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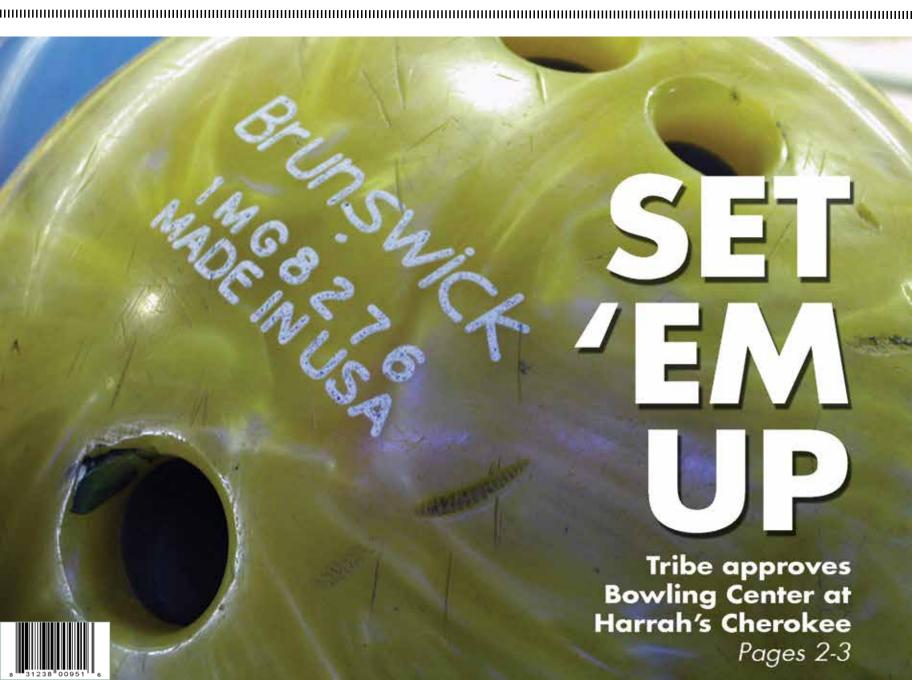


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## SET 'EM UP!

#### Council approves Bowling Entertainment Center project

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owlers in Cherokee will no longer have to leave town to go for strikes and spares. Tribal Council passed a resolution during Budget Council on Wednesday, Feb. 3 to build a \$13 million Bowling Entertainment Center on property at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort.

The resolution, submitted by Principal Chief Patrick Lambert, has the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians responsible for half or roughly \$6.5 million of the price tag with the TCGE (Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise) being responsible for the other half.

"This has been a project that has been discussed for a long time," Chief Lambert said during discussion on the legislation on Wednesday. "I think a lot of people here on Tribal Council are in support of it. People out in the community are in support of it."

He said he has heard concerns from various tribal members who feel that the project should wait until other needs and social programs such as a drug rehabilitation center are completed. "One thing I've realized over the past few months is that we have a lot of capable people here, and we're able to do both at the same time. In order to fund those types of things, we also have to have income coming in so I think these two things are on separate, but parallel, tracks."

The 50,000 square foot Bowling Entertainment Center will contain two floors. According to information from the TCGE, the first floor will cost \$8,723,090 and will contain 16 bowling lanes, a food and beverage outlet, and an arcade area. The second floor will cost \$4,578,523 and will contain 8 bowling lanes, a bar and a potential food area.

Chief Lambert said putting the Bowling Center at the casino is the best plan for all. "The resolution itself fulfills the idea of putting it to where it's most feasible to make the most money yet still have an entrance that our tribal members can go in and enjoy the facility."

On the price tag, he stated, "We've got it scheduled now to do that without any debt increase to the Tribe. We can take that from our current reserve that we have, and it won't impact the debt load of the Tribe."

Vice Chief Rich Sneed said he has heard concerns about the price tag as well but related, "I just want to make it clear that this is a full entertainment center...it's a beautiful complex. It's two stories. There's a whole family-friendly area with ticket games and arcade games for the kids. There's bowling upstairs and downstairs. There's food and beverages so it's an entire entertainment complex. It's not just simply a bowling alley."

He added, "It will also attract and keep people on the casino property which helps tribal gaming which is important to our per capita distribution. The projections look really, really good on this, and the best thing is we're not borrowing any money to do it."

Adele Madden, Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort vice president of finance, commented, "The proposal in the resolution is an equitable invest-

ment, or \$6.5 million from the Tribe, and the other \$6.5 million would come from a maintenance capital account (account is used so the casino can purchase new gaming machines, replace carpets, etc.). We do have funding in there that we could utilize for the other half of the bowling project."

According to the pro forma projections from TCGE, there will be total annual revenues around \$5.8 million with total expenses around \$3.9 million for an operating income of \$1.9 million (33.3 percent positive margin).

Tribal Council Chairman Bill Taylor noted, "I've always supported this project too, from the get-go."

He noted that some tribal members have questioned whether per capita would be negatively affected by the TCGE's involvement in the project. "It will not affect enrolled members in any way. I think it will be an asset to the property...I think it's a good thing."

Chief Lambert also added, "It's not going to have a negative impact. In fact, it's going to have a positive impact."

Several tribal members spoke on Wednesday and voiced their support for the project.

Janell Rattler is the Tribe's Senior Games coordinator and spoke on Wednesday with the support of elders in that program. "This is a passion of theirs, and bowling is the biggest event that they love to participate in for Senior Games."

Currently, elders in the program have to travel to Jackson and Macon counties for bowling practice and tournaments. "This is where they want to be, closer to home,"

said Rattler, "and, they wanted it big enough for leagues and some of our events to be held there. Hopefully, we can host a lot of these events instead of them traveling to Macon County."

She ended by saying, "They are in support of this, and they are grateful that the Chief has brought it back."

Peggy Hill, an EBCI tribal elder of the Yellowhill Community, said, "I'm totally in support of this and have been. It's (bowling) is a real outlet for those of us that are older. It's not very strenuous, and it's very social."

The location appeals to Hill as well and she thinks new opportunities for youth leagues could open up as well as for elders. "I'm happy that it's here too. When I look at the community and what we have

for our youth, we don't have very much."

Jody Taylor, an EBCI tribal elder of the Birdtown Community, also voiced her support for the project. "This bowling alley, I think we really need it. We have to travel to Franklin, and to me, that's totally unnecessary when we could have one right here. I think this is a really good thing for the elders."

Information from TCGE states that construction time will be from 12-18 months.

During the vote on the resolution, Wolfetown Rep. Bo Crowe and Yellowhill Rep. Anita Lossiah were the two dissenting votes. Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha abstained and Vice Chairman Brandon Jones and Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy were absent.



#### "In God We Trust" Motto proposal withdrawn in Council

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request for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to add a display of the U.S. National Motto, "In God We Trust", at the Cherokee Council House was withdrawn during the regular session of Tribal Council on Thursday, Feb. 4. The proposal by Rick Lanier, U.S. Motto Action Committee, received an unfavorable reception by Council representatives and community members, and he was asked to withdraw the legislation.

"There's never a time when we don't need to trust in God, but more than ever, we need to be reminded of our Creator, God, and what he means in our lives," Lanier stated to Council during debate on the issue.

He related that his committee has placed the motto in area government buildings in the area recently including two sets in Swain County, three in Clay County, three in Macon County and two in Graham County.

Lanier's resolution called for "In God We Trust" to be "permanently and prominently displayed on the outside main entrance at the Tribal Council House".

Joey Owle, an EBCI tribal member, said he has researched the U.S. Motto Action Committee and voiced his opposition of the request. Firstly, he said Lanier shouldn't be allowed to put legislation into Tribal Council as he isn't an EBCI tribal member.

Owle then said, "When I think of the words that he's wanting to put on our Council House and possibly other government buildings, I think of assimilation and indoctrination. There's been a long history of that with our people and Indigenous people across this nation."

Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy said, "We begin every meeting with a prayer, and I respect that. What I don't respect though is for someone to tell us we have to."

Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke spoke to Lanier and commented, "You don't even know our people. You don't know what kind of beliefs we have, and it offends me that you think you need to tell us what to do."

She went on to say, "All of us believe in God. There's not a one of us here that doesn't have spiritual beliefs, but it offends me to have a non-enrolled (member) come in here and say, 'you need to do this'."

Becky Walker, an EBCI tribal member from the Wolfetown Com-

munity, related, "There are a lot of churches in this community, but there are also a lot of traditional people in this community who still practice the traditions of our ancestors that were practiced a thousand years ago, and I think that has to be respected also."

She encouraged Lanier to withdrawn his legislation and said, "It offends me that someone would want to come here and tell us what we can do and how we can do it."

Lanier agreed to withdraw the legislation and ended his comments by saying, "I had no idea or inkling that anyone would be offended by it. I have not tried to force this on anybody."

Following the decision to with-draw the legislation, Tribal Council briefly discussed the possibility of putting the word for "God, the Creator" at the Council House in the Cherokee Syllabary. Myrtle Driver, EBCI Beloved Woman, agreed to work with the Cherokee Speakers Consortium to get a translation that will agree with all fluent speakers.



