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# Outlet mall? Electric Company?

## Retail development, power company ideas pitched to Planning Board

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

**T**he idea of retail development in the form of an outlet mall has been tossed around for multiple years in Cherokee. The latest ideas were pitched to the EBCI Planning Board during its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 14.

Matt Armstrong, Gordon Group Holdings executive vice president, gave a presentation on a retail development idea for Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort along with Jeff Hartmann, founder and chief executive officer of the Hartmann Group.

"As we look at upscale retail in Cherokee, I think you're going to find that these two guys right here can really meet the challenge to what we need," Dr. Mickey Duvall, EBCI Secretary of Commerce, told the members of Planning Board at the beginning of the presentation.

Armstrong noted, "We've done a lot of the type of development that you're looking to do here in Cherokee. I commend you all for what you've created here."

Gordon Group Holdings, with a corporate office in North Palm Beach, Fla. and a regional office in Greenwich, Conn., has worked with several federally recognized tribes in the past including the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation where it helped build The Outlets at Foxwoods and the Mohegan Tribe where they worked on The Shops at Mohegan Sun.

Tribal Council Chairman Bill Taylor said he has visited The Outlets at Foxwoods. "It's a real nice development. I like the way it's set up. It's built on tiers. You don't lose a whole lot of parking. You don't lose a whole lot of space."

He inquired about the possibility of attracting a Tanger Outlets development to Cherokee. "We're not only looking for something for our clientele at the casino but our locals as well."

Armstrong responded, "I would argue that you don't need a Tanger here. You don't need a Simon here. You can do something really special here, and you have a really strong brand affiliation already. I would even argue that adding another one could be confusing."

Chairman Taylor said having such a retail development close-by will help tribal members. "We have to drive 45 minutes to an hour, and we want to be able to take care of our people here on the reservation too."

Armstrong stated that if the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians decides to partner with his firm, that tribal member input will be necessary for the success of the project. "That's always our goal....they contribute a lot to the success of the project."

He said that input would be the main driver for the feasibility study phase of the project if approved. "That will get us to the types of tenants and the types of concepts that will work best in this market."

Following that would be actual architectural renderings, pro forma financial statements based on projects, and initial business agreements. "We would then put together a very detailed business plan that could get us to a partnership agreement. We're very transparent. We operate as a partner. We have skin in the game."

He stressed community input will be a focus and said progress meetings during the process would be held. "We like for you to be part of the process all the way through."

No action was taken by Planning Board on Wednesday regarding the presentation.

A second plan was pitched to the Board involving power – electrical power to be exact.

Louis Davis, a consultant with UTEC (Utility Technology Engineers-Consultants), brought forth the idea of the Tribe running its own electric utility business.

"You already provide some other utilities, and essentially you already are in the electric business," Davis told the Board. "You just hire a firm called Duke Energy to do it for you."

He added, "What I'm proposing is the concept of you going into the electric business yourself. That's a very complicated process. It's not something you do overnight."

Davis said his firm provides consultant services to several municipalities who have followed this route including Seneca and Georgetown in South Carolina and the nearby Town of Waynesville. He said the business plan is a "very profitable business" for municipalities and added that Waynesville, who his firm has been helping for the past year-and-a-half, was able to transfer \$1 million in profits into its general fund following the first year.

The business idea Davis proposed would involve the Tribe purchasing electric poles, transformers, and all equipment needed to run the operation from Duke Energy and then putting out RFPs (request for proposals) to find the cheapest power supply provider.

He said other positives behind the plan would involve lower downtime during outages. "You've got total responsibility for your outages. Your reliability of service goes way up, and you control your own destiny as far as setting rates. You're the owner of the utility and you set your own rates."

Vice Chief Richard G. Sneed, who invited Davis to Planning Board, made a motion which was passed for the Tribe to put out a RFP for the planning phase of the idea. "Let's put it out there, see if it makes sense, and then we go from there."

The RFP will not cost the Tribe a dime, and no commitments were made by Planning Board as to the idea.

Also during Planning Board, Annie Owens, an elder from the Yellowhill Community, was official nominated and voted in as the Elder Representative to the Board.



# Leatherwood sentenced to 27 months for Sequoyah Fund embezzlement



Photo courtesy of Sequoyah Fund

**SENTENCED:** Nell Leatherwood, former Sequoyah Fund executive director, has been sentenced to 27 months in prison for embezzlement from the organization.

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

The former executive director of the Sequoyah Fund has been sentenced to 27 months in prison after pleading guilty to embezzling nearly \$1 million from the organization. Nell Leatherwood, who pleaded straight up (guilty to all charges) to all 50 counts in a Bill of Indictment on charges ranging from embezzlement to theft, was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Asheville on Thursday, Dec. 15.

According to Department of

Justice officials, in addition to prison time, Leatherwood has been sentenced to three years supervised release; a \$5,000 assessment fee; and has been ordered to pay \$545,707.55 in restitution.

Following the sentence on Thursday, Jill Westmoreland Rose, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, said in a statement, "As the Executive Director of the Sequoyah Fund, Nell Leatherwood was tasked with supporting the economic development of businesses on the Qualla Boundary and providing much-needed financial services to its underserved populations. Instead, she repeatedly misused her access to the fund's accounts and diverted its limited resources for personal expenses, taking careful steps to cover up her theft. My office will continue to work with our law enforcement partners to investigate and prosecute public servants who use their positions of power for their own enrichment."

The Bill of Indictment filed in late 2015 states that between January 2010 and Nov. 20, 2013, "Leatherwood embezzled approximately \$900,000 through the use of the corporate SFI (Sequoyah Fund, Inc.) credit card for personal purchases and expenses."

She pleaded guilty to the following counts:

- Count One – Embezzlement from an Indian Tribal Organization
- Count Two – Theft Concerning Programs Receiving Federal Funds
- Count Three – Access Device Fraud

**"...she (Leatherwood) repeatedly misused her access to the fund's accounts and diverted its limited resources for personal expenses..."**

*- Jill Westmoreland Rose, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina*

- Counts Four through Fifty – Making, Uttering, and Possessing Forged Securities

Court records state that Leatherwood, who served as Sequoyah Fund executive director from 2006 until her resignation in November 2013, received a corporate credit card from First Citizens Bank. "Leatherwood misused the corporate SFI credit card to pay for personal expenses," state those records. "These credit card bills were later paid using SFI funds without the SFI board's knowledge of the nature of the expenditures."

The court records also state that she wrote 47 checks to herself totaling \$65,000. Of those, the records state that Leatherwood "forged the required signatures of the board members as payers, and then cashed or deposited them for her own personal use."

According to DOJ records, Leatherwood must report to the Federal Bureau of Prisons to start her sentence once a facility has been designated. Federal sentences are served without the possibility of parole.

The case against Leatherwood was prosecuted by U.S. Attorney Don Gast.

## CIPD Arrest Report Dec. 12-19

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

### Flippo, Anita Nicole – age 23

Arrested: Dec. 12 at 16:40  
Not released as of press time  
Charges: Hold for Drug Court

**Number of times in  
CIPD Detention: 9**



### Badillo, Destiny Larae – age 23

Arrested: Dec. 13 at 17:00  
Released: Dec. 13  
Charges: Failure to Appear

**Number of times in  
CIPD Detention: 2**



### Bigwitch, John Albert – age 38

Arrested: Dec. 13 at 13:25  
Not released as of press time  
Charges: Assault on a Female (DV)

**Number of times in  
CIPD Detention: 2**



### Martinez-Lopez, Candido – age 31

Arrested: Dec. 12 at 23:35  
Not released as of press time  
Charges: Assault by Pointing a Gun, Child Abuse in the Second Degree (two counts), Kidnapping, Violate Domestic Violence Protection Order



**Number of times in  
CIPD Detention: 1**

### Wolfe, Russell McKinley – age 39

Arrested: Dec. 13 at 10:40  
Released: Dec. 13  
Charges: Failure to Appear

**Number of times in  
CIPD Detention: 2**



### Long, Tristen Dwayne – age 27

Arrested: Dec. 14 (no booking time given)  
Released: Dec. 16  
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance; Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance; Possession Drug Paraphernalia

**Number of times in  
CIPD Detention: 5**



### Bigmeat, Robyn Michelle – age 45

Arrested: Dec. 15 at 12:47  
Not released as of press time  
Charges: Probation Violation

**Number of times in  
CIPD Detention: 3**



### Bradley, Marshall Alvin – age 45

Arrested: Dec. 15 at 14:00  
Released: Dec. 15  
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

**Number of times in  
CIPD Detention: 2**



### Davis, Jeffery Mar- cell – age 32

Arrested: Dec. 15 at 13:00  
Released: Dec. 15  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Mis-



demeanor  
**Number of times in  
CIPD Detention: 2**

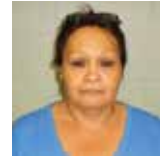
### Groenewold, Melis- sa Ann – age 34

Arrested: Dec. 15 at 16:12  
Released: Dec. 15  
Charges: Simple Worthless Check  
**Number of times in  
CIPD Detention: 1**



