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“Recreational use” dooms cannabis study for tribe

Council upholds Chief Lambert’s cannabis study veto

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The recreational use portion of a proposed cannabis feasibility study for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians ended up being the study’s demise. In a complete

reversal, Tribal Council voted unanimously to uphold Principal Chief Lambert’s veto of Res. No. 40 (2015) which would have authorized a feasibility study to look into the “issues and impacts associated with legalization of cannabis” on tribal lands. Tribal Council upheld Chief Lambert’s veto (Monday, Nov. 23) during its regular meeting on Thursday, Dec. 3.

At the beginning of the discussion on the veto on Thursday, Chief Lambert’s veto letter to Tribal

Council Chairman Bill Taylor was read. “I have stated my opposition to the recreational use of drugs many times, and this includes marijuana,” the letter reads. “At a critical time in our Tribe’s history in dealing with all the human misery associated with illegal recreational use of drugs, I cannot, in good conscience, sign this legislation.”

On Thursday, Chief Lambert commented, “I’m not going to stand by and allow for people to suffer with drugs. I know a lot of the discussion that comes around this issue has to do with medicinal use. I’m not opposed to that.”

He added, “I cannot, in good conscience, stand by and spend one dime of money for studying recreational use. I’ve seen too many mothers and families who have been hurt by recreational use of drugs.”

Chairman Taylor outlined the procedure for the veto hearing at the beginning of the discussion, “We took this resolution last month. It was debated, and it was discussed on the floor. Today, this will take place just like a protest hearing.”

Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke made the motion to uphold the veto which was seconded by Painttown Rep. Marie Junaluska.

Prior to the vote, Yellowhill Rep. B. Ensley said the overwhelming majority of people in his community support medical marijuana use, and he tasked the EBCI Health Board to look into legalizing cannabis on tribal lands for that purpose.

The original resolution, Res. No. 40 (2015), was submitted by a group of EBCI tribal members known as Common Sense Cannabis. After Council’s action on the veto on Thursday, Joey Owle released the following statement on behalf of the group, “We still see a win coming from this Tribal Council session. We will continue to seek support for ‘medical marijuana’ through future legislative action. We appreciate all the support that has been given to this movement and contacting your Council members to share your thoughts on the cannabis subject.”

- One Feather editor Robert Jumper contributed to this report.

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Next week’s issue (Dec. 17) will be the last paper of 2015. The One Feather will be back with its first issue of 2016 on Thursday, Jan. 7.

Council discusses drug problem, possible banishments

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Discussion and debate over a resolution asking for the EBCI Attorney General to develop an Ordinance to banish and disenroll EBCI tribal members convicted of selling or trafficking drugs turned into a discussion on the overall drug issue on tribal lands. The legislation was tabled during the regular Tribal Council Session on Thursday, Dec. 3 with the under-

standing that more discussion was needed on the subject from many sides including law enforcement, court, and recovery services.

"In our community, we've had situations where young people have ended up in life-threatening situations because of addictions," said Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy who introduced the legislation as a way to open the discussion and come up with possible solutions. "We've buried many, many people."

She added, "We have our own members...who sell hard drugs,

and I think we need to take a stand and send a clear message throughout our communities. If they are convicted of selling, then I think that they should be banished from our Indian land."

Rep. McCoy emphasized that her legislation was not targeting those addicted to drugs, but rather, those selling drugs within the community. "A person with addiction deserves compassion. I'm not targeting or picking on anybody. I'm trying to protect."

EBCI Attorney General Hannah Smith related to Tribal Council that tribal members can already be banished (aka excluded) from tribal lands for drug trafficking and certain sexual offenses.

Birdtown Rep. Travis Smith said he is against the idea of disenrollment for drug offenders and related it could be a violation of the Indian Civil Rights Act. "No matter what any of our enrolled members do, it doesn't make them any less Cherokee. I can't go along looking at banishment or disenrollment."

Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha said some in his communities have offered the idea of garnishing per capita distributions of those convicted. "Hit them in the wallet first before it gets to wiping away their identity through banishment."

Yellowhill Rep. B. Ensley made the motion to table the legislation for further discussion and requested that a work session be held on the issue. "I think we need to get the cops, the court, and everyone all in the same room."

Peggy Hill, an EBCI tribal member from the Yellowhill Community, said she recently heard a new drug presentation by the Cherokee Indian Police Department. "I went home afraid for our people. I went home angry that we've allowed this to happen in our community."

She said she is in favor of banishment. "If they're killing our people, I don't think they need to be here. We don't need that kind of people here."

Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke stated her opposition to banishment and disenrollment. "This is their homeland."

She said the tribe should work harder on recovery services available. "We need to really concentrate on this long-term treatment center...it's our responsibility, as the Eastern Band, to save these children. We can't banish them. Let's try to save these people."

Big Cove Rep. Richard French echoed her sentiments, "We've got to help them. We can't turn our back on them."

If they are convicted of selling, then I think that they should be banished from our Indian land."

- Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy

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Lara Conner, Recovery Center lead, and Kristi Case, MPA, Recovery Services manager, are shown in the new Analenisgi Recovery Center located at the old Mountain Federal Credit Union site.

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The Analenisgi Recovery Center is now open in its new location at the old Mountain Federal Credit Union site behind the BIA Cherokee Agency. The program, under the auspices of the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority since October 2013, was previously housed behind the Tsali Care Center in the Birdtown Community.

“An over-arching goal is to create a recovery community so that people can live in recovery in Cherokee which is difficult,” said Doug Trantham, MSW, LCSW, Behavioral Health director. “It’s difficult in any community where you may have developed an addiction or where you may have had difficulties that have severed relationships. So, we want to create a safe space so people

can live in recovery and really connect the community to that.”

The new facility is comprised of 11 modular trailers put together in one structure and has individual offices, several group meeting areas and three conference room spaces. It will temporarily house the Center for around two years while the old Cherokee Indian Hospital is being repurposed to be the permanent home.

“We really want to create a very safe place that not only folks in recovery can come to, but also for the community and the families to be able to come and learn and be with each other in a safe environment,” said Lara Conner, Recovery Center lead. “There really isn’t a place like this, a safe place that people can come to educate themselves, to feel comfortable, to heal, and also to relax.”

Conner said many activities will occur at the Center in the upcoming months includ-

ing classes, group meetings and events. Some of the classes being offered in December include: Creative Recovery, Support for Supporters, Financial Security, Family Come Together, and others.

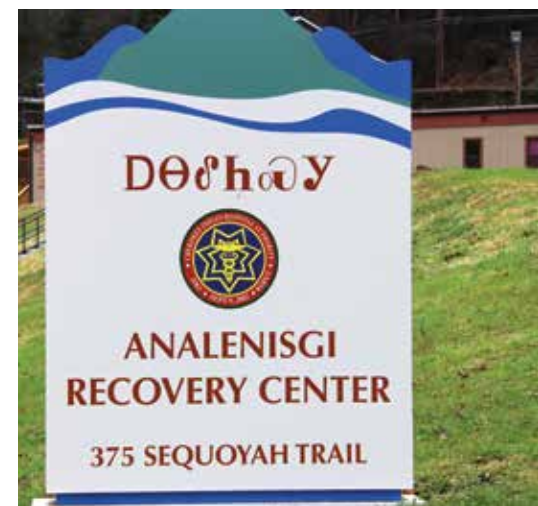
“People have an idea of group, that I’m going to have to sit in there and share my stuff, and that’s not what we’re going to do. Folks can if they’d like to, but that’s not a requirement of any kind. If they would just like to let it sink in and listen, that’s perfectly fine. They will never be called out in any way.”

Trantham said the Center will focus on employment solutions for those in recovery and will soon employ two peer support specialists as well as an employment specialist. “There’s going to be a lot of focus on giving back, being productive, and becoming a contributing member of the community, for a lot of people, having a job.”

He said the new space better serves the staff and the community. “We didn’t have enough space to properly house our staff.”

“Parking was a huge problem,” said Trantham. “The waiting room was really small and cramped and was not customer-friendly.”

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Chief's Monthly Report for November

PATRICK LAMBERT
PRINCIPAL CHIEF

Hello Everyone, it's hard to believe that its already been two months since getting sworn into office. But, we haven't let up on our drive to make as many needed changes for our employees and Cherokee families as possible. We have spent many hours tolling over the budget looking for every way possible to find ways to

our employees and families. The Tribal Council has been hard at work on the budget hearings and should be completing our work this week.

