

SHARING WISDOM

"Try not to grow up too fast! Enjoy being young!"

- Margaret Green McCall



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EBCI tribal elders were recently honored by Cherokee Central Schools including (front row, leftright) Marvin "Skilly" French, Anna Laura Jumper, Margaret Green McCall, Katherine Norlen Panther. Students are shown in the back row including: Bree Zollinger, Anthony Toineeta, Annleeta Montoya, Khylan Pheasant, Shiah Pheasant, Lou Montelongo and Kendra Panther

Cherokee Central Schools honors elders

he Cherokee Central Schools Cultural Department recently held its annual Honor the Elders event at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. Emcee Shawn Crowe read interviews, provided by the honoree's grandchildren and other interviewers, during the event.

The elder's life experiences and valuable advice was graciously accepted by an eager and anxious gathering. The young people displayed tremendous respect as they sat quietly and listened in earnest to the wisdom of Marvin "Skilly" French, Annie Laura Jumper, Margaret Green McCall, and Katherine Norlen Panther.

Marvin Ballard "Skilly" French was

born at the "old Indian Hospital" in 1940 to Merony and Viola French of the Big Cove Community. Skilly's family did not have indoor plumbing or electricity until the early 1950's. He attended Big Cove Day School through 7th grade and graduated 12th Grade where he competed in football, baseball, and basketball. He also participated in summer softball and stickball. Skilly stated that "... the best athletes in Cherokee were Hog Johnson, Ed Taylor, Vernon Hornbuckle, and Robert Wahnetah."

Skilly took a Mechanics Shop in high school that helped him in many ways. He enlisted in the Navy for a time. Then, he returned home where he was employed with the EMS for 25 years and the Police Dispatch for five years.

Today, Skilly enjoys fishing, "loafing around," and talking with friends and family. He also watches sports and shows on TV. He likes early Rock and Roll and traditional Country music.

Skilly believes a big issue concerning Cherokee people is diabetes and closes with this bit of advice to our young people. "Take care of your health and diet. You may get by eating junk food for 10-15 years, but eventually it will bring about all kinds of health problems, even death."

Annie Laura Jumper was born in Whittier on June 2, 1938. She was born at home to her mother, Ollie Jumper, on the 3200 Acre Tract in the Birdtown Community. She learned to cook by the time she was 8-yearsold. Her family had a wood stove and large black pots and pans. She lived in a log home that had a floor, but there were large cracks in the floor. She later attended the Cherokee Boarding Schools, but lamented that the school took away a lot of Cherokee cultures and traditions like songs, dances, and language. After the 10th Grade, she attended the Swain Schools.

Annie met Russell Walkingstick Sr., a good-looking and nice man, at the Boiling Springs Baptist Church and it was "love at first sight!" They were later married by Russell Clifford Hornbuckle. Annie and Russell had seven children. She gave birth to one child at home by herself.

Annie worked at The Cherokees, Cooper's Motel, Ponderosa Restaurant, the Mill in Bryson City, and the Mountainside Theater (the Drama.) Russell worked at the Oconaluftee Indian Village for many years as a Guide, Maintenance Man, and Craftsman. She was very proud of the fact that he was also an Ambassador and traveled to Paris, France on behalf of the Tribe.

Annie feels drugs and addiction are a problem here on the Qualla Boundary and

would like to offer this advice to the young people. "Stay away from drugs!"

Margaret Green McCall was born in the Cowee Community of Macon County on May 24, 1943, to Jonas Green and Flora May Wikle. She has one sister and four brothers. Margaret grew up in an old two-story house with no running water and had to carry it from an outdoor spring. However, they did have electricity. She attended Cowee Elementary, East Franklin, and Franklin High School.

Margaret met James Cornell McCall and she knew that "... he was the one for me!" They married soon after in Walhalla, SC. She resides in Camp Creek, Whittier, where her husband "happily" traded some labor for property.

Margaret worked at the Vassar

Plant and Hungry Bear Restaurant. Today, she enjoys eating various foods and watching her favorite shows on TV as well as listening to Country Rock music. At this time of year, she appreciates Christmas music.

Her advice to youth today is, "Try not to grow up too fast! Enjoy being young!"

Katherine Norlen Panther was born on March 28, 1938 at the "old Indian Hospital." Her parents are Emmaline Driver and Samuel Panther. Her Cherokee name is Ke-la-di, which means "Belonging Somewhere." She has a very large family of full- and half-brothers and sisters. She has lived her entire life in Big Cove where she attended Big Cove Day School and then went to the Day School. Her favorite classes were basketry and weaving where she was honored to be taught by Lottie Stamper and Ms. Garnett.

Katherine lived in a log house that had only two rooms, a living room and a kitchen. The living room contained three beds where they all slept. They had no electricity so for baths, they would heat water in a big tub and take turns bathing. They got electricity in the 1950s and running water came later. They had a big farm and raised pigs, horses, ducks, cows, and chickens. They would slaughter a hog for winter. Her dad would "hang" it, and then they would go and cut whatever they needed at the time. They also ate squirrels, rabbits, and fish. Katherine wore dresses her mom made for her. The girls each had one or two dresses. Most were "hand me downs."

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Katherine tries to stay busy. She only watches one show on TV along with the news. She also enjoys listening to music. She feels a lot of problems are related to drugs so her advice to young people is simple, "Do not do the things you are not supposed to be doing!"

Vice Chief Richard "Richie" Sneed provided the prayer to open the event the CHS JROTC presented the colors. The Cherokee Singers performed the Pledge of Allegiance and America followed by the Warrior Dance presented by Esaih Postoak. Robert Running Wolfe provided some contemporary musical entertainment, and Vice-Chief Sneed, Painttown Rep. Marie Junaluska, and Cherokee Royalty presented certificates and gifts to each elder.

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Arson K9 passes away

The Cherokee Fire Department is mourning the loss of one of its own. Sam, born May 2012, an arson investigation detection dog, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 5. Sam, shown with his partner, Lt. Jeremy Blankenship, was the only Accelerant Detection K9 in western North Carolina. The team, which was certified by the APCA (American Police Canine Association), worked together since May 2015 on several fire investigations. They assisted in one arson conviction and have another pending in court. CFD related that Sam passed away after an unforeseen medical condition with his heart. "He was rushed to REACH in Asheville, where he later passed away," CFD officials stated. "Sam was very active and loved playing with his Kong toy, lounging in the creek and going to work. He formed a tight bond with Jeremy very quickly, and they worked very well together. He will be missed."

Correction

It was reported in an article entitled "'Recreational use' dooms cannabis study for tribe" in the Dec. 10 issue that Tribal Council voted unanimously to uphold Principal Chief Patrick Lambert's vote on the cannabis study. Actually, the vote was 11-1 (88-12 in weighted vote) with Birdtown Rep. Travis Smith voting against upholding the veto.

Woman dupes casino winner, steals money

QUINTIN ELLISON SYLVA HERALD

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woman who conned a fellow casino gambler out of his winnings with promises of a massage must pay back the money or face stiffer punishment the next time she's in court.

On Monday, Dec. 7, Superior Court Judge Brad Letts told Melinda Nadine Poe, 55, of Dandridge, Tenn., to make \$240 payments each month until she's fully reimbursed the victim the \$8,600 she stole. The judge banned Poe from Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort and told her to steer clear of other gambling establishments for 36 months, the length of time she'll serve on unsupervised probation. He ordered her into treatment for a gambling addiction. Here's what Assistant District Attorney Chris Matheson said happened:

Poe was at Harrah's Cherokee

Casino Resort when a man sitting nearby lucked onto the right combination on a gaming machine, scoring himself the jackpot. Poe sidled into an empty seat next to the winner. She proceeded to strike up a conversation.

At some point, the woman trotted out a claim of being a "professional masseuse." She persuaded the victim-to-be to escort her to his hotel room for a massage.

Once in the room, the man took his billfold – stuffed with his earlier winnings – and placed it in the room's safe. He failed, however, to shut and lock the safe's door. He returned from a bathroom break to discover Poe, his wallet and money were missing.

Matheson did not say whether the man's "masseuse" delivered the massage before absconding with his cash.

The judge told Poe if she doesn't meet his conditions for probation the courts will reinstate a felony larceny charge. She pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor theft charge and received a suspended 45-day sentence.

Native News by State

MINNESOTA

BEMIDJI – The body of Rose Downwind, 31, was discovered in a shallow grave in Bemidji on the night of Wednesday, Dec. 9. Native News Online reported that police were led to the gravesite by Downwind's ex-boyfriend, Marchello Anthony Cimmarusti, who turned himself into police officials on Monday, Dec. 7. Cimmarusti, 40, and Brandon Joseph Rossbach, 31, have both been charged with second degree murder in the case. Downwind's body has been sent to the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy. Downwind, the granddaughter of American Indian Movement leader Dennis Banks, was last seen at a Target store in Bemidji on Oct. 19. - Native News Online

NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE – Alexi Rios was found guilty on Wednesday, Dec.

9 of second degree murder and 21 other charges relating to the beating deaths of Allison Gorman and Kee Thompson. Gorman and Thompson, both members of the Navajo Nation, were homeless at the time and were beaten to death on July 19, 2014 in a vacant lot in Albuquerque. Co-defendant Gilbert Tafoya, 15 at the time of the murders, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in September and testified against Rios at the trial. Nathaniel Carrillo. the third co-defendant, was 16 at the time of the murders, is set for an upcoming trial.

- Albuquerque Journal

RHODE ISLAND

CHARLESTOWN – Chief Sachem Matthew Thomas, of the Narragansett Indian Tribe for almost two decades, is facing accusations that he actually doesn't reside in Rhode Island. WPRI in Florida reported that he registered to vote in that state earlier this year. According to Narragansett tribal law, the chief must live in the state or within a 50-mile radius. "I believe the chief should step down," Tribal Election Committee member Darlene Monroe told WPRI. "He's rarely here, and we know it." Thomas did not respond for a request for comment by WPRI, but tribal attorney William Devereaux responded, "As far as I know, the chief sachem is a Rhode Island resident. He is in Rhode Island more than Florida."

