.

The route for the parade will start at the casino parking lot, taking a right onto Hwy 19 South through downtown Cherokee, crossing the bridge and turning right onto Hwy 441 North, crossing the bridge at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian and disbanding across from the Ginger Lynn Welch Building (for vehicles only), all floats will disband taking the route behind the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. A few rules include that all goodies must be handed out,



Photo by Kristy M. Herron/EBCI Communications

The Cherokee Friends lead out a past year's Cherokee Indian Fair Parade. This year's event is set for Tuesday, Oct. 4.

not thrown from floats. Once the parade is in motion, no one is to be jumping on or off floats or vehicles. Participants must wait until they reach the ending point of the parade. If you plan on riding a horse in the parade, the horse must be

diapered or you will have to have a mucker to follow the horse and immediately clean up and droppings.

To enter in the Fair parade, you or a representative from your organization must complete an application form and a photo liability

release and deliver it to the Cherokee Welcome Center at 498 Tsali Blvd. You may choose whether or not your float will be judged for competition on the form. For those floats being judged, two representatives must remain with the float when you arrive at the staging area until the judging process is over. Judging will begin promptly at 2:30 pm and all participants must be on the float at that time. A completed W-9 must also be completed by Wednesday, Sept. 28 for any float being judged. Prizes for the float contest are \$200 (3rd place), \$400 (2nd place), \$600 (1st place) and \$1500 (grand prize).

To be a part of the 2016 Cherokee Indian Fair Parade or to make inquiries, contact the Cherokee Welcome Center 359-6490/6491 or travel@nc-choerokee.com.

- Cherokee Welcome Center



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Beacon Point in Cherokee

"Beacon Point", a science-fiction thriller filmed in the Great Smoky Mountains with a story line that touches on Cherokee legends, premiered at the Cherokee Phoenix Theaters on Saturday, Aug. 12. Members of the cast, along with writer/director Eric Blue, were on hand to sign autographs, take photos, and share stories with the audience.



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The power of the blood (quantum)

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

“She’d always wanted me to marry a white woman and beget half-breed children who would marry white people who would beget quarter-bloods, and so on and so on, until simple mathematics killed the Indian in us.”

In the short story “Class” from Sherman Alexie’s book, “The Toughest Indian in the World” (2001, Grove Press), the fictional Native character, Edgar Eagle Runner, is referring to his mother. Eagle Runner has married a Caucasian woman and her family boycotted the wedding due their disdain for Native Americans. His Native mother, on the other hand, feels that life would be easier for her grandchildren if they “assimilated” into “white” society.

As codified in our law, we recognize the 1924 Baker Roll as our base record of initial blood degree of recognized members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. From the initial mention of your ancestors on that role, trickling down to you and me, is our Cherokee blood line. The numbers of “Full-blood” or Cherokee people who do not have any known non-Indian ancestors have been falling since the introduction of immigrants to the Americas.

Alexie, in his short story, points out the futility of determining Native rolls through blood quantum. Eventually, this way of documenting tribal affiliation will lead to the extinction of indigenous designations. As races intermingle, the ability to identify blood degree will become increasingly difficult. In addition to the thinning of Cherokee blood, there is the possibility of negligence or malfeasance in the keeping of tribal enrollment.

The question arose and the Tribe contracted to have an enrollment audit. That audit still goes on,

reportedly due to a failure to complete by the contractor, using our own enrollment staff to complete. No projected date of completion has been given. Questionable record keeping further complicates the process of using lineage and blood quantum as determinations of Native American heritage.

One school of thought favors DNA identification of heritage evaluation. I am sure you have seen the Ancestry.com commercials that claim that a person thought they were of German decent but wanted to be sure, so they sent their cheek swab to Ancestry.com to find out for sure. They find out that instead of primarily German, they are “mostly” Native American. One of the problems with DNA is that, so far, the markers in it will only provide general racial information. Those commercials never say that the person is Cherokee, Lakota, Seminole, etc., only that they are Native. If the technology is available to be that specific, it is extremely new and probably very expensive to use.

But, is blood the only determinant? What makes me and you Cherokee? Ask that question in the wrong place or way and a person could end up on the wrong end of a knife. The question of heritage is an emotional and volatile one. If anyone needs proof, all they need to do is check out the daily news. Protests, elections, civil unrest and wars are being predicated on race and heritage. And, the communities of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are no less passionate about their history and culture.

We recently asked in a One Feather poll what you thought make a person Cherokee. The answers were diverse. Some said blood; others language; a few history. A few said adherence to tradition. There were some people in the survey that said it is a combination of these things and others just said

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Poll Responses

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

Would you like to see the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians pursue the following six projects?

1. Retail development on the surface parking lot at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort
2. New hotel tower and convention center at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort
3. Water Adventure Park
4. Downtown Revitalization
5. Development of Guest Amenities at Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino and Hotel
6. Data Center

Danny Owl: We don't need another hotel tower. It stays only 70 percent full in the winter. There are never enough housekeepers as it is. Another tower would be a mistake.

Ashley Sessions: I really think a water park like The Wilderness would do amazing here but only if it would not be a part of the casino comp system. It would be good revenue for the Tribe and something for the youth also!

Janice Sutton: Why retail development on casino property? What about our people here who like to shop also? Are we only looking out for casino patronage? New hotel tower...and for what reason do we need this? We have enough hotels

here as it is! A Water Adventure Park would be nice as long as it is not connected with the casino and our families will have access. And, downtown revitalization? What are we trying to make it into...Cherokee/Handmade in China? Yes, if the casino is bringing in revenue, give them some amenities.