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## Homeless Shelter approved by Council

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homeless shelter and soup kitchen will be established in the Cherokee community in the near future. Tribal Council passed legislation authorizing the Principal Chief to "establish a homeless shelter and 'soup kitchen' to be functional and operational in a timely manner" during its regular Tribal Council session on Thursday, Feb. 4

The resolution states, in part, "There is a great need within our community to help those who are less fortunate and are currently homeless or have no means of food."

Principal Chief Patrick Lambert, one of the submitters of the resolution, commented during the discussion on the legislation on Thursday, "This need has been apparent for a good while. Watch-

ing what just happened with the weather, it became very apparent that there were some people that could be in danger."

He said the facility could also be used as an emergency shelter for tribal members. "This could be a facility that could house someone for a couple of days at a time or an overnight stay while they get something fixed at their house."

Chief Lambert said proper due diligence will have to occur, but he said one site he thought of to locate the facility is the old Cherokee Children's Home which already has several dormitories and a kitchen area.

Along with Chief Lambert, three Council representatives submitted the resolution including Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy, Wolfetown Rep. Bo Crowe and Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose.

Rep. McCoy told Council of her encounters recently with several EBCI tribal members who were hungry and seeking food and other assistance. "All of these people are Cherokee. They're from different communities, and they were hungry."

She praised the efforts of those in the community who work to feed those in need such as Lisa and Lester Hardesty who she said operate a food pantry and feed people in the Big Cove Community every night.

Rep. McCoy added that homelessness and hunger shouldn't be a problem in Cherokee. "We are one of the richest tribes in the east, and there's no sense in that."

Tribal Council Chairman Bill
Taylor asked if the facility was just
for EBCI tribal members, and Chief
Lambert responded, "My vision
is that it's for enrolled members.
We've got some of our own enrolled
members that we found living under bridges. It happens."

Chief Lambert said he also envisions it being open all the time and not just an emergency shelter during storms. "There's going to be hunger and homelessness yearround."

Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke said herself and Yellowhil Rep. B. Ensley have been working to get one established for years and commended the submitters. "It's a wonderful piece of legislation."

Joey Owle, EBCI tribal member, commended Chief Lambert and the sponsoring Council representatives for the legislation and commented, "Helping those less fortunate in our community is very much a need."

The resolution also directs Chief Lambert "to work with programs to establish policies and procedures that will govern the facility and promote life skills to aid those in need an opportunity to become more self-sufficient and capable of getting back on their feet."

The One Feather will report further as the plans and budget for the facility become available.



#### Budget Council Results – Tuesday, Feb. 2

Item No. 1 – Tabled Ord. 38 (2015) 16C-6 Minors and other legal incompetents per capita payments – TABLED, WORK SESSION WILL BE SCHEDULED

Item No. 2 – Debt Service Sinking Fund and the Budget Stabilization Fund be utilized to pay off the loan associated with the Waste Water Treatment Plant in its entirety including the principal and interest as well as any required elements included in the original scope of the project that are yet to be completed and the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority reserves and investments that exceed three month operation reserve be utilized to pay down the loan associated with the Cherokee Indian Hospital new facility – TA-BLED, WORK SESSION WILL BE

#### SCHEDULED

Item No. 3 – Debt Service Sinking Fund and other funds be utilized to pay off the loan associated with the Harrah's Cherokee River Valley Casino in its entirety including the principal and interests as well as any required elements included in the original scope of the project that are yet to be completed and that the loan payoff be structured for all repayment amounts to be utilized for faster payoff of the larger casino debt at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort – TABLED, WORK SESSION WILL BE SCHEDULED

**Item No. 4** – Budget Amendment: Destination Marketing, addition of CPF grant – PASSED

**Item No. 5** - Budget Amendment: Family Support Services, addition of DHHS-LIHEAP grant – PASSED

#### AS AMENDED

**Item No. 6** - Budget Amendment: Emergency Management, addition of two grants – PASSED

**Item No. 7** - Budget Amendment: Emergency telephone, add use of Fund Balance upgrade 911 telephone system - PASSED

**Item No. 8** - Budget Amendment: Police Department, addition of Equitable Sharing Distribution Funds - PASSED

**Item No. 9** - Budget Amendment: Natural Resources Enforcement, addition of American Police Canine Association raffle award – PASSED

**Item No. 10** – Smokey Mountain Elementary 6th grade \$500 donation and Brianna Ross, Premier Soccer fees, \$250 donation - PASSED

**Item No. 11** – Request for a new Wolftown Community Club Building – PASSED

**Item No. 12** – Request for Council to begin negotiations with the Postal Service for a new Post Office and contract – PASSED

**Item No. 13** – EBCI purchase property from Sequoyah family heirs for the purchase price of \$1,750,000 to operate trout production facilities – TABLED

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## Budget Council Results – Wednesday, Feb. 3

**Item #14** – Approval of a five-year Transportation Improvement Plan

and priority list for funding cycle FY2016-2020 – PASSED

**Item #15** – Purchase of VFW Property in Jackson County – PASSED

Item #16 – Tribe to purchase Big Cove Community Parcels consisting of 173.811 acres, more or less from Robert Austin Wahnetah, Thomas Ray Wahnetah and Bentley Wahnetah – TABLED

Item #17 – Tribe to purchase Big Cove Community Parcel No. 307 consisting of 205.976 acres, more or less, from Steven Craig Cooper, Lynn Cooper-Pyle, Michael Ray Cooper and Janet Cooper Purser – TABLED

**Item #18** – Authorization and approval to build and operate a Bowling Alley at the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort – PASSED

Item #19 – Public Health and Human Services Division (PHHS) Cherokee Choices be authorized to apply and accept funds from DHHS – AFC up to \$1,000,000 per year for five years – PASSED AS AMEND-ED

**Item #20** – Grant Compliance Office is authorized to coordinate and submit an application to DOJ for CTAS – PASSED

Item #21 – PHHS Women's Wellness Program be authorized to apply and accept NCBCCCP funds on behalf of the communities to support these programs up to \$33,150 for FY16 – PASSED AS AMENDED

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#### MISSING CHILDREN



#### MISSING SINCE NOVEMBER 2014

#### **James Paul Owle**

8 years old / M / Brown Hair / Brown Eyes / 4'7" / 75 pds Native American from Cherokee, NC

#### Samuel George Owle

6 years old / M / Brown Hair / Brown Eyes / 4'4" / 90 pds Native American from Cherokee, NC

#### **Evelyn Grace Arneach**

3 months old / F / Brown Hair / Brown Eyes



All three children are believed to be with their non-custodial mother, Shira Raman Mattocks, 26, from Cherokee.

If you have any information on the whereabouts of Shira Raman Mattocks or the children, please contact the Cherokee Indian Police Department 497-4131 or your local law enforcement agency.

#### Tribal Council Results – Thursday, Feb. 4

Item No. 1 – Tabled Ord. No. 113 - Expand TERO Certified Business Preference – DEEMED READ AND TABLED

Item No. 2 – Tabled Ord. No. 114
- Amendment to Section 105-16
- Cherokee Chiefs and businesses
using sound to attract customers –
DEEMED READ AND TABLED

Item No. 3 – Tabled Ord. No. 115 -Chapter 7A of the Cherokee Code – Retention of Jurisdiction – DEEMED READ AND TABLED

**Item No. 4** – Tabled Ord. No. 116 - Animal Control – Captive Bears – DEEMED READ AND TABLED

Item No. 5 – Tabled Ord. No. 117 - Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority Board of Governors – DEEMED READ AND TABLED

Item No. 6 – Tabled Ord. No. 118 -Department of Justice and Attorney General – DEEMED READ AND TABLED

Item No. 7 – Tabled Ord. No. 119 -Merging of two regulatory agencies – Tribal Gaming Commission (TGC) and Tribal Alcohol Beverage Control Commission (TABCC) – DEEMED READ AND TABLED

Item No. 8 – Tabled Ord. No. 28 (2015) Cherokee Code Chapter 150 – Administrative Procedure Act – PASSED AS AMENDED

Item No. 9 – Tabled Ord. No. 29 (2015) Section 130A-7 – EBCI Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) Family Safety Advisory Board – TABLED



Photo by Brandon Stephens/USET

Tribal Council Chairman Bill Taylor and Vice Chief Rich Sneed are shown at the USET Impact Week opening day session on Monday, Feb. 8. The event was scheduled to held Feb. 8-11 at the Crystal Gateway Marriot in Arlington, Va.