### Harrison, Terri Lahua – age 52

Arrested: Dec. 15 at 11:30  
Released: Dec. 15  
Charges: Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle  
**Number of times in  
CIPD Detention: 1**



### Junaluska, Natasha Dean – age 25

Arrested: Dec. 15 at 15:14  
Not released as of press time  
Charges: Simple Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance; Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver Schedule I Controlled Substance; Importing Controlled Substance; Possession Drug Paraphernalia  
**Number of times in  
CIPD Detention: 4**



### Komenda, Melissa Blanch – age 26

Arrested: Dec. 15 at 17:06  
Released: Dec. 16  
Charges: Second Degree Trespass, Harassment  
**Number of times in  
CIPD Detention: 1**



### Lambert, Samuel Steven – age 58

Arrested: Dec. 15 at 16:12  
Not released as of press time  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

**Number of times in  
CIPD Detention: 2**



### Ledford, Katelynn Hope – age 25

Arrested: Dec. 15 at 15:19  
Not released as of press time  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

**Number of times in  
CIPD Detention: 5**



### Lineberry, Jeffery Wayne – age 30

Arrested: Dec. 15 at 16:58  
Not released as of press time  
Charges: Probation Violation  
**Number of times in  
CIPD Detention: 5**



### Long, Clydie Ann – age 30

Arrested: Dec. 15 at 19:13  
Not released as of press time  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor (two counts), Criminal Conspiracy  
**Number of times in  
CIPD Detention: 4**



### Parton, Reagan Elizabeth – age 23

Arrested: Dec. 15 at 09:45  
Not released as of press time  
Charges: Probation Violation  
**Number of times in  
CIPD Detention: 8**



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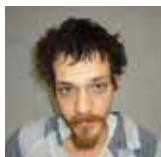
**Price, Dustin Lee – age 27**

Arrested: Dec. 15 at 16:53

Not released as of press time

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

**Number of times in CIPD Detention: 3**



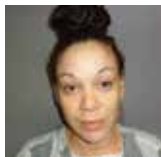
**Ross, Cassandra Dawn – age 30**

Arrested: Dec. 15 at 15:15

Not released as of press time

Charges: Probation Violation

**Number of times in CIPD Detention: 2**



**Shipp, Jacob Jeremiah – age 34**

Arrested: Dec. 15 at 00:10

Not released as of press time

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

**Number of times in CIPD Detention: 2**



**Smith, Mary Dalena – age 31**

Arrested: Dec. 15 at 15:49

Released: Dec. 17



Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

**Number of times in CIPD Detention: 4**

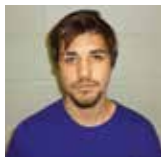
**Taylor, Derrick Kyle – age 23**

Arrested: Dec. 15 at 15:39

Released: Dec. 15

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

**Number of times in CIPD Detention: 2**



**Bird, Stevan Daniel – age 36**

Arrested: Dec. 16 at 09:58

Released: Dec. 17

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

**Number of times in CIPD Detention: 3**



**Jackson, Alexandra Jade – age 24**

Arrested: Dec. 16 at 19:59

Released: Dec. 17

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

**Number of times in CIPD Detention: 2**



**Feather, Jonathan Dane – age**

**52 (no mugshot available)**

Arrested: Dec. 17 at 03:49

Released: Dec. 17

Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive, Disorderly Conduct

**Number of times in CIPD Detention: 2**

**Armachain, Albir-da Ann – age 43**

Arrested: Dec. 18 at 03:35

Not released as of press time

Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree (two counts), Assault with a Deadly Weapon (two counts)



**Number of times in CIPD Detention: 2**

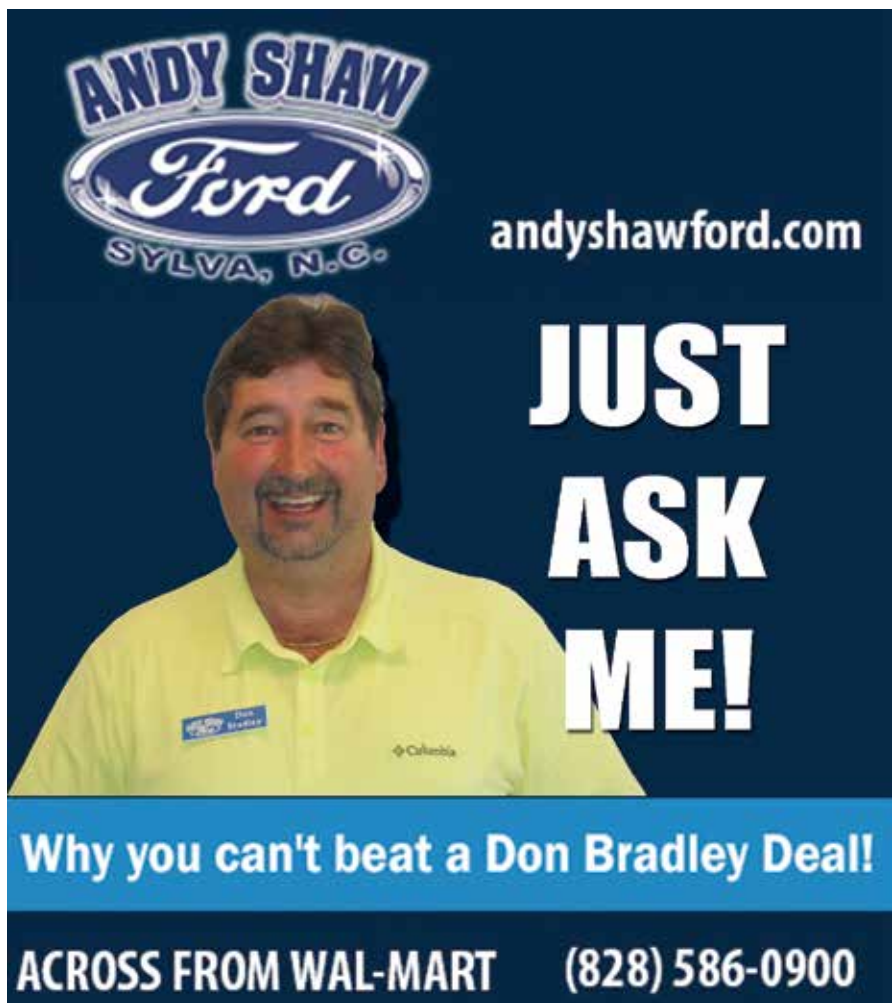
**Ellwood, William Stanley – age 29**

Arrested: Dec. 19 at 06:45

Not released as of press time

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Simple Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance (three counts)

**Number of times in CIPD Detention: 3**



# December Economic Impact

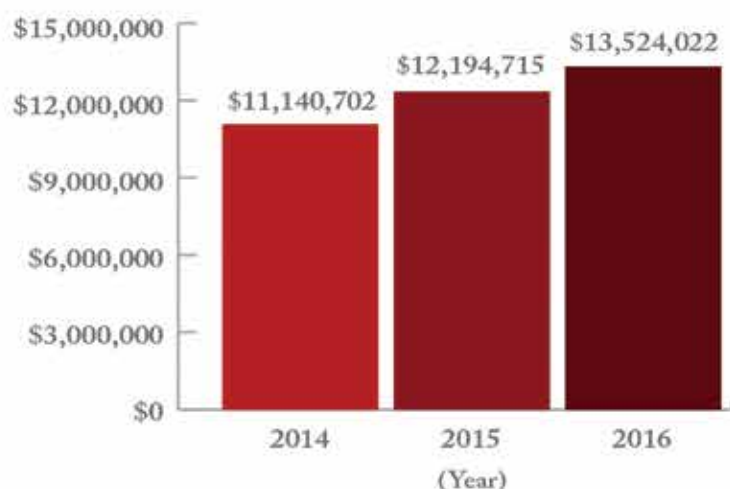


*How will Cherokee affect you?*

## Overview

For comparison's sake, this report covers year-to-date data for each of the years noted.

### Total Tribal Levy (October–September)\*



\* Source: EBCI Division of Commerce.

### Total Levy and Privilege Tax Collections (October–September)\*

Since the EBCI Destination Marketing Organization's role is to promote overnight visitation and increase commerce amongst non-gaming entities, we have segmented them out:



\* Source: EBCI Division of Commerce.

### Total Privilege Tax (October–September)\*

In the case of Privilege Tax, gaming vs. non-gaming collections are only available beginning in 2016. Therefore, data for Total Privilege Tax contains both gaming and non-gaming taxes collected.



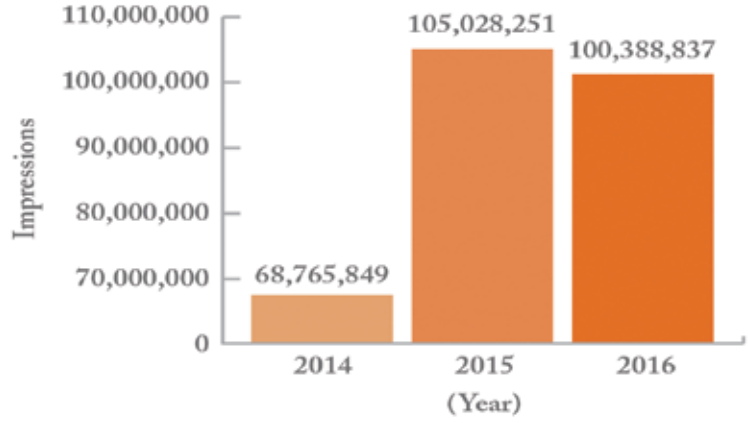
\* Source: EBCI Division of Commerce.



