



02
Tribal member sentenced
for string of area robberies



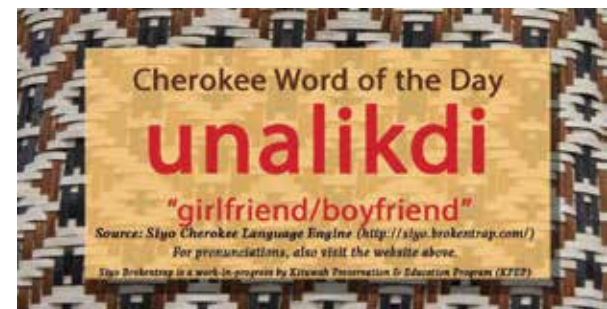
14
Park receives record
number of visitors last year



17
Fire Mountain Trail getting
good reviews from cyclists



Cherokee One Feather



50 CENTS

THE OFFICIAL MULTI-MEDIA NEWS SOURCE OF THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

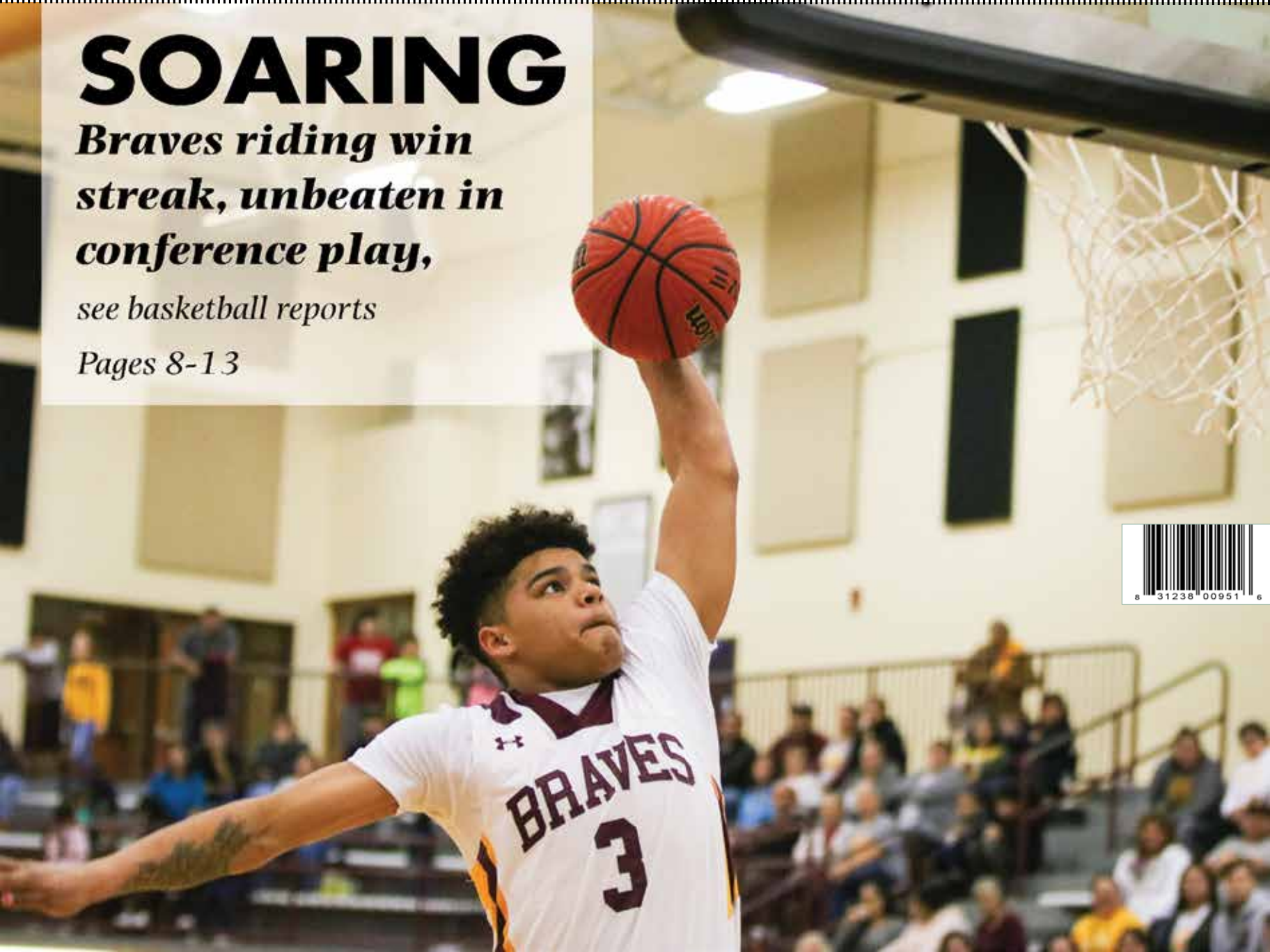
FEB. 1-7, 2018

SOARING

*Braves riding win
streak, unbeaten in
conference play,*

see basketball reports

Pages 8-13



Tribal member sentenced for string of hotel, business robberies

ASHEVILLE - U.S. District Judge Martin Reidinger sentenced Stephen Russell Dean McCoy, 27, an EBCI tribal member of Cherokee, on Thursday, Jan. 25 to 108 months in prison on federal charges stemming from a string of robberies of hotels and businesses across three counties, announced R. Andrew Murray, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina.

McCoy was also ordered to serve three years under court supervision after he is released from prison and to pay \$4,189 as restitution.

McCoy previously pleaded guilty to one count of robbery within Indian Country, one count of assault with a dangerous weapon, and two counts of Hobbs Act robbery. Co-defendant David James Littlejohn, an EBCI tribal member, was also sentenced on Thursday, Jan. 25 to 70 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, and was ordered to pay \$1,090 as restitution. Littlejohn pleaded guilty to one count of Hobbs Act robbery.

Both defendants are currently in federal custody and will be transferred into custody of the federal Bureau of Prisons upon designation of a federal facility. All federal sentences are served without the possibility of parole.

According to filed court documents and court proceedings, between Nov. 20, 2015, and Feb. 10, 2016, McCoy robbed six hotels and businesses in Cherokee, Swain, and Jackson counties. According to court records, on Nov. 20, 2015, at approximately 3:40am, McCoy brandished a knife to an employee of the Quality Inn located in Swain County, in Indian Country. McCoy demanded money, and obtained approximately \$150 from the desk drawer and \$30 from the employee's wallet. Court records show that McCoy also told the employee, "I've hit all these hotels." Twenty minutes later, at approximately 4am, McCoy entered the Baymont Inn, also in Swain County, in Indian Country. He again brandished a knife and demanded money from a hotel employee, who gave McCoy

approximately \$140 in cash.

On Jan. 26, 2016, at approximately 10:40pm, McCoy brandished a knife and demanded money from a clerk at the Fairfield Inn and Suites located in Jackson County, in Indian Country. When the hotel employee attempted to call 911, McCoy grabbed her, threw her in a corner, and cut her hand with the knife causing the employee to sustain injuries. McCoy fled with \$225 in cash.

Then, on Jan. 30, 2016, at approximately 9:45pm, McCoy brandished a knife and demanded money from an employee at Ric's Smoke Shop in Jackson County, in Indian country. McCoy told the victim to open the cash drawer, and ordered the victim to lay down on the floor. He left the store with \$1,724 in cash and a Gatorade drink.

According to court records, on Feb. 9, 2016, at approximately 11:10am, McCoy entered a Dollar General Store in Whitter, in Jackson County. Court records show that McCoy approached the register with three food items and asked the store clerk about telephone cards. Then, McCoy pulled out a knife and demanded money from the clerk. McCoy fled the store with \$442.38 in cash.

A day later, on Feb. 10, 2016, at approximately 3:26am, McCoy and his co-defendant, David James Littlejohn, entered a Microtel Inn located in Bryson City. A guest of the hotel, identified as "R.E." was in the lobby. McCoy jumped behind the counter and ordered R.E. to

come behind the counter as well. R.E. refused. McCoy jumped on the counter, pulled a large fixed knife and went towards R.E., with Littlejohn following behind him. McCoy, holding the knife, asked R.E. multiple times where the woman was that worked the hotel desk. McCoy pointed the knife at R.E. and told R.E. to get on the ground. R.E. laid down on the floor, and McCoy told Littlejohn to get everything from R.E.'s pockets and said if R.E. moved then cut him. Littlejohn took R.E.'s wallet, \$45 in cash and other items while McCoy went behind the front desk. A store employee heard the commotion, walked into the lobby and saw R.E. on the floor. Littlejohn grabbed the employee and forced her to the floor, then took from her the key for the cash drawer and gave it to McCoy. McCoy opened the drawer and took \$200. After ripping all the phones out of the wall, both McCoy and Littlejohn ran out of the front door.

In making Thursday's announcement, U.S. Attorney Murray thanked the Cherokee Indian Police Department, the Bryson City Police Department, and the Jackson County Sheriff's Office for their investigation of the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Chris Hess, of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Charlotte, and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Justin Eason of the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians prosecuted the case.

- Department of Justice





LYNNE HARLAN/EBCI Public Relations

AGREEMENT: Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed (seated left) and Mars Hill University President Dan Lunsford (seated right) sign documents on Wednesday, Jan. 24 to renew an ongoing cooperative relationship between the Tribe and the university. According to the university, the agreement, originally signed in February 2011, states that the Tribe will take an active role in continuing to provide advice and consultation for various historic events and presentations at the university. It also calls for a cooperative effort to provide comprehensive scholarship funds for all EBCI tribal members who choose to attend the university. Several EBCI students at Mars Hill are shown standing (left-right) – Amy West, Dre Crowe, and Nancy Stump.



ROBERT JUMPER/One Feather

MYSTERIOUS: Brett Briggs, Sequoyah Distinguished Professor of Cherokee Studies at WCU, shared his insight on local traditions, scientific study, and history of the Judaculla Rock. He presented at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian's Education Wing meeting room on Tuesday, Jan. 23 to several students and community members. The discussion titled "Interrogating Judaculla" included a detailed review of the rock's petroglyphs, examination of some of the myths and legends about the rock, and research findings regarding it with ties to Cherokee history and culture.



ROBERT JUMPER/One Feather photos

STRATEGY: John Weiser, a partner in BWB Solutions, facilitated a "Community Meeting on Economic Development Projects" on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the Community Room of the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. This meeting was initiated by the EBCI Commerce Office as part of fact and public comment gathering with the goal of redeveloping a 5-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for EBCI. Over 40 business people and community members attended.



Principal Chief's report for January 2018

RICHARD G. SNEED
PRINCIPAL CHIEF

Work on our legislative agenda continues. This month, I have submitted a resolution for approval and support from Tribal Council. Several issues are included on a single resolution concerning the upcoming legislative session in the North Carolina General Assembly. The Tribe will request an exemption for EBCI members from state hunting and fishing license fees; a change in qualifications for a NC teacher's certification for Cherokee language teachers at the Kituwah Academy; EBCI Tribal specialty license plates which would be issued by the state

of North Carolina and available only to EBCI enrolled members; a request to rename Highway 74 as the Trail of Tears Memorial Highway; an opposition to the general legalization of sweepstakes betting in North Carolina; an awareness of the general legalization of fantasy sports betting in North Carolina; and a request for the state to protect EBCI member access to and benefits from the N.C. Medicaid program. Each of these issues directly affects tribal members and I believe Tribal Council will agree. Our efforts in the General Assembly will require a significant amount of attention during the short session. The Tribe has worked for many years to improve our relationship

with state leadership and that work must continue.

The Tribe has been limited in accessing the N.C. Medicaid Program. This limitation impacts on our ability to realize health care revenue and to access Medicaid information for our tribal members. This request would provide our health care entities with access to Medicaid information which can bring unrealized revenue to these vital programs.

Another item on the Tribal Council agenda is a resolution establishing the question for the upcoming referendum concerning alcohol sales outside the casino property. The Tribal Alcohol Beverage Control board has granted permits to businesses which fall within the area covered by the Blue Ridge Law. This resolution will fulfill the requirements of a previously passed resolution authorizing a referendum. If the referendum is passed, there would be a tremendous amount of work to develop regulations for its implementation.