WASHINGTON, DC

Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn announced on Thursday, Dec. 10 that he is concluding his service with the Department of the Interior and returning to teaching. "The opportunity to serve Indian Country under the leadership of President Obama and Secretary Jewell, and with my colleagues in Indian Affairs at Interior, has been the highest privilege of my life," said Washburn who plans to return to the faculty of the University of New Mexico School of Law in January. Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Lawrence "Larry" Roberts, an enrolled member of the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin, will lead Indian Affairs for the remainder of the Obama administration.

- U.S. Department of the Interior

WASHINGTON

SNOQUALMIE – The Snoqualmie Tribe is claiming "intentional race discrimination" in a suit filed Wednesday, Dec. 9 in federal court against City of Snoqualmie officials. Tribal officials allege in a 19-page lawsuit that Snoqualmie Mayor Matt Larson decided to terminate sewer utility services to the Snoqualmie Casino by November 2016. "Without sewer services. the casino will be forced to close indefinitely ... " read the suit. In addition to the Mayor and other officials, all of the City Council was named in the suit.

- Snoqualmie Valley Star

Sports

BASKETBALL Lady Braves lose in 20T to Lady Rockets

SCOTT MCKIE B.P. ONE FEATHER STAFF

t took four regular periods and two overtime periods for the Lady Braves to decide their home game against the A.C. Reynolds Lady Rockets on Monday, Dec. 7. The Lady Rockets edged Cherokee in the second overtime to come away with a 63-60 win.

"I thought we came out flat in the first half," said Chris



Cherokee's Tori Teesateskie (#3) dips under A.C. Reynolds' Shar'e Harrison for a basket in a home game on Monday, Dec. 7 that went to double overtime. Teesateskie finished the game with 5 points. Mintz, Lady Braves head coach. "But, we picked up our intensity in the second half and got a nice lead. Overtime was just back and forth."

Coach Mintz added, "We've got to get better at end-of-game situations. We have to finish game. That's two games that we've let get away that we should have won."

Both teams started slowly, and the game was tied at 7-7 midway through the first period. The Lady Rockets edged ahead in the final minute and led 17-11 after the first.

The teams swapped the first few baskets of the second period, and A.C. Reynolds led 21-14 two minutes in. Cherokee came back though, and Bree Stamper, Lady Braves senior, hit a three-point shot with 3:04 left before the half to tie the game at 23-23. The Lady Braves kept the pressure on and took a 28-27 lead into the locker room.

Cherokee suffered a setback early in the third period as Pooh King, Lady Braves point guard, got her fourth personal foul at the 6:54 mark and ended up sitting the entire period.

The Lady Braves seemed unphased though and outscored A.C. Reynolds 12-8 in the third to take a 40-35 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Lady Rockets kept plugging and tied the game at 46-46 with 2:26 left. About a minute later, Tori Teesateskie, Lady Braves freshman, passed to King inside the paint who hit a bank shot from about three feet out to give Cherokee a 48-46 lead with 1:34 left.

Lady Rocket's Dani Sweeney hit two free throws at the 1:13 mark to tie the game. Two possessions later and with time running out on the game, an A.C. Reynolds player missed a shot that bounced hard off the rim into the hands of King. She drove down the court and shot from about 10 feet out as time expired. The ball bounced off the rim, and the game went to overtime tied at 48-48.

Cherokee's Shelby Wolfe, who led Cherokee with 18 points on the night, scored the first four points in overtime on a short lay-up and two free throws to give the Lady Braves a 52-48 lead at the 2:31 mark in the first overtime.

The Lady Rockets came right back and tied the game at 52-52. Neither team scored again, and the game went to a second overtime period.

A.C. Reynolds' Ashlyn Perkins scored on a layup just seconds in to put the Lady Rockets up 54-52. Wolfe answered quickly with a traditional threepoint play just 12 seconds later to put Cherokee up 55-52 at the 3:35 mark.

The Lady Rockets hit two buckets in a row to take a 59-55 lead at the 2:31 mark, and Cherokee's Bree Jumper re-



Cherokee's Shelby Wolfe lines up for a free throw. She led the Lady Braves with 18 points on the night.

sponded by driving the base line for two points to make it 59-57 with just over a minute left in the game.

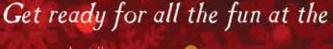
A.C. Reynolds' Shar'e Harrison added a free throw with :47 seconds left to give the Lady Rockets a three-point 60-57 lead.

Cherokee kept plugging and Carla Wolfe found a hole on the right side of the Lady Rockets defense and drilled a three-point shot from the far side to tie the game with 32 seconds left.

Lady Rocket's Sarah Swicegood hit two free throws on the next trip down the court and another with 1.5 seconds on the clock to give A.C Reynolds the three-point 63-60 win.

Other Cherokee scorers included: Macie Welch 3, Tori Teesateskie 5, Carla Wolfe 7, Pooh King 9, Bree Stamper 16 and Brionna Jumper 2.

A.C. Reynolds scorers included: Sarah Swicegood 4, Shar'e Harrison 13, Rebecca Schlotterbeck 6, Ashlyn Perkins 5, Dani Sweeney 21, Cami McLaughlin 6 and Clara Davidson 8.





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BASKETBALL

McMillan leads Braves in close one over Rockets

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ason McMillan, Braves senior, hit a three-point shot to tie the game at 3-3 early in the first period of a home game against A.C. Reynolds on Monday, Dec. 7. He didn't stop there as he poured in 33 points to lead the Braves (3-1) over the Rockets (4-2) in a tight 92-89 game.

"We played great offense, but played terrible defense," said Willis Tullos, Braves head coach. "They shot the ball really, re-

SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos



Jason McMillan (#1), Braves senior, drives the lane past A.C. Reynolds' Zack Brown (#11) during a home game on Monday, Dec. 7. McMillan led the Braves with 33 points on the night.

ally well. It's just one of those nights where both teams were shooting the ball well and whoever got the shots at the end was going to win."

He added, "If we don't make threes, we don't do well. We're not big enough to play an inside game. So, we have to shoot threes, and I think we shot threes tonight very well. I think Justus (Day) and Jason (McMillan) shot really well and made some big free throws when they needed to. It's a whole team effort."

On the night, Cherokee shot 44 percent from the field, 36 percent from three-point land and 64 percent from the free throw line. It was the latter that helped the Braves down the stretch in a game that was close all four periods.

Both teams came out shooting the ball well, and the Rockets held a small 12-8 lead at the 4:16 mark of the first period. Both teams kept plugging, and the Rockets led 22-19 with 2:06 left in the first when Justus Day hit a three-point shot to tie the game. Day finished the night with 22 points.

The Rockets hit a few shots at the end of the first and led 28-25 after one period.

Both teams scored five points in the first two minutes of the second period, and the Rockets led 33-30. Cherokee got its first lead of the game at the 5:14 mark of the second as McMillan hit a short jumper to put the Braves up by one at 34-33. The Braves kept the pressure on and ended up taking a 48-41 lead into the locker room.

The Rockets came out of the locker room hitting shot after shot and outscored Cherokee 10-4 in the first three minutes to get within one at 52-51. Both teams hit a few shots, and the game was tied at 55-55



Logan Teesateskie (#34), Braves senior, shoots a three-pointer over A.C. Reynolds' Ethan Stacey (#10).

with 3:35 left in the third period. Forty-five seconds later, McMillan went on a five-point tear hitting a three-pointer followed by a short jump shot to put the Braves up 62-57 at the 2:23 mark.

Cherokee led by three, 67-64, at the end of the third.

Both teams kept blazing in the early minutes of the fourth period, and the game was tied at 72-72 at the 5:57 mark. From that point, A.C. Reynolds went on a 5-1 run and led 77-73 with 4:49 left in the game.

That sparked the Braves who then went on an 8-0 tear of their own to lead 81-77 with 3:33 left. Day scored seven points in the final minutes including a four-point play after being fouled on a three-point shot. He and Holden Straughan both hit key free throws in the final minute as Cherokee was able to hold off the Rockets by the final score of 92-89.

The Braves hit the boards well in this game and were led by Cory Junaluska with 12 and Logan Teesateskie with 5.

Other Cherokee scorers included: Brock Powell 3, Tye Mintz 11, Steven Straughan 2, Kennan Panther 5, Holden Straughan 5, Cory Junaluska 5 and Logan Teesateskie 6.

A.C. Reynolds was led by Costa Poulos with 33 points, Ethan Stacey 18 and Zachary Brown 17.









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Lady Braves roll over **Andrews in conference opener**

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herokee's Pooh King and Shelby Wolfe combined for 44 points as the Lady Braves (3-2) rolled 80-49 over the Andrews Lady Wildcats (1-1) in

their Smoky Mountain Conference opener at home on Tuesday. Dec. 8. King, junior point guard, ended with 23 points and Wolfe, sophomore forward, added 21 to lead Cherokee. "Our defensive

intensity was way better than it was last night

(Monday game against A.C. Reynolds), and that made our offense work so much better." said Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach. "We passed the ball great inside and had a bunch of easy baskets."

He added, "I hope we just keep improving.

Lady Braves took a 47-26 lead into the locker room. The Lady Braves came out for the third

SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

Cherokee's Shelby Wolfe (#14) shoots over Andrews' Haley West (#32) during a home game on Tuesday, Dec. 8. Wolfe finished the game with 21 points.

Tonight, we played a traditional three-point whole lot better. As long play by Wolfe at the 5:45 mark. Three minas we keep improving. We've got a ways to go utes later. Cherokee had doubled Andrews' score to get to where we want at 68-34.

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Andrews didn't score

until the 4:52 mark of

point the Lady Braves

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The rest of the

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extended their lead to

30 (62-32) following a

the 4:42 mark.

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and led 32-6 after the

first.

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getting there."

With 1:10 left in the third, Carla Wolfe, Lady Braves freshman guard, grabbed a rebound and drove coast-to-coast for a lay-up to give the Lady Braves a 40-point lead (75-35) thereby invoking the NCHSAA mercy rule, and the clock ran continuously for the remainder of the game.