# Paid Media Activity (April–September)\*\*

“Paid media activity” is advertising placed on Cherokee’s behalf with the goal of driving overnight visitation to non-gaming accommodations. Increased overnight visitation will benefit non-gaming hoteliers and the entire Cherokee economy—with special emphasis on the Cultural Attractions. “Impressions” are the total number of media exposures against Cherokee’s prime consumer target audience across the markets we support.

\*\*Source: Paid media from Cherokee media plan developed by Element Advertising.



# Website Analytics for VisitCherokeeNC.com (October–September)\*

Year	Sessions	% Change	Users	% Change	Pageviews
2014:	459,062	—	368,157	—	1,503,847
2015:	859,600	+87.3%	674,943	+83.3%	2,710,899
2016:	1,065,009	+23.9%	850,624	+26%	3,083,349

“Website analytics” is data derived from activity on VisitCherokeeNC.com. “Sessions” are periods of time that a user is active within the site. “Users” are visitors to the site. “Pageviews” are the total number of website pages that are viewed by users.

\*Source: Google Analytics, 11/13/16



# Social Media (October 2015–October 2016)\*



Facebook

348,363 Likes



Blog

87,180 pageviews



Twitter

8,760 followers and  
500,400 impressions

\*Source: JB Media, 11/13/16

# PR Snapshot\*

The following events received media coverage as a result of PR efforts for the period of October to November 2016.

- USA Today | Fall foliage: 10 spots for great leaf peeping
- Asheville Citizen-Times + WCNC-NBC | Best fall leaf viewing spots in the Smokies
- Dallas News | 5 ways to experience the blazing fall colors of the Smokies
- Indiana Gazette | Enjoying autumn on the Blue Ridge Parkway
- Our State, November issue – Wisdom of the Water
- Aiken Standard | ARTS AND HUMANITIES: Exploring Cherokee Country offers surprises
- Romantic Asheville | Newfound Gap Road, Great Smoky Mountains

\*Source: Suzanne Metcalf Public Relations, 11/13/16



## FOOTBALL

# Four Braves named All-Conference

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

**F**our members of the Cherokee Braves 2016 varsity football team have been named to the Smoky Mountain All-Conference team. Byron Locust, junior lineman; Tye Mintz, junior quarterback; Zak Perez, junior lineman; and Holden Straughan, junior wide receiver. This year's Braves finished their 2016 season at 9-5 and made it to the 1A West Regional semi-finals in the state playoffs.

Mintz anchored a strong Braves offense and completed 134 of 240 passes for 1,870 yards, 14 touchdowns, and 11 interceptions. He also rushed the ball 149 times for 1,028 yards and 16 touchdowns. Straughan was one of Mintz's



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

**SURE HANDS, FEET:** Holden Straughan (#20), Braves junior wide receiver, catches his feet after breaking a tackle following a catch against Choctaw Central on Sept. 2.



**ROCK:** Zak Perez (#54), Braves junior lineman, lines up strong against a Hayesville opponent on Nov. 4.



**DOUBLE-THREAT:** Tye Mintz (#1), Braves junior quarterback, runs for a big gain at Trinity Academy (Tenn.) on Aug. 19.



favorite targets on the season and caught 44 passes for 518 yards and 6 touchdowns.

Locust was second on the team with 81 total tackles (both assisted and unassisted), two fumble recoveries and two sacks. Perez added 61 tackles of his own in the stiff defensive front.

Three other Cherokee players were named Honorable Mention All-Conference including: Isaiah Armachain, Cade Mintz, and Isaiah Evans.

Cade Mintz caught 139 passes for 769 yards and 6 touchdowns. Evans was the team's leading rusher this season carrying the ball 203 times for 1,155 yards and 21 touchdowns. Much of this season's rushing totals are due to the strong offensive line that included Armachain at tackle.

The Murphy Bulldogs, who won this year's 1A State Championship with a 15-14 victory over Plymouth, had the most All-Conference players including: Joey Curry, Travis Seabolt, Isaac Stafford, Joe Deetz, Colton Posey, Kadrian McRae, Adam Powell, Luke Newton, and Slade McTaggart.

Other SMC All-Conference players included:

- Hayesville: Colton Thomas
- Robbinsville: Logan Odom, Colby Hemphill, Josiah Phillips, Elijah Wachacha, Chandler Jumper
- Rosman: Tanner Whitman
- Swain Co.: Seth Parker, William Paul, Craig Cutshaw, Holden Petty, Corbin Wildcat, Ice Littlejohn, Brier Younce, Dylan Smith

Murphy's longtime coach, David Gentry, who won his seventh state title this season, was named



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

**OH YEAH:** Byron Locust (#70), Braves junior lineman, celebrates a crucial sack that helped Cherokee defeat Choctaw Central on Sept. 2 to win the Battle of the Nations game.

Coach of the Year. Murphy's Joey Curry and Adam Powell were

named Back of the Year and Line-man of the Year respectively.

## Open Letter to Elected Officials,



If you are a member of Tribal Council, Executive Office or School Board, the Cherokee One Feather invites you to submit a monthly report of your activities and your position on any relevant issues currently facing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. We will publish your report of any reasonable length at no cost to you. We only ask that you adhere to a few simple political advertisement/commentary policies that prevent personal attacks and attempt to maintain a level of common decency. If you contact our offices, we will be glad to share the policy in detail. We are happy to offer this as a service to the Cherokee community and to further inform them on your activities on their behalf.

Regards,  
**Robert Jumper**  
Cherokee One Feather Editor



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**INSIDE GAME:** Shelby Wolfe (#14), Lady Braves junior strong forward, goes up strong during the first half of a game against North Henderson at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Saturday, Dec. 17. With 17 points, Wolfe helped lead Cherokee to a 69-44 win.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather  
**JUMP SHOT:** Cherokee's Holden Straughan (#20), junior forward, shoots over North Henderson's Tyrek Young (#33) during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Saturday, Dec. 17. The Knights defeated the Braves by a score of 100-79. No stats were provided for this game.

 <b>Basketball Box Score</b>					
Saturday, Dec. 17	1	2	3	4	FINAL
<b>Lady Braves</b>	15	15	22	17	<b>69</b>
<b>N. Henderson</b>	10	11	15	8	<b>44</b>

**Scoring:** Cherokee – Raylen Bark 10, Tigger King 6, Jamie Lossiah 3, Pooh King 13, Shelby Wolfe 17, Me-Li Jackson 1, Tori Teesateskie 11, Timiyah Brown 8; North Henderson – Rileigh Shiver 2, Anna Baldwin 5, Shelly Banz 2, Teegan Bullock 15, K. Honeycutt 2, Carolina Marsh 18  
*No other stats were available for this game.*

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## SCOREBOARD

### BASKETBALL

#### Girls

**Tuesday, Dec. 13**

Cherokee 69 Andrews 23

Hayesville 62 Nantahala 19

**Wednesday, Dec. 14**

Smoky Mtn. 62 Swain Co. 61

Friday, Dec. 16

Swain Co. 55 Highlands 26

**Saturday, Dec. 17**

Cherokee 69 North Henderson 44

#### Boys

**Tuesday, Dec. 13**

Cherokee 63 Andrews 61

Hayesville 73 Nantahala 31

Rosman 76 Highlands 61

**Wednesday, Dec. 14**

Swain Co. 85 Smoky Mtn. 67

**Friday, Dec. 16**

Rosman 77 Andrews 58

Swain Co. 75 Highlands 38

**Saturday, Dec. 17**

North Henderson 100 Cherokee 79

### TRACK and FIELD Cherokee participates in Reindeer Games

Members of the Cherokee H.S. track teams participated in the 10th Annual Reindeer Games held at Polk Co. High School Track in Columbus on Wednesday, Dec. 14. Following are the Cherokee H.S. athletes that placed at the meet:

#### Girls

**300M Dash:** Dorian Reed, 31st, 55.57; Taylin Bowman, 35th, 56.77

**1600M Run:** Dorian Reed, 17th, 6:43.30

**55M Hurdles:** Taylin Bowman, 15th, 11.69

**Shot Put:** Breece Saunooke, 8th, 25-9.5; Tierra Toineeta, 9th, 25-8.75; Naomi Swimmer, 11th, 23-10.25

#### Boys

**300M Dash:** Jordan Grant, 33rd, 43.83

**55M Hurdles:** Jordan Grant, 13th, 10.99

**4x100M Throwers Relay:** Cherokee Team, 6th, 1:09.93

**Shot Put:** Byron Locust, 5th, 39-9; Julian Rubio, 30th, 30-0; Josh Driver, 33rd, 28-8.5; Logan Lequire, 45th, 26-0; Joaquin Layno, 49th, 20-5.5

- Results per [nc.milesplit.com](http://nc.milesplit.com)