The Tribe is also requesting the renaming of Highway 74 to the Trail of Tears Memorial Highway. The Highway is currently titled Andrew Jackson Highway and runs the length of the state. I feel this is an insult to our people. I believe members of the General Assembly would be grateful to hear and understand our concerns.

The other issue under consideration by the General Assembly involves a couple of gaming measures. We must work to ensure that our gaming issues are understood and that our perspectives are heard. The expansion of gaming in North Carolina is an issue that all state residents should be aware of and we must educate the communities which benefit from our two gaming operations about the potential effects the passage of these two measures might have on our businesses.

Our ability to hire Cherokee language teachers has been challenging. We are requesting the State consider the North Carolina Teacher's certification qualifications regarding our Kituwah Academy. The North Carolina legislature has worked to enhance language programs in Cherokee and at other institutions. This change would allow more Cherokee language speakers to join our educational system. There are many challenges facing our Tribe, and I am committed to working with the North Carolina General Assembly and the U.S. Congress to bring those issues to light and to seek some resolution to those challenges. I am grateful that the EBCI Tribal Council is also committed to working together in meeting with state and national leaders.

The Tribal Infrastructure/Site Prep Program has moved to the Housing & Community Development Division at 756 Acquoni Road. If you have a question regarding Infrastructure/Site Prep feel free to call 828-359-6906 for assistance.



Cherokee Urgent Care Center
75 Painttown Road
554-5550

Chief Sneed speaks to North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed spoke to the annual meeting of the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police (NCACP) held at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort on Tuesday, Jan. 23. The presentation was well received, a topic of conversation among conference participants the following day, and Chief Sneed was notified that one Police Department was using some of this speech in the departmental oath. The entire speech will also appear in the Post Conference Edition of the North Carolina Police Chief magazine. The NCACP have held their annual conference at Harrah's Cherokee for several years.

Following is Chief Sneed's speech he delivered to the conference:

On behalf of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, I want to say welcome to all of the men and women of law-enforcement and corrections from across the state of North Carolina. It is indeed an honor to stand before so many men and women of service and to again extend a hand of welcome to our sacred homeland.

As I had spent a great deal of time thinking about what I would say this evening, I was taken back to my years of service in the United States Marine Corps. I thought a great deal about the oath that I had sworn to defend the Constitution with my very life. An oath to defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies both foreign and domestic. It is an oath that I believed in then and I believe even more in now.

While I was willing to defend the Constitution with my very

life at the tender and very naive age of 18, I have an even greater conviction now in the position as Principal Chief. Once again, I have sworn an oath to defend the rights of those whom I now represent. It is this oath that we hold in common. An oath to defend the rights of those who we do not know, who often times do not respect us, and sometimes even despise us. But it is we who serve who understand the bigger picture and the greater good. We understand that if we knowingly allow one human beings rights to be violated, that we have allowed the crack in the dam that could potentially one day open the floodgates to absolute tyranny. I'm reminded of the quote from Martin Niemöller (1892–1984) who was a prominent Protestant pastor who emerged as an outspoken public foe of Adolf Hitler and spent the last seven years of Nazi rule in concentration camps.

Niemöller is perhaps best remembered for the quote, "First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out because I was not a Socialist. Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out because I was not a Trade Unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak for me."

But, it is we who serve who understand the bigger picture and the greater good.

We understand that every human being has value because they are created in the image of God. And we therefore place ourselves in harm's way and stand in the gap for the defenseless and for the weak

and for those who do not have a voice. But it is at this point our oaths of office part ways dramatically. It is true that we are public servants serving our fellow man and our communities. I do so at the risk of people possibly saying mean and hurtful things about me, and they do!

Law officers do so at the risk of their very life, each and every time they suit up and answer the call of duty. It is because of your unyielding commitment to protect and serve that law enforcement and corrections officers are worthy of our highest respect and greatest honor.

You choose each and every day to stand in defense of the law and the rights of those who may never know your name, who may never respect you and who may even bear hatred towards you, and yet you choose to protect and serve and defend.

It is the law officer who recognizes that the office held and the badge of honor that he stands behind is one of authority. Not the authority nor the strength of an individual, but the Power and the righteousness of the rule of law. A law that is greater than the voice of the individual, and yet protects and defends the individual. A law that is greater than the strength of any individual and yet will bring its full force to bear against anyone who seeks to harm another individual.

It is the law officer who lives a life of continual sacrifice. Weekends and holidays are part of the regular work schedule. Missing family events, kids sporting events and dinner with the family are all part and parcel for the men and women

who bear the title of officer. It is the law officer who is the daily witness to the destruction of a generation ravaged by pills and heroin. The one who must break the news to parents that their child isn't coming home because of an overdose. It is the law officer who is first on the scene when there is tragedy and death on the highway. Who holds the hand and prays with an injured motorist barely clinging to life on the roadside. And it is the law officer whose daily interactions are most often with their fellow man when he or she is at their lowest and behaving at their worst. And even then, the officer maintains his professionalism and bearing.

It is indeed a tremendous responsibility that you bear. One that you may not receive so great a reward or recognition in this life for, but instead you continue to strive with great anticipation, for an eternal reward that will not perish, but will stand the test of the refiner's fire.

You are the officers and the agents of so great a law. You bear this responsibility with great respect and humility. It is because each of you has chosen to place yourself in harm's way on a daily basis and to protect and serve the rest of us mere mortals that I salute you this evening and offer with the greatest of my own humility, my thanks and gratitude on behalf of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the citizens of the state of North Carolina. God bless you and your families and thank you for your service. I salute you one and all.

- EBCI Public Relations

Three plead in state court to robbing tribal elder

Mitchum Scott Turpin, Tilm-
Mon Gene Fortner, and Kasey
Lynn Keffer, all of Sylva, have
pleaded guilty in federal court in
Asheville to one count each of Rob-
bery before the Honorable Dennis J.
Howell. The maximum punishment
faced by each defendant is 15 years'
imprisonment.

Lead Tribal Prosecutor and Spe-
cial Assistant United States Attor-
ney Justin Eason said, "In this case,
all of the defendants had lengthy

criminal histories in both state and
federal court. These non-enrolled
criminals came onto the Boundary
and robbed a tribal elder. We are
confident that the lengthy feder-
al sentences that each of these
defendants will receive should serve
as a warning to anyone who would
attempt to come onto the Boundary
and try to victimize tribal mem-
bers."

He added, "The federal courts
provide an unparalleled forum for

the administration of justice, and it
is the obligation of the Prosecutor's
Office to combat such offenses with
every tool available to us in order to
protect the Tribe and its members.
The Special Assistant United States
Attorney status agreement allows
for serious cases such as this to
receive prioritization and attention
from start to finish. In this case, we
were able to secure convictions less
than three months after the date
of offense. I would especially like to

recognize the diligence and profes-
sionalism displayed by our Tribal
Police in the investigation of this
case, and to thank Det. Sgt. Daniel
Iadonisi for his efforts in seeing this
case through. His swift and thor-
ough investigation provided every-
thing necessary to secure justice for
our victim and our Tribe."

Sentencing for the defendants
shall be set at a date to be deter-
mined.

- EBCI Office of the Tribal Prosecutor

Search for thousands of Cherokee words at:
<http://siyo.brokentrap.com/>

Custom Jewelry • Rock Shop

Pan for GOLD, EMERALDS, SAPPHIRES, RUBIES & MORE

Smoky Mountain GOLD & RUBY MINE

Free JEWELRY CLEANING

Hwy. 441 Downtown Cherokee

828-497-6574 www.smgrm.com

540 WRGC THE RIVER

1590 WBHN REAL COUNTRY

Congratulations Cherokee Braves Football

540 A.M. WRGC RADIO

540 A.M. WRGC and 1590 WBHN

www.wrgc.com

Today's Hits and Yesterday's Favorites

Email: info@wrgc.com
828-586-2221

News from the Nations

Cherokee playwright receives Artist Award

WASHINGTON - Mary Kathryn Nagle, a Cherokee Nation citizen, has received a \$50,000 United States Artist Award. Nagle's play "Sovereign" opened in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, Jan. 24 and is inspired by her own family history. The writer of another popular play, "Sliver of a Full Moon", Nagle is a partner in Pipestem Law in Tulsa. "My work as a lawyer and as a playwright are very intertwined," she told the Tulsa World. "A good lawyer is a good storyteller. And our laws, whether they be laws of the United States or the Cherokee Nation, are based on stories we tell ourselves." Her new play, "Sovereign" deals partly with the Treaty of New Echota of 1835, and she is a direct descendant of two signees of that treaty - Major Ridge and John Ridge. "This story is in my blood, but at the same time, I had to be authentic. I grew up hearing my grandma villainize John Ross, but in writing this play, I really had to examine my own biases and emotions and write about him as truthfully as possible," she further told the Tulsa World.

Sitka Tribe to collaborate with neighboring national park

SITKA NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, Alaska - The Sitka Tribe of Alaska is working with the National Park Service on negotiations for collaborations between the two at the Sitka National Historical Park. KTOO reported that some programs at the park, such as historical interpretations, may be under management of the tribe if the collaboration is approved. Neither entities have spelled out specifics.

Agua Caliente Band looking at third casino

CATHEDRAL CITY, Calif. - The Agua Caliente Band of California has started the process to build an off-reservation casino, its third gaming facility, in Cathedral City, Calif. A land-into-trust application has been filed by the tribe for the 13-acre site which is contiguous to their reservation. "...in total, we're going to have a 125,000 square foot facility a stone's throw from downtown," Stone James, Cathedral City director of economic development, told KMIR-NBC. "There is so much going on in downtown right now, the casino is going to be, in my opinion, in our opinion, another invaluable catalyst." It was reported that the planned casino would occupy 65,000 square feet of space with another 60,000 square feet dedicated to retail space. The BIA is currently taking comments on the land-into-trust application until Jan. 29.

Woman sentenced for embezzling from Skagway Traditional Council

SKAGWAY, Alaska - Delia Commander, of Oregon, pleaded guilty to embezzling \$300,000 from the Skagway Traditional Council. She was sentenced to 18 months in prison and \$297,731 in restitution during a hearing on Wednesday, Jan. 24 according to a report from KHNS - Haines. "The defendant plead guilty to embezzling \$300,000, which is the equivalent of two full years of operating budget," Assistant U.S. Attorney Aunnie Steward told KHNS. According to the report, Commander served as Skagway tribal administrator from 2008-14

and had many fiscal responsibilities including managing grants and contracts. She resigned three years ago when the Council asked for documentation on various financial issues.

Native American Indian Lobby Day held at Wash. state capitol

OLYMPIA, Wash. - Over 100 activists from various Washington tribes gathered for the 8th Annual Native American Indian Lobby Day at the state legislative building in Olympia on Tuesday, Jan. 23. Elizabeth Satiacum, co-creator the event and a member of the Puyallup Tribe of Washington, told the Peninsula Daily News, "We started the lobby day because there was no representation at the Capitol for us." It was reported there are currently 32 different bills in the Washington legislature dealing with tribal issues from salmon to child welfare to missing and murdered Indigenous women. Washington State Sen. Sam Hunt (D-Olympia) was quoted by the Daily News as telling the crowd, "You can control and change and

determine what happens in this building. But, only if you vote."

Tribal Supreme Court Project receives \$600K grant

WASHINGTON - The Tribal Supreme Court Project has been awarded a \$600,000 grant from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians (Calif.). Indianz.com reports that the funds will help the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) and the National Congress of American Indians "monitor, coordinate, and advocate for tribal interests before the highest court in the land" over a three-year period. NARF Senior Attorney Joel Williams (Cherokee Nation), told Indianz.com, "The Tribal Supreme Court Project is based on the principle that effective tribal advocacy before the Supreme Court must be built on a coordinated and structured approach. NARF is honored to coordinate efforts and provide case review and analysis that has the potential for wide-reaching impacts in Indian Country."