Tim Rattler: We don't need more rooms or casino...revitalization of down town...water park for children...stop spending and let the people have more than just our Tribal Council table crumbs.

Jamile Shaheen: Downtown revitalization for people who don't want to gamble and a Data Center to have a future...bringing in tech jobs to our nation and a better life.

Joshua Rory Welch: Yes, all of it sounds good. I think there should be an emergency meeting and approve sidewalks by the casino and replace the bulbs of the streetlights with high-visibility LED bulbs... add three more crosswalks with the street signs alerting motorists of the crosswalks with the flashing lights just so at least one more person doesn't get run over.

Trudy Crowe: Downtown has already been undergoing revitalization for years, but the problem is no one wants the TeePee and Pow Wow shop "fake Indian" type of merchandise. Bring in some new shops that appeal to everyone. No to a new hotel at Harrah's. We haven't seen benefits from the ones already here. Yes, a water park would be nice, but do we have the infrastructure in place and enough water resources? Yes, if we are to keep pace with technology, a data center will be useful. A retail de-

velopment is a great idea, but once again, can we leave Harrah's out of it? Cater to families again.

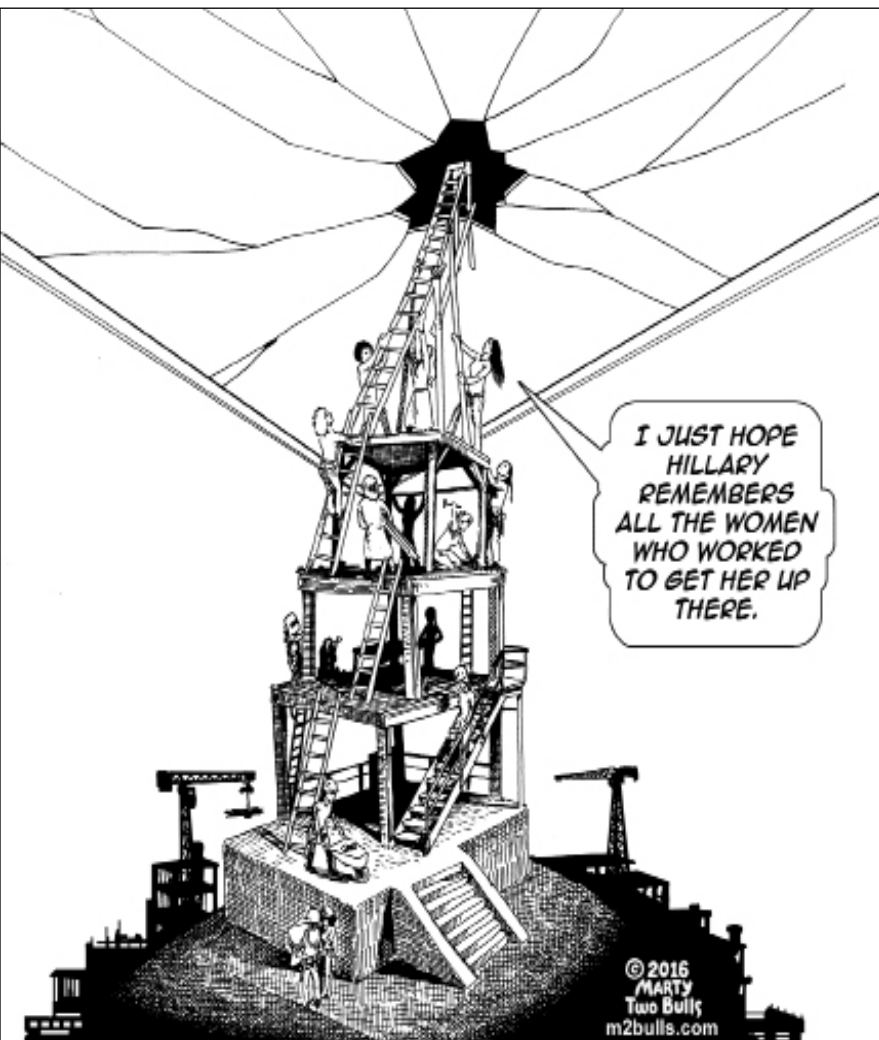
Adam Montelongo: It's too soon for any of that. We need more focus on our people first.

William Dover Jr.: I would rather see more growth of downtown and the rest of the Tribe...something to offer more employment opportunities for our people. I do not think a water park would be a good idea. It would not be something that would stay open all year unless it was something like a Great Wolf Lodge. We need to grow as an area to offer more than this so-called Indian arts and crafts that are made in China! Bring in more substantial employment and entertainment for our people. Everything does not have to be connected to the casino.

Terri Townsend: I would like to see our downtown revitalized. I believe it would bring in more visitors and improve our economy in this fashion. Beautification is naturally the first thing our vacationing folks look for. I think any eyesores such as the run down vacant motels need a facelift or need a backhoe...I realize it is very expensive. I've learned one thing in my cleaning business...sometimes you have to spend money, a budgeted amount, to make money.

Mark Couch: No more developing the area...just expand the use of the natural beauty of the area. Trails, school for kids to get more involved with the outdoors and how to live in it without leaving their trash up and down the riverbank.

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MORE POLL RESPONSES

Mollie Revis Robinson: (3) Water Park; a place for locals...(5) Guest amenities; a public pool area

Nathan Bush: Why so eager to spend millions on unimportant things when money could be spent on important things like getting Snowbird a new health building with dialysis? How about spending money on a good ER staff that won't stare at you when you're fighting for a breath of air? (There) are a lot more important things than another retail store or more hotel towers. I hope the ones not paying attention to the needs of the people get voted out next election.

