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# Journey of a lifetime



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**JOURNEY:** The 2017 Remember the Removal Riders, representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, are as follows: back row (left-right) - Zane Wachacha, Bo Taylor, Chavella Taylor, Sheyahshe Littledave (alternate); front row -Haley Cooper, Taylor Wilnoty, and Renissa McLaughlin. Not pictured - Shannon Swimmer.

#### EBCI selects Remember the Removal Riders

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even members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will mount bicycles in the humid heat of early June to embark on a journey of a lifetime. The Tribe has announced its selections for the 2017 Remember the Removal Ride, a 950-mile event which retraces the northern route of the Trail of Tears through North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, and Oklahoma.

Those chosen to to represent the EBCI include: Chavella Taylor, Bo Taylor, Zane Wachacha, Renissa McLaughlin, Taylor Wilnoty, Haley Cooper, Shannon Swimmer, and alternate Sheyahshe Littledave.

The first Remember the Removal ride was held in 1984 by citizens of the Cherokee Nation. Twenty-five years later, in 2009, the event was revitalized and has been held every year since. The Eastern Band of Cherokee joined the ride in 2011, and this year will mark the sixth year of participation for EBCI tribal members.

"I've wanted to do it for a few years now," said Chavella Taylor, a 26-year-old from the Painttown Community who works as a data specialist at Dora Reed Head Start. "But, this year I felt that I was ready. I just want to be able to inspire my family, my kids and hopefully my community that they can do whatever they want to do."

Chavella will be riding for someone else too. Her brother, Sergio, passed away in 2013, and she will carry his memory with her. "His stickball team was supposed to go to Oklahoma, and he passed a few days before they left so I'm hoping to be able to go for him and go for myself."

Bo Taylor, a 47-year-old from the Big Cove Community works as the executive director of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. "I've always had a deep love and appreciation for the Cherokee culture."

He said several of the former RTR bike riders have told him of the "life-changing experience" they've gained from the event. "I think we all need something like that. We feel we need to do something...if anything, I am doing this for me. It's a challenge that I want to undertake. It's a long way. I know it's going to be physically, mentally, and spiritually challenging, but that's something that I feel I need right now."

He added, "I feel this is a time for me to reconnect with the culture again and get back to the grassroots of why I fell in love with the culture. I've always been seen as the cultural guy - the guy that sings and dances - and, this trip will tie in a lot of history into that...I want to see some of these places that I've read about."

Zane Wachacha, a 20-year-old from the Snowbird Community, is a sophomore at Warren Wilson College studying political science. "With everything that's going on in the world and in the U.S. today, like in North Dakota, I want to be a voice of change. I want to be a lawyer for a tribe so I can help my people out...and, this is my way of voicing my opinion and just feeling like I have a purpose as an EBCI member."

Renissa McLaughlin, a 48-yearold from the Birdtown and Big Cove Communities, is the director of the Kituwah Preservation and Education Program. She was actually selected for last year's ride, but was unable to make the journey as she broke her ankle before departure.

"I had a really good summer and good experiences this summer, so I believe that everything happens for a reason. If I had been gone, I wouldn't have had those experiences."

Heavily involved in the culture



Photo courtesy of Swimmer Shannon Swimmer

from her home community of Big Cove, Renissa commented, 'When we would go out to the water, even though it was cold, the one thing I kept in mind was, no matter how



cold it is or how tired we are, our ancestors suffered more than that. That's been something that's been on my mind a lot."

She said the trip for her will be something tangible, "I'll be able to stand where they stood. I'll be able to touch the earth where they were and where their remains are. That physical connection and emotional connection I think is just going to be over-powering for me."

Taylor Wilnoty, a 21-year-old from the Painttown Community, is a teacher at the Dora Reed Children's Center. She commented, "I just really want to understand what happened on the Trail of Tears. I know it's just a bike ride. but I see comments on Facebook all the time like, 'it didn't happen to you, get over it'. Yeah, it didn't happen to me, but it happened to my ancestors, and I want to have a better understanding so I can make a comment back and say, 'it was my ancestors' and have meaning behind it."

She added, "My biggest reason is the fulfillment of knowing what exactly happened."

Haley Cooper, an 18-year-old from the Yellowhill Community, is a senior at Swain County High School and the youngest rider from the Eastern Band of Cherokees this year. "I want to do the bike ride for multiple reasons, but the biggest one being I want to show people that we, as a Tribe, are still here despite all things, despite the Removal and laws that had been created to suppress Native Americans. I want to show people that we're still here as a Tribe and that we still survived."

Shannon Swimmer, a 37-yearold from the Painttown Community, is the Clerk of Court at Cherokee Tribal Court. "My reason for

wanting to participate is to honor the ancestors. In 2009, I had the opportunity to be one of seven EBCI runners to carry the eternal flame from Cherokee, NC to Red Clay, Tenn. for a commemorative joint council session with the EBCI and Cherokee Nation. Runners from Cherokee Nation also ran the route from Cherokee to Red Clay and together we traced portions of the Trail of Tears. It was physically and mentally demanding to complete the run, but we encouraged one another, supported one another, and we gained strength from remembering our ancestors who walked that route in harsh winter conditions."

She added, "Through the perseverance and determination of our ancestors we're still here, surviving and thriving in North Carolina and in Oklahoma. Our Tribe may have been divided, but we're still one people. By remembering the tragedy of the Trail of Tears while celebrating our continued existence, we honor our ancestors' sacrifices as well as their resilience and that's very empowering. We're survivors and we should all take pride in that."

An alternate for this year's ride. Shevahshe Littledave. a 32-yearold from the Painttown Community, works as an administrative assistant at the Cherokee Indian Hospital. "I needed to challenge myself...I needed to do something that was outside of my box and just face that fear. I am an alternate, so there is the possibility that I won't be able to go, but the reason that I agreed to still be an alternate is that a lot of what I want to achieve I think I can achieve in still being able to participate in the training. I'm very excited."

# Fires raging in Park

reat Smoky Mountains National Park received notice of a fire 150 vards behind the Twin Creek Picnic Pavilion off Cherokee Orchard Road at around 11:35am on Monday, Nov. 28. National Park Service firefighters and the Gatlinburg Fire Department have responded to the area. The Tennessee Division of Forestry also responded to the area to stage equipment for use as needed. All non-fire park service personnel were evacuated from the nearby Twin Creeks Science Center as a precaution.

As of Monday afternoon, it is unknown if the fire near Twin Creeks is a spot fire associated with the Chimney 2 Fire or if it is an independent ignition.

Park officials related, "Due to continued erratic winds, the fires are very unpredictable and more fire growth is expected. State and local fire departments have been alerted to respond as needed to potential threats to private properties along the Park boundaries including Gatlinburg and Pittman Center."