**Item No. 10** – Tabled Ord. No. 33 (2015) Law necessary to authorize and support Tribal PHHS administration of comprehensive vulnerable adult welfare services – WITH-DRAWN

**Item No. 11** – Tabled Ord. No. 54 (2015) – Amendments to Cherokee Code – Section 117-31 – Planning Board - TABLED

Item No. 12 – Tabled Resolution No. 59 (2015) – Tribal Council instructs the Attorney General to develop an ordinance for consideration of banishment and/or disenrollment of members manufacturing, selling and distributing drugs – TABLED

**Item No. 13 –** Amendment to Hunting Ordinance Section 113.11 – Dogs – TABLED

**Item No. 14** – Tribal Council grants Nakoa Dean Chiltoskie right-of-way to her property known

as Painttown Community Parcel No. 627-A without the signature of Flint Griffin – TABLED

**Item No. 15** – Appointments to Tribal Alcohol Beverage Control Commission (TABCC) – WITH-DRAWN

**Item No. 16** – Request for "In God We Trust" to be displayed outside of the Council House – WITHDRAWN

Item No. 17 – Board of Directors for Sequoyah National Golf Club LLC board members – PASSED (members approved include – Sharon Bradley, CHS golf coach; Boyd Owle, Executive Office appointment; Barbara Saunooke, Yellowhill appointment; and Kevin Jackson, Wolftown appointment)

**Item No. 18** – Dr. Lisa Bloom, Western Carolina University, to carry out the research project as described in her IRB proposal – TABLED **Item No. 19** – Tribal Personnel Policy to include twelve (12) week paid maternity section – TABLED

**Item No. 20** – Qualla Housing Authority conveyances – PASSED

**Item No. 21** – Request to move Dialysis Center and Tsali Care Center to old Hospital – TABLED

**Item No. 22** – Legislation proclaiming the month of February
Parent Leadership Month – PASSED

**Item No. 23** – Appointment to Tribal Gaming Commission – Bentley Tahquette – PASSED AS AMENDED

**Item No. 24** – Appointment to Qualla Housing Authority Board of Commissioners – John D. "Dick" Crowe – PASSED AS AMENDED

Item No. 25 – Appointment to EBCI Information Technology Strategic Working Group – Principal Chief Patrick Lambert (alternate Vice Chief Rich Sneed), Sage Dunston – PASSED AS AMENDED

**Item No. 26** – Appointments to ABC Commission – Bruce Toineeta (Wolftown), Brenda Norville (Cherokee County – Snowbird), A.J. Bird (Birdtown) – PASSED AS AMENDED

**Item No. 27** – Appointment to Cherokee Police Commission – Kathy "Rock" Burgess – PASSED AS AMENDED

**Item No. 28** – Approval to plan, build and operate a Homeless Shelter and Soup Kitchen – PASSED

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#### CIPD Arrest Report Feb. 1-7

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

Bird, Eric – age 26 Arrested: Feb. 1 at 15:20 Released: Feb. 6



Charges: Assault on a Female, Communicating Threats, Child Abuse in the Second Degree, Violation of Domestic Violence Protection Order, Child Abuse in the Second Degree, Simple Possession of Marijuana, Possessing with intent to sell or deliver schedule VI, Importing Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Domestic Violence – Violation of Court Order

**GUERRERO**, Nalisha Aline – age 26 Arrested: Feb. 1 at 10:27



Released: Feb. 1 Charges: Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property, Larceny

SQUIRREL, Joshua Brent – age 29 Arrested: Feb. 1 at 09:13



Released: Feb. 1 Charges: Public Nuisance

Decoteau, Mary Lynn – age 21 Arrested: Feb. 2 at 19:54



Charges: Hold for Drug Court

**GARCIA**, Juan Rodriguez - age 35 Arrested: Feb. 2 at 14:17



Released: Feb. 2

Charges: Contempt of Court, Called and Failed

Smith-Reed, Jerri Lvnn - age 38 Arrested: Feb. 2 at 12:57



Released: Feb. 3

**Charges: Probation Violation** 

Standingdeer, Tony Howard – age 37 Arrested: Feb. 2 at 13:08



Not released as of press time Charges: Probation Violation, Called and Failed

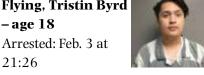
**Voss, Kyle August** Paul - age 30 Arrested: Feb. 2 at 16:00



Released: Feb. 3

Charges: Probation Violation

Flying, Tristin Byrd -age 18



Released: Feb. 3

21:26

Charges: Possession of Fortified Wine/Liquor/Mixed Beverages less than 21

Hill. Taleilka Nicole -age 32 Arrested: Feb. 3 at 03:11



Released: Feb. 3

Charges: Aggravated Weapons Offense, Simple Assault

Lossiah, Jessica T. – age 28

Arrested: Feb. 3 at 05:00 Not released as of press time Charges: FTA



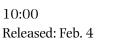
Jones, Jazmz Brett age 21

Arrested: Feb. 4 at 04:24

Released: Feb. 4

Charges: Possession of Marijuana up to ½ oz., Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Jones, Stephanie Dawn - age 35 Arrested: Feb. 4 at



Charges: Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle

Williams, Darin

Edward – age 33 Arrested: Feb. 4 at

06:01

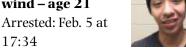
Not released as of press time Charges: Elder Abuse

French, Kaulishnuh Oosti – age 26 Arrested: Feb. 5 at

01:59 Released: Feb. 6

Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Possesion of Drug Paraphernalia

Jackson, Rain Edwind - age 21 Arrested: Feb. 5 at



Not released as of press time Charges: Assault on a Female

Oswalt, Kenneth Eugene – age 36 Arrested: Feb. 5 at 00:26



Released: Feb. 5 Charges: Traffic Offense; Possesion of Drug Paraphernalia; Possession with intent to manufacture, sell or deliver schedule IV controlled substance: Possession with intent to manufacture, sell or deliver sched-

ule III controlled substance

Sequoyah, Sammi Lynn - age 34 Arrested: Feb. 5 at 12:49



Released: Feb. 5

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Sherrill, Devonage 19 Arrested: Feb. 5 at 20:52



Not released as of press time Charges: Simple Assault

Davis, Dawn Dee age 44

Arrested: Feb. 6 at 00:43

Released: Feb. 6

Charges: Simple Possession of Schedule V Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Mathis, Aletha Melissa – age 31 Arrested: Feb. 6 at 15:25



Released: Feb. 6 Charges: FTA

Smith, Jerry Trevan -age 20 Arrested: Feb. 6 at

04:35

Released: Feb. 6

Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public; Providing alcoholic beverages to, possession of, con-

see ARRESTS next page



#### **ARRESTS:** CIPD weekly report from page 8

sumption of alcoholic beverages by persons under 21

**Taylor, Franklin Terry – age 54**Arrested: Feb. 7 at 01:54



Released: Feb. 7

Charges: Public Intoxication

Ivey, Phoenix Corrine – age 36
Arrested: Feb. 7 at
11:57



Not released as of press time Charges: Larceny, Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property

#### Reed Jr., Charles – age 26



Arrested: Feb. 7 at 02:52

Released: Feb. 7

Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public

#### Tribal Court Report

#### Judgment Summary for Jan. 27 ARMACHAIN, Albirda

14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance – Dismissed After Investigation

#### BARK, Travis

14-40.62(a)(3) Simple Affray – Dismissed, Settled in Mediation

#### BLANTON, Shannon

14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance – Dismissed on Plea 14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance – Guilty Plea, Prayer for Judgment Continued

#### BRADY, John Casey

14-40.56 Assault on a Female (DV)

Called & Failed
14-10.64 Unauthorized Use of
Motor Vehicle – Called & Failed
14-40.62(a)(1) Simple Assault –
Called & Failed

#### CROWE, Natasha

14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance – Guilty Plea, Prayer for Judgment Continued

#### FEATHER, Jonathan Dane

14-25.13 Harassment – Dismissed, Settled in Mediation

#### HICKS, Danielle Davina

14-25.13 Harassment – Dismissed, Settled in Mediation 14-25.12 Disorderly Conduct - Dismissed, Settled in Mediation 14-25.13 Harassment - Dismissed, Settled in Mediation 14-5.2 Communicating Threats -Dismissed, Settled in Mediation

#### LEE, Brandon

14-25.13 Harassment - Dismissed, Settled in Mediation

#### LONG, Henry Allen

14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance – Guilty Plea, Prayer for Judgment Continued, Child may not have any unexcused absences or tardies

#### LONG, Tristen

14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance – Guilty/Responsible, 23 days active jail time, credit for time served (6 days), defendant to serve remaining 17 days active 14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance – Dismissed with Leave to Refile 20-28 Revoked Driver's License – Dismissed on Plea

#### PHEASANT, Greta Lynn

20-28 Revoked Driver's License -

Guilty/Responsible, credit for time served (3 days)

#### **Native News by State**

#### **ARIZONA**

FLAGSTAFF - Prior to a game on Tuesday, Feb. 2, members of the Flagstaff Lady Eagles basketball team were told by referees to take their hair down from the traditional Navajo tsiiveel they were wearing that night in recognition of Native American Culture Night. The referee cited Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) rulebook regarding "hair control devices" and questioned if the hairstyle posed a safety hazard. Russell Begaye, Navajo Nation president, told Native News Online he plans to file a letter of protest to AIA. "At many of the games, you'll find girls teams wearing ribbons to support a cause or to show team pride. Our Navajo athletes should never be punished for expressing pride in their culture or who they are." Tony Cullen, Flagstaff High School principal, told the news outlet, "The interpretation of this rule was way off. When I found out about it, I was fuming." The Lady Eagles won the game 52-42.