Esther Barnes: (4) I was just home for a visit, and it's sad to see

downtown Cherokee looking a little rundown. I remember when summertime was full of tourists, and now I'm told it's not like that anymore. Cherokee is an amazingly beautiful area...updates are needed.

LeeAnn Coons: Revitalizing downtown should be a number one priority. A Data Center, in the long run, would definitely allow everyone an opportunity to be educated in a secure job field that is growing and needed. Investing more into the casino, while it might seem beneficial and warranted, for tourists if Cherokee itself is dilapidated will not have tourists wanting to return meaning the money spent would be wasted. The casino, while it is a major source of revenue, is not the only reason tourists come

and shouldn't be the only focus. If the very people are not happy with it's state, then why would we think outsiders would be visiting? I love visiting home, but the very reason I have not moved closer is because of the very real issues of the community lacking jobs, career development, and the idea of everything revolving around the casino is sad-denning....besides the drug issues.

Utsilugi Galanvdy: Get the Data Center. That will serve as a model for Indian Country. That will bring in jobs and significantly diversify the tribal portfolio. It will make major players (Fortune 500) in the business world very cognizant of the Tribe and could serve as incentive to do business with the Tribe. Why would we not be supportive of such an endeavor?

William Dossett: How about new homes for people living in old houses that are falling apart or a quicker turnaround for people wanting to put a new home on their own land?

Kerry Brady: A retail development project...people need to have somewhere to shop other than Walmart all the way in Waynesville. Not all of us are Walmart fans. Plus, our visitors would like to stay close to where they are vacationing without having to drive to nearby towns to shop. We need that revenue on the reservation. We need to bring stores that we drive all the way to Asheville to shop at. I drive to Sevierville. It's closer and a pleasant drive through our beautiful park.

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you just know that you are.

There are some who are very adamant that you are not Cherokee unless you are fluent in the language, which is a little concerning since the vast majority of us are not fluent in the language.

Our tribal government and law states that we are either tribal members or we are not, even though our enrollment office prints our blood degrees on our "Indian cards". Benefits, such as per capita, employment preference, medical/health care, and housing are provided equally to tribal members. If you are descended from a person appearing on the Baker Roll, have at least 1/16th Eastern Band blood

(for some 1/32nd) and have been officially verified, you are considered 100 percent enrolled. It is an all or nothing proposition.

Acceptance in the tribal community is a little different. You may be an "enrolled member" and not necessarily be accepted by the community. Roughly half of the members of the Tribe live on the Qualla Boundary, while the others are scattered throughout the United States and around the world. An example of the importance of community lies in the governance of the tribe itself. While there are two Tribal Council seats for each community on the Qualla Boundary, the population of tribal members who reside off the Boundary do not have direct representation. They still may vote in elections, but they

and their votes are tied to a particular community based on family relationship. Many of those who live on the Boundary form tight bonds based on a common history and lifestyle. From one generation to the next, our people pass on a tradition of pride in who we are as members of this special, unique culture. And, if you are member who has been away from the Boundary for a while, returning is a process that takes time and commitment to building or rebuilding communal bonds. Being Cherokee may depend on those relationships more than blood degree. As time progresses, it will be more and more difficult to define ourselves by blood quantum. In those days when the federal government

looked for ways to document and track Native Americans, there may have been some thought in their minds of using blood degree as another way to assimilate Indians into American society. History documents efforts to take away elements of culture, including language and to erase Native history. While the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and other tribes have gained the freedom and made efforts to restore and preserve tradition, history and culture, much has been lost and, because of the vastness of American culture and influence, the assimilation continues. Blood quantum as a basis for determining tribal affiliation, mathematically speaking, will also facilitate that process.

Church Events

Benefit Supper. Aug. 19 at 6pm at Whittier United Methodist Church. The proceeds will be used for the many local outreach ministries in which the church is involved. The menu is potluck and includes drinks and a dessert for \$6. Take out is available. Info: Gloria Nolan 497-2393

General Events

Swain County Democratic Party Whittier-Cherokee Precinct meeting. Aug. 18 at 5:30pm at Birdtown Gym. Candidates are invited to attend. Everyone is welcome. Agenda items will include preparing for November election and staffing Swain County Democratic headquarters.

Kid's Day at the Museum.

Aug. 20 from 9am – 5pm at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. The day will be filled with hands-on Cherokee activities for kids. Chunky game, blowgun shooting, pottery making, “rivercane mat” weaving using construction paper, and an exhibition stickball game by the Big Cove – Kolanvyi Youth Indian Ball Team. The game will start at 5:30pm, and everyone is invited to bring a “bet” for the game in the form of a back-to-school item (i.e. notebooks, paper, pencils, erasers, etc.).

Voter Registration Training.