### WRESTLING

*Editor's Note: We have not received wrestling results all season. We will print them as soon as we do.*

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**BRVES**

WESTERN N.C. STAT LEADERS

**Tye Mintz:** 3rd in Scoring (24.1 pts/gm) and 2nd in Rebounds (12.3/gm)

**Sterling Santa Maria**  
1st in Steals (4.7/gm)

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**LADY BRVES**

WESTERN N.C. STAT LEADERS

**Hallah Panther**  
Tied for 4th in Steals (4.0/gm)

**Tori Teesateskie**  
5th in Scoring (18pts/gm)

**Pooh King:** 2nd in Assists (5.0/gm) and tied for 4th in Steals (4.0/gm)

# Helping kids

## Young tribal member launches Team Boogie Monster

**SHEYAHSHE LITLEDAVE**  
ONE FEATHER  
CONTRIBUTOR

**R**ussell Reed, a 7-year-old EBCI tribal member, walked into Cherokee Indian Hospital on Thursday,

Dec. 8 with one goal: to deliver 24 Pediatric activity bags for any child that had or will be admitted into inpatient. With each item carefully chosen and packed by Russell himself he picked this as his service project for "Team Boogie Monster", the team a representation of his nickname, because he knows firsthand how bored a kid can get when faced with a lengthy hospital stay. Since he was 5-years-old, Russell has been battling Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA), a very real

and often over-looked form of arthritis.

When most people think of the word arthritis, almost too often no one associates it with children. However, according to arthritis.org, "Juvenile arthritis affects nearly 300,000 children in the United States." Although Juvenile Arthritis has many of the same symptoms of arthritis, there are variables that make it distinct in itself but still non curable such as eye inflammation, skin rash and high fever along with stiff

joints in the morning that may cause limping.

"When I asked Russell what he wanted to do," said LouAnn Shaw, Russell's mother, "he said he wanted to make activity bags because 'it sucks being in the hospital with nothing to do'."

Russell has been through his fair share of hospital stays including frequent checkups to keep an eye on his high blood pressure and low kidney function.

"We went to an advocacy conference in Philadelphia back in August and that's where we got to meet other parents who are experiencing the same things we are," Shaw stated, "it was there that we learned that there were two other kids in western North Carolina that had Juvenile Arthritis like Russell."

Team Boogie Monster has been present at various fundraisers for arthritis and other rheumatic diseases with the most recent participation on Dec. 4 in the Jingle Bell Run in Asheville and in the Cherokee Christmas Parade on Dec. 10.

If you would like to support Russell Reed and his "Team Boogie Monster", you can visit their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/teamboogie-monster](http://www.facebook.com/teamboogie-monster) for more information.



Photo by Sheyahshe Littledave

**HELPING:** Russell Reed (2nd from right) donated 24 Pediatric activity bags on Thursday, Dec. 8 to the Cherokee Indian Hospital to be used for children admitted there. Shown (left-right) are - Matt Berry, Sonya Wachacha, Bambi Sneed, Dawn Nations, Ginger Arkansas, Tammy Phillips, (back) Jennifer Corriner, LouAnne Shaw – Russell's mother, Russell Reed, and John Reed – Russell's father.



## OBITUARIES

### Donald “Kool-Aide” Queen

Donald “Kool-Aide” Queen, 53, of Cherokee, passed away Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016. He was born Oct. 10, 1963 in Sylva to the late Daniel Queen and Sherrill K. Queen.

He is survived by four brothers, Hugh Queen, Dodie Crowe, Horace Arch, and Marcell Arch; five sisters, Danette Queen Walkingstick (husband Will), Gaynell Bradley, Candy Martin, Pam Crowe, and Tina Saunooke; one aunt, Lydia Queen; nephews, Laranzo “Boo” Wilnoty (wife Fashia), Arron Fritts (wife Amber), and Jr. Queen all of the home; nieces, Shannon Queen and Onita Crowe (husband Sam); great nephews, Dayton Wilnoty, Laranzo Wilnoty Jr., and Luke Crowe; great nieces, Nya Queen and Bailey Crowe.

In addition to his parents, Don-

ald was preceded in death by one nephew.

Services were held on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at the Wolfstown Gym. Rev. John Ferree officiated. Burial followed at the Queen Cemetery. Long House Funeral Home assisted the Queen family.

### Mike “Leroy” Thompson

Mike “Leroy” Thompson, 80, of the Big Y Community in Cherokee, entered into his Heavenly Home on Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital after a brief illness. His loving family was by his side. Leroy was the son of the late Jackson and Alice Wolfe Thompson.

Leroy worked many years at the Barclay factory until it closed. He was then employed by Harrah’s Cherokee Casino. He only stayed there for a few years. The last place he worked was at Tribal Bingo.

He worked there for a little while, then he retired. He loved to work in his garden and raise potatoes, greens (mustard and turnips) and corn. He loved spending time with his granddaughters (they were the only ones who could boss him around). For a few years now, he also spent his time caring for his wife.

He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Dorothy (Lossiah) Thompson; a daughter, Sarah Toineeta; a son, Albert Martin Jr. (wife Candy); four grandchildren, Earl Martin, Kara Martin McK-inney, Praire “Iwodi” Toineeta, and Teela “T-Dawg” Ross; one great-grandson, Grayson McK-inney; one sister, Nan Brown of Robbinsville; several nieces and nephews who loved and will miss him greatly. He also helped raise Jason Shell of Waynesville; a special friend and cousin, Chantele Lossiah, also survives.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by one grandson, Cylas Mychal; three sisters, Geneva Walkingstick, Nellie Driver, and Luzene Thompson; and a brother, James.

The body will be placed at Straight Fork Baptist Church on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 5 pm to await the service hour.

Funeral services will be held at Straight Fork Baptist Church in the Big Cove Community on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 2 pm. Pastor Charles Ray Ball will officiate. Burial will be in the Lossiah Family Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Will Tushka, Charlie Blackfox, Matthew Tooni, Kevin Blackfox, Chris Walkingstick, Michael Thompson, and Tom Lossiah.

Long House Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Bruce “Cricket” Martin Jr. is Leroy’s great nephew.



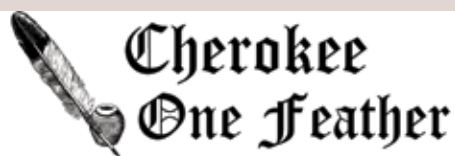
Cherokee Middle School photo

**READING AWARD:** Three Cherokee Middle School students were recognized on Thursday, Dec. 15 in Mr. Yanette’s Reading Enrichment class for their outstanding achievement on their Reading MAP test. Olivia Bernhisel (left), Brandon Martin, and Jackson Figueroa (not pictured) were recognized with medals after having spent the semester reading and discussing short novels in the class. Bernhisel won a bronze medal for going up 12 points, the equivalent of one grade level in growth. Martin won a silver for going up 22 points, the equivalent of two grade levels; and Jackson won a gold medal for going up 43 points, the equivalent of three grade levels.



Photo contributed

**MISSING DOG:** Tacoma has been missing since Saturday, Dec. 10 on Grassy Branch Road in the Piney Grove area. \$50 reward for his safe return...his kids are heartbroken. Info: (828) 577-0058



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# Your vote counts...but where?

**ROBERT JUMPER**  
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

“In order to provide equal representation to all members of the Eastern Band, the members of the Tribal Council shall, in their deliberations, cast votes on a weighted basis, with the weight of each vote determined by each Council member.

“A tribal census, for the purposes of determining the weight of the votes to be cast by each Tribal Council member, shall be conducted prior to the 1981 tribal election and prior to the election each ten years thereafter to determine the number of enrolled tribal members residing in each township.

“After the regular 1981 tribal election and each ten years thereafter, the Tribal Council, at its first regular meeting, shall determine the total number of votes to be cast in the Tribal Council and shall allot a voting authority to each Council member. The voting weight allotted to each Council member shall be determined by computing the mathematical ratio, fraction or proportion that exists between the number of enrolled tribal members residing in each township and the total number of enrolled tribal members. All Council members, including the Chairman, shall be entitled to vote on all issues.”

Section 19 of the charter

and governing document of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

We are a 15,424 tribal member nation strong. According to our treaties with the federal government, we are a sovereign nation with rights and privileges accordingly. We have our own rule of law that specifies our conduct as we, as a nation, have agreed upon. We vote our laws in through tribal referendum, or by vote of our elected body, the Tribal Council.

The Tribal Council are our lawmakers. They may be equated to the legislative branch of federal government. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, along with other tribes, adopted, or adapted, the U.S. model of democracy to use as our foundation for tribal government. A current dangling issue is that topic of a tribal court system. The Charter doesn't mention a court system and some have argued that there is no equal “third branch of government” in the court. Others argue that the court was brought into existence as a third branch of government by vote of Tribal Council and added via the Cherokee Code. A discussion for another day.

The weighted vote was designed to ensure that each community's representation on Tribal Council has the power of the population of each community. It is designed to make sure that communities with higher populations have a bigger voice

than those of smaller populations. For example, the theory is that if Community A has 500 people in it and Community B has 1,000 people in it, then Community B should have twice the voting power of Community A.