- One Feather staff report

SNIFFING OUT WILDFIRE ARSON

IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE DELIBERATELY SETTING A FIRE CALL:

WeTip: (800) 47-ARSON
www.wetip.com
or
North Carolina Crimestoppers:
Macon County (828) 349-2600
Jackson County (828) 631-1125

A reward of up to \$10,000 may be offered by the State of North Carolina or the Bureau of Indian Affairs

Arson K-9 Dante
of the Haywood County Fire Marshal Office
and Clyde Fire Department

BASKETBALL

Braves top Yellowjackets, Black Knights, and Tigers in big week

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Cherokee Braves improved to 11-3 on the season and remain unbeaten in the Big Smoky Mountain Confer-

ence with important wins over Hayesville, Robbinsville, and Rosman in a big week.

"Some of the guys that we need to kind of pick it up are starting to play better," Aaron Hogner, Braves head coach, said following their win over Rosman on Friday, Jan. 26

in the Charles George Memorial Arena. "It was a 20-point game for most of the second half, but it felt a lot closer because we were still flat and our shots weren't falling. But, we pulled it out for the win and our defense picked up and that had a lot to do with our win tonight."

Coach Hogner said his team is starting to come together. "We had a good halftime as far as some guys really taking over and being a little more vocal, and whenever you have guys that are starting to become vocal and positive with each other, that's a good thing for us. They know we didn't play too well tonight, but we got the win. We're still growing, and we haven't reached our peak yet."

The Braves started out the week with a 76-45 win over Hayesville on Monday, Jan. 22. Justus Day led Cherokee with 23 points followed by Holden Straughan with 14 and Tye Mintz with 11. Mintz led with 10 rebounds followed by Day 8 and Straughan 6.

Cherokee trailed 20-19 at the end of the first quarter, but quickly turned it around in the second outscoring the Yellowjackets 17-10 to lead by six 36-30 at the half. The second half was all Braves though as they outscored Hayesville 40-15 to take the big win.

Other Braves scorers on the night included: Tihjah Lossiah 8, Karson Wildcatt 2, Cade Mintz 2, Josiah Lossiah 4 (5 assists), Isaiah Evans 1, Joaquin Layno 2, and Sterling Santa Maria 9. Individual statistics for Hayesville were unavailable.

The next night, Cherokee kept the ball rolling with a 30-point (76-46) win over the visiting Robbinsville Black Knights. Day led the way with 17 points in a game that



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

SHOT: Cherokee's Tye Mintz (#1) shoots over Rosman's Deland Thomas during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Friday, Jan. 26. On the night, Mintz had 17 points and 10 rebounds.

"We're still growing, and we haven't reached our peak yet."

- Aaron Hogner,
Braves head coach

saw three other Braves players in double digits including Straughan 14, Santa Maria 14, and Tihjah Lossiah 11. Tye Mintz grabbed nine rebounds. Seth Smith and Joaquin Layno each grabbed six rebounds coming off the bench in the second half.

This game was all Cherokee all the way. They jumped out early and led by 22 points (34-12) after the first quarter. They kept the pressure going and kept knocking down shots to lead 56-20 at the half. In the third quarter, the Braves went up by 40 points invoking the NCHSAA mercy rule, and they cruised to a 76-46 win.

Other Braves scorers in this game included: Tye Mintz 6, Shannon Albert 2, Cade Mintz 3, Josiah Lossiah 1, Isaiah Evans 1, Seth Smith 4, and Joaquin Layno 3. Black Knights scorers included: A.J. Ornealas 11, Riley Crowe 11, Landon Orr 11, Tucker Price 5, Gunner Ruthing 6, and Chris Wright 2.

The Braves won big over the Rosman Tigers by a score of 95-76 on the night of Friday, Jan. 26 in the Charles George Memorial Arena. Five Braves were in double



JUMPER: Cherokee's Holden Straughan goes for a shot against Rosman on Friday, Jan. 26. On the night, he had 16 points – one of five Braves in double digits.

digits including Sterling Santa Maria 20, Tye Mintz 17, Holden Straughan 16, Josiah Lossiah 12, and Cade Mintz 11. Josiah Lossiah, who had five assists and five steals, also led the Braves with 11 rebounds followed by Tye Mintz with 10.

The game started out evenly with the teams being tied at 17-17 after the first. Cherokee edged Rosman in the second quarter to take a 39-28 lead into the locker room. They kept around a 20-point lead for most of the second half en route to their 19-point win.

Other Braves scorers included: Justus Day 2, Shannon Albert 2, Tino Pete 4, Isaiah Evans 7, and Joaquin Layno 4. Rosman Tigers scorers included: Deland Thomas 32, Hooper Thomas 21, Jonah Whitman 2, Wes Whitmire 2, Dakotah Morgan 13, Will Barton 3, and Luke Stewart 3.



GOOD NIGHT: Cherokee's Josiah Lossiah (#12) goes for a shot over Rosman's Jonah Whitman on Friday. For the game, Lossiah had 12 points, 5 assists, 5 steals, and 11 rebounds.

BASKETBALL

Lady Braves beat Hayesville, Robbinsville, and Rosman in busy week

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

ONE FEATHER STAFF

In a busy week on the hardwood, Cherokee got wins on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday to bring their record to 10-4 and

remain unbeaten in the Big Smoky Mountain Conference. The Lady Braves got key conference wins over Hayesville, Robbinsville, and Rosman.

"The first two games we had this week were very physical games," Chris Mintz,

Lady Braves head coach, said after their win over Rosman on Friday, Jan. 26 in the Charles George Memorial Arena. "They were tough and we battled through them, and we ended up winning by a decent margin. Tonight, I thought we played really well."

Coach Mintz said his team is beginning to really gel. "We're getting into game shape and playing well with each other and playing at game speed because it's hard to simulate that in practice. And, for them to actually do it out there in front of people is important. We have four freshmen, and they get starry-eyed sometimes. Now, they're starting to come around and play well, and when they play well and our older girls are playing well, we're a pretty good team."

The Lady Braves got things going with a 70-53 win over Hayesville on Monday, Jan. 22 at the Charles George Memorial Arena. Cherokee had three players in double digits including Tori Teesateskie 14, Shelby Wolfe 14, and Raylen Bark 13. Wolfe grabbed eight boards and Bark had seven rebounds and four assists.

Cherokee came out in its patented full-court press and kept the pressure going most of the game. The Lady Braves led 37-24 at the half, and they kept that double digit lead in the second half pulling ahead for the 17-point (70-53) win.

Other Lady Braves scorers in the game

SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

<<

SHOT: Cherokee's Timiyah Brown goes for a shot over Rosman's Gracy Briggs in a game on Friday, Jan. 26 at the Charles George Memorial Arena. Brown led Cherokee on the night with 14 points in an 86-44 win for the Lady Braves.





INSIDE GAME: Cherokee's Shelby Wolfe (right) goes for a shot against Hayesville's Makayla Anderson (#32) during a game on Monday, Jan. 22 at the Charles George Memorial Arena. On the night, Wolfe had 14 points and 8 rebounds in a 70-53 win for the Lady Braves.

included: Carla Wolfe 4, Jamie Lossiah 5, Naomi Smith 6, Deante Toineeta 8, Kayleigh Wolfe 1, and Timiyah Brown 5. Individual statistics were unavailable for Hayesville.

The following night, Cherokee hosted the Robbinsville Lady Black Knights in a game that started much closer but ended in the exact same point differential as the Lady Braves won 59-42. Again, Cherokee had three players in double digits including Bark 15, Teesateskie 11, and Toineeta 11. Wolfe had 10 rebounds and Bark had eight rebounds and eight steals.

This game was tight in the first half with the lead changing several times. The Lady Black Knights actually led at the half 23-20. But, the second half was Cherokee's as they outscored Robbinsville 39-19 to take the 17-point win.

Other Lady Braves scorers included: Carla Wolfe 6, Naomi Smith 1, Shelby Wolfe 6, Jordyn Martin 2, and Timiyah Brown 7. Lady Black Knight scorers includ-

ed: Cambrie Lovin 7, Liz Ayers 6, Karlyn Matheson 2, Erin Teesateskie 14, Abigail Knight 2, and Mikayla Morgan 11.

Cherokee faced the Rosman Lady Tigers in their third home game of the week on the night of Friday, Jan. 26 and came away with an 86-44 win. The Lady Braves had four players in double digits with Brown leading the way with 14 points followed by Tori Teesateskie 13, Shelby Wolfe 10, and Kayleigh Wolfe 10.

Cherokee led the entire way. They built a 20-point (47-27) lead by the half and built a 40-point lead in the second half invoking the NCHSAA mercy rule en route to their 42-point win.

Other Lady Braves scorers included: Raylen Bark 8, Carla Wolfe 5, Jamie Lossiah 6, Naomi Smith 8, Jordan Martin 2, Deante Toineeta 7, and Jacee Smith 3. Rosman Lady Tigers scorers included: Maggi Galloway 13, Gracy Briggs 15, Christa Galloway 6, and Ashlyn Dodson 10.



BACKWARDS: Cherokee's Raylen Bark goes for a reverse lay-up in front of Robbinsville's Liz Ayers (#10) in a game on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the Charles George Memorial Arena. Bark led Cherokee with 15 points, 8 rebounds, and 8 steals as the Lady Braves won by 17 points (59-42).

Rhythm and gelling more important than polls

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Neither of Cherokee's varsity basketball teams got off to a great start this year, but one has that turned around. As of the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 23, both teams are riding seven game win streaks – that will probably be more once the week is over.

Neither team has been listed in the NCPreps.com 1A basketball polls this season. The Braves (10-3 as of Jan. 23) are named as an Honorable Mention team – just off the list - in the Jan. 22 poll while Hayesville is listed as #9. Cherokee defeated Hayesville 75-47 on Jan. 6. Ironically, they defeated them by an almost identical score of 76-45 on Jan. 22 – the same day the poll came out.

I say – no worries. Who cares really? I would actually prefer it if neither Cherokee team was listed in the poll or polls all year long. Cherokee does really well in the underdog status.

I'm sure that the Braves, and possibly the Lady Braves, will be listed in next week's NCPreps.com poll...but, if they aren't for whatever reason, that's fine.

Now, don't get me wrong, I'm not coming down on the poll or the pollsters...they probably haven't seen Cherokee play in the last few games. The Braves have developed a rhythm and are gelling at a crucial time in their season.

They dropped their opening game at Smoky Mountain on Dec. 18, 2017 by a score of 92-81, and I was actually quite impressed it was



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

GELLIN': Cherokee's Sterling Santa Maria (#34) shoots a jump shot over Hayesville's Dwain Cook (#3) during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Monday, Jan. 22.

as close as it was because that was just a week after the football state championship game, and a good majority of those same boys went right from the gridiron to the hardwood with very little practice.

The Braves' win-streak began with the first game of 2018 which was against the Swain County Maroon Devils. Following that game, Aaron Hogner, first-year Braves head coach, told me, "We're still growing and getting them in the habit of doing things right all the time. We're making simple turnovers and just need to start playing

consistently and getting rebounds."

Everything he spoke of that night is improving and coming together. The Braves seem to be getting better with each game, but many of the pollsters don't get to see that. Maybe they'll read this column? But, I still hope they don't vote for the Braves or Lady Braves in their polls...it's just perfect locker room fodder.

Plus, if you're unranked, people tend to underestimate you which is always a bad thing to do.

After a game the other night, I was still wide awake after put-

ting up my photos and final score graphics, so I watched some of the 1989 "classic" movie "Roadhouse" starring the late, great Patrick Swayze. In it, Dalton tells his fellow bouncers, "Never underestimate your opponent."

