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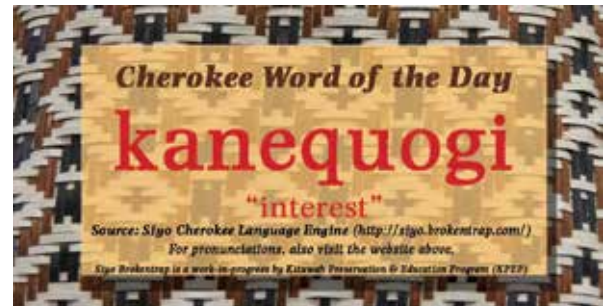
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The Frog Swallowed the Sun

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Cherokee watches frog swallow the sun



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TOTAL: The photo above shows a rare solar eclipse at totality on Monday, Aug. 21. Hundreds gathered for the Cherokee Cultural Eclipse Celebration at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on Monday, Aug. 21.

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

The frog swallowed the sun in Cherokee on the afternoon of Monday, Aug. 21 as a rare total solar eclipse was visible. According to greatamerican-eclipse.com, the next total solar eclipse will not occur in North America until April 8, 2024, but Cherokee is not in the path of that totality.

Hundreds of people gathered at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on Monday for the Cherokee Cultural Eclipse Celebration. The event featured storytellers Mike Crowe and Jarrett Wildcatt, the Warriors of Anikituwah, a northern-plains drum group from Cherokee known as Thunder Bear Singers, and several bands.

Crowe told the Cherokee traditional story of “The Frog Swallowing the Sun” which explains the eclipse. As told, after the frog swallows the sun, people must make noise to drive the frog away so the sun will return. Participants in Monday’s celebration used rattles, drums, and other noise-makers to help drive out the frog.

Russell Morgan came from Chevy Chase, Md. for the event. He used a special filter he made to view the rare eclipse

through his binoculars. “It was a cool place,” he said of Cherokee. “We wanted to come down here because we thought it’d be different and it definitely is.”

The eclipse reached totality, which was only visible in 12 states from North Carolina to Oregon, around 2:35pm. The Fairgrounds went from a bright, sunny day to dusk, and totality lasted a little more than two minutes. Then, the frog was driven out and the sunlight returned.

Glen Blumhorst, president and chief executive officer, of the National Peace Corps Association, came to Cherokee for the event with a small group of fellow Peace Corps volunteers. “We came down from the Washington, DC and Maryland area. We wanted to come here to see what was going on with Native Americans. We went to the Museum and were very interested to see the program here.”

He added, “We also wanted to be where it would be totally dark. We’re in the thick of it here. We were going to have 85 percent up in the Washington, DC area. We wanted to be in totality. It’s a beautiful drive and beautiful country down here. I really love it.”

Angel Buitron, from Forest City, came to the event with her children. She summed up the eclipse in one word, “Awesome!”



WATCHING: Bo Taylor, a member of the Warriors of Anikituwah, views the early stages of the total solar eclipse during the Cherokee Cultural Eclipse Celebration at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on Monday, Aug. 21.



INGENIOUS: Cole Witt, of Tazewell, Va., came up with a unique way of keeping his solar eclipse glasses held firmly in place.



VIEWING: Twins Heather Hussey and Andrea Hussey, from Asheboro, enjoy the eclipse as it nears totality.



FILTER: Russell Morgan, of Chevy Chase, Md., uses a special filter he made to view the progression of Monday's total solar eclipse through his binoculars.



GLASSES: Lola Swimmer, of Cherokee, wears glasses given out at the event to safely view the progression of the eclipse.

Court of Appeals overturns ruling in Bear Zoo case

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals has overturned a lower court's decision in a case involving bears kept at the Cherokee Bear Zoo in downtown Cherokee. It will now be sent back to District Court for further review. The plaintiffs in the case are Peggy Hill and Amy Walker, both EBCI tribal elders.

"This ruling is a win for the four grizzly bears kept in the archaic and virtually barren concrete pits at the Cherokee Bear Zoo and for the Endangered Species Act, which provides vital protection for these threatened animals held in captiv-

ity," the Coalition for the Cherokee Bears said in a statement following the ruling. "These grizzly bears should be exploring a vast, natural, habitat at a reputable wildlife sanctuary and not begging for food from tourists from their pits. The Fourth Circuit's ruling brings them one step closer to this goal."

James S. Whitlock, an attorney with Davis & Whitlock, P.C. in Asheville, argued the case before the Fourth Circuit Court on behalf of the plaintiffs (appellants in this instance). He told the One Feather, "We are very pleased with the Fourth Circuit's opinion and, of course, are very happy that they saw things our way; in particular, the issue on the interpretation of

the definition of harass as applied to captive wildlife. That was the basis for our appeal, and I'm very pleased for the plaintiffs, Ms. Hill and Ms. Walker, and potentially for the bears depending on how things play out moving forward."

While happy with the decision, Whitlock said there is much work to be done. "This is not a victory yet. It's certainly a step back in the right direction. We'll have to see how things unfold. We remain committed to doing what we initially set out to do and that's to have the four grizzly bears removed from the pits."

A request for comment from Mark Melrose, an attorney with Melrose Law, PLLC in Waynesville, who represented the defendants (appellees) was not returned by press time.

The case was argued on March 24 before Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals Judges Henry Franklin Floyd and Pamela Harris and John Preston Bailey, U.S. District Court Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia. Their decisions were released on Monday, Aug. 14.

Judge Floyd wrote in his opinion, which was joined by Judge Harris, plaintiffs Hill and Walker, both EBCI tribal elders, brought suit against the Zoo following a visit in 2013 that they described as an "inhumane setting".

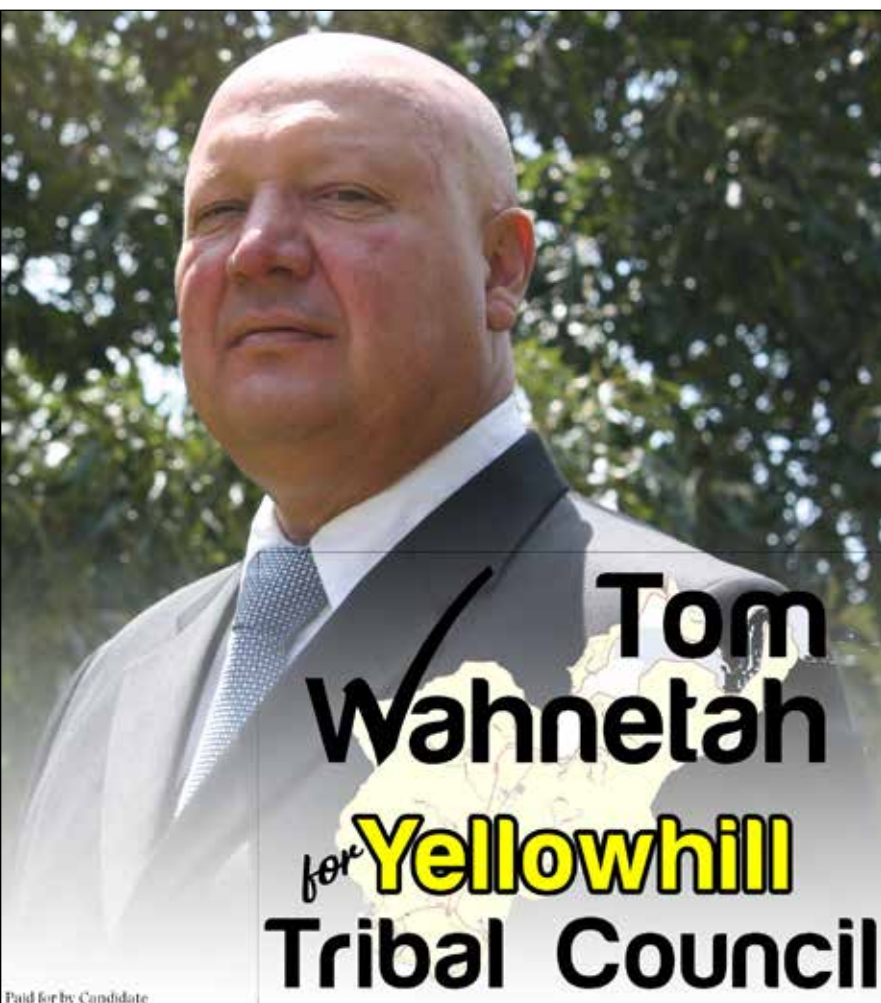
He wrote, "In response, Plaintiffs brought the instant suit against the Zoo, claiming that the Zoo's allegedly poor maintenance of its bears constitutes an unlawful taking proscribed by the Endangered Species Act. The District Court approved of Plaintiff's standing to bring their suit, and found that the

four subject bears were grizzly bears protected by the ESA. The court nonetheless concluded that the manner in which the Zoo maintains its bears – although 'archaic,' (Hill v. Coggins, No. 2:13-cv-47) – does not amount to an unlawful taking."

Judge Floyd went on to write, "We affirm the District Court's rulings in favor of Plaintiffs on the issues of standing and the subject bears' status as protected grizzly bears. We conclude, however, that the court's ruling against Plaintiffs on the issue of whether the Zoo is committing an unlawful taking was premised on incorrect legal analysis. We therefore vacate that ruling and remand this case for further proceedings."

In discussing the District Court's initial ruling, Judge Floyd wrote, "After examining the relevant regulations, the court concluded that the Zoo's manner of maintaining its bears did not – for ESA purposes – harm or harass the bears, and by extension did not subject the bears to a taking. Of note, the court based its conclusion that the Zoo did not harass its bears entirely on its determination that the Zoo's animal husbandry practices complied with applicable standards under the Animal Welfare Act. The court explicitly declined to consider whether the Zoo's practices complied with 'generally accepted' animal husbandry practices, despite language in the relevant regulation referencing a 'generally accepted' standard."

Judge Bailey wrote a dissenting opinion in which he affirmed the District Court's judgement. "The prohibition on 'take' means that it



is unlawful 'to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. In particular, the term 'harm' refers to 'an act which actually kills or injures wildlife...'

He added, "When applied to captive animals, the definition for 'harass' does not include the 'generally accepted' practices of animal husbandry, breeding, or aspects of veterinary care."

Judge Bailey went on to write, "The District Court was correct in its conclusion of law that according to the plain language of 50 C.F.R. 17.3, an exhibitor's husbandry practices which comply with the minimum standards for facilities and care under the AWA fall outside the definition of 'harassment' as set forth in the ESA and

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in concluding that 'only when the exhibitor's practices fail to meet the minimum standards established by the Animal Welfare Act can such practices constitute 'harassment' of a captive endangered or threatened species.'

In recent years, the bears have been discussed by leaders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Last year, then-Principal Chief Patrick Lambert submitted legislation (Ord. No. 116 - 2016), which was

later withdrawn, that would ban the confinement of bears in a pit or any underground enclosures.

In addressing his legislation in April 2016, he noted, "This Ordinance gets to the heart of what I think, and a lot of members feel, is a cruel and inhumane treatment of animals. Twenty years ago, when these concrete pits were created, no one really thought anything about it, but times change."

During that same discussion,

Collette Coggins, owner of the Cherokee Bear Zoo, stated, "When we built the business 24 years ago downtown, we built it to, actually, the Tribe's standards. I've had people come up here and make allegations that we've been cited, that we've had fines, and we've had none of it. We're regulated by the USDA. We've always been regulated by the USDA."

For more than four years, Coggins has proposed the idea of opening an animal sanctuary, but she's related on numerous occasions that she will need a different parcel of land as expansion at her current site is not possible. "I've come to Council with three different pieces of property and been denied all three times for absolutely no reason," she stated during the discussion in April 2016.

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Chief Sneed vetoes “Power to the People” legislation

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Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed has vetoed the Power to the People program (Res. No. 544 – 2017) which he estimates would have cost the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians a total of more than \$57 million over the next 10-year span. After several months of being tabled and a work session, Tribal Council passed the legislation authorizing the program on Thursday, July 6 by a vote of 51 for, 31 against, 6 abstain, and 12 absent.

In a three-page veto letter to Tribal Council Chairman Bill Taylor, dated Tuesday, Aug. 1, Chief Sneed wrote, “First, no plan was implementation of this resolution was presented. Because the implementation of the proposed program falls within my purview, I feel it is imperative to have an assessment of the needs of our seniors and to have a real cost of this program. My primary responsibility is to provide responsible stewardship of all tribal assets. Second, upon consideration of this resolution, it was determined that the cost of this resolution is considerable, an estimated at nearly \$4.2 million per year. If that cost was calculated over the next ten years with an aging population, that total would be more than \$57 million.”

He added, “Our Tribe is committed to helping our senior citizens and that commitment is expressed in the \$14 million currently budgeted for tribal services which includes programs specifically for senior citizens.”