The following is a listing of several other events we have been doing since the last report:

Thursday, Nov. 5

We had a fairly light session of Tribal Council since Council had worked so hard during the previous month of Annual Council in October.

carried over that needed to be handled. But, we all stuck with it and worked most of the day to get through the agenda. That same day, I also attended a flag retirement event at the Tsali Care Center where the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 retired a flag that was aged. I had lunch with the Tsali Care residents following the event. I was glad to see several of our seniors there and to be able to share a meal with them.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

Iattended and delivered a speech at the Veteran's Ceremony at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. The ceremony was very moving, and there were several awards given to some very distinguished members of our community. I was honored to be a part of that.

Monday, Nov. 16

Along with Tribal Council, I attended a meeting with the Attorney General of North Carolina, Roy Cooper. The meeting was very informative, and we discussed many issues including jurisdiction and efforts protecting tribal sovereignty. Attorney General Cooper is running for the Office of Governor of North Carolina in the upcoming elections for the state and federal governments.

Wednesday, Nov. 18

Cyndi and I attended the senior luncheon at the Dillard House in Georgia with all of the senior centers represented.

I was happy to see everyone and we all enjoyed a very good meal. Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke attended on behalf of Tribal Council, and everyone was glad to see her as well. Thank you Tsali Manor for the invitation.

Thursday, Nov. 19

Iwent to Robbinsville to feed the football team at Lynn's Restaurant. It was great to eat and visit with the Robbinsville Black Knights football team on their way to the victory they just achieved! Good luck to them in the Championship on Dec. 12 at Wake Forest!

On the 19th, I also attended Snowbird's Thanksgiving dinner which I always enjoy. Usually, Cyndi and I attend together, but both Snowbird and Big Cove held their dinners on the same night so we had to split and go in both directions, she went to Big Cove to join them for their dinner. We had a good time at both community dinners. Thank you so much.

Saturday, Nov. 21

This day, Cyndi and I both walked (not ran) in the Turkey Strut 5K race in support of the Kituwah Parent Group. It was a nice day, a little windy, but, I was happy it wasn't a half marathon. I was still recuperating from the one on Halloween day.

Later that evening, on the 21st, we were invited to the Wolfetown Community Thanksgiving Dinner so we went and



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During a Veteran's Day Celebration at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on Wednesday, Nov. 11, Principal Chief Patrick Lambert, SFC Clifford Long, Maj. William Underwood and former Principal Chief Robert S. Youngdeer, a decorated Marine veteran, place a wreath honoring the memory of those who lost their lives in military service.

save money. And, I am proud to report that we have been able to cut over \$28 million dollars from the budget and were able to keep every person employed with no loss in pay! We have even been able to build in many raises and great new benefits for

Tuesday, Nov. 10

Ichaired the first Business Committee meeting since all the new Council and Executive have been seated. There hadn't been a Business Committee in several months prior to that so there was a lot of business

enjoyed a very nice dinner with the Wolfetown community. We were able to visit with some good friends and good people from a good community. Thank you Wolfetown for having us.

Sunday, Nov. 22

I was invited to two Thanksgiving Dinners on this day. One was with a local church; the other was with a family who are very dear to me and Cyndi. I attended by myself because Cyndi was a little under the weather, but I enjoyed the meals at both places. Thank you for the invitations.

Monday, Nov. 23

On this day, I issued a Veto on the Marijuana bill. I remain opposed to it because it authorized Tribal money to be spent on the study of the recreational use of a drug. I have stated that there may be good medical uses, but any drugs used for recreation are not a direction I believe we should be headed toward.

Also on the 23rd, I attended a dinner at the Children's Home that evening. I enjoyed visiting with the children there at the home. I want to applaud the staff there for all the good work they do taking care of our children. The dinner was very



Chief Lambert, a U.S. Army veteran, speaks at the Veteran's Day Celebration at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on Nov. 11.

good and also the visit was a lot of fun. I had to take the Vice Chief to school in a friendly game of Foosball, ask him about it. J Thank you all for the invitation!

Tuesday, Nov. 24

We held a second Business Committee meeting and were able to get all our business matters for many of our enrolled members completed. This meeting didn't take near as long as our first because our backlog was mostly worked thru already.

Thursday, Nov. 25-Sunday, Nov. 29

As everyone knows, we had our Thanksgiving Holidays from the 25th – the 29th. I was happy to grant our employees additional admin leave for these days so that they could spend time with their families. It was a good break for everyone!

Monday, Nov. 30

On our return on the 30th of November, I made a presentation of the budget to Tribal Council, and we got right to work on the

budget. Our budget hearings have been continuing for last week and should be getting wrapped up in a few days.

Again, I appreciate all of the hard work from our tribal employees over the past month and also my staff. Everyone has worked diligently and consistently for the past couple months, and I appreciate every one of our Tribal Employees!

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I have issued a great work schedule during the Christmas and New Year Holidays (two weeks where we only work on Monday and Tuesday of each week!) so that everyone can reconnect with family and spend time with those people in our lives who matter the most. I want to encourage everyone to resolve to make 2016 the Best year ever and to always put God first!

We are truly blessed as a Tribe, and I will work my hardest to do good work for all of us and ask you to be mindful that I can't do it all myself; I need your continued support.

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2015-1165 – Tabled Ord. No. 7 (2015) Sect. 18B-112 – Tribal Alcohol Beverage Control – TABLED

2015-1205 – Tabled Ord. No. 28 (2015) Cherokee Code Chapter 150 – Administrative Procedure Act – TABLED, SET UP WORK SESSION

2015-1204 – Tabled Ord. No. 29 (2015) Sect. 130A-7 – EBCI Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) Family Safety Advisory Board – TABLED, SET UP WORK SESSION

2015-1208 – Tabled Ord. No.

32 (2015) Sect. 117-15 – Tribal Council pay and retirement plan – TABLED

2015-1206 – Tabled Ord. No. 33 (2015) Laws necessary to authorize and support Tribal Public Health and Human Services administration of comprehensive vulnerable adult welfare services – TABLED, SET UP WORK SESSION

2015-1209 – Tabled Ord. No. 37 (2015) Sect. 117-38 – Legislative Reading Ordinance, form of Ordinances – VOTE TIED at 50 percent, ITEM DIED ON FLOOR

2015-1210 – Tabled Ord. No. 38 (2015) 16C-6 Minors and other legal incompetents (per capita payments) – TABLED

2015-1207 – Tabled Ord. No. 44 (2015) Sect. 16-C Revenue Allocation Plan for distributable net revenue from gaming operations – TABLED

2015-1211 – Approval of FY2016 Budget – HOLD

2015-1212 – Ord. No. 53 - Cherokee Code be amended to include Executive Branch and Legislative Branch – DEEMED READ AND TABLED

2015-1213 – Ord. No. 54 - Sect. 117-31 Amendments to Planning Board – DEEMED READ AND TABLED

2015-1214 – Appointments to Intertribal Timber Committee – WITHDRAWN

2015-1215- Transit Program of the EBCI be authorized to apply and accept funds from the Federal Transit Administration and receive up to \$593,541 for budget period 10/1/2015 – 9/30/2016 - PASSED

2015-1216 – Kituwah Preservation & Education Program be authorized to submit application package to the Cherokee Preservation Foundation (CPF) in the amount of \$274,000 for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 for a total project of \$640,295 – PASSED

2015-1217 – Two appointments to TERO Commission for four-year terms (October 2015 –

September 2019) – HOLD

2015-1218 – Tribal Council appoints one person to TERO Commission for a two-year term – HOLD

2015-1219 – Appointment of a Police Commission – HOLD

2015-1220 – Appointment of two members (Sherri Rose, Eric Sneed) to the Balsam-West FiberNET, LLC – PASSED AS AMENDED

2015-1221 – Appointments to TABCC (Tribal Alcohol Beverage Control Commission) – HOLD

2015-1222 – Attorney General instructed to develop an Ordinance for Council's consideration on taking the next step to banish and possibly disenroll members of the Tribe who are convicted of manufacturing, selling and distributing illegal drugs – TABLED

Res. No. 55 – EBCI tribal member Megan Smith research request on adjustment of Native American students in college – PASSED AS AMENDED

Discussion of Principal Chief Patrick Lambert's veto of Res. No. 40 (2015) – Cannabis Study – VETO UPHeld BY TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Leatherwood accused of embezzlement from Sequoyah Fund

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Nell Cooper Leatherwood has been indicted on federal embezzlement charges from the Sequoyah Fund, Inc. (SFI). The Bill of Indictment lists counts including embezzlement and theft from January 2010 to Nov. 20, 2013 and alleges, "Over the course of those approximately four years, Leatherwood embezzled approximately \$900,000 through the use of the corporate SFI credit card for personal purchases and expenses."