Good words, but I hope people continue to underestimate the Braves and Lady Braves. And, in the end, gaining a team rhythm and listening to your coach's teachings will get you further in the state tournament than any poll.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

<<

ROLLING: Cherokee's Holden Straughan (#20) moves the ball up court between two Murphy defenders, Justice Dorsey (#13) and Abram Abling (#32), during a game at Murphy on the evening of Saturday, Jan. 27. Cherokee improved to 12-3 on the year with an 86-61 win over the Bulldogs. Straughan scored 20 points on the night to lead the Braves. Other Cherokee scorers included: Sterling Santa Maria 19, Justus Day 16, Tye Mintz 14, Josiah Lossiah 13, and Tihjah Lossiah 4. Jeremiah Clark led Murphy with 24 points followed by Hagan Newton 13, Dorsey 8, Curt Brown 5, Dawson Grizzle 4, Micah Nelson 3, Tyler Simonds 2, and Abling 2. The Braves remain unbeaten in the Big Smoky Mountain Conference, and with Saturday's win, they pull to three games ahead of second place Hayesville.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

<<

DRIVING: Cherokee's Tori Teesateskie (#30) drives against Murphy's Aubrey Clapsaddle in a game at Murphy on the evening of Saturday, Jan. 27. The Lady Bulldogs edged Cherokee 77-74 as the Lady Braves dropped their first Big Smoky Mountain Conference game of the season. Teesateskie led Cherokee with 20 points followed by Deante Toineeta 14, Raylen Bark 11, Naomi Smith 10, Shelby Wolfe 9, Timiyah Brown 4, Jamie Lossiah 3, Kayleigh Wolfe 2, and Carla Wolfe 1. Clapsaddle led Murphy with 29 points followed by Kaiya Pickers 15, Jessica Beckner 12, Hailey Thompson 9, Brianna Moore 6, Ellie Martin 4, and Sydni Addison 2. The Lady Bulldogs improved to 18-1, and Cherokee (10-5) fell to second place in the conference, but still two games ahead of third place Robbinsville.

Pheasant wins conference title, Braves team takes third

BRYSON CITY – Caden Pheasant, a freshman member of the Cherokee High School varsity wrestling team, won the conference title in the 160lb division at the Smoky Mountain Conference Wrestling Championship at Swain County High School on Saturday, Jan. 27. Pheasant won a 16-11 decision over Robbinsville's Austin Lovin to take the championship. Overall, Cherokee took third place in the team competition. Robbinsville took the team title followed by Swain County in second place. Results from the meet are as follows:

106: 1 – Kevin Cook (Hayesville), 2 – Jacob Norton (Cherokee), 3 – Luke Wilson (Robbinsville), 4 – Zachary Cline (Swain Co.)
113: 1 – Keith Cook (Hayesville), 2 – Matt Lovin (Robbinsville), 3 – Samuel Green (Swain Co.), 4 – Reed Dockery (Murphy)
120: 1 – Braden Millsaps (Robbinsville), 2 – Mackinnley Long (Swain Co.), 3 – Asher Brinke (Murphy)
126: 1 – Nathan Fisher (Robbinsville), 2 – Cameron Baines (Swain Co.), 3 – Nicolas Mariani (Rosman),



Photo from Cherokee Braves Wrestling

CHAMP: Cherokee's Caden Pheasant (center) took the title in the 160lb division at the Smoky Mountain Conference Wrestling Championship held at Swain County High School on Saturday, Jan. 27. He is shown with second place finisher Austin Lovin (left), Robbinsville, and third place finisher Hunter Burrell, Swain Co.

4 – Dustyn Davenport (Hayesville)
132: 1 – Kade Millsaps (Robbinsville), 2 – Seth Sneed (Cherokee), 3 – Lucas Brown (Swain Co.), 4 – Randy Moretz (Rosman)
138: 1 – Jonas Trejo (Swain Co.), 2 – Cooper Cable (Robbinsville), 3 – Jade Welch (Cherokee), 4 – Brennan Chapman (Rosman)

145: 1 – Sam Everhardt (Swain Co.), 2 – Logan McClure (Hayesville) 3 – Christian Queen (Robbinsville), 4 – Braden Taylor (Cherokee)
152: 1 – Payne Anderson (Robbinsville), 2 – Ray Rathburn (Murphy), 3 – Sam Sneed (Cherokee), 4 – Preston Robinson (Swain Co.)
160: 1 – Caden Pheasant (Cher-

okee), 2 – Austin Lovin (Robbinsville), 3 – Hunter Burrell (Swain Co.), 4 – Nick Dennard (Andrews)
170: 1 – Isaac Wilkinson (Robbinsville), 2 – Cody Long (Swain Co.), 3 – Cole Holcomb (Rosman), 4 – Barron Srabian (Murphy)
182: 1 – Wess Hooper (Robbinsville), 2 – Cyle Ponchot (Swain Co.), 3 – Ian Crowe (Cherokee), 4 – Ethan Taylor (Hayesville)
195: 1 – Cory Farmer (Murphy), 2 – Jackson Cooper (Swain Co.), 3 – Baylee Hall (Robbinsville), 4 – Conner Newman (Rosman)
220: 1 – Fredy Romero (Robbinsville), 2 – Will Paul (Swain Co.), 3 – Patrick Allen (Murphy), 4 – Sammy Christensen (Andrews)
285: 1 – Gabriel Shipman (Rosman), 2 – Wyatt Rayburn (Murphy), 3 – Hunter McGaha (Andrews), 4 – Colton Martin (Hayesville)
Team: 1 – Robbinsville 253, 2 – Swain County 192.5, 3 – Cherokee 99.5, 4 – Murphy 90.5, 5 – Hayesville 90, 6 – Rosman 70.5, 7 – Andrews 31.5

- One Feather staff report

Park welcomes record number of visitors in 2017

For the second year in a row, Great Smoky Mountains National Park welcomed over 11 million visitors. In 2017, a record 11,338,894 people visited the national park, which is a slight increase, 0.2 percent, over 2016. The park continued to see the highest visitation in July which was followed by October and June. Monthly visitation records were set during the shoulder season months of January, February, April, September, and November in 2017 which follows a pattern of the park seeing increased year-round visitation.

“We strive each year to provide exceptional services to the visitors who come to enjoy the Smokies,” said Superintendent Cassius Cash. “With increasing visitation across seasons, this does not come without challenges. I am proud of the employees who work hard each day to meet these challenges, along with the support of our volunteers and partners who collectively help us care for this incredibly special place.”



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

RECORD: Over 11.3 million people visited the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in 2017 setting a record for the National Park Service unit.

In 2017, over 2,800 park volunteers donated over 115,000 hours of service. These volunteers provided much needed help across the park including trail maintenance, invasive plant removal, and providing visitor information along trails, at visitor centers, and in campgrounds. Visitors spent

nearly 400,000 nights camping in the park which was slightly down from 2016, but above the five-year average. The park offers nine front country campgrounds and 100 backcountry campsites for visitors to enjoy across the park.

Notably in 2017, the park hosted the largest special event in park

history. The western half of the park provided prime viewing to experience totality for approximately 2 minutes during the Great American Total Solar Eclipse. Thousands of visitors participated in ranger-led events on the weekend leading up to the eclipse on Monday, Aug. 21, 2017. Over 15,600 people attended eclipse events offered at Cades Cove, Clingmans Dome, Oconaluftee Visitor Center, and Sugarlands Visitor Center. Over 47,000 visitors entered the park from the four main entrances to view the eclipse, marking a 64 percent increase in visitation for that day over 2016. Another 26,000 people watched the live broadcast of the Clingmans Dome event in partnership with NASA and another 6 million people watched the event online from across the world via the NASA 360 broadcast.

For more information about visitation, please go to the National Park Service Visitor Use Statistics web page at <https://irma.nps.gov/Stats/>.

- NPS

EBCI Enrollment deadline notice for new applicants

In order to be considered for the June 2018 per capita distribution, completed enrollment applications for new applicants to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians must be submitted to the Enrollment Office by 4:30pm on Thursday, March 15. Enrollment applications received after this date and time will not be considered for the June 2018 distribution.

An application will only be considered com-

plete with a county- or state-certified birth certificate, certified DNA results and certification of all other Indian blood. To schedule an appointment at the local collection site, call Michelle Stiles 359-6463. Out-of-town applicants may contact Amber Harrison (918) 685-0478 to schedule an appointment in your area.

DNA testing must be collected by Wednesday, Feb. 28 in order for the results to be in by March 15. Any DNA collected after this date is not guaranteed to be returned by the deadline. Be-

cause of the extended amount of time in receiving a social security number for a newborn, an application will be considered complete without a social security card. However, an enrollment card will only be issued upon receipt of the social security card of a new enrollee.

Applications may be obtained from the Enrollment Office located at 808 Acquoni Rd. or at www.ebci.com.

Info: EBCI Enrollment Office (828) 359-6469

- EBCI Enrollment Office

Cherokee Elementary School Honor Roll – 2nd Nine Weeks

3rd Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Aleiyah Hull, Anana Hicks, Deanna Long, Denver Porterfield, Jamee McMillan, Johnny Long, Kingston Welch, Madigan Welch, Tymius Allison, Utsela Saunooke, Zaynon Taylor
A Honor Roll: Aiden Larch, Dillon Beam, Kierstan Cucumber, Meli Winstead, Noah Watty

B Honor Roll: Adriana Rojas, Annie Tramper, Aubree Grimes, Ayanna Lambert, Carlito Huerta-Perez, Chaz Martens, Chloe Locust, Christian Grant, Christian Martinez, Cynthia Saunooke, Dalton Yates, Emilee Brady, Emily Maney, Joscelyn Stamper, Kailyana Hornbuckle-Standingwater, Kaylee Wolfe, Kiowa George, Kyitan Johnson, Kymani Foalima, Livia Crowe, Mariah Taylor, Nyla Queen, Qinyen

Panther, Reggie Hyatt, Roeleana Welch, Trennan Calhoun

Merit Honor Roll: Addison Stewart, Beau Wildcatt, Brandy Martinez, Dre Santiago, Jezakiah Driver, Landon Seay, Lilliana Pheasant, Melody Tramper, Phillip Saunooke, Sage Bark, Shataya Chambers, Teela Ross

4th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Chaske Raines, Dawson Clapsaddle, Fred George Jr., Javan Garcia, Jessie Wildcat, Kieaira Ensley, Kiera Toineeta, Lilia Jarvis, Marveigh Aguilera, Nikki Toineeta, Olivia Arch, Payton Driver, Sara Toineeta, Suri Watty, Tayvin Bark-Cruz
A Honor Roll: Araceli Martinez-Arch, Gus Burgess, Josilyn Ledford

B Honor Roll: Ayla Ross, Chloe Owle, Colby Lossie, Dominic Arch, Emiliano Garcia, Francesca Armachain, Jadence Saunooke, Jocelyn Saunooke, Kellen Ensley, Leilah Lossie, Mato Nierenhausen, Maritza Luna, Michael Lozano-Rodriguez, Shona Cole, Sienna Wahnetah, Spencer Moore, Talan Crowe, Tevin Ross, Timber Sampson

Merit Honor Roll: Blake Wolfe, Cyrus James, Gabriella Smith, Hunter Mathis, Krenston Armachain, Jack Teesateskie

5th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Aaliyah Reed, Alyssa Freeman, Amila Lossie, Eliana West, Gideon Freeman, Haylie Woodard, Isabella Jones, Jessie Hernandez, Joselyn Long
A Honor Roll: Brandon Santiago,

Kieran Wolfe, Nevayah Panther
B Honor Roll: Addi Taylor, Alexis Davis, Amiya Lequire, Cameron Squirrell, Chanttin Tramper, Charlie Cabe-Garcia, Cheyton Medford, Dacia Warrington, Elliot Shell, Emma Quijada, Falon Welch, Izzy Fourkiller-Raby, JC Porter, Kai Saunooke, Kiri Hill, Luke Smith, Sadie Gomez-Rivera, Samuel Welch, Thomas Myers, Tricyus Calhoun, Tyruss Thompson, Vincent Owle, Xain Maney, Xavier Sanchez
Merit Honor Roll: Abreana Hornbuckle, Ayosta Lossie, Brett Elders, Cassiue Murphy, Chayton Ledford, Dailin Panther, Elijah Squirrel, Josiah Sneed, Keaton Arch, Kedrick Panther, Kendra Arch, Native Walkingstick, Shawnee Bushyhead, Thomas Parsons, Thomas Sequoyah, William Welch

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) available

The 2018 offering of Tax Assistance begins Wednesday, Feb. 7. If your annual income is \$54,000 or less, you are eligible to have your taxes prepared at no cost at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office at 876 Acquoni Rd, located next to the Yellowhill Community Building and covered basketball court. Bring with you the following items to your appointment:

- All income related forms such as: W-2, 1099 Misc., 1099-I, SSA-1099, etc.
- Photo I.D. such as Driver's License or enrollment card with picture
- Social Security Card and birth date of every member of the household
- Enrollment Card of federally recognized tribe for North Carolina Tax Exemption
- Bank Account Information if you want tax return direct deposited
- Last year's tax return if possible
- The program does not do Rental Income (Schedule E), Dividend and Investment Income

(Sch B) and Complex Schedule C.