The actual veto was signed on

Table 5. Projected *Power to the People* expense over the next 10 years

Year	# Of Qualified	Formula Yearly total of: Power Bill + W&S Bill	Total
2017	2267	\$3,264,480 + \$952,140	\$4,198,620
2018	2444	\$3,519,360 + \$1,026,480	\$4,545,840
2019	2628	\$3,784,320 + \$1,103,760	\$4,888,080
2020	2809	\$4,044,960 + \$1,179,780	\$5,224,740
2021	2993	\$4,309,920 + \$1,257,060	\$5,566,980
2022	3180	\$4,579,200 + \$1,335,600	\$5,914,800
2023	3373	\$4,857,120 + \$1,416,660	\$6,273,780
2024	3548	\$5,094,720 + \$1,485,960	\$6,580,680
2025	3713	\$5,346,720 + \$1,559,460	\$6,906,180
2026	3873	\$5,577,120 + \$1,626,660	\$7,203,780
Estimated Projected Summation for 10 years			\$57,303,480

An estimation of program costs for the Power to the People initiative as found in the veto letter from Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed.

July 25.

According to information included in the veto, Tribal Enrollment reported that as of July 25, there were 2,137 EBCI tribal members who would qualify for the program. Table 5 of the veto shows the Projected Power to the People expense over the next 10 years and estimates that in 2017 the total would be \$4,198,620. Using Tribal Housing H.E.L.P. senior growth figures, Chief Sneed estimates that the number of qualified individuals will grow to 3,873 by 2026 for a total of \$7,203,780 that year.

The Power to the People legislation (Res. No. 544) was originally submitted in April by then-Principal Chief Patrick Lambert. The resolution states in part, “Many elders struggle to pay their monthly bills and are faced with the difficult choice of paying certain bills, while leaving other bills to fall behind... our Tribe has grown and estab-

lished many services and programs to help enrolled members, and any program that will benefit and assist our Tribal elders should be given consideration and implementation whenever possible.”

This legislation gives a vastly different figure of those eligible for the program. “There are approximately 1,150 enrolled senior citizens in the five-county service area of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians that are eligible for services provided by the Tribe,” the resolution states.

Before passage, the resolution was amended to state, “Elders who are customers of Cherokee Water and Sewer shall receive this service without charge...”

In his veto, Chief Sneed stated that the addition of water and sewer costs, at an average of \$35/month, would total an estimated \$448,770 to \$897,540 annually based on the current number of

senior citizens.

When first introduced in April, then-Chief Lambert commented, “We do a lot of things for our elders, but we should be pursuing all we can for our elders. I think this is a good way for us to show our appreciation to our elders, also to help take care of our elders who are having to take care of others in their homes, and also to help those elders who are struggling day-to-day to make ends meet.”

The vote to pass the legislation during the regular session of Tribal Council on July 6 went as follows: For – Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy, Big Cove Rep. Richard French, Yellowhill Rep. B. Ensley, Wolfstown Rep. Bo Crowe, Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose, Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke; Against – Birdtown Rep. Travis Smith, Yellowhill Rep. Anita Lossiah, Vice Chairman Brandon Jones, Painttown Rep. Marie Junaluska; Abstain – Cherokee

County-Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha; Absent – Chairman Taylor. During discussion that day, Rep. Saunooke, who made the motion to pass, simply stated, “Anything we can do for the elders, I’m going to support this.”

Rep. Wachacha, who abstained, said he’d like to see an assessment of all of the programs currently serving senior EBCI tribal members. “Moving forward, trying to take care of our people with the resources that we do have, I believe that it is our duty to find every available avenue to approach that.”

He also spoke to the financial obligation of the program. “As long as gaming is good, that’ll work. But, we need to look financially and be responsible and what if gaming is not so good? Where do we pull the money from? When do we start

cutting back? Because my main thing is that when you give something, you don’t want to have to take it back away.”

Rep. Smith, who voted against the legislation, submitted a commentary to the One Feather which stated, “I am committed to protecting the financial resources of our Tribe and ensuring those resources are used in the best way possible to benefit all tribal members. Currently, the Tribe sponsors a program which assists our elders in financial need and that includes electrical bills.”

It would take a two-thirds vote of Tribal Council to overturn Chief Sneed’s veto. The agenda for the next regular session of Tribal Council, scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 14, has not been released as of press time.

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Tribal Health Officials: Carfentanil poses great risk

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A drug that can tranquilize an elephant is being used across the country by humans. Last year, the DEA issued a nationwide warning to the public and law enforcement about carfentanil which is described as being 50 times more potent than heroin. Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians health officials related they wish the Cherokee community to be aware of this drug.

“Carfentanil is not really used in the medical field, it is used in the veterinary field,” said Dr. Richard Bunio, Cherokee Indian Hospital executive clinical director. “It is a synthetic opiate that is extremely strong. Carfentanil is an analog synthetic version of Fentanyl, created to be more potent, and cheaper. Reports show that it is 10,000 times more potent than morphine, 4,000 times more potent than heroin, and 1,000 times more potent than Fentanyl. It was created for veterinary practices to anesthetize large animals, such as horses and elephants.”

The DEA lists carfentanil among its Schedule II substances under the Controlled Substance Act. Information from the Agency states that it comes in various forms including powder, blotter paper, tablets, and spray.

Freida Saylor, Analenisgi director, commented that they’ve not had any confirmed reports of it being used in Cherokee or on tribal lands, but she stresses awareness. “We’ve read in the news of the surrounding areas and other places where people have passed away,

and so we’ve had some suspicion that that was in the area.”

She added, “Oftentimes, we find that the population here, at or around per capita time is targeted, because there are some resources.”

Dr. Bunio said that it is his understanding that a large majority of the drug is manufactured overseas, mainly in China. “What we want to emphasize is that it may very well be here and contributing to the increase in overdoses and deaths, but because it is so new routine screening tests to quickly identify it in the emergency room have not yet been developed. It can be detected in specialty labs, but this can take several days to get results back and is not helpful when a person is being resuscitated from an overdose.”

According to the Ohio Department of Health, drug overdose deaths in the state, largely due to the introduction of carfentanil, went from 296 in 2003 to 2,590 in 2015. CNN reported there were eight overdose deaths, due to carfentanil, in the Cincinnati area in September 2016 and Ars Technica reported that Ohio’s Hamilton County (which includes Cincinnati) saw their weekly overdose reports go from 50-70 a week to 175-200 a week once carfentanil was introduced in the county.

When the DEA issued its warning last September, Chuck Rosenberg, DEA acting administrator, noted, “Carfentanil is surfacing in more and more communities. We see it on the streets, often disguised as heroin. It is crazy dangerous. Synthetics such as fentanyl and carfentanil can kill you.”

Saylor said that education is

key. “One of the things we are doing is taking a pro-active stance to get more information on the Naloxone kits and overdose prevention. So, hopefully that will be something that we do more of in the future.” In an effort to reduce opioid overdose deaths in the community, the Cherokee Indian Hospital Pharmacy has begun distributing naloxone, sometimes referred to by the brand name Narcan, kits free of charge to the public.

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

Dr. Bunio commented, “One of our concerns is that this drug is so strong that the naloxone kits that we are readily distributing may not be strong enough. And, if somebody uses the naloxone kit, that person still needs to get to the hospital right away because the naloxone can wear off and a drug that potent can just kick right back in and then they’re in big trouble.”

Saylor added, “We have heard cases where people will utilize the naloxone at home and don’t ever come in. We hear that in the community, and it’s really scary for them not to seek medical treatment

after utilizing those kits.”

Dr. Bunio compared it to usage of an Epi-pen. “If you’re allergic to a bee and you get stung and you give yourself that Epi-pen, it gives you about 15 minutes to get to the hospital for more definitive treatment. The naloxone may last about half an hour if you’re lucky depending on the strength of what you’ve taken. Because of the potency of this drug, I think it would be extremely difficult for someone to add it to something like heroin in any sort of controlled fashion. Just a tiny amount of this can kill someone.”

Saylor said the potency of this drug can be a draw for some dealing with addiction. “Addiction, in and of itself, can have several components to it and the strength of something can be very tantalizing to someone who struggles with an addiction.”

She encourages anyone struggling with addiction to seek help and treatment. “I would never want us to start normalizing overdose in any sense of the word. We have to let family members and other community members know that it’s not normal for someone to overdose by no means. We want people to seek treatment and seek help and that support. We’re one big avenue for that. We are aware of the increased overdoses that we all felt in June, and we’re hoping that it’s trending the other way.”

For anyone seeking treatment, contact Analenisgi 497-9163 ext. 7550. Adult walk-in hours are Monday – Friday 1-3pm and child walk-in is M-F from 8-10am, or you can talk with your Cherokee Indian Hospital Primary Care Team.

Cherokee Nation has swearing-in ceremony for Tribal Councilors

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. – Nine Cherokee Nation Tribal Councilors were sworn into office Monday as they pledged to preserve, protect and defend the Cherokee Nation Constitution during their four-year terms.

New and re-elected Tribal Councilors vowed to promote the culture, heritage and traditions of the Cherokee Nation as they stood before hundreds of people in the Sequoyah High School gymnasium to be sworn into office by Supreme Court Chief Justice John Garrett.

“First off, I am humbled by the confidence of my district’s citizens and will serve them to the best of my ability,” Tribal Council Speaker Joe Byrd said. “Additionally, I look forward to working with the councilors who were re-elected, as I believe we charted a successful course for progress during our first term. We are also very fortunate to welcome four new councilors, and I know they will bring fresh ideas with them to share with the group.”

Five incumbents were re-elected this year, including District 2 Tribal Councilor Byrd, District 11 Tribal Councilor Victoria Vazquez, District 7 Tribal Councilor Frankie Hargis, District 15 Tribal Councilor Janees Taylor and District 10 Tribal Councilor Harley Buzzard. Vazquez won re-election unopposed; Byrd, Hargis, Taylor and Buzzard were



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SWORN-IN: Newly inaugurated Cherokee Nation Tribal Councilors are shown (left-right) - Joe Byrd, Frankie Hargis, Victoria Vazquez, Janees Taylor, Harley Buzzard, E.O. Smith, Mike Shambaugh, Mike Dobbins and Mary Baker Shaw.

re-elected during the June general election.

Newcomers beginning their first terms in office include District 4 Tribal Councilor Mike Dobbins, District 5 Tribal Councilor E.O. Smith, District 9 Tribal Councilor Mike Shambaugh and At-Large Tribal Councilor Mary Baker Shaw. Dobbins and Shaw were both elected during the June general election, while Shambaugh and Smith were elected in a July run-off.

More than 6,000 Cherokee Nation citizens voted in the June 3 Tribal Council election, and more

than 1,400 in the July run-off election.

“The Cherokee Nation has made great strides in the past several years in health care, job development, housing and more,” said Hargis, of Stilwell. “With our councilors returning to office, those joining our legislative branch for the first time and those currently in office, our branch of government will work with the administration and build upon the solid foundation that has been laid.”

The tribe’s legislative branch consists of a 17-member Trib-

al Council representing the 15 districts inside Cherokee Nation’s jurisdiction and two at-large seats representing citizens who live outside the boundaries. Members are elected by popular vote to four-year terms.

The inauguration ceremony featured a welcome from Principal Chief Bill John Baker and performances by the Cherokee National Youth Choir and Cherokee Community Singers.

- Anadisgoi, Cherokee Nation News

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Charles Penick

Yellowhill Tribal Council candidate

(Revised platform)

Siyoy, and thank you for this opportunity to introduce myself as a Candidate for Yellowhill Tribal Council to you and once again to Yellowhill Community voters and interested Tsalagi people of the other communities constituting the Qualla Boundary. I am also a man of faith and a Christian man by the Grace of God.

My name is Charles Penick (Tsaligunigi). I am an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and I am running for Tribal Council Representative in the Yellowhill Community where I have been a resident for the past eight years and of the Qualla Boundary where I was born in 1956. I attended Cherokee schools and joined the United States Army as a teenager to see the world, gain an education and improve my chances for prosperity in the future.

While in the U.S. Army I completed a Bachelor's of Business Degree with a Concentration in Management from Clayton State University and later studied for and completed a Master of Information Technology (Computer Science) Degree with a concentration in Security from American Intercontinental University.

After serving more than twenty years of Active Duty I retired from the United States Army and became involved in Consulting work for the Department of Defense with several Fortune 500 companies such as Level 3 Communications and Booz-Allen and Hamilton where I held an above Top Secret level clearance and worked with

projects involving such things as Joint Theater Air and Missile Defense that is so prominent in the news today.