- Native News Online

#### **NEVADA**

ELKO – Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) officials, along with other area law enforcement, arrested Dana Morley McIvor on Sunday, Jan. 31 and charged him with six counts of unlawful possession of raptor part and for killing an eagle. NDOW told the Reno Gazette-Journal that Morley was in possession of two wings and 124 hawk and golden eagle feathers. "McIvor admitted to keeping the raptor parts for ceremonial pur-

poses," NDOW said in a statement released to the paper. McIvor was also charged with reckless driving and possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle. A Savage .17 caliber rifle and spent cartridges were seized during the arrest. McIvor, who listed a Red Mesa, Ariz. address, told authorities he is Ojibwa from Canada, but nothing was given as to which tribe or band.

- Reno Gazette-Journal

#### **OKLAHOMA**

**DURANT** – The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is set to begin construction on a 500,000 square foot tribal headquarters in March. "This is a tribal legacy for the Choctaw Nation and its citizens," Choctaw Chief Gary Batton told The Oklahoman. The center, which will house around 75 different tribal programs, is set to open next year and is being built on 80 acres owned by the tribe north of their Choctaw Casino and Resort in Durant. It will cost around \$219 million and will include a data center, conference center with cafeteria and a 765-space parking garage.

- The Oklahoman

#### **RHODE ISLAND**

PROVIDENCE – Brown University has voted to designate the second Monday in October as Indigenous People's Day. In April 2009, the faculty renamed Columbus Day as the Fall Weekend holiday, and on Feb. 2, 2016, the faculty changed it to Indigenous People's Day. The student organization Native Americans at Brown submitted a resolution in October 2015 asking for the change.

- News from Brown



**BASKETBALL** 

## Lady Braves clinch share of SMC title with win over Robbinsville



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Cherokee's Bree Stamper (#12), senior guard, goes for a shot against Robbinsville's Maddi Garland (#20) during a home game on Tuesday, Feb. 2. Stamper finished the game with 12 points.

#### **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

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t was a good news day.
Punxsatawney Phil didn't see his shadow predicting an early spring and the Cherokee Lady Braves (16-4, 10-0) clinched at least a share of the Big Smoky Mountain

Conference regular season title. With a big 75-46 win over Robbinsville (12-5, 9-2) at home on Tuesday, Feb. 2, the Lady Braves ensured themselves at least a part of the title and a chance for the whole enchilada.

Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach, was pleased with his team's performance. "In the second period, we strung out a nice little lead. Then, in the third and halfway through the fourth, we locked them down. It's as good of defense as we've played."

"We threw a little different defense at them, and our girls ran it great. It was just awesome to watch."

Coach Mintz was very happy with the Conference implications of the win. "One of our first goals was to win the Conference championship. We didn't do that last year so we're pushing towards that. Tonight, we at least clinched a share and we need to take care of business on Friday. Then, we'll get a first seed in the tournament, a bye, and it will help us in the (state) playoffs as we'll be the number one seed out of our Conference."

Pooh King, Lady Braves junior point guard, led Cherokee on the night with 22 points. She was followed by Tori Teesateskie 14 and Bree Stamper 12.

Cherokee got off to a slow start in this game and trailed 6-0 only 80 seconds in. Then, at the 5:52 mark, Teesateskie hit a three-point shot from the right side and got the Lady Braves on the board. She would hit another three 30 seconds

later to give Cherokee an 8-6 lead, and the Lady Braves wouldn't trail again.

At the end of the first period, Cherokee led 19-14.

The first few minutes of the second period were even, and the Lady Braves led 23-19 at the 5:45 mark. From there, they began to pull away starting with a 5-0 run in the next two minutes to give them a 28-19 lead with just over three minutes left in the half.

Cherokee would go on to lead 40-26 at the break.

The third period was all Cherokee as they went on an 8-0 run in the first three minutes to extend their lead to 22 points (48-26). They kept plugging and outscored Robbinsville 17-6 in the third to take a 57-32 lead into the final period.

The Lady Braves kept extending their lead and ended up taking the 75-46 win.

Other Cherokee scorers included: Macie Welch 2, Carla Wolfe 5, LeLe Lossiah 2, Shelby Wolfe 8, Jamie Lossiah 2, Brionna Jumper 2, Jordan Maney 1 and Timiyah Brown 5.

Robbinsville's scorers included: Erin Maennle 15, Katie Walsh 2, Kinsley Orr 12, Haylee Garland 2, Maddi Garland 4, Paige Collins 9 and Sierra Wachacha 2.

## Braves top 100 for sixth time



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Jason McMillan, Braves senior point guard, pulls up for a three-point shot in the first half of a home game against Robbinsville on Tuesday, Feb. 2. On the night, he led Cherokee with 22 points and 5 steals.

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total of 10 Cherokee (17-3, 9-1) players scored as the Braves topped 100 points for the sixth time this season in a big 102-62 win at home against Robbinsville (6-8, 2-6) on Tuesday, Feb. 2. Cherokee had five players in double digits including: Jason McMillan 22, Tye Mintz 14, Holden Straughan 14, Justus Day 13 and Kennan Panther 12.

Mintz led the Braves with 6 rebounds

followed by Kennan Panther 5 and Isaiah Evans 3. McMillan added 5 steals with Day and Panther adding 2 each.

"They played really well," Willis Tullos, Braves head coach, said following the game. "They had great intensity, and they did a great job."

With the regular season winding down and the playoffs looming, Coach Tullos commented, "We're just trying to play better defense. Our defense has been a little shaky. We're working on those things."

The game started quickly for the Braves

who scored 5 points in the opening seconds starting with a three-point shot by Logan Teesateskie, senior forward, in the first 13 seconds. They led 5-3 after the first minute, and from there went on an 11-0 run to lead 16-3 at the 4:35 mark of the first. The next three minutes were relatively even and Cherokee led 25-13 with just under two minutes left in the period.

The Braves went on a frenzy in the last two minutes, and McMillan hit a three-pointer from just left of the top of the key with 1.5 seconds left in the period to give Cherokee a 38-19 lead after one.

The first few minutes of the second were even and Cherokee led 44-22 at the 6:14 mark. From there, the Braves kept the pressure up and extended their lead to 29 points (59-30) with just under two minutes left before the half. Day hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to give Cherokee a 30-point lead (66-36) at the break.

Again, the first two minutes of the third period were close with Cherokee edging the Black Knights 9-7 to lead 75-43. But, Cherokee kept the pressure up and kept plugging. Day drove inside for an easy two-point shot at the 2:56 mark to give the Braves a 40-point lead (88-48) thereby invoking the NCHSAA mercy rule.

Cherokee led 89-50 at the end of the third.

The fourth period was about even with the Braves just outscoring Robbinsville 13-12 to take the big 102-62 win.

Other Braves scorers included: Jeff Girty 2, Josiah Lossiah 2, Isaiah Evans 3, Cory Junaluska 4 and Logan Teesateskie 8.

Robbinsville scorers include: Tyler Long 18, Reece Adams 9, Chandler Jumper 11, Ellis DeHart 9, Colby Hemphill 8, Elijah Wachacha 3, Colton Millsaps 2 and Reece Postell 2.

## CONFERENCE CHAMPS

## Lady Braves win SMC regular season title

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

he Lady Braves (17-4, 11-0) set a goal at the beginning of the season, and they met that goal on Friday night with a big 73-52 home win over Rosman (12-9, 4-7). With that win, Cherokee won the Smoky Mountain Conference regular season title.

"That's one of the things that we set at the beginning of the year was to win the Conference championship first, and it was nice to do that," said Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach, whose team is on a five game winning steak. "We've got one more game (at Swain, Tuesday, Feb. 9) and we go through the Conference undefeated so that's pretty good."

Friday's game started slowly with both teams missing shots early.

"I don't think it was one of our best performances," said Chris Mintz. "We had a couple of spurts that kind of got us a nice lead, but as an overall game, I don't think we played really well."

Cherokee scored first and led 6-2 three minutes into the first period. At the 2:51

mark of the first, they still led by four points (10-6). From that point, both teams got going and scored a combined 14 points until the end of the period.

Tori Teesateskie, Lady Braves freshman guard, hit a three-point shot at the buzzer of the first to give Cherokee an 18-12 lead. She led Cherokee on the night with 21 points. In all, four Lady Braves were in double figures including Teesateskie, LeLe Lossiah 13, Pooh King 16 and Shelby Wolfe

In the second period, the Lady Braves began to extend their lead. They outscored the Lady Tigers 7-2 in the first two minutes to take a 25-14 lead. Cherokee would keep an 11-point lead for most of the period and ended up leading by 13 (33-20) at the break.

The Lady Braves came out for the third period on fire and outscored Rosman 10-2 in the first few minutes to take a 43-22 lead. Midway through the third, Cherokee had extended that lead to 26 points (51-25).

Rosman picked it up in the last three minutes of the third outscoring Cherokee 11-6 and the Lady Braves took a 57-36 lead in the final period.

The Lady Braves put their stamp on the game in the first two minutes of the fourth period by going on a 6-0 run to lead 63-36. They would go on to take the 73-52 win and the Conference title.

Other Cherokee scorers included: Macie Welch 3, Carla Wolfe 1, Jamie Lossiah 2, Brionna Jumper 1 and Timiyah Brown 4.