Aug. 22 at 6pm at the Qualla Boundary Public Library. This is for anyone interested in training how to do voter registration for the county, state, and national

elections. Bring a pen and paper to take notes. Info: Mary Herr 497-9498, maryherr@dnet.net

Qualla Boundary Historical Society meeting. Aug. 23

at 6:30pm at Qualla Boundary Library. TJ Holland, EBCI Cultural Resources supervisor, will be discussing the Cultural Institutional Review Board which reviews projects submitted by researchers who want to conduct non-medical research with tribal members on EBCI lands. He will discuss the IRB's process, policies, and considerations involved in reviewing applications submitted by potential researchers. Info: Robin Swayney 497-6725 or Mary Wachacha 497-5350

Indianpreneurship: A Native American Journey into Small Business. Aug. 23 – Sept. 20 on Tuesdays from 6-9pm. \$65 includes the book. Learn what it takes to start and run a business. This course will help you develop your skills, create a mission statement, lay out business goals, and build a master plan. Register at: <http://bit.ly/Indianpreneurship-Fall-2016>. Info: Sabrina S. Arch 359-6708 or Kim Winchester-Rosario 359-6719

Cherokee Native American Divine Healing Conference. Aug. 25-28 from 10am – 7pm at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Meetings will be daily in the auxiliary build-

ing and the amphitheater. This event is free and open to everyone. Info: www.speaktothemountain.net

Raymond Jackson, Furman Wilson, and Emma Garrett Memorial Brush Arbor Gospel Singing. Aug. 26-27 at 7pm nightly at Jacob Cornsilk Community Center in Snowbird at the Singing Grounds. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

Summer Bingo. Aug. 31 at 1:30pm at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. This event is being sponsored by Principal Chief Patrick Lambert. Everyone will receive two Bingo cards. If you bring something for the pantry

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| WATERSHED | STOCKING | PRODUCTIVITY | ACTIVE SPECIES | HATCHES | FLY/BAIT |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Tuckaseegee River | Hatchery Supported Regulations | Good | Rainbow, brook, brown trout, smallmouth bass | Light Cahill, Caddis-Brown & Grey, Sulphurs, Yellow and Green Stone Fly | No restrictions, Light Cahill, Yellow Sallies, Comparadun Sulphur, Goddard Caddis Little Green Stonefly, Prince Nymph, Pheasant Tails Nymphs, Streamer Patterns |
| Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers | Not stocking, all wild brown trout and catch and release | Good | Rainbow trout and brown trout | Caddis, Sulphurs, Light Cahill, Yellow Stonefly | Caddis Patterns various colors, Light Cahill, Parachute Adams, Stimulator, Yellow Sally, Prince Nymph, Hares Ear Nymph, Pheasant Tail Nymphs, Stone Fly Nymphs |
| Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams | Follow posted regulations- wild trout | Good. Best early morning and late evening. | Rainbow, Brown and Appalachian Brook Trout | Yellow & Green Stoneflies, Light Cahill, Caddis, Yellow May Fly, Green Drake, Sulphurs | Light Cahill, Yellow Sally, Little Green Stonefly, Jim Charlie, Comparadun Sulphur, Charlie Whopper, Yellow Palmer, Adam Variant, Grey Fox, Tellico Nymph, Stick Bit, Pheasant Tail & Hares Ear Nymphs, Ants & beetles |

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| MONDAY, AUG. 15 | TUESDAY, AUG. 16 | WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17 | THURSDAY, AUG. 18 | FRIDAY, AUG. 19 | SATURDAY, AUG. 20 | SUNDAY, AUG. 21 |
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at the Cherokee Children's Home, you can get two additional cards. Items needed include canned goods, toiletries, or other household items. There will be a four card limit.

Cherokee Rally for Recovery. Sept. 13 from 3-7pm at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Free family event, free food, guest speakers, music, raffles, giveaways, and bouncy houses. On-going AA, NA, Nar Anon meetings. Information on resources and services from local organizations will also be available. 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.

Upcoming Pow Wows for Aug. 17-21

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.

98th Annual Crow Fair Pow Wow & Parade Celebration. Aug. 17-22 in Crow Agency, Mont. Emcees: Thomas Morning Owl, Burton Pretty On Top, Chris Parrish, Kasey Nicholson, Charles Moran, Sargie Old Horn. Host Drums: Young Spirit, Young Bear. Local Host Drum: Yellow Eagle. Info: (406) 679-2108

212th Annual Umonhon Hede-wachi Pow Wow. Aug. 18-21 at Omaha Nation in Macy, Neb. Emcees: Mitch "Chiefie" Parker, Clifford Wolfie. Head Southern Singer: Jason Sheridan. Info:



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Members of the NAIWA (North American Indian Women's Association) Cherokee Chapter hosted the annual Blueberry Festival on Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds.

Venetia Wolfe (402) 837-5728, v_wolfepk@yahoo.com

Annual Pow Wow & Hand Game Tournament. Aug. 19-21 in Towaoc, Colo. Info: (800) 258-8007

22nd Annual Sacramento Contest Pow Wow. Aug. 19-21 in Sacramento, Calif. MC: Tom Phillips Sr. Host Southern: Red Buffalo. Info: (916) 804-7326, wailaki10@comcast.net

50th Annual Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Traditional Pow Wow. Aug. 19-21 at Iskigamizigun Pow Wow Grounds in Onamia, Minn. Emcees: Amik Gahbow, Pete Gahbow. Co-Host Drums: Timber Trails, Pipestone. Info: Tony Pike (320) 980-5367, Carla Big Bear (320) 362-0862

Muckleshoot 40th Annual Skopabsh Pow Wow. Aug. 19-21 at Muckleshoot Pow Wow Grounds in Auburn, Wash. Info: (253) 876-3327, grant.timentwa@muckleshoot.nsn.us

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Annual Wacipi. Aug. 19-21 at SMSC Wacipi Grounds in Shakopee, Minn. Emcees: Wallace Coffey, Ruben Little Head. Host Drums: Northern Cree, Iron Boy. Invited Drums: Midnite Express, Young Bear, The Boyz, Cree Confederation, Maza Kute, Cozad, Young Bucks, Sizzortail, Mato Pejuta, Yung Bux. Info: (952) 445-8900, social@shakopeedakota.org, www.smscwacipi.org