As of Monday, the Twin Creek fire posed no immediate threat to structures at LeConte Lodge or any areas outside of Park boundaries including Gatlinburg, Pittman Center, or Cosby facilities.

Park officials were forced to close Newfound Gap Road, Cherokee Orchard Road, Elkmont Road, and several trails on Monday morning due to the Chimney 2 Fire.

"The fire has grown to approximately 500 acres in size overnight due to extreme, sustained winds



NPS Photos

**STARTED SMALL:** A fire, being called the Chimney 2 Fire, in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is seen in this photo taken from Newfound Gap Road on Friday, Nov. 25.

over 20 mph," said Park officials in a statement. "National Park Service fire crews are focusing on suppression efforts to ensure public safety and protect park facilities at locations such as Chimneys Picnic Area. The fire is currently moving northeast, burning primarily along the ground layer through duff and leaf litter. Gusting winds have caused the fire to spot across the ridges in the Chimney Tops and Bullhead Ridge areas."

On Sunday, Nov. 27, three helicopters dropped water throughout the area to help suppress the fire over the extremely steep, rough terrain. Additional ground firefighters were also requested to help with suppression efforts in anticipation of predicted winds for Monday afternoon.

Due to the smoke, Park officials issued an air quality advisory on Monday afternoon which stated, "The air quality today is unhealthy for the Sevier County section of the park and adjacent areas, especially in the Gatlinburg area due to heavy smoke from the nearby Chimney 2 Fire. Concentrations of particulate matter from smoke along with the strong winds from the south has exceeded the human health standard and is expected to remain at these levels today for park visi-



**AND, GREW:** The fire, which had burned three acres on Friday, grew to over 500 acres by Monday afternoon.

tors and staff. Active children and adults, and people with respiratory and pulmonary disease are at risk. People should refrain from strenuous or prolonged physical outdoor activities and limit exposure."

Backcountry areas are unsafe for travel and the following trails and backcountry campsites are currently closed until further notice. Closed Backcountry Trails include: Chimney Tops, Road Prong, Huskey Gap, Sugarland Mountain, Rough Creek, Little River, Cucumber Gap, Jakes Creek, Miry Ridge, Goshen Prong, Old Sugarlands, Bullhead, Rainbow Falls, Alum Cave, Brushy Mountain, Trillium Gap, Baskins Creek, Porters Creek, and Grapevard Ridge trails. Closed Backcountry Campsites include: 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, 31, 32, Mt. Le Conte shelter, and Mt. Collins shelter.

The cause of the fire near Chimney Tops appears to be human caused and is under investigation. If anyone has information regarding the origin of this fire, or other fires in the park, please call the park's Tip Line (865) 436-1580. - NPS



Photos courtesy of Paul Badillo

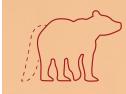
**STANDING ROCK:** Paul Badillo (shown in photo above), an EBCI tribal member from Cherokee, submitted these photos from the Sacred Stone Camp - the apex of the fight against the Dakota Access Pipeline in North Dakota. Construction on a school at the camp is shown in the photo below.



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#### **CIPD** Arrest Report Nov. 21-28

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

Bennett, Lauren Sterling – age 38 Arrested: Nov. 22 at 11:00

Not released as of press time Charges: Violation of Probation (two counts), False Pretense, Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property, Larceny, Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor Number of times in

#### **CIPD Detention: 10**

Crowe, Joel Daniel age 36 Arrested: Nov. 22 at 11:45



Released: Nov. 22 Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Number of times in **CIPD Detention: 14** 

Flippo, Anita Nicole -age 23 Arrested: Nov. 22 at 10:02

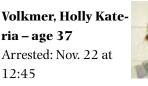
Released: Nov. 23 **Charges: Probation Violation** Number of times in **CIPD Detention: 7** 

Gunter, Austin Allen – age 25 Arrested: Nov. 22 at 16:44

Not released as of press time **Charges:** Probation Violation

Number of times in **CIPD Detention: 7** 

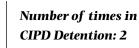
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Released: Nov. 23 Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor Number of times in **CIPD Detention: 2** 

Climbingbear, Henderson – age 68 Arrested: Nov. 26 at 20:45

Not released as of press time Charges: Public Nuisance



#### **Bradley, Calvin Ray** - age 34 Arrested: Nov. 27 at 19:32



Not released as of press time Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public Number of times in

**CIPD Detention: 1** 

**Bradley, Rashonda** Lashae – age 29 Arrested: Nov. 27 at 23:37



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Number of times in **CIPD Detention: 6** 

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# Cherokee Christmas Parade Saturday, Dec. 10 at 2pm Theme: "Christmas Joy"

Floats will be judged on music, creativity, and theme. First place is \$1,000; second place is \$600; and third place is \$400. The parade route is as follows: Begins at Cherokee Bear Zoo, through downtown, turn right onto 441N, and disband behind Qualla Arts and Crafts.

Full parade float rules, parade entry forms, liability and W-9 forms may be picked up at the Cherokee Welcome Center. The deadline for entries is Friday, Dec. 9 at 4pm.

#### Info: Cherokee Welcome Center (828) 359-6490, Josie Long 359-6491, or email travel@nc-cherokee.com





#### FOOTBALL

## **Braves top Rebels in playoff thriller**



Photo by Bobby Williams/Mount Olive Tribune

**GOOD FORM:** Cherokee's George Swayney (#7) tackles Terrion Addison (#83), North Duplin wide receiver during Friday's playoff game.

ALYPSO - The Cherokee Braves (9-4) won their sixth straight game of the season in dramatic fashion as they edged the North Duplin Rebels in the second round of the 1A state playoffs on Friday, Nov. 25. Cherokee, led by Tye Mintz, junior quarterback who ran for two touchdowns, held off a North Duplin comeback to win the game 22-20.

Mintz carried the ball 10 times for 75 yards and two scores. Isaiah Evans, Braves sophomore running back, carried the ball 16 times for 59 yards and one touchdown. Cherokee relied heavily on their running game in this contest and only attempted five passes on the night.

Cherokee was led defensively by Gary Teesateskie with 16 tackles. He was followed by Byron Locust 13, Damion Blanton 11, Joaquin Layno 11, Will Davis 10, and Steven Meuse 6.

Following a scoreless first quarter, both teams got on the board in the second. Evans scored on a 26-yard run, but the point-after was no good and the Braves went into the locker room at halftime trailing 7-6.

Mintz got both of his scores in the third quarter within 37 seconds of each other. He ran on touchdown runs of 1-yard and 13-yards, and the Braves converted on both 2-point conversions to make it 22-7 going into the fourth.

The Rebels tried to come back and Kenny Shepherd scored on a 2-yard run with 7 minutes left in the game. Four minutes later, Luke Britt ran into the end zone from three yards out following a blocked punt to make it 22-20.

