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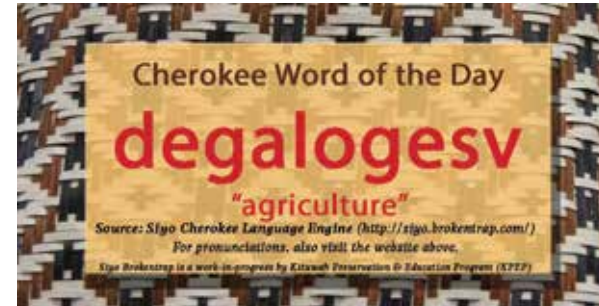
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# HOPE HEALING

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**HOPE:** Surrounded by leaders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Carmaleta Monteith, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority Governing Board president, cuts the ribbon to officially open the Kanvwotiyi treatment center in the Snowbird Community on the afternoon of Monday, Dec. 18.

# Hope and healing

## Tribe's new treatment center to bring hope, healing

**SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

**S**NOWBIRD - The sunlight shone through the tall, glass windows almost as a beacon of hope as the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians opened a residential treatment center. Kanvwotiyi, (Place where one is healed), was officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on the afternoon of Monday, Dec. 18.

"Greatness is not measured by what a man or woman accomplishes, but rather it is measured by the opposition that he or she overcomes in order to reach their goals," commented Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed. "Suffering produces perseverance."

Due to the isolated site of the facility, there were



**HEALING:** Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed speaks during the opening of the Kanvwotiyi treatment center. Kanvwotiyi means "place where one is healed" in the Cherokee language.

challenges in the construction process which began in August 2016. “For the bulk of the project, there was no electricity” said Chief Sneed. “There was no water, for the project’s duration, the construction crew had to use generators for power as well as for portable heat and air conditioning. Extraordinary achievements are the result of extraordinary people. One thing I am grateful for with the members of our Tribe is we have a can-do attitude. When things are placed before us that seem impossible, we always find a way to overcome.”

Chief Sneed thanked Tribal Council for their support as well as that of the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority governing board, and he recognized the following contractors who worked on the project: Cherokee Nation Construction, Cherokee Enterprise, Owle Construction, Cherokee Electrical and Mechanical, Huskey Painting and Design, and Jacob Ivey Sr.

Immediately preceding the ribbon-cutting, EBCI Beloved Man Jerry Wolfe gave a blessing for the facility.

“This means a lot for this community and this Tribe,” said Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha. “For it to help the addiction problem. I know it has affected most every family here.”

The treatment center, which will include 20 beds, is about 20,000 square feet and cost a little more than \$13 million according to Casey Cooper, Cherokee Indian Hospital chief executive officer. Fully staffed, Kanvwtiyi will employ 26 people with 22 of those being newly-created positions. Cooper noted that 18 people have currently been hired, 12 of which are from the Snowbird Community.

“If we can make a true com-



**BLESSED:** EBCI Beloved Man Jerry Wolfe provides a blessing for the Kanvwtiyi treatment center immediately prior to the ribbon cutting.

mitment in this community to pour ourselves into the lives of others, we should absolutely fuel that passion,” said Cooper. “And, I can’t think of a better use of tribal resources than to pour ourselves into the lives of others; to pour ourselves into the folks who are struggling with addiction or are trying to heal wounds that come from shame and guilt and are generations in the making.”

Former Tribal Council

Vice-Chairman Brandon Jones, from the Snowbird Community, has been candid about his past struggles with addiction and was very instrumental in Kanvwtiyi coming to fruition.

“I am truly overwhelmed today,” said Jones who noted he was incredibly excited about the opening of the facility. “Today, I feel like I came full circle. I look around the building and the facility and the blessing that God has given

us today. This facility is a beacon of light in a world of darkness, just as Jesus Christ has been a light to me. God never gave up on me because he had a plan for me.”

Jones said it is important to never give up on anyone. “The money spent on this facility pales in comparison to the value of a human life that we can save. Through Christ, all things are possible.”

Bo Taylor, a member of the Warriors of Anikituwah, sang several honor songs during Monday’s event, and he noted, “We shouldn’t be here. As Cherokees, we shouldn’t be here. With Andrew Jackson and all we’ve been through, we’re still here. And, we’re not surviving, we’re thriving. That is something that I want our people to believe in; that we can do and we can make it happen.”

Former Principal Chief Joyce Dugan, a member of the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority governing board, said, “Our tribal government has always worked tirelessly to provide programs for solving some of our social issues. Most of those programs have been successful, some have not been. Those that haven’t been have been largely due to the fact that they didn’t have the support of the people they were designed to save or to help. But, I can tell you that this project has 100 percent support from every person in this community.”

She added, “We know that it is one way that we can address our drug problem, and I am so thankful today that our Tribal Council was able to provide the resources, and I’m thankful that we have the resources to provide something very special for our people.”

For more information on Kanvwtiyi, contact Analenisgi (828) 497-9163 ext. 7550.





*Tribal Council would like to congratulate the Cherokee Braves on winning the 1A Football State Championship! Go Braves!*



# Merry Christmas from Principal Chief Sneed

I want to take this opportunity to say Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas! As we end 2017, our people and community is strong and ready to celebrate this Christmas season. We look to a New Year with optimism and hope.

We have so much to be grateful for; the blessings and gifts of the year. Your government is working in unity for the betterment and wellbeing of our people. From Tribal Council to the Executive Office and Tribal programs, everyone is focused on making the lives of our people better. We are creating more effective laws and systems for our Tribal Elders, youth and children. We are strengthening our law enforcement and emergency service systems to serve and protect our people. We are finding compassionate solutions to the issues of addiction among our people.

During the course of 2017, many of our beloved tribal members have passed from the Earth. We remember, along with their loved ones, the good memories and substantive contributions each made to our families and to our community.

Recently, our Cherokee Braves have shown the strength of our community by bringing home the first North Carolina State Football Championship trophy for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Our entire community came together to support one of our most important resources, our youth.

Cherokees have endured hardship for many generations and we have shown our youth that when they work hard, they can accomplish every goal and fulfill every



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**LET THE GAMES BEGIN:** Annie Owens (left), an EBCI tribal elder from the Yellowhill Community, plays shuffleboard with Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed on opening day of the new Cherokee Senior Athletic Center on Thursday, July 13.

dream.

As we take time to be with family and friends this holiday season, it is my sincere hope that you will remember the greatest gift ever given was God's only Son. Through Him, we have an eternal hope and love and the promise of forgiveness. Let this Christmas season be a time of renewal. A time where you experience the freedom that comes from receiving forgiveness from God, and the freedom that comes as we forgive others. "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

As Cherokee people, we demonstrate what it means to be a Tribe. We have survived the many challenges to our people with humor, with grace, and with resilience. A new year is upon us and we have



**HONORED:** Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed (right), U.S. Marine Corps veteran, presents a Veterans Certificate of Appreciation plaque to Johnny Biddix of Cherokee during a Veterans honoring ceremony during the Cherokee Indian Fair in October.

a renewed faith in our Creator, in ourselves, and in our Tribe.

I hope this holiday is full of joy,

hope and celebration for you and your family. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Go Braves!



# Tribe supports major DV bill

## Bill introduced that would restore tribal jurisdiction over DV incidents on tribal land to children and law enforcement

**WASHINGTON** — U.S. Senators Tom Udall (D-N.M.), vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), and Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) introduced the bipartisan Native Youth and Tribal Officer Protection Act (NYTOPA) on Thursday, Dec. 14 to build on the Tribal jurisdiction provisions in the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA 2013) by extending protections to children and law enforcement personnel involved in domestic violence incidents on Tribal lands. The bill also will enhance federal coordination of victim resources for Tribal communities.

VAWA 2013 restored the authority of Tribes to arrest and prosecute offenders, regardless of their race, for acts of domestic violence committed within the boundaries of their jurisdiction. Since enactment, at least 16 Tribes have undertaken the steps to exercise the special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction (SDVCJ) restored by VAWA 2013 – leading to over 120 arrests. But VAWA 2013 did not allow Tribes to arrest or prosecute offenders for threatened domestic violence, domestic violence against children, or violence committed against law enforcement personnel enforcing SDVCJ. NYTOPA address-

es these gaps to help protect Native families and Tribal justice officials from violent offenders.

“There are far too many desperate stories illustrating how Native American women, children and law enforcement are caught up in acts of domestic violence while the perpetrator goes unpunished. The failure to shield these individuals from violence should outrage us all,” said Sen. Udall, who helped craft the Tribal provisions in VAWA 2013 and has worked to strengthen Tribes’ ability to prevent and prosecute domestic violence since he served as New Mexico’s attorney general. “With this bill, we can close a dark and desperate loophole in Tribal criminal jurisdiction.”

Sen. Murkowski noted, “All indications suggest that the Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction provisions of the Violence Against Women Act are being successfully implemented. This new jurisdiction provided tribes with significant tools to address violence in Indian Country, but only in limited ways. I am pleased to join with my colleagues in expanding this jurisdiction to include crimes against children as well as those against law enforcement officers. We still have a long way to go in fully empowering tribes to address criminal offenses in their Indian Country, but this is an important next step.”

Sen. Cortez Masto commented, “I have spent my career fighting to ensure that tribal leaders are empowered to keep their communities safe from domestic violence. I am proud to introduce the Native Youth and Tribal Officer Protection

Act, a bill that will further that mission by restoring important protections to children and tribal law enforcement officers involved in domestic violence incidents on tribal lands.”

The legislation is supported by the National Network to End Domestic Violence, National Domestic Violence Hotline, National Congress of American Indians, National American Indian Court Judges Association, National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center, Native American Rights Fund, United South & Eastern Tribes, All Pueblo Council of Governors, Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes, Navajo Nation, the Pueblo of Acoma, the Pueblo of Santa Ana, the Pueblo of Santa Clara, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Sac and Fox Nation, Squaxin Island Tribe, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, the Tulalip Tribes of Washington, and the

Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe.