The fourth period went quickly and Cherokee took the 80-49 win.

Other Lady Braves scorers included: Macie Welch 4. Tori Teesateskie 11. Carla Wolfe 8. LeLe Lossiah 8, Bree Stamper 2 and Jordan Maney 3.

Andrews scorers included: Paige Lindley 5, Erika Griggs 4, Jacqueline West 8, Kenzie Gunter 4, Journey Clark 6, Morgan Mashburn 5. Chevenne Rattler 1, Brooke Nelson 3, Haley West 3 and Tiffany Holloway 10.

BASKETBALL

Four Braves in double figures in conference opener

SCOTT MCKIE B.P. ONE FEATHER STAFF

our Cherokee players were in double digits as the Braves (4-1) won their Smoky Mountain Conference

Panther 14, Justus Day 14 and Jason McMillan 13.

"I thought they did fairly well considering that they were tired from the game last night (A.C. Reynolds on Monday)," said Willis Tullos,

depth, and we've got a lot of people that can shoot the ball. If one or two is off, then we've got others than can step up and shoot, and they did that tonight. I was pleased with their effort overall."

swarmed the Wildcats the entire game and came away with a total of 18 steals on the night. McMillan led the way with 4 steals followed by Day 2, Tye Mintz 3, Jeffrey Girty 3, Holden Straughan 1, Cory Junaluska 2 and Logan Teesateskie 3. Panther led the Braves with 11 rebounds followed by Teesateskie 6 and Day 3.

The first period was relatively even. The Braves got on the board first with two free throws by Holden Straughan in the first minute, and by the 5:38 mark they led 7-5. Steven Straughan hit two big three-point shots in the first period, but Andrews answered with two three-pointers to tie the score at 16-16 after the first.

Andrews came out running at the beginning of the second period and took the lead (18-16) just 12 seconds in. The Wildcats extended that lead to 23-19 in the following minute.

McMillan made two

baskets in a row including a three-pointer to put the Braves back on top (24-23) at the 6:22 mark, and Cherokee would not relinquish their lead again.

From that point, the Braves went on a 13-2 run leading 37-25 with three minutes left before the half. Steven Straughan hit two three-point shots to end the half, and the Braves led 51-30 going into the locker room.

Cherokee outscored Andrews 20-14 in the third period to lead 71-44 going into the fourth period. The Braves were able to get a lot of bench play in the final two periods and ended up taking the 29-point win (89-60).

Other Braves scorers included: Brock Powell 2, Tye Mintz 8, Jeffrey Girty 8, Holden Straughan 4, Cory Junaluska 3, Logan Teesateskie 3 and Menoch Grant 3.

Kylan Thompson led Andrews with 18 points followed by Taylor Parker 11 and Grayson Parker 9.

SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather Kennan Panther (#15), Braves senior forward, goes between two Andrews defenders during a home game on Tuesday, Dec. 8. He finished the game with 14 points, 2 assists,

> opener over Andrews (0-2) 89-60 at home on Tuesday, Dec. 8. Steven Straughan, senior forward, led the way for Cherokee with 17 points followed by Kennan

and 11 rebounds.

Braves head coach. "We didn't play as crisp as we did last night, but we played well enough to win. They gutted it out. They were tired." "We've got a lot of

On the night, the Braves shot 54 percent from the floor, 31 percent from three-point land and 50 percent from the free throw line. Cherokee's defense



FOOTBALL

Black Knights fall just short in state championship

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INSTON – SALEM – The Robbinsville Black Knights (12-3) had the Plymouth Vikings (14-2) on the ropes in the final minutes of the NCHSAA State Championship at Wake Forest University on Saturday, Dec. 12. After rallying back including Paden Welch who was named Robbinsville's Defensive MVP of the state championship game with 19 tackles. Fellow tribal member Colby Hemphill won the Offensive MVP award. Both athletes were selected to the All-SMC team.

A promising Black Knight drive stalled early after Robbinsville's Lane Millsaps pounced on Plymouth with a 15-yard run. However, the Black Knights' opening drive

> stalled and Robbinsville was forced to punt and the Vikings took over on their own 34-yard line. A few plays later, Plymouth's Chad Dance ran 54 yards into the end zone for a touchdown and put the Vikings on top 7-0 at the 8:44 mark of the first quarter.

Robbinsville wasn't able to find their rhythm and fumbled on their next drive at their own 36-yard line. The Black Knight defense held the Vikings to a fourth-down and six when Plymouth's Samyr Cooper connected to Taqan White for a 31-yard pass, putting the ball at the 1-yard line. Plymouth's Chris Kelly rushed for 1-yard to put the

Vikings on top 14-0 at the 5:49 mark.

The Black Knights woes continued on their next drive when Plymouth's Dion McDonald picked up a Colton Millsaps fumble and returned it 16-yards to put the Vikings on top 21-0 with 4:53 left in the first quarter.

Robbinsville finally found their footing

on their fourth drive as the Black Knights Most Valuable Offensive Performer, Colby Hemphill (60 yards on 10 carries), capped off a 76-yard drive when he plowed ahead for a 3-yard touchdown run. A two-point run by Hemphill brought the score to 21-8 with 1:41 left in the first quarter.

Neither team was able to score during the second quarter, but Robbinsville's Chandler Jumper recovered a fumble at the 4-yard line to stop threatening Vikings drive and again on Plymouth's next drive at the 3-yard line. Plymouth took a 21-8 lead into halftime.

After a quiet third quarter, Plymouth's Chris Kelly scored on a 6-yard rushing touchdown to put the Vikings ahead 28-8 with 1:25 in the third quarter.

After a series of stalled drives by both teams, the Black Knights took over on their own 20-yard line with 9:58 left in the ballgame. Three minutes and 58 seconds later, Hemphill scored on a 2-yard run to breathe life back into the Robbinsville sideline and brought the score to 28-14 after a failed PAT.

The Black Knights were not able to recover the onside kick but held the Vikings to a three and out. Robbinsville took over on their own 31-yard line. A few plays later, Colton Millsaps connected to Lane Millsaps for a 10-yard touchdown pass with 2:17 left in the game. Another failed PAT left the game at 28-20 with 2:17 left in the game.

The Vikings recovered the ensuing onside kick but Robbinsville held them to another three and out. However a muffed punt by Robbinsville was recovered by Plymouth and the Vikings kneeled the ball to finish the game.

AMBLE SMOKER/One Feather

Robbinsville's Colby Hemphill (#44), an EBCI tribal member, was named the Black Knight's Offensive MVP in the state championship game at Wake Forest University on Saturday, Dec. 12. He was also named All-SMC team.

> from a 20-point deficient late in the fourth quarter, a critical dropped punt by the Black Knights was recovered by the Vikings, effectively sealing the game for the 2015 North Carolina High School Athletic Association 1A State Champions Plymouth Vikings. Several EBCI tribal members were

Several EBCI tribal members were instrumental in the Black Knights' season



ON THE SIDELINES

Your mouth could hit your wallet, and hurt your team

SCOTT MCKIE B.P. ONE FEATHER STAFF

asketball is in full swing now, and I'm covering multiple games a week which is a sure sign to me that winter is fast approaching. At a game this past week, I was on the sidelines taking photos when I heard an opposing team's fan yell at the referee.

"Hey idiot! I'm going to be waiting for you in the parking lot!"

First and foremost, that's ridiculous. Get some perspective in your life pal. You're seriously going to threaten a referee at a high school basketball game?

What you perceived as a bad call is worth going to jail for? Yes sir, communicating threats is a crime. What you perceived as a bad call is worth getting banned from games for a year? Yes sir, that can happen. What you perceived as a bad call is worth your school being fined? Yes sir, that also can happen.

But, most importantly, what you perceived as a bad call is worth threatening someone within earshot of children and elders? Come on man!

According to Sec. 3.2.2. (d) of

the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Handbook on Penalties and Fines, "(1) Spectators may not approach or contact game officials in any way to question the judgment or decision of an official. (2) Schools are responsible and may be disciplined for the conduct of their spectators. (3) Any assault upon, or intimidate of, a game official by a spectator is per se unsportsmanlike conduct by the school and may be dealt with as such."

Spectators found in violation of this may be placed on probation, banned from games for up to a year



or cause their school to be fined.

Now, don't get me wrong. I enjoy hearing people screaming for their team and even screaming about calls. But, to take it that one step further...or many giant steps further really...and threaten to harm the official is just bad judgment.

You can yell, "Come on ref!" or the ever-popular "Call it both ways ref!"

But, screaming out, "I know where you live!" or "I'm gonna find you!" is just inappropriate, and criminal.

I've written before about how hard it must be to officiate sports, especially high school sports. They get little respect, get yelled at a lot, and yes, they don't always get it right. In fact, at almost every game I cover there is at least one wrong call. This past football season, I took a pretty decent photo of a touchdown being scored by Cherokee that wasn't counted as a touchdown. But, that's sports. These things happen, and they will always happen as long as humans officiate games. No one is perfect, but the men and women in the striped shirts surely don't deserve to be threatened when they do make a mistake.

How would you like it if someone came to your work and threatened you every time you made a mistake? Plus, one day you might actually run into that one official who has had enough and doesn't mind waiting for you in the parking lot.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos Darius Lambert, freshman member of the CHS Cross Country team, has been named All-Conference for the Smoky Mountain Conference. He took second place at the SMC Conference Championships, sixth at the 1A West Regional meet and fourth at the 1A State Championship. He was also named All-State this season.



Kennan Panther (#36), Braves senior linebacker, has been selected All-Conference for the Smoky Mountain Conference. On the season, he had 158 tackles (13.2/game).



Jason McMillan, Braves senior wide receiver, has been selected All-Conference for the Smoky Mountain Conference. On the season, he had 50 receptions for 750 yards and 13 touchdowns.





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Merry Christmas from the EBCI WIC Office

This holiday season is a time for giving thanks for our many blessings that have been bestowed upon us through the year.