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, Leatherwood was arrested on Wednesday, Dec. 2 and had her initial appearance before U.S. Magistrate Judge Dennis Howell on the same day. She has pleaded not guilty to all charges and was released on a \$25,000 unsecured bond.

Court records allege that Leatherwood, executive director of the Sequoyah Fund until her resignation in November 2013, received a corporate credit card from First Citizens Bank for the Sequoyah



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Nell Leatherwood

Fund. "Leatherwood misused the corporate SFI credit card to pay for personal expenses. These credit card bills were later paid using SFI funds without the SFI board's knowledge of the nature of the expenditures."

It is also alleged that she wrote 47 checks to herself from the SFI account and "forged the required signatures of the board members as payers, and then cashed or deposited them for her own personal use. In all, Leatherwood, embezzled approximately \$65,000 by forging SFI checks."

Leatherwood, who was initially hired by the Sequoyah Fund in 2006, faces the following charges

as listed in the Bill of Indictment:

- Count One – Embezzlement from an Indian Tribal Organization
- Count Two – Theft Concerning Programs Receiving Federal Funds
- Count Three – Access Device Fraud
- Counts Four through Fifty – Making, Uttering, and Possessing Forged Securities

Court records state that the U.S. Attorney's Office is seeking a money judgment of approximately \$965,000 in this case.

Sequoyah Fund officials released the following statement, "It is with tremendous sadness that we acknowledge that Sequoyah Fund was the victim of a breach of trust by our former executive director, Nell Leatherwood. Given the ongoing criminal matter, we cannot comment on some details. However, we can say with a great deal of certainty all losses were from the Fund's own operational accounts, which are used to manage the Fund's income and expenses. We have no reason to believe that any donor, Tribal, customer, or borrower funds were impacted in any way. The major consequence of this

breach of trust is that the Fund has had, and will continue to have, fewer funds available for the lending and programming that benefit the WNC community."

The statement continued, "The Fund is seeking to recover its losses through insurance claims, criminal restitution, and civil actions, and it has implemented processes and procedures that will help to prevent this type of fraud in the future. We look forward to putting this episode behind us and redoubling our efforts to strengthen the economic fabric of Western North Carolina."

The statement also included a brief description of its operation and purpose, "The Sequoyah Fund, Inc. is an independent, non-profit Native American Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), as certified by the US treasury, whose mission is to provide training, technical assistance, and resources to support entrepreneurship, business start-up and expansion and community development in the seven far western counties of North Carolina and on the Qualla Boundary."

Native News by State

CALIFORNIA

PALA – The Pala Band of Mission Indians are planning to build a 10-acre, \$5.6 million resort for recreational vehicles next to the Pala Casino Spa & Resort. The Riverside Press-Enterprise reports that the RV Resort will feature 100 full-service sites in three sizes and will have a grassy area with picnic tables, water and sewer hookups and other amenities. A Clubhouse is also planned for the site and a 24-hour shuttle

will provide transportation to and from Pala's Hotel and Casino.

- Riverside Press-Enterprise

WASHINGTON

SUQUAMISH – The Suquamish Tribe and Kitsap County (Wash.) have reached a Memorandum of Understanding whereby Suquamish Tribal Police would be able to enforce state laws over non-Indians on the Port Madison Indian Reservation which are the tribal lands of the Suquamish. "What we didn't want is conflict on the

side of the road – two officers arguing over who's going to take a piece of evidence, who's going to do what, when," Suquamish Police Chief Mike Lasnier told the North Kitsap Herald. "The agreement gives clear guidance to those on the street. It's predetermined." The MOU has to be approved by both the Suquamish Tribal Council and the Kitsap County Commission before going into full effect.

- North Kitsap Herald

BASKETBALL

Lady Braves' defense shuts down Blue Ridge in home opener

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LeLe Lossiah, Lady Braves senior, scored ten more points than the entire Blue Ridge (3-1) team as Cherokee (2-1) won their home opener. Lossiah led the Lady Braves with 16 points on the night as the Lady Braves ran away with it 66-6 against the previously unbeaten Lady Bobcats.

"When you play someone that's a little bit below you, it's nice to come out and actually play good against them," said Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach. "Sometimes, you can come out and play sloppy...we played really good early. We got our lead and sort of coasted from there."

Coach Mintz was very pleased with Cherokee's defensive effort. "We've been working hard ever since the Kings Moun-

tain game. We struggled on defense that night, and we've been working hard. They're starting to actually catch on to it and believe in it."

The game actually had a slow start, and after three minutes Cherokee led 4-2. But, the Lady Braves' press defense began to really take its toll and at the 3:35 mark of the first period, Cherokee had extended its lead to 13-2. When the buzzer sounded to end the first, the Lady Braves were up 28-2.

Cherokee kept the pressure up on the defensive side and continued to shoot the ball well in the second period. At the 4:37 mark, Lossiah stole the ball at the Blue Ridge baseline and quickly put it back up for 2 of her 16 points. With that score, the Lady Braves led by 40 points (42-2) invoking the NCHSAA mercy rule, and the clock ran continuously for the remainder of the contest.

The Lady Braves took a 49-2 lead into the locker room after having shot almost 50 percent from the floor (12 of 23 in the first period, 8 of 16 in the second).

With the clock running, the second half flew by, and Cherokee led 53-3 after the third and went on to take the huge 66-6 win.

Other Lady Braves scorers included: Macie Welch 3, Tori Teesateskie 8, Carla Wolfe 6, Pooh King 14, Bree Stamper 7, Shelby Wolfe 5, Jamie Lossiah 2, Brionna Jumper 4 and Jordan Maney 1.

Blue Ridge scorers included: Savannah Heltsley 2, Mystery Knope 3 and Anna Stewart 1.



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Cherokee's LeLe Lossiah (#5) plays tough defense against Blue Ridge's Jade Bryson (#10) during the home opener for the Lady Braves on Friday, Dec. 4. Lossiah led Cherokee with 16 points as they went on to a big 66-6 win.

Braves hustle, shoot well in home opener against Blue Ridge



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Cherokee's Steven Straughan goes up in traffic for a shot in the first half of Friday's home opener against Blue Ridge. On the night, he had 15 points as Cherokee won 94-38 over the Bobcats.

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Cherokee (2-1) almost tripled Blue Ridge's (2-2) output as the Braves won their home opener 94-38 on Friday, Dec. 4. Led by Jason McMil-

with 18 points, Cherokee shot 51 percent from the floor and 38 percent from the three-point line. Brothers Steven Straughan and Holden Straughan each had 15 points on the night.

"I think we played well," said Willis Tullos, Braves head coach. "We came out

and played with a lot more intensity than we did on Tuesday night. We were flat Tuesday night, but we had some intensity and we got up and down the floor tonight. We played the way we normally should play."

Coach Tullos was happy with his team's defensive effort. "We did a good job with our press. We did a good job with the angles and getting in the passing lane, and that's the secret to it."

The Braves had 10 steals on the night including three from McMillan and one each from Justus Day, Tye Mintz, Trace Lambert, Steven Straughan, Kennan Panther, Holden Straughan and Josiah Lossiah.

The first two minutes were a little slow for both teams with the Braves taking an early 6-2 lead. But, Cherokee began to pull away due to their defensive efforts and took a 23-6 lead at the 2:06 mark in the first period and led 37-8 after the first.

The Braves kept the pressure up and led 44-9 two minutes into the second period. The Bobcats came back some and Cherokee took a 67-30 lead into the locker room.