The last report that I am aware of with regard to a census being held is in 1991. Based on the Charter mandate, a census should have been held prior to the election in 2001. I am uncertain if in January of that year if Tribal Council called for a census, voted a determination of weight, or left the situation unaddressed. But, the fact is that a census has not been held since 1991 and we have not been compliant with existing law since 2001.

By a reading of the Charter, it would look like we have not been compliant in eight election cycles (every two years, 2001 to 2015) and we are coming up on a ninth (2017). In 2015, the Chairman of Tribal Council and the Principal Chief called for and the Tribal Council voted unanimously to conduct a census. The Vice Chief is now working on organizing the Tribe's first internal census since prior to 1991.

Being behind with our census brings up a number of questions. Should the Election Board execute elections while the community population counts are in question? Without valid weights for council seats,



are votes taken on legislation valid? What are the ethical, political and societal consequences of operating government without adhering to the Charter?

We, who vote in tribal elections, are responsible to report when we move from one community to another so that when election voting occurs, we know where to vote and the Election Board knows where our vote counts with regard to community. So, the impact of a lack of census should not factor into the election of seats a community has. Since governing law states that each community will have two seats, that count is not impacted by census.

The voting weight of each seat could be significantly impacted by the census. While your voter information may be updated when you move in or out of a community, the corresponding percentage of weight given to the vote of a council seat is adjusted based on the census.

The current weight structure of the Tribal Council is as follows: each Woltown representative is 12 percent; each Birdtown representative is 12 percent; each Yellowhill representative is 7 percent; each Big Cove representative is 7 percent; each Snowbird/Cherokee County representative is 6 percent; and each Painttown representative is 6 percent.

I know that the Vice Chief is working diligently to create a process that hasn't been followed in 25 years. I know that the Tribal Council and Principal Chief are also working to ensure that the communities have proper and legitimate representation.

When Principal Chief Lambert brought the resolution to Tribal Council on Oct. 5, 2015, to imme-

diately conduct a census, his words were sobering. "This legislation is long overdue. I have been sitting and waiting for a lawsuit to be filed against this Tribe for many years... not only our tribal law requires it, but we are still under federal court order. Today that order is still valid."

And, as we close 2016, it has been my honor and privilege to serve as the editor of the Cherokee One Feather this year. We have seen some amazing things happen this year, and it has been fun and fulfilling to bring those to your attention; whether those were things to celebrate or opportunities for improvements to our way of life. I would like to thank Scott McKie Brings Plenty for his dedication and applying his superior writing and design skills to the publication. Our community has enjoyed world class writing because of his expertise. I appreciate Sally Davis, who diligently delivered most of the print editions of the One Feather. Whether you got your copy at a convenience store or at the mailbox, Sally probably touched it at least once. Many thanks to Amble Smoker, who, in early October, struck out on his own for the bright lights and big future of entrepreneurship. He was our advertising sales coordinator and did some writing for the paper in his spare time. Thank you to those who support us with their administrative skills, like Becky Young and Katie Cooper. Many thanks to the COF Editorial Board, which includes the staff, Sharri Pheasant and Mickey Duvall (and many times, by proxy, Mr. Doug Cole). We serve at the pleasure of the EBCI Executive Office and Tribal Council, and we are very grateful for their support and the support of our advertisers. But the biggest

notes of appreciation go to you, our readership. You have faithfully read our stories, praised our pictures and even, at times, called us a name or two when you disagreed with us. At the end of the day,

you, the community of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, are what the One Feather is all about. I wish you a very merry Christmas and look forward to talking with you in the New Year!

### EBCI Enrollment Office closing dates

The EBCI Enrollment Office will be closing at 12pm on Thursday, Dec. 22 and will remain closed for the Christmas and New Year Holiday from Friday, Dec. 23, 2016 – Monday, Jan. 2, 2017 reopening Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017 at 7:45am.

The Dec. 31 deadline for Minor Reserve Fund applications will be extended until Friday, Jan. 6, 2017 at 4:30pm. Applications received after this date will not be processed until the next period ending March 31, 2017.

Tribal Council passed Ordinance 317 (2016) pertaining to First Generation Descendants. Effective Jan. 1, 2017, all persons seeking First Descendant recognition on or after Jan. 1, 2017 must meet the following criteria to receive a First Generation Descendant Letter:

- Submit a Certified Birth Certificate
- Submit DNA test results between descendant and enrolled member (following the same guidelines as for enrollment).
- Complete application for Letter of Descent – Applications are available at the Enrollment Office.

Info: Enrollment Office 359-6469

- EBCI Enrollment Office

## CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Layla, a 7-year-old Boston Terrier, lives in the Painttown Community with Tiffany Waldroup.



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.

## Facebook Question Responses

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

***The issue of non-Indian or non-EBCI enrolled spouse's inheritance rights has been discussed several times in 2016 in Tribal Council meetings. Do you think non-Indian/non-enrolled spouses of EBCI tribal members should be allowed to inherit land and homes on that land from their enrolled spouses?***

**Daphne Hoyle:** They absolutely should be allowed to inherit land and home if their enrolled spouse passes first, especially if the children are also enrolled. Once the non-enrolled spouse passes, the land and home go back to the Tribe if the children are not enrolled.

**Mary Long:** I think that it should stay the way that it is. It was written that way for a reason to keep our land in trust; not to be sold out from under us...the non-enrolled person has a life estate. No one is having to move while grieving their loss.

**Utsesdi Galanvdy:** Yes, they should be allowed. It's their homes, and they should have a right to leave it to their spouse with life estate. No one wants to die worrying if their spouse will have a roof over their head when they're gone.

**Couney McNabb:** Life estate, not inheritance... You have to understand the possessory holding system allows tribal members unique rights (use of and occupy. And, those inheritance laws are

for tribes where enrolled members have a deed in their name. The possessory holding allows tribal members to possess, occupy, and use the land, but technically it's still EBCI land. It's more like the Tribe has an agreement with the possessor holder that it their land to hold and use but really the whole qualla boundary is deeded to EBCI held in trust by U.S. government. So, really the Tribe can do what they want with their possessor holding agreements...

**Cara Smith:** If their children are enrolled members, the spouses should be able to hold the property in trust until their children turn 18. Otherwise, I don't think spouses should get it.

**Mikell D. Byer:** Better yet, let's look at it from a different perspective. If you were the surviving spouse (male or female), would you desire to be searching for a different residence, packing, moving, and settling in a new location, all the while you are grieving the loss of your spouse? I think not. These type of decisions should be made with compassion and by allowing yourself to stand in the shoes of the members and spouses.

**LeeAnn Coons:** Okay, we all know too many don't want or like natives marrying and having kids with non natives. They don't want their resources used or had by those who ain't enrolled. I get it. It makes sense to try and maintain as many true natives as possible and not the watered down version. But, intermarrying has happened since white folks landed. The family is accepted to a point. Always been that way. Land, whether purchased or inherited, at some point is returned to

the Tribe. It's ironic we worry about land that is never truly ours. With everything that has occurred at Standing Rock, (we) should know by now this parcel dirt is borrowed, not in trust to nobody. Government has broken treaties with the tribes since inception. If you're not an enrolled member, you don't have the right to live on the Rez or have it's resources. I know how I'm looked upon, and I won't inherit any of my grandmother's land that was purchased before it was a Rez. It will return back to the Rez. Would I like to live on her land? Yes. I, however, am not native enough. I accept that and it's okay because it is for the best of the greater good, the Tribe. Just know, you can't sell or inherit land that isn't yours to begin with. If it's more beneficial to turn your back on family so be it. But look at the rez, tell me... Did intermarrying diminish anything in the Tribe or did the Tribe diminish itself by wanting to be progressive?

**Terri Stephens:** Yes, they should. If both people work together their whole lives to build a home and both pay the bills and the mortgage, the other person should inherited the property regardless. What happens if a person dies early and there is a outstanding mortgage on the property? Do you kick a non-EBCI member out? Who assumes the mortgage? If I were a bank and that rule was in place I would no longer write a loan on any tribal owned land, even if it was a tribal loan. You are painting yourself into a corner. I think a life estate would be the best practice.

**Keri Brady:** I think a spouse should be able to inherit what their spouse has left behind. After all, they were a team and helped make

it a home and pay for it.

**Samantha Smoker-Lunsford:** I believe the spouse should be able to inhabit the land until they pass. Then, it should go to their enrolled children or back to the Tribe.

**Ronda Johnson-Dove:** If the land was inherited to a tribal member, that tribal member married a non-inrolled and then had children, why can't the non-enrolled be allowed to stay in the home and keep maintaining it to pass on to their children? I just can't see the point of kicking a grieving widow/widower out of their home when they have worked to maintain the home and land to pass on to their children. Furthermore, what if there are minor children still in the home? Do they get kicked out as well? Just would not seem as if you are taking care of your own if a child is forced of their own home simply because of the death of a parent and the surviving parent isn't Native enough to stay in the home.

**Brenda Meadows:** This post hits home...when I came home last summer, my girls and I went and fished in the river close to my great uncle' home. It was strange to not see someone other than one of my family living there. I remember running around that house when I was a kid and family meals in that yard.... I wish one of his children could still live there, but time marches on I guess.