34th Annual Traditional Fall Pow Wow. Aug. 20-21 at Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Ind. Sandy Maddox (765) 453-9025, maddox.s@comcast.net

Roasting Ears of Corn 36th Annual Festival. Aug. 20-21 at Museum of Indian Culture in Allentown, Penn. MC: George Stonefish. Host Drum: Youngblood. Guest Drum: White Buffalo. Info: (610) 797-2121, www.museumofindianculture.org

5th Annual Honoring our

Veterans Pow Wow. Aug. 20-21 at Shelby County Fairgrounds in Sidney, Ohio. MC: Aaron Stevens. Host Drum: Southern Singers. Other Drum: Chaske Hotain. Info: George Reiter (513) 375-5186, george_j_reiter@yahoo.com

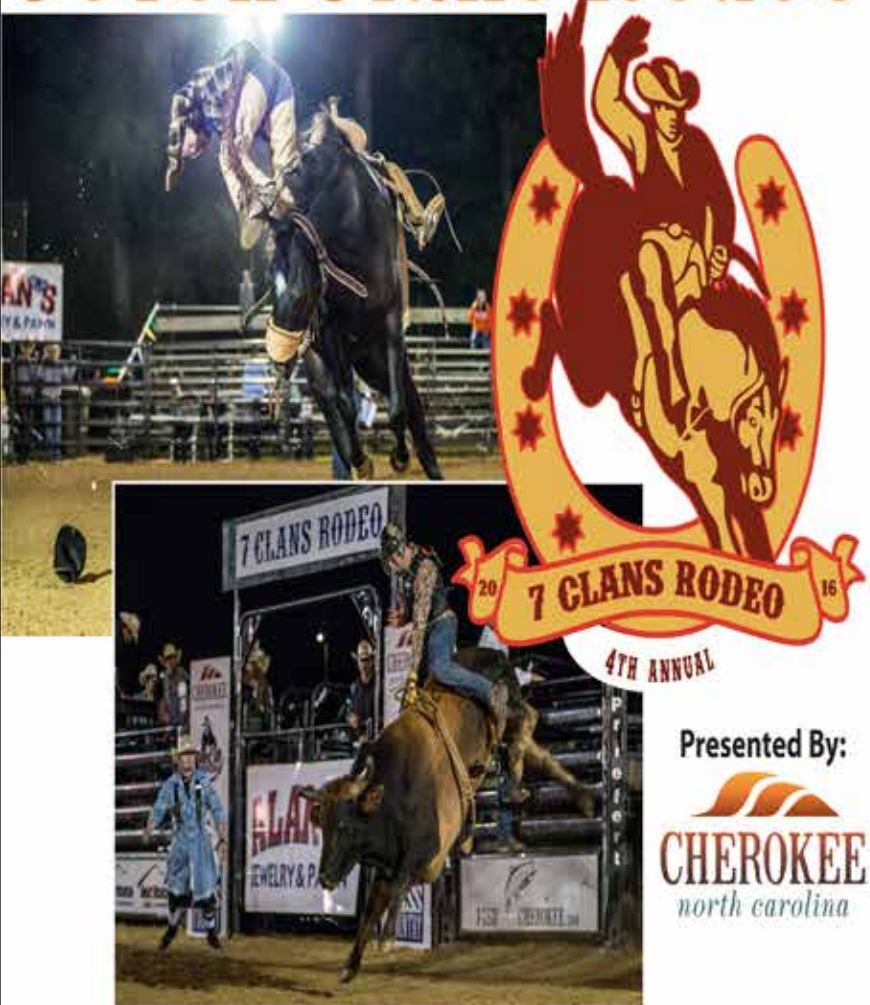
Ongoing Events

VFW Bingo. Every Tuesday at the Governor's Island VFW. Early bird at 5:30pm, regular games at 7pm. Info: Billy Whitt 488-3547

AA and NA meetings in Cherokee. Nar-Anon (family support): Mondays at 6pm at Church of Christ. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): Tuesdays at 7pm at Cherokee Indian Hospital (CIH), Saturdays at 10am at CIH conference room. Narcotics Anonymous (NA): Mondays at 8pm at CIH, Thursdays at 8pm at CIH, Fridays at 7pm at CIH conference room

Elvis Museum is now open on Hwy 19 (2289 Wolftown Road). New hours 11 am to 3 pm Tuesday-Saturday.

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

Closing August 19, 2016 @ 4 pm

1. Education Supervisor - Education & Training (\$41,082-\$51,353)
2. Family Safety Supervisor - Family Safety (\$49,200-\$61,500)
3. Family Services Manager (Re-Advertisement) - Qualla Boundary HS & EHS (\$37,474-\$46,843)
4. Cook (Re-Advertisement) - Qualla Boundary HS & EHS (\$23,616 - \$29,520)
5. Cook Aide - Qualla Boundary HS & EHS (\$19,598 - \$24,498)
6. Teacher Assistant (5 positions)- Qualla Boundary HS & EHS (\$21,484-\$26,855)
7. Teacher (2 positions) - Qualla Boundary HS & EHS (\$28,372-\$35,465)
8. Housekeeper I - Housekeeping (\$21,484-\$26,855)
9. Youth Development Professional- CYC (\$21,484-\$26,855)
10. Stock Clerk - Tribal Commodities (\$31,078 - \$38,848)