It is the time that most people show more compassion, understanding and forgiveness of others. It should not start and end with the holiday season, but should continue throughout the whole

Please remember to lend a helping hand to someone in need, uplift someone every day, feed the hungry and share your blessings with those less fortunate. We wish our WIC families lots of love, peace and blessings during the rest of this year and the New Year to come.

Happy Holidays Julie, Brenda, Sunnie, Deb, Mary, Paige and Nikki

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The staff and editorial board of the Cherokee One Feather would like to wish you and yours a very Cherokee Christmas and a Native New Year!

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Yohn and Yona

By Dylan West



Cherokee Christmas Comic Con opens Thursday

SPECIAL TO THE ONE FEATHER

n Thursday, Dec. 17, the doors will open on Cherokee's first ever comic book convention. The inaugural Cherokee Christmas Comic Con, or C4, as fans are calling it, will kick off at two separate sites, The Cherokee Phoenix Theatres and the Acquoni Expo Center. The person responsible for bringing it all together, Gary Ledford, answers a few questions few questions about the event.

What is your comic book background?

Wow...I've been into comic books all my life. I remember when I was, like, knee high to a grasshopper, my older brother and a neighbor reading some sweet classic Daredevil and Spidey books, and thinking...now, those are cool! It wasn't until a few years later, 1972, that I picked up my first comic straight off the spinner rack at Cope's Newsstand in Waynesville...Kamandi #1. Wow...what an incredible and immersive read. I was hooked...and, for all you young readers out there, Jack Kirby is nothing short of amazing. Interesting factoid for you...I have multiple college degrees. I retired from the United States Air Force after 21 years of service. I served as Vice-Chair of a Presidential Intelligence-Sharing Committee, and the only books I've ever read, cover to cover, were comic books. Ha ha ...

For the first time Con-goer...what is a Comic Con?

Basically...a celebration of all things cool. Ha ha...it's comic books...it's cards...it's action figures...it's plush...it's pop culture...it's Star Wars. It's all those things that "professional society" frowns upon. It is re-connecting with those things of our youth that we mistakenly felt we had to put aside. It is a commitment to the ideal that while we grow older, we don't necessarily have to "grow up".

Can you tell those who might not know, what is the significance of the Con dates? Fans around the world...uh, cosmos...have been waiting impatiently for this day to come... the release of Star Wars VII-The Force Awakens. I know of no human that hasn't at least heard of Star Wars. When I first thought of Con dates, and trust me, I put myself behind the power curve regarding planning, as I only started a few months ago...I thought..."Man, wouldn't it be sweet to bring in this new movie, the right way!?" And, how better to do that, than with something new, but needed, here at home...a Con.

Why two sites?

Initially, this was going to be a 2-3 artist meet-and-greet...share a story...shake a hand... get an autograph or a sketch...press on. But, the more people I talked to about it, the more robust the event became. I added gaming tournaments, additional vendors, more artists...the need drove the expansion. I've been to quite a few Cons, but I've never been to one in a movie theatre. And, I think you know where I'm going with this... Star Wars release ... comic books ... action figures ... artists...it just seemed a way cool idea. Keith Wachacha, who has been nothing short of unbelievable in this whole planning phase, rogered up the Phoenix Commons Area (Upstairs) as an "Artist Alley". It's the perfect environment for a Con. So...upstairs at The Phoenix, we'll have our featured guests...downstairs, in one portion of the lobby (all fire codes observed) we'll have a couple of vendors, and in The Expo Center we'll have the bulk of the vendors, additional artists. and all tournament events.

You mentioned artists?

I've got some really talented professionals coming to the show. A couple I've known for quite a few years now...really good friends, and more importantly, excellent people. Mike Grell and Alex Saviuk...legends is the term that comes to mind. I know that's an often overused descriptive in this day and age, but in this case, it's entirely applicable. Green Arrow, Green Lantern, Jon Sable, Spiderman, Flash, and Superman...just to name a few. The list is endless, and amazing.

-Mark Texeira...Ghost Rider, Conan, The Hulk, Sabretooth, Moon Knight, Punisher...it would be easier to list what he hasn't drawn...a stunning body of work.

-Steve Scott...firefighter in a previous life, now knocking out some beautiful comic product. Batman, X-Men Forever, JLA, Indiana Jones, Judge Dredd, and Razor. Also, selected in 2008, to draw the only adaptation of the Oscar winning film...Batman The Dark Knight.

-Greg "Dark One" Williams...an unbelievable artist who, in my opinion, is creating some of his best work ever. He was a driving force in the 90s with his comic-Animal Mystic...a monster seller at the comic shops. His adaptation of his signature character...Queen Jatarri...is our Con's unique art...Sith Lord Jatarri.

And...ha ha...there are more, but you'll have to come to the Con and check them out.

Can you talk about the vendors and tournaments?

Our vendors will have a significant and diverse amount of cool product on hand. Comic books, of course, action figures, cards, T-shirts, pop culture items, plush...wow...you name it, it will probably be there. Oh yeah, did I mention comic books? Ha ha...

The Con will host a Magic the Gathering tournament, a Star Wars Battlefront "Han Solo" Tournament, a Mario Kart RC Racing Tournament, and our "To The Nines" Costume Contest...all in the Expo Center. MTG will be a two format event...Constructed Modern on Thursday (play starting at 12pm), and Eternal Legacy on Friday (play starting at 12pm). Mario Kart Racing will be on the gym floor at the Expo Center, with all racing beginning at 12pm, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The Star Wars Battlefront tournament will commence at 1pm on Friday, at the Expo Center. "To The Nines"...costumes are highly encouraged at the Con. Those wanting to do so, for prizes, can pick up a judging form on

see COMIC CON page 39

COMMUNITY

Miss Cherokee report for November

TARAN SWIMMER

MISS CHEROKEE 2015

i-yo, Season Greetings to all. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and was able to spend as much time as possible with family and friends during this holiday.

As I mentioned in my last month's report, my journey as your Miss Cherokee 2015 has begun and I have been blessed with many invites to a lot of wonderful events. The month of November was declared in 1990 National American Indian Heritage Month, and I was so honored to have been able to attend some of the events which were held in our communities and in other counties.

Western Carolina University had several events the month of November, and I was able to attend three of the events that they held. The first event was a meet-and-greet for the new WCU Cherokee Studies Professor Dr. Briggs. This event

Photo by Tina Swimmer

Miss Cherokee Taran Swimmer (right) is shown at EBCI Day hosted by Western Carolina University on Saturday, Nov. 7. She is shown (left-right) with Junior Miss Cherokee Abigail Taylor, Teen Miss Cherokee Blake Wachacha and Little Miss Cherokee Madison Ledford. was held on Monday, Nov. 2 at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. I enjoyed meeting Dr. Briggs and other Cherokee Studies faculty from WCU and discussing the future of Cherokee Studies.

The second event, which WCU had, was the EBCI day. It was held during a home football game on Saturday, Nov. 7. The Catamounts took on Furman and were victorious 48-10. I was honored to be able to go out on the field with the captains of both teams and was asked to flip the coin to see who would receive or kick off at the start of the game. I was honored to have been a part of this event, not only as Miss Cherokee, but also as a proud student of WCU The WCU Cherokee center did an amazing job with the tailgate and with getting all of our royalty recognized at the beginning of the football game. The last event that WCU had was the opening of the Native American Expo which was on the campus of WCU. It was a very nice ceremony, and Little Miss Cherokee Madison Ledford, Junior Miss Cherokee Abigail Taylor, Teen Miss Cherokee Blake Wachacha and myself were given the opportunity to share with those that were present a little about ourselves and what we want to share with the public about our heritage and culture. A big thank you to Roseanna Belt for inviting all of the royalty to these events and making them a huge success.

I attended two events at the New Kituwah Academy. The first event was the raising of the colors by our Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 on Friday, Nov. 13. I feel that it is very important to respect the American and EBCI flag and show respect to all of the men and women who have served and are serving now in our military. The students of the New Kituwah Academy said the pledge and honored the raising of the flag in our language. It was an awesome event, and I am very blessed to have taken part in it. The other event that I was able to attend was during the heritage week at New Kituwah Academy. On Wednesday, Nov. 18, I had the pleasure of making pottery with a few classes at the Kituwah Academy. It was

such a rewarding experience to be able to sit with the students and create something out of clay. I really enjoyed hearing the students communicate with each other in our language. Thank you Samantha Crowe-Hernandez and Micah Swimmer for inviting me to attend these two wonderful events. All staff at the New Kituwah Academy do an amazing jog with keeping our language and culture alive.

Cherokee High School also had several events during the month of November in honor of National American Indian Heritage month. I was able to attend one of their events, and it was a pow wow on Wednesday, Nov. 25. I enjoyed taking part in the grand entry for all dancers and watching the students and adults take pride in their culture by getting out and showing off their regalia's and dance moves. Thank you Laura Pinnix, Deborah Foerst and Craig Barker for inviting me to this special event.

The last events that I attended were pretty fun as well. I was able to go and eat Thanksgiving dinner with my community in Big Cove. There was lots of great food, and it was nice to fellowship with my community members. I was honored to be able to go to Tsali Care Center on Nov. 25 and take part in their Thanksgiving dinner and visit with the residents there. I enjoyed talking with a lot of the residents and their family members. The last event that I took part in kicked off the Christmas season. I was in the Franklin Christmas parade on Sunday, Nov. 29. Even though it was cold and rainy, I had a great time. The people in Franklin where so kind and welcoming to me.

I want to thank God for blessing me and allowing me to take part in all of these events and for letting me meet so many wonderful people. I am so thankful to my mother, family, friends and royalty board members who help me get to these events and make sure that everything is ready when I get there. If you have an upcoming event you would like for me to attend please send any information about the event to ebcimisscherokee@gmail. com.

I would like to wish a Merry Christmas to all the members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and their families, I pray that God will continue to bless and keep you all safe during the holidays.