I later returned home to the Qualla Boundary where I met and married my wife of eight years, the former Lisa Fowler. My wife Lisa recently retired from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians with twenty-eight years of service. Lisa and I both have children from a previous marriage. A daughter (Amanda Wolfe Moore) and son (Jackson Samuel Wolfe) in Lisa's case and two daughters (Cheri Penick Hart) and (Erin Penick Windsor) in my case. Between us, we have a total of eleven grandchildren.

I am deeply committed to the growth and vitality of the Yellowhill Community and especially to that of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. At the heart of this is a belief that through hard work, cooperation and dedication to a common cause we can build the economic underpinnings of the community which will serve us well in the future. This philosophy encompasses all the Yellowhill Community and the EBCI through a diversified economic and business structure that focuses on the future wellbeing of our Tribe and its most important resource, our children.

Every business and enterprise which pays taxes (Tribal Levy) and employs workers and attracts shoppers to our communities helps to support the public services which are essential to our Tribe and serves to stimulate development in the surrounding communities outside the Qualla Boundary that serve as a peripheral benefit to Tribal members as well in the form of increased availability of amenities. This is important for our People and to the development of goodwill with surrounding Governments and entities.

We are heavily dependent upon Gaming Revenue to sustain services and employ our People. Therefore, anything we do that draws monies and investments to the Qualla Boundary helps improve our Tribe and sustain our People and I am greatly in favor of finding ways to reduce our dependency upon Gaming Revenue as the sole source of our revenue generating operations. To this end we must develop new strategies that incorporate Risk Sharing, Joint Ventures and other such business tactics with credible Local, State or Private entities and Partners in credible and viable business opportunities, and engage

them on a proactive basis, such as the State of Tennessee for example.

Further, the Services which are provided to our Tribal members as a function of our Tribal Government must be improved in Quality and Scope. This is self-evident through the lack of timely and effective Housing for our People and also through the use of old, dated and frankly "poor" methods for delivery for these Services.

Additionally, we must improve and "flesh out" our governing mechanisms and institutions. Refine and reform our Laws and Codes and better define the role and powers of various portions of our Government structure. Corruption and inefficiencies cannot be let stand. These things exist in any Government to one extent or the other and they cannot be tolerated in our Tribal Government. As a Tribal Council Representative, if elected, I certainly will not tolerate such things. Honesty and hard work have been the hallmarks of my life and it is my intention to continue to practice and cherish those qualities for the remainder of my life.

Recent events have led me to believe that the expressed "Will of the People" has been disregarded, downplayed or diminished by those in power to suit their own purposes or by the whim of elected officials has been ignored entirely. It is for this reason and many others that I prayed about and decided to enter the race for Yellowhill Tribal Council Representative.

I will vote as the majority of the People would have me vote in Council and I will serve the People as Faithfully and Honestly as I might to further the Principal People's collective interest over everyone else's interest including my own.

Some of the key elements of my platform are:

1. Honesty in Government
2. Services improvement (delivery and access)
3. Disclosure (open proceedings and access to Tribal members)
4. Privacy (keep Tribal business internal to the Tribe)
5. Government structure (revise, implement, refine laws and governing documents)

Priorities associated with these key elements include:

- Set and adopt a Tribal Constitution
- Separate and define the powers of each Branch

of Government

- Establish a separate and co-equal Tribal Judicial Branch of Government
- Establish Term Limits for Tribal Council Representatives
- Develop and grow alternative means of Tribal Revenue
- Develop and foster close business ties and Joint Ventures with surrounding Local, State and Private entities to create jobs, maximize revenue, minimize and share risk and build goodwill and influence for the future of our Tribe

All of these things are possible. All of these things can be done. But they can only be done through hard work, change and perseverance. You might say to your friends and neighbors that your vote “doesn’t count”, that it won’t “make a difference”, that it will be “the same old people doing the same old thing”. Well, it will be if you permit it. So, come out and vote! Vote for Charles Penick for Yellowhill Tribal Council Representative and lets start this work of change together in September.

Thank you to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for my life and thank you for your time and your vote!

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Penick
 Candidate for Yellowhill Tribal Council Representative



Ashley Sessions
 Birdtown Tribal Council candidate
(Revised platform)

Dear Birdtown residents:

My name is Ashley Sessions and I am your candidate for Tribal Council Representative in the Birdtown community.

I would like to take this opportunity to first,

thank each and every one of you for welcoming me into your homes over the past several months; it has been an honor. As I have sat and talked with you, it has become very apparent that our community is not only ready for change but need it. You deserve a leader that will listen to all of your concerns and address them appropriately. Below is a list of items that have been the biggest concern thus far.

I have listened to you. I am ready to work with you and for you to:

- *Provide better housing services to our enrolled members by creating more emergency housing, adding transitional housing, and making HIP homes for our elders and handicapped a higher priority
 - *Invest more into mental/physical, care by hiring more qualified doctors, updating our dialysis center in Birdtown and expanding it into the Tsalali Care Center. I also believe we should look into creating a cancer treatment in Cherokee
 - *Invest more into drug treatment centers and recovery programs
 - *Invest more into our roads program so that all of the roads on the boundary are safe
 - *Create more room in the child care facilities and/or build a new center to provide more affordable child care for our enrolled members
 - *Create a program for enrolled members to secure a job with the tribe in the field of their study once they graduate
 - *Legislate stronger laws and punishment involving drug trafficking
 - *legislate stronger laws and punishment involving crimes committed against women and children;
 - *Create term limits for Council Members
 - *Create a Constitution for the protection of our enrolled members
- Special projects for the Birdtown community I would like to work on as a community representative include:
- *A community cabinet- this would be set up to help community members with food, toiletries, diapers, etc.
 - *Literacy center- the center would consist of books, computers, and other learning tools. I realize that not all families have access to computers or the internet and with the school systems transitioning to online homework, a literacy

center would greatly benefit our community.
 *Monthly events for individuals with special needs. We currently have the Special Olympics and it is a fantastic event! However, while visiting homes, I have learned that there are children and young adults that would greatly benefit from more interaction with their peers more frequently.

We are at a critical juncture in our lives as enrolled members and this election will be one of the most important in our history. I encourage all voters to exercise your right to vote. Do not give up hope and remember your vote will and does count. Your voice will always matter to me.

Birdtown community members, I Ashley Sessions, humbly ask for your continued support and for your vote on September 7th. You may also take advantage of the option to vote early, August 21st-26th at the Ginger Lynn Welch building.

“Your Voice Matters To Me...Your Voice Is My Voice”



Jeremy Wilson
 Wolfstown Tribal Council candidate
(Revised platform)

Siyo, nigada. Tselimayi Wilisini dagwodov. Hello, everyone. My name is Jeremy Wilson. I am a candidate for Wolfstown Tribal Council. In introducing myself, I am a 28-year old resident of the Big Y community. I have lived in Big Y since 1998. My parents are Juanita Plummer Wilson, and Robert Wilson.

As a candidate I believe it is important that I present a platform to you. This way you can get scope of what I’m about, that I have plans/ideas, and that you know where I’m coming from. Also, you know a little bit about my credential back-

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PLATFORM: Jeremy Wilson, from page 11

ground. In my platform I have laid out a series of areas and ideas that I believe I can touch on, and hopefully accomplish within my first term. I do not want to roll out a long list of issues, and promise you unrealistic expectations. There will be other issues that will arise, and other issues that I will touch base on, and work on as time goes on during my term. But in regards to what I hope to accomplish within a 2-year timeframe, these are areas I would like to focus on, and provide results to you at the end of my term as your Council Member. Allow me to explain why these areas are important to me:

1. Term Limits: I believe term limits are necessary to avoid officials getting “comfortable”. The petition that is out for term limits is in a format of 4-years. Although I agree with term limits, I do not believe 4-years is long enough to get things done for the long-term. My proposal is 8-years. 4 two-year terms. This allows the Council Member to learn the process, initiate projects/resolutions, and carry them out for the long-term. Executive will have term limits of 8-years total. Council would have 8-years total. Nobody overlaps the other. With that being said, if we are to have term limits, then we will have to revisit Tribal Council’s retirement package.

As it currently sits, Tribal Council Members can receive a full retirement after 16-years served. They will then earn up to 75% of their last year’s salary. In a span of 4-7 years, they earn up to 21% of their salary. In a span of 8-11 years they can earn up to 44% of their salary. In addition to this, a Council Members spouse is eligible to receive this retirement as well. In the event of death, the spouse will receive a monthly benefit of 1/8 of the salary. The spouse does not have to be enrolled.

I believe this retirement plan needs to be revisited. If Tribal Council is to have term limits, whether it be 4-8 years, then we will have no choice but to revisit. I believe in the event of term limits, Tribal Council’s Retirement Package should be abolished. My alternative proposal to this is allowing a Council Member’s years served on Council, be added to their years served as a tribal employee, and counted towards their retirement if they choose to go back into the

workforce after they have exhausted their terms.

2. Require a 2-year degree (minimum):

There has been some disagreements with this from some of the public, but I want to elaborate why this is important. In today’s society, the average citizen must obtain a degree to go up in the workforce, and make a better living. When you apply for a job, you are required to have certain credentials. Especially for upper management. As an elected official of this tribe. Someone who votes in matters that effect everyone, I believe it is important to also have a level of credentials. Also, college exposes us to how certain areas work, such as finance, statistics, education, politics, social issues, health care, etc. That allows one to be groomed, and better prepared to how life works.

This approach is mostly about preparation. If I go in as a new Council Member, my life has changed. If I have exhausted my time as Council Member, and I do not have a degree, I am only eligible for a Level 3-5 for the tribal workforce. If I have a degree, then I am eligible for a Level 6 and beyond position with the tribe. With that degree, I am better prepared inside and outside the tribe.

3. Trainings for Youth: We always preach that the youth are our future. It’s time we make greater investments in our youth. My approach to this is that we invest in trainings and programs that help target youth in High School, freshmen to senior, and prepare them for life. Trainings/ Programs such as how to do your taxes. How to invest your big money. How to apply to college. How to run your own business. How to enlist in the military, etc.

These are areas that are going to become real once they graduate high school, and go into the real world. The more time we invest in their time in high school, and prepare them, the better prepared they will be in the real world.

4. Invest More Into Education: Education is essential. We have one of the most promising programs around within our Education & Training department. We are very lucky as EBCI members to have this department. To allow the opportunity for students to go to college of their choice for free, be supplied with misc/commutes, get paid for good grades, graduation bonuses, free computer, etc., we need to make Education one of the most invested programs in

the tribe.

5. Public Health & Human Services: I currently work with PHHS. This division is one of the most crucial divisions the tribe has. PHHS allows our enrolled members to receive the best services for health, social services, WIC, commodities, family support, elder care, domestic violence, Cherokee Choices, etc. The amount of services from these programs service the EBCI public in a major way. We have to make this division one of our most important and supported investments. Personally I believe areas such as Tsali Care and Domestic Violence are in dire need of improvements and help. I will focus to work with these programs to ensure they get what they need to thrive.

6. Improve Housing Programs: There is no doubt the Housing Division needs more attention. Enrolled members constantly struggle with the slow processes in getting their homes built/ fixed, and spend years trying to get certain processes approved and accomplished. There needs to be a faster and better workflow for this division. If this tribe can make major projects with the casino get accomplished in no time, then we can make life easier for our enrolled members for their homes.

7. Elder Services: I believe we have made some better improvements within our tribal elder services as time has come along. Areas such as Tsali Care and Tsali Manor need greater investment into them. Our elders should always be at the top of the agenda. That will be part of my focus. That they will receive the services they need.

8. Drug Epidemic: This area has been a plague within our communities for a long time. It affects every community, and nearly every family. This a matter that is much more than just treatment. It’s time we get serious on Prevention, Treatment, and Post-Treatment. It takes time for recovered addicts to get adjusted to a new life. We have to make sure that we initiate programs that strongly support their new life, and these recovered addicts succeed in their future. Prevention can be in the form of better anti-drug education programs, but also investing in programs that prevent the spread of HIV/Hep C, as it is on the rise. Syringe Exchange Programs can help with this. Treatment comes in many different forms, as addictions are not all the same. When we

understand what the addictions are, we understand what kind of treatment is needed. When one is treated, we can then evaluate what the best options are for their new life and future. This area will be a big focus if I am elected.

9. Travel Reports: I believe Council Members should be required to give reports on their travels. Where did I go? Why did I go? What did I learn? How will this benefit the tribe? I believe it is important for tribal members to be informed, and that Council Members are not just traveling for the sake of traveling. Bring back home some results to report.

10. Community Quarterly Forums: Couple things I want to establish as your Council Member, is building trust, and keeping you informed. As your Council Member, I will host Quarterly Forums throughout the year. Every 3-months I will host a community wide event (food provided), and this event will give the community and tribal members the chance to collaborate with me in person. Be updated on what is going on in the tribe/community, and address issues. Letters will be sent out via mail as well, and will help to keep those can't make it to the event, updated.