At the 7:36 mark of the third period, Holden Straughan stole the ball and scored on a quick lay-up to give the Braves a 40-point lead (71-30) thereby invoking the NCHSSA mercy rule, and the clock ran continuously for the remainder of the contest. Cherokee led 83-31 at the end of the third and went on to take the big 94-38 win.

Other Brave scorers included: Brock Powell 2, Justus Day 14, Tye Mintz 8, Trace Lambert 4, Jeffrey Girty 7, Kennan Panther 1, Josiah Lossiah 6, Logan Teesateskie 2 and Menoch Grant 2.

Blue Ridge was led by Hunter Stewart with 17 points followed by Ben Riddle with 9.

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The Lady Ballers basketball team, featuring EBCI tribal member **Miranda Long Stamper** (4th from left, second row), won the championship at the 11th Annual Randall Huggins Memorial "Big Ballers" All-Native tournament held Dec. 4-5 at the Seminole Hollywood Gymnasium in Hollywood, Fla.

SCOREBOARD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Dec. 1

Smoky Mountain 66 Reynolds 65

Tuscola 77 Rosman 69

Thursday, Dec. 3

Rabun Gap (Ga.) 65 Erwin 56

Polk Co. 65 Brevard 56

Friday, Dec. 4

Cherokee 94 Blue Ridge 38

Smoky Mountain 66 Enka 53

Hayesville 71 Swain 60

N. Buncombe 94 Franklin 53

Highlands 67 Tamassee-Salem 52

Rosman 82 Murphy 39

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Dec. 1

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Smoky Mountain 66 Reynolds 61

Thursday, Dec. 3

Brevard 50 Polk Co. 39

Erwin 71 Rabun Gap (Ga.) 45

Friday, Dec. 4

Cherokee 66 Blue Ridge 6

Rosman 56 Murphy 40

Swain 43 Hayesville 24

Franklin 53 N. Buncombe 33

Smoky Mountain 67 Enka 55

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GSMA names new executive director

Laurel Rematore, executive director of Mesa Verde Museum Association in Colorado since 2008 and director of membership and de-



GSMA photo

Laurel Rematore, seen here in her role as executive director of the Mesa Verde Museum Association, has been named to take over the helm at Great Smoky Mountains Association starting in early January. She follows current executive director Terry Maddox, who is set to retire after 26 years as the organization's leader.

velopment at Yosemite Association prior to that, has been named to take over the helm at Great Smoky Mountains Association.

Rematore steps in to the leadership role at GSMA as its current executive director, Terry Maddox, is set to retire at year's end after 26 years.

"The Great Smoky Mountains Association board of directors is very excited and pleased to announce Laurel Rematore as our next executive director," said its chair, Cheryl Light. "While we had many excellent candidates from diverse backgrounds and skill sets, Laurel was our unanimous selection for her passion for our mission, her knowledge of national parks and cooperating associations, her consensus building skills, and her strong financial background.

"We are excited to move forward with Laurel's leadership and hope to grow in our support of Great Smoky Mountains National Park," Light continued.

Rematore brings to GSMA some 15 years executive and senior management experience in the partner to public land association arena. Her experience includes seven years as executive director of Mesa Verde Museum Association and at Yosemite Association for nearly the same span of years.

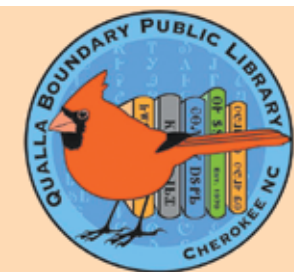
"I am humbled by the opportunity to lead Great Smoky Mountains Association, a true innovator in the nonprofit cooperating association world," said Rematore. "Terry Maddox and his board and staff have created a remarkable partnership with Great

Smoky Mountains National Park to benefit the park and its visitors. It will be an honor to build on Terry's legacy of creativity and collaboration."

While at Mesa Verde, Rematore led that organization's management team in developing operational plans to achieve strategic goals; developed an annual \$1.2 million budget; and managed the association's operations, including three year-round and two seasonal store locations and an online presence. She served as the face of MVMA to maintain supportive and productive relationships with the National Park Service, the Mesa Verde Foundation, the Association of Partners for Public Lands and other essential partners. During her years at Yosemite, Rematore directed the association's membership program, which generated \$3 million in revenue, as well as its fundraising and volunteer efforts.

"Laurel will undoubtedly bring great leadership skills and experience from the Mesa Verde Museum Association to Great Smoky Mountains Association, and I look forward to working closely with her as we continue to provide exceptional educational products and services to visitors," said Great Smoky Mountains National Park Superintendent Cassius Cash. "Laurel's creativity makes her a perfect fit as the new executive director and a partner for this park, especially as the National Park Service moves into its next century of service."

- GSMA



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Christmas Parade time

The annual Cherokee Christmas Parade was held on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 5. The parade kicked off the 2nd Annual Lights & Legends Christmas event held at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



Cherokee High School honor rolls – 1st Nine Weeks

9th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Isaiah Armachain, Isaiah Evans, Terry Hampton, Tanner Howell, Joaquin Layno, Jarron Lossiah, Josiah Lossiah, Juanita Paz-Chalacha, Shirley Peebles, Niobie Redus, Blake Smith, Seth Smith, Emma Stamper and Tori Teesateskie

Alpha Honor Roll: Sylas Davis, Jimiqua Driver, Joshua French, Darius Lambert, Jamie Lossiah, Jacob Sneed, Malakai Tooni, Derek Torres, Wesley Wildcatt and James Wolfe

Beta Honor Roll: Stacy Armach-

ain, Logan Blankenship, Logan Bradley, James Browning, Safiya Daggs, Joshua Driver, Moira George, Joshua Girty, Kyler Hill, Olivia Jackson, James Tay Lambert, Terrance Ledford, Lucina Lira, Corbin Long Wolfe, Tihjah Lossiah, Dylan Mangold, Julian Martin, Brianna Murphy, Bekah Panther, Jullian Parra-Rubio, Juakina Perez, Dustin Pheasant, TaeLynn Pheasant, Mariana Reyes, Samuel Sneed, Lataya Taylor, Amaris Watty and Carla Wolfe

10th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Scarlett Guy, Gabriel Lebron, Tye Mintz, Robin Reed, Kyra Sneed, Jerome Thompson, Macie Welch and Shelby Wolfe

Alpha Honor Roll: Timiyah

Brown, Latika French, Samantha Lee, Jordan Maney and Ashenee Pheasant

Beta Honor Roll: Shannon Albert, Antonio Bernhisel, Tristin Bottchenbaugh, Isaiah Bowman, Marley Bradley, Riley Crowe, Samuel Esquivel, Brennen Foerst, Jordan Grant, Travis Hall, Christina Littlejohn, Dorian Martens, Lidia Ramirez, Elijah Rosario, Mikah Rosario, Tierra Stamper, Jeremy Swayney, Tiarra Toineeta, Anya Walsh and Shanenon Wolfe

11th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Dalmericka King

Alpha Honor Roll: Menoch Grant, Dakota Houston, Anthony Toineeta, Kendric Watty and Daw-

son Wilnoty

Beta Honor Roll: Trinity Bean, Sydney Bird, Christus Cedillo, Karli Davis, Jeffery Girty, David Andrew Griffin, Cory Junaluska, Livia Lambert, Daniel Long, Madison McCoy, Lloyd Mitchell, Austin Niccum, Megan Paugh, Noah Pete, Devona Reed, Lucy Reed, Jessa Sampson, Danica Sequoyah, Aaron Smart, Richard Smith, Mikhail Swimmer, Blake Wachacha, Dylan West, Kyleigh Wiggins and Lukus Woodard

12th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Austin Davis, Dayini Lossie, Chloe McEntire, James Panther, Austin Ross and Autumn Smith

Alpha Honor Roll: Michael Cain Arch, Amber Beck, Virginia Grant, Selena Herrera, Nathaniel Littlejohn, Jason McMillan, Autumn Norton, Tysha Sampson, Kieran Sequoyah and Gabrielle Squirrel

Beta Honor Roll: Dezman Crow, Gabriel Crow, Jesse Crowe, Harley Davis, Brittney Driver, Jamie Fuller, James George, Jamyus Lossiah, Kirstin Mathis, Anna Mintz, Jalen Pruitt, Samantha Rauch, Austin Reed, Alexis Smith, Emilie Stamper, Steven Straughan, Joshua Taylor, Dakota Ward, Laurel Welch, Tara Wolfe and Bryanna Zollinger

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Miss Cherokee at Franklin Parade

Miss Cherokee Taran Swimmer is shown braving the rain at the Franklin Christmas Parade on Sunday, Nov. 29.