Closing August 26, 2016 @ 4 pm

1. Assistant Manager- EMS (\$49,200-\$61,500)
2. Youth Development Professional- CYC (\$21,484-\$26,855)
3. Maintenance Utility- Facility Management (\$23,616 - \$29,520)
4. Business Assistant- Cherokee Life-Wellness (\$21,484-\$26,855)
5. Domestic Violence Intake Technician- DV (\$25,830 - \$32,288)
6. Environmental Compliance Specialist- Natural Resources (\$37,474-\$46,843)
7. Certification/Eligibility Specialist- Tribal Commodities (\$28,372-\$35,465)

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1. Patrol Officers - CIPD (\$34,112 - \$42,640)
2. Detention Officer - Detention Services (\$31,078 - \$38,848)
3. Part Time- Paramedic - Tribal EMS (\$34,112 - \$42,640)
4. RN Supervisor - Tsali Care (\$49,200 - \$61,500)
5. Cook Aide - Tsali Care Center (\$19,598 - \$24,498)
6. RN - Tsali Care Center (\$45,018 - \$56,273)
7. C.N.A. - Tsali Care Center (\$23,616 - \$29,520)
8. Accounting Coordinator II - Finance (\$41,082 - \$51,353)
9. Academy Curriculum Developer - KPEP (\$41,082 - \$51,353)
10. Language Specialist Assistant - KPEP (\$25,830 - \$32,288)
11. Language Specialist - KPEP (\$31,078 - \$38,848)
12. Family Partnership/Lead Teacher - KPEP (\$34,112 - \$42,640)
13. Early Childhood Language Specialist - KPEP (\$31,078 - \$38,848)
14. Internal Auditor (3 positions) - Internal Audit (\$41,082-\$51,353)

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EMPLOYMENT

NATURAL RESOURCES (FISHERIES) -INTERNSHIP

The EBCI Natural Resources Department is seeking a youth intern to assist in performing a variety of duties related to the trout fishing program. EBCI tribal members (under 26 years of age) that have a demonstrated interest and aptitude for professional growth in fisheries science are encouraged to apply. The intern will be paid a bi-weekly stipend in addition to gaining professional development experience. Please contact Mike LaVoie at (828) 359-6113 or email michlavo@nc-chokeee.com for additional information. **8/25**

THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

FT NETWORK – VOIP ADMINISTRATOR
FT CERTIFIED MEDICAL CODER
FT LPN / OPD
FT CMA / OPD

Applications and job descriptions are available at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Human Resources Office, Monday – Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm. For more information please call 828 497-9163 and ask for Teresa Carvalho, Sheila Brown or Sherrene Swayney. These positions will close on August 19, 2016 @ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and the original CIHA job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **8/18pd**

Director of the Cherokee Center

Western Carolina University invites applications for a new director for the WCU Cherokee Center, an office for outreach and partnership

development established in Cherokee, North Carolina, in 1980. The directorship is a critical position responsible for bridging activities between the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and WCU. The Director has primary responsibility for implementation of the Cherokee Center's Strategic Plan, which was developed jointly with community members from both the EBCI and WCU. The Director will also focus on recurring themes of recruitment and mentorship of EBCI members enrolled or desiring to enroll at WCU. The Director will work closely with other departments on campus including but not limited to Cherokee Studies, Health Sciences, Grants and Contracts, Admissions, Student Affairs and Educational Outreach.

Other Essential Responsibilities Include:

- Identify, organize and partner to offer training, workshops, and classes to Cherokee students (middle and high school), university/college bound students, parents, teachers, community members, and businesses
- Participate in and support the university's 2020 strategic direction to build and sustain consistent celebrations of Cherokee history, language, culture and traditions
- Promote services of the Cherokee Center to the EBCI Community
- Promote services of the Cherokee Center to the WCU Community
- Represent WCU at EBCI functions
- Facilitate collaborative research opportunities
- Seek grants that support the mission and vision of the University and the Cherokee Center.

Essential qualifications include superior communication skills and an ability to work effectively with diverse constituencies internal and

external to WCU. Facilitation and collaboration skills are also critical. Documented experience in achieving desirable outcomes through a multi-organizational team approach is vital. The successful candidate must exhibit evidence of exemplary leadership in supporting and facilitating strategic initiatives, and excellent management, supervisory, and budgetary skills. Experience in obtaining and managing external funding is desirable.

Minimum Qualifications

Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution. At least five years of experience in facilitating programs and projects and managing personnel and budgets.

Preferred Qualifications

Master's degree from a regionally accredited institution. Demonstrated experience working with native communities.

The Director of the Cherokee Center is a permanent, 12-month, EHRA (Exempt from the Human Resources Act), non-faculty position; expected hiring salary range is \$51,234-\$52,886, commensurate with qualifications and experience. The Cherokee Center reports directly to the Provost. Target start date for the director is on or before October 1, 2016.

All applications must be made online. Please follow links from <http://jobs.wcu.edu/postings/5181> to access the online application. You will be required to attach a letter of application that addresses the listed job qualifications, resume and names and telephone numbers of three references.

Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Western Carolina University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified ap-

plicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, and veteran status, consistent with applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, and policies, and the policies of The University of North Carolina. Additionally, the University promotes the realization of equal employment opportunity for minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and veterans through its affirmative action program. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in the application and interview process please call (828) 227-7218 or email at jobs@email.wcu.edu.