My Credentials:

- Cherokee High School Alumni: Class of 2007
- Southwestern Community College Alumni: Class of 2010
- Western Carolina University Alumni: Class of 2014 (BS degree in Sociology, Minor in Cherokee Studies)
- Right Path Culture Adult Leadership Program Alumni: Class of 2012

- UNC Chapel Hill Native American Leadership Institute Alumni: Class of 2014
- WCU Coulter Regional Leadership Program Alumni: Class of 2016
- Business Owner: Jeremy Wilson Photography

Jeremy Wilson –
Wolfstown Tribal Council Candidate
*"A New Generation of
Fresh Leadership"*



Richard French
Big Cove Tribal Council Member
(Incumbent Candidate)

Reason to run: In 2015, I ran for Tribal Council because I wanted to put government back on the side of the people; and I still believe that today. Over the past two years, I have kept myself busy fighting for Big Cove families and voting for a better future for all of us. Working together, we created the per capita loan program which helps hundreds of Big Cove families.

We set our sights on constructing a rehabilitation center which will help our Cherokee people beat addiction. Lastly, we have saved millions of the Tribe's dollars and reinvested those savings back into tribal programs so they can serve you.

Background: Prior to my first term of Tribal Council I worked for EBCI for 18 years. I also worked for NC Dept of Transportation for 15 years before coming back to work for the EBCI.

Top Priorities if re-elected: Over the next two years, I want to focus on combating the opioid epidemic facing our community, bringing down the cost of childcare services for Big Cove families, creating a new Tribal Constitution that guarantees and safeguards our tribal membership's rights and privileges, and getting homes built for our people.

Opinions on 2015-2017 Tribal Council: This past council we started out really well. We secured some major accomplishments that help Cherokee people and uses the full weight of Tribal Government for the betterment of our tribal membership. Moving forward, I would like to see Tribal Council come together, focus less on politics, and get back to why the people sent us here in the first place: To make Tribal Government work for all people and make their lives a little better and a little easier.

I humbly ask for your support on September 7th.

Thank you,
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FOOTBALL

Braves get big win in season-opener

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

WEAVERVILLE - The Cherokee Braves (1-0) started their 2017 season in style with a big 36-10 win over the North Buncombe Black Hawks

(0-1) on a warm, clear night for football on Friday, Aug. 18. The Braves offense amassed 422 total yards and averaged 9.4 yards per play. The Black Hawks had 291 yards of offense and averaged 5.6 yards per play.

Cherokee was led by senior quarterback Tye Mintz and junior running back Isaiah

Evans who had almost identical stats on the ground. Mintz rushed 12 times for 142 yards (11.8 yards/carry) and two touchdowns, and Evans rushed 12 times for 144 yards (12 yards/carry) and two touchdowns. Mintz also completed 6 of 8 passes for 96 yards and 1 touchdown.

“It was a good opening night,” Kent Briggs, Braves head coach, said following the game. “In every first game, you’re going to have some mistakes. But, what I liked about what our guys did was they played really hard and they stayed confident. They stayed focused on the game. They didn’t let things that happen during football games distract them.”

He added, “I was really happy with the way we finished. We have a lot of guys who played a lot of snaps which we’ll have to do all year. It was a good, warm night, and our guys hung in there. I’m really proud of the effort and the way we played as a team.”

Cherokee played stiff defense all night and held the Black Hawks to a field goal until the fourth quarter. Mintz led with eight tackles on the night followed by Darius Blanton 6.5, Blake Smith 4.5, and Joaquin Layno and Byron Locust with 4 each. Sterling Santa Maria had an interception on the fourth play of the game, and Mintz recovered a fumble in the second quarter.

Cherokee jumped out early in the game. Following the interception by Santa Maria, the Braves drove down and Mintz ran a quarterback sneak from the 1-yard line for Cherokee’s first score. Mintz ran for the two-point conversion, and Cherokee led 8-0 at the 10:41 mark of the first.

Following a missed field goal by North Buncombe - a 48-yard attempt that had the distance but went wide right - Cherokee was back in the end zone two plays later as Mintz connected with Santa Maria on a 48-yard



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CONCENTRATION: Cherokee’s Sterling Santa Maria (32) prepares to catch a touchdown pass over the out-stretched arms of North Buncombe’s #4 (roster unavailable) during the first quarter of Friday’s game in Weaverville.

touchdown pass down the right sideline. The two connected on another pass for the two-point play, and the Braves took a 16-0 lead with three minutes left in the first.

Several possessions and punts by each team later, Cherokee started a drive midway through the second quarter at their own 37-yard line. Several plays later, Mintz ran 21 yards for his second rushing touchdown of the night with just under four minutes left in the half. The point-after play was no good and Cherokee would take a 22-0 lead into the half.

North Buncombe got on the board as Johnny Laws hit a 26-yard field goal to make it 22-3 midway through the third.

Blake Smith had a nice return on the ensuing kickoff for the Braves, and Cherokee started in good field position at the Black Hawks 47-yard line. Two plays later, Evans outran the North Buncombe defense en route to a 35-yard touchdown run. Mintz ran for the two-point conversion and Cherokee extended its lead to 30-3.

Early in the fourth, the Black Hawks would get into the end zone as #10 threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to #12. Laws added the PAT, and Cherokee led 30-10. (Note: The roster available for North Buncombe listed only eight players.)

Two minutes later, Evans was back in the end zone - this time on a 6-yard run. The two-point pass play was no good, and Cherokee led 36-10 which is how the game would end.

The Braves are on the road next as they travel to Choctaw Central (Miss.) for the annual "Battle of the Nations" game on Friday, Aug. 25.



GOOD BLOCKING: Cherokee's Seth Smith (52) and Byron Locust (70) seal off a huge hole for Isaiah Evans to run through. On the night, Evans ran 12 times for 144 yards and two touchdowns.



TOUGH RUNNING: Tye Mintz, Braves senior quarterback, runs hard near the end zone en route to a score in the first half. On the night, he ran 12 times for 142 yards and two touchdowns and completed 6 of 8 passes for 96 yards and 1 touchdown.

Let's hear a cheer for the cheerleaders

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Well, the summer is winding down, and it's time for fall sports – mainly football for me. I'm anxious to get back on the sidelines and try to get some good photos at Cherokee sports this fall.

One constant at football games of all levels is cheerleaders. One famous, unattributed, quote states, "There is no halftime for cheerleaders."

That is absolutely true. They work hard from the run-through until the end. Many times, you'll see the cheerleaders still belting it out with spirit while their team's fans head for the exit due to the team being down by 20 points with two minutes left in the game. Cheerleaders don't quit.

This past week, I photographed the Cherokee High School varsity squad, and to my surprise, it was quite large. I'd had to go back through the years to see for certain if it is the largest CHS squad, but at 20 strong, it definitely is the largest I've shot in my 19 years with the paper.

Cheerleading is a sport. To argue that fact would tell me that you don't pay attention to them. The CHS squad has plans to compete at cheerleading events as well as their duties cheering on the Braves. In addition to a peppy attitude and school spirit, it takes strength, coordination, stamina, and the ability to work very well together in

a group.

While flipping channels a month ago, we came across a cheerleading movie entitled "Bring It On: In It to Win It". My family is fond of awful movies as it's sort of a sport to make fun of them as we watch. And, this movie was just plain terrible. But, while I sat there in awe of the horrible script and acting, I found myself also in awe of the young men and women and the athletic ability they displayed while doing their routines. To be a good competitive cheerleader, you have to be a cross between a 1950s Pep Squad member and an Olympic gymnast. They are athletes.

According to varsity.com, "A brand-new, comprehensive survey by the NFHS (National Federation of State High School Associations) member state high school associations measured cheerleading participation at each level of high school: freshman, junior varsity, and varsity. The survey found that there are 394,694 cheerleaders in the 18,922 schools that are in the 51 NFHS associations. This averages to 21 cheerleaders per school!"

Cherokee has 20 varsity cheerleaders this year.

So, as you cheer on the Braves this football season, from pee wees to varsity, take a second out of the game to notice the hard work being done by the cheerleaders. They work just as hard as the players do.

Here's to a great and safe season for all players of all teams.



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SQUAD: The 2017 Cherokee High School varsity cheerleading squad is shown in the Charles George Memorial Arena on Wednesday, Aug. 16. Shown (top-bottom) – far left line: Jordan Maney, Breece Saunooke, Mattie Maney, Ali Keever, Ashley Schaal; second line: Macie Welch, Lauren Luther, Tigger King, Destiny Mills, Deliah Esquivel; third line: Trevor Cagle, Marley Bradley, Awee Sequoyah, Alyssa Tramper, Kylee Tramper; fourth line: Jacelyn James, Latika French, CeAnna Saunooke, Aiyanna Cruz, and Malia Davis.



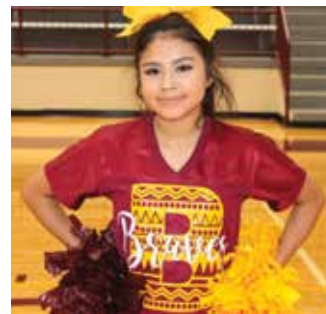
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 Favorite Football Team: Tampa Bay Bucs



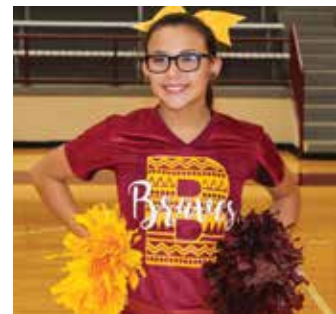
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Aiyanna Cruz
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 Favorite Football Team: Braves



Malia Davis
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 Favorite Football Team: Braves



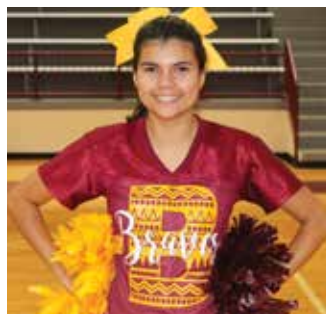
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Latika French
 Grade: 12th
 Favorite Football Team: Braves



Jacelyn James
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Ali Keever
 Grade: 12th
 Favorite Football Team: Braves



Tigger King
 Grade: 10th
 Favorite Football Team: FSU



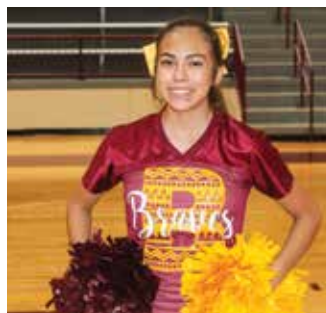
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 Favorite Football Team: Panthers



Jordan Maney
 Grade: 12th
 Favorite Football Team: Braves



Mattie Maney
 Grade: 9th
 Favorite Football Team: Clemson



Destiny Mills
 Grade: 9th
 Favorite Football Team: Braves



Breece Saunooke
 Grade: 12th
 Favorite Football Team: Braves



CeAnna Saunooke
 Grade: 12th
 Favorite Football Team: Braves



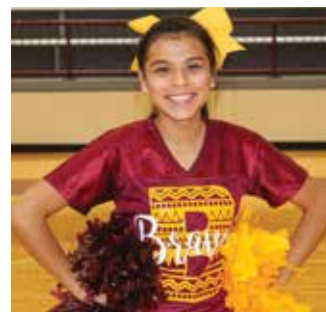
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 Favorite Football Team: Braves



Awee Sequoyah
 Grade: 10th
 Favorite Football Team: Braves



Alyssa Tramper
 Grade: 11th
 Favorite Football Team: Braves



Kylee Tramper
 Grade: 11th
 Favorite Football Team: Braves



Macie Welch
 Grade: 12th
 Favorite Football Team: Braves

LIVE TO SKATE

4th Annual Skate Jam held at Cherokee Skate Park

Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather



GOOD BALANCE: Cecil Walkingstick, an EBCI tribal member, shows good form en route to a third place finish in the Intermediate Division at the 4th Annual Skate Jam held at the Cherokee Skate Park on Saturday, Aug. 19. He also had the good fortune of being one of two raffles winners to receive free ski/snowboard lessons from Cataloochee Ski Area. The event was sponsored by various area programs and businesses and was organized by Kayla Johnson, an EBCI tribal member from the Yellowhill Community.



TRICKS: Jarod Lee, of Maggie Valley, won the "Best Trick Contest" during Saturday's event. He also placed second in the Advanced Division.



SOARING: Ira Smart, an EBCI tribal member, flies off the ramp during the Advanced Division competition.



WINNER: Keanu Brown, from Hendersonville, won the Advanced Division title.



CHAMP: Isaiah Crowe, an EBCI tribal member, won first place in the Beginner Division.