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Lana Jo Lambert

Lana Jo Lambert, 40, of Waynesville, passed away after a brief illness on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015. Lana was born in Sylva on June 17, 1975 to Joyce Buchanan Todd and Virgil Lambert. She was an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Lana was a 16-year employee of Vocational Opportunities of Cherokee. She was the program services coordinator and oversaw the clients from the Adult Developmentally Delayed Program. Over the years, she took them to many, many activities, introduced them to the community and generally fussed over them like a "mother hen". The clients include: Emily R, Robert K, Mia Faye L, Dinky J, Jennifer R, Will T, Will P, Gil B, Alyssa W, Thomas, Brandon P, Lolita, Marlana T, Tony W, and many others. She was the Qualla Boundary Coordinator for Special Olympics of N.C. for 13 years, and received special recognition for 10 years of service from Special Olympics in 2012. Over the years, she took the athletes to many games in Raleigh and all across the state. She hosted the Spring Games in Cherokee several times, planning and coordinating

with all the surrounding counties.

She graduated from Smoky Mountain High School in 1993, and earned a bachelor's of science degree from Western Carolina University in 1999. She also earned a certificate in advanced study from East Carolina University in 2006. Lana also was selected to participate in the Right Path Adult Leadership program and graduated in 2013. She also graduated from the 2013-2014 Native Leadership Institute at UNC Chapel Hill, which is a culturally-tailored training program for emerging Native leaders.

Lana won numerous awards and honors during her career, and in 2013 she received the Frell Owl award, which goes to a special individual who best exemplifies the character and accomplishments of Mr. Owl and who have significantly contributed to the welfare of Cherokee Children and Families.

Lana was a member of the Cherokee Runners Club where she participated in many activities including half marathons.

She loved to travel and was so adventurous traveling to Las Vegas many times, Panama City, California, Baltimore, New York City, Canada, and many others..... She is survived by her parents; aunts; uncles; her best friends, Michelle "Shelli" Rabb, Tammy Dillard, John Smith, Kay Conner, Kim Hall, and Missy Sutton; and also her co-workers; her clients; her special Olympic athletes and a multitude of friends from all over the United States and abroad.

Lana never met a stranger and made friends everywhere she went. She was full of spirit, always had a big smile on her face and could find good in everyone. She lived life to its fullest and was a joy to everyone that knew her. She will leave a hole

in everyone's hearts and will never be forgotten. Rest easy sweet angel, we will love and remember you forever.

A celebration of her life was held on Saturday, Dec. 5 at Wolf-town Recreation Center (Gym).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Special Olympics/Qualla Boundary at PO Box 653, Cherokee, NC 28719.



Nicey L. Rattler

Nicey L. Rattler, 99, of the Birdtown community, went home to be with the Lord Friday, Dec. 4, 2015 in a Cherokee health care facility. A native of Graham County, she was the daughter of the late Sampson and Nancy Wachacha Ledford and wife of the late Ammons Rattler and June Mark Welch. She was a member of Rock Springs Bap-

tist Church and a member of the Qualla Co-Op. She was a longtime employee of the Cherokee Historical Association Oconaluftee Indian Village.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Tina Marie Ledford; nephew, Tony Lossiah; brothers, Mason Ledford and Wilson Ledford; nieces, Velma Lossiah and Arlene Watty; and step children, Bobby, George, Wilber, Maxie and Nelson Rattler and Lewis and Mona Brown.

She is survived by her nieces and nephews, Callaway and Martha Ledford, David and Patsy Ledford, James and Minnie Ledford, Lula Ledford, Rosalee and Skipper Sneed, Christine Walkingstick, all of Cherokee; Dean and Ellen Ledford of Washington; and many other nieces and nephews; and step children, Anona Lambert and Freida Brown.

She was one of the few remaining fluent speakers of the Cherokee Language and taught the language for many years.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at Rock Springs Baptist Church. Revs. Greg Morgan, James (Bo) Parris, Dan Conseen and J.B. Smith officiated with burial in the Ledford Cemetery in Snowbird. Special singer was Lane Smoker.



Yonnie W. Hill

Yonnie W. Hill, 82, of the Big Cove community, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015 in a Cherokee Hospital. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late Stephen and Rachel Tooni Watty and wife of the late Jesse Hill Sr. She was a member of Straight Fork Baptist Church. She was one of the few fluent speakers remaining from the Eastern Band and was a volunteer foster grandparent for the Big Cove Head Start and the New Kituwah Academy. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Johnny Watty and Anderson Watty; two sisters, Lorene Watty Arch and Winnie Watty Long; one granddaughter, Dani Hill; and one grandson, Timothy Hill.

She is survived by one daughter, Sandra Hill, of Cherokee; four sons, Silvester (Sonny) Hill, Lawrence (Eddie) Hill, Allen (Butch) Hill, Jesse (Jay) Hill Jr., all of Cherokee; one special son, Marty Medina; 11 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; one sister, Maybelle Watty of Cherokee; three brothers, Samuel Watty and wife Elsie, Joseph Watty and wife Marie, and Quincy Watty, all of Cherokee; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Dec. 3 at Straight Fork Baptist Church. Pastors Charles Ray Ball and James (Bo) Parris officiated with burial in the Hill Family Cemetery.

Friends of the family were pallbearers.

In Loving Memory of Tom and Irene

Irene
Dec. 11, 2013



Tom
Aug. 31, 2011

I want to thank you both for all those years of love and kindness we shared as a family together. Could have stayed another thousand years with you, and it still wouldn't be long enough. Tom, you are the smartest and most humorous person I have ever known. Thanks for all the good laughs I still enjoy. Irene, you wrote the most heartfelt poems. Anybody that has read them knows what I mean. You are always very particular about everything. Thank you for picking me as your mate. You told me you took our wedding vows seriously. Until death do you parts says you really did. I really didn't know what the words "I love you" meant. My life with you says you are willing to spend your life with that person until life ends. I know my time will come just like you knew it was coming to you. Until then, there is a very big void in my heart that you used to fill. We told each other "I love you" countless times daily. I love you isn't something you say, it's what your heart feels. It would take a very special person to fill that void you left or for me to say "I love you" again.

*Miss you until we are together again.
When God permits.
Love you both, Dad and Husband Eddie*



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Wednesday – Sylva

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Wellbriety Snow Moon event planned

The Cherokee Healing and Wellness Coalition is sponsoring a Wellbriety Snow Moon (Usgiwi) celebration and potluck lunch Saturday, Dec. 19 from 11:30am – 2pm at the Cherokee Youth Center. Everyone is invited. The event will be honoring Brothers in the Wind Motorcycle Club for their service to the community. Door prizes will be given.

Please bring a traditional Cherokee food dish for the potluck lunch along with your favorite beverage. Such dishes may be made with wild berries or grapes, persimmons, field apricots, corn, beans, squash, mushrooms, wild greens, ramps, potatoes and succotash. Traditional breads are made with chestnuts, beans, sweet potatoes, flour corn and hominy. Possible meats are

bear, deer, fish, raccoon, turkey, squirrel, rabbit or wild game birds. Nuts are hickory nuts, hazelnuts, walnuts and butternuts.

Cherokee Healing and Wellness Coalition officials said the group “is committed to enhancing the lives of people by honoring and reclaiming the seven Cherokee core values especially in the promotion of clean, wholesome, healthy life styles. The seven core values are: spirituality, harmony, education, sense of place, honoring the past, strong character, and sense of humor.”

Info: Carol Long 554-6222 or 788-2132

- Cherokee Healing and Wellness Coalition

Upcoming Birdtown events

This year’s Birdtown Communi-

ty Holiday dinner will be on Thursday, Dec. 17. Doors open at 5pm. It will be a potluck dinner. If your Last name begins with letters A-H bring a dessert, I-Q bring a type of bread and R-Z bring a veggie side. There will be activities for children, door prizes and pictures with Santa. The community club is also having a decorating day for the inside and outside of the building on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 5pm.