Rosman scorers included: Callie Chappell 17, Alicia Lewis 2, Gracy Briggs 14, MaKenna Mann 2, Allie Whitmire 4, Haley Parker 2, Rachel Queen 9 and Marissa Henson 2.



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Cherokee's LeLe Lossiah lines up for a three-point shot in the first half of Friday's home game against Rosman. She ended the game with 13 points to help the Lady Braves clinch a 73-52 win.

### Braves win thriller over Rosman

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

he Braves (18-3, 10-1) didn't lead in Friday's home game against Rosman (14-7, 8-3) until the last 1:46 of the contest. Cherokee, who trailed by as much as 20 points in the game, hit some key free throws tonight. They played well, and we came back and played well."

Coach Tullos made some defensive adjustments in the game, "We picked up our intensity on our man-to-man, and that made it harder for them to shoot the three. And, if you give them room, they can shoot the three, but we went man-to-man on them, and that was the

point guard, had 20 points, 3 assists, 7 rebounds and 5 steals. Tye Mintz, sophomore forward, also had 20 points along with 2 assists, 9 rebounds and 1 steal.

For the game, Cherokee actually outshot Rosman 51 percent (22 of 43) to 45 percent (15 of 33) from the field. But, the Braves' usually potent three-point game was off as they only hit 23 percent (9 of 40).

Rosman jumped out early in this game and hit two three-pointers early to take a 6-0 lead just over a minute in. The Braves had shooting problems early and trailed 23-5 with just over three minutes left in the first. By the end of the period, Rosman led 29-13.

Cherokee got going a little in the beginning of the second period and cut into Rosman's lead (36-23) at the 5:35 mark. After trailing by as much as 20 points in the period, Cherokee was able to cut the Tigers' lead to 9 (49-40) at the half as Mc-Millan caught a long pass and made a layup with five seconds left before the break.

Rosman got a quick four points in the third period to extend their lead back to 13 points (53-40) in the first 38 seconds of the second half. Their lead hovered around 10-11 points for most of the third until Logan Teesateskie, Braves senior forward, hit a three-point shot from the top of the key with 1:04 left in the third to cut the Rosman lead to 64-57,

the smallest margin since the first two minutes of the game.

But, the Tigers exploded for 7 points in the last minute to take a 71-57 lead into the fourth period.

The Braves man-to-man defense really kicked in, and Cherokee began to get some turnovers which translated into points. Rosman's lead was whittled back down to 7 points (71-64) at the 5:44 mark.

Cherokee kept chipping away at the lead which stood at 3 points (77-74) with 3:50 left in the game and only 1 point (78-77) 48 seconds later.

Day tied the game at 78 after hitting a foul shot with 2:14 to go.

Then, Cherokee finally took the lead at 80-78 as Holden Straughan, Braves sophomore forward, drove the baseline for two with 1:46 left. For the night, Straughan had 10 points and 2 assists.

In the last minute of the game, Day and Mintz both hit two free throws and Rosman hit a three-pointer and a couple of free throws to make it 84-83, and the Tigers got a shot off at the buzzer from just off the top of the key, but it missed and Cherokee took the 1-point win.

Other Cherokee scorers included: Kennan Panther 5, Cory Junaluska 2 and Logan Teesateskie 3.

Rosman was led by Deland Thomas with 28 points followed by Zach Stroup 20 and Tanner Green 16.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

Cherokee's Justus Day (#3) shoots over two Rosman defenders including Deland Thomas (#32) and Tanner Green (#42) in the waning minutes of Friday's home game. Day led Cherokee on the night with 24 points, 1 assist, 2 rebounds and 2 steals.

late to win a thriller over the Tigers 84-83.

"I was afraid it was going to be this kind of ballgame," said Willis Tullos, Braves head coach. "They (Rosman) shoot the ball really well, and they did difference in the ballgame."

The Braves had three players in the 20-point range. They were led by Justus Day, sophomore forward, with 24 points, 1 assist, 2 rebounds and 2 steals. Jason McMillan, senior

## Teesateskie signs with Carson-Newman



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Joined by his family, Logan Teesateskie (center seated), Braves senior linebacker, signs a letter of intent on Thursday, Feb. 4 to play football at Carson-Newman University this fall.

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ogan Teesateskie, Braves senior linebacker, signed a letter of intent on Thursday, Feb. 4 to play football at Carson-Newman University this fall. He will join the Eagles who went 9-3 in the 2015 season.

"It's a dream come true," said Teesateskie. "I've been looking forward to this since I played youth league. I'm just blessed, and I want to thank all of my supporters, family members, and coaches. The Lord has blessed me enough to have this opportunity."

Teesateskie was named Honorable Mention All-Smoky Mountain Conference his last three seasons and was the second-leading tackler in western North Carolina his junior year. Over the last two season, he has averaged 153 tackles a season.

"I'm really excited for Logan because he's worked so hard for this opportunity, and he's earned it," said Kent Briggs, Braves head football coach. "He's had a great career and a super senior year."

Coach Briggs praised Teesateskie's ability to adapt to any position on defense and offense and said he called on him to play everything from running back to linebacker to down lineman. "The thing about Logan that I think is really special is that he is a team player...he just did whatever the team needed and that's a real tribute to him as a football player that he was willing to do that and sacrifice for the team."

He added, "Now, that he's going to college, I'm excited because instead of playing



five or six positions, he'll be able to concentrate on one and really get as good as he can be at that position. I think we're going to see a really nice college career."

Teesateskie was surrounded by family and friends at Thursday's signing.

"I'm very proud of him," said his father,
Tommy Teesateskie, who added that Logan has worked really hard to meet the goal.

"Hopefully, he'll get to college and continue to work hard and come back here and give back to the Tribe."

His mother, Sarah Teesateskie, commented, "This is a dream that he's wanted to reach since he was a little boy. He set his mind to it, and he reached it. We are thankful for all of the support that he's had throughout the years. I want to give a special thank you to our immediate family for all of their support, our friends, our community, and most importantly, Cherokee Central Schools for giving him the tools and opportunities to make a dream come true."

Carson-Newman, located in Jefferson City, Tenn., is a Division II school and plays in the South Atlantic Conference. "We're very grateful that a lot of guys have trusted us with their future," Eagles head coach Ken Sparks said in a statement on National Signing Day, Wednesday, Feb. 3. "That's a great blessing to be a part of people's future."

## It was 20 years ago today...

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

t was twenty years ago today, Coach Pinnix taught the girls to press...(go ahead sing along, you know you want to). The 1995-96 Cherokee Lady Braves basketball team has the honor of being the only team in school history to win a state championship. Twenty years later, the team got back together as they were honored at Charles George Memorial Arena on Tuesday, Feb. 2 with the unveiling of a new state championship banner.

The team that beat the Roanoke Lady Redskins, previously undefeated at 27-0, by a score of 69-63 to win the title wasn't supposed to win anything.

"With the return of only three seniors, the Lady Braves were picked by Smoky Mountain coaches and the media to finish fifth in pre-season polls," Shawn Crowe, CHS basketball announcer, read during the honoring on Tuesday. "Ten games into the young season and a 4-6 record was proving the forecaster's prediction to be correct."

They were wrong. Keith Pinnix, then-Lady Braves head coach, made



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The 1995-96 Cherokee Lady Braves state champion basketball team was honored at Charles George Memorial Arena on Tuesday, Feb. 2.

a few adjustments and off they went winning eight in a row and eventually entering the state playoffs at 17-7.

The playoffs had memorable moments, as most do, from Sis Fourkiller, Regional Tournament MVP, scoring four points in the waning moments of the Regional Final to beat Hayesville and punch their ticket to Chapel Hill to Peaches Squirrell, State Final MVP, knocking down free throws to seal the victory over Roanoke.

The team beat the odds...and, a lot of other teams

The team consisted of:
Kim Reed, Melissa Smith,
Caroline Thompson, Sara
Edwards, Phoenix Johnson, Trish Calhoun, Ardith
Partion, Eliza Wolfe, Sis
Fourkiller, Stephanie Jones,
Sunnie Hill, Ida Lespier, Nadine Tramper and
Peaches Squirrell. They
were coached by Keith
Pinnix with assistants Sam
Taylor and Tammy Thompson.

Nowadays, some of these remarkable women still play ball. Some are mothers, some are college graduates, some work for the tribe, some have moved away. But, they are all champions. That underrated team that nobody said could do it not only did it, but they set the standard for which all future Cherokee teams will be judged – on and off the court.

They believed in themselves. They believed in each other. They believed in their coaches. And, most importantly, they believed that basketball is fun and that's what it's all about.

And, their fans believed in them.