ADVANCED DIVISION: (left-right) 3rd place - D.J. Garnett Jr., from Asheville; 2nd place - Jarod Lee, from Maggie Valley; 1st place - Keanu Brown, from Hendersonville



INTERMEDIATE DIVISION: (left-right) 3rd place - Cecil Walkingstick, from Cherokee; 2nd place - Xavier Locust, from Cherokee; 1st place - Tray Sams, from Asheville



BEGINNER DIVISION: (left-right) 3rd place - Howard Staton, from Asheville; 2nd place - Foster Braden, from Asheville; 1st place - Isaiah Crowe, from Cherokee

A trip of sharing cultures

Youth Council cultural exchange visit yields great fun and important lessons

A half dozen Cherokee youth spent a week this summer in the Pacific Northwest having great fun and learning some invaluable lessons. The trip was part of a domestic cultural exchange program sponsored by the Cherokee Youth Council. The young people visited three different Native American tribes, learning about their culture and teaching the tribes about Cherokee culture.

The youth included: Nate Crowe, Seth Led-

spend time with the group to get to know them more closely,” said Clapsaddle. “And, seeing what other indigenous groups are doing, making new friends, and increasing our network really opens up our minds.”

The group spent time with the Suquamish, touring the cultural center and sharing songs and dance with small children at an early learning center. They visited Louis Gong at the 8th Generation Studio. Gong is a revolutionary native artist who graciously shared insights about cultural identity. Gary “Litefoot” Davis, a motivational speaker and Cherokee lobbyist, also met with the group.

“Gary spoke to our kids about empowerment, he said stop talking and start doing with passion, commenting that if you’re not passionate how

can you expect anyone else to be. His talk was the highlight for several of the kids,” said Clapsaddle.

The youth traveled by ferry up Puget Sound to learn from the Lummi Tribe. They attended the Stommish Water Festival, an event honoring veterans and themed around the significance of water with parades, dancing, and a four-day canoe competition. They also experienced their first Bone Game Tournament.

“Many groups shared songs and dances, including our youth. Nate Crowe led some dances and told people about Cherokee history,” said Clapsaddle.

The Tulalip tribe was the final visit, and the group loved their cultural center and visiting their casino to view native artwork. The youth

had the opportunity to see inside their longhouse where they hold celebrations and ceremonies.

Mike Thompson, a Jones-Bowman Fellow who works as a help desk support IT staff member for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, used his Jones-Bowman stipend to travel with the group as a chaperone and cultural advisor. He made some insightful observations about the youth who attended.

“Our youth learned about a few of the dances the other groups did, and watched kids their age doing them,” said Thompson. “They realized that it’s ok to do that, that it’s cool and not weird. They also learned that we are on the verge of losing everything if they don’t take an interest in their own culture. Youth Council is very valuable.”

Clapsaddle added, “When our youth see their peers doing the same activities, trying to be more cultural in a modern world, it comforts them and builds confidence. One of our Youth Council members told me she sees how the communities we visit are strong culturally and traditionally, and she wished ours were as strong. Our community is strong, but sometimes we don’t see it. It is our hope that by working with the youth through cultural programs and stronger community ties, they will begin to see just how strong we are culturally.”

The Cherokee Youth Council plans to continue the domestic Cultural Exchange program next summer. They have big plans for next year, and lessons learned from this experience are already in place. Based on the youth’s observation that Cherokee culture didn’t seem as strong as some other native tribes, the group recently visited the Museum of the Cherokee Indian and received a behind-the-scene tour that helped them better appreciate Cherokee history and culture.

The Cherokee Youth Council is a program under the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute, a department of the Cherokee Boys Club. It is funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

- Cherokee Youth Council



Photo courtesy of Cherokee Youth Council

SHARING: Members of the Cherokee Youth Council perform a Cherokee dance during a cultural exchange trip this summer to the Pacific Northwest.

ford, Nola Pena, Makayla Trantham, Johnathan Hill, and Nakayda Ledford.

Ethan Clapsaddle is the new CYC coordinator; this was his first cultural exchange trip with the youth. He returned excited and eager to move forward with the lessons he learned.

“For me as the new guy, it was awesome to



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CELEBRATION: Will Poolaw is all smiles at the Special Needs Back-to-School Bash, hosted by the Cherokee Recreation program, at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall on Friday, Aug. 18. Poolaw, the Cherokee Braves varsity football manager, is a staple at Cherokee sports events.



Photo contributed

FOOD PANTRY: Last week, Birdtown Rep. Travis Smith installed a food pantry at the Birdtown Gym. The pantry is for community members to donate food or dry goods so families in need can receive the donated items when necessary. Rep. Smith and his sons, Rayce and Koen, worked together to build the box. "I want to teach my boys to give back to the community while also learning some basic carpentry skills," Rep. Smith said. "I want to give a shout out to Sarah Crow for giving me the idea!" The pantry box will move to the new Birdtown Community Building once it's completed.

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

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

- The Family Pass (\$200) will allow

a family of five admission to all home games.

- The Individual Pass (\$100) is for ages 21- 59.
- The Senior Citizen Pass (\$75) is for any individual 60 years of age and up.
- Recent High School graduates or College Student (age 18 – 20) Pass (\$75).
- The Student Pass (\$25) is for any student in K-12 at Cherokee Central Schools.

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

Once you purchase your Athletic Season Pass your name will be placed on a list that will be at every ticket gate at all home games. This

list will allow you to not have to stand in line to purchase a ticket for admission.

- CHS Athletic Dept.

Miss Cherokee 2017 applications available

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

- Miss Cherokee Board

Senior Citizens Fuel Assistance applications

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

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

sibility to get your delivery invoices turned in to the program.

- EBCI Senior Citizens Program

Percy B. Ferebee Endowment Fund accepting grant applications

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

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Info: www.wellsfargo.com/private-foundations/ferebee-endowment, email to david.m.miller@wellsfargo.com

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OBITUARIES



Geraldine Walkingstick

After a valiant fight with cancer, Geraldine Walkingstick passed peacefully into the hands of the Lord on Aug. 15, 2017.

She was an artist: a gifted basket maker with many other creative talents. Geraldine was known for her green thumb and her appreciation of the natural beauty of plants and flowers. She enjoyed the company of family and friends. When she was having a difficult day due to her illness, Geraldine continued to be a true example of grace and courage, seeking to uplift those around her with kind words. The love and prayers of family, friends, and many supporters kept her spirits up, strengthening her and her family.

Geraldine was preceded in death by her parents, William Wallace Wolfe and Mary Tooni Wolfe;

sisters Regina Wolfe, Frances Wolfe, and Emily Smith; and her son, Carl Dale Welch.

Geraldine was the beloved mother of surviving children Betty Maney; Mary Ann Thompson; John Welch; Grace Lauver and husband Robert of Oswego, Illinois; Carlene Welch and partner Edison Wildcatt; Kevin Welch and wife Sarah McClellan-Welch of McGrath, Alaska; Billie Jo Rich and husband Mike; 16 grandchildren; and many great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Her gift of love for her children and grandchildren, shown through her constant support and guidance, will never be forgotten.

She is survived by one brother, Billy Wolfe of Senoia, Ga.; sisters Hazel Howell, Carmen Rosillio-Perez, Velma Taylor, Donna Sue Wolfe; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Geraldine will be missed by those who knew and loved her. Though she resides now in her Heavenly home, she will yet live on in the hearts and memories of her family.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Aug. 19 at the Big Cove Baptist Church. Pastor James "Bo" Parris officiated. Burial followed at the Welch Family Cemetery.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Walkingstick family.




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COMMENTARY

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WILLIAM LEDFORD

Have you noticed lately that unless you watch Fox News exclusively most of the media buzz rotates around Kim Jong Un vs Donald Trump, leaders of North Korea and the USA respectively? These two are so similar in temperament that it's really kinda creepy. They've both been handed everything to them all of their lives and so they continue to act like two fat spoiled children, in the playground, each standing in their own sandbox threatening each other loudly because that's what they do, it's what they've always done. The obvious difference is that Kim Jong-un kills everyone who disagrees with him and Donald Trump surrounds himself with butt kissers and sheep. Oh, to be sure, he'd also kill everyone that disagreed with him if he wouldn't go to prison. The whole thing is so stupid because leaders like Bush and Obama basically ignored Kim Jong-un and let him scream and shout, only Trump has been dumb enough to respond and in doing so has elevated Kim Jong Un to an equal. Threatening North Korea with "fire and fury like the world has never seen". Yeah, that should scare that little crazy Kim, kinda does me because Trump, like Forrest Gump said, "ain't a smart man." I wonder, is there anyone in the White House who's an adult? We kinda need one right now...

There was a protest in Virginia this past weekend and apparently everyone came. The KKK, neo-Nazis, White supremacists, White militia, White nationalists and people identifying as alt-right showed up to protest the removal of a statue of Robert E. Lee, prominent Civil War traitor and slaveowner. Counter-protesters also showed and challenged the racists. And then it began.

The racists came armed to the teeth with clubs and pepper spray and wearing body armor. When the dust settled there was one person killed by a cowardly White nationalist sympathizer in a car

and in addition, two police officers died when their helicopter crashed. The President took two days to denounce the racists.

His incessant attacks on President Obama and his legacy are racially inspired. I used to just dislike this guy, now I can't stand to look at him or hear his voice or watch his hand gestures. And this really sucks because I like watching the news on TV, now I can't because he's always on saying incredibly dumb things. What gets me is that oddly enough some people still think that he's doing a good job. They seriously need help.

Because of Trump's indifference to the reality that racists like the KKK and neo-Nazis are simply evil and have no place in civilized society he now holds the public perception that he himself is a sympathizer. Odd because his son-in-law and daughter Ivanka are self-proclaimed Jews and these white supremacists are avowed haters of Jews. Do we now call the White House the White Supremacist House?

OK, now I'm rolling, and while I'm rolling (you don't know what I'm rolling do you?) there's another thing in today's politics that simply baffles me and naturally it's about Republicans. It's their concept of loyalty. Loyalty is a word they toss around liberally (see what I did there) but I don't think they understand the general concept, only the abstract. In the Republican mind, loyalty is not to the country but to the GOP and to Trump, no matter what. And Republicans get very upset if one of their elected officials doesn't toe the loyalty line, even if by toeing that line they themselves might suffer. They expect, demand, that their people vote for legislation that will possibly harm them if enacted but they insist because they were told to insist. And they also come out in droves to vote for someone like Donald Trump. That's called blind loyalty or as I like to call it, simple minded stupidity. Only sheep, and maybe cows, are that focused but at least a sheep won't jump off a cliff if pushed. Hmmm...I

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Two Feathers International Consultancy answers letter of apology

It has been brought to our organization's (Two Feathers International Consultancy - <https://www.twofeathersinternationalconsultancy.com/home.html>) attention through several individuals that a letter of apology has been published in your paper. As the public relations officer for Two Feathers International Consultancy, I would like the opportunity to address this published note

The referred trip to New Zealand for a cultural exchange had been organized by Two Feathers International Consultancy and one of the co-founders of TFIC, Doreen Bennet of the Maori tribe. It was

not lead or organized by Mashu White Feather but by our organization.

It doesn't seem ethical for another individual to assume or judge who is of what heritage. He is certainly not privy to Mashu's family history or genealogy. It is not up to this individual to decide what heritage Mashu is or is not. Mashu has been brought up throughout his childhood as being of Cherokee descent. He was taught from a young age by his parent's many traditions.

Mashu has never claimed to be a speaker for the Cherokee people or representing Eastern Band, Western Band or the UKB. He only speaks of his personal upbringing and represents our organization when speaking.

At no time has Mashu White

Feather stated that he is an enrolled member of the Eastern or Western Band or the UKB. We are unclear as to why there would be a need to be confirmed through Eastern Band, Western Band or the UKB. In fact, Mashu White Feather has always informed the public that he is not an enrolled member of any federally recognized tribe. For further clarification purposes, Mashu White Feather's last name is not Johnson.

Mashu White Feather does not refer to himself as a Cherokee elder. Others may have done so and Mashu does correct them. We and or Mashu cannot control what individuals may refer to him as. We can only correct the statements. It is interesting to read that this individual (and he has stated that he is not of Cherokee heritage) did not see fit to correct the perceived "inaccuracies" of Mashu's speaking.

Mashu White Feather also did not receive financial compensa-

tion for this trip. Doreen Bennett and Mashu White Feather are the co-founders of the TFIC Organization. Mashu White Feather has had a life long friend with Doreen Bennett and the Maori tribe. Both individuals have made many trips both to New Zealand and the USA in regard to the TFIC organization.

Although we can appreciate Mr. Mason's apparent need to issue a public apology for any misrepresentations he might have conducted, we are perplexed on why he would include someone else into the apology and with misleading, false statements.