- Birdtown Community Club

Upcoming DNA testing schedule

The following dates are available to schedule appointments for DNA collection:

- Thursday, Dec. 10
- Friday, Dec. 11
- Wednesday, Dec. 16
- Friday, Dec. 18
- Monday, Dec. 21
- Monday, Dec. 28
- Tuesday, Dec. 29

Please check with the EBCI Enrollment Office 359-6465 prior to scheduling to make sure you are eligible for enrollment. The local collection site is at the EBCI Tribal Enrollment office located at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. Appointments will be scheduled by the staff of 1 Family Services from 9-11:30am and 1-3pm.

To schedule an appointment at the local collection site, contact Michelle, Tribal Enrollment, 359-6463. To schedule an out-of-town appointment, contact Amber (918) 685-0478. All DNA questions should be directed to the staff of 1 Family Services.

- EBCI Enrollment Office

Free Legal Clinics in Cherokee

Cherokee residents can get free legal documents and advice from

attorneys and UNC Law Students at two free legal clinics in Cherokee. The first clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 15 at Tsali Manor and will deal with wills, advanced directors, powers of attorney, etc. This will be conducted by Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc. and Michael W. McConnell, attorney. The second clinic, set for Wednesday, Dec. 16 at the Yellowhill Activity Center will deal with papers for divorce, custody, expunctions, creditor/debtor, housing issues, and more. This will be conducted by Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc.

To make an appointment, 586-8931 and ask for “December pro bono clinic”. An appointment is not required, but priority will be given to those who call ahead.

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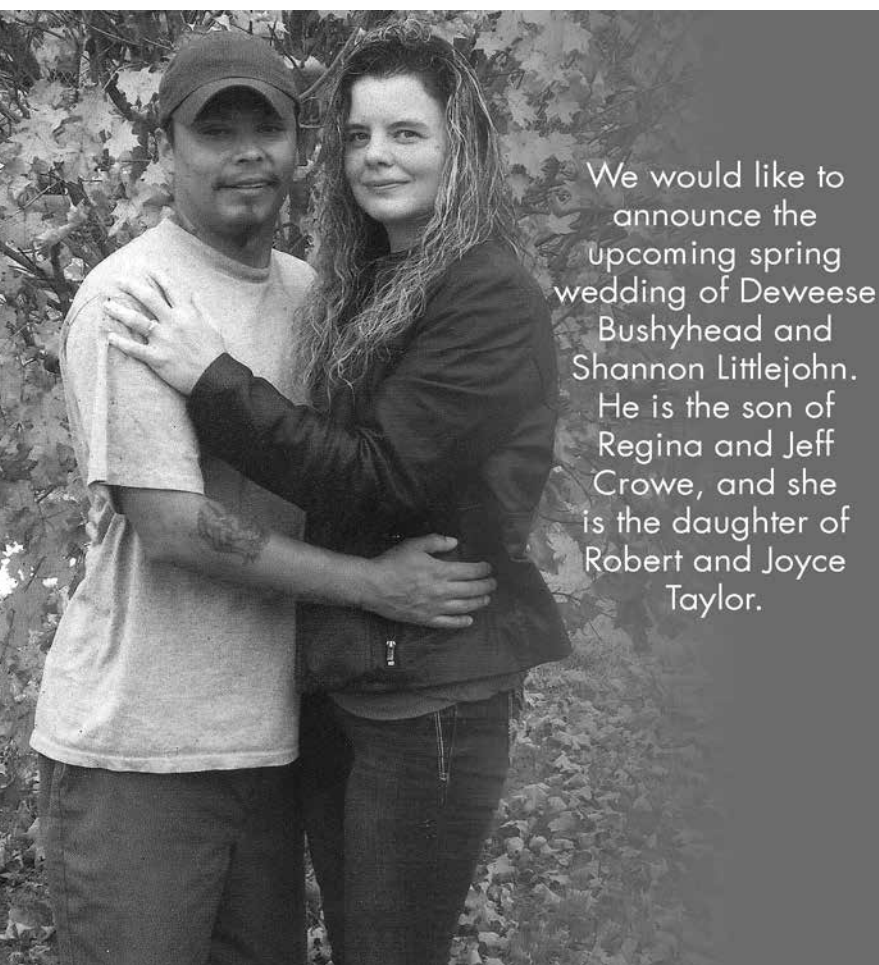
You can reserve your copy of the 2015-16 Cherokee Elementary School Yearbook for \$20 at the school store between 7:30-7:50am during school days. Make or send payments to the front office. Yearbooks will be delivered in May. Info: Cherokee Elementary 554-5020

- Cherokee Elementary

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Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone who has helped us in our time of need. Words can’t express our appreciation of everything donated to us from a place to stay to food, clothes, furniture and money. A special thank you to the Cherokee Elementary school staff and students for all their donations. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Carl, Sharon, and Carl Ray McCoy



We would like to announce the upcoming spring wedding of Deweese Bushyhead and Shannon Littlejohn. He is the son of Regina and Jeff Crowe, and she is the daughter of Robert and Joyce Taylor.



General Events

Holiday Bazaar. Dec. 10-11

from 3-9pm daily at Barkers Creek Community Building. Admission is free. Info: (828) 226-7814, <https://www.facebook.com/events/868630886585238/>

Swain County Democratic

Party meeting. Dec. 12 at 10am

at the Technology and Training Center at 45 West Ridge Road in Bryson City. Info: Rocky Sampson 736-1950 or Gwen Bushyhead 736-3043

3rd Annual Sherman Taylor

Christmas Dinner. Dec. 13 at

3pm at Tsali Manor. Bring a covered dish.

December 2015 Per-Capita Spend Down. Dec. 15 from

8am – 4pm at 43 John Crowe Hill Road. This event is sponsored by the Supplemental Health Insurance Program. Bring in your per-capita stub if you have any voluntary deductions withheld through the tribe.

Charlie Brown Christmas

program. Dec. 17 starting in the CES Media Center at 5:30pm. The program will continue in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center at 6pm. Info: Cherokee Elementary 554-5020

Wellbriety Snow Moon Event.

Dec. 19 from 11:30am – 2pm at

Cherokee Youth Center. Potluck lunch, door prizes. Info: Carol Long 554-6222 or 788-2132

Indianpreneurship Business

Course. Jan. 9 – Feb. 9 from 6-9pm every Tuesday evening in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. This five-session course covers covers business essentials to business start-up. Participants will learn marketing research, finances, tax information, and much more. Upon completion, participants will have written a complete Business Plan, Marketing Plan, and a Cash Flow to help you start your business. If you need a loan for startup monies, you may be able to obtain a business loan from The Sequoyah Fund. There is a \$60 non-refundable fee

to purchase the Indianpreneurship Book. Info: Kimberly W. Rosario 359-6719 or kimbwinc@nc-cherokee.com

Upcoming Pow Wows for Dec. 11-13

Note: This list of pow wows was compiled by One Feather staff. The One Feather does not endorse any of these dances. It is simply a listing of ones occurring throughout the continent. Please call before traveling.

IICOT Christmas Pow Wow.

Dec. 12 at West Side YMCA in Tulsa, Okla. Head Southern Singer: Russell Mashunkashey. Info: Lynnetta (918) 378-4494

32nd Annual St. Croix Trails

Pow Wow. Dec. 12 at St. Croix Tribal Cener in Hertel, Wisc. Info: Mark Soulier (800) 236-2195 ext. 5310 or (715) 520-2272



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1. Is the book of 2 Kings in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Luke 11, what group of people did Jesus say took away the key of knowledge? *Prophets, Carpenters, Lawyers, Scribes*
3. The Ark of the Covenant was carried around and around what city? *Ramah, Moroni, Jericho, Nicopolis*
4. From Genesis 26, who planted crops that were reaped a hundredfold? *Adam, Isaac, Abraham, Cain*
5. David and Bathsheba were the parents of? *John the Baptist, King Solomon, Noah, Daniel*
6. How many psalms in the Book of Psalms are attributed to Moses? *0, 1, 34, 72*

1) Old; 2) Lawyers; 3) Jericho; 4) Isaac; 5) King Solomon; 6) 1

Answers



Acquoni Baptist Church. 722 Acquoni Road. (497-6521 (h) or 788-0643 (c)

Antioch Baptist Church. Coopers Creek Road.