**Beverly Trantham:** If they do inherit, there should be stipulations on ownership so land is not sold to corporations, foreign business, etc...so (the) nation is not commercialized and destroyed.



## More Facebook Responses

**Debbie-Jim Sexton:** They cannot inherit, as they do not hold the legal ability to do so. Having said that, unless stipulated otherwise in a legal document, there should be a right to lifetime occupancy for the surviving spouse. Period. The lack of respect for wills that are left behind and then challenged and voided in court is embarrassing. It should be ensured that the surviving spouse can live out their days in the home that they shared with their enrolled spouse. When they are passed, or choose to move away, only then is it now fair game. There should be just the opposite of what we now have... people are being evicted out of homes that they have lived in for decades! Unless the enrolled spouse makes it plain that the surviving spouse is to be evicted, it simply is an act of respect for the widow/widower to allow them to live out their days where they are. I think it is simple greed that rules the day as things are now. What happened to respect

for elders? Why must we only have respect for certain elders and not others?

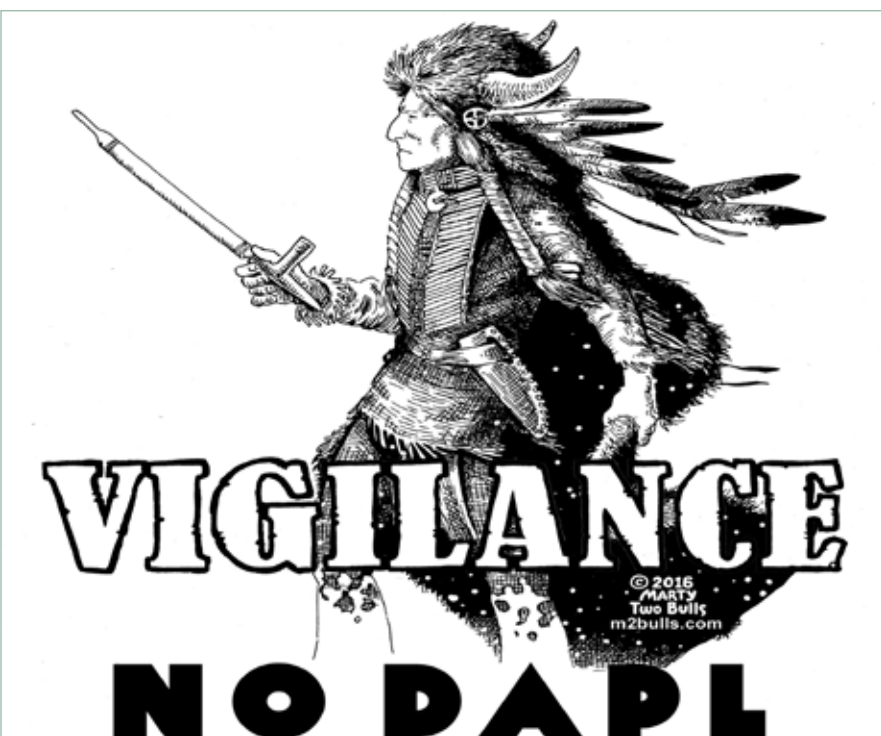
**Carla Jackson:** Yes, but only until death. But, I always thought if 'no children' then returns back to family which it came...father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, cousin etc.

**Rosalyn Mays:** Life estate, then enrolled children have the option of entitlement!

**Carol Bradley Long:** We have life estate for spouses and should stay in place. Our spouses should not be made to leave the marital home.

**Tina Teesatuskie:** Life estate is all they should get. When they die that's it. Might sound morbid but, oh well.

**Robert Waldroup:** Blood quantum is a concept introduced by white people to destroy Native culture.



## RWOLA ოფისი გვყვარდება დსგტობა YELLOWHILL COMMUNITY CHEROKEE LANGUAGE CLASS



Leticia George, Yellowhill Community Cherokee Language Class participant and Myrtle Johnson, Cherokee Language Instructor in TPR exercise "Hand Me Words"



Yellowhill Community had an excellent turn-out for language classes that started on November 22 and is set to conclude on December 21, 2016. Pictured above, Yellowhill Cherokee Language participants.

**სწავლა (sginvs) -Hand it to me.** Something "Flexible" like paper.

Kituwah Preservation and Education Program in conjunction with The Yellowhill Community Club has hosted Cherokee language lessons for the past 5 weeks. "It has been a nice class," said Myrtle Driver Johnson. "Nearly all that enrolled has been here every Tuesday and Thursday from 12 -1 pm." "We have a good time." The class has been learning some basic Cherokee Language like "Asgwadula hinvgala=Clean the room" and "didadasdela=Let's help each other" as well as complex items that Myrtle demonstrates with Leticia George.

On the table, Myrtle placed a piece of paper (Flexible), a pencil (Long), a piece of candy (Lump or solid), a glass of water (liquid) and asked the students to hand her each singularly, plurally and then gave the command to hand another person the item or items.

See if you can match the singular items at home. Which ones are: sgidisi, sginehvs, sginvs, sgvis and sgikasi.... All items to "Hand me" are listed in this article except one...do you know which one? ...and the answer?

Classes conclude this Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup>. KPEP will be sponsoring classes in another community after the Christmas break. Times and venue will be listed in "The One Feather" or go to Kituwah Preservation and Education Program on Facebook.



In May of this year, Big Cove Community language class participants completed their language class. Above left, Cindee West, language class participant is pictured with Myrtle Johnson receiving her certificate of completion. In the background on the dry erase board are words included in the lessons related to meal time. Hidalsdayvhga (Let's eat), Hidalsdaymuga (Let's go eat), Hitsalsdaymuga (Everyone come eat). This lesson was a theme based lesson with words and phrases used in the home environment. Pictured above right, Big Cove language class participants. Everyone enjoyed the class; KPEP looks forward to returning to the community in the future.



## Church Events

### Cherokee Baptist Church

**Christmas events. Community Christmas Eve Communion Service. Dec. 24** at 5:30pm. No special dress. Come as you are.

**Christmas Day Service. Dec. 25** at 11am. Danny Sweet will conduct the service.

**Christmas Day Service at Cherokee Wesleyan Church. Dec. 25** at 11am at the Church. After the service, there will be a brunch in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Info: Pastor Patricia Crockett 586-5453

## General Events

**Turkey Shoots. Dec. 24** at Jess Welch's residence in the Big Cove Community. All shoots start at 3pm. Good prizes, good food, and good fun.

**Christmas Meal. Dec. 25** from 12-8 at Yellowhill Community Building. Free to the community from the community. Organizers say, "If you want to celebrate the holiday in a clean, sober place and would enjoy a good dinner or just don't want to be alone..." Info: Jill 497-9163 ext. 7558

**Qualla Boundary Historical Society meeting. Dec. 27** at 5pm in the Ken Blankenship Education Wing at Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Kathi Littlejohn will be

discussing her oral history project. Info: Robin Swayney 497-6725 or Mary Wachacha 497-5350

**New Year's Eve event. Dec. 31** from 6pm – 1am at Smoky Mountain Sk8way and Fun Zone. \$20 includes skates. Free pizza, free party favors, ball drop, roller skating, etc. Info: (828) 246-9124, [info@smokymountainsk8way.com](mailto:info@smokymountainsk8way.com)

**Swain County Public Meeting on American Indian Policy. Jan. 9** at 5:30pm at Swain Middle School Media Center. The meeting will center around the Swain County School Board's Police Code #4060 American Indian Policy and Procedures which can be viewed on the school's website at

[www.swain.k12.nc.us](http://www.swain.k12.nc.us). Info: Stephanie Treadway, CPA, Swain County Schools 488-3129 ext. 5127

**Getting down to Business workshop. Jan. 10** from 11am – 12pm in the Recovery Center at Analenisgi. This workshop in entrepreneurship will be offered by Analenisgi every second Tuesday from January to April. Info: Dan Conseen, Analenisgi employment specialist, 497-9163 ext. 7530

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

## Health/Sports

### Tribal Wellness Calendar for January

Jan. 3: Yoga All Levels with Robin 12-12:45pm; Yogi with Julie 5-6pm

Jan. 4: Maintain Don't Gain Challenge 12-12:45pm

Jan. 9: Gentle Yoga & Meditation with Rose 12-12:45pm

Jan. 10: Yoga All Levels with Robin 12-12:45pm; Yoga with Rose 5-6pm

Jan. 12: Last Class: Strength Training for Women 12:05-45pm

Jan. 17: Yoga All Levels with

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## WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

DECEMBER 19-25, 2016 

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
<b>Tuckaseegee River</b>	* Stocking completed. * Check flow releases for rising water levels.	Good mid-day Single Hook Artificial Lure Catch and Release Only	Rainbow, Brook, and Brown Trout	Midges and Blue Wing Olives	Black Caddis, Midge Dry Flies, Soft Hackles, Woolly Buggers, Emergers, Pheasant Tails, Copper Johns, Girdle Bugs, Small Streamers
<b>Chattooga &amp; Whitewater Rivers</b>	Not stocking, all wild brown trout and catch and release	Good mid-day	Rainbow and Brown Trout	Midges and Blue Wing Olives	Flashy nymphs, Tiny BWO, Midges and various colors
<b>Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River &amp; Small Streams</b>	Follow posted regulations-wild trout	Good mid-day	Rainbow, Brown, and Brook Trout	Midges and Blue Wing Olives	Streamers, Junk Flies, Tiny Blue Wing Olives, Midges, Grey Body Dries, Prince Nymph, Zug Bug, Hare's Ear, Woolly Bugger