The Rebels did get the ball back one more time, but Cherokee's defense stopped them and the Rebels turned the ball over on downs to end the game.

On the season, Mintz has completed 119 of 213 passes for 1,725 yards, 14 touchdowns, and 11 interceptions. He has rushed the ball 138 times for 983 yards and 16 touchdowns. Evans has carried the ball 119 times for 1,119 yards, and 20 touchdowns. Cade Mintz, (688 yards), and Holden Straughan, (443 yards), both have 32 catches and 5 touchdowns on the year. Straughan leads the defense with 77 tackles, followed by Blanton 74, Locust 71, and Davis 70.

The Braves travel to Mitchell on Friday, Dec. 2 at 7:30pm to take on the Mountaineers in the third round of the state playoffs.

#### NEW CARS...

#### SCOREBOARD

#### PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Nov. 25

Cherokee 22 North Duplin 20 West Montgomery 70 Swain Co. 42 Murphy 42 Winston-Salem Prep 18

#### 1A State Playoff Schedule Friday, Dec. 2

Cherokee at Mitchell Murphy vs Mtn. Island Charter Pinetown Northside at Plymouth Northhampton Co. at Chocowinity Southside

#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Kendall Toineeta, an EBCI tribal member and former Lady Braves standout, led the Lenoir-Rhyne women's basketball team over the weekend as the Bears played in the Puerto Rico Classic at the Roberto Clemente Coliseum in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Toineeta scored 14 points and had 9 rebounds in an opening round win over UPR

win over UPR Photo courtesy of Bayama 60-53 on Lenoir-Rhyne

Friday, Nov. 25. **Kendall Toineeta** The following day,

she scored 9 points and grabbed 2 rebounds in a second round loss to Lubbock Christian 47-39. Lenoir-Rhyne is 2-2 after Saturday's game, and Toineeta is third on the team in scoring averaging 6.8pts/ gm and first in 3-point attempts and 3-point field goals made having hit 5 of 16 on the year.



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#### Cherokee Central hosts Annual Pow Wow

**DANCE TIME:** Cherokee Central Schools hosted its Annual Pow Wow on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at the Charles George Memorial Arena. The Awohali Singers, a local northern plains singing group, served as host drum and John Grant Jr. served as MC.

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















ROBERT JUMPER/One Feather

**CAREER OPPORTUNITY:** Dr. Mickey Duvall (seated left), EBCI Secretary of Commerce, hands out information on careers in the Department of Commerce and Destination Marketing at the Cherokee High School Career Fair held in the Charles George Memorial Arena on Tuesday, Nov. 22.

### CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida SOUI DO RVLICIJ DO OYL



Snoot, a 5-year-old Lab mix, lives in the Big Y Community with Elnora Thompson. Snoot wears a pink ribbon to support her Mama and Breast Cancer Awareness.





It's been one year to the day that Ms. Nicey Rattler went home to be with the Lord. Ms. Nicey Ledford, 99 years young, went home to be with the Lord December 4, 2015. We miss her tremendously, and we still wait on those early and late night call or calls from Cherokee Dispatch.

We would like to thank everyone that was ever involved with her. Nicey was a blessing to anyone that ever met her. She was always happy and had a smile for anyone that encountered her. She was such a giving person.

Thank you to the staff at the Tsali Care Nursing home for the wonderful care you gave Ms. Nicey. It broke our hearts to have to let her go to the facility when we were not able to take care of her on our own. However, we soon found out that she was loved and taken care of just as we would take care of her ourselves. Thank you to her roommate who always kept an eye on our Granny. Heather Singleton, thank you for your kindness and care during our loss.

Thank you to Cherokee Dispatch employees who took calls from Ms. Nicey. As the family sat and reminisced about her life; we had to chuckle at some of her antics. The stories we shared also brought us joy to know she always had help only a phone call away which was Cherokee Dispatch.

Thank you Cherokee Indian Hospital staff for all you did for Ms. Nicey.

Thank you to all church choirs and preachers who made sure that she had someone to visit her and sing to her to talk about her Lord and Savior which brought her more joy than we will ever know. Now, she is singing and praising him face-to-face.

Thank you to Cherokee Police Department and to the EMS workers who went to check on her. Your work and dedication was appreciated.

Thank you former Chief Michell Hicks and Ray Kinsland who were always there for her whenever she had concerns or just needed someone to talk to. Thank you for always being there.

Thank you to our niece, Carla Neadeau, Sharri Ann Pheasant, and Diane Driver for all the cooking and food that was prepared for our family during our loss as well as the churches and community people who assisted. Thank you Councilman Albert Rose for your contribution in assuring all our family's needs were met. Thanks to Roger Neadeau and Cherokee Police Department for escorting Nicey to Snowbird. Thanks to David and Patsy Skipper and Rosie Sneed and Lula Ledford for taking time off from work to take care of her. Thanks to Eddie, Renee, Samantha Cole, and Cherokee Water Department, Tribal Constructions, Shorty Kirkland. Thank you to the pastors who officiated the services and for always being there for her when she called on any one of you for prayer. This meant a lot to her – Bo Parris, Dan Conseen, and Greg Morgan.

Thank you to Lane Smoker for singing her song and all the other singers that sang at her wake.

If we have left anyone out, please, it was not done intentionally. Again, thank you to everyone.

#### LEDFORD FAMILY

#### **OBITUARIES**



#### Sandra Gail Roland

Sandra Gail Roland, 61, of Waynesville, went home to be with the Lord Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016. A native of Haywood County, she was the daughter of the late Kelly and Marie Roland. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by a brother, Bill (Willi) Roland; two sons, Randy Fowler and Chris Mintz; and a grandson, Dillon Bernhisel.

She is survived by her children, Kelly West and husband Angelo of Cherokee, David Hedrick and wife Cindy of Madison County, and Ellen Williams and husband Eric of Colorado; brothers and sisters, Charlene Mull and husband Carl. Pamela Singleton and husband Tommy, Linda Norene Sutton, Neal Roland and wife Linda, and James Roland and wife Clara; grandchildren, Amelia Fowler, Monique Sanchez, Victoria Fowler, Whitney Santoyo, Nicole West, Brandon Hedrick, Kevin Hedrick, Caitlyn Mintz and Dillion Bird; and great grandchildren, Tehya Lincoln, Persephone Lincoln, and Javce West.

Funeral Services were held on Friday, Nov. 25 in Crisp Funeral Home Chapel. Revs. Neal Roland and Roger Roland officiated with burial in Birdtown Cemetery.

Pallbearers were David Hedrick, Kevin Hedrick, Brandon Hedrick, Jose Santoyo, Taka Lincoln, Eric Williams, and Angelo West.