Beacon of Hope Baptist Church. 352 Whittier School Rd. (828) 226-4491

Bethabara Baptist Church. 1088 Birdtown Road. 497-7770

Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church. 6183 Big Cove Road. 497-4141

Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church. 7710 Big Cove Road. 497-4220

Calico Church of Christ. Big Cove Community. 497-6549

Cherokee Baptist Church. 812 Tsalagi Road. 497-2761, 497-3799 (fax)

Cherokee Bible Church. Olivet Church Road. 497-2286

Cherokee Church of Christ. 2350 Old Mission Road and Hwy. 19. 497-3334

Cherokee Church of God. 21 Church of God Drive. (828) 400-9753

Cherokee Church of the Nazarene. 72 Old School Loop off Big Cove Road. 497-2819

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church. Located behind the Wolfetown Gym. 674-2690

Cherokee United Methodist Church. Hwy 19 – Soco Road. (336) 309-1016, www.cherokeemission.org

Cherokee Wesleyan Church. Hwy 19 across from Happy

Holiday Campground. 586-5453

Christ Fellowship Church. Great Smokies Center.

Ela Missionary Baptist Church. Hwy 19 South.

Goose Creek Baptist Church. 631-0331 or 497-3512

Jesus is the Light Full Gospel Ministries. 1921 US 441 N. 736-9383

Living Waters Lutheran Church. 30 Locust Road. 497-3730, prjack@frontier.com, lwcherokee@frontier.com

Macedonia Baptist Church. 1181 Wolf-town Rd. 508-2629 dconseen@gmail.com

Olivet United Methodist Church. 811 Olivet Church Road. 497-5249

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. 82 Lambert Branch Road. 736-5322

Piney Grove Baptist Church. Grassy Branch Road. 736-7850.

Rock Hill Baptist Church. (828) 356-

7312

Rock Springs Baptist Church. 129 Old Gap Road. 497-9455, 736-1245 (cell)

Sequoyah Sovereign Grace Church. 3755 Big Cove Road. 497-7644

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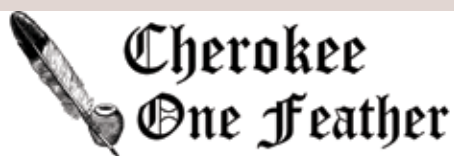
Waterfalls Baptist Church. Wrights Creek Road.

Whittier United Methodist Church. 150 Church Street, Whittier. 497-6245

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Wrights Creek Baptist Church. Wrights Creek Rd. 497-5262

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COMMENTARY

Observations and random thoughts (Vol. 4) - Current events

WILLIAM LEDFORD

I want to start with a thought to help you get through the day. "The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese." And now, here we go...

I want to offer an idea. Right now. We need to have the per capita disbursement moved up a week to enable tribal members to take full advantage of Turkey Day prep in addition to Black Friday, Blacker Saturday-Sunday and Cyber Monday shopping. Writing a check at Sam's Club on Friday the 27th hoping it doesn't get cashed until Tuesday the 1st got real weird. I'm joking, maybe.

I'm going to have to spend a portion of this issue questioning the latest circus antics of the GOP hopefuls because frankly these people are way the heck out there. I'll start with the statement from Donald Trump about the French after the Daesh/ISIL/ISIS attack in Paris. "If they had been armed this wouldn't have happened". Yeah Donald, that's an idea that's worked so well here in America.

Ben Carson is popular in opinion polls because he stated in his book that he attacked his friends with rocks and his mother with a hammer (no one remembers any of this), he got a "scholarship" offer for West Point, that abortion is slavery, the Chinese are in Syria, every time the minimum wage

is raised more people become jobless, German people were disarmed in the 30's allowing the Nazis to rise, vaccines don't prevent crippling diseases and illnesses (and he's a doctor), the Pyramids in Egypt were constructed as grain storage facilities and the best one of all...people become gay while in prison. And, some people love him for his honesty. You can't make this stuff up. No, I take that back... Ben Carson made all this stuff up.

I'm thinking that I'm not at all afraid of Daesh/ISIL/ISIS terrorists slipping into the US with the Syrian refugees potentially ready to attack us because I am more afraid of the domestic terrorists already here in our country that are fully, and legally, armed by the NRA and ready to kill people every day. There's a debate going now about calling Al-Qaeda and Daesh/ISIL/ISIS Muslim extremists...so, now I wonder, do we call these home-grown killers Christian extremists? Baptist fundamentalists? Catholic crusaders?

I feel compelled to say this to a lot of people, especially guys, who wander around wearing white-framed sunglasses...hello, they look really stupid. It might be because I saw an old movie many years ago and the "scary Hells Angel dude" wore some cheesy white framed glasses, and he wasn't very tough or frightening because of it...I dunno... all's I know is white-framed sun-

glasses look really stupid. Might want to check a mirror before you leave the house wearing those, but, don't let me stop you.

The Republicans on the campaign trail seem to be truly gung-ho to send American troops to Syria to fight the Daesh/ISIL/ISIS group. Hmm...George Bush and Dick Cheney basically broke Iraq the last time we invaded a Middle East country and that breaking eventually created Daesh/ISIL/ISIS out of the Sunni sect. So, now we need to attack and occupy another country (Syria) and try to clean up that problem with more blood and lives from our men and women? And, while we're thinking about the subject of terrorism, let's not forget who made Al-Qaeda what they are today. That would be good ol' Ronnie Reagan, GOP darling. He armed Al-Qaeda to the teeth with advanced weaponry which they turned on us after whipping up on the Soviets. Not cool.

Sometimes I think that I'd like to invent and patent a device that sticks, or glues, a phone to the side of some people's faces. That way the long talkers can keep both hands on the wheel when they drive. It's just my opinion that many females need this because that's all I see yakkin' on the phone but, it probably won't work because it might mess up their makeup. Yeah I know, I'm a chauvinist, but you can't tell me that I'm wrong.

And, I'd also like to figure out a device that has an intense signal to short a phone out when you aim it at somebody texting while they're driving. Why? Because texting and driving is dangerous, stupid and they won't stop doing it!

Three cheers for the defeat of the Keystone XL Pipeline. The Republicans wanted to make this a liberal environmentalist issue and they kept it real quiet that the Northern Plains tribes were totally against the pipeline along with a great majority of the northern ranchers and farmers. The main force behind the construction push headed by the GOP were the Koch Brothers who invested millions and millions in Canadian tar sand leases and...wait for it...gifts and campaign donations. Betcha didn't know that...didja.

Principal Chief Lambert may have just killed the feasibility study proposal aimed at marijuana legalization on the Rez, but this concept truly needs to remain active. When the Feds re-classify and de-criminalize marijuana, and they will, we absolutely need to be prepared to take advantage of this opportunity. I realize that decades

of intense propaganda have made a natural plant medicine seem evil to the "moral majority", but the alcohol, tobacco and pharmaceutical lobbyists have money to burn to keep us hooked on booze, cigarettes and pills.

It's really funny...big money makes vodka, Viceroy and Vicodin look more attractive to the masses than a natural substance that really helps many people who have complex medical conditions - only in America. And, I'm sorry to be the one telling educated people this, but recreational marijuana has long since been proven not to be the gateway drug that the unenlightened claim it is. It absolutely has no business being classified with heroin or methamphetamine. Those are two of the really dangerous drugs that addict and kill our children.

That's all for now...I'll leave you with this thought concerning many of our national elected Senators and Representatives. "Politicians and diapers have one thing in common. They should be changed regularly, and for the same reason."

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



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How will Cherokee affect you?

Poll Responses

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

What do you think should be done on the Acquoni Expo Center (aka old High School) property?

Scott St. Pierre: I think it should be turned into a cultural center, a youth center, or it should be used as a multi-community center. It will take money to rebuild or fix up the place, but it would be worth the money for use of each community and still have the pow wows there. It could even be made into a Farmer's Market.