To schedule an appointment, call the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office 359-6939 or 359-6933 and speak to any staff person.

– EBCI Cooperative Extension Program

February is National Children's Dental Health Month

EBCI Children's Dental Program would like you to follow these helpful tips for strong teeth and a healthy smile:

1. Twice a day: Brush your teeth when you wake up and when you wake up and before you go to bed.
2. Take your time: Brush your teeth for two minutes and be sure to include your tongue.
3. Be kind to your gums: Brush with a soft bristle toothbrush.
4. Get hard to reach places: Floss your teeth at bedtime.
5. See your dentist twice a year.

– EBCI Children's Dental Program

Families
Opening their hearts
Supporting
Teaching and
Enable children to
Reach their potential

Celebrating milestones and
Acknowledging the little things
Reaffirming the value of
Every child.

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



Fire Mountain Trail getting good reviews

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Last June, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians opened the Fire Mountain Trail System, a 10+ mile mountain bike trail system, and since then, the trail has been receiving flowering reviews.

At the opening on June 9, 2017, Jeremy Hyatt, EBCI Secretary of Operations and an avid cyclist, commented, "There's been a lot of hard work and dedication to make this trail system a reality. And, the reality is that we've created a premier trail system for the region, certainly for western North Carolina."

According to the reaction from the mountain bike community, he was right.

Several weeks ago, singletracks.com, a website that compiles and publishes reviews of mountain bike trails, put out an article entitled "Fast, fun flow on the new Fire Mountain Trails in Cherokee, NC" written by Timm Muth. In it, he writes, "Imagine waist-high berms carving around more than 20 switchbacks in a single run. Imagine three of them back-to-back-to-back, like a crazy snowboard pitch. The flow is sooo smooth, so long, in places it feels more like whitewater than biking. Even the contour runs have a delicious flow to them, dipping down and then back up in between the tree boles, slinging you from one to the next."

He credits the Trail Dynamics team who constructed the trail system and goes on to encourage people to check it out, "Every curve, ev-



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

OUT FOR A RIDE: Sharon Aalfs, from Chattanooga, Tenn., took to the Fire Mountain Trail in Cherokee early on the morning of Saturday, June 10, 2017. She was joined by her friend, Jennifer Brown, also of Chattanooga, on the trail that opened the day before.

ery berm and high-side, every jump and dip, seem designed to maximize your speed, flow, and adrenaline level. So, do yourself a favor: come to western North Carolina and ride Fire Mountain. You deserve to have this much fun."

That article is just one of the flowering reviews the trail has gotten. A week after opening, the One Feather received and published a letter from Ashley Wheeler, of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., who wrote, "The trails are immaculate, well-marked, beautiful, challenging, fast, and offer a variety of opportunities to enjoy your bike and some time outside, regardless of skill level! We can't wait to return."

Matthew Peterson, Louisville, Ky., wrote to the One Feather in July 2017 and said, "The trails showcase your beautiful lands in a way that can be enjoyable and safe for mountain bikers of all levels. They are world-class trails that complement the other excellent trails in the area. This will be a very popular trail for many years to come, and would also make a fantastic race venue for future events."

On the site alltrails.com, the Fire Mountain Trail System has a 4.5 out of 5 star rating and four total reviews – none of which were bad. Michael Bussell called it a "great bike trail system" and noted "all and all, it is an awesome trail".

The trail system itself, which is located at the top of the Oconaluftee Indian Village parking lot, is split into three main trails that are divided by difficulty level. The green level spans 1.5 miles, is designed for beginner-level cyclists and includes two trails: Tinker's Dream and Kate's Weave. The blue level spans around six miles and includes four trails designed for different levels including Waya, Lazy Elk, and Spearfinger which are for cyclists with intermediate skills and Uktena for those with advanced to expert skills. The red level spans 2.5 miles and includes the Kessel Run for those cyclists with advanced to expert skills.

OBITUARIES

Wesley Queen

Wesley Queen, 57, of Cherokee, passed away Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018 at Mission Hospital in Asheville.

Wesley was born May 8, 1960 in Swain County. He was a carpenter.

He is survived by his companion, Peggy Teesateskie; one sister, Cindy Queen; three brothers, Abraham Queen (wife Lou), Lawrence Queen (wife Sharon), and Kevin Smith; and several nieces and nephews also survive.

Wesley was preceded in death by his mother, Minnie Queen Smith; his father, Edgar A. Smith, and one brother Alan Boyd Queen.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at the Cherokee Methodist Church. Pastor James “Bo” Parris officiated. Burial followed at the Minnie Queen Cemetery. Pallbearers were among nephews and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Queen family.

Rory Gunter

(Note: His full obituary was run in the Jan. 11-17 print issue and can be found online at theonefeather.com. This shortened version is being run with newly added information regarding his now-planned memorial celebration.)

After a long and courage’s battle with cancer, Rory Gunther, left this world and went into the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on the morning of Dec. 17, 2017 while at Harris Regional Hospital’s Hospice Care program.

A memorial and celebration of life event will be held at Christ Fellowship Church on Saturday,

Feb. 3 at 2 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations could be made to the music department of Christ Fellowship Church, PO Box 653, Cherokee, NC 28719.

Virginia Maxine Bumgardner Gibson

Virginia Maxine Bumgardner Gibson, 80, of Cherokee, went home to be with the Lord, Monday Jan. 22, 2018. A native of Jackson County, she was the daughter of the late John and Bessie King Bumgardner and wife of the late Robert Lee Gibson. In addition to her husband and parents, she was also preceded in death by one sister, Jean, and one brother John.

She is survived by two daughters, Debbie, and Jennifer; five sons, Terry, Ronald, Steve, Michael, and Billy; grandchildren, Rebecca, Andrew, Joshua, Nicholas, Jessica, Autumn, Constance, and Trevor; great grandchildren, Scarlett, Rick, Jimmy, and Tommy; and sisters, Karen, and Sharon.

Funeral Services were held on Friday, Jan. 26 at Crisp Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was at Old Settlers Cemetery.

Wayne A “Bear” Carver

Wayne A. “Bear” Carver, 94, of Robbinsville, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018 at Harris Regional Hospital in Sylva.

He was the son of the late Ed and Ada Whittaker Carver. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Ann Carver Adams; and his brothers, J.D. Carver, James Carver, and Howard Carver.

Wayne was a Veteran of World War II having served his country proudly in the US Army. He was one of the oldest members of the

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in the Snowbird Community.

He was a man of quiet strength. He faithfully attended New Hope Baptist Church for many years. His devotion to his faith influenced many throughout the years. He always had a smile and a kind word. He was happy to provide the latest schedule of the Atlanta Braves to all his friends every spring.

Bear is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Marie Davis Carver; his granddaughters and their husbands, Tonja and David Styles and Lavonia and Dustin Day; his great grandchildren, Austin White and wife Katy, Grace Styles, Destinee Schell, and Riley Crisp; his son-in-law, Hollis Adams; and his sister, Burnette Bridges, all of Robbinsville. He has six great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 20 at New Hope Baptist Church. Reverends Kevin Brooks, Patrick O’Dell, and James York officiated. Burial followed at New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery where military rites were conducted by the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143.

Townson-Smith Funeral Home served the Carver family. An online register is available at www.townson-smithfuneralhome.com.

William “Bill” Jackson Haigler

William “Bill” Jackson Haigler, 71, of Cherokee, passed away Monday, Jan. 22, 2018 at Valley View Nursing Center in Andrews.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley McMahan Haigler; brothers, Larry Haigler (wife Melba), Frank Haigler, Tommy Haigler (wife Rose Marie), Ronnie Haigler, and Norman Eugene Haigler (wife Pam); one sister, Lou; and his special dog

Ruby.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Donald Haigler and Cora McLeymore Haigler; three brothers, Leroy, Ed, and Robert Haigler; and one sister, Betty Haigler.

Graveside services were held on Thursday, Jan. 25 at 12pm at the Birdtown Cemetery. Pastor James “Bo” Parris officiated.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Haigler family.

Sylva-Margareta Anneliese “Liese” Gravier “Rhinehart”

Sylva-Margareta Anneliese “Liese” Gravier “Rhinehart”, 66, died on Friday, Jan. 26, 2018 at The Elizabeth House after a long battle with Alzheimers. Liese was born in Erlangen, Germany on May 1, 1951, to the late Robert Shickert and to Anneliese Schiller Whichard. Liese was a free spirited lady who loved playing her guitar and traveling throughout the world. She was a faithful friend who could be counted on to give her all when helping someone in need or working for a cause.

In addition to her mother, Liese is survived by the love of her life and fishing partner, James Rhinehart; her daughters, Undine McCoy (Kevin) and Tera Gravier; a brother, Jessey Shickert; and her grandchildren, Jacob Gravier, Logan Arch, and Wesley Hooper.

At Liese’s request, no services are planned.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Elizabeth House in care of Four Seasons Hospice at 581 South Allen Road, Flat Rock NC 28731.

A message of comfort may be left and an online guest registry may be signed at www.garrettfuneralsandcremations.com



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

OPENING: Miss Cherokee Faith Long (second from left) dances at the opening of the Kanvwtiyi Treatment Center in the Snowbird Community in December along with Bo Taylor (left), Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed (second from right), and former Yellowhill Rep. Anita Lossiah (right).

Miss Cherokee report for December 2017

FAITH LONG MISS CHEROKEE 2017-18

This month has flown by. I started the month off with the Gatlinburg parade, and then I was able to be in the Bryson City parade the very next day. Unfortunately, the weather was against us when I tried to attend the Robbinsville parade and I was snowed in at school all weekend.

Speaking of school, I finished the first semester of my sophomore year with great grades and I'm thankful for all the support. My winter break started off busy. I continued to intern for Sequoyah Fund, and I was also able to attend a dinner with the Cherokee Youth Council. I was able to work with them with team bonding and was introduced to Chance Rush, who gave great life tips and shared his own story.

Earlier, I was able to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Kanvwtiyi treatment center in the

Snowbird Community. I am on the Jones Bowman Leadership Award Council, and we completed our project for the year. We fundraised, purchased, and put together fifty bookbags for the Family Safety program in Cherokee. This project was very close to me because I feel that our youth are the future, and investing in our future as a Tribe will benefit us when the future becomes the present. The Family Safety program is always in need of donations. You can find their website here: <http://www.cherokee-hmd.com/family-safety/index.html>.

I had a very good holiday season, and I am so thankful the continued support from my family, the groups I am in, and my board. I can't wait to see what January holds for me.

If you would like me to attend an event, please email your request to ebcimisscherokee@gmail.com. Sgi!

PAMPER THE ONES YOU LOVE



sweet @ stop

Featuring a decadent selection of hand-crafted artisan chocolates for you and your sweetheart.

Sunday-Thursday: Noon - 8PM
Friday-Saturday: 10AM - 10PM

Special Hours Feb 13 & 14: 11AM - 10PM



Harrahs
CHEROKEE
CASINO RESORT

Must be 21 or older to enter casino floor and to gamble, and must present a valid state or federal photo ID upon request. Know When To Stop Before You Start®. Gambling Problems? Call 1-800-522-4700. An Enterprise of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. ©2018, Harrahs License Company, LLC.



P.O. Box 501, Cherokee, N.C. 28719
Located in Ginger Lynn Welch Complex
theonefeather.com,
follow us on twitter: @GWYOneFeather

The Editorial Board of the Cherokee One Feather consists of: Robert Jumper, Scott M. Brings Plenty, Sally Davis, and Paula Wojtkowski.