We do hope that we have shed clarification upon these statements which TFIC believes are untruths and should have the opportunity to be corrected in the public eye.

Sincerely,

**TFIC Board members
Daris Reno Blickman,**

TFIC public relations officer

RE-ELECT CHELSEA TAYLOR SAUNOOKE FOR WOLFTOWN SCHOOL BOARD!



Wolfstown Community,

I am humbly asking for your support in the General Election on September 7th. Please make your vote count for the 1,200 children who attend Cherokee Central Schools!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for any questions or concerns.

God Bless,

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COMMENTARY: Ledford's observations and thoughts, from page 24

forgot lemmings, do lemmings really follow each other off cliffs?

Now, on to something positive. The homeland lies in the direct path of the total eclipse on Monday the 21st, if our clouds get in the way it'll be like a total blackout so look out for the three-minute vampires, someone should make a film called "3 Minutes of Night". Me and the family are heading up to

Wyoming to see this thing. Gonna be scary though, Wyoming is home to some of these seriously mentally defective White militias types that showed up in Virginia. So to be safe I've decided that I'm going to avoid direct eye contact with anyone dressed like a Bryson City denizen. That seems to always get the dim bulbs riled up. Have fun and wear them glasses!

Ledford is an EBCI tribal member currently living in Albuquerque, NM.

One Feather deadline Friday at 12noon

Facebook Weekly Question Responses

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

Since the Tribe has decided to demolish the old Cherokee High School building, what are your thoughts on the use of the property? Following are the four options presented last month to the Planning Board including a fifth "other" option for your unique ideas. Please elaborate on your answer. (a) Multi-Sports Complex; (b) niche retail, mixed use; (c) cultural diversity with retail; (d) five-star grocery store with retail; or (e) other.

Tyler Blankenship: Could make a sports complex with fitness center and indoor/outdoor pool to serve as community pool instead of building a separate community pool.

Joe Mayberry: Grocery store

Janie O'Donoghue Hicks: A Publix would be so great. We only have Food Lion and a lot of people go to Ingles in Bryson. Keep the money here. We need another place to shop.

Joyce Samples Hicks: Agreed, (we) need another grocery store.

Susan Powers: Sports is fine, but grocery that caters to income level would be good too. Publix is too high.

Doris Smith: Why not a housing complex for the homeless with rules to follow? Plus, they have to get a job to pay low rent plus utilities etc. to help get them back on their feet and find a home, somewhere to live in. Plus, give other folks the opportunity to reside there also once the new "home owners" have moved to greener pastures so to speak.

Nathan Bush: Community college owned by the Tribe

JM Lueders: An arts center with dance, music, storytelling, drama, and visual arts studios. A place to perform plays, classes of all kinds,

including writing classes. The arts are known to relax you, help to lift of self esteem, and help you feel connected.

John Mills: How about another casino?

Dennis Ray Burgess: Wal-Mart baby

Marie Dixon: What about a language center or movie theater that shows the children positive indigenous role models throughout history (current elders on film passing down our people's history) as well as keeping the traditions and customs alive? With our children being spread out all of this country, it is important that our language, culture, and history are taught to our relatives without the twisted truths from public government ran schools. I know my children are Cherokee/Mohawk, and we struggle to find reunite with our Cherokee heritage.

Teejay Plummer: Doomsday bunkers

Wilson Johnson: Tribal administrative building, housing all tribal departments under one roof, plus a larger Council meeting house. The one now is antiquated and does not have enough room for everyone to sit in on Council sessions.

Junior Maney: Grocery stores

Susan Beck: How about a new immersion school for New Kituwah Academy? One that will accomodate more students and that will allow the speakers to continue adding grade levels, all the way to 12th grade. Unless there is already a plan in motion for that. Otherwise, more places for locals to enjoy and to give us more options such as a new grocery store, better dinning options, and retail stores.

Barry Craig: Publix grocery store...wouldn't it be nice to get a good cut of beef, seafood, (and) better vegetables? Food Lion needs competition. We need a choice.

Michael Jenkins: Supposed to (have) went to New Kituwah Academy...ya'll need to think.

Erin Kephart: D - Cherokee is in need of a top-

of-the-line grocery store. Food Lion provides basic needs, but they jacked their prices up to take full advantage of being the only grocery store on the Boundary.

Justin Jumper: The best idea would (be) to use the property for something to bring tourists in. We already have a sports complex; several, so we do not need to waste money on another building for a sports complex that will not be used that much. We need to look at and bring in things that will bring tourists to the area to help make more money. The casino is good, but with Tennessee and Georgia looking at building casinos, we need to look at things that will help the casino bring money.

Henry N Susie Dover: To the very least, allowing a 365 day indoor flea market/yard sale booths/areas where many items could have been reused recycled and family could make a few extra dollars, all while charging a reasonable fee to help cover cost for maintenance. Some parts of this building could have housed homeless or allow no/low income families safe shelter to gain footing, or used for emergency housing, a multi use rehabilitation facility, an arena for livestock auctions, to indoor tracks. So many things could and should have been done to pay for the upkeep of this building way before this point. Such wasteful planning on so many existing buildings now gone and still disappearing.

Cole Allison: Empty lot for years to come so Council will have another site to argue about its future uses. Possibly use for election persuasion?

Faith Garner: Grocery stores

Mike Owens: D - Grocery store...since IGA went out, Food Lion has been ripping us off because they are the only place left unless you go to Bryson City!

Brandon Lee: Community gardens, emergency shelter/bunker.. and farmers market. LeeBoy Land fun park powered by wind mills, fresh water, recycle, and solar panel farm, then sell extra.

Bailey Littlejohn: Make it a music venue for something besides country music. Teens and young adults who like metal shows are bored because Cherokee just cares about country music. If we wanted to attend a good metal show, we have to travel to Atlanta or Charlotte.

Dustin Armachain: Land for people to put their houses on.

Marsha Fowler: Something like a retail store that has book stores like Barnes & Noble, grocery stores,

places to get more clothing, instead of traveling all the way to Sylva or Asheville.

Cameron Catolster: Five-star grocery store

Candy Johnson: How about a smaller scale version of Biltmore Park in Asheville? Upscale apartments, maybe some for seniors, shopping on the bottom floors, an art studio section, couple of restaurants, three or four floors...



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A change that you'd hoped for is down the line. But you still need to be patient until more explanations are forthcoming. Continue to keep your enthusiasm in check.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your social life expands as new friends come into your life. But while you're having fun, your practical side also sees some positive business potential within your new circle.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your workplace situation continues to improve. Look for advantages you might have missed while all the changes were going on around you. That trusted colleague can help.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Resist the urge to hunker down in your bunker until things ease up. Instead, get rid of that woe-is-me attitude by getting up and getting out to meet old friends and make new ones.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Now that you're back enjoying the spotlight again, you should feel re-energized and ready to take on the challenge of bringing those big, bold plans of yours to completion.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A former friend would like to repair a relationship you two once enjoyed. Your positive response could have an equally positive impact on your life. Think about it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Resist making impulsive decisions. Stay on that steady course as you continue to work out workplace problems. Be patient. All will soon be back in balance.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might feel confident about taking a promising offer, but continue to be alert for what you're not being told about it. Don't fret. Time is on your side.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) People dear to you might be planning a way to show appreciation for all you've done for them. Accept the honor graciously. Remember: You deserve it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Congratulations. Your self-confidence is on the rise. This could be a good time to tackle those bothersome situations you've avoided both at home and at work.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You feel obligated to return a favor. (Of course, you do.) But heed advice from those close to you and do nothing until you know for sure what's being asked of you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your loving reassurance helped revive a once-moribund relationship. But be wary of someone who might try to do something negative to reverse this positive turn of events.

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Isabel Catolster: Grocery and/or a supermarket...cuts going through traffic congestion. (We've) been needing one on this side since Quala Market closed; good location, plenty of parking. Food Lion's parking is unkept and congested due to all the fast foods located there.

Isaiah Chekelelee: Spearmint Rhino

Robert Hoffman: I am just a visitor to your beautiful homeland, but what about an Aldi grocery store?

Angela Wolfe: Another school. Cherokee schools are already overcrowded. Put another high school there and let the elementary and middle school share the new one. While we are at it, we should tear down all the buildings in Cherokee and redo the whole town, including the roads and parking.

Becky S. Howell: A new nursing home!

Jill Cherie Lossiah: A - The Ginger Lynn Complex is undergoing thousands of dollars of renovations for the Cherokee Life Center. The location has limited parking. Gyms are usually wide open spaces. A sports complex will invite tournaments and competitions to our region. If a pool was part of it, swim meets can be part of the competitions as well. Take a look at the Sports Complex at Myrtle Beach, in

Arden and Pigeon Forge! A lot of our children attend basketball tournaments in the surrounding states. Look at the youth that won at NAYO competitions. Usually each day costs \$12-\$20! Economics! Not everyone goes to the casino.

Frank James Lossiah: Definitely build a sports complex for the youth. That keep their attention in sports and staying fit instead of letting hangout (with) the bad cowards that are into drugs and alcohol. The youth is the future of the Tribe.

Nannie Taylor: They need to place a building for our youth. Instead of just one skate park, our young ones need a place to maybe learn to play musical instruments or some kind of sports, or maybe a new resthome for some old folks who wants to be closer to Cherokee.

Pat Kephart: A good grocery store would certainly be a welcome! Some competition in prices would be great!

Nichol Johnson: Grocery store so Food Lion is not the only one.

Connor McCoy: Other

Annabelle Long: I'm sorry, but keeping it and putting tribal offices in it would help so there will be less running all over to find what you need.

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Church Events

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

Fundraisers/Benefits

NDN Dinner Benefit for Reva Bird Toineeta Family. Aug. 24 at Yellowhill Community Building from 11am - 1pm. Chicken, bean bread, cabbage, potatoes, fatback, and drink for \$8. Walk-ins and call-in orders, pick-up are all welcome. Info: Lou Johnson 788-2853 or 593-8003

General Events

Cherokee Tribal Court Open House. Aug. 24 from 8am - 3:30pm at Tribal Courthouse. Breakfast and afternoon snacks will be provided. Meet Chief Justice Kirk Saunooke, Chief Judge Thomas Cochran, Judge Randle Jones, and Judge Shannon Swimmer.

Turkey Shoots. Aug. 26 at 5pm and Sept. 9 at 5pm, both at Jesse Welch's residence in the Big Cove Community. The Aug. 26 event is sponsored by Lawrence Queen, and the Sept. 9 event is sponsored by the Gates Boys. Good prizes, good food, good fun. Bring your best gun. Info: Jesse Welch 497-2434

Swain County Democratic Party Whittier-Cherokee Precinct meeting. Aug. 31 at 6pm at Birdtown Gym. Agenda items include: Swain County and Qualla Boundary listening sessions, Roaring on the River, and voting absentee ballots. All are welcome. Info: Brenda

Donargo 488-1118

Fireside Circle Fall Gathering Campout. Sept. 7-10 at Yogi in the Smokies Campground. NA/AA/Al-anon speakers, Talking Circles, meetings, sobriety pow wow, and more. Registration begins Thursday at 12pm. Pre-registration \$45/adult, kids 11-17 are \$20, kids 10 and under free; price includes food and tent/camper site for three nights. Info: Herb W. 506-8563 or firesidecircle@yahoo.com

Community Bingo. Sept. 14 at 1pm at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. Everyone will receive two Bingo cards. To receive an extra card, bring canned goods, toiletries, or other household items for donation to the Cherokee Children's Home. This event is sponsored by the Office of the Principal Chief and EBCI Human Resources Department.

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

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

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

Health/Sports Events

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

Cherokee Cancer Support Group monthly meeting. Sept. 7 at 5:30pm at Betty's Place at 40 Goose Creek Road in Cherokee. This will be a business meeting and covered dish dinner. Chris Brouwer, Edward Jones Associates financial advisor, will be the guest speaker. Everyone is invited.

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

359-5575, sarasmil@nc-chokeee.com

Cherokee Rally for Recovery. Sept. 16 from 3-7pm. Free food, guest speakers, music, raffles, giveaways, information on resources and services from local organizations. Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming Pow Wows for Aug. 25-27

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.