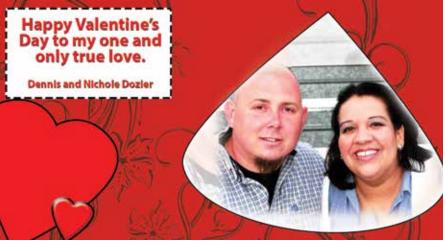
Crowe read a statement from the team to the Cherokee fans on Tuesday, "The 95-96 Lady Braves and the

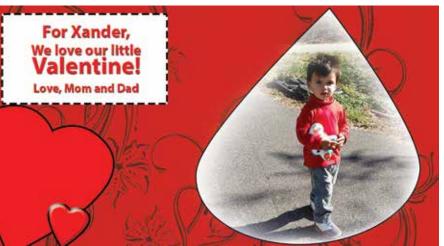


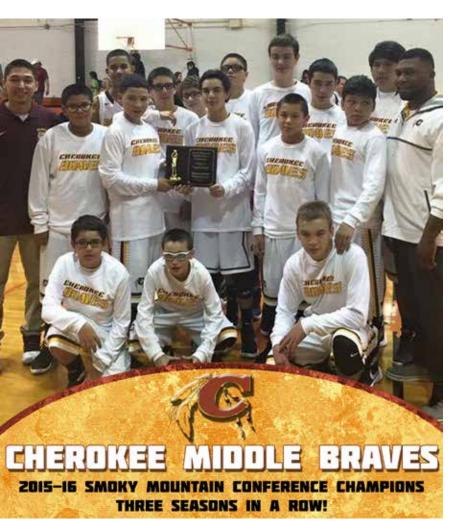
A new state championship banner was unveiled during the honoring on Tuesday.

coaching staff would like to say thank you to the Cherokee Braves and Lady Braves Nation for your support then and now! You are truly the best fans any team could hope for and without your support, we may not be here tonight..."

We still see some of these ladies at Cherokee games today, and when the game gets close, you can see them get just a little bit antsy as if they were wishing they were out there.... which, I'm sure they are. Congratulations 1995-96 Cherokee Lady Braves on your state championship and on being champions in life. Keep on balling!







#### **SCOREBOARD**

PREP BASKETBALL
Girls

Tuesday, Feb. 2

Cherokee 75 Robbinsville 46 Hiwassee Dam 67 Copper Basin (Tenn.) 14

Smoky Mountain 65 Brevard 43 Franklin 57 E. Henderson 47 Swain County 70 Highlands 41 Hayesville 46 Murphy 40

Wednesday, Feb. 3

Robbinsville 60 Franklin 55

Thursday, Feb. 4

Murphy 73 Highlands 39 Andrews 65 Blue Ridge 39

Friday, Feb. 5

Cherokee 73 Rosman 52 Hiwassee Dam 78 Highlands 17 Andrews 47 Swain County 41 Robbinsville 50 Hayesville 32 Smoky Mountain 48 Pisgah 45 W. Henderson 59 Franklin 51 Murphy 71 Nantahala 19

Boys

Tuesday, Feb. 2

Cherokee 102 Robbinsville 62 Smoky Mountain 87 Brevard 40 Hayesville 66 Murphy 28 Swain County 69 Highlands 47 Rosman 77 Andrews 55 E. Henderson 67 Franklin 47

Wednesday, Feb. 3

Franklin 63 Robbinsville 56 Rosman 79 Swain County 64

Thursday, Feb. 4

Andrews 49 Blue Ridge 47 Highlands 60 Murphy 55

Friday, Feb. 5

Cherokee 84 Rosman 83 Murphy 61 Nantahala 48 Hayesville 70 Robbinsville 37 Smoky Mountain 91 Pisgah 67 Highlands 78 Hiwassee Dam 64 W. Henderson 68 Franklin 46 Andrews 57 Swain County 54



## COMMUNITY

## Local artists receive national award



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Louise Goings, shown working on a basket at a past Cherokee Voices
Festival, has been chosen, along with her husband Butch (inset photo), as a recipient of the 2016 Jennifer Easton Community Spirit Award.

APID CITY, SD First Peoples Fund,
a national organization supporting
Native American artists, has
named Luther G. (Butch) and
Lydia Louise Goings, EBCI tribal
members, as recipients of the
2016 Jennifer Easton Community Spirit Award. A nationwide
committee selected seven 2016
Community Spirit Award hon-

orees and the prestigious award includes a \$7,500 grant.

"This honor is given to a small number of artists each year to recognize their exceptional passion, wisdom and dedication to passing on ancestral knowledge in their communities," said Lori Pourier, First Peoples Fund president.

The Goings practice and pass on the knowledge and tra-

ditions of their people, including wood carving and white oak basketry.

"In our culture, we believe

that all things are connected," Louise Going said. "Therefore, we try to use all the skills and knowledge we have to strengthen our community. Even though we are known for basket making and carving, we also use other skills and knowledge we have to help our

community."

Tonya E. Carroll, EBCI Destination Marketing manager, nominated the Goings for the award. "It is difficult to only mention Butch and Louise for their talent as artists because they do and are so much more. Butch and Louise have been pillars of our community since I can remember, and probably since before my time."

Additional award recipients include Jennie Wheeler, Tlingit, a traditional seal skin and fur regalia and spruce root basket maker of Yakutat, Alaska; Duncan Ka'ohu Seto, a Native Hawai'ian traditional lauhala weaver and teacher from Hilo, Hawai'i; Jack Wallace Gladstone, a Montana Blackfeet

performance artist from East Glacier, Mont.; and Phillip Whiteman, Jr., Northern Cheyenne, and Lynette Two Bulls, Oglala Lakota, traditional storytellers, performing artists, and cultural practitioners

> from based in Lame Deer, Mont.

> "The Community Spirit Awards honor artists not for their individual achievements but for how their work benefits the collective good. These are

people who have in many cases spent their lives working with humility and selflessness to sustain the cultural fabric of a community," said Sherry Salway Black, formerly of the National Congress of American Indians and president of First Peoples Fund's board of directors.

First Peoples Fund has been honoring culture bearers with the award for 17 years and nearly 100 artists from Maine to Alaska have received it. The award is named for First Peoples Fund's founder, Jennifer Easton. The honorees will gather for a special celebration gala in Rapid City, SD on Sat., Oct. 8.

- First Peoples Fund

#### **OBITUARIES**



#### Elisha Ray Taylor

Elisha Ray Taylor, 57, of Cherokee, passed away Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital.

He was born Dec. 21, 1958 in Cherokee to the late John B. Taylor and Mary Bigwitch Taylor.

Elisha was a great son, grandfather, brother, loving father, and uncle to all of the nephews and nieces. He was loved by all and will be missed by all. He was a fluent speaker, enjoyed playing his guitar, and was a great spiritual advisor. He loved being in the mountains gathering wild greens and exploring and teaching the younger generation to do the same.

Elisha is survived by his daughter, Rachel Taylor; three grandchildren, Dezmond, Xavier, and Jaden Shelton; brother, Ricky Joe Taylor; adopted brother, George Pollcat of Stillwell, Okla.; and sisters, Nannie Taylor, Sally Arch, and Maggie Armachain.

In addition to his parents, Elisha was preceded in death by brothers, Mason Taylor and Marvin Taylor; sister, Rose Salazar; and nephew, Charles John Hornbuckle.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at Long House Funeral Home with Tom Belt officiating. There will be no other services to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Heart Association or to personally get outdoors and spend some time in nature on the mountain remembering Elisha gathering plants for food and medicine doing what he loved.



#### Hazel Lee Saunooke-Stalcup

CLAYTON, Ga. - Hazel
Saunooke-Stalcup, 75, born May
9, 1940, went home to be with the
Lord on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016.
A native of Cherokee, she resided
in Clayton, Ga. most of her life. She
was a member of the St. Francis of
Assisi Episcopal Church in Cherokee.

Hazel attended Western Carolina University where she earned a degree in teaching. She taught school in New York, Atlanta, and Cherokee. She was also a successful businesswoman for many years in the Cherokee community. Hazel will be remembered for her witty sense of humor and the ability to light a room with her presence. Hazel was the daughter of the late Osley Bird Saunooke Sr. and Bertha Smith Saunooke of Cherokee. She was also preceded in death by her

husband, Alan Stalcup; sister, Pat Saunooke; brother, Osley "Butch" Suanook Jr.; and grandson, Matthew Leopard.

Surviving are her son, Anthony Stalcup of Woodstock, Ga.; grandsons, Robert and Ryan Stalcup of Buford, Ga.; sister, Donna Ball and husband Sam; brother, Charlie Saunooke, all of Cherokee; and many nieces and nephews and her best fur friend, Scooby.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Feb. 6 at Crisp Funeral Home in Bryson City. Burial was at the Saunooke Family Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church in Cherokee.

#### **Sue Robinson Scates**

WAYNESVILLE - Sue Robinson Scates, 92, died on Friday, Jan. 29, 2016, at Autumn Care Nursing and Rehab. Sue was born in Buncombe County on Nov. 28, 1923, to the late Rex and Irene "Pete" Scarbrough Robinson. She worked as a teacher's aide in the school system for many years and was instrumental in starting the church library. Sue genuinely cared about people, especially children. Most of all, she loved her Lord and her family.

In addition to her parents, Sue was preceded in death by her husband, George Franklin Scates; sister, Bernice Stewart; grandson Christopher Alan Welsh; and nephew, Gerald Stewart.