Staff

Editor - Robert Jumper,
robejump@nc-cherokee.com

Reporter - Scott M. Brings Plenty,
scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com

Subscription Clerk - Sally Davis,
salldavi@nc-cherokee.com

Main Phone Line - (828) 359-6261

Letters Policy

The Cherokee One Feather is available as a forum for any opinion or point of view concerning issues of general interest. Letters should be typed, exclusive to the One Feather. Letters must be signed and should include a name, address and phone number. Letters may not exceed 250 words. Letters exceeding the word limit will not be accepted for publication. The name and town or community of the writer will be printed. Letters critical of specifically-named minor children will not be published.

The Cherokee One Feather is published weekly. It is owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Second Class Postage Paid Cherokee, N.C. 28719, USPS 715-640. The deadline is Friday at 12noon unless otherwise advertised. Please email or call for advertising and subscription rates.

CONTENTS © 2018 CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER



Winner of 11 NCPA Awards in 2016
Cherokee's Award Winning
Newspaper since 1965

Right to privacy and responsibility for transparency

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

The wife and I use an app (short for application-you know, those little do-dads on your phone that make life “interesting”) called Life360. It basically will pinpoint the location of my phone for her, and vice versa, any time of the day or night. It alerts me when she leaves the house, and it alerts her when I do the same. I can touch an area on the screen, and it will send a “check-in” message to her letting her know I am ok.

Now, before you start thinking that it is time for us to see a marriage counselor or old Robert’s about to become a free agent, let me tell you why we use the app, and what we don’t use it for. This is not a tool we use to find out what each other is doing. The days of sowing wild oats are long gone, and we don’t have trust issues. We do have enough concern for each other that it is important for us to be able to see where each other of us are in times of uncertainty. We care enough about each other to want to be able to lend assistance. Critical moments of aide can be lost to a search if trouble comes. When we saw this app a year or so ago, it was almost a no-brainer. We don’t use it despite our trust in each other, we use it because of our trust in each other. I look at the app from time to time, usually when I get the audible signal that she has left the house, mostly out of habit. I don’t question where she goes. I don’t need to. I don’t want to. If I did, though, I could. And, so could she.

While we both have a right and expectation of personal privacy, we have a responsibility to transparency. At first, we both had brief concerns about the use of the app. Neither of us wanted the other to think he/she needed to “checkup” on the other. It wasn’t my privacy I worried about. It was hers. Once we realized that neither of us was concerned about our own personal behavior, we felt free to use the tool. It gives another layer of peace and security for both of us; not necessarily the use of it, but just having it available.

There is something very personally liberating about knowing that your relationship with another is such that no or few mental walls are necessary. Time and proximity usually build a bond that allows for the intimacy of trust. The more you know someone in a positive relationship, the less privacy is an issue, and the relationship becomes more transparent. Lives are not pristine and clean. Acceptance and trust come with time and familiarity. And, so it is with any relationship. Spouses. Family. Friends. Coworkers. Tribal leaders. What is the key to gaining the trust of another? I think I know, but just to be on the safe side, I “googled” it. Number 1 on the guidance scale from www.pickthebrain.com is transparency. Number 3 on the scale from www.familyshare.com is “Be an Open Book” (i.e., transparency). Number 18 on the scale from www.boston.dalecarnegie.com is transparency.

Transparency is a pretty important element in the success of a relationship, business, or government. And, I hear the homage given to transparency when public speakers speak. “I am an open book,” “I have an open-door policy,” “I believe the people have a right to know what we are doing.” In the past three tribal election cycles and in numerous local, state and federal elections, transparency has been at the top of the constituency’s wish list and the most assured platform plank of most politicians.

With all this rhetoric about everyone understanding the want and need for it, you would assume that we could play a good game of cards because all the cards would be on the table. Right?

“A lack of transparency results in distrust and a deep sense of insecurity,” states the Dalai Lama. Denise Morrison, CEO of the Campbell Soup Company, said, “The single most important ingredient in the recipe for success is transparency because transparency builds trust.”

Steven Sinofsky, former President of the Windows Division of Microsoft, says, “Things will absolutely go wrong. In a healthy team, as soon as things go wrong, that information should be sur-

faceted. Trying to hide or obscure bad news creates an environment of distrust or lack of transparency.”

Grace Poe, Filipino senator, and businesswoman, stated, “I believe that transparency is the solution to our problem of corruption.”

Esther Dyson, American journalist, author, and entrepreneur, noted, “What I’m thinking about more and more these days is simply the importance of transparency, and Jefferson’s saying that he’d rather have a free press without a government than a government without a free press.”



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It could be risky to push for a project you believe in but others are wary of. Never mind. If you trust your facts, follow your courageous Aries heart and go with it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your enthusiasm sparks renewed interest in a workplace project that once seemed headed for deletion. Support from supervisors helps you make all necessary changes.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A colleague might be a bit too contrary when your ideas are being discussed in the workplace. A demand for an explanation could produce some surprises all around.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Try to avoid distractions at a time when maintaining stability in a fluid situation is essential. There’ll be time enough later for the Moon Child to enjoy some well-earned fun and games.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Stop wasting energy licking your wounded pride. Instead, put the lessons you learned from that upsetting experience to good use in an upcoming opportunity.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You love being busy. But try not to make more work for yourself than you need to. Get help so that you don’t wind up tackling tasks that are better left to others.

Beware of people who say they are keeping you “in the dark” for your own good. Whether in a personal relationship, business negotiation, or interaction with government, the less you know, the more power someone has over you. While it seems easy and safe to let someone else take the wheel, you are putting your life and future in the hands of another. In those cases when you must let someone else make decisions for you, have you checked their track record in making those types of decisions? Has the person you have entrusted to

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your usually balanced way of assessing situations could be compromised by some so-called new facts. Check them out before making any shift in judgment.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might feel angry over an unexpected shift in attitude by someone you trusted. But this could soon turn in your favor as more surprising facts come out.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Love rules everywhere for all amorous Archers, single or attached. It’s also a good time to restore friendships that might have frayed over the years.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It’s not always easy for the proud Goat to forgive past slights. But clearing the air could help establish a better climate for that important upcoming venture.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Good news: Your skillful handling of a recent matter has won admiration from someone who could be influential in any upcoming decisions involving you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You continue to welcome new friends into the widening circle of people whom you hold dear. One of those newcomers might soon have something special to tell you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love nature and inspire others to follow your example of concern for the planet’s well-being.

© 2018 King Features Synd., Inc.

make those decisions proven to you through relationship or document, that he/she is worthy of your trust, or does the open book suddenly slam shut when you really start reading (between the lines)?

Check and verify. The reason the wife and I do not have to worry about checking on each other is that we have, over three decades, built a relationship of trust. I don’t have to wonder where she is or what she is doing because we have a history of knowing all of that. And, while there is an app for that and we use it, it is not for maintaining trust. It is because of the trust we are comfortable in allowing that level of intimacy and access. Transparency over the years has allowed us to have a high level of trust, and less need for privacy.

Whether the relationship is

personal or political, the level of transparency will dictate the level of trust. To gain trust, I will sometimes give up or suspend my right to privacy. In relationships, especially political relationships, we must weigh the cost of hanging on to privacy. Some things may and should remain private. But, those things that will affect another individual, groups, or communities must be included in the open book. Decisions made for the people must be made by the people.

In the writings of C.S. Lewis, he used the adage “two heads are better than one”. His complete quote goes like this, “Two heads are better than one, not because either is infallible, but because they are unlikely to go wrong in the same direction.”



Benefits/Fundraisers

Benefit for Mary Ann Rich and Jon Smith.

Feb. 2 from 10:30am – 1pm at Yellowhill Community Building. Men: NDN Taco Dinner with drink - \$8; Frybread and chili dinner with drink - \$7. All proceeds raised will help them financially meet their needs as they fight their battle with cancer. Info: Lou Johnson 788-2853

Supper Bowl Fundraiser. Feb. 2

from 11am – 1pm at Cherokee Choices Community Room. All proceeds will go to fund the Community Syllabary Class. \$5 bowl of soup, bread/crackers, drink. \$7 all you can eat soup, bread/crackers, drink. Soups to include: potato, taco, tomato, vegetable, zuppa toscana, and more.

Benefit for Jeffrey Crowe. Feb. 2 at 11am at new Painttown Gym. Frybread and chili with dessert and drink - \$6; Indian taco with dessert and drink - \$8. Orders for delivery will be taken

until Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 4:30pm. Call or text 736-8190 or 269-8495 for delivery.

Turkey Shoot. Feb. 3 at 5pm at Jesse Welch's Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. This is a benefit for Jesse Welch. Good prizes, good fun, good benefit.

Church Events

The Primitive Quartet of Candler special guest singers. Feb. 4 at 7pm at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Dillsboro. Everybody is welcome.

Cultural Events

Cherokee Syllabary and Intro to Cherokee Class. Every Monday and Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm at the 3200 Acre Tract Community Center at 1000 Old Bryson City Road in Whittier. Everyone is welcome. Info: <https://www.facebook.com/3200-Acre-Tract-Community-Center-1589774257745245/>

General Events

Community Bingo. Jan. 31 from 1-4pm in Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds exhibit hall. Everyone will receive two bingo cards. To receive an extra bingo card, bring canned goods, toiletries, or other household items for donation to the Cherokee Children's Home. This event is sponsored by the Office of the Principal Chief, Cherokee Transit Program, and the Tribal Historic Preservation Office.

Big Cove Community Meeting. Feb. 1 at 6pm at The Church of the Nazarene. Meeting with Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed and Vice Chief B. Ensley to address your concerns. If you have questions ahead of time, let them know the question so they can gather information for an answer. Community Officers and Council Representatives will be glad to pass your questions to the Executive Office. Food and

THE JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS THE

WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

JAN. 29-FEB. 4, 2018

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckaseegee River	Stocked Oct. 3-4, 2017	Mid-day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout	BWO, Midges, Black Stone Flies, Crane Fly	BWO, Girdle Bugs, Woolly Buggers, Zebra midges, stripper midges, frenchies, Griffith gnats, Hare's Ear Soft Hackle
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	N/A	Mid-day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	BWO, Crane Flies, Black Stoneflies	BWO, Girdle Bugs, Woolly Buggers, Zebra midges, stripper midges, frenchies, Griffith gnats
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Follow posted regulations-wild trout	Mid-day	Rainbow, Brown, and Brook Trout	BWO, Black Stoneflies, Midges	Woolly Bugger, Girdle Bugs, Blue Wing Olive, Zebra midges, stripper midges, frenchies, Griffith gnats

COURTESY OF DALE COLLINS/TUCKASEEGEE FLY SHOP

BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, JAN. 29	TUESDAY, JAN. 30	WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31	THURSDAY, FEB. 1	FRIDAY, FEB. 2	SATURDAY, FEB. 3	SUNDAY, FEB. 4
BETTER	BETTER	BEST	BETTER++	GOOD	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
10:54 AM-12:54 PM 11:25 PM-1:25 AM	N/A 11:56 AM-1:56 PM	12:27 AM-2:27 AM 12:57 PM-2:57 PM	1:27 AM-3:27 AM 1:55 PM-3:55 PM	2:23 AM-4:23 AM 2:50 PM-4:50 PM	3:16 AM-5:16 AM 3:41 PM-5:41 PM	4:06 AM-6:06 AM 4:30 PM-6:30 PM

COURTESY OF WWW.SOLUNARFORECAST.COM

CALL 828-586-2155 OR VISIT WWW.MOUNTAINLOVERS.COM

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Song of Solomon in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Revelation 21, what perfectly square city is described as having walls made of jasper? *New Damascus, Jericho, New Jerusalem, Philadelphia*
3. Who became leader of the children of Israel after Moses' death? *Isaac, Joshua, Aaron, Abraham*
4. Saint Luke said Jesus was about how old when he began to teach? *20, 30, 40, 50*
5. What is the biblical word of "Didymus" translated as? *Sinner, Heathen, Teacher, Twin*
6. What was the trade occupation of Paul? *Shepherd, Carpenter, Tentmaker, Tax collector*

ANSWERS: (1) Old; (2) New Jerusalem; (3) Joshua; (4) 30; (5) Twin; (6) Tentmaker

Visit Wilson Casey's new Trivia Fan Site at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

© 2018 King Features Synd., Inc.

drinks will be provided at both meetings, and all Big Cove and Tow String Community members are invited to attend.