“Survivors of domestic violence in Indian Country have begun to see justice after VAWA 2013, and it serves as a real deterrent to violent crime,” said Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians. “These amendments will close gaps that have left child victims and tribal law enforcement without the same protections.”

Paul Torres, All Pueblo Council of Governors chairman, said, “The VAWA tribal provisions were critical to empowering Tribes to address domestic violence on our lands, especially by non-Indians against Indians. But, it does not cover violent acts against children and assaults on police officers. NYTOPA would expand its coverage to address these gaps, greatly helping Tribes to build upon past efforts to make their communities safer.”

- Sen. Udall press office



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**UPDATE:** Construction for the new UltraStar Multi-tainment Center at Harrah's Cherokee Valley River casino in Murphy continues to make headway. During the month of November, the construction team installed 95 percent of the building's foundation, completed the site's underground utilities that include the new building's water mains and sanitary systems, and installed 50 percent of the building's underground plumbing systems and approximately 50 percent of both the kitchen sanitary and waste systems. Work in the month of December will include structural steel assembly and progress in roofing, framing, and sheathing construction.

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# Principal Chief's report for December 2017

**RICHARD G. SNEED**  
**PRINCIPAL CHIEF**

In 2015, seven former tribal employees sued the Tribe and former Principal Chief Patrick Lambert for damages for alleged wrongful termination, among other claims. Neither Tribal Council nor any of its members were named as defendants in the lawsuit. Patrick Lambert was named specifically in the lawsuit as a defendant - individually and in his official capacity as Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The lawsuit was directed solely at the executive branch. Neither I nor Tribal Council participated in the terminations or were given any

decision-making role in the terminations. These terminations were supposed to be part of a large re-organization, a re-organization that had not been approved by Tribal Council. Re-organization without prior approval by Tribal Council formed the basis for one of the articles of impeachment (Article IV) of former Principal Chief Lambert, for which he was found guilty.

In response to the plaintiffs' complaint, the Tribe filed several responsive documents at the court. One of those documents was a motion to dismiss based on the defense of sovereign immunity. The trial court granted the motion to dismiss, but that didn't end the matter. Both sides of the dispute -

the plaintiffs and Patrick Lambert - appealed to the Cherokee Supreme Court. After oral argument at the Supreme Court, the presiding justices suggested that the parties should try to mediate and settle the lawsuit. The settlement of the lawsuit was reached after a formal mediation conducted by a neutral third-party attorney/mediator. The mediation was attended by the parties and their attorneys, including the attorney for the Tribe's insurer. Patrick Lambert and his attorney W. Scott Jones were invited to participate in the mediation but chose not to.

I authorized the settlement after weighing the risks, costs and discord that come with continued litigation. Among other things, I determined that in view of the recent upheaval in tribal government, the best approach was to promote unity and healing within the Tribe and to settle the lawsuit. The settlement complies with the Tribe's fiscal management policies and does not require the appropriation of any additional funding from Tribal Council. Nothing in the settlement constitutes an admission of wrongdoing and this settlement resolves all of these claims forever. I believe our employees deserve to be treated with respect. Tribal personnel policies are in place to protect the Tribe and its employees. But, more than that, I think those who use their talents, experience and education to benefit the Tribe are one of our most valuable resources. Our Tribe must work to have unity and to resist the continuing allegations of wrongdoing by those who themselves have jeopardized our Tribe through

misconduct. During this season of hope and joy, we should all join together to work for the betterment of our Tribe through good work not discontent.

As the Tribe looks forward, I anticipate moving a heavy legislative agenda with the state of North Carolina beginning with the special session on Jan. 10, 2018 and the reconvening of the legislative short session in May. I will also continue meeting with North Carolina legislative leaders, the Governor and various state agencies in an effort to effect policies within the State. This work will include implementing our Medicaid eligibility program, passing the needed legislation to exempt Cherokee language teachers from needing a college degree to receive state teacher accreditation, the establishment of Tribal license plates, strengthening the Tribe's judicial authority to allow for the prosecution of non-Indians who trespass on tribal lands and submitting legislation exempting Tribal members from paying hunting and fishing license fees within the State.

On the national level, the Eastern Band is moving forward aggressively to have the Congress enact legislation that would transfer approximately 76 acres of historically significant lands from the TVA to the Department of the Interior to be held in trust for the Eastern Band. This legislation completes the original intent of the Eastern Band and TVA to have the properties permanently transferred into trust status for the Tribe.

The Eastern Band continues to oppose efforts of the Congress to enact legislation that would rec-



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recognize the Lumbees as an Indian tribe. As the Eastern Band has said since 1978, the Lumbees should go through the Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) process at the Department of the Interior for consideration of federal recognition, which the Lumbees have resisted for many years. The Eastern Band's arguments have been received well in key offices of the Congress.

The Eastern Band continues to push to have other Cherokee lands taken into trust for the Eastern Band, such as the Kituwah Mound and the Coopers Creek property adjacent to the Boundary. The Trump administration has announced that lands within and adjacent to reservation boundaries will routinely be taken into trust. But non-contiguous lands will undergo greater scrutiny. In fact, the administration is proposing new federal rules that would make it more difficult have off-reservation lands taken into trust. While this new rule would make the Catawba Tribe gaming project in Cleveland County even more difficult, it would make Eastern Band land reacquisitions more difficult as well. The Eastern Band is engaging in the federal rulemaking process to ensure that its voice is heard.

The Eastern Band and other tribes successfully fought off changes to the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and Medicare/Medicaid that could have harmed the Cherokee Hospital and other

health care, although this fight is still ongoing. On another health care priority, the Senate Indian Affairs Committee invited the Eastern Band and three other tribes, as well as the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Department of Justice, the BIA, and IHS to testify on the opioid crisis in Indian country. Vicki Bradley very ably testified on behalf of the Eastern Band. The Congress will be relying on these testimonies as it considers funding and other legislation to help tribes and others combat opioid addiction.

The Congress is speeding toward consideration of tax reform legislation. The good news is that tribes have stopped any consideration of turning to tribal revenues as source of offsetting tax cuts. The bad news is that tribal priorities endorsed by the National Congress of American Indians, the United South and Eastern Tribes, the Eastern Band, and others have not been included in the bill so far.

Our Tribe is in a great position to move our agenda forward and the new year will bring us many opportunities to improve our community. Our Tribe has been a leader in Indian Country and I will work diligently to restore that prominence.

From everyone in my office, we want to wish you all a Blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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*This is the last print issue of the One Feather for 2017. Look for us on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018. Thanks for a great year.*



**FOOTBALL**

# Braves gather postseason honors

**Coach Briggs named co-SMC Coach of the Year, numerous players named All-Conference**

**SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Just days after claiming its first-ever state football title, accolades began flowing in for the Cherokee Braves football team. Kent Briggs was named co-Smoky Mountain Conference Coach of the Year along with David Gentry, Murphy's long-time coach, and Neil Blankenship at Swain County.

Tye Mintz, Braves senior quarterback who was named most valuable player in the state championship game, was named Smoky Mountain Conference Back of the Year as well as receiving All-Conference honors. He accounted for 3,744 total yards and 51 touchdowns on the season. He completed 105 of 178 passes for 2,040 yards, 18 TD, 7 INT, and he carried the ball 164 times for 1,704 (10.4 yards per carry) and 33 TD. Mintz's biggest game of the year was in the third round of the state playoffs against Thomas Jefferson where he threw for 70 yards and a touchdown and gained 363 yards on the ground and scored six touchdowns.

Issiah Bradley, an EBCI tribal member from Robbinsville, was named Conference Lineman of the Year. He helped anchor a Black Knights offensive line and averaged seven tackles per game on defense



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**TOP BACK:** Tye Mintz, Braves senior quarterback who was named most valuable player in the state championship game, was named Smoky Mountain Conference Back of the Year as well as receiving All-Conference honors. He accounted for 3,744 total yards and 51 touchdowns on the season.

(98 total).

Other Braves named to the All-Conference team are: Zak Perez, Isaiah Armachain, Byron Locust, Isaiah Evans, Cade Mintz, Will Davis, and Holden Straughan. Perez, Armachain, Locust, and Davis were the force up front from Cherokee's potent offense which averaged 273.9 rushing yards a game and 417.8 total yards per game. All three were active on defense with Locust leading the team with 87 tackles, 16 of which were for loss. Davis ended the season with 72 tackles followed by Armachain 52 and Perez 38.

Evans had a banner year as the

Braves' main running back. He carried the ball 192 times for 1,429 yards (7.4 per carry) and 21 TD. Two of Tye Mintz's main receivers on the year, Straughan caught 24 passes for 448 yards and 3 TD and Cade Mintz caught 47 passes for 1,129 yards and 10 TD.

Four Braves were named Honorable Mention including: Blake Smith, Joaquin Layno, Demetryus Bradley, and Damian Blanton.

The rest of this year's All-Conference team includes: Abe Christensen (Andrews), Andrew Horton (Andrews), Mark Cothren (Hayesville), Jake Hincke (Murphy), Travis Seabolt (Murphy), Micah

Nelson (Murphy), Kadrian McRae (Murphy), Joey Curry (Murphy), Hunter Shope (Murphy), Cory Farmer (Murphy), Slade McTaggart (Murphy), Blake Sawyer (Robbinsville), Will Hopper (Robbinsville), Rylee Anderson (Robbinsville), Isaiah Bradley (Robbinsville), Elijah Wachacha (Robbinsville), Freddy Romero (Robbinsville), Josiah Phillips (Robbinsville), Deland Thomas (Rosman), William Paul (Swain County), Brodie Bowman (Swain County), Holden Petty (Swain County), Noland Brown (Swain County), Ice Littlejohn (Swain County), and Briar Younce (Swain County).





**Coach Kent Briggs - Smoky Mountain Conference co-Coach of the Year**



**Isaiah Evans**  
All-Conference

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**Cade Mintz**  
All-Conference



**Holden Straughan**  
All-Conference



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All-Conference



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All-Conference



**Byron Locust**  
All-Conference



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**Joaquin Layno**  
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**Demetryus Bradley**  
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# Tribal member to run Bengé Route of Trail of Tears

**SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

**A**round 1,200 Cherokee people walked from an area near Fort Payne, Ala. to Oklahoma on what is known as the Bengé Route of the Trail of Tears. Kallup McCoy II, an EBCI tribal member, is going to run that route this spring.

McCoy, a former addict who has since started the Rez Recovery Riders group, will start his run in the middle of May 2018 at the Kituwah Mound. “The overall mileage is 1,131 miles, and I’m going to try to cover that in 40 days. Barring any injury, I will do it.”

He said the Bengé Route itself

is not known about by many. “My ultimate goal is to get some sponsors and to raise awareness for our ancestors who had to walk that route and to raise money to give to various Native American charities and to pump them into my sober living homes to make those as nice as I can make them.”

This will be the first of many extreme challenges for McCoy.

“If I can come out of it unscathed as far as injuries go, I want to try to do the Badwater three weeks later,” he noted. “I’m just using all of these opportunities to raise awareness and raise money for people that are affected by addiction. It’s not about me and what I’m trying to do. It’s about giving

back and seeing other people happy and inspiring other people.”

The Badwater, billed as “The World’s Toughest Foot Race”, is a 135-mile ultramarathon starting in Death Valley California. McCoy is hoping to qualify for this event through his run to Oklahoma.

Contrary to what you might think, running is not McCoy’s favorite thing in the world, but he says benefits far outweigh any suffering. “When I run, I get right spiritually, physically, mentally, and so, that’s why I do it. Embrace the friction and the suffering.”

McCoy added, “The drug epidemic is the modern-day Trail of Tears. It’s a struggle every day, and we’ve lost a lot of people to it and there are a lot of people suffering. With that being said, I just want to promote healthy living, a different lifestyle. When you get your mind and body on the same page, in the same place, it’s unreal what you can do. A lot of that is just changing how you think about things – find your passion.”

He went on to say, “You work out a lot of insecurities when you’re running. Your mind’s running from you. Your body is going this way. Pray and just try to get them on the same page.”

Recently, he started running a half-marathon daily either on the road or on a treadmill. McCoy said his trainer advised him to run an hour a day. “My body is telling me

that I can do more.”

At the moment, Deep Creek and the Birdtown Community area are two of his favorite places to run, and he’s going to continue to increase his distance as his run to Oklahoma approaches.

“In February, I’m going to start going to different marathons across the state,” he noted. “It’ll be nine weekends in a row that I’m going to run a marathon. The tenth weekend will be an Ironman in Panama City (Fla.). Then, I’ll have two weeks off and that will take me to my run to Oklahoma.”

McCoy said extreme running can help fight addictions because it helps to strengthen your resolve and tenacity. “I had someone come up to me the other day and tell me that they had relapsed. They were disappointed in this and that. People get overwhelmed, and that’s why I’m always preaching, embrace those things. Don’t let it take control of you. You are in recovery. You’ve already removed that thing that had so much control over you. Don’t let these trivial things in life have control over you now.”

He encourages people not to dwell on trivialities. “To worry is to suffer twice.”

McCoy added, “The reason I’m doing all of these things is because I really believe that I’m just carrying out what God saved me for; from all of those overdoses. If God is for us, who can be against us?”

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# Unity through diversity will guide future of sports

**SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

It's not every day that you get to meet and talk with an Olympic champion. That's exactly what happened this past week as Billy Mills, an Oglala Lakota from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and 10,000 Meter Run gold medalist at the 1964 Tokyo Games, visited Cherokee.

We visited prior to his speech to the students and he told me several stories of his youth including the first time he had ever set foot in a non-Indian family's home, which was a little awkward for him at first, but turned into a nice visit. Mills has endured racism galore in his life, but he never let it derail himself from his dreams and goals.

During his talk to the students, he spoke of the need for unity through diversity. "I challenge you to join me in learning to be warriors of global unity. Through the beauty of global diversity, I challenge you to join me in trying to forge the horizons of our future."

I'm a huge fan of the winter Olympics, and we're just under two months away from the 2018 Winter Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea. Athletes from over 80 countries will be in attendance for the games representing a worldwide diversity of races, ethnicities, and cultures. All will be there to compete, but they will also be there



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**UNITY:** Billy Mills, an Oglala Lakota from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and 10,000 Meter Run gold medalist at the 1964 Tokyo Games, visited Cherokee on Wednesday, Dec. 13. During a speech to Cherokee students, he noted, "I challenge you to join me in learning to be warriors of global unity. Through the beauty of global diversity, I challenge you to join me in trying to forge the horizons of our future."

to unite in their diversity.

The other evening I was watching the ISU World Cup Speed Skating event from Salt Lake City, Utah. In that event, I witnessed athletes from 31 different countries competing in their different distances. Now, I'm not going to say that sport is without controversy...we all know that isn't true. But, where else and under what other circumstances in the world can you get

so many different groups of people together with little to no conflict?

The Olympic Creed states, "The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well."

Living by those words will help the future generations "forge the

horizons of our future" as put so eloquently by Mills the other day.

Prior to the start of the Olympic Games, each athlete takes the following Oath, "In the name of all the competitors, I promise that we shall take part in these Olympic games, respecting and abiding by the rules which govern them, in the true spirit of sportsmanship, for the glory of sport and the honor of our teams."

The honor of our teams...those words really resonate with me. I've always told my daughter that life is all about respect. If people respect each other and their own, individual right to liberty, then common ground can be found no matter their backgrounds. That tenet is really what the Olympics and sports in general are all about – finding that unity through diversity.

As you watch the Winter Olympics Opening Ceremonies on Feb. 8, 2018, make a conscious effort to notice the differences in the athletes, but then pay more attention to their unity. That's what truly makes the difference.

Nobel Peace Prize recipient Desmond Tutu once stated, "We inhabit a universe that is characterized by diversity."

He's right, so, we might as well embrace it and all get along – sports will help as long as we listen to Billy Mills and unite through our diversity.

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**Cherokee Life Recreation  
Basketball League  
game schedule  
(Dec. 30; Jan. 6, 13, 20)**

**Saturday, Dec. 30**

**Birdtown Gym**

9am – Buckets vs Jammers  
 9:30am – Monstars vs Nothing But Net  
 10am – Rainmakers vs Stunners  
 10:30am – Tune Squad vs Fast Break  
 11am – Showstoppers vs Dream Team  
 11:30am – Breakers vs Hooper I Did It Again  
 12:15pm – Dropping Dimes vs Clutch  
 1pm – Queens of the Court vs And 1  
 1:45pm – We Get Buckets vs Fadeaway  
 2:30pm – Flight vs HoopStars  
 3:30pm – BasketHounds vs Alley Oopers

**Painttown Gym**

9am – Elite vs Stepbacks  
 9:40am – ShowTime vs Hoopers  
 10:20am – Raindrops vs Hoop There It Is  
 11:05am – Kryptonite vs Slam Dunkers  
 11:50am – Above the Rim vs 3s All Day  
 12:40pm – Fly Girls vs Hooper Troopers  
 1:30pm – Buzzer Beaters vs Shake & Bake  
 2:20pm – Crossovers vs Swoosh  
 3:20pm – Ball is Life vs Ballerz

**Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018**

**Birdtown Gym**

9am – Dream Team vs Jammers  
 9:30am – Fast Break vs Nothing But Net  
 10am – Buckets vs Stunners  
 10:30am – MonStars vs Swish



Photo by Kevin Hensley/Cherokee Scout

**LAST GAME:** Tye Mintz (#3), Braves senior quarterback, plays in the Shrine Bowl at Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC on Saturday, Dec. 16. He played special teams in the game which saw North Carolina top South Carolina 55-24.

11 am – ShowStoppers vs Rainmakers  
 11:30am – Breakers vs Elite  
 12:15pm – Dropping Dimes vs Hoopers  
 1pm – RainDrops vs Queens of the Court  
 1:45pm – Fadeaway vs 3s All Day  
 2:30pm – Hooper Troopers vs HoopStars  
 3:30pm – Shockers vs Alley Oopers

**Painttown Gym**

9am – Clutch vs Showtime  
 9:40am – Stepbacks vs Hoops I Did It Again  
 10:20am – And 1 vs Hoop There It Is  
 11:05am – Kryptonite vs Above the Rim  
 11:50am – Slam Dunkers vs We Get Buckets  
 12:40pm – Flight vs Slammers  
 1:30pm – BasketHounds vs Shake & Bake

2:20pm – Crossovers vs Swoosh  
 3:20pm – Lights Out vs Ballerz

**Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018**

**Birdtown Gym**

9am – Stunners vs Jammers  
 9:30am – Fast Break vs Swish  
 10am – Buckets vs Showstoppers  
 10:30am – TuneSquad vs Nothing But Net  
 11am – Dream Team vs Rainmakers  
 11:30am – Hoops I Did It Again vs Elite  
 12:15pm – Dropping Dimes vs ShowTime  
 1pm – RainDrops vs And 1  
 1:45pm – We Get Buckets vs 3s All Day  
 2:30pm – Fly Girls vs HoopStars  
 3:30pm – BasketHounds vs Buzzer-beaters

**Painttown Gym**

9am – Clutch vs Hoopers

9:40am – Stepbacks vs Breakers  
 10:20am – Queens of the Court vs Hoop There It Is  
 11:05am – Kryptonite vs Fadeaway  
 11:50am – Slam Dunkers vs Above the Rim  
 12:40pm – Hooper Troopers vs Slammers  
 1:30pm – Shockers vs Shake & Bake  
 2:20pm – Crossovers vs Swoosh  
 3:20pm – Lights Out vs Ball is Life

**Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018**

**Birdtown Gym**

9am – Rainmakers vs Jammers  
 9:30am – Tune Squad vs Swish  
 10am – Stunners vs Showstoppers  
 10:30am – FastBreak vs Monstars  
 11am – Dream Team vs Buckets  
 11:30am – Hoops I Did It Again vs Breakers  
 12:15pm – Hoopers vs ShowTime  
 1pm – RainDrops vs Hoop There It Is  
 1:45pm – Slam Dunkers vs Fadeaway  
 2:30pm – Fly Girls vs Slammers  
 3:30pm – Shockers vs Buzzerbeaters

**Painttown Gym**

9am – Clutch vs Dropping Dimes  
 9:40am – Stepbacks vs Elite  
 10:20am – Queens of the Court vs And 1  
 11:05am – Kryptonite vs 3s All Day  
 11:50am – We Get Buckets vs Above the Rim  
 12:40pm – Hooper Troopers vs Flight  
 1:30pm – Alley Oopers vs Shake & Bake  
 2:20pm – Crossovers vs Swoosh  
 3:20pm – Ball is Life vs Ballerz

(Note: Make sure your team is at the gym at least 30 minutes prior to game time.)



## Olympic champion visits Cherokee students

**SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

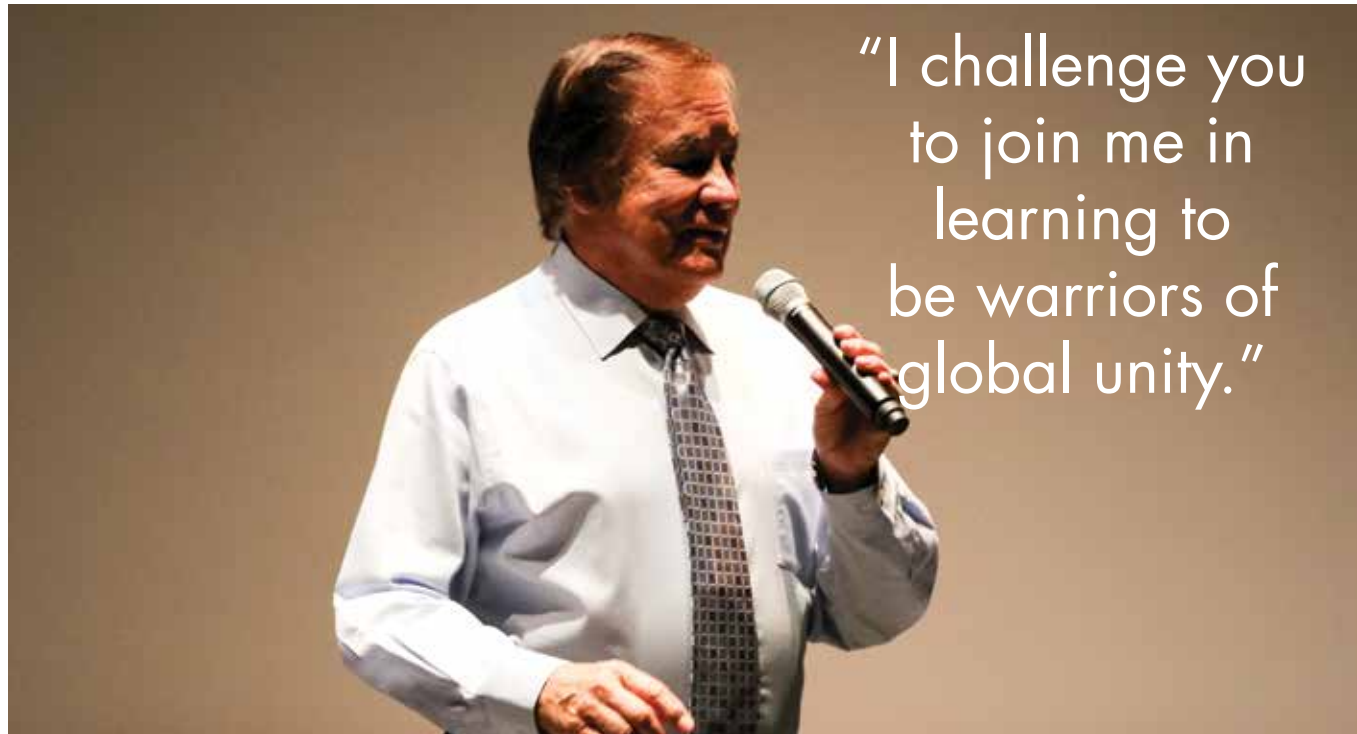
Students at Cherokee Central Schools had the pleasure of meeting and listening to the wisdom of an Olympic champion on Wednesday, Dec. 13. Billy Mills, an Oglala Lakota from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, won the 10,000 Meter Run at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. He spoke to the students in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center about the importance of believing in oneself and promoting unity through diversity.

“Your ancestors, my ancestors, have laid footprints on Mother Earth that tell a true story, the true histories of tribal nations in the United States of America,” said Mills. “And, we must never, never let the winds of change erase their footprints from Mother Earth. We must learn from them. We must come together as a country.”

Mills came from behind to win his gold medal, the only American to this day to win at that distance.

“It’s the journey, not the destination that empowers me,” he told the students noting that he put in over 50,000 miles of training. “It’s the daily decisions we make in life, not the toughness that we possess, that choreographs our destiny.”

Following the death of his mother when he was eight years old, Mills’ father told him that he had to look beyond the anger, hate, jealousy, and self-pity he was feeling. His father told him, “All of those emotions will destroy you. Look deeper, way down deep where



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**INSPIRATIONAL:** Billy Mills, an Oglala Lakota from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota and Olympic Gold Medalist, spoke to the students at Cherokee Central Schools on Wednesday, Dec. 13 in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center.

the dreams lie. Find your dreams son. It’s the pursuit of a dream that heals broken souls.”

After graduating from Haskell Indian School, which was a high school at the time he attended, Mills was awarded a full scholarship to the University of Kansas. A three-time NCAA All-American in cross country, he was also on the 1959 and 1960 outdoor track national championship teams.

During summers, he would work long hours, sometimes sleeping in cars and bathing in a creek. “Those weren’t hard times. I had a dream. I had a passion. It was something I had to go through.”

Many times throughout his life, Mills has turned to his Lakota traditions and culture for help. “I started taking the traditions and

values of our culture, our traditions, our spirituality, and extracting the virtues and values of the culture, traditions, and spirituality and putting those values in my educational pursuits.”

Mills said the need has never been greater than now for global diversity. “It is the high school students, your age group, that will make that magic happen and make this the country, the promise land, for all of our citizens.”

Some of his many honors include: induction into the United States Olympic Hall of Fame (1984), recipient of the 2012 Presidential Citizens Medal awarded by President Barack Obama, recipient of the Theodore Roosevelt Award (NCAA’s highest honor) in 2014, and the President’s Council on Fit-

ness, Sports, and Nutrition Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015.

Mills concluded with, “I challenge you to join me in learning to be warriors of global unity. Through the beauty of global diversity, I challenge you to join me in trying to forge the horizons of our future.”

The event was co-sponsored by the Cherokee Youth Council, a program under the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute and a department of the Cherokee Boys Club focused on youth empowerment and the strengthening of cultural identity within the youth of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The Youth Council is supported by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.



# Lou Johnson embodies the idea of a giving spirit

**SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

With us being just a few days away from Christmas, the idea of a giving spirit is amplified this time of year. There is no other person that personifies that spirit more on the Qualla Boundary (aka Cherokee Indian Reservation) than Janet "Lou" Johnson.

Hardly a week goes by that I don't get a text or a phone call from Lou asking me to advertise a benefit dinner that she is hosting for a person or family in need. She does it out of the goodness of her heart. She isn't out for profit. Her reward is helping people. Her greatest reward is if her benefit can help ease the stress of bills during a hard time.

Lou also works in the front office of the Cherokee High School, a job that can be hectic more times than it isn't, but a job that she truly loves. She loves the kids. She loves the school. She loves the work, and she loves helping.

Last year, she was recognized



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**DEDICATED:** Skooter McCoy (left), Cherokee Boys Club general manager, presents the Frell Owl Award to Janet "Lou" Johnson during the annual awards banquet held at the Chestnut Tree Inn on Dec. 21, 2016.

for her work by receiving the Frell Owl Award. Lou was nominated for the award by Monica Wildcatt who wrote in her nomination form, "This wonderful lady has been the receptionist at CHS (Cherokee High School) for many years. I would say she means more to the students than she knows. She has the biggest heart around."

Wildcatt's nomination went on to state, "When children or families

in our community have a financial need, she is more than willing to throw a benefit together at a moment's notice...she puts their needs before her own."

I've covered the Frell Owl Award presentations for years, and I always get a quote from the recipient at the end of the event. Not this time...Johnson had to leave immediately after Skooter McCoy, Cherokee Boys Club general manager,

presented her the award because she had to go back to the school to help set up for the Holidays on the Hardwood basketball tournament. She simply told the crowd, "I have to leave and get back to the high school. I've got a tournament going on. I appreciate all of you. Thank you all."

And, she was gone...back to the school to help. I'm sure they could have gotten it done without her, but for Lou, it was unacceptable for her to be at a banquet, eating, receiving a plaque, when there was work to be done at the school. It is that sense of duty, a true sense of calling, that sets her apart.

The late Scottish poet and novelist, Robert Louis Stevenson, once stated, "You can give without loving, but you can never love without giving."

Lou truly loves the people of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and everyone else she comes in contact with. She is the true embodiment of the spirit of giving and a wonderful example to all of the rest of us. Merry Christmas.

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# PARADE TIME!

The annual Cherokee Christmas Parade was held on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 16. Float winners were as follows: 1st - Yellowhill Community, 2nd - Pee Wee Girls Travel League Basketball team, 3rd - Pirouette Dance Academy.

(Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather)



**SMILES:** Mariah Mahan, Cherokee Welcome Center staff, is all smiles as she holds the parade banner.



**QUEEN:** Macie Welch, 2017 Cherokee High School Homecoming Queen, waves to the crowd. She is also a member of the varsity cheerleading squad and the varsity volleyball team.



**ROYALTY:** Junior Miss Cherokee Dvdaya Swimmer waves to the crowd. All of the EBCI royalty participated in the parade including Miss Cherokee Faith Long, Teen Miss Cherokee Raylen Bark, and Little Miss Cherokee Araceli Martinez-Arch.



**FIRST:** Elvia Walkingstick, Leah Walkingstick, and Bo Lossiah ride on the Yellowhill Community float which won first place in the parade.



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**JUMPING FOR JOY:** Zoe De Los Reyes, a member of the Cherokee Elementary School Jump Rope Team, performs during the school's "Joy of Christmas" program on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 14 at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. In addition to the Jump Rope Team, the CES Chorus (shown below) and the Cherokee Elementary School Traditional Singers and Dancers also performed.



**LETTER**

**Remembering at Christmas time**

In loving memory of these fine ladies at Christmas time and all through the year – my blessed mom, Gracia Wilnoty; my wonderful sister, Cella; my great friends, Minda and Linda Armachain; my dear friend, Sarajane and Jessie Swimmer. They were all great ladies to me. So, Jessie and Sarajane, we know you both are having a great Christmas with Jesus. We miss you all; sent with lots of love.

Sadly missed by,  
**Faye Catolster**





Photo courtesy of Cherokee Central Schools

**GIVING:** Tori Teesateskie, a junior at Cherokee High School, hosted a Giving Party for her recent seventeenth (17th) birthday. She sponsored four local foster children for Christmas, and at her party, she asked everyone to bring gifts for the children instead of for herself. Her friends and family gathered in fellowship at the party and wrapped the gifts.



Photo courtesy of Santa Maria family

**HONORED:** Callie Phillips, an EBCI tribal member and junior at Portland State University in Portland, Ore., has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester. A graduate of Cherokee High School, she is studying political science with a concentration in Indigenous Affairs. Phillips, from the Yellowhill Community, is the daughter of Mike and Teresa Santa Maria.



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The training will be from 8:30 to 4:30 each day. Please do your best to share rides as parking is crowded at the schools!

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**STATUS:** This photo shows the ramp at the old Cherokee High School as demolition on the building continued on the afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 16. The ramp is one of the only remaining parts of the building which, for the most part, has been reduced to piles of rubble.

## CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida

### SŌHi AD RVLTŌJ DŌWYL



Hewit Trottingwolf, a 3-year-old Mastiff mix, lives with Rebecca Wolfe Damas, an EBCI tribal member, in Littleton, Colo.



Is your pet your best friend?  
If you'd like to have your pet (whatever that may be) featured as the **Cherokee Pet of the Week**, send a high resolution photo, type and name of pet to: [scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com), or message us at the One Feather Facebook page.



# Hospital to host PHR Community Day

Cherokee Indian Hospital's Performance Improvement department will be hosting a PHR Community Day for anyone with an active chart at CIHA on Friday, Dec. 22.

"The Personal Health Record or PHR is a tool that you can use to access information about your own personal health care," said Sarah Wachacha, PI Manager, "You can see information on what medications you are taking, recent lab results, and even send secure emails directly to your health care team."


The PHR is a website where you can view your health information (<http://phr.ihs.gov>). With your PHR you can do the following: view lab results, learn about your medications, keep track of your health issues, view a list of your medications, email your health care team, view a record of your immunizations, and more.

Staff will be in the main lobby during working hours to offer information, assistance and answer any questions.

Info: Anthony Smith, data coordinator, 497-9163 ext. 6373

- Cherokee Indian Hospital  
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## How to sign up for your PHR



**Indian Health Service Personal Health Record**

**Step 1: Create a PHR account** → Register to use PHR

**Step 3: Login to PHR** → PHR Login

**Step 1: Create a PHR account**

- Go to <https://phr.ihs.gov> in your web browser.
- Click the button labeled "Register to use PHR."
- Choose a username and password that you can remember.
- You will be asked to enter some information about yourself. When you are finished, you will get a message asking you to go to your hospital or clinic to finish the registration process.


**Step 2: Meet your PHR Registrar**

You will need to meet with the hospital or clinic's PHR Registrar. This person will activate your account. Please bring a photo ID if you have one.

**Step 3: Login to the PHR**

After you talk with the PHR registrar, your PHR account will be ready.

- Go to <https://phr.ihs.gov>.
- Enter your username and password.
- Select the health record you would like to view.
- You can now view your health information.



For more information, visit the Indian Health Service at <http://www.ihs.gov>



So, as he let go of the mic, he said, "All you really need is One Feather" and then he just walked off the stage.

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## Tribal Construction tree-cutting and brush pick-up

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### \*Guidelines for Tree Cutting

\*Qualifications:

10 Tree Limit (Must be a hazard to house.)

1. Trees must be marked with ribbon or paint
2. Provide TCP with a property map
3. Leave a good working number in case they need to reach you
4. If there is an aggressive animal please chain up or put away
5. Only one application per year
6. Trees must be located on Tribal land

\*Disqualifications:

1. They will not cut trees near storage sheds, satellite dishes or garages.
2. They will not clear along drive ways.
3. They will not clear for house sites.
4. They will not cut trees for rental properties.
5. They will not cut trees on deeded property or off the reservation

### \*Guidelines for Brush Pick up

1. Make sure brush is beside road and/or easy to access for a large truck.
2. Must not contain trash, metal or building materials
3. We will not pick up brush at Rentals
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Info: Uriah Maney 359-6134 or Sarah Toineeta 359-6132

- Tribal Construction

## Bear information sought by Fish and Wildlife

Bear season is now open and



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

**MAJESTIC:** This elk was part of a herd of 33 basking in the late fall sun at the Oconalufee Visitor Center in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on the afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 16.

will run through Sunday, Dec. 31. Please report your take to Cherokee Natural Resources along with the first premolar tooth (or allow them to extract it) to determine age. Freeze or keep other samples on ice that could decompose. If possible, Natural Resources wishes collect a little hair, weight, location, sex and the effort it took to harvest (number of hunters in party and hours put in). There will be a \$500 draw from those that submit samples and information. Submit samples and information at their office at 1840 Painttown Road, next to Cherokee Bingo. Info: 359-6110, ebcifw@gmail.com

- Cherokee Natural Resources

## Senior Citizens Fuel Assistance applications

The EBCI Senior Citizens Program has begun accepting Fuel Assistance Applications.

Applications will be available at

Tsali Manor, Snowbird, and John Welch Senior Centers. If you are applying for Electric Heating Assistance, bring a current bill and the last four digits of the Social Security number of the individual whose name the bill is in as well as your EBCI enrollment card. If you do not use the contract companies, it is your and your company's responsibility to get your delivery invoices turned in to the program.

- EBCI Senior Citizens Program

## Wolftown Community Club news

First of all, the Wolftown Community Club would like to congratulate the CHS varsity football team, coaches, and staff for bringing home the NCHSAA 1-A State Football Championship Title! Go Braves! We are proud of each and every one of you for representing your school, communities, and the Eastern Band with poise and digni-

ty. It was truly an honor to witness such a historical event!

The Community Christmas dinner that was previously scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 16 has been postponed until Thursday, Dec. 21st from 5-7pm at the Cherokee United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The meat and drinks will be provided, and everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert. This is a very busy time of year, so if you just have time to eat and run, that's okay, come on by! The next regularly scheduled community meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018 at 5pm at the Wolftown Gym, weather permitting. The meeting time is changed for the winter months and will return to regular time in March. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

- Tammy Jackson, Secretary  
Wolftown Community Club



## OBITUARIES

### Gary David Lambert Jr.

Gary David Lambert Jr., 38, of the Wolfstown Community in Cherokee, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017 at his residence.

He is survived by his parents, Gary David Lambert Sr. and Angela Joy Smith; three children, Chloe Lambert, Ashton Lambert, and Makula Lambert; brother, Michael Lambert; half-brothers, Joshua Lambert, Jacob Lambert, Jordan Lambert, and Jonathan Lambert; half-sisters, Kirsten Lambert and

Kaitlynn Lambert; step-sister, Jessica Conway Brady; maternal grandparents, John Wilbur Smith and Joy Smith; Nephew, Kal-El Lambert; Uncles, John Smith, Jr. and Ernie Lambert; aunts, Desiree George, Pamela Smith, Dora Smith, Marie Junaluska, and Sarah Lambert; and several cousins also survive.

Gary was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Guy and Margaret Lambert.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Dec. 15 at 11 am at Long House Funeral home. Pastors Gary Maney, James "Bo" Parris, and Dan Conseen officiated. Burial followed

the funeral services at the Reed Cemetery on Washington Creek. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

### Patsy Beck Lambert

Patsy Beck Lambert, 86, of Cherokee, went home to be with the Lord Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late Tilson and Bessie Beck and wife of the late Rev. Dan Lambert who she was married to for 70 years.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Dennis Lambert; brothers, Jim and Bob Beck; and her

sister, Peggy Fortner.

She is survived by her son, Nick Lambert (Karen); daughters, Catherine Sutton, Marilyn Lambert and Judy Lambert; grandchildren, John Hampton (Piper) and Crystal Kinnamon (Greg); one great grandchild, Nash Daniel Hampton; and her sisters, Betty Lambert (Ray), Zena Lawhorn, Amanda Bevis, and Nell Crowe.

Funeral services will be held at 2pm Friday in the chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Revs. Tony and Danny Lambert will officiate with burial in the Tow String Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 pm Thursday at the funeral home.

The family would like to thank Harris Hospice and Morningstar Assisted Living for their care of Patsy.

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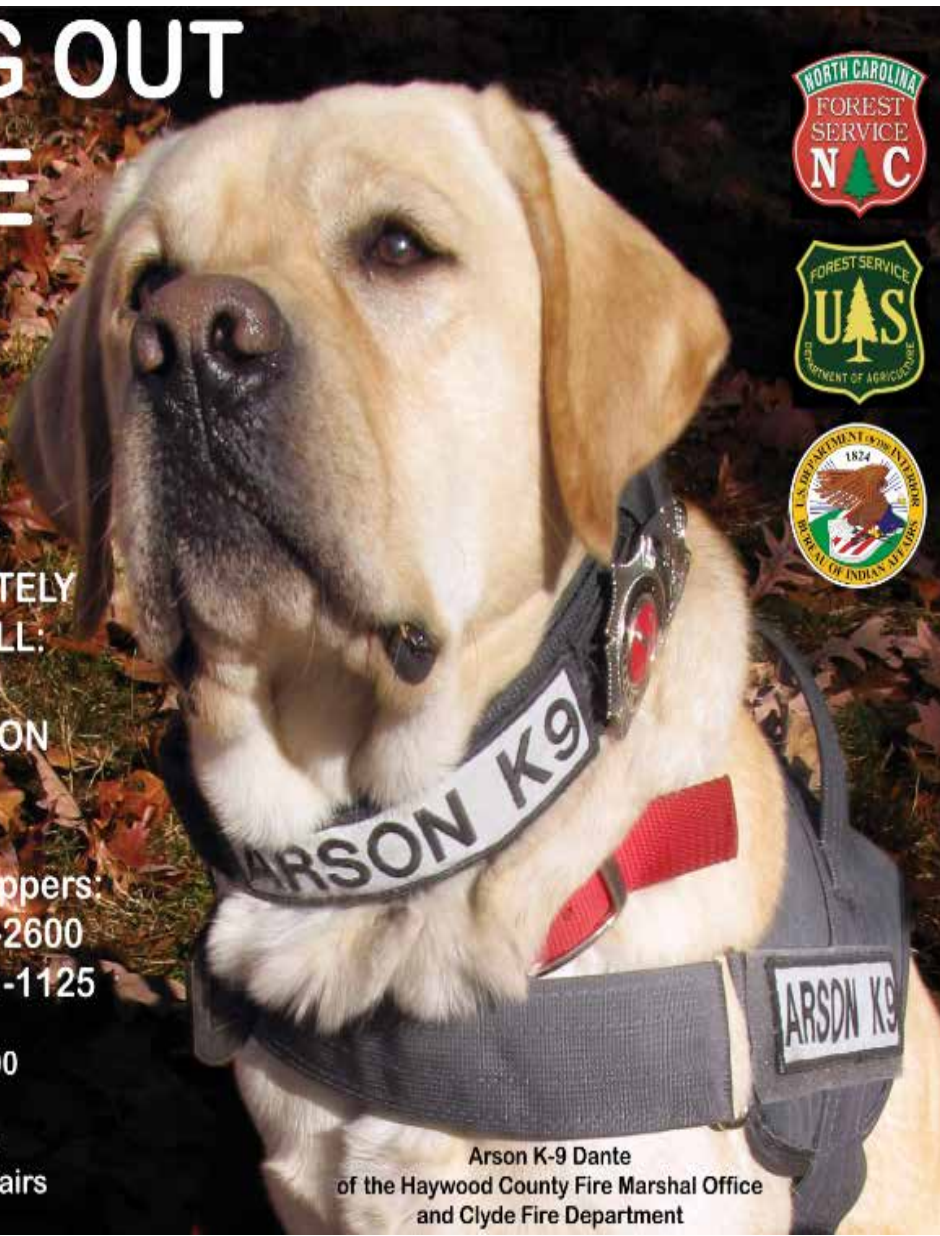
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## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. The main Christmas story is paraphrased from what two New Testament books? *Mark/John, Acts/Romans, Matthew/Luke, Jude/Revelation*
2. What group received the angels' announcement of the birth of Jesus? *Carpenters, Shepherds, Tentmakers, Masons*
3. From Matthew 2, to what country did Mary, Joseph and the Baby Jesus flee? *Jordan, Syria, Oman, Egypt*
4. Where was the young child when the Magi came to visit Him to present gifts? *Manger, Under the stars, House, Temple*
5. At the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, who was king of Judaea? *Solomon, Herod, Balak, Belshazzar*
6. How many times does the word "Christmas" appear in the Bible (KJV)? *Zero, 1, 2, 7*

ANSWERS: 1) Matthew/Luke; 2) Shepherds; 3) Egypt; 4) House; 5) Herod; 6) Zero

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# What a year this has been

**ROBERT JUMPER**  
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

**A**s we kiss 2017 a fond goodbye, we remember one of the most eventful years in tribal history. Our community has been on a roller coaster ride of emotion from incredible sadness to incredible elation.

In January, we were focused on the reintroduction of "Unto These Hills". The Cherokee Historical Association decided to revert to the original script in hopes of a boost to sales and attendance, introducing a new generation to the drama of the Cherokee. The Lumbee recognition issue reappeared with new legislation potentially changing the chances of federal recognition for that community. We were concerned over allegations of underage drinking during a school sports trip to South Carolina for the Battle at the Border tournament.

February saw dueling investigations involving Tribal Council and the Executive Office. We saw FBI raids at Qualla Housing, heard allegations and calls for impeachment. We also reported on the rise of activism in Cherokee and our connection to the broader Indian community. At month's end, we celebrated Anthony Toinetta's second state championship in high school wrestling.

And then as March began, we watched as the government battled within itself with impeachment, veto of impeachment, and, overriding of veto. The war raged on. Long-awaited repairs were approved and construction began on the Big Cove Road. Jerry Wolfe, Cherokee Beloved Man became an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. Three of our Tribal Council representatives, one each from Cherokee County/Snowbird, Big Cove, and Yellowhill, chose not to seek re-election.

In April, Scarlett Guy graced the front of the One Feather with the lead story being her selection to the Governor's School of North Carolina. We covered the opening of the refurbished Oconaluftee Indian Village. As impeachment efforts moved forward, then Principal Chief Patrick Lambert called a Grand Council, or what was called a Grand Council, because

a week later, a Cherokee Tribal Court ruled that the meeting did not have the force of law.

May began with a focus on Cherokee language preservation and the efforts to save this important part of our identity. We found that new turf was being installed at the high school football stadium and that a lawsuit was filed against the company that installed the original turf. And, we celebrated Richard Smith and Kendra Panther as the Cherokee High valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively.

In June, we reported that Patrick Lambert had been impeached and removed from office. We also recognized the Remember the Removal riders as they accepted the challenge taking the journey along the Trail of Tears via bicycle. Speaking of bikes, the new Fire Mountain Trail was dedicated and opened. Elders, friends, and families walked to bring awareness to Cherokee elder abuse.

We kicked off July with a report of the Principal Chief Sneed, members of Tribal Council, and Tribal Court meeting with North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper in Raleigh. Construction of a new cell tower began in Birdtown. A new Cherokee Senior Athletic Center opened in Birdtown. We told you about a facelift that the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum started in this month.

The first story of August was the Tribal Council vote to hold a special election for the then vacant Vice Chief office. Tribal Council also took action that would create a clean needle exchange program for drug users in hopes of reducing disease risk. We also reported on the beginning of the Cherokee Braves football season beginning. A historic solar eclipse occurred as thousands looked on from Cherokee and other parts of Western North Carolina. We lost Beloved Woman Shirley Oswald and honored her on the front cover of the last edition of the month.

UltraStar's new Multi-Tainment Center opened at Harrah's Cherokee in late August. Tribal Council elections were held in early September and seven of the 12 seat holders were replaced. Shortly after the election, retiring Yellowhill Representative Alan B.

see **YEAR** next page



# Christmas Message

NOAH CROWE

**Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 2:1-6**

Many times because of the divide between a Biblical and the worldly approach to Christmas, questions are raised as to what Christmas is all about.

Well to be honest, even the real Biblical story of what happened that first "Christmas" raises some questions too. I mean, if God really did come and come the way He did and for the purpose He said He came, I guess I wonder some things about the way the story goes.

I mean WHY would Jesus be sent into the world at BETHLEHEM? It's a fairly indistinguishable place. Nothing special or spectacular. But the answer is simple, to fulfill prophecy. God sent Jesus into the world in Bethlehem because He said He would. In Matthew 2, it was the prophecy of

Micah 5:2 that was given in answer to the wisemen who came searching for "He that is born King of the Jews." Jesus was born in Bethlehem to fulfill prophecy, because God always keeps His word.

But, I have another question, WHY would Jesus come into the world as a BABY? I mean, couldn't God have taken a shortcut or two? If Jesus were born to die, couldn't He have come into the world as a grown man, ready to go straight to the cross? Well like before, God did it this way because He said He would, check Isaiah 7:14. But more than that, He came as a baby to reveal God to us. John 1:1, 14 tell us that "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." Jesus, the Word, settled down and made Himself at home among us. Up close and personal. So that Jesus could say in John 14:9, "he that hath seen Me hath seen the

Father." He came as a baby to reveal God to us, so that we could relate to Him. Not as some distant, holy God Who cannot be approached, but as a baby so that we all can relate.

But finally, WHY would the baby Jesus be born Bethlehem, come into the world in a BARN? Well the obvious answer is in Luke 2:7, He was laid in a manger (a feeding trough, typically and most always found in a stall or a barn) "because there was no room for them in the inn." That means it was the only place made available. But of far greater significance is the question raised in answer to Jesus' birth in a barn: Where else should a Lamb be born? Jesus' birth as a baby in a barn in Bethlehem is more than meets the eye. If you think about a lamb in relationship to God through the Bible, here's what you find: in Genesis, Cain brought vegetables, while Abel brought a lamb. One lamb for one person. In Exodus 12, when God delivered the Israelites from Egypt, Moses told each family to smear the blood of a lamb over the doorposts.

One lamb for one family. But in John 1:29, John the Baptist proclaims Jesus, "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." One Lamb for the whole world! Where else would the Lamb of God be born but in a barn?

All of which helps us to understand, whatever questions we may have about Christmas, about life, about marriage, about family, work or even death- God has an answer for you! The answer is found in His Son Jesus. Think about John 14:6- if you need to be saved, Jesus says, "I am the Way, no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." If you need to be sure, Jesus says, "I am the Truth." If you need to be satisfied, Jesus says, "I am the Life!" Don't let your questions this Christmas keep you from experiencing Christmas God's way. Jesus is the Answer!

*Crowe is the Pastor at the First Baptist Church of Robbinsville.*

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Ensley was voted in as Vice Chief by the Tribal Council. The New Kituwah Academy started the Active Routes to School program, linking increased brain power to increased physical activity and getting young people interested in getting moving before school.

The first week of October saw the new Tribal Council sworn in with commitments to achieving unity. The 105th Cherokee Indian Fair continued the theme of unity – "One Nation, One Community, Always United". The United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund Annual Meeting was held

in Cherokee in October to discuss issues affecting Indian Country. Chief Sneed introduced, and Tribal Council passed, legislation to aggressively take legal action against all manufacturers and wholesale distributors.

In November, we celebrated with former Principal Chief Robert S. Youngdeer for being awarded a Chapel of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Bronze Medal. Tribal Council and the Executive Office came out in support of an alcohol referendum, although there was debate on just what should be included and how it should be worded. Coverage of Veterans' Day in Cherokee included recognizing our Cherokee heroes with ceremony and gifts.

And, in late November and early December, it was all about the historic drive of the Cherokee High School Braves to ultimately win the North Carolina State 1A football championship. The team was front and center in three editions as they made it to the playoffs and then the trip to Raleigh. The Cherokee community supports it's young people in all activities and was bursting with pride at the achievement of each step to the championship. And in this edition, we see the ribbon cutting and opening of our Snowbird substance abuse treatment facility.

And, that is just the highlights. Including this edition, we have provided you with 1,656 pages of

information of interest to the Qualla Boundary and surrounding counties during the calendar year 2017. In comparison, the novel "War and Peace" by Leo Tolstoy, always noted for its great length, is 1,225 pages. We have also been pleased to provide you with additional content via our webpage and social media, above that of the print edition.

On behalf of Scott McKie Brings Plenty and Sally Davis, we thank you for the opportunity to serve this community and look forward to continuing to provide news and information to you in 2018. Have a merry, safe and blessed Christmas and a happy New Year!



# HAPPENINGS

Event listings are free of charge. Send your event name, date and time, location, and contact info to [scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com).

## Church Events

### Cherokee Bible Project reception. Dec. 22.

If you volunteered for the organization in the past year, and you have not received your invitation, you are asked to contact them at the number provided. Info: (888) 743-7775, <https://sites.google.com/site/chokeeebibleproject/>

## General Events

### Free Legal Clinics in Cherokee and Snowbird.

Get free legal advice from attorneys from EBCI Legal Assistance, Legal Aid of NC, and University of North Carolina law students.

#### - Snowbird Civil Clinic. Dec. 19 from

10:30am – 2pm at Snowbird Community Library at 60 Snowbird School Road. Expunctions, wills, divorces, and custody (state and tribal law)

#### - Cherokee Wills Clinic. Dec. 19 from 9:30am

– 3pm at Tsali Manor, 133 Tsali Manor Road. Wills, healthcare power of attorney, financial power of attorney, and advanced directives.

- **Cherokee Civil Clinic. Dec. 20** at EBCI Cooperative Extension office, 876 Acquoni Road. Expunctions, divorces, and custody (state and tribal law). To make an appointment, call EBCI Legal Assistance Office 359-7400. Priority will be given to those with appointments.

### Turkey Shoots at Jesse Welch's Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community.

Dec. 23 at 5pm (benefit for Norman Walkingstick), Dec. 30 at 5pm (benefit for Eddie Hill), Jan. 1 at 3pm (benefit for Ned Stamper), Jan. 6 at 5pm (benefit for Calloway Ledford). Good prizes, good fun, good benefits.

**Holiday Dance. Dec. 30** from 7:30-10pm at Yellowhill Activity Center. Fun evening of song and dance featuring the Rick Morris Band. Light refreshments. \$20/per couple.

## Health/Sports Events

**Free Yoga Class Schedule.** Ginger Lynn Welch Complex Community Rooms. Gentle Yoga on Mondays from 12-1pm. All Levels Flow Yoga on Tuesdays from 12-1pm. Both of those classes provide an option to leave at 12:45pm. Evening Yoga on Tuesdays at 5-6pm. Mats and props provided for all classes. No classes on tribal holidays. Sponsored by Cherokee Choices: A Diabetes Prevention Program. Info: Robin 359-6785, [robibail@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:robibail@nc-chokeee.com)

### Upcoming Pow Wows for Dec. 22-31

*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.*

**17th Annual New Year's Eve Sobriety Pow Wow. Dec. 31** at Student Life Center at Ba-

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## WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT



DECEMBER 18-24, 2017



WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
<b>Tuckasegee River</b>	Stocked Oct. 3-4.	All Day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout, & Smallmouth Bass	BWO, Midges, Dark Stone, Crane Fly	BWO, Girdle Bugs, Woolly Buggers, Zebra midges, stripper midges, frenchies, Griffith gnats
<b>Chattooga &amp; Whitewater Rivers</b>	N/A	Morning & Evening	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	BWO, Crane Flies, Stoneflies	BWO, Girdle Bugs, Woolly Buggers, Zebra midges, stripper midges, frenchies, Griffith gnats
<b>Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River &amp; Small Streams</b>	Follow posted regulations-wild trout	Morning & Evening	Rainbow, Brown, and Brook Trout	BWO, Stoneflies, Midges	Woolly Bugger, Girdle Bugs, Blue Wing Olive, Zebra midges, stripper midges, frenchies, Griffith gnats

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### BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, DEC. 18	TUESDAY, DEC. 19	WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20	THURSDAY, DEC. 21	FRIDAY, DEC. 22	SATURDAY, DEC. 23	SUNDAY, DEC. 24
SEASON'S BEST 12:28 AM-2:28 AM 12:52 PM-2:52 PM	BETTER++ 1:16 AM-3:16 AM 1:40 PM-3:40 PM	BETTER 2:04 AM-4:04 AM 2:28 PM-4:28 PM	AVERAGE 2:52 AM-4:52 AM 3:15 PM-5:15 PM	AVERAGE 3:38 AM-5:38 AM 4:01 PM-6:01 AM	AVERAGE 4:24 AM-6:24 AM 4:47 PM-6:47 PM	AVERAGE 5:10 AM-7:10 AM 5:32 PM-7:32 PM

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bone College in Muskogee, Okla. MC: Sam Howell. Head Southern Singer: Leonard Cozad Jr. Info: Lorraine Bosin (918) 639-7999

**Sobriety Pow Wow. Dec. 31** at Calvary United Methodist Church in Wichita, Kan. MC: Creighton Moore. Head Southern Singer: Anthony Harvey. Info: Becky Jones (316) 990-3249, [rjones@hunterhealthclinic.org](mailto:rjones@hunterhealthclinic.org)

### Community Club Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Community Groups

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

### Support Groups/Meetings

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

### AA and NA meetings in

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

### Analenisgi Recovery Center

**weekly schedule for Fall/Winter 2017/18**  
*NOTE: All classes/groups are open to all Analenisgi clients. Support groups marked with \*\* are open to the community.*

#### Mondays

Safety WRAP: 9-10am

Cherokee Culture: 11:15am - 12:30pm

Still Waters: 2-3pm

\*\*Family Support: 5-6pm

#### Tuesdays

Native Plants: 8:30-10:30am

Employment Skills: (second and fourth Tuesdays 11am -12pm)

Taming Salolis (Squirrels): 11am – 12pm

Emotions: 1-2pm

\*\*Self-esteem: 2-3pm

\*\*Life Recovery: 3-4pm

#### Wednesdays

Safety WRAP: 9-10am

Strong Hearts Women's Group: 11am – 12pm

Healthy Boundaries: 1-2:30pm

Creative Writing: 2-3pm

\*\*Family Support: 5-6pm

\*\*Agape LGBT Group: 5:45-6:45pm

\*\*HIV/AIDS/Hep C Support Group: (second and fourth Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm)

#### Thursdays

\*\*Life Recovery: 8:30-9:30am

Connections (Brene' Brown): 10:30-11:45am

Finding Tohi (Peace/Balance): 1-2pm

Uncle Skills Men's Group: 3-4pm

#### Fridays

Creative Recovery: 9:30 am - 12pm

Cherokee Language and Culture: 1-2:30pm

Popcorn and a Movie: 2:30-4pm

Info: Analenisgi Recovery Center 497-6892.

Times and dates may be subject to change.

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

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

Event listings are FREE of charge. Send all information to Scott at [scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com) or message us on Facebook.



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## Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

- **Elementary Teacher** - Must have valid NC Teaching license.
- **Cherokee Language Teacher** - Must have an Associate's Degree or two years (48 semester hours) of study at an institute of higher education. The instructor must have experience working with students.
- **Substitute Custodian** - Requires HS diploma or GED.

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

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

## CHEROKEE DAY OF CARING

EVENT DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 17TH 2018.

The Cherokee Day of Caring (CDC) Committee is currently taking nominations for projects now through the last day of February for this coming year's Day of Caring on Thursday, May 17th 2018. This day otherwise known as Ga-Du-Gi or "Free Labor", consists of volunteers from different organizations coming together to help tribal members improve their homes, yards, gardens and other buildings. Once nominations are received the CDC committee will assess nominations and select projects that can be completed within a six-hour window and that meet guideline specifications.

**Nomination Criteria:**

- Nominated person must be an EBCI enrolled tribal member
- Residence must be located in one of the ten EBCI communities

**Please submit all nominations to:**

**DEB OWLE AT CHEROKEE PRESERVATION FOUNDATION**  
 Phone Contact: (828)497-5550  
 EMAIL: [dowle@cherokeepreservation.org](mailto:dowle@cherokeepreservation.org)

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**STAFF OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE**

- Administrative Support Associate (One Available)
- Transition Grant Coordinator (Time Limited)
- Circulation Day Supervisor (Library)
- Director of Residence Life
- PLACES Program Director (Time Limited)
- Director of Student Services (Nursing)

**FACULTY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE**

- Assist/Assoc/Full Professor (Physical Therapy, Nursing,)
- Assistant Professor HRSA Grant (Social Work)
- Assist/Assoc Prof- Program Director - Health Sciences

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For deadlines and applications call 359-6388. 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 Friday, January 05, 2018**

1. Electronic Media Coordinator – Kituwah – CERS (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
2. Family Safety Grant Coordinator – Family Safety Program – PHHS (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
3. Firefighter – Fire/Rescue – Public Safety (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
4. Enrollment Officer – Enrollment – Attorney General's Office (L12 \$49,200 - \$61,500)
5. Education Supervisor – Higher Education & Training – CERS (L10 \$41,082 - \$51,353)
6. Cook Aide - Tsali Care Center - PHHS (L2 \$19,598 - \$24,498)

**Closing Thursday, December 28, 2017**

1. Collections Processor - Budget & Finance / Treasury (L6 \$28,372-\$35,465)
2. Finance Analyst II - Finance / Treasury (L12 \$49,200-\$61,500)
3. Family Safety Social Worker (Multiple) (L10 \$41,082-\$51,353)
4. Senior Services Coordinator – Cherokee County Senior Citizens – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L5 \$25,830 - \$32,288)
5. Evidence Control Clerk – Police Department – Public Safety (L7 \$31,078 - \$38,848)

**Open Positions**

1. Paramedic Part-Time – EMS – Operations (\$10.33 - \$12.91 per hour)
2. Paramedic Full-Time – EMS – Operations (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
3. Family Safety Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety - PHHS (L10 \$41,082-\$51,353)
4. Traffic Officer – Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
5. Patrol Officer – Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)

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## EMPLOYMENT

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

Hospitalist - Inpatient  
CNA Clerk – Inpatient  
Medical Technologist  
RN Supervisor – Tsali Care Center  
To apply, visit [careers.cherokee-hospital.org](http://careers.cherokee-hospital.org). If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close December 28, 2017 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **12/21pd**

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

Optometrist (2 Positions)  
Physician- Emergency Room  
Pedodontist  
Masters Level Therapist- Snowbird Residential Treatment Center (2 positions)  
Residential Technician-Snowbird Residential Treatment Center (1 position)  
Part Time Regular Registered Nurse - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center  
EVS Specialist  
LPN – Behavioral Health

RN – Tsali Care Center (4 Positions)  
LPN Allergy – Primary Care  
Emergency Hire RN – Inpatient  
Dental Assistant II (2 Positions)  
Emergency Hire Food Service Worker  
To apply, visit [careers.cherokee-hospital.org](http://careers.cherokee-hospital.org). If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions are open until filled. Indian preference does apply. **12/21pd**

## LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 17-072

### In the Matter of the Estate of Lucetta Hill Ward

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-  
TION

Consuela Girty, P.O. Box 898, Cherokee, NC 28719. **1/11pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 17-071

### In the Matter of the Estate of Doris West Catt

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

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

below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-  
TION

Marina P. Catt, P.O. Box 671, Cherokee, NC 28719. **1/11pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 17-73

### In the Matter of the Estate of William Perry Pheasant

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-  
TION

Melissa Queen, P.O. Box 1017,  
Cherokee, NC 28719. **1/18pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 17-75

### In the Matter of the Estate of Judith Kay Biello

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-  
TION

Jennifer S. Nelson, 2800 Summit  
Hill Court, Norman, OK 73071.

**1/25pd**



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) It's a good time for reunions with those very special people from your past. You could be pleasantly surprised by what comes to light during one of these get-togethers.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The new year gets off to an encouraging start for the Bold Bovine who takes that demanding workplace challenge by the horns and steers it in the right direction.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) The clever Gemini will be quick to spot the telltale signs of workplace changes that could open up new opportunities for the right person. (And that's you, isn't it?)

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child's post-holiday letdown soon lifts as you begin to get back into your comfortable routine. Someone from your past extends a surprise bid to reconnect.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You've been the ultimate social Lion over the holidays. Now it's time to relax and recharge your energy so you can be at your best when you pounce on that new project.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A relationship could be moving in a direction you might not want to follow. Step back for a better overview of the situation. You might be surprised at what you see.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Emotions rule at the start of the week, affecting your perception about a decision. Best advice: Avoid commitments until that good Libran sense kicks back in.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A longtime friendship could take a romantic turn early in the new year. While this pleases your passionate side, your logical self might want to go slow.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Someone might make a surprising disclosure about a trusted friend or workplace colleague. Stay cool and reserve judgment until you get more facts.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You might think you've found what you've been looking for. But appearances can be deceiving. Don't act on your discovery until you know more about it.

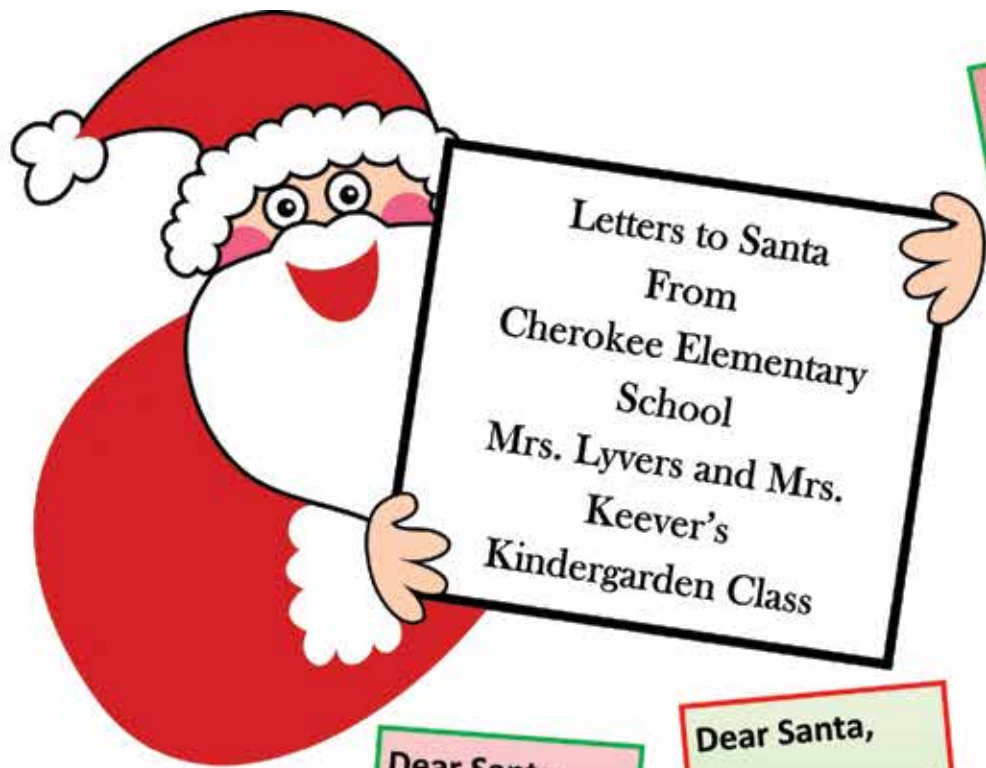
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You're no doubt anxious for that confusing situation to be cleared up. But don't press for a quick resolution or you might overlook some vital facts.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Now that your holiday distractions are easing, you need to apply yourself to getting those unfinished tasks done so you can begin a new project with a clean slate.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** People respect both your wisdom and your deep sense of loyalty and compassion.

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Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I  
want a racer.  
Tristen

Adrian to  
Santa,  
For Christmas I  
want a  
Spiderman set.

Letters to Santa  
From  
Cherokee Elementary  
School  
Mrs. Lyvers and Mrs.  
Keever's  
Kindergarden Class

Dear Santa, For  
Christmas I  
want a  
make-up set.  
Kalley

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I  
want a doll.  
Morgan

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I  
want a Barbie  
Camp set.  
Laila

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I  
want a new  
trampoline.  
Abella

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I  
want a new  
trampoline.  
Eleanor

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I  
want a dirt  
bike.  
Newton

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I  
want Optimus  
Prime and the  
Transformers  
Dayloh

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I  
want a  
Spiderman set.  
Kelsey

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I  
want a make  
up machine.

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I  
want a Barbie  
Dream House.  
Evelyn

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I  
want a  
Transformer  
car.  
Hayden

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I  
want a  
Spiderman set.

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I  
want a new  
dress.  
Zole

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I  
want a battle  
generator and  
enough power.  
David



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