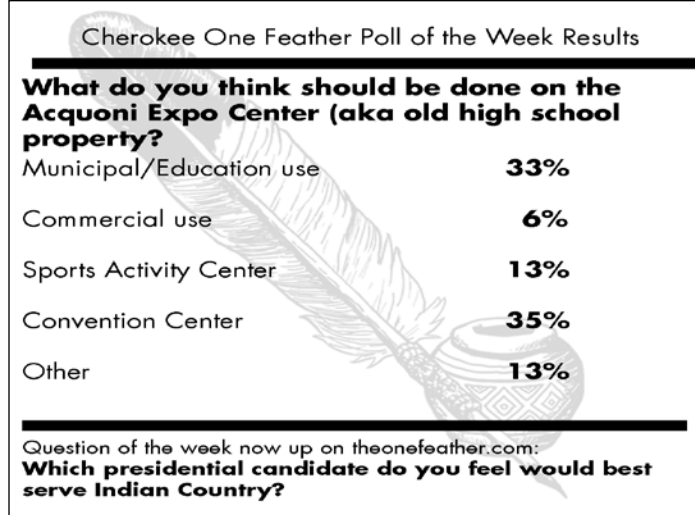
Gavin Kalonaheskie: Mixed-martial arts academy

Leslie Lossiah: It should be used for cultural activities for the public. Hold classes for different arts, agriculture and maybe pow wow dance classes. I would gladly teach some sewing classes to help our people learn to make our traditional clothing.

Wayne Wolfe: I thought it already had plans?

Ned and Stephanie

Welch: It would be an excellent place for WCU and SCC to have classes for the people here on the Res-



ervation. A lot of people work, raise a family and go to school to better themselves. What better way to think of these people and their families than by allowing the local colleges a bigger place to have more abundant classes? If that's not an acceptable use, just wait, Council will have some closed session and decide what to do with it without the people's voices being heard.

Ashley Sessions: First of all, it needs to be cleaned! This summer, when the kids were first starting football and cheerleading, it was disgusting! The restrooms were never cleaned. There was some type of poop, human or animal, not sure which, on the floor of the cafeteria! It really needs a good cleaning and then it needs to be used for something that is beneficial to the public (school, rehab, etc.).

Sandi Owle: Why this question? I thought the New Kituwah Academy and the Youth Center were promised this. Or, is this

yet another back-pedal?

Evan Watty: It needs to be torn down.

Kevin E. Nations: It needs to be demolished and in its place build something like the WNC Agriculture Center.

Sherry Cook: All tribal offices should be moved there so you don't have to run all over town searching for employees.

Bugg Swimmer: Paintball arena...the whole building and outdoors is perfect for that. Give something fun for the youth to enjoy.

Nathan Bush: EBCI Community College

Joey Owle: Tear it down and build a new building in which office space could be leased out to businesses and corporations. It would require state-of-the-art infrastructure necessary to conduct business globally. I'm talking a behemoth of a structure that can be seen from space! Tear it down and build a central tribal

operation center including a proper Council House. Build a shopping center of some sort that offers goods and services of a wide range: entertainment, shopping, grocery store, brewery...

Bumper Smith: Weed farm

Stephen Gammon: I feel a Paintball course inside and out would be great. Give kids something to do besides drugs and wandering in town looking for trouble.

Jason Paul: Should turn it into a rehab facility.

Hawk Brown: I was told, along with many others, that the old school had been promised to our Immersion students and helping our language.

Patrick West: I also thought it was to be used for the Immersion students.

Deborah Lambert: I'd like to see it remodeled as a bigger Council Chamber

and all tribal offices. They are spread out all over now. One central location would be great. It would be nice to go to Tribal Council and get in the door when a big issue is on the table. It's time we had a central facility that we could fit into.

Dawson Adam Wilnoty: Something for the youth... this town is dead.

Jesse Sneed: I'd like to see tribal offices moved there. The old auditorium would be ideal for Council Chambers. Classes and training for employees could be held there since travel has been eliminated.

Jack Kimmel: It would seem from the above posts that fixing up the building to house all tribal offices and Council Chambers makes the most logical choice. The advantages of having all tribal offices under one roof are many. Better accountability leads that list. Not to mention the dollars saved in the long run.

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Ornelas

Agreement to Divisions

Carla Marie Sneed Ballew, George Milton James, Dennis Ray James, Jackie Lee Johnson, Jacob Pete Johnson, Buddy Thomas Lambert, Doris Earlene Lambert, Eric Thomas Lambert, James Dwayne Lambert, Patricia Eldean Sneed Lambert, Peggy Rosalie Lambert Lambert, Melissa Ann Maney, Frankie Nelle James Patencio, Mary Edith Reed Smith, Howard Vincent Sneed, Rena Janet Johnson Wachacha, Mary Louise Sneed Welch, Joseph Lloyd White

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DEPARTMENT: Construction and Facilities

OPENING DATE: December 10, 2015

CLOSING DATE: December 23, 2015

REQUIREMENTS: GED or High School Diploma preferred. Minimum of 15 years' experience in building construction required.

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 15-066

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Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
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FROM FIRST PUBLICATION
Gracia Lorrene Parra-Rubio, 355
Lucy Long Road, Cherokee, NC
28719. **12/10**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 15-068

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Date to submit claims: December 16,
2015
Marlene Armachain, 429 Swimmer
Branch Road, Cherokee, NC 28719.
12/16pd

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Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 15-069

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Maggie Lossiah**

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Date to submit claims: February 24,
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Charlene Lossiah, PO Box 1346, Cherokee, NC 28719. **12/16pd**

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Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 15-070

**In the Matter of the Estate of
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 15-071

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FILE NO. 13 JT 54-56

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S.K., d.o.b. 12/11/2008
J.K., d.o.b. 6/30/2007, juveniles
TO: Ms. MICHAELLA KOMENDA,
respondent mother of the juvenile(s)
born on the above date(s).

The Unknown Legal Father of the juvenile(s) born on the above date(s) to Michaela Komenda.

The Unknown Biological Father of the juvenile(s) born on the above date(s) to Michaela Komenda.

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You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than January 20, 2016
TO: Ms. MICHAELLA KOMENDA
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UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER of the above juvenile(s)

You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than January 20, 2016, said date being 40 days from the first publication of this notice, or from the date the Petition is filed, whichever is later; and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

You have the right to be represented by a lawyer at all stages of the proceeding. If you want a lawyer and cannot afford to hire one, the Court

will appoint a lawyer to represent you. You may hire a lawyer of your choice at any time, or you may waive your right to a lawyer and represent yourself.

Attorney Zev Haselkorn, PO Box 1350, Waynesville, NC 28786, (828) 452-9294, has been provisionally assigned to represent you Michaela Komenda. You are encouraged to contact him immediately. If you do not qualify for a court-appointed lawyer, he will be released.

That upon service, jurisdiction over you is obtained and your failure to comply with any Order of the Court pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7B-904 may cause the Court to issue a show-cause Order for contempt.

If you are an enrolled member of an Indian Tribe, your Tribe has a right to intervene in this Juvenile proceeding. You have a right to petition that this matter be transferred to the Tribal Court of your Tribe.

This matter is calendared for hearing at the February 25, 2016 session of District Court for Swain County, 101 Mitchell St., Bryson City, NC 28713.

You have the right to be granted upon request a 20 day postponement to prepare for the proceedings.
This the 4th day of December, 2015.

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KNOW THE LAWS ON LIGHTS

Per NC GENERAL STATUTE:

§ 20-130.1. Use of red or blue lights on vehicles prohibited; exceptions.

(a) It is unlawful for any person to install or activate or operate a red light in or on any vehicle in this State. As used in this subsection, unless the context requires otherwise, "red light" means an operable red light not sealed in the manufacturer's original package which: (i) is designed for use by an emergency vehicle or is similar in appearance to a red light designed for use by an emergency vehicle; and (ii) can be operated by use of the vehicle's battery, vehicle's electrical system, or a dry cell battery. As used in this subsection, the term "red light" shall also mean any forward facing red light installed on a vehicle after initial manufacture of the vehicle.

§ 20-130.3. Use of white or clear lights on rear of vehicles prohibited; exceptions.

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully drive a motor vehicle in forward motion upon the highways of this State displaying white or clear lights on the rear of said vehicle. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the white light required by G.S. 20-129(d) or so-called backup lights lighted only when said vehicle is in reverse gear or backing. Violation of this section does not constitute negligence per se in any civil action. (1973, c. 1071.)

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