For more information, contact Brett Riggs at 828-227-2443 or bhrriggs@wcu.edu. **9/1pd**

THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

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PTI PHYSICAL THERAPIST

Applications and job descriptions are available at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Human Resources Office, Monday – Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm. For more information please call 828 497-9163

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and ask for Teresa Carvalho, Sheila Brown or Sherrene Swayney. These positions will close on August 26, 2016 @ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and the original CIHA job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **8/25pd**

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
DEPARTMENT MANAGER
RAY KINSLAND LEADERSHIP
INSTITUTE**

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the Cherokee Preservation Foundation under the general oversight of the Cherokee Boys Club General Manager and Cherokee Boys Club Board of Directors).
OPENING DATE: August 17, 2016
CLOSING DATE: August 31, 2016
Job Requirements: Must have an advanced degree in Business Administration, Social Sciences or related field. Experience required in leadership and management, grant writing, programming, philanthropy, higher education, supervision, or community and economic development. Must have knowledge of Cherokee history, culture and core leadership values.

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

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

Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. **8/25pd**

Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort is seeking NC Licensed Massage Therapists and Licensed Cosmetologists to meet our growing business demand! Also seeking energetic individuals for the following hourly positions: Male Host, Female Host. 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. **8/18pd**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File Nos.: EST 09-051; EST 08-022; EST 07-035; EST 06-051; EST 09-038; EST 09-014; EST 10-010; & EST 06-003.

In the Matter of the Estates of:
Anthony Allen (d. 8/15/2009);
Bonnie Burgess (d. 8/15/2009);
Golinda Hill (d. 6/3/2007); Rachel Hill (d. 7/29/2006); Dorothy Smith (d. 7/3/2009); Richard Franklin Youngdeer (d. 1/16/2009);
Richard Irvin Youngdeer (d. 6/16/2009); & Wayne Wolfe (d. 1/1/2006).

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

Courtroom 1, EBCI Justice Center
August 18th, 2016 at 1:30pm

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 16-047

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Carroll Crowe**

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: October 26, 2016
Margaret M. Crowe, 201 John Crowe Road, Cherokee, NC 28719.
8/18pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 16-050

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Juanita W. Hornbuckle**

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

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

Date to submit claims: Nov. 18, 2016

Kurt Stewart, 46 Wa-Lel-La Drive, Cherokee, NC 28719. **9/8pd**

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Request for Proposals

The Cherokee Tribal Court seeks competitive proposals for a Juvenile Public Defender on a contractual basis. These services will be paid on a contractual basis from the Cherokee Tribal Court.

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

1. Name and contact information.
2. Copies of certifications
3. Relevant work experience

Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before August 26, 2016 will receive priority over later submissions. Please mail or fax proposals to Donna Toineeta-Lossiah, Court Administrator, Post Office Box 1629, Cherokee, NC 28719. Fax 828-359-0012.

This a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The Cherokee Tribal Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **8/25pd**

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Advertisement for Bids

Cherokee Enterprises, Inc., an Equal Opportunity Employer, is soliciting subcontractor and material proposals for the Snowbird Recovery Center from certified TERO vendors. This phase of work generally consists of survey, clearing and grubbing, grading, excavating, paving, site improvements, trucking and site utilities. All proposals should be in our office by Monday, August 1, 2016 at 1 p.m. Proposals can be mailed or faxed to our office, 828-497-5566. Project plans and specifications can be viewed at our office located at 1371 Acquoni Road in Cherokee, N.C. with prior appointment. Workers compensation, auto, and general liability insurance are required

from all subcontractors. Bonding may be required of sub-contractors dependent upon the size of the submitted scope and in accordance with the owner's requirements. Please contact our office at 828-497-5617 with questions or for additional information. **8/28pd**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Qualla Housing Authority (QHA), an Indian Housing Authority, with offices in Cherokee, North Carolina is soliciting proposals from independent auditors to perform a comprehensive financial and compliance audit of its financial statements as required under the Single Audit Act. This audit will be performed on the fiscal year October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016 with the option of extending the contract for one to two years. The

following program accounts will be included in this audit:

- * 265 Mutual Help homeowner units
- * 144 Conventional rental units
- * 25 HOME Units
- * 325 Mortgage/Rehab Loans

This audit is to be conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the requirements of the applicable HUD Audit Guide and other HUD handbooks. Prime considerations in selecting the best proposal will include, but not be limited to, the auditors' previous experience in conducting PHA/IHA audits, and the auditors capacity to conduct such audits, including those involved with automated accounting systems.

In addition, preference will be given to those auditors who qualify under the Indian Self Determini-

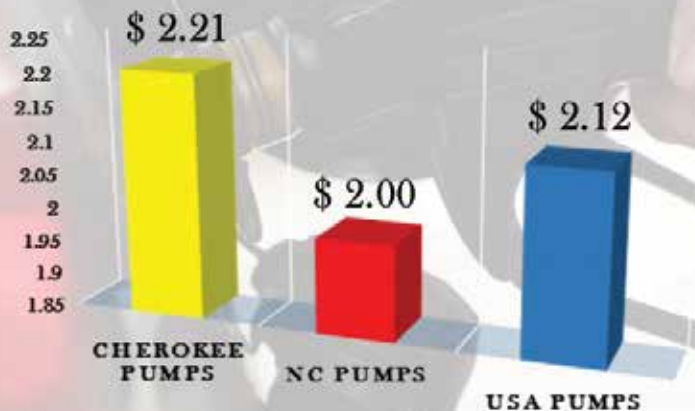
nation and Education Assistance Act which requires that, to the greatest extent feasible (1) preference and opportunity for training and employment shall be given to American Indians and (2) preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to American Indian organizations and American Indian-owned economic enterprises.

All qualified auditors presenting a proposal must present appropriate proof of insurance and be licensed to conduct audits in the State of North Carolina. Selection of an auditor shall be in accordance with QHA procurement policy and HUD regulations regarding PHA/IHA entities. In addition, QHA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to waive any irregularities in this Request for

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Proposal.