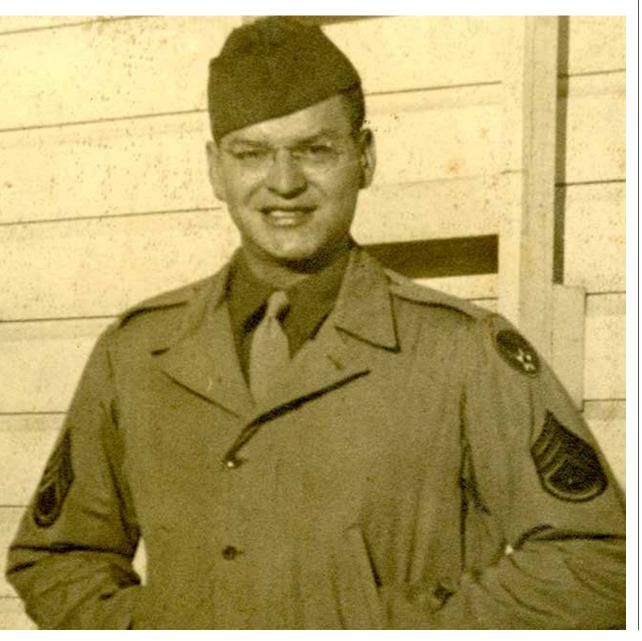
VETERANS CORNER

Staff Sergeant Dale Edward Wolfe

Kaff Sergeant Dale Edward Wolfe is an United States Army Signal Corps Veteran and EBCI tribal member born to the parents of Ned Trotting Wolfe of the Big Cove community and Nellie Coleman Wolfe of Cincinnati, Ohio. He has served in Company C, 555th Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion.

SSG Wolfe served in three tours of duty including Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes "Battle of the Bulge," and Central Europe during World War II. SSG Wolfe received a long list of decorations and awards including: Bronze Star Medal, Europe Africa Middle East Service Medal, W/5 Bronze Campaign Stars, Victory Medal World War II, Army Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Honorable Service Lapel Button.

SSG Wolfe was a wire team leader which had vital radar and communications equipment to perform ground-air control of fighter aircraft. His unit supported tactical air command of the 9th Army Air Corps of



the first Army landings on Omaha Beach, June 6, 1944. Elements of the 555th landed at Omaha Beach late on the afternoon of D-Day. They brought ashore early warning and ground control intercept equipment for defense of the beach head as the invasion forces moved forward inland.

Company C had acquired the latest type radar development of that era, and landed at Omaha Beach on D+6, June 12, 1944. The microwave early warning radar became operational four days later at St. Germaine Du-pert, France controlling the first of thousands of tactical air command missions during the war. Company C moved across France, Belgium, and then Germany for a total of 13 operational sites, and when the European War ended on May 8, 1945, they were located at Ranis, Germany, close to the Czechoslovakian border. This particular site was eventually occupied by Russian Army troops.

SSG Wolfe returned stateside and was honorable discharged from the United States Army on Nov. 20, 1945. Following World War II, he earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Cincinnati and a master's degree in Education from Xavier University. He joined Boeing Aerospace as a research engineer and moved to Houston, Texas in 1967 to work at NASA's Johnson Space Center. His work at Boeing included the Apollo Program which landed a man on the moon in 1969. He was also a part of Soyuz, Skylab, and the Space Shuttle programs before retiring in 1983.

In 1994, he retraced his WWII Army movement with his wife Alice by starting in East Germany, and ended his trip at Omaha Beach on June 6 for the 50th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

SSG Wolfe passed away on July 15, 2009 at the age of 90.

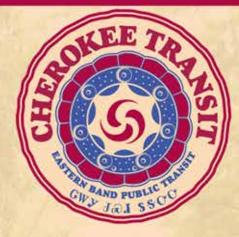
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Photos courtesy of Gatlinburg Convention & Visitors Bureau Floats featuring tribal members win in Gatlinburg Parade

Two floats featuring EBCI tribal members won prizes in the 40th Annual Gatlinburg Fantasy of Lights Christmas Parade held in Gatlinburg, Tenn. on Friday, Dec. 4. A float featuring Kristina Hyatt (above), Miss Native American USA, took second place in the Best Professional Float division. A float (below) featuring EBCI Royalty including Miss Cherokee Taran Swimmer, Teen Miss Cherokee Blake Wachacha, Junior Miss Cherokee Abigail Taylor and Little Miss Cherokee Madison Ledford took third place in the Best Professional Float division.





TRANSIT'S WEEKLY SHOPPING TRIPS

Tuesday – Waynesville Leave Cherokee at 4:30pm Leave Waynesville at 7:15pm

Wednesday – Sylva Leave Cherokee at 10:30am Leave Sylva at 1:15pm

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OBITUARIES



Lloyd Kyle Johnson

Lloyd Kyle Johnson, 23, of Robbinsville, passed away, Friday, Dec. 4, 2015.

He was a native of Graham County and the son of Tony and Kathy Garrett Johnson. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, James and Emma Jackson Garrett, and his paternal grandparents, Pete and Dorothy Johnson.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Lindsey K. Johnson; step sons, Brayden and Kayden; brother, Brian Johnson and his wife, Aimee of Robbinsville; sisters, Lisa Johnson, April Johnson of Robbinsville; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Tony and Pam Krizsan of Robbinsville; brother-inlaw, Brady Krizsan; and sister-inlaw, Kelsey Krizsan.

Funeral Services were held Monday, Dec. 7 at the Townson-Smith chapel. The Reverend Wayne McGuire officiated. Burial followed at the Lone Oak Cemetery.

Townson-Smith Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. An online register is available at www.townson-smithfuneralhome. com.

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Photo courtesy of Rob Gold CMS student wins Ugly Sweater Dash

Kyle Galanick, an EBCI tribal member and 7th grader at Cherokee Middle, took first place at the Ugly Christmas Sweater Dash held in Franklin on Saturday, Dec. 5.

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."

Info: Carol Long 554-6222 or 788-2132

> - Cherokee Healing and Wellness Coalition

Upcoming DNA testing schedule

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

- 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

CES Yearbook on sale

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

Wolftown Lighting winners

The winners of the Wolftown Community Lighting Contest are: 1st place – Dustin Sampson, and 2nd place – Vickie Reed. Sampson will be entered in the Reservation-Wide Lighting Contest.

> - Tammy Jackson, Wolftown Community Club

Additional CHS Honor Roll students

Cherokee High School inadvertently left off the names of a few students in the honor rolls printed in last week's One Feather. Those include:

Beta Honor Roll: Kaley Locust, 10th grade; Taylor Nelson, 11th grade; and Annleata Montoyo, 12th grade

Alpha Honor Roll: Naomi Swimmer, 11th grade; Lou Montelongo, 11th grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Tierra Martinez, 12th grade

- CHS

Hospital closings

The Cherokee Indian Hospital will close for Christmas on Dec. 24-25 and for New Year's on Dec. 31, 2015 – Jan. 1, 2016. As always, the Emergency Department and In Patient will remain open. If you need your refills for the holidays, they must be called in before 7am Wednesday morning for pick-up after 2pm. The pharmacy will open Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 10am and Wednesday, Dec. 30 at 10am for your convenience.

- Cherokee Indian Hospital

Museum offering free programs in December

The Museum of the Cherokee Indian will offer free programs through the end of December. The "Cherokee Friends" will provide guided tours of the exhibits and programs on making fire, storytelling, and traditional weapons.

"We hope that people will come out to learn more about our culture, meet Cherokee people, and have fun," said Bo Taylor, Museum executive director. All programs and workshops will be conducted by EBCI tribal members.

Free programs will be held on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from Dec. 16-31. The Cherokee Friends will provide guided tours at 11am and 1 pm. They will give demonstrations at 2pm that may include making fire from friction; storytelling; and traditional weapons including blowgun, war club, and atlatl. Every Friday afternoon from 1-2pm, Jerry Wolfe, EBCI Beloved Man, will tell stories in the Ken Blankenship Education Wing.

Info: Ethan Clapsaddle, program specialist, 497-3481 x300. See the museum Facebook page and website at www.cherokeemuseum.org. - Museum of the Cherokee Indian

Christmas Lighting Contest Winners

The EBCI Cooperative Extension Office and EBCI Division of Commerce has announced the winners of the 2015 Reservation Wide Christmas Lighting contest. The winners were selected from the first place winners of each community club contest.

The following are this year's winners: first place, Ancil Crutchfield, Tow String Community, \$300; second place, Dennis Hornbuckle, Big Y Community, \$200; third place, Donna Sue Wolfe, Big Cove Community, \$100. - EBCI Cooperative Extension



Church Events

Christmas Program at Cherokee Wesleyan Church. Dec. 20 at 6pm at the church. Children will act out the Christmas story as the congregation joins in singing Christmas hymns. Afterwards, there will be a gift exchange and a time of fellowship and refreshments. All are invited to bring a

snack to share. Info: Pastor Patricia Crockett 586-5453

Special Christmas Worship Service at Cherokee Wesleyan Church. Dec. 25 at 11am at

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the church. Christmas carols and scripture followed by brunch provided by the Pastor's family. Info: Pastor Patricia Crockett 586-5453

Annual New Year's Gospel Singing. Jan. 2 at 6pm at Cherokee High School. Featuring Walking by Faith, Journey Home, Archie Watkins and the Smokey Mountain Reunion, and the Primitive Quartet. Limited seating. Info: Amy 735-9025

General Events

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

Turkey Shoot. Dec. 19 at 5pm at

Jesse Welch's residence in the Big Cove Community. This is a benefit for the Lossiah family. Good food, good prizes.

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

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.