#### **Phyllis Smith Sequoyah**

Phyllis Smith Sequoyah, 81, of the Big Cove Community, left this world of sickness and pain on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016. She was surrounded by many family members and friends. Until her illness, Phyllis was very active in her community and enjoyed spending time sewing, making crafts, and going to water aerobics. She had many friends at all of these activities.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents, Noah and Stella Sneed Smith; three brothers, Oscar, Phillip, and Pat Smith; two sisters, Georgia Washington and Nellie Littlejohn; one daughter, Barbara Sequoyah; and one great grandson, Kollin Lane Tramper.

Phyllis is survived by four daughters, Patricia Tramper, Annette Sequoyah, Tracy Rivers, and Loretta Sequoyah; one sister, Susie Chastain of Cherokee; and one brother, John Wilbur Smith Sr. of Cherokee. She had 19 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, she has requested that donations be made to Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church in care of James "Bo" Parris and Betty's Place, Cherokee Cancer Support Group at P.O. Box 2220, Cherokee, NC 28719.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, Dec. 3 from 1-4pm at the Big Cove Recreation Center. All family and friends are invited. Bring your favorite covered dish. Long House Funeral home assisted the Sequoyah family.

#### **Bernadine Hicks George**

Bernadine Hicks George, 72, of Cherokee passed away Monday, Nov. 14, 2016. She was born March 14, 1944 to the late Oscar Hicks and Rachel L. Hicks.

She was a pottery maker. Bernadine is survived by two daughters, Denise George (Manuel Armes) and Terri Jo George (Bobby); three grandchildren, Camille Davis, Deanna Beck (Daniel Taylor), and Amber Beck (Jace Girty), all of Cherokee; four great grandchildren, Kaydence Davis, Xavion Davis, Benjamin Davis, and Aaliyah (Ali) Davis; brothers, Arthur (Art) Hicks, Steve Hicks, Oscar (Coss) Hicks Jr., Butch Long, and Johnny Hicks: and one sister. Charlotte Saunooke. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

In addition to her parents, Bernadine was preceded in death by one brother, William "Bill" Hicks; two sisters, Bernadette Taylor and Treva F. Reed.

Services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at Rock Springs Baptist Church. Pastor Greg Morgan officiated. Burial was at the Hicks Cemetery. Pallbearers were Michell Hicks, Dewayne Hicks, David Hicks, Kenny Taylor, Kenny Dawkins, Mark Hicks, Zach Hicks, Jordan Hicks, and Billy Jack Hicks.

#### John Daniel Larch

John Daniel Larch, 64, of the Wolfetown community, went home to be with the Lord Saturday, Nov. 26, 2016 at his residence. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late John Roberts and Catherine Lee Arch Larch and husband of the late Lou Ella Lossiah Larch. He was a US Marine Corps Veteran "Semper Fi".

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his special aunt, Evangeline Laney.

He is survived by his children, Bo Lossiah and wife Anita of Cherokee, Mistie Rae Scott and husband Walter of Gaylord, Mich., Shannon Johnson of Gaylord, Mich., Mindy Wright and husband Will of Cherokee, Joni Larch and husband Cameron Locust of Cherokee: special daughter, Tracy Fitzmaurice of Whittier; grandchildren, Dylon, Jonah, Carmen, Kayla, Drew, Gleason, Laura, Kelvin, Nathaniel, Daniel, Lilvan, Liam, Logan, Dani, Devin and Tater; brothers, Dave, Allen and Rick Larch all of Cherokee; and his special nephews, Chris Larch and Treannie.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Nov. 28 at Wrights Creek Baptist Church. Rev. Eddie Sherrill and Rev. Austin Frady officiated with military services conducted by the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post #143.

Dylan, Jonah, Liam, Logan, Drew, Devin and Chris Larch served as pallbearers.



## Two free legal clinics coming up in Cherokee

The University of North Carolina School of Law, Legal Aid of North Carolina, and the EBCI Legal Assistance Office are partnering to offer a legal clinics on Dec. 20-21 and will offer free assistance to qualifying individuals seeking help with end-of-life planning, expungements, and divorces. The clinic is open to all, regardless of tribal membership status, and may be subject to income qualification.

UNC law students and attorneys from Legal Aid of North Carolina and Cherokee Legal Services will be available to discuss wills planning on Tuesday, Dec. 20 from 9:30am – 3:30pm at Tsali Manor. Help is available with wills, powers

of attorney, and health care powers of attorney. Walk-ins are welcome. Then, on Wednesday, Dec. 21 from 9:30am - 2pm, UNC law students and attorneys from Legal Aid of North Carolina will be available to meet with individuals to discuss criminal expunction eligibility and simple divorce matters at the Yellowhill Activity Center. To reduce your wait time, call 586-8931 or (800) 458-6817 for an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome. Come for help with determining expunction eligibility and simple divorces in both state or tribal court. Info: 586-8931

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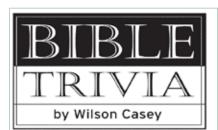
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3. Where is the Codex Sinaiticus, the oldest complete Bible in existence? Smithsonian, Hall of Jerusalem, British Museum, Vatican

4. Which hour mentioned in the Bible means the last possible moment that something can be done? *First, Second, Eleventh, Twelfth* 

5. From Revelation, the lion of the tribe of Judah will open which book? *Life, Everlasting torment, Death, Seven Seals* 

 6. What Philistine city was home to Goliath? Jericho, Bethel, Gaza, Gath upp

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Save those who look for Him; 3) British Museum; 4) Eleventh; 5) Seven Seals; 6)

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#### **Joe Feather**

Since you went away, I love you more each passing day. I've been told that the angels rejoiced when you entered their gates and the Creator smiled when he looked on your face. I know that you're happy in your new home, but sometimes without you, I feel so alone. So, I'll meet you in the morning when this life is through, then I've have forever with nothing to do but to stroll over Heaven with you.

Love you, Carole and Gitle Bryson City

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## Secrecy in the age of transparency

#### **ROBERT JUMPER** ONE FEATHER EDITOR

very candidate for office ➡ in Tribal elections made a point of saving that they believe in open government and the people's right to know what is going on with regard to the handling of the community's affairs. From Executive Office seats to Tribal Council seats, in public debates and political advertisements, we all heard the promises of a "new" transparency in government. The community would finally know how their money was being spent and who was spending it and how their elected officials conducted themselves on the community's behalf.

Since the September 2015 election, we, the Cherokee people, have been bombarded with rumors, speculation and reports of wrongdoing, misconduct, malfeasance, deception, misappropriation and even criminal activity. One minute, you hear that forensic audits reveal questionable behavior by nameless tribal officials and the next that someone inappropriately handled the hiring and firing of tribal employees. If we try to dig deeper and identify exactly what is going on, doors shut and mouths go silent.

During a recent Tribal Council session, we learned that the hiring and firing practices of the current administration are currently under investigation by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Office of Internal Audit. Little is known about the detail and scope of this investigation, but it clearly extends beyond personnel practices.