Proposals should be submitted to Charlene Owle, Housing Director, Qualla Housing Authority, P. O. Box 1749, Cherokee, NC 28719. Proposals will be accepted up to 4:00 p.m., September 23, 2016. Proposals received after this time and date will be rejected. **9/15pd**

Request for Proposals General Notice

Qualla Housing Authority is requesting proposals from all interested qualified subcontractors for Construction Services and labor for Qualla Housing Authority Rentals and Properties on the Cherokee Indian Reservation, (Swain, Jackson, Graham and Cherokee Counties). Proposals Due Date: August 26, 2016
Qualla Housing Authority Bid

Packages include:

HVAC on Call Services, Plumbing and Plumbing on Call Services, Electrical and Electrical on Call, Services, Licensed Carpentry, Dry-wall, Lawn Services, Pest Control, Fire Extinguisher/Inspections/, Sales/Services, Porta Jon Services, HVAC Preventive Maintenance, Service, Sprinkler Monitoring Services, HVAC TSALAGI, Siding/Gutters TSALAGI

Bid Packages can be picked up at the QHA Main Office located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee North Carolina 28719, QHA Warehouse 2234 Old Mission road, Cherokee or electronically by emailing to henrmcco@nc-choerokee.com ask for proposal. Contractor License or State License will be required for some of the trades. Workers compensation, auto, and

general liability are required for all contractors. Qualla Housing Authority is an equal opportunity employer. Qualla Housing is a Drug Free Workplace. Please be advised that Indian Preference (as defined by the Tribal Employment Rights Office) applies for this contract. **8/25pd**

Request for Proposals General Notice

Qualla Housing Authority is requesting proposals from all interested qualified subcontractors for Propane Gas Services and labor for Qualla Housing Authority Rentals and Properties on the Cherokee Indian Reservation, (Swain, Jackson, Graham and Cherokee Counties). Proposals Due Date: September 9, 2016
Qualla Housing Authority Bid

Packages include:

- Supply Propane Gas to approximately one hundred and fifty units
- Propane Gas on Call Services

Bid Packages can be picked up at the QHA Main Office located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee North Carolina 28719 or electronically by emailing to macebrad@nc-choerokee.com or charowle@nc-choerokee.com ask for proposal. Contractor License or State License will be required. Workers compensation, auto, and general liability are required for all contractors. Qualla Housing Authority is an equal opportunity employer. Qualla Housing is a Drug Free Workplace.

Please be advised that Indian Preference (as defined by the Tribal Employment Rights Office) applies for this contract. **8/25pd**

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**32nd Annual
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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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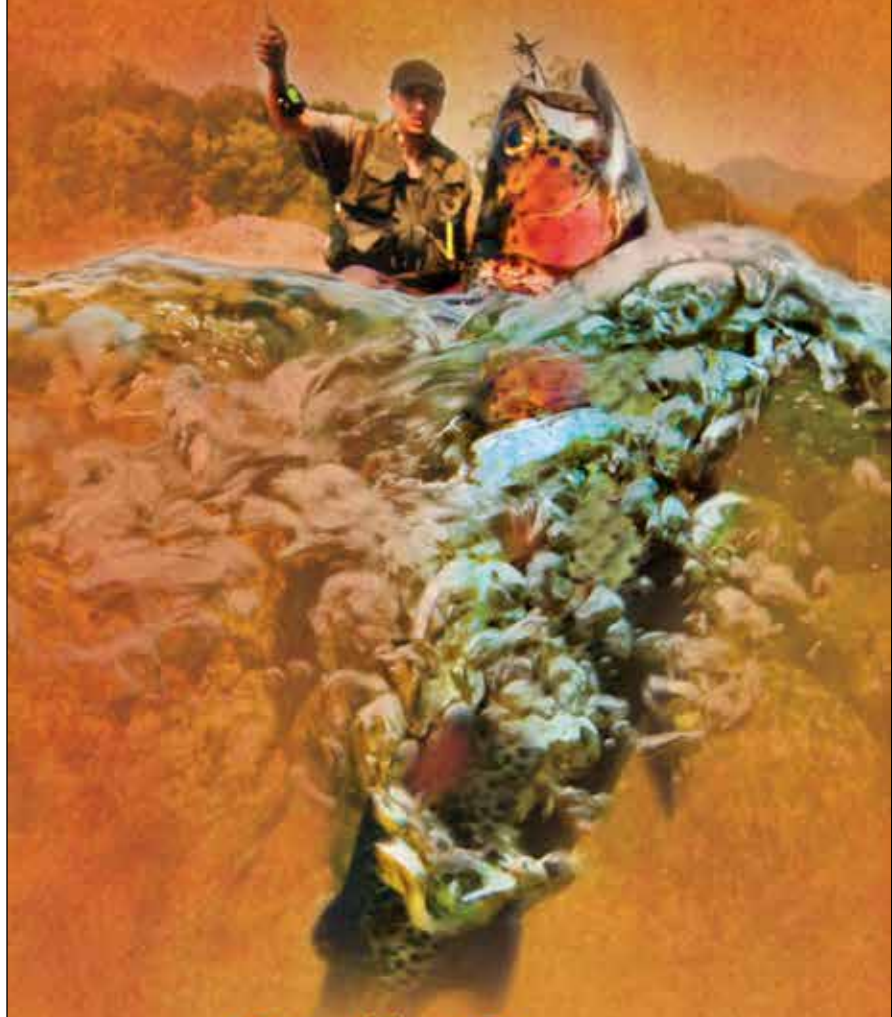
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