Cherokee Business Training “A Native American Journey into Small Business”.

Tuesdays (started Jan. 30) from 6-9 pm. This five-week course costs \$65. To register, call 359-6708 or visit www.bit.ly/CBT-Winter-2018

Presentation entitled “The Little Tennessee River Valley: Treasure Over Time”. Feb. 1

at 6:30pm at Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Drive in Bryson City. This free event is being sponsored by the Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society. The presentation, by Mark Davidson, will provide an overview of the Little Tennessee River Valley from the 1700s until the present. Info: <http://www.swaingenealogy.com>

Meet and Greet with Miss Cherokee 2017-

18 Faith Long. Feb. 3 from 10am – 1pm in the Museum of the Cherokee Indian Ken Blankenship Education Wing multi-purpose room. Info: 497-3481 or www.cherokeemuseum.org

Free Line Dance and Swing Dance Lessons.

Feb. 6, 13, and 15 at Yellowhill Activity Center. Line Dance at 6pm, Couples Swing at 6:45. Instructors: Chris Smith and Cathy Miller – line dance; Bob Canady and Sherri Booth – couples swing. Also, mark your calendar for a Sweet-heart Dance at the Yellowhill Activity Center on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 7pm. Info: 788-0502

Sawing classes offered. First class on Feb.

10 at 10am – 2pm at Big Y Community Building. The Big Y Community has partnered with BIA Forestry to host a series of classes for all Free Labor Groups and anyone interested in learning how to use a saw to cut trees for firewood. Lunch will be provided free of charge. Part 1 (Feb. 10) will involve hands-on sawing. Part 2 (date to be determined) will include learning to identify trees and how to fell trees safely. Part 3 (date to be determined) will include saw maintenance and sharpening. These classes are open to anyone. RSVP (for head count for lunch and

supplies) to 788-4879.

Talk by Sarah Sunshine Manning. March 8 from 12-1pm at Laurel Forum at UNC – Asheville. Manning, a citizen of the Shoshone and Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation and a descendant of the Chippewa-Cree of Rocky Boy, Mont., is a write, journalist, speaker, and social science education. She will give a talk entitled “We are the Earth, We are the Land”.

Talk entitled “We Are the Earth, We Are the Land”. March 9 from 5-6pm at Ken Blankenship Education Wing in the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Sarah Sunshine Manning (Shoshone/Paiute) will share her poignant and personal story of connection to land and Earth elaborating on universal understandings of the many lessons of the natural landscapes around us. The free talk will be 45 minutes with additional time for questions. Info: Museum of the Cherokee Indian 497-3481

“From Dope to Hope” speaker. March 28 from 5:30-7:30pm in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. Tim Ryan, addiction expert and recovery advocate, and the author of “Dope Man”, will give a speech entitled “From Dope to Hope”. Light refreshments will be provided. Info: TimRyanSpeaks.com

Health and Sports Events

Catamounts Basketball EBCI Basketball Appreciation Night. Feb. 3 at 7:30pm at the WCU Ramsey Center. WCU will host Samford. Free admission for youth 12 years and younger wearing a basketball jersey. For those 13 years and older, purchase your tickets at the WCU Cherokee Center to receive a \$5 tribal discount. Info: WCU Cherokee Center 497-7920 or snsam-son@wcu.edu

Upcoming Pow Wows for Feb. 2-4

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.

Cuyamaca College 4th Annual Pow Wow. Feb. 3 at Cuyamaca College “B” Building Quad in El Cajon, Calif. MC: Ral Christman. Host Northern: Green River. Host Southern: Hale & Company. Info: NASAcuyamacacollege@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/nasa.cuyamaca

Birthday Gourd Dance for Richard D. Roubedeaux. Feb. 3 at Otoe Cultural Building in Red Rock, Okla. MC: Lester M. Eagle. Head Singer: Eddie Lee Roubedeaux. Invited Gourd Groups: Red Rock Creek, Black Beard Descendants, Wichita Warrior Society, Osage Gourd Dancers. Info: (918) 223-1789

North Carolina School of Science and Math Pow Wow. Feb. 3 at Charles Ellber Physical Education Center at NCSSM in Durham, NC. Host Drum: Stoney Creek. Info: <https://www.ncssm.edu/powwow>

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 Brianna Lambert 788-3308. The rental fee is \$75 and \$25 will be returned after cleaning.

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. Chairman: Stephan Watty, Vice Chairman: Kallup McCoy, Treasurer: Deb Slee. Secretary: Sasha Watty. The community building is currently not available for rent.

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

Wolftown Community Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Wolftown 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 Talking Circle. This group, for community members with diabetes or pre-diabetes and their family and friends, meets at Tsali Manor on the third Thursday of each month from 12-1pm. Info: Nilofer Couture, MPH, RD, LDN, CDE, 497-9163 ext. 6459 or 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 conference 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 them to Scott at scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com or message to us on Facebook.


CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida

SŌHİ ʌD RVLTŌJ DŌŌYL



Royce, a 9-month-old Dalmatian, lives with Tierra Martinez and Gatlin Cruz in the Birdtown Community.



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, or message us at the One Feather Facebook page.



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians TRIBAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION

P. O. Box 1123, Cherokee, NC 28719
(828) 359-9751



CERTIFICATION PERIODS:

- ZERO INCOME (LITTLE CHANCE OF CHANGE) – Every 3 months
- ZERO INCOME (FREQUENT CHANGES IN INCOME) – Every month to 2 months
- STABLE (NON-CHANGING INCOME) – 12 months
- ELDERLY/DISABLED (FIXED INCOME) – Up to 24 months. Must be contacted every 12 months to make sure they want to continue services.
- SELF-EMPLOYED – Recertification should fall when they receive the majority of their income.

GROSS INCOME (20% EIC DEDUCTION):

- PAID WEEKLY – Gross amount of check x 4.3 = Gross monthly income (before 20% deduction)
- PAID BI-WEEKLY – Gross amount of check x 2.15 = Gross monthly income (before 20% deduction)

DEDUCTIONS:

- 20% - (0.20 x Gross Income)
- Utility Deduction - \$300.00
- Medical Deductions – Medical costs >\$35.00
- Child Support - Paid
- Dependent Care Expenses

Household Size (FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standards)

1	(\$1,165)	6 (\$2,975)
2	(\$1,514)	7 (\$3,323)
3	(\$1,862)	8 (\$3,672)
4	(\$2,220)	*Each additional member (+\$349.00)
5	(\$2,598)	

***EBCI Per Capita and Per Capita Loans are NOT considered as income at this time. Please, feel free to contact the Tribal Foods Office (828-359-9751) for detailed eligibility requirements and to schedule an appointment.
Thanks from the TFDP Staff.***

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@cherokee Preservation.org

"AS PEOPLE, WE'VE ALWAYS HELPED EACH OTHER. THAT'S HOW WE WERE RAISED."

**Western
Carolina
UNIVERSITY**

STAFF OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Administrative Support Associate - Intercultural Affairs
Transition Grant Coordinator (Time Limited)
Housekeeping 2nd Shift
Academic Advisor
Director of Field Experiences (Education)

FACULTY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Assistant Professor (Nurse Anesthesia, Management, Nutrition & Dietetics)
Director and Distinguished Professor - Construction Management
Forensic Anthropology Facilities Director, Tenure Track

VISIT JOBS.WCU.EDU FOR DETAILS AND TO APPLY

An Equal Opportunity/Access/Affirmative Action/Pro Disabled & Veteran Employer.
Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in the application and interview process please call 828.227.7218 or email at jobs@email.wcu.edu.

TRADING POST

FOR RENT

2BR, 1 bath mobile home. Quiet park in Ela, no pets. References/background check required. \$450/month, \$450/deposit. 488-8752. UFN

Building for Lease at Saunooke Village in Cherokee. Approximately 3,800 sq. ft., formerly known as Four Seasons Christmas Shop, prime location, heavy foot traffic. Contact: Charles Saunooke (828) 506-3646. 2/1

FOR SALE

LAND FOR SALE – Blackrock Creek Community; Great home sites and acreage available 15 minutes from Harrah's casino. 1.6 to 9 acre tracts just outside the Reservation in Jackson County, NC. Seller financing available at great terms. Contact Bruce Nelson (954) 232-8375. 2/8pd

Commercial dry cleaning equip-

ment for sale. Equipment to be auctioned off by sealed bid at 10:00am on Thursday, February 8. If interested, contact Russ Seagle at The Sequoyah Fund (828-359-5003) or russseagle@sequoyahfund.org for details. 2/1

SERVICES

Law Office of Shira Hedgepeth, Tribal Legal Advocate, For representation, call 828.585.5044 or email shira@legal-decisions.com. Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/legaldecisions>. 2/1pd

YARD SALES

Yard Sale at Granny's Kitchen - Friday and Saturday Open at 8:30am; on February 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 and 24.

Indoor Yard Sale. Feb. 3 from 7am – 2pm at Tsali Manor. Info: Sherry Welch 359-6290, sherwelc@nc-cherokee.com. 2/1

Cherokee Animal Shelter



OPEN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7:45 AM to 4:30 PM
DOGS AND CATS AVAILABLE NOW AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION
42 LEE TAYLOR ROAD

497-6091



Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

**Part-Time
Resident Counselors**
(Open Until Filled)
Cherokee Children's Home

Food Manager
(Open Until Filled)
Snowbird Child Development Center

Teachers/Teachers' Aides
(Open Until Filled)
Snowbird Child Development Center

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

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.

The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates or readvertise positions without notice.



IT'S ALL ABOUT THE BENEFITS.

TUITION ASSISTANCE • FULL MEDICAL • PAID TIME OFF

20 YEARS
Harrah's
CHEROKEE
CASINO RESORT

Apply today:
HarrahsCherokeeJobs.com

Harrah's
CHEROKEE
VALLEY RIVER
CASINO & HOTEL

Select positions eligible for hiring bonus. Restrictions apply. Please see Talent Acquisition department for details. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and have a valid photo ID. An Enterprise of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Harrah's Cherokee Casinos value diversity and inclusion, and are equal opportunity employers. ©2018, Caesars License Company, LLC.

EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

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, February 02, 2018

1. Special Events Assistant - Destination Marketing - Commerce (L6 \$28,372 - \$35,465)
2. Cook - QB HS & EHS - PHHS (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
3. Kituwah Preservation & Education Manager - KPEP - CERS (L13 \$53,792 - \$67,240)
4. Corrections Officer - Corrections - CIPD (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
5. Driver (Multiple) - Transit - Administration (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
6. Telecommunications Manager - I.T. (L12 \$49,200 - \$61,500)
7. Destination Marketing Director - Destination Marketing - Commerce (L16 \$70,192 - \$87,740)

Closing Friday, February 09, 2018

1. Teacher (Multiple) - Qualla Boundary HS & EHS - PHHS (L7 \$31,078 - \$38,848)
2. Teacher Assistant - Qualla Boundary HS & EHS - PHHS (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
3. Family Safety Social Worker - Family Safety - PHHS (L10 \$41,082 - \$51,353)
4. Certified Nursing Assistant - Cherokee Home Health - PHHS (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
5. Foot Patrol Officer (Tribal Complex) - CIPD - Public Safety (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
6. Carpenter Helper - Facility Management - Administration (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
7. Magistrate - Tribal Court - Judicial Branch (L10 \$41,082 - \$51,353)
8. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant (Part-Time) - Kituwah Academy - CERS (L5 \$12.42 - \$15.52 per hour)

Open Positions

1. Paramedic Part-Time - EMS - Operations (\$16.40 - \$20.50 per hour)
2. Paramedic Full-Time - EMS - Operations (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
3. Detention Officer - Detention - CIPD (L7 \$31,078 - \$38,848)

Download Applications and Job Descriptions and Apply Online at:
www.ebci.com/jobs

EMPLOYMENT

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Dentist (2 Positions)

Certified Nursing Assistant Clerk –
Inpatient

To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close February 1, 2018 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **2/1pd**

TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE:

January 31, 2018

CLOSING DATE: February 7, 2018

At 4:00pm

NAME OF POSITION:

FT Concession Attendant

NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 1

SHIFT: Evening

SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Must be able to oversee concession area. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Most importantly, demonstrate confidentiality. One year experience preferred. Must obtain a valid NC Drivers License and High School Diploma or GED. Application and a complete job description may be picked up at the Tribal Bingo Hall and returned to April Bradley or Caressa Jackson.