Left to cherish her memory is a

son, Rusty Scates; a daughter, Terrie Welsh; and Janica Stewart.
Funeral services were held on
Tuesday, Feb. 2 at Hazelwood Presbyterian Church with the Reverend
Patrick Womack officiating.
Memorial contributions may be made to Hazelwood Presbyterian
Church or to Autumn Care Nursing and Rehab.

Burial will follow services at Green Hill Cemetery.

Online guest registry and condolences may be made at www. garrettfuneralsandcremations.com

#### **Wesley Morris Lambert**

Wesley Morris Lambert, 59, passed away on Monday, Feb. 1, 2016. Wesley was a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and spent his life living between Vermont and North Carolina . Wesley loved to fish and was a champion horseshoe game tosser.

Wesley is the son of Clyde and Mary (Davis) Lambert. Also surviving is brother, Gary Lambert of Leesburg, Va.; sister, Laura Shuttle of Williamstown, Vt.; life-long friend, Mark Priestly; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Wesley is preceded in death by grandparents, Benjamin F. Davis and Roberta (Snyder) Davis, John A. Lambert and Sallie-Ann (Standingdeer) Lambert.

Memorial Services will be held at a later date.

Long House Funeral Home is serving the Lambert family.

## One Feather deadline Friday at 12noon

#### **OBITUARIES**



**Lois Rose Ball** 

Lois Rose Ball, 84, of Cherokee, went home to be with the Lord, and all her loved ones gone on before her on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016. She was surrounded by all her family who loved her dearly.

She was born March 12, 1931 in Graham County to the late William Rose and Bessie Millsaps Rose.

Lois was a wonderful loving mother, grandmother, and friend. She had a very humble spirit that loved helping people. She was a great cook. She loved to read, camp, and most of all spend time with her family whom she was very proud of.

She is surived by three sons,
Andy Ball and wife Sharon, Mike
Ball and wife Angie, and Scott
Ball and wife Wanda; one daughter, Donna Watson and husband
Robbie; six grandchildren, Chris
Ball, Misty Adams, Nicole Woods,
Courtney Ball, Ryan Ball, and Katlin Watson; four great grandchildren, Alyssa Ball, Austin Ball, Abby
Adams, and Aiden Adams; and one sister, Myrtle Ghormley.

In addition to her parents, Lois was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Ball; two brothers, Lyle Rose and Jack Rose; three sisters, Hazel Ford, Dorothy Randall, and Juanita Rose.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 6 at the Long House Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Jesse Adams officiated with burial at the Drama Cemetery in Cherokee.

Long House Funeral Home is serving the Ball family.

#### John Henry "Birdeye" Burgess

John Henry "Birdeye" Burgess, 33, of Cherokee, passed away Friday, Jan. 29, 2016.

He was born April 14, 1982 in Asheville to Charles E. Burgess and Kathy "Rock" Kanott Burgess.

John liked the outdoors hunting and fishing. He also liked sports.

In addition to his parents, John is survived by son, Dalton Chad Burgess of Cherokee; step-children, Robert Seay, Marcus Hills and Carolyn Lillard all of the home; grandfather, William Henry Kanott; one brother, George E. Burgess; and one sister, Betina Sue Hornbuckle and husband George "Pokey".

John was preceded in death by grandparents, George Herbert and Bonnie Burgess; and Naomi Bowman.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at Acquoni Baptist Church with Rev. Ed Kilgore officiating. Burial followed at the Burgess Family Cemetery on Bradley Loop Road. Pallbearers were among family and friends.



#### LOAN OFFICER NEEDED

The Loan Officer is charged with generating loans that have an impact consistent with Sequoyah Fund's mission and that comply with funders' grant requirements. This person will be responsible for loan origination, analysis and due diligence, underwriting, project presentations, loan documentation, and loan closings.

The Loan Officer will also work with our legal and collections professionals to maximize loan recovery. He or she will be charged with perfecting liens and monitoring collateral. He or she will maintain client relationships and make recommendations to the Executive Director and Loan Committee on loans to be modified, rewritten, or foreclosed.

This position will help determine strategies for specific lending products, identify new markets and opportunities, and respond to trends or changes in market climate.

A Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Management, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Economics, Accounting, or a related field is required. Commercial lending experience preferred but not required. Commercial loan analysis and underwriting training will be provided to the right candidate.

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#### Mountain Partners envisioning Nikwasi-Cowee future

group of residents from Franklin and Cherokee have been meeting for the last eight months to explore strategies to work together for economic development and historic preservation. Calling themselves Mountain Partners, the group has engaged in discussions regarding a potential Nikwasi-Cowee corridor that promotes heritage-tourism and related economic development opportunities.

According to Barbara McRae, one of the Mountain Partners from Franklin, the group's efforts have been productive and insightful. "It's been an exciting experience, especially getting to know the Cherokee members and their perspectives on the history and culture of the Nikwasi Mound."

The non-political, collaborative and cooperative dialogue was initiated by Mainspring

Conservation Trust (formerly Land Trust for the Little Tennessee), headquartered near the Nikwasi Mound in Franklin, and made possible by support from the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina and from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. In addition to conserving land and water, Mainspring's mission includes cultural heritage preservation in its seven-county service area. Although Mountain Partners was not formed at the direction of either the Town of Franklin or the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the group has kept those governmental entities fully informed and will continue to do so as it moves forward.

To assist the group in its process, Mainspring retained the services of Catalpa Circle, a consulting firm based in Asheville. Catalpa Circle facilitator Dr. Tom Hatley said, "There is a strong willingness from the members to share and have

positive dialogue for future collaboration."

Mountain Partners plans to continue meeting and ultimately formalize the group into an operational organization. McRae says the initial goals of Mountain Partners are to: 1) promote the concept of linking cultural and historic sites such as Nikwasi and Cowee; 2) help raise awareness and funds to pursue these efforts; and 3) explore opportunities for collaboration between the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and local communities.

Juanita Wilson, a Mountain Partners member from Cherokee, summed up the group's sentiment, "Mountain Partners is enthusiastic about helping to bring increased collaboration between our communities. If people can see the bigger picture, we can build something that has positive and long range impact for the region.

- Mountain Partners



#### Attention Tribal Members!!

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## Cherokee Indian Hospital hosts Chili Cook-off

he Cherokee Indian Hospital (CIHA) U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Officers Association (COA) hosted their Sixth Annual Chili Cook-off on Wednesday, Feb. 3. The event, held to raise money for the Health Occupations Student Association (HOSA) at Cherokee High School, featured entries by hospital employees. The event raised more than \$600, and the monies will be donated to HOSA.

The categories included traditional chili, non-traditional chili and cornbread.

Over 31 chili entries and

14 cornbread entries were judged. Cherokee Supreme Court Justice Bill Boyum, Cherokee School Board Chairman Dick Crowe and ALE Officer Josh Taylor were the official judges. Prizes were awarded to the first and second place winners in each category.

The winners were as follows:

- Traditional Chili: 1st Tara Davis, 2nd – Chris McKnight
- Non-Traditional Chili: 1st – Tera Marr, 2nd – Matt Martens
- Cornbread: 1st Carmen Nations, 2nd – Kayla Holland

Prizes were donated by Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, Sequoyah National Golf Club, Cherokee Harley Davidson, Dillsboro Chocolate Factory and the Commissioned Officers Association. Pepsi donated beverages for the event. The Cherokee Indian Hospital hosted the event in the Oconaluftee Test Kitchen. The CIHA kitchen provided a condiments bar and paper products. The kitchen also donated drinks which were sold along with dessert donated by Commission Officers Association members.

- Cherokee Indian Hospital



LYNNE HARLAN/CIHA Public Relations

Chili contest judges are shown (left-right) seated – Bill Boyum, Dick Crowe and Josh Taylor. Behind them (left-right) are Jason White, Julie Van Leuven, Abby White and Beth Helm.



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#### Queen creates massive pot

Joel Queen, an EBCI tribal member from Whittier, poses with his latest pottery creation which includes a combination of past and present Cherokee designs. According to Queen, it is believed that his creation is the largest Native American designed piece of pottery every created

#### THANK YOU LETTER

#### Johnson thanks family and friends for support

As I made efforts to get this "thank you" written, it seems I was met with continual obstacles. Today, Feb. 4, it has been three months since I underwent heart surgery at the Asheville Cardiology Center in Mission Memorial hospital. There are so many individuals, family, friends and churches to which I wish to say "thank you". Thank you to the churches and the many individuals for your prayers. Thank you to family and friends for your caring visits or inquiries of how I was feeling. Your presence, prayers, and words of encouragement are blessings forever etched within my mind and heart.

Special thank you to my sister Carolyn and brother Bopper who traveled many miles to be with me. Thank you Bear and Verna for getting my meals supplied while convalescing at home, and to Jean for the many hours you sat with me. And, thank you Yellowhill Church women for providing evening meals. Each act of kindness has been greatly appreciated. To Doris and Buddy (family) Johnson, thank you for constant and daily caring that cannot be matched.

I say thank you to all that prayed, visited or asked about me. May the Lord bless each of you for your acts of kindness.