During the Council session, two tribal leaders questioned why, as a part of the investigation, their children's education records were subpoenaed. Community members, including the Cherokee One Feather. have asked for clarification of scope. For the most part, tribal leaders will not respond to direct questions on this and will refer us to their respective attorneys, who either issue a no comment, citing an "ongoing investigation" or they simply ignore the request for information.

The Principal Chief recently held a town hall meeting in which he addressed that investigation and an investigation currently being conducted by the United States Department of Justice (DOJ). The Vice Chief was not a part of this town hall meeting, so we cannot say with certainty that it was a meeting enjoined by the entire Executive Office.

So far, one document has surfaced publicly with regard to this investigation. A letter was issued to the Qualla Housing Authority (QHA) that directed the QHA to retain any and all documents in their possession for possible inspection by the DOJ. Later, there were reports of additional documents being presented to Tribal Operations Program offices and federal agents actually entering tribal offices and retrieving "evidence". It is unknown whether or not this was done under federal warrant or if tribal leadership simply gave the DOJ authority to enter tribal buildings and take documents and potentially electronic equipment.

In the cases of the DOJ and OIA, letters outlining the scope of at least elements of investigations have been issued either by the Tribal Council or the Executive Office. Again, requests for these documents meet with no comment or silence.

There is a portion of the Cherokee Code that grants public access to documents created by the government. In Chapter 132, it states, "The Tribe finds that it is vital in a democratic society that public business be performed in an open and public manner. Toward this end, provisions of this Article must be construed so as to make it possible for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. or their representatives, to have access to public records at a minimum cost and with minimum delay to the persons seeking access...Members and their representatives have a right to know the basis of the formulation of public policy. Therefore, it is the public policy of this Tribe

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#### Facebook Question Responses

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

Have you done business with the Qualla Housing Authority? What do you think of the services they provide?

Sandra Larios: Still waiting for an

answer since 2004. I've complied with all they need from me, and no one has ever gotten back to me.

**Kim S. Lambert:** Yes, it took years, but (I) finally got a home. I was extremely grateful...paid it off in 11 years.

Lea Wolf: Business? It's more like they pick and choose who gets housing through Qualla Housing. And now, it was more like a grab

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(828) 488-2005 2662 Governors Island Road Bryson City, NC and go. Look at the investigation going on now - federal and the IRS...tick-tock, tick-tock! Time's running out!

Angela Killian Arsana: (I'm) still waiting for my house to be put in my name! I've filled out the paperwork and gone through the hoops not once, not twice, not thrice, but five freaking times. Each time, it is said they just need to get a signature and it's done, and then I don't hear anything for months. And then, it's start the process over again. This has been going on since my father died in 2012.

Utsesdi Galanvdv: It's who you know and who you're related to... good luck if you're wanting a home.

**Utsilugi Galanvdv:** (It's) bad enough that my wife, child, and I are close to packing up and leaving the rez and state entirely.

#### TRANSPARENCY: Editorial from page 16

that members shall be advised of the performance of public officials and of the decisions that are reached in public activity".

This portion of the Code is detailed in its definition of what, how and when information may be obtained by the public. It also requires any challenges of a government entity who refuses or simply ignores requests for information to be handled by the court system (and pay the associated costs). In the case of the Cherokee One Feather (and you), that would require a tribal program to basically sue the government for information. And, since no other media has legal standing with the Tribe, when a tribal entity decides not to provide information or falls silent, there is little chance that the public will see or hear information that the government chooses not to provide.

I hope that, as we consider a constitution for our Tribe, we look at the people's right of access to information concerning the workings of our government and our government officials. One Council member put it very well and plainly. A paraphrase of his statement is "if you are not doing anything wrong, you shouldn't have an issue with it being public".

Withholding information causes us to make decisions without the knowledge to make them. We have a long way to go before we truly see the promises of transparency in government fulfilled.

**Michael Jenkins:** It goes by job status, credit, and if you can afford to buy. At least, that's how it went for me and my wife. We are pleased.

**Matt Bryant:** It took three years from the start of doing the paperwork until I was able to move in. I was helped by a real estate agent who was familiar with Qualla Housing, and it was still painstakingly slow and frustrating. Since then, I have incredible patience with anything.

**Davis Rezgirl Alana:** Something needs to be done. Their black mold house ruined my health, and they wouldn't tear out (the) mold, just paint over it, and wanted to charge me \$54,000 when (I) almost had it paid off. Then, I just gave it back to them because I was unable to live in it.



Event listings are free of charge. Send your event name, date and time, location, and contact info to scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com

#### General Events

#### Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society Holiday Party. Dec. 1 at 6:30pm at Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center in Bryson City. Music, refreshments, and silent auction. Auction proceeds will go to offset operating expenses for the Society and to purchase needed equipment. Info: 488-2932

**Cherokee Community Chorus** Christmas Cantata. Dec. 4 at 3pm at Cherokee Baptist Church. The Chorus presents "Room in the Inn". J. Gilbert is the chorus director and Sharon Bradley is the pianist. This event is free and everyone is welcome.

#### **Indianpreneurship.** Starts

Jan. 10, 2017 from 6-9pm on Tuesdays at Ginger Lynn Welch Conference Room. This five-week course provides insight on what it takes to start and run a business. Create a mission statement, lay out business goals, and build a business plan. The cost for the class is \$65 and includes the book. To register, visit http://bit.ly/Indianpreneurship-Winter-2017. Info: Sabrina S. Arch 359-6708, sabrarch@ nc-cherokee.com, or Kim Winchester-Rosario 359-6719 kimbrosa@nc-cherokee.com

#### Health/Sports

**Cherokee Healing and Wellness** 

Conference. Dec. 1 at 12pm at Agelink Ernestine Walkingstick Conference Room. Everyone is welcome. Bring a lunch. Discussion will include applying for a Drug-Free Community grant. Info: (828) 331-8688 or 497-9498

#### **Tribal Wellness Calendar for** December

Classes are free and open to everyone. All classes are at the Ginger Lynn Welch Community Room. Info: Robin 359-6785 or robibail@ nc-cherokee.com. Dec. 5: Gentle Yoga & Meditation with Rose 12-12:45pm; CTP Family Night 3-6pm Dec. 6: Yoga All Levels with Robin 12-12:45pm; Yoga with Julie 5-6pm

Dec. 7: Maintain Don't Gain Challenge 12-12:45pm; Kayaking 3:30-6:30pm Dec. 8: Strength Training for Women 12:05-45pm Dec. 12: Gentle Yoga & Meditation with Rose 12-12:45pm Dec. 13: Yoga All Levels with Robin 12-12:45pm; Yoga with Julie 5-6pm; CCWT Food Lion Cooking Demo 3:30-5:30pm Dec. 14: Maintain Don't Gain Challenge 12-12:45pm; Kayaking 3:30-6:30pm Dec. 15: Strength Training for Women 12:05-45pm Dec. 19: Gentle Yoga & Meditation with Rose 12-12:45pm Dec. 20: Yoga All Levels with Robin 12-12:45pm; Yoga with Julie 5-6pm

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#### 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.