COURTESY OF THOMAS GRIMES WITH FONTANA GUIDES

**BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE**

MONDAY, DEC. 19	TUESDAY, DEC. 20	WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21	THURSDAY, DEC. 22	FRIDAY, DEC. 23	SATURDAY, DEC. 24	SUNDAY, DEC. 25
AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE+	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
5:22 AM-7:22 AM 5:46 PM-7:46 PM	6:08 AM-8:08 AM 6:31 PM-8:31 PM	6:52 AM-8:52 AM 7:14 PM-9:14 PM	7:36 AM-9:36 AM 7:57 PM-9:57 PM	8:18 AM-10:18 AM 8:40 PM-10:40 PM	9:02 AM-11:02 AM 9:23 PM-11:23 PM	9:46 AM-11:46 AM 10:08 PM-12:08 AM

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Robin 12-12:45pm; Yogi with Julie 5-6pm  
 Jan. 18: Smoking Cessation Training 1-2:30pm  
 Jan. 19: New Class: Strength Training for Women 12:05-45pm  
 Jan. 23: Gentle Yoga & Meditation with Rose 12-12:45pm  
 Jan. 24: Yoga All Levels with Robin 12-12:45pm; Yogi with Julie 5-6pm  
 Jan. 25: Yoga Clinic 11am – 1pm  
 Jan. 26: Strength Training for Women 12:05-45pm  
 Jan. 30: Gentle Yoga & Meditation with Rose 12-12:45pm  
 Jan. 31: Yoga All Levels with Robin 12-12:45pm; Yoga with Julie 5-6pm; Cooking Demo at Food Lion 3:30-5:30pm  
 All classes are free and open to everyone. Classes are held at the Ginger Lynn Welch Community

Room. Info: Robin 359-6785 or robibail@nc-chokeee.com

**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. The first meeting is set for Jan. 3, 2017. Info: Nilofer Couture, MPH, RD, LDN, CDE, 497-9163 ext. 6459 or Nilofer.Couture@cherokeehospital.org

**Ongoing Events**  
**AA and NA meetings in Cherokee.** Nar-Anon (family support): Mondays at 6pm at Church of Christ. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): Tuesdays at 7pm at Cherokee Indian Hospital (CIH), Saturdays at

10am at CIH conference room  
 Narcotics Anonymous (NA): Mondays at 8pm at CIH, Thursdays at 8pm at CIH, Fridays at 7pm at CIH conference room

**Life Recovery 12-step Groups meeting information.** Tsalagi Life Recovery Group meets Mondays from 6-7:15pm at Macedonia Church Fellowship Hall at 1182 Wolfstown Road in Cherokee. Analenisgi Life Recovery Group meets Thursdays at 8:45-9:45am at Analenisgi Recovery Center. Info: Text or call Deb Conseen-Bradley 226-8498 or Bro. Dan Conseen 508-2629

**Analenisgi Recovery Center weekly class schedule**  
**Monday:** Community Culture 11:15am – 12:30pm; Stressed No

More 2-3pm; Nar-Anon 6-7pm (1st and 3rd Mondays); CoDA 6-7pm (2nd and 4th Mondays)  
**Tuesday:** Recovery Thru Art 8:45-9:45am; Healthy Relationships 11am – 12pm; Employment Workshop Series 11am – 12pm (2nd Tuesday); Family Support Skills 1-2pm; Surviving Emotions 2-3pm  
**Wednesday:** Managing “Monkey Mind” 10-11am; Recovery is Happening Now 11am – 12pm; My Self, My Boundaries 2-3:30pm; Family Support Skills 5-6pm; HIV/AIDS/Hep C Support Group 5:45-6:45pm (2nd and 4th Wednesdays)  
**Thursday:** Life Recovery Bible Class 9-10am; Connections with Brene’ Brown 10-11am; Managing “Monkey Mind” 11am – 12pm; Improve Self-Esteem 1-2:30pm  
**Friday:** Recovery Thur Art 9:30-11am and 11am – 12pm; Cherokee Language Class 1-2:30pm  
 Info: 497-9163 ext. 7550



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# BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

- The main Christmas story is paraphrased from what two New Testament books? *Mark/John, Acts/Romans, Matthew/Luke, Jude/Revelation*
- Approximately how old was Jesus when the wise men (Magi) arrived with their gifts? *1 day, 2 weeks, 2 months, 2 years*
- Where did the angel Gabriel appear to Mary saying, “Blessed art thou among women”? *Nazareth, Tyre, Ninevah, Gazi*
- In what city of Judaea was Jesus born? *Damascus, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Gezer*
- Who plotted to kill the baby Jesus? *Archelaus, Herod, Pontius Pilot, Caesar Augustus*
- How many times does the word “Christmas” appear in the Bible (KJV)? *Zero, 1, 2, 7*

Herod: 6) Zero  
 years: 3) Nazareth; 4) Bethlehem; 5) ANSWERS: 1) Matthew/Luke; 2) 2

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## FOR SALE

For Sale: Assortment of furniture; dressers, nightstands, desks/chairs, lamps. All reasonably priced. Holiday Inn Express across from the Casino. 497-3113. 12/22

For Sale: 1994 Chevy S-10, V6, 4X4, Automatic, Air windows & locks, customized, new tires asking \$5,500, pictures available. (828)341-5552 Tom Cunningham. 12/22

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For rent: Studio apartment. Completely furnished. Heat, electric, Direct TV, water, sewer furnished. Singles only. Call 226-1231, 736-4388, 586-6077. 12/22

## REALTY

### Painttown Community

The following is a list of tribal members that have documents to sign in the Tribal Realty Services Office. These are land transfers from both Tribal Members and the Eastern Band by Resolutions George Curtis Arneach, Sr., Frances Dee Owle Arneach, Jefferson Curtis Arneach, Sage Ariel Dunston, Herbert Wayne Bradley, Nesta Decator Bradley.

### Snowbird Community

The following is a list of tribal members that have documents to sign in the Tribal Realty Services Office. These are land transfers from both Tribal Members and the Eastern Band by Resolutions Kenneth W. James Garrett, Stephanie Breanne Key, Annie Belle Jumper Welch, Kristie Ann Welch Hernandez-Ramirez, Ricky Benny Jumper, Allen Dale Lane.

### Agreement to Divisions

Lois Elaine Taylor Dunston, Mary Edith Reed Smith, Dennis Ray James, Frankie Nelle James Patencio, George Milton James, Doris Earlene Lambert, Eric Thomas Lambert, James Dwayne Lambert, Carla Marie Sneed Ballew, Howard Vincent Sneed, Patricia Eldean Sneed Lambert, Mary Louise Sneed Welch, Rena Janet Johnson Wachacha, Jackie Lee Johnson, Melissa Ann Maney, Jacob Pete Johnson, Lois Elaine Taylor Dunston, Mary Edith Reed Smith, Dennis Ray James, Frankie Nelle James Patencio, George Milton James, Doris Earlene Lambert, Eric Thomas Lambert, James Dwayne Lambert, Carla Marie Sneed Ballew, Howard Vincent Sneed, Patricia Eldean Sneed Lambert, Mary Louise Sneed Welch, Rena Janet Johnson Wachacha, Jackie Lee Johnson, Melissa Ann Maney, Jacob Pete Johnson. If you've submitted a survey application that is over a year old and the survey is not complete, please visit the Tribal Realty Office to update your survey application.

### Proposed Land Transfers

Angelica Chenise Saine to Jon Nathaniel Crowe for Big Cove Community Parcel No. 13-A (Part of Parcel No. 13), containing 1.011 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Robert Allen Blankenship to William Lawson Smith for Upper Cherokee Community Parcel No. 53, containing 5.388 acres, more or less.

Olga Antoinette Grant Tahquette to Monique Leigh Feather Crisp for Upper Cherokee Community Parcel No. 412-B (Part of Parcel No. 412), containing 2.268 acres, more or less.

Gaynell Crowe Trejo to Charles Kenneth Crowe for Upper Cherokee

Community Parcel No. 334-B (Part of Parcel No. 334), containing 1.567 acres, more or less.

Elsie Cynthia Standingdeer to Robert Austin Wahnetah for Upper Cherokee Community Parcel No. 371, containing 32.279 acres, more or less. (Undivided Interest)

Anita Mae Swimmer Thompson to Ada Jay Thompson for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 722, containing 1.015 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Tyler Simeon Taylor to Charles Edward Taylor for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 720 (Part of Parcel No. 74), containing 1.000 acres, more or less.

Harry Taylor to Charles Edward Taylor for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 74-H (Part of Parcel No. 74-E), containing 6.605 acres, more or less.

Sarah Anne Powell to Qiana Cantrice Powell for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 851-D (Part of Parcel No. 851-C), containing 1.0 acres, more or less.