10th Annual Honoring Traditions Gathering & Pow Wow. Aug. 25-27 in Pala, Calif. Emcees: Bart Powaukee, Ruben Little Head. Invited Drums: Bad Moon Rising, Black Bear, Black Otter, Buc Wild, Eyabay, Mandaree, Warpaint, Wild Band of Comanches. Info: Skye McMichael (760) 891-3590

44th Annual Traditional Wild Rice Festival Pow Wow. Aug. 25-27 at Makwode' Arena in Turtle Lake, Wisc. Emcees: Pete Gahbow, Mike Sullivan. Host Drums: Native Boys, Raining Thunder, Cumberland Singers. Info: Melissa Coon (715) 349-2195, melissac@stcroixtribal-center.com

Gathering at the Falls Pow Wow. Aug. 25-27 at Lilac Bowl Riverfront Park in Spokane, Wash. Info: Jerry Crowshoe (509) 362-2178, jerrycrowshoe@yahoo.com

Muckleshoot Skopabsh Pow Wow. Aug. 25-27 at Muckleshoot Pow Wow Grounds in Auburn, Wash. Emcees: Lawrence Baker, Gayle Skunkcap. Host Drum: Blackstone. Info: wendy.lloyd@muckleshoot-health.com, grant.timent-wa@muckleshoot.msn.us

Xatsull Save the Salmon Traditional Pow Wow. Aug. 25-27 at Xatsull Heritage Village in Soda Creek, British Columbia, Canada. MC: Mike Retasket. Host Drum: Four Stones. Co-Host Drum: Northern Tribez. Info: Cheryl Chapman (250) 989-2323 ext. 104, education@xatsull.com

24th Annual Potawatomi Trails Social Pow Wow. Aug. 26-27 at Shiloh Park in Zion, Illinois. Info: (847) 746-5797, (847) 746-9086

Community Club Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

Wolftown Community Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Wolftown Community Club Building. Info: Tuff Jackson, chairman, 788-4088

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

Community Groups

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

Support Groups/Meetings

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

Couture@cherokeehospital.org

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

Analenisgi Recovery Center weekly class schedule

Monday: Community Culture 11:15am – 12:30pm; Stressed No More 2-3pm; Nar-Anon 6-7pm (1st and 3rd Mondays); CoDA 6-7pm (2nd and 4th Mondays)
Tuesday: Recovery Thru Art 8:45-9:45am; Healthy Relationships 11am – 12pm; Employment Work-

shop Series 11am – 12pm (2nd Tuesday); Family Support Skills 1-2pm; Surviving Emotions 2-3pm
Wednesday: Managing “Monkey Mind” 10-11am; Recovery is Happening Now 11am – 12pm; My Self, My Boundaries 2-3:30pm; Family Support Skills 5-6pm; HIV/AIDS/Hep C Support Group 5:45-6:45pm (2nd and 4th Wednesdays)
Thursday: Life Recovery Bible Class 9-10am; Connections with Brene’ Brown 10-11am; Managing “Monkey Mind” 11am – 12pm; Improve Self-Esteem 1-2:30pm
Friday: Recovery Thur Art 9:30-11am and 11am – 12pm; Cherokee Language Class 1-2:30pm
Info: 497-9163 ext. 7550

CIHA Bariatric Support Groups meet every second Thursday of the month at Snowbird Clinic from

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

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

Eastern Band Cherokee Fairgrounds,
545 Tsali Blvd., Cherokee, NC 28719

AUG. 24-27, 2017
10am, 2pm, & 7pm

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TATA

This is just an open letter for all to see, so Everyone will know just what you meant to me. That just because you're in heaven doesn't mean you can't feel a brothers love. When I was young and fell down, you picked me. When I was wrong and nobody took my side, you still stood by me loyally. When I done good you would be the first with praise. So, right or wrong we was family and you made me feel it. Heck you even named one of your kids after me, now that's love(poor thang).

So, today, tomorrow and all eternity I'll stay loyal to you and your memory, but I want you to know the emptiness I feel without you here, will never heal. I cry at just the thought of you, and I find it very hard to breathe. I'd pay any price just to hold you one more time Sis and that's no lie. So tell St. Peter I'll be along shortly, but you're gonna be the one to hold the gate open for me!!

*I Love & miss you Sis
"Endlessly" Brother Bugg*

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Owen, a 12-year-old chihuahua, lives with Bart and Erin French Tyner in Sevierville, Tenn. Born in Big Cove to Skilly and Kathleen, Owen's favorite activity is eating.



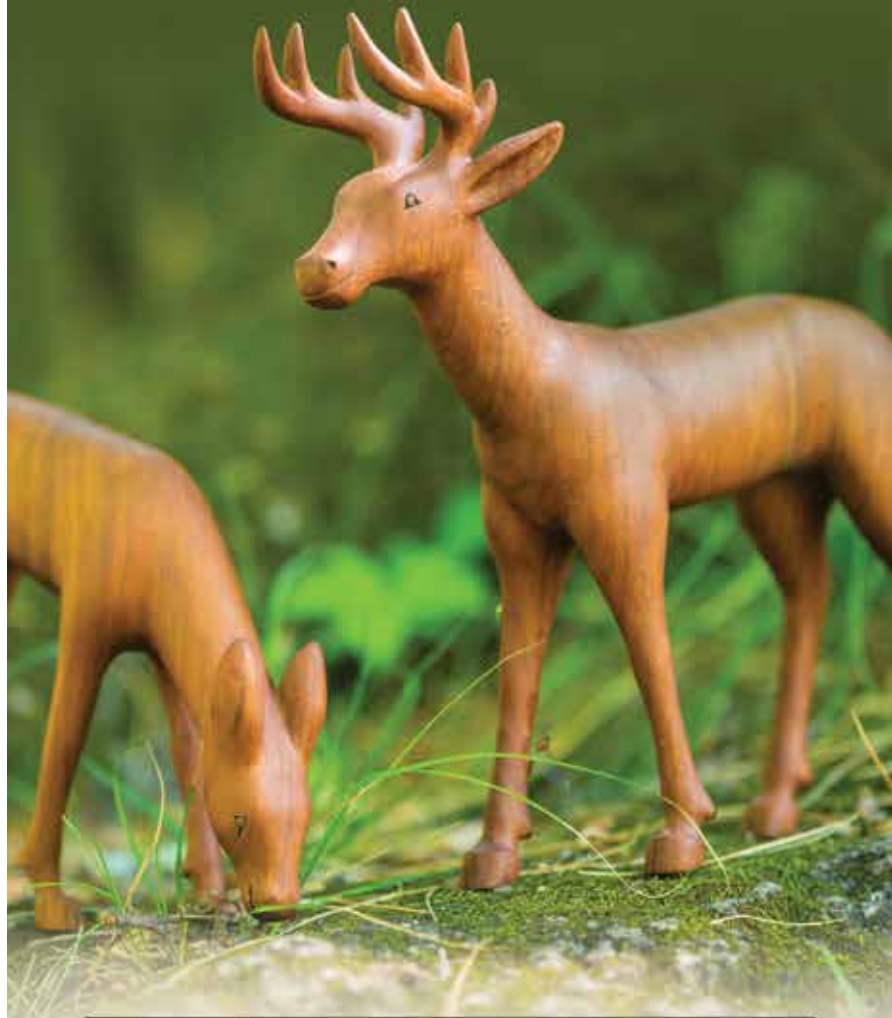
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№ 25

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FOR RENT

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

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

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12x8 trailer: 506-8981

36" pre hung doors \$50, storm door, building materials lattice: 421-0946

2 sets black out curtains 63", brand new \$20 for both pairs: 508-5095

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Medium Size Dog House \$20: 488-6565

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

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18' Pontoon boat: 361-0994



Re-Elect
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Yellowhill
Tribal Council

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BIBLE

TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of James in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Joshua 10, the sun stood still while Joshua's army destroyed what people? *Amorites, Midianites, Egyptians, Philistines*
3. How old was Abram when God changed his name to Abraham? *12, 17, 40, 99*
4. From Genesis 9, who saw a rainbow in the sky? *Adam, Moses, Noah, Abraham*
5. Who was David's oldest brother? *Jonah, Eliab, Joel, Agrippa*
6. From 1 Samuel 2, how many children did Hannah have? *5, 10, 15, 20*

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Amorites; 3) 99; 4) Noah; 5) Eliab; 6) 5
Comments? More Trivia? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com

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Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

Receptionist/Switchboard Operator -
Administration Department

Opening Date: Aug. 23, 2017; Closing Date: Sept. 7, 2017.

Carpenter Helpers -
Construction and Facilities Dept.

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

Payroll Officer -
Administration Department

Opening Date: Aug. 9, 2017; Closing Date: Aug. 23, 2017.

Assistant Finance Director -
Administration Department

Opening Date: Aug. 9, 2017; Closing Date: Aug. 23, 2017.

Lead Teachers -
Agelink (must have credentials)

Opening Date: July 24, 2017; Closing Date: Until Filled



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

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

The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory. Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates or readvertise positions without notice.

SEQUOYAH FUND

LENDING AND TRAINING FOR BUSINESS OWNERS

Account Manager Position
Full-time

About Sequoyah Fund

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

Position Description

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

Qualifications

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

How to Apply

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

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort is hosting a

JOB FAIR

Wednesday, August 30 – 9am-3pm

Talent Acquisition Office

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

Hot Jobs in the Following Departments:

HARRAH'S CHEROKEE CASINO RESORT

\$1,000 hiring bonus for Cooks, EMT/Security Officer - NC EMT Certification Required, Food Court Cashier
\$500 hiring bonus for Bartenders, Casino Cocktail Servers, Cleaning Specialist and Service Connection Agents

Other opportunities available in:

Bar Help, Casino Cocktail Server, Cook, Dining Attendant, Food & Beverage Cashier, Gaming Host, Room Attendant, Security Officer, Server, Service Connection Center Agent and MANY MORE!

HARRAH'S CHEROKEE VALLEY RIVER CASINO

EVS, Casino Marketing Department, Drop & Count, Food & Beverage, Housekeeping, Surveillance



For a complete listing of jobs go to HARRASHEROKEEJOBS.COM

If you have already submitted your application, it will be considered active for 6 months from the date of application. To qualify, applicants must be 21 years or older (18-21 years eligible for non-gaming positions), must successfully pass an RIAH hair/drug test and undergo an investigation by Tribal Gaming Commission. Preference for Tribal members. This property is owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, managed by Caesars Entertainment. The Talent Acquisition Department accepts applications Mon. - Thur. from 8am - 4:30pm. Call 828.497.8778, or send resume to the Talent Acquisition Department, 777 Casino Drive, Cherokee, NC 28719 or fax resume to 828.497.8540.

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

Cherokee Indian Hospital Job Listings



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

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

These positions are open until filled:

- Master Level Therapist** - Justice Center
- Physician - Emergency Room**
- Snowbird Residential Treatment Manager**
- Mid-Level Provider** - Emergency Room
- Targeted Case Manager** - Analenisgi
- Targeted Case Manager** - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center
- Master Level Therapist** - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center
- Cultural Coordinator** - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center
- Pedodontist**
- PTI Registered Nurse** - Inpatient
- Residential Technician** - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center (9 Positions)
- Housekeeping/Grounds/Maintenance Specialist** - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center
- Residential Kitchen Supervisor** - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org.
If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163.
Indian preference does apply.

EMPLOYMENT

TERO Employment Manager

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

New Kituwah Academy is looking for at least four (4) dedicated individuals interested in learning to speak, read, write and teach the Cherokee Language. Interns will be contracted and will not be employees of the EBI. This program will be a two year cycle. At the completion

of the program each participant will graduate and be able to hold a Novice Mid or Higher conversations with fluent speakers. The participant will also be equipped to teach beginner (Novice) level Cherokee. Again we are looking for those that can dedicate the time and that are interested in pursuing a future in teaching Cherokee language. To apply, please stop by and pick up an application from the front desk at New Kituwah Academy. The deadline for applications will be September 22nd. **8/31pd**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-037
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Jo Anne K. Taylor**

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Joey Taylor, 246 Sunland, Andrews, NC 28901. **8/24pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-047
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Elnora Owle Maney**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before

the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
John Winfred Maney, 9286 Big Cove Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **8/31pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-048
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Ethel M. Lambert**