Dec. 21: Maintain Don't Gain

**Redhawk Ranch Pow Wow and Cultural Festival. Dec. 2-4** at Redhawk Ranch in Wimauma, Fla. Host Drum: Bird Chopper (Cherokee, NC). Info: (813) 634-5352. Info: www.thenativewayshop.com

12th Annual Pow Wow. Dec.3-4 at Choctaw Casino ResortEvent Center in Durant, Okla. Info:

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#### **Ongoing Events** AA and NA meetings in

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

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

**Life Recovery 12-step Groups meeting information.** Tsalagi Life Recovery Group meets Mon-

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days from 6-7:15pm at Macedonia Church Fellowship Hall at 1182 Wolftown Road in Cherokee. Analenisgi Life Recovery Group meets Thursdays at 8:45-9:45am at Analenisgi Recovery Center. Info: Text or call Deb Conseen-Bradley 226-8498 or Bro. Dan Conseen 508-2629

After hours Cherokee Water & Sewer Contact: \*Main Office Phone:

## 828-359-6100

(forwarded to cell for after-hours calls)



All online ads will be \$100 for the month!

# **Places of Worship**

Acquoni Baptist Church. 497-6521 or 788-0643 Antioch Baptist Church. Coopers Creek Road. Beacon of Hope Baptist Church. (828) 226-4491 Bethabara Baptist Church. 497-7770 Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church. 497-4141 Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church. 497-4220 Boiling Springs Missionary Baptist Church. 488-9202 Cherokee Baptist Church. 497-2761, 497-3799 (fax) Cherokee Bible Church. 497-2286 Cherokee Church of Christ, 497-3334 Cherokee Church of God. 497-4190, 497-5977 Cherokee Church of the Nazarene. 497-2819 Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church. 674-2690 Cherokee United Methodist Church. (336) 309-1016, www.cherokeemission.org Cherokee Wesleyan Church. 586-5453 Christ Fellowship Church. Great Smokies Center. Goose Creek Baptist Church. 631-0331 or 497-3512 Jesus is the Light Full Gospel Ministries. 736-9383 Living Waters Lutheran Church. 497-3730, prjack@frontier.com, lwcherokee@frontier.com Macedonia Baptist Church. 508-2629 dconseen@gmail.com Olivet United Methodist Church. (336) 309-1016, www.YouTube.com/user/OlivetUMC, www.Olivet-UMC.org Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. 736-5322 Piney Grove Baptist Church. 736-7850. Rock Hill Baptist Church. (828) 356-7312 Rock Springs Baptist Church. 497-9455, 736-1245 Sequoyah Sovereign Grace Church. 497-7644 St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church of Cherokee. 280-0209, cherokeeepiscopal@gmail.com Straight Fork Baptist Church. 488-3974 Waterfalls Baptist Church. Wrights Creek Road. Whittier United Methodist Church. 497-6245 Wilmot Baptist Church. 554-5850 Wrights Creek Baptist Church. 497-5262 Yellowhill Baptist Church. 506-0123 or 736-4872 Please contact the church of your choice for meeting times and locations.

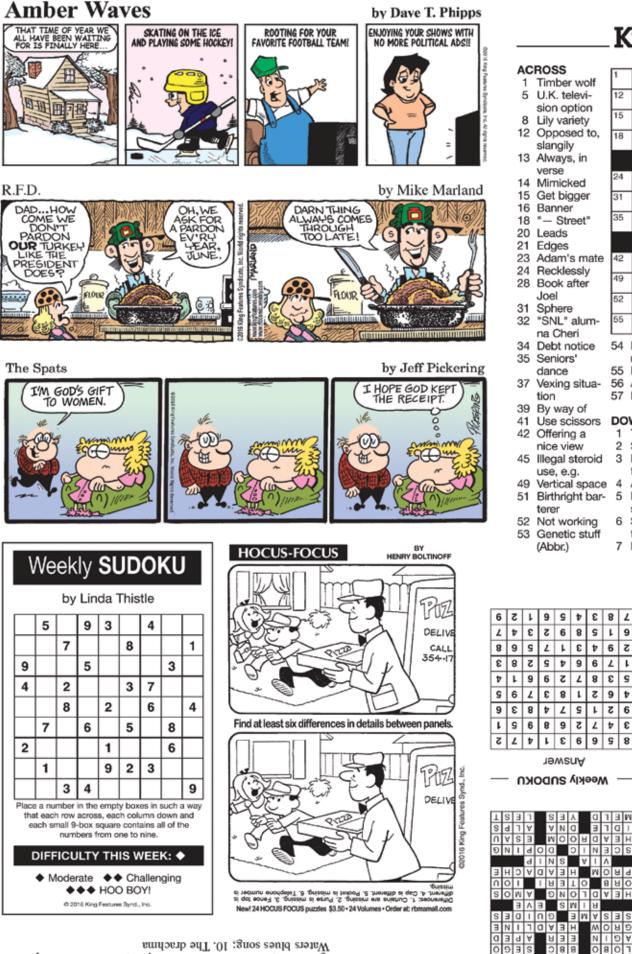
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The Family Safety Program is in need of caring people like you to become foster parents. Please contact **Nikki Toineeta at (828) 359 1520**.



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# TRADING POST

#### FOR SALE

For Sale: 1993 14 x 76 3 bedroom 2 bath mobile home, needs work, must be moved, located in the union hill community call Mark @ 828-508-2698 for more info. 12/1

Land for sale: 3200 Acre Tract. 2-16 acres, house sites. Call (828) 736-5171 for more info. 12/15

Christmas Sale: Leather Garments, Jackets, Vests, and Chaps 60% off. Estate and Turquoise Jewelry up to 50% off. Great selection of knives: Damascus, Baker, CaseXX, and much more. Antiques, Collectables, Soaps, Candles, and Décor plus cool junk. Fresh cider, honey, old fashioned candies and jellies.