THE TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE, AN ENTERPRISE CREATED BY THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS, RESERVES THE

RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL APPLICANTS AND EMPLOYMENT IS SUBJECT TO THOSE TERMS WHICH THE TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE DEEM APPROPRIATE. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO QUALIFIED MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS. **2/1pd**

TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE:

January 31, 2018

CLOSING DATE: February 7, 2018

At 4:00pm

NAME OF POSITION:

Full Time Floor Attendant

NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 1

SHIFT: Evening

SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Most importantly, demonstrate confidentiality. One year experience preferred. Must obtain a valid NC Drivers License and High School Diploma or GED. Application and a complete job description may be picked up at the Tribal Bingo Hall and returned to April Littlejohn.

THE TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE, AN ENTERPRISE CREATED BY THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS, RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL APPLICANTS AND EMPLOYMENT IS SUBJECT TO THOSE TERMS WHICH THE TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE DEEM APPROPRIATE. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO QUALIFIED MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS. **2/1pd**

TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE:

January 31, 2018

CLOSING DATE: February 7, 2018

At 4:00pm

NAME OF POSITION: PT

Concession Attendant

NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 1

SHIFT: Evening

SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Most importantly, demonstrate confidentiality. One year experience preferred. Must obtain a valid NC Drivers License and High School Diploma or GED. Application and a complete job description may be picked up at the Tribal Bingo Hall and returned to April Bradley.

THE TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE, AN ENTERPRISE CREATED BY THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS, RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL APPLICANTS AND EMPLOYMENT IS SUBJECT TO THOSE TERMS WHICH THE TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE DEEM APPROPRIATE. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO QUALIFIED MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS. **2/1pd**

TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE:

January 31, 2018

CLOSING DATE: February 7, 2018

At 4:00pm

NAME OF POSITION:

Part Time Floor Attendant

NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 2

SHIFT: Evening

SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Most importantly, demon-



DEFINING WCU'S NEXT CHANCELLOR

Community Forums to Inform the WCU Chancellor Search

A search for Western Carolina University's next Chancellor, replacing Chancellor David O. Belcher who went on medical leave Dec. 31, is underway. Join members of the Western Carolina University Chancellor Search Committee to provide input that will inform the position profile for WCU's next leader.

5-6:30 p.m. Monday, February 5

Western Carolina University
Health and Human Sciences Building, Room 204

5-6:30 p.m. Monday, February 12

Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort
Locust Room

Parking available in the Hotel Parking deck adjacent to Highway 19

Learn more at chancellorsearch.wcu.edu

strate confidentiality. One year experience preferred. Must obtain a valid NC Drivers License and High School Diploma or GED. Application and a complete job description may be picked up at the Tribal Bingo Hall and returned to April Bradley or Caressa Jackson.

THE TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE, AN ENTERPRISE CREATED BY THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS, RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL APPLICANTS AND EMPLOYMENT IS SUBJECT TO THOSE TERMS WHICH THE TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE DEEM APPROPRIATE. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO QUALIFIED MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS. **2/1pd**

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Residential Manager - Snowbird
Residential Treatment Center
Patient Registration Supervisor
Targeted Case Manager
Dental Hygienist
Registration Receptionist Clerk – (30 Hour Weekend)
Dental Assistant II (2 Positions)
Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care (14 Positions)
Certified Medication Aide - (3 Positions)

To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close February 8, 2018 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **2/8pd**

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Optometrist
Physician- Emergency Room
Pedodontist

Masters Level Therapist- Snowbird
Residential Treatment Center (2 positions)
Part Time Regular Registered Nurse - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center
RN – Tsali Care Center (2 Positions)
Emergency Hire RN – Inpatient
Emergency Hire Dental Assistant II (2 Positions)

To apply, visit 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. **2/1pd**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-70

In the Matter of the Estate of Arnessa Littlejohn Wilnoty

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
Frances L. Littlejohn, P.O. Box 33, Cherokee, NC. **2/1pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-76

In the Matter of the Estate of David Lamar Wachacha

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
Gail Wachacha, P.O. Box 1028, Cherokee, NC. **2/1pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-74

In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph Saunooke Sr.

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Joseph Saunooke Sr., P.O. Box 847, Cherokee, NC 28719. **2/1pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-078

In the Matter of the Estate of Ronald Garfield Lambert

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

Garfield Burnett Lambert, P. O. Box 150, Cherokee, NC. **2/1pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
The Cherokee Court
Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File Nos.: EST 13-014; EST 13-027;
EST 13-032; EST 13-035; EST 13-036

In the Matter of the Estates of: Randolph Scott Pheasant (d. 1/8/2013);

James Willard Smith (d.

3/19/2013);

Rose Ann Driver (d. 1/1/2013);

David Norman Watty (d.

3/27/2013); and

Wesley Driver (d. 3/7/2013)

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.

EBCI Justice Center
February 22, 2017 at 1:30pm
2/8pd

NOTICE

The Cherokee Fire Department is proposing the adoption of administrative rules pursuant to Cherokee Code (C.C.) 143-10 and 150-4. These rules are proposed to establish reasonable civil fines for violations of the Fire Prevention Code, adopted as Tribal law pursuant to C.C. 143-6 and 143-10(b). Written comments may be mailed to the Cherokee Fire Department at Attn: Charles Bryson, 825 Acquoni Road, Cherokee NC 28719 or emailed to charbrys@nc-cherokee.com. The period for public comment is 20 days from the publication of this notice. A public hearing on the proposed rules will

be held on February 21, 2018
at 5:00 PM, at the Cherokee Fire
Department, 825 Acquoni Road,
Cherokee NC 28719. 2/8pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-003

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Roberta Ann Davis**

All persons, firms and corpo-
rations 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

Robert Isaac Welch, 11 Tom
George Rd., Whittier, NC 28789.
(828)736-8866. 2/22pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-005

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Lorenza Dwight Walkingstick**

All persons, firms and corpo-
rations 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

Patricia Smith Walkingstick, 439
Black Oak Cove Road, Candler, NC
28715. (828)736-8866. 2/22pd

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
FOR**

Investigative Services

The Eastern Band of Chero-
kee Indians (EBCI) Tribal Council
invites qualified individuals or firms
to submit investigation services
proposals. The proposal's purpose
is to conduct an investigation to

ensure "compliance with policies,
plans, procedures, law and regula-
tions" regarding a settlement.

The EBCI Tribal Council will
consider any and all proposals from
qualified and experienced individ-
uals or firms to provide investiga-
tion services. Applicants must be
licensed by the North Carolina Pri-
vate Protective Services Board and
in good standing with the North
Carolina Private Protective Services
Board at the time of submitting
their application for consideration.
Proposal Submission:

The EBCI Tribal Council invites
qualified individuals or firms to
submit a proposal that meets the
requirement described and the
proposal must be received no later
than 3:00 P.M. Friday, February 2,
2018. Please submit your inquiry
to: carowest@nc-chokeee.com
with the subject line: Investigative
Services RFP.

This Request for Proposal does
not commit EBCI Tribal Council
to award a contract or to pay any
costs incurred in the prepara-
tion of a proposal in response to
this request. EBCI Tribal Council
reserves the sole and exclusive
right to accept the proposal that it
considers to be in its best interest
of the EBCI Tribal Council and its
needs. Selection of the individual or
firm is at the sole discretion of the
EBCI Tribal Council. All materials
submitted to EBCI Tribal Council
by individuals or firms in response
to this RFP become EBCI Tribal
Council's sole property and will be
used at its discretion and shall not
be returned to any successful or
unsuccessful applicant unless the
applicant identifies any trademarks
or patents that protect products
submitted.

Thank you for your interest in
working with the Eastern Band of

Cherokee Indians Tribal Council.
Adam Wachacha, Chairman
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Tribal Council

2/1pd

**Advertisement for Request for
Proposal**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Housing and Community
Development Division

756 Acquoni Road
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719

Phone: (828) 359-6903

Project Title: Fisher Branch Duplex
The Eastern Band of Cherokee
Indians is requesting proposals for
interested Licensed General Con-
tractors for a multi-family housing
project. The EBCI is looking to build
2 duplexes (4 individual units) on
approximately 0.8 acres in the
Birdtown Community.

All interested parties should
submit proposals on this project to
the Housing & Community Devel-
opment no later than February
23rd, 2018 at 4:00PM. Proposals
should be submitted in a sealed en-
velope clearly marked RFP#2018-
1 Fisher Branch Duplex.

Proposals can be sent by U.S.
Mail to Housing & Community
Development, P.O. Box 455 Chero-
kee, NC 28719 or by Carrier to 756
Acquoni Road. Attention: Thomas
(T.W.) Saunooke.

If claiming Indian Preference,
please include a copy of TERO Cer-
tification.

Full RFP Requirement can be
requested through the Housing &
Community Development, Housing
Production Program. If you have
any questions or comments, please
contact Thomas (T.W.) Saunooke at
office: (828) 359-6903, cell: (828)
788-4824 or thomsaun@nc-cher-
okee.com. 2/8pd

**Search Cherokee's
Sex Offender Registry
at this link:**

<http://nc-chokeee.nsopw.gov/>

EBCI VETERANS

If you are a veteran of the United States Armed Forces and your name is not listed on the granite memorial located in the Cherokee Veterans Park, or if you have a deceased family member who was a veteran and their name is not on the monument, contact the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143.

Warren Dupree 508-2657
David McQueen 736-9572



Hey Business Owner!

Yeah, that's right. We're talking to you. How would you like to...

INCREASING FOOT TRAFFIC IN YOUR SHOP OR STORE?

HEAR THE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC OF CASH REGISTERS RINGING UP SALES MORE OFTEN?

DRIVE CLIENTS TO YOUR ONLINE PRESENCE AND INCREASING INCREMENTAL SALES?

AND SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVING YOUR RETURN ON INVESTMENT?

BE SEEN ON OUR WEBPAGE!

MONTHLY RATES

An exclusive banner (768 x 90 pixels) above our Masthead is just \$400 per month with a minimum 6 month commitment.

Standard above the Masthead rate is \$250.

Below the Masthead banner rate \$200.

Sidebar ad (300 x 250 pixels) is \$150

Our online presence, theonefeather.com, is updated daily, with news as it happens on the Qualla Boundary. We average 25,500 visits to the site weekly, and we have plenty of content, so they stay there a while! We've received NCPA awards for our print and web presentations. Folks love a good presentation!

We are plugged in to our community, and our social media engagement proves it. Over 23,000 readers like us enough to "like" us on Facebook. Last year, our weekly engagement was between 40K and 50K. A few things went viral, being viewed by as many as 350,000 folks! Our social media presence leads people to theonefeather.com.

We can get your product message in front of the Cherokee community. Call or email us and let us show you how to grow your business through print and web promotion affordably. Robejump@nc-cherokee.com or 828-359-6482. Scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com or 828-359-6263. Really, all you need is One Feather.

ECHOTA BAPTIST CHURCH

**invites you to our first
church service beginning
*February 4, 2018***

**1611 King
James Bible**



**1274 Birdtown Road
Cherokee, NC 28719**

Sunday School - 10am

Preaching - 11am

Sunday Night - 6pm

Wednesday Night - 6pm

Pastor - Dr. James "Red" Mills

email - mills2tim1v9@aol.com

phone - (864) 838-2868