15th Annual New Year's Eve Sobriety Pow Wow. Dec. 31 at Civic Center in Tulsa. Okla. Info: Lorraine Bosin (918) 639-7999, choctaw1865@yahoo.com

Uniting Native Families Central Valley New Year's Eve Red Road Pow Wow. Dec. 31 - Jan. 1 at Convention Center Exhibit Hall in Fresno, Calif. MC: Tom Phillips. Info: Rene' Duran-Diaz (559) 394-3445, renedd63@gmail.com

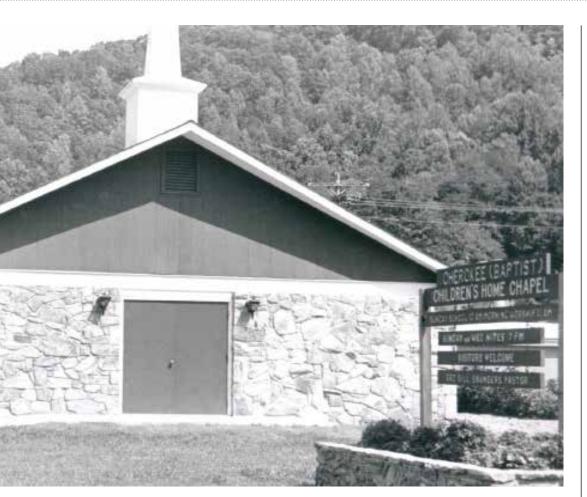
Benefit Contest Pow Wow. Jan. 2 at Tohatchi High School Gym in Tohatchi, NM. MC: Harold Begay. Host Southern: Red Arrow. Info: (505) 713-9928

Sobriety Pow Wow. Jan. 2 at Sun Ute Recreation Center in Ignacio. Colo. MC: Sheila Nanaeto. Host Drum: Yellow Jacket. Info: Esther Belin (970) 563-4555, ebelin@ sucap.org, or Sky Dawn (970) 749-7030, skydawnbaker@gmail.com



DUSES OF

Church listings are free of charge. Send your church name, address, and phone number to scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com.



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 Wolftown 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) 3567312

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

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

St. Francis of Assisi **Episcopal Church** of Cherokee. 82 Old River Road. (828) 280-0209. cherokeeepiscopal@ gmail.com

Straight Fork Baptist Church. Big Cove Loop. Pastor Charles Ray Ball 488-3974

Waterfalls Baptist Church. Wrights Creek Road.

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

Wilmot Baptist Church. 2015 Thomas Valley Road, Whittier. 554-5850

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

Yellowhill Baptist Church. 506-0123 or 736-4872

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EDITORIAL

Where do we go from here?

ROBERT JUMPER ONE FEATHER EDITOR

t has been an eventful year. The most significant of which for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians was the election of a new principal chief after 12 years, three consecutive terms, under a single administration. In those 12 years, we saw how having the same governance over a long period of time can be a blessing and a curse. While there was a sense of stability, there was also a feeling of uncertainty. Many projects were presented and accomplished; others were not.

I was in the office discussing issues with a few coworkers and I brought up the previous chief's top ten initiatives. While some could recall the directives that were sent down from the executive office during the early days of the previous administration, no one could expound on exactly what those were. The ten were broad philosophic statements about the welfare of the tribe; drug traffic prevention, government to government relations, housing, etc. History and the Cherokee people will ultimately decide how well that administration delivered on the platform that was encapsulated in those initiatives.

As we close this calendar year, we look forward to what 2016 holds for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. A new Principal Chief, Vice Chief and Tribal Council are already wrestling with creating or overhauling an infrastructure that has been in place for over a decade. Philosophically and literally, a new direction is being set for the next generation of tribal members.

Campaign promises now become initiatives. Where do we go from here?

The urgency of providing constructive and substantive measures to deal with drugs on the Boundary is clearly evidenced in the arrest reports and court dockets featured in the One Feather every month. Fiscal oversight and management with redundancies to prevent embezzlement and property theft, both of individual tribal members and government, is another priority. We need to create streams of income, in addition to gaming, that will help the tribe grow and secure the quality of life for each member. A governing document needs to be in place that will protect the people from cronyism and favoritism by staggering and limiting the terms of office for elected officials, and putting issues like pay increases and benefits for elected officials squarely and solely in the hands of the people through referendum. A clear separation between the powers of law making, law enforcement and law interpretation must be established by officially separating our government into three branches. An ethics law must be established that defines not only unethical behavior, but enforceable consequences for violation. Elimination of child abuse and domestic violence, upgrading of senior care, more educational opportunities and recruitment, a recommitment to protecting tribal culture and language all demand the resources of the Executive Office and Tribal Council in the coming year.

In addition to marking another year done, we at the newspaper are celebrating a special birthday with this edition. Your tribal newspaper, the Cherokee One Feather, celebrates 50 years of service to the community this month. If my math is right, that's approximately 2,500 editions or 5,000,000 printed copies since 1965. I was fortunate enough to get a copy of the first draft of the One Feather. which looked like it was done at a mimeograph machine on 8 1/2" x 11" copy paper and was five pages in total. The One Feather is now averaging 32 full-color pages per week with a per edition print count of 2,100 hard copies. The One Feather also maintains a website and social media presence, which allows for more timely delivery of tribal news and sports. At one point last week, as many as 340,000 sets of eyes were reading stories from

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Poll Responses

Note: The following comments were made on the Cherokee One Feather Facebook page and website to our weekly poll question: *Which Presidential* candidate do you feel would best serve Indian Country?

Rosalie Cabe Lewis: Hillary

Driver Blythe: Wouldn't be Trump!

Kina Swayney: Oh no, not Hillary...Bernie Sanders or Marco Rubio for the GOP.

Mary Crowe: Bernie Sanders "When the red man can get ahead, man!"...excerpt of prayer during President Obama's Cherokee One Feather Poll of the Week Results

Which presidential candidate do you feel would best serve Indian County? Ted Cruz (R) 14% Marco Rubio (R) 5% Ben Carson (R) 7% Donald Trump (R) 23% Martin O'Malley (D) 3% 27% Bernie Sanders (D) Hillary Clinton (D) 14% Other 7%

Question of the week now up on theonefeather.com: Would you like to see the Rants and Raves feature return to the Cherokee One Feather?

first inauguration.

S.M. Alexander: I don't expect any of this bunch, on either side, to be of much use.

Lisa Dobbs Leatherman: Truthfully, none of them!

Becky Ann Martin Dabdoub: I haven't got the answer to that, but I do hav a comment. Let me answer your question with a question. Who had helped the Native American before now? After you answer that, then you will find your answer. God bless the natives because only He can help you all.

Regina Hudson: Forget Trump. He is all about himself and the rich folks.

Desire Snowy Owl: None

during President Obama's me answer your question Lillie Seagle: Not a one of Trump

them...it has long been a struggle for natives and will be for a long time more.

Nathan Bush: Ben Carson

Janis Owl: Obama has been more actively involved in positive agendas for Native American affairs during his terms than most any other president. Of the current candidates, Bernie Sanders appears to be the most promising to actually move Indian Country forward.

Christopher McCoy: I like Mr. Sanders. Although, it appears Congress really controls our issues. I like his outside-the-box approach.

Tootie M. Maney: Not Trump

William Ledford: I truly believe that Hillary Clinton will continue the good

ton will continue the good work with tribal nations started by Bill Clinton and carried on by President Obama. Bernie Sanders might also, but unless he's the nominee, I won't even consider his possibilities. The Republicans have already attacked tribal sovereignty and tribal gaming trying to undermine our efforts. Trump is one of the worst, and his past record proves it. Eisenhower terminated tribes in the 50s. Reagan stripped our funding to the bare minimum and the rest of them want to eliminate our programs. Do your homework.

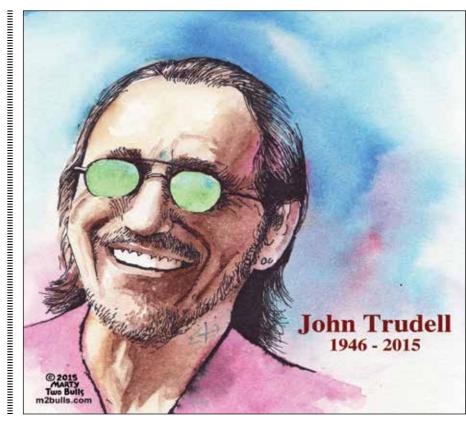
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the One Feather. As the old cigarette commercial used to sing, the One Feather "has come a long way, baby". Much has been done, but much still remains to do. Where do we go from here?

One of the key figures in the history of the One Feather is Joe Martin, who oversaw the operation for 12 years as the editor. You will find his guest commentary in the pages of this edition. His observations are insightful and, as always, to the point.

A press mingled with government bureaucracy and under the influence of tribal leadership cannot be a free press. Political leaders, journalism experts and educators agree, the media are the watchdogs and the eyes and ears of the people. Censoring the media results in a blinded public.

On behalf of the Cherokee One Feather staff, thank you for your loyal readership and supporting your newspaper. We appreciate the Tribal Council, Executive Office, our advertisers, subscribers and anyone who has purchased a copy of the One Feather. Without your financial support, the paper would not be possible. We hope that you all have a merry Christmas and that your 2016 is healthy, happy and prosperous.



COMMENTARY An independent newspaper works for open and accountable government

JOSEPH MARTIN

was 26 years old when I was hired as editor of the Cherokee One Feather. I had no editing experience, no management experience, no supervisory experience, and I certainly had no experience putting together a budget. All I had was the reporting, writing and radio production experience I had learned in college. Yet here I was, about to oversee a weekly newspaper. It was sink or swim time.

There were a lot of headaches and heartburn, but I learned quickly and made the best of my time there. The paper quickly gained respect and earned credibility, to the point that Associated Press published one of the paper's stories. I'm proud of my accomplishments there.

However, just as it is off of the reservation, not everyone is a fan of the media. Adding to that challenge was the fact that the One Feather is owned by and gets most of its funding from the tribe. That gives those with contempt for the media power. Should the paper publish an article about child molesters, murderers, underhanded political schemes to circumvent public input, or government corruption, all it takes is a phone call and elected officials will be breathing down the editor's neck, even calling for or getting a termination. I've had the pleasure to serve as associate editor at the Cherokee Scout in Murphy and the Andrews

Journal. I experienced much of the same reactions to stories about crime or editorial commentary, but the reactions ended when the conversation was over. At the One Feather, it wasn't uncommon to get a phone call or a visit from the chief, vice chief or a council member. The thought that the Cherokee County Commission, Murphy Town Council or Andrews Board of Aldermen would have that kind of influence over the media would make Publisher David Brown shudder.

Throughout my nearly 12year tenure at the paper, one thing would become painfully clear, this tribe needs an independent newspaper, and it needs the tools to allow such a newspaper to do its job. Market research and continuous public feedback show that the tribal members and One Feather's readership want independence for the paper, and fluff disguised as news doesn't fly.

We need to focus on these key areas:

• **Public information laws** – The tribe has them, but enforcing them is another matter. Tribal officials in recent years have been able to deny what their own law deems public with no consequences. In addition, all need access to what is deemed public. The idea that public information is only public for tribal members is not only ridiculous, it's unrealistic.

• **Open meetings laws** – We have open meetings laws, but in too many instances, they were ignored or willfully violated, and

tribal government's recent willingness to not only meet in closed sessions, excluding the public and the media, but to adopt actions in those sessions is disgraceful. Again, there are no legal consequences for violations of this law.

• Media access – Reporters for WLOS and Smoky Mountain News get restricted, if any access. These media are funded through advertisements and are privately owned. That means tribal officials can't threaten them. So denials have been a punitive response. That also means they've built major mistrust in the journalists who work for these outlets (who work for the tribe's constituents). Those who constantly kick a dog shouldn't be surprised when it bites. Let the media, all the media, do its job.

• Push toward non-tribal funding – the paper will need at least 50 percent of its print space in advertising to make a profit. Less tribal funding bolsters the paper's push for editorial independence. This presents a challenge in the current business climate for publishing, but it's doable.

• Professional supervision for the One Feather – part of the language in the code providing the paper the freedom to do its job is setting up an editorial board. Since it was originally passed, the law was watered down. The board now consists of the paper's staff and staff of marketing and public relations, according to the wording of the Free Press Act, something that wasn't there when it passed in 2006. Any professional public relations practitioner or journalist can confirm this is a huge conflict of interest. Tribal employees are still subject to political interference. The board needs to be appointed from non-tribal employees. They all need to be journalists or former journalists, and they need to know the boundaries and how to avoid blurring the line between public relations and journalism. The paper also needs to be removed from the tribal structure and be its own entity.

A democracy can't survive without a free press. The problem the Eastern Band has (The Cherokee Nation's Free Press law. the basis of our free press law, has the same flaw.) is that its free press is solely dependent upon leadership that believes in it. During my tenure at the One Feather, I've been privileged to work for two administrations that gave me the independence I needed. However, the tribe's newspaper should've been allowed to operate as a newspaper under free press protection whether the elected officials support it or not. The public needs to demand this, and I'm optimistic that Principal Chief Patrick Lambert and Vice Chief Sneed's administration with council's support will move the paper and press freedom in a positive direction so our community can have a newspaper providing the level of fourth estate watchdogging it deserves.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reader responds to Ledford's commentary

(Note: This letter is in response to a commentary by William Ledford entitled "Observations and random thoughts" that was printed in the Dec. 3 issue.)

William Ledford is well located in New Mexico since that is close to Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi, and others that have helped Obama push this country to the brink of a third world country. He also has plenty of sand to stick his liberal head under. I didn't see anything about the Democratic runners which there is much to speak of there for sure. Are we ready for another four years of Obama type thinking, or rather not thinking? That would be Clinton or Sanders, both are dangerous people. I'm not a fan of Trump, but I like Carson, maybe as a vice president but not resident. I believe Cruz and Rubio both have great ideas and would do an excellent job in the office as president.

I do, however, agree there should be term limits for all elected officials - no more than three terms for the House and Senate Members. If they have made no improvements in that time, they should not be there to begin with.

We, the people, should have the right to impeach a president if his approval is less than 60 percent positive. It should not take an act of Congress for this to apply. This should be applicable beginning after the first two years of office. We need new blood in these offices, but not such as a community organizer. One bidding for office must have the ability to work with all people of America and know the correct ways of other countries when visiting, or being visited. The Obamas do not have this ability to understand, nor do they seem to care how idiotic they appear to other leaders of countries across the water.

Yes, it is time for major changes to our system. First would be to rid the offices of the people that are supposed to be our voice but fail to hear us.

> Sincerely, Jimmy Yarborough Edenton

Cherokee High School is hosting the Holidays on the Hardwood Basketball Tournament

Dec. 21-23 at Charles George Memorial Arena

Schedules to be posted soon

TRADING POST

FOR RENT

For rent - 2br. 1bath house

in Ela w/storage room. No pets, references and background check. Required \$550 a month, \$550 deposit. (828)488-8752. **12/30pd**

Store for Rent – Located in Saunooke Village. Contact Charlie Saunooke at Saunooke Mill Shop, 25 Big Cove Road, Cherokee, NC. (828) 497-9879. **12/17pd**

FOR SALE

Generator for sale: North Star 8k watt portable gas powered generator with electric start, Honda engine. Only 2 hours run time. Includes cart with wheel kit, cover, locking security cable, and trickle charger. Located at Bearmeat's Indian Den (828) 497-4052. 9am-5pm. **12/17pd**

For Sale – '14 Stingray convertible \$60k, '14 Dodge Viper convertible \$50k, '02 Chrysler Prowler convertible \$40k, '04 Corvette \$15k, '07 Saturn Sky convertible \$9k, '91 Silverado Custom Paint \$7k, '00 Honda 650 dirt bike \$2k, '82 Bantam Trac Hoe, 76k lbs. \$10k, '82 JD 450C dozer \$8k, '82 Ford F700 4-wheel drive dump truck \$5k. Ten acres to be subdivided in buildable house sites in Blue Wing. Dave Cucumber Rd, price not yet determined. (828) 788-2232. All Calls Returned. **12/17pd**

2012 Acura TL with all the Bells and Whistles. **Price Drop** \$17,299.00 One owner. Crystal Black Pearl with Black Leather Interior. The vehicle has a 6 cylinder engine and automatic transmission with shift paddles on the steering wheel. The engine has 280 horses that are raring to go, but the gas mileage is 32 on the highway and 24 around town. GPS, Satellite Radio and Voice Command are all standard options. This Acura has been petted, pampered and garage kept, all her life. All 89,690 miles are highway miles, accrued on trips between Dallas, TX and NC. The Body is in almost perfect condition. 3M film on the front has prevented rock chips and highway damage. She also has a trailer hitch for light towing. This has been a wonderful vehicle for our long road trips. We've had to move to a truck and really want to find a good home for her. Send email to jim.adams@ mckinleyedwardsinn.com or call / text 214-642-5462, with any questions. 12/17pd

Rough Rider Cherokee Feather series knife collection for sale stainless steel blades, composite turquoise handles, brass liners, Filework on spines, nickel silver feather shields that have a series of dots that represents Sacred numbers recognized by the Cherokees. Each knife has a genuine hand carved Jade box. Total of nine knives \$1.500.00.Violin, Guitar, Mandolin, New your choice \$100.00 ea. Rifle Scope 6x24x50 with range finder, illuminated new in box \$150.00. call# 828-341 5552. 12/17pd

SERVICES

Need Help? Do you need help cleaning off your garden, clearing brush, or just some help around home? Call Maney's Clean-Up Crew for a free estimate. (828) 736-8942 or (828) 788-4026. 12/17pd

REALTY

The following is a list of tribal members that have documents to sign in the BIA Realty Office. These are land transfers from both Tribal Members and the Eastern Band by Resolution.

Cherokee County

Robert Terry Gilmor, Thomas Winkler Gilmor, Denise Winkler Hall, Carol Sue Palmer Hogsed, Kathryn Susan Jasper, Cynthia Gay Ledford Lambert, Patrick Henry Lambert, Donald Ray Palmer, Allen James Rattler, Joshua Bryant Rattler, David Eric Rogers, Gary Charles Rogers, Joanne Sharp Rogers, Kathryn Winkler Rogers, Kenneth Eugene Rogers, Jr., Nathan Scott Rogers, Maria Queen Smith, Evelyn Diane Rogers Wells, Henry Larkin Wright, Jr., William Edward Wright, Lois Winkler Wyatt, Parent or Guardian of Kamryn Rebecca Rattler

3200 Acre Tract

Wendy Pearl Brady, Janet Marie Owle Combs, Taressa Michelle Huskey Day,Sonya Rena Ledford, Stanley Ray Ledford,Lynn Francis Markley, II, Sonya Frances Cline McCoy, William Allen McCoy, II, Pauline Walker Markley, Barak Norton Myers, Paxton James Myers, III, James Raymond Owle, Sandra Leigh Ledford Robbins, Christine Ledford Walkingstick, Sheena Roxana Walkingstick, Glenn Gilbert Wolfe

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

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

Proposed Land Transfers

Darrel Edward Toineeta to Danielle Elizabeth Toineeta for Painttown Community Parcel No. 744-E (Part of Parcel No. 744-D), containing 1.0 acres, more or less.

Donald Eugene Wolfe to Thomas Edward Wolfe for Big Cove Community Parcel No. 361-H (Part of Parcel No. 361-G), containing 1.000 acres, more or less.

Larry Robert Hornbuckle to John Robert Hornbuckle for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 186 (Part of Parcel No. 172), containing 1.2 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Samuel Brady, Jr. to Wendy Pearl Brady for 3200 Acre Tract Community Parcel No. 112-L (Part of Parcel No. 112-A), containing 4.483 acres, more or less.

Samuel Brady, Jr. to Nathan Karl Brady 3200 Acre Tract Community Parcel No. 112-K (Part of Parcel No. 112-A), containing 4.483 acres, more or less.

Polly Ann Rattler to Zachariah Lightening Rattler for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 128-A (Part of Parcel No. 128), containing 0.245 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

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Housekeeping Supervisor (day shift) Room Attendant days \$10.00 Security Officer full time \$11.00 Sous Chef (shift varies) Steward (shift varies) \$10.00 Table Games Dealer Training School (shift varies) \$7.25 Valet Parker (swing shift) part time \$7.00 + Tips

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(AT HARRAH'S CHEROKEE CASINO RESORT) \$400 Casino Services Representative \$500 Security Officer \$500 Cocktail Servers \$500 Food & Beverage Cashier \$1,000 Sous Chef



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT RESIDENT COUNSELORS

ORGANIZATION: Cherokee Boys Club, P. O. Box 507, Cherokee, NC 28719; (52 Boys Club Loop)

DEPARTMENT: CHEROKEE CHILDREN'S HOME

OPENING DATE: December 10, 2015

CLOSING DATE: December 23, 2015

REQUIREMENTS: Must have a valid North Carolina Driver's License with a verifiable driving record. Must have a High School diploma or GED. Experience in a residential care setting preferred. Must be able to relate well to children, youth and their family members. Must have good writing and verbal communication skills and be able to complete daily reporting requirements. Must have the ability to lift 50 pounds and be physically mobile to conduct required physical demands of the job. Must be 21 years of age.

Applications and job descriptions can be picked up at the Information Desk of the Cherokee Boys Club between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or call 828-497-9101 for more information.

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

Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. **12/17pd**





For deadlines and applications call 554-6388. Indian Preference does apply. A current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a Tribal application.

Positions Open

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

Closing December 18, 2015 @ 4 pm

- 1. Business Committee Administrative File Clerk- Legal (\$25,200-\$31,500)
- 2. Grants Administrator- Budget & Finance (\$36,560-\$45,700)
- 3. Receptionist/Ward Clerk- Tsali Care Center (\$23,040-\$28,800)
- 4. Cook Aide- Tsali Care Center (\$19,120-\$23,900)
- 5. Housekeeper- Tsali Care Center (\$19,120-\$23,900)
- 6. Director of Nursing- Tsali Care Center (\$68,480-\$85,600)
- 7. Registered Nurse (RN)- Tsali Care Center (\$43,920-\$54,900)

 Certified Nursing Assistant (C.N.A) (9 positions)-Tsali Care Center (\$23,040-\$28,800)

Closing January 8, 2016 @ 4 pm

- 1. Financial Skills Educator- Cooperative Extension (\$33,280-\$41,600)
- 2. Program Assistant- Cherokee Choices (\$27,680-\$34,600)
- 3. Nurse Supervisor (NFP) Cherokee Choices (\$48,000-\$60,000)
- 4. Nurse Home Visitor (NFP)- Cherokee Choices (\$43,920-\$54,900)
- 5. Administrative Assistant- Legal (\$25,200-\$31,500)
- 6. Tribal Prosecutor II- Prosecutor's Office (\$81,680-\$102,100)
- 7. Fiscal Grant Manager- Tribal Child Care (\$40,080-\$50,100)
- 8. Teacher (12 positions)- Tribal Child Care (\$27,680-\$34,600)
- 9. Teacher Assistant (3 positions)- Tribal Child Care (\$20,960-\$26,200)

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT FOREMAN

POSITION: Foreman

ORGANIZATION:Cherokee Boys Club, Inc., P. O. Box 507 (52 Cherokee

Boys Club Loop), Cherokee, NC 28719 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.

DESCRIPTION: 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. **12/17**

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT CARPENTER HELPER

POSITION: Carpenter Helper

ORGANIZATION: Cherokee Boys Club, Inc., P. O. Box 507 (52 Cherokee

Boys Club Loop), Cherokee, NC 28719

DEPARTMENT: Construction and Facilities

OPENING DATE: December 10, 2015

CLOSING DATE: December 23, 2015

REQUIREMENTS: GED or High School Diploma preferred. DESCRIPTION: 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. **12/17**

Now Hiring for 2016 – Cashiers/clerks. Pickup applications at Saunooke Mill Shop located in Saunooke Village. 25 Big Cove Road, Cherokee, NC (828) 497-9879. **12/17**

Bearmeat's Indian Den – Now Hiring for a fulltime position. Inquire in-person at Bearmeat's Indian Den. **12/17**

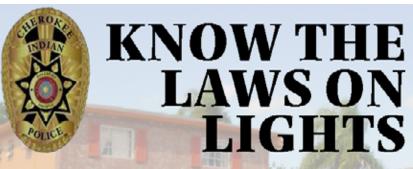
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT COOK

ORGANIZATION: Oconaluftee Job Corps (Cherokee Boys Club Contract – U.S. Forest Service), P. O. Box 507, Cherokee, N. C. 28719, (52 CBC Loop) DEPARTMENT: Oconaluftee Job Corps OPENING DATE: December 10, 2015 CLOSING DATE: December 23, 2015

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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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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 15-068 In the Matter of the Estate of Martin Armachain, Sr.

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: December 16, 2015

Marlene Armachain, 429 Swimmer Branch Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **12/16pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

In Loving Memory

at Christmas and New Years for my Beautiful, blessed mom, Gracia Wilnoty, my Wonderful Sister, Cella, my nephew Gene Saine and one of my Best Friends for over 30 years, Minda Armachain.

There are no tears in Heaven, nor grief of any kind. I leave this final tear drop to those I've left behind. So keep me in your memory and know that up above, there are no tears in Heaven. Instead, there's only love.

I miss and love you all. Faye Catolster Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 15-069 In the Matter of the Estate of Maggie Lossiah

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: February 24, 2015

Charlene Lossiah, PO Box 1346, Cherokee, NC 28719. **12/16pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 15-070 In the Matter of the Estate of Charles E, Buchanan

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: March 7, 2016 Hollis Bird, 14 Wayneview Drive, Waynesville, NC 28786. **1/7pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 15-071 In the Matter of the Estate of Manuel H. Watty, Sr.

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 FIRST PUBLICATION Manuel H. Watty, Jr., PO Box 1388, Cherokee, NC 28719. **12/23pd**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SWAIN IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO. 13 JT 54-56 **NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF PENDING JUVENILE PROCEED-ING & RIGHT TO INTERVENE** IN THE MATTER OF: S.K., d.o.b. 9/19/2010 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 Michaella Komenda.

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

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief sought is to determine whether grounds exist for the termination of your parental rights pursuant to N.C.G.S. 7B-1111, and if so, to determine whether it is in the best interests of the above-named Juveniles for your parental rights to be terminated.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than January 20, 2016

TO: Ms. MICHAELLA KOMENDA UNKNOWN LEGAL FATHER of the above juvenile(s) 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 Michaella 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 showcause 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 j this matter be transferred to the Tribalj 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. Justin B. Greene , Justin B. Greene, Attorney for Petitioner Sheila Sutton, Director of the Swain County Department of Social Services Justin B. Greene Swain County Dept. of Social Services P.O. Box 610 Bryson City, NC 28713 Tel. (828) 488-2147 **1/7pd**

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION THE CHEROKEE COURT EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA CASE NO.: CV 14-610 **PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO DANIEL MYERS:**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: COMES NOW THE MOTHER of the two minor children in this action, Amanda Strohm, by and through her attorney of record, and files this Petition for Termination of Parental Rights pursuant to Article 11 of Chapter 7B of the North Carolina Statues, as adopted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than February 1, 2016 and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 17th day of December, 2015.

Jonathan A. Hornbuckle, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 1351, Cherokee, NC 28719, 828-497-9959, 828-497-9959 Fax, hornbucklelaw@gmail. com. **1/21pd**

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Requests for Qualifications

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Economic & Community Development Projects: Construction – Mountain Bike/Mixed Use Trail The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is requesting qualifications for the completion of the above mentioned project. The deadline for

submitting a letter of intent will be January 4, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. You may request the full RFQ

and bid requirements for proposals through the Economic & Community Development Office, or TERO. If you have any questions or comments, please contact E&CD at (828)-359-6702 or tonyjenk@ nc-cherokee.com **12/17**

Requests for Quotes Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Economic & Community Development Projects: PHHS Parking Area The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is requesting quotes for the completion of the above mentioned project. The deadline for submitting a quote will be December 29, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.

You may request the full RFQ and bid requirements through the Economic & Community Development Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact E&CD at (828)-554-6702 or tonyjenk@nc-cherokee.com **12/17**

COMIC CON: Cherokee Christmas Comic Con starts Thursday, from page 21

ticketing. All seven judges scores will be added up to determine the winner. You must be judged by all judges, but you don't have to be present to be named the winner.

Ficketing?

There were so many options for badges and ticketing, especially if a person wanted to enter multiple events, so I just went the extreme simplification route and said...\$10/ single day admission...\$25 for all 3 days. All tournaments are prize events, and separate from your Con admission. So, if you want to enter a tournament, the entry fee is \$10. Now, there is another option that might appeal to the super fan. will offer 5 VIP badges for \$125 each. Trust me, this is a significant package chock full of tasty Con goodness. Blank cover sketch, Todd McFarlane signed Walking Dead 10-inch action figure, 3-day badge, artist meet and greet, and much more.

Con tips?

Actually, yes...hit the artist tables hard. These guys do some incredible work, and they've taken time out of their busy schedules to come hang with us. If you want an item, or want to give a gift, that will stand the test of time, spend a few dollars and have them accomplish a sketch on a blank cover comic. You won't regret it. If you're looking for a certain action figure or comic book, go to the Con on the first day. You'll have the best selection. Contrary to what some people say, I've NEVER had good luck waiting until the last day, hoping the price would drop. Bring cash. Plain and simple...cash talks. Square or other card processors charge a fee for each transaction. A dealer will be more likely to work

with you if you've got money in hand. Be courteous...don't criticize, judge, or ridicule. The Con is not about that. Ask before you take pictures. I'm sure no one will mind, but be polite. Be mindful of the situation...there will be young children in attendance. Have fun.

Parting shots?

I've already mentioned Keith, and his major contribution to the event. A couple of other people, I must thank...Rob Jumper...with me on this from the ground floor. A true friend...thank you, my brother. Carmen Bryant (Queen)...with her incredible help, the Con will now be able to ramp up door prizes every 30 minutes. (If you're a Walking Dead fan, you don't want to miss this.) She is, indeed, a true friend of the Con. Vice Chief Sneed, Birdtown Rep. Travis Smith, Frieda Huskey, Cameron Cooper, and EBCI Facility Management team...thank you guys, so much, for all your help. See you at the Con!

Info: FB:Cherokee Christmas Comic Con, www.cherokeechristmascon. com

Search Cherokee's Sex Offender Registry at this link:

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