In Faith,

Virginia Johnson

#### VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) available

The 2016 offering of Tax Assistance begins Thursday February 4th. If your annual income is \$62,000 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. Please 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



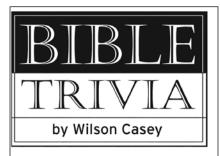
- Enrollment Card of Federally Recognized Tribe for NC Tax Exemption
- Bank Account Information if you want tax return direct deposited
- Last year's tax return if possible
- The program does not do Rental Income (Schedule E), Dividend and Investment Income (Sch B) and Complex Schedule C.

To schedule an appointment call the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office at 359-6930 and speak to any staff person.

– EBCI Cooperative Extension Program

#### Upcoming DNA testing schedule

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



- 1. Is the book of Ecclesiastes in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. From Numbers 4, what color was the cloth draped over the Ark of the Covenant? White, Black, Gold, Blue
- 3. "The wicked man travaileth with pain all his days" is from what book's 15:20? Ezra, Nehemiah, Job, Psalms
- 4. Whose hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws? *Daniel, Matthew, Luke, Nebuchadnezzar*
- 5. In which city were 85 priests slain? Gezer, Nob, Shechem, Aphek
- 6. From Daniel 5, who was so scared that his knees knocked together? Moses, Belshazzar, Solomon, Lot

Belshazzar Job; 4) Webuchadneszar; 5) Wob; 6) ANSWERS: I) Old; 2) Blue; 3) Comments? More Trivia? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com

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- Thursday, Feb. 11
- Friday, Feb. 12
- Wednesday, Feb. 17
- Thursday, Feb. 18
- Friday, Feb. 19
- Wednesday, Feb. 24
- Thursday, Feb. 25
- Friday, Feb. 26

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

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

- EBCI Enrollment Office

#### Cherokee Yoga classes

Classes are free and open to everyone. All levels welcome. All levels Yoga: Tuesdays 12-12:45pm with Robin. Beginner's Yoga: Tuesdays 5-6pm with Julie. Back Care Yoga: Wednesdays 12-12:45pm with Rose. No classes on tribal



holidays. Info: Robin 359-6785, robibail@nc-cherokee.com, or Rose 359-6787, rosejame@nc-cherokee.com

- Cherokee Choices

## New EBCI applicants per capita deadline

To be considered for the June 2016 per capita distribution, completed enrollment applications for new applicants must be submitted to the EBCI Tribal Enrollment Office by 4:30pm on Tuesday, March 15. Enrollment applications received after this date will not be considered for the June 2016 distribution.

An application will only be considered complete with a county-certified birth certificate, certified DNA results, and certification of any other Indian blood. To schedule an appointment at the local collection site, call Michelle 359-6463. Out-of-town applicants may contact Amber Harrison (918) 685-0478 to schedule an appointment in your area.

The last day to be DNA tested in time for the March 15 deadline is Friday, Feb. 26. Any DNA collected after this date is not guaranteed to be back in time to meet the deadline.

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

Applications may be obtained from the Enrollment Office located in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. Info: Enrollment Office (828) 359-6467, 359-6465 or 359-6466

- EBCI Enrollment Office

## Nappenings

#### **General Events**

Beginning Cherokee Language I class. Tuesdays through March 22 from 5-6:30pm in Room E104 at Cherokee Elementary. Angela Squirrel will be the lead instructor. Info: Cherokee Central Schools Cultural Department 554-5004

Cherokee Language Beginner Class. Thursdays from Feb. 11 – March 3 at Utugi Church in the Snowbird Community. This will also be a Cherokee Syllabary reading class. Info: Shirley Oswalt (828) 735-6109 or Mary Brown (828) 735-4253

Fundraiser Bingo. Feb 13 at

5pm at Little Snowbird Recreation Center near Robbinsville. Bingo games will be called in the Cherokee language. This is a fundraiser to benefit the Cherokee Speakers Group. Info: 359-6406

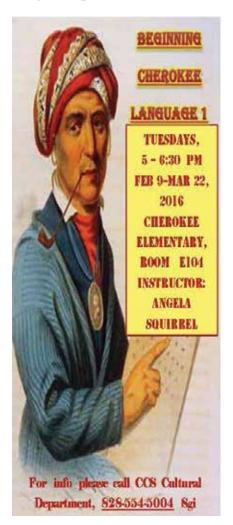
Fundraiser for Miss Native American USA Kristina Hyatt.

Feb. 18 from 11am – 1pm at Yellowhill Community Building. The West Girls are sponsoring an Indian Taco benefit to help with travel expenses related to the 2016 Smile Drive project. Indian Taco w/ Drink \$8. They are also selling 50/50 tickets. All donations are appreciated. No deliveries, call-ins of five or more will be taken. Info: Gloria Hyatt 736-2469 or 507-4766

Indian Dinners. Feb. 19 from 11am – 1pm at Yellowhill Community Building. This is a NAIWA fundraiser. Bean bread, fatback, chicken, cabbage, hominy and beans or fried potatoes w/drink and dessert for \$10

**1st Annual Battle for the Commander's Cup. Feb. 20** at 11am at Swain County High School football field. This event, sponsored by the Omer Buchanan VFW Post 9281, will pit Cherokee High School Army JROTC against Swain County High School Air Force JROTC in a drill competition. Info: Billy Whitt 736-4146

Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist visit. March



10 from 10-11am at Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 headquarters on Acquoni Road. Mikey Casey, Disabled Veterans Outreach program specialist, will be on hand to provide any handicapped veteran with the necessary skills to obtain gainful employment. Bring any pertinent paperwork. Info: Mike Casey (828) 837-7407

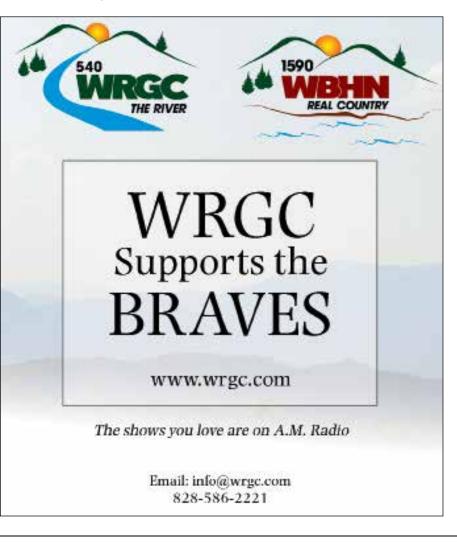
**2nd Annual Stress & Healing** Arts Retreat. March 11-12 at New Kituwah Academy. "Healing Ourselves Today for the Generations of Tomorrow" is the theme for the free event. Learn about stress. grief, and trauma and healthy ways to manage it. Experience massage, aromatherapy, healing touch, acupuncture, yoga, tai chi and more. Limited space- applications due Monday, Feb. 29 at 4pm to Cherokee Choices, 806 Acquoni Road, Fax: 359-0059. Tara McCoy 359-6783, taramcco@nc-cherokee. com or Robin Callahan 359-6785, robibail@nc-cherokee.com

19th Annual Greening Up the Mountains Festival. April 23

from 10am – 4pm in Sylva. Applications are now being accepted for artists, mountain crafters, environmental and food vendors. The applications, which will be accepted through April 1, can be downloaded at www.greeningupthemountains.com or picked up at Sylva's Town Hall at 83 Allen Street. Info: 631-4587

#### **Ongoing Events**

**VFW Bingo. Every Tuesday at the Governor's Island VFW.** Early bird at 5:30pm, regular games at 7pm. Info: Billy Whitt 736-4146



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## The sound of silence

#### **ROBERT JUMPER**

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n January 2016, Tribal
Council passed a law (Resolution No. 87) that did
away with verbatim written documentation of Council sessions as a matter of course.
In other words, the exact words of the Council no longer had to be made into a written record and minutes of the sessions could be summarized.

Part of the discussion and reasoning was that because we have an audio/video recording of the proceedings, there would be no need for exact documentation. It was a cost and time savings measure that would remove some of the burden and tedium of direct documentation of the proceedings. The paraphrased and condensed versions are available online, as are the video replays of sessions. At any request, a verbatim report may be generated through the use of the video recordings of sessions. This law applies to "Budget Council, Tribal Council, working sessions and committee meetings". The recordings are used to confirm the documentation process that is being used.

Unfortunately, throughout the course of a typical Tribal

Council session, much of the discussion is missed by the microphones and not recorded because a Council member neglects to turn on the microphone when they are recognized to speak. Even in the gallery, it is very difficult to hear the discussion without the microphones on. It is impossible to hear on the video playback. There are times during the discussion and debate of a resolution that conversation among Council members will go for several minutes and at the end, an apology will be offered and the public will be advised of the pass/fail of the resolution. At other times, silent conversation will go on until someone calls in to the Council House to request that the microphones be turned on.

I understand that unofficial discussion takes place "off microphone" intentionally at times. That is appropriate and understandable. But, if a representative is chairing or being recognized by the Chair during a formal proceeding like a Tribal Council session, all comments made should be documented.

There needs to be a system in place to ensure that all that is publicly said by our representatives is documented during official proceedings.

With their focus on the issues at hand, it should not be left up to the representatives to keep track of whether or not their microphones are