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the



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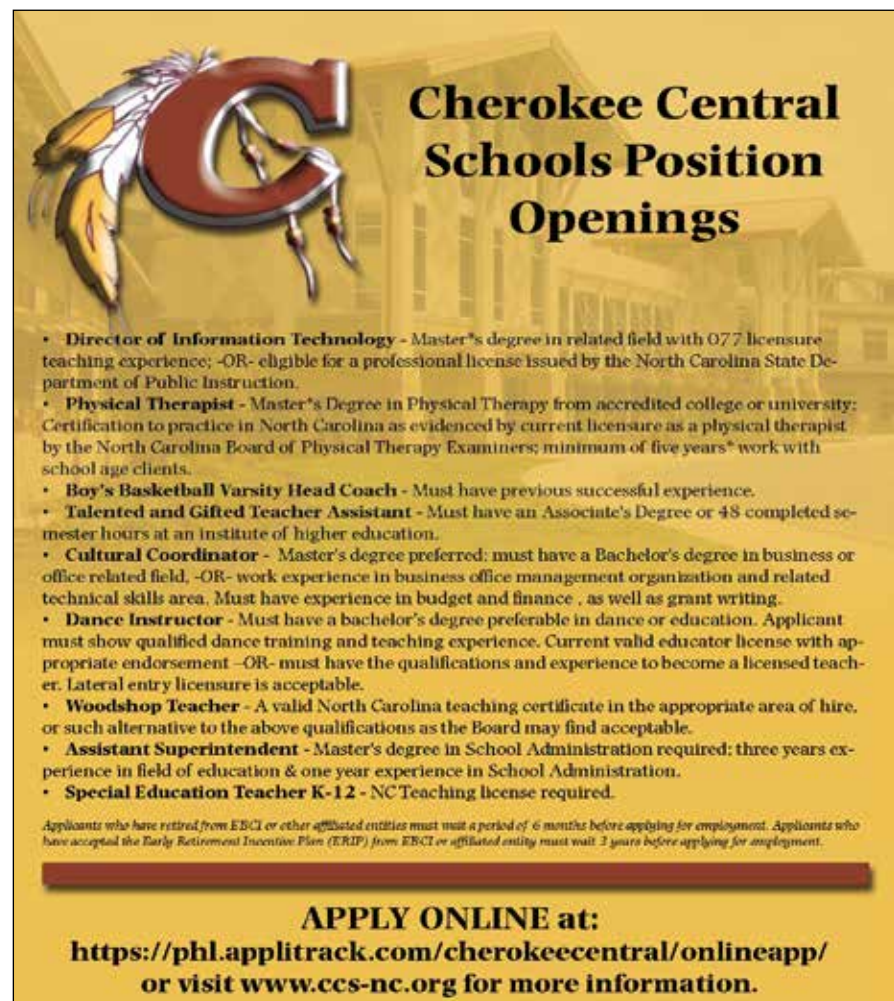
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**Cherokee Central
Schools Position
Openings**

- **Director of Information Technology** - Master's degree in related field with 077 licensure teaching experience; -OR- eligible for a professional license issued by the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction.
- **Physical Therapist** - Master's Degree in Physical Therapy from accredited college or university; Certification to practice in North Carolina as evidenced by current licensure as a physical therapist by the North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy Examiners; minimum of five years' work with school age clients.
- **Boy's Basketball Varsity Head Coach** - Must have previous successful experience.
- **Talented and Gifted Teacher Assistant** - Must have an Associate's Degree or 48 completed semester hours at an institute of higher education.
- **Cultural Coordinator** - Master's degree preferred; must have a Bachelor's degree in business or office related field, -OR- work experience in business office management organization and related technical skills area. Must have experience in budget and finance, as well as grant writing.
- **Dance Instructor** - Must have a bachelor's degree preferable in dance or education. Applicant must show qualified dance training and teaching experience. Current valid educator license with appropriate endorsement -OR- must have the qualifications and experience to become a licensed teacher. Lateral entry licensure is acceptable.
- **Woodshop Teacher** - A valid North Carolina teaching certificate in the appropriate area of hire, or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board may find acceptable.
- **Assistant Superintendent** - Master's degree in School Administration required; three years experience in field of education & one year experience in School Administration.
- **Special Education Teacher K-12** - NC Teaching license required.

Applicants who have retired from EBCI or other affiliated entities must wait a period of 6 months before applying for employment. Applicants who have accepted the Early Retirement Incentive Plan (ERIP) from EBCI or affiliated entity must wait 3 years before applying for employment.

APPLY ONLINE at:
<https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/>
or visit www.ccs-nc.org for more information.

appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Walter Lambert, 1056 Adams Creek
Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **8/31pd**

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

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

Courtroom 1, EBCI Justice Center,
September 21st 2017 at 1:30pm.
9/7pd

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY
PUBLICATION

THE CHEROKEE COURT, EASTERN
BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA
FILE NO: CV 17-409
**CAROLYN LITTLEJOHN PILKING-
TON, Plaintiff vs
FRED PILKINGTON, Defen-**

dant,
To: FRED PILKINGTON,
ADDRESS NOT KNOWN
Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action.
The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: CIVIL SUMMONS FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE.
You are required to make defense

to such pleadings on the 25th day of September, 2017, said date being 40 days from the first date of publication of this notice and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. **9/7pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-051

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Rosie Owle Marler**

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS

FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Mary Jane Ward, 1285 Old Bryson
City Road, Whittier, NC 28789.
9/14pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
The Cherokee Court
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File Nos.: EST 12-074; EST 13-002; EST 13-007; EST 13-008;
EST 13-009

**In the Matter of the Estates
of: Jordan Shane Ledford (d.
10/29/2012); Mildred Messer
Cisneros (d. 11/23/2012); Sunny
Dawn Crowe(d. 7/11/2012);
Wilma Lee Beck Lambert (d.
11/20/2012); Norma Michelle
Rattler (d. 8/30/2012)**

All persons, firms, or corporations having outstanding claims or interest in these estates are hereby notified of a hearing to settle the

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THE PROGRAM:

- Group classes weekly for 16 weeks.
 - Cherokee Indian Hospital, Thursdays, 12-1 starting August 31st 2017
 - Ginger Lynn Welch Complex, Wednesdays 12-1 or 4:45-5:45 starting September 20th 2017
- Free healthy meal, gas gift cards for attendance & prizes!
- Each participant will have a Lifestyle Coach to offer ongoing support on their journey towards a healthy lifestyle.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Committed to attending 10 out of 16 classes
- Pay a \$5 entry fee (funds will go towards the program)
- At risk for developing Type 2 Diabetes, risk factors include:
 - Cherokee or other minority race
 - Parent or sibling with diabetes
 - Diagnosis of gestational diabetes
 - Gave birth to baby weighing over 9#
 - Pre-diabetes
 - 45 years of age or older
 - Overweight or Obese
 - High Blood Pressure
 - High Cholesterol or Triglycerides
 - Dark skin around my neck or armpits (acanthosis nigricans)
- Inactivity

Space is limited – based on need.
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above named estates at the following date and time or be barred from making any further claims against the estate.

EBCI Justice Center
September 21, 2017 at 1:30pm
9/14pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-029

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Kina Elaine Lossiah**

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Lizzie Poe, P.O. Box 1020, Cherokee,

NC 28719. **8/24pd**

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

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

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

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

The following need to contact

our evidence personnel: Adrian S. George; Aletha M. Mathis; Amanda Nicole Sherrill; Amy Lincoln; Anita Nicole Flippo; Barry Coggins; Charles Hammond; Cody John Decoteau; Corie Bradie; Darren Sneed; Dayini Lossie; Devan Whisper Jackson; Ernest Jarrett Sneed; Estefan Ryne Welch; Jacob Ivey Jr.; John Ricky Lossie; Jonathon S. Hill; Jordan Elizabeth Littlejohn; Justin Reeves Lambert; Katelynn Ledford; Kyle Cragar Sneed; Larry or Melba Haigler; Lauren Elisabeth Hodge; Living Waters Church/Jack Russell; Matthew Armachain; Matthew Hughes or Johanna Climbingbear; Michael Christopher Estes; Monica Kristine Singer; Rodney and Rhonda Rogers; Steven Lewis Saunooke; Tyler Lee Crowe; Velva Powell.

10/25

**Request for Qualifications
Project Title: Master Plan
Development Services**

This is a "Request for Qualifications" from firms or teams that have verifiable experience and expertise in master planning, development, design, and construction estimation of institutional, commercial, and community facilities and their associated infrastructure.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Project Management Office is soliciting proposals for the services of a planning and design team, on a retainer basis, to develop conceptual master development plans for various projects throughout Western North Carolina in six counties (Swain, Jackson, Graham, Cherokee, Haywood and Macon) on lands owned or managed by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

The full project description and "RFQ" will be provided to any interested firm upon request. All

questions, comments or requests for materials should be addressed to Travis Sneed, Tribal Planner at 828-359-6701 or by email at travsnee@nc-chokeee.com. The deadline for submitting proposals is 2:30 p.m. on 09/22/2017.

Indian Preference (as defined by the Tribal Employment Rights Office, TERO) applies for this RFQ.
8/31pd

Request for Qualifications

**Project Title: Kituwah Fields
and Historic Site Master Plan
Development**

This is a "Request for Qualifications" from firms or teams with experience in planning and design of community facilities.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Project Management Program, is soliciting proposals for development of a Master Plan for a culturally sensitive site development plan for the Kituwah Fields. The plan will include a culturally sensitive site development overview with an emphasis on upgrade or replacement of the existing barn structure/hanger with facilities for equipment storage, training, social gathering, farming and recreation. The project area is located along US 19, south of Cherokee, NC.

The full project description and "RFQ" will be provided to any interested firm upon request. All questions, comments or requests for materials should be addressed to Travis Sneed, Tribal Planner at 828-359-6701 or by email at travsnee@nc-chokeee.com. The deadline for submitting proposals is 2:30 p.m. on 09/22/2017.

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Siyoy, Friend
I want to take some time to write to you, and tell you that this campaign since March has been one amazing experience for me. I have really enjoyed my time getting to know the people of Wolftown and Big Y.



Getting to know you is the most important piece to my campaign. When I understand you, I form a connection with you.

While although I realize I cannot make everyone happy, and I realize everyone may not agree with me, I do realize that I have a job to do as your Council Member, and that job is to address the needs of our community, and our tribe. Going into my first term I understand there will be a learning curve, but I also understand the importance of needing to get things done during my first term, and that is why I have developed a platform.

My platform covers the areas of: Term Limits. Encouraging leaders to have an education. Provide trainings for youth to prepare them for life after high school. Investing in Education. Investing more into Public Health & Human Services. Investing and improving our Housing programs. Investing more into Tribal Elder Services. Investing in new initiatives/programs to battle the drug epidemic. Treatment and Post-Treatment. Reports for National/State-Wide travels. In-person quarterly forums to give progress reports to tribal members.

My platform is not a one-size fits all platform, but it is to show you that I have a plan, and that I am not just running for the sake of running. I am going to be open-minded, but I believe it is important that you understand who you are voting for, and what they are planning to bring.

When I decided to run, I ran because I understand the severity of the issues our tribe is facing, and I feel very confident in my ability to help this tribe in addressing these issues, and bringing solutions sooner rather than later. I also decided to run because I believe it is time for a new generation to lead. There is going to be a time when it's time for my generation to take the wheel, and lead this tribe. My intent is to help be that starting point. To bring a new way of thinking, new ideas, and help prepare our upcoming generations for the future, and ensure they are ready to lead this tribe when it is their time to lead. There is a lot of work to be done in the coming years, and there will be a lot to learn. I am dedicating myself to learn what I need to learn, to do what I need to do, to help this tribe get to where it needs to be. Cherokee is my home, and the EBCI will be my number one priority. I want to express my gratitude to everyone in Wolftown and Big Y for taking the time to listen to me, and sharing your stories, concerns, and support. This campaign has been successful for many reasons. My hope is to give back by working for you for the next 2-years. On September 7th, I humbly ask for your support and vote. Sgi!

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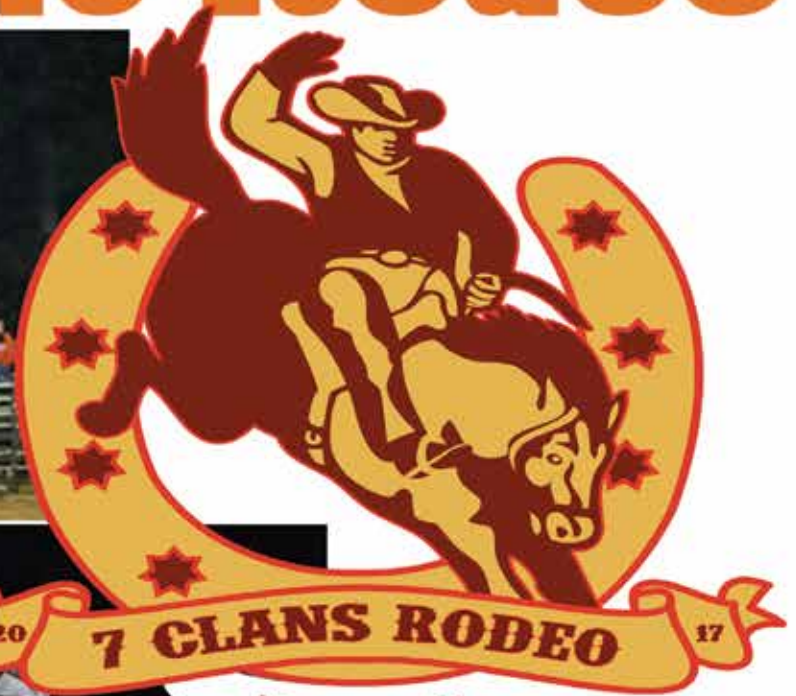
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