540 WRGC THE RIVER Carving stone several varieties \$1.00 off per pound. Nice selection of old coins, tools, and Indian-made items. Store hours 10am – 5pm M-Sat., 90-day layaway same as cash. New Year's hours Fri-Sat only. Merry Christmas from Bear Fighting Blakely, 35 – 1 Big Cove Road, Saunooke Village, (828) 497-5522. 12/8

For Sale: Assortment of furniture; dressers, nightstands, desks/chairs, lamps. All reasonably priced. Holiday Inn Express across from the Casino. Sale starts November 30. 497-3113. 12/15

#### FOR RENT

For rent: 3 Bedroom, creek side



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#### **BUYING/WANTED**

Attention: still buying junk cars and scrap metal. I pay in cash. Call (828)269-3292. 12/15

#### YARD SALES/BAZAARS

Christmas Craft Show & Sale YellowHill Activity Center December 2nd and 3rd, call Ruben Teesateskie at (828) 497-2043. 12/1

Jan's 2016 Christmas Bazaar December 1 & December 2, 8am – 430pm. Paintown Gym. Information (828)497-2037. 12/1

Rummage Sale: Many appliances and furniture for sale including washer, freezer, refrigerator, stove top, clothes (adult and child), luggage, Christmas tree, lines, fire pit, electric car, elliptical, Wii set. Dec. 2 and 3 at 8:30am at Hungry Bear Restaurant behind Big Bear Mart. (828) 226-0994. 12/1

Huge Multi-Family Yard Sale -Saturday, Dec. 3 from 8-11 am at 1478 Tsali Blvd, Cherokee (just above Peter's Pancake House) lots of Christmas items, furniture, clothes, and surprises! For questions, contact Anna Ferguson at emailanna2@me.com. 12/1

#### REALTY

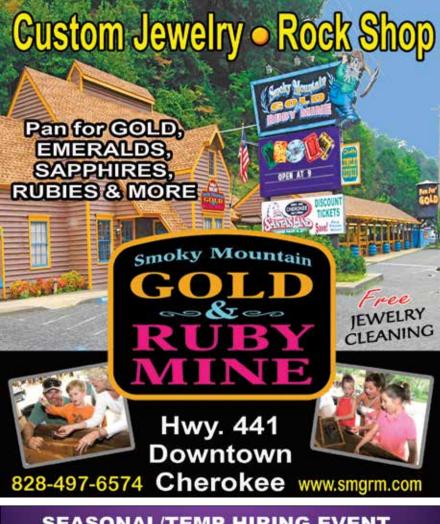
#### **Big Cove Community**

The following is a list of tribal members that have documents to sign in the Tribal Realty Services Office. These are land transfers from both Tribal Members and the Eastern Band by Resolutions Norma Jean Smith Swayney, Stephanie Lynn Smith Hornbuckle, Rose Anna Pheasant Welch, Joe Welch, Kardasie Cheykotay Latrice West, William Lawson Smith, Taleika Nicole Hill, Jonah Wolfe, Marion Lucille Littlejohn Wolfe, Denise Michelle Laney Cochran, Kristina Alyse Cochran, Samuel Alfred Panther, Joseph Stephen Watty, Elsie Marie Thompson Watty, Todd Marcus Watty, Elizabeth Ann Watty, Cecil Eli Walkingstick, Lawanda Sue French Myers, Roberta Ann Davis.

#### **Agreement to Divisions**

Zane Edward Bowman, Lois Elaine Taylor Dunston, Mary Edith Reed Smith, Dennis Ray James, Frankie Nelle James Patencio, George Milton James, Doris Earlene Lambert, Eric Thomas Lambert, James Dwayne Lambert, Carla Marie Sneed Ballew, Howard Vincent Sneed, Patricia Eldean Sneed Lambert, Mary Louise Sneed Welch, Rena Janet Johnson Wachacha, Jackie Lee Johnson, Melissa Ann Maney, Jacob Pete Johnson.

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



#### SEASONAL/TEMP HIRING EVENT December 12th 9am-3pm

HICKORY BALLROOM (2ND FLOOR OF HOTEL) HARRAH'S CHEROKEE CASINO RESORT Seasonal Hiring for Room Attendants, Stewards & Cooks

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Visit HARRAHSCHEROKEEJOBS.COM or call 828.497.8778 for a complete listing of jobs.

If you have already submitted your application, it will be considered active for 6 months from the date of application. To qualify, applicants must be 21 years or older (18-21 years eligible for non-gaming positions), must successfully pass an RIAH hair/drug test and undergo an investigation by Tribal Gaming Commission. Preference for Tribal members. This property is owned by the Eastern Band of the Cherokee 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 23719 or fax resume to 628.497.8540.



For deadlines and applications call 554-6388. Indian Preference does apply. A current job application

must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in



### POSITIONS OPEN

\*Please attach all required documents\* \*eg: Driver's license, Enrollment, Diplomas, Certificates\*

#### Closing Friday, Dec. 2, 2016 at 4pm

lieu of a Tribal application.

- 1. Utility Worker- Recycling (\$21,484-\$26,855)
- 2. Processing Specialist- WIC (\$23,616 \$29,520)
- 3. Family Safety Social Worker- Family Safety (\$41,082 \$51,353)
- Recreation Aide- (2 positions)- Cherokee Life Recreation (\$21,484-\$26,855)
   Recreation Aide- Part Time (2 positions)- Cherokee Life Recreation

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#### Closing Friday, Dec. 9, 2016 at 4pm

 Tribal Planner- Project Management (\$45,018 - \$56,273)
 Utility Worker- (3 positions)- Tribal Construction (\$23,616 - \$29,520)
 Education Manager (Re-Advertisement)- Dora Reed Center/QBHS/EHS (\$41,082-\$51,353)

4. C.N.A (Re-Advertisement)- Home Health (\$23,616 - \$29,520) 5. Nurse Home Visitor NFP (Re-Advertisement)- Cherokee Choices/ NFP (\$45,018 - \$56,273)

6. Homeownership/Rental Occupancy Specialist (\$34,112-\$42,640)
7. Cook- (2 positions)- Dora Reed Center/QBHS/EHS (\$23,616 - \$29,520)
8. Secretary/ Receptionist- Dora Reed Center/QBHS/EHS (\$23,616 - \$29,520)
9. Finance Reporting and Audit Manager- Financial Reporting & Audit

(\$64,206-\$80,258)

10. Hatchery Technician- Natural Resources- (\$25,830-\$32,288)

#### Open Until Filled

- 1. Detention Officer Detention Services (\$31,078 \$38,848)
- 2. Part Time- Paramedic Tribal EMS (\$34,112 \$42,640)
- 3.RN Supervisor Tsali Care (\$49,200 \$61,500)
- 4. Cook Aide Tsali Care Center (\$19,598 \$24,498)
- 5. RN Tsali Care Center (\$45,018 \$56,273)
- 6. C.N.A. Tsali Care Center (\$23,616 \$29,520)
- 7. Accounting Coordinator II Finance (\$41,082 \$51,353)
- 8. Law Clerk- Civil Law (\$45,018 \$56,273)
- 9. Associate Attorney General IV- Civil Law (\$91,348-\$114,185)
- 10. Legal Service Attorney (2 positions)- Civil Law (\$64,206-\$80,258
- Tribal Prosecutor II- Criminal Law (\$83,722-\$104,653)
- 12. Teacher Dora Reed Center/QBHS/EHS (\$28,372-\$35,465)
- 13. Associate Attorney General III- Civil Law (\$76,670-\$95,838)

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

#### EMPLOYMENT

The Museum of the Cherokee Indian seeks an Operations Director to manage the organizations internal operations and human resources and oversee the museum store and box office. For a detailed job description contact Bo Taylor at botaylor@cherokeemuseum.org. **12/1pd** 

#### MAHEC Regional Administrative Manager – Western Hub

This position is responsible for planning, development, and oversight of a medical education partnership between community providers and health systems and MAHEC. The goal of the partnership is to establish rural graduate medical education experiences for residents, student teaching, and other health professions training. The program is designed to train people in rural WNC with the hope that eventually the learners will practice in a rural site in North Carolina. The overall responsibility of this position is to plan and manage the educational partnerships and community collaboration in an effective and efficient manner. This Administrative Manager provides leadership and coordinates the activities of the community partners, within the appropriate MAHEC, state, and federal regulations, policies and procedures.

Specific responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

• Assist with making the ideal learning environment for students and residents, including but not limited to housing, scheduling, community activities, hospital and practice orientation and all logistics.

Maintain, develop, and implement
 a strong understanding of rural
 health professions training require-

ments under ACGME and LCME mandates in collaboration with the centralized MAHEC GME Office. • Maintain processes for development of resident curricula and schedules. Oversee system for resident scheduling. Design orientation in collaboration with Human Resources, Division, and GME Office. • Develop clinical shadowing experiences for rural high school students. • Recruit community physicians and other health providers to teach high school students, medical students and medical residents.

• Track over time rural students interested in health careers, offering various enrichment activities to cultivate their interest in health careers.

Any combination of training and experience equivalent to a Bachelor's Degree related to areas of program management required. Five (5) years of experience in a senior-level administrative capacity preferred. Demonstrated experience in collaborative management practices preferred. Prior experience working with boards, communities, providers, hospitals or medical offices, regulators, and consultants preferred. Management of multi-organizational projects preferred.

Apply at MAHEC, 121 Hendersonville Rd Asheville, NC 28803. Resumes may be faxed to (828)257-4710 or emailed to humanresources@mahec.net. Equal Opportunity Employer. Minorities and Spanish/ English bilingual persons are strongly encouraged to apply. **12/8pd** 

#### THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPI-TAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

FULL TIME HOUSEKEEPER PTI RN – IN PATIENT Applications and job descriptions

are available at the Cherokee Indian

Hospital Human Resources Office, Monday – Friday from 8:00am -4:00pm. For more information please call 828 497-9163 and ask for Human Resources. These positions will close on December 2, 2016 @ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and the original CIHA job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **12/1pd** 

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

Behavioral Health Consultant I Staff Pharmacist Applications and job descriptions are available at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Human Resources Office, Monday – Friday from 8:00am -4:00pm. For more information please call (828) 497-9163 and ask for Teresa Carvalho, Sheila Brown, Sarella Jackson or Sherrene Swayney. These positions will close on December 09, 2016 @ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and the original CIHA job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu

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

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Optical Assistant Applications and job descriptions are available at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Human Resources Office, Monday – Friday from 8:00am -4:00pm For more information place

4:00pm. For more information please call (828) 497-9163 and ask for Teresa Carvalho, Sheila Brown, Sarella Jackson or Sherrene Swayney. These positions will close on December 02, 2016 @ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and the original CIHA job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. 12/1pd

#### LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-067

#### In the Matter of the Estate of Jacqueline J. Porter

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 PUBLICA-TION

James Porter, 286 J. Bradley Drive, Cherokee, NC 28719. **12/8pd** 

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-071 In the Matter of the Estate of

#### Harry M. Cooper

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 PUBLICA-TION

Tammy M. Holtzclaw, 2162 Kings Tree Way, Acworth, Ga. 30101. **12/22pd** 

#### **Requests for Proposals (RFP)**

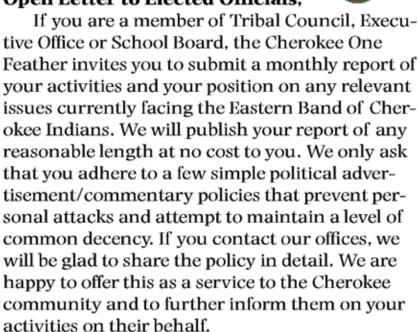
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Public Works Program 680 Acquoni Road Cherokee, North Carolina 28719 Phone: (828) 359-6530 or 554-6957

Project: Cherokee Central Business District – Landscape 2017 The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Public Works Program is requesting sealed proposals for landscaping services in the Cherokee Central Business District on the Qualla Boundary, in Cherokee, NC. A meeting on the project requirements will be held on Dec 1, 2016 at 1:30pm in the CDOT Conference Room in the Cherokee Transportation Center Building. The deadline for submitting proposals will be December 8, 2016 at 12:00p.m.

Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement.

You may request the full RFP from the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact CDOT at (828)-359-6530 or 554-6957. 12/1pd

#### **Open Letter to Elected Officials**,



#### Regards,

Robert Jumper Cherokee One Feather Editor



## Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

• Elementary School Receptionist - Requires HS diploma or GED.

 Middle School English/Language Arts Teacher - NC Teaching license required.

Full Time Custodian - Requires HS Diploma or GED.

 High School Science Teacher - NC Teaching license required.

 Special Education Teacher (3rd Grade) -NC Teaching license required.

 Substitute Security (Multiple Positions) - Requires HS diploma or GED.

- Severe and Disabled (STARS) Teacher Assistant \*\*
- SPED Floating Teacher Assistant\*\*
- Alternative School Teacher Assistant\*\*

\*\*Teacher Assistants serving in Title 1 schools, in an instructional capacity, must have an Associate's Degree or two years (48 semester hours) of study at an institute of higher education.

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





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

#### Cherokee Youth Council Leadership Specialist Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute

Opening Date: Nov. 30, 2016 Closing Date: Dec. 15, 2016 Job Requirements: Bachelor's Degree is required, Master's Degree preferred. Must have at least one year of experience working with youth groups. Youth empowerment experience is a plus. Please submit a letter of interest and resume with your application.

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.

# CHRISTMAS CAROLING CONTEST

This first-ever competition will take place at the Lights and Legends event every Friday and Saturday throughout December.

Starting Friday, Dec. 2, your group will have a chance to sing Christmas carols on one of the nights posted. The crowd will vote for their favorite group, and the winning groups will be announced on the last night of the event.

Just for participating, your group will receive \$100.

First Place: \$600

Second Place: \$300

Third Place: \$150

This contest is open to all carolers.

Info: Cherokee Welcome Center 359-6490