Jason Ray George to Philip Sampson Armachain for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 639-G (Part of Parcel No. 639-A), containing 2.696 acres, more or less.

Ronda Dell Reed to Debra Gail George Bush for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 80-B (Part of Parcel No. 80), containing 0.834 acres, more or less.

Rubin Wilburn Lambert to Norma Jean Oocumma Davidson for Painttown Community Parcel No. 7-A (Part of Parcel No. 7), containing 1.836 acres, more or less.

Rubin Wilburn Lambert to Norma Jean Oocumma Davidson for Painttown Community Parcel No. 7-C (Part of Parcel No. 7), containing 1.816 acres, more or less.

Lucinda Wachacha to Herman Wachacha for Snowbird Community Parcel No. 320-D (Part of Parcel No. 320-B), containing 1.003 acres, more or less.

Andrea Dyan Standingdeer to Vicki Standingdeer for Big Cove Community Parcel No. 43, containing 0.7 acres, more or less.



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# Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

- \*Bus and Truck Department Manager
- \* Driver's Education Teacher (Job Corps)
- \* Shop Service Technician
- \*Part-Time Resident Counselors (Children's Home)

Opening Date: Dec. 14  
Closing Date: Dec. 29

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.



# Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

OPENING DATE: November 30, 2016  
CLOSING DATE: December 29, 2016  
Job Requirements: Bachelor's Degree is required, Master's Degree preferred. Must have at least one year of experience working with youth groups. Youth empowerment experience is a plus. Please submit a letter of interest and resume with your application.

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

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\*Eligibility restrictions do apply for hiring bonus positions. Please see Talent Acquisition Department for details.

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



## Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

- Elementary Teacher (1st Grade) - NC Teaching license required.
- Middle School English/Language Arts Teacher - NC Teaching license required.
- High School Science Teacher - NC Teaching license required.
- Special Education Teacher (3rd Grade) - NC Teaching license required.
- Full Time Custodian - Requires HS Diploma or GED.
- Severe and Disabled (STARS) Teacher Assistant \*\*
- Transition Teacher Assistant\*\*
- Alternative School Teacher Assistant\*\*
- Elementary Teacher Assistant\*\*
- Cultural Teacher Assistant\*\* - Must have some previous knowledge of Cherokee Culture & History.

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

**APPLY ONLINE at:**

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



## BIDS, RFPs, etc.

### The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute is seeking a marketing firm to develop Brand DNA

for use by program staff in public presentations, marketing materials, social media and website design, and logo materials. The Brand DNA should have a look which reflects each program under the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute as well as the Cherokee Boys Club, Cherokee traditions, and other elements defined by the Brand DNA process.

For the full RFP please contact Tonya Carroll, Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute Department Manager at (828) 359-5545 or [tonycarr@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:tonycarr@nc-chokeee.com). **12/22pd**

### Request for Bids/Qualifications

Project Title: Cherokee Life Center Bathroom & Showers Remodel

This is a "Request for Bids/Qualifications" from General Contractors or teams with experience in design build construction.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Project Management Program, is soliciting proposals for the design and construction of a remodel project for the Cherokee Life Center located at 810 Acquoni Rd., Cherokee, NC. The project will include renovation of men's and women's bathrooms, showers and lockers.

The full project description and solicitation will be provided to any interested firm upon request. All questions, comments or requests for materials should be addressed to Chris Greene, Program Manager at 828-359-6703 or by email at [chrigree@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:chrigree@nc-chokeee.com). The deadline for submitting proposals is 2:30 p.m. on 01/04/2017.

Indian Preference (as defined by the Tribal Employment Rights Office, TERO) applies for this RFQ. **12/22pd**

## EMPLOYMENT

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

PTI Physician – Emergency Room  
PTI RN – Emergency Room  
Housekeeper

Master Level Therapist

Applications and job descriptions are available at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Human Resources Office, Monday – Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm. For more information please call (828) 497-9163 and ask for Teresa Carvalho, Sheila Brown, Sarella Jackson or Sherrene Swayney. These positions will close on December 23, 2016 @ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and the original CIHA job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **12/22pd**

**CNA NEEDED** - Cherokee Area / Part-Time 78 hrs a month  
Monday through Friday good starting pay. Call 828-524-6444. **12/22**

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

FULL TIME BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONSULTANT

Applications and job descriptions are available at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Human Resources Office, Monday – Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm. For more information please call 828 497-9163 and ask for Human Resources. These positions will close on December 27, 2016 @ 4:00pm. Indian preference

does apply and the original CIHA job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **12/22pd**

### Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort is seeking NC Licensed Cosmetologists

to meet our growing business demand! Also seeking energetic individuals for the following Full Time hourly positions: Senior Concierge (shift leadership position), Concierge, Male Host. All full time positions are eligible for a benefits package that includes medical, dental, vision, 401k, paid holidays, vacation, sick time, and more. Candidates must pass background check and drug test. Please contact the Spa at 828-497-8550 or email resume to [laurenw@mandaraspa.com](mailto:laurenw@mandaraspa.com) for consideration. **1/12/17pd**

## LEGAL NOTICES

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

### In the Matter of the Estate of Harry M. Cooper

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION  
Tammy M. Holtzclaw, 2162 Kings Tree Way, Acworth, Ga. 30101. **12/22pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 16-054

### In the Matter of the Estate of David W. Swayney Jr.

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION  
Christopher Swayney, PO Box 421, Balsam, NC 28707. **1/12/17pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 16-072

### In the Matter of the Estate of James Raymond Nix

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION  
Richard Jenkins, PO Box 956, Cherokee, NC 28719. **1/12/17pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 16-076

### In the Matter of the Estate of Lillian Thompson

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.

see **LEGALS** next page



**LEGALS:** *From page 22*

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION Patricia Welch, 94 Junaluska Rd, Whittier, NC 28719. **1/12/17pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
The Cherokee Court  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
CV-16-078  
**Affidavit of Circumstances  
Warranting Service by  
Publication – Complaint for Absolute Divorce and Custody**

Christy Lou Wachacha, Plaintiff v. Nicolas Castro-Jimenez, defendant I, Christy Lou Wachacha, being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. That service was performed upon Defendant by publication of a Notice in the Cherokee One Feather, a newspaper qualified for legal advertising in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 1-597, 1-598 and published for a period of three consecutive weeks, beginning on Thursday, Dec. 8 and ending Thursday, Dec. 22. The Notice required Defendant to answer or make defense no later than Jan. 18, 2017, a period of forty (40) days from the date of first publication.

2. That personal service was attempted by the Cherokee Indian Police Department but Defendant was not found at his last known address.

3. That the cause of this service by publication was that the Plaintiff has had no contact with the Defendant; the Defendant's whereabouts were unknown and could not with due diligence be ascertained;

4. That the Plaintiff was

unable to mail a copy of the Notice of Service of Process to Defendant because Plaintiff has no knowledge of post office address for Defendant and Plaintiff could not with reasonable diligence ascertain such address;

5. That the necessity for Service by Publication having been established and the publication procedure of Rule 4(j1) and Rule 4(j2) (3) having been complied with, as evidenced by the attached Affidavit of Publication, the Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court grant the Plaintiff the relief sought. **12/22pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 16-075

**In the Matter of the Estate of  
Phyllis S. Sequoyah**

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION Patricia S. Trampler, P.O. Box 1109, Cherokee, NC 28719. **1/12/17pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 16-068

**In the Matter of the Estate of  
Clyde Douglas Toineeta**

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION Linda Gail Parker, Big Cove Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **1/12/17pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 16-070

**In the Matter of the Estate of  
Mary W. Montelongo**

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION David Montelongo, PO Box 993, Cherokee, NC 28719. **1/12/17pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 16-073

**In the Matter of the Estate of  
Skye Lorenzo Owl**

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION Marguerite Owl, 778-A Owl Branch Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **1/19/17pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File Nos.: EST 10-039; EST 10-042; EST 10-048; EST 10-055; EST 10-059; EST 10-061; EST 10-062.

**In the Matter of the Estates  
of: Steven Joseph Catolster (d.  
5/28/2010); Frances Juanita  
Ross Gonzalez (d. 10/10/2009);  
Johnson Lee Wildcatt (d.  
8/20/2010); Aaron Clifford  
Gloyne (d. 10/1/2010); Mar-  
ion Dillard Cucumber (d.  
8/13/2010); William Curtis West  
(d. 10/3/2010); John Norman  
George (d. 10/29/2010).**

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

Courtroom 1, EBCI Justice Center  
February 9th, 2017 at 1:30pm  
**1/26/17pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 16-077  
**In the Matter of the Estate of  
JEREMIAH LITTLEJOHN, JR.**

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION Rhonda Beth McCoy, PO Box 1077, Cherokee, NC 28719. **1/26/17pd**

*From the Cherokee One Feather to your family, we thank you for making us a part of your life in 2016. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*



*In this time of giving and celebration, remember those who are less fortunate. Share meals with those who don't have enough to eat; provide clothing for those who can't afford their own; give care to the sick, and provide shelter for the homeless. Give thanks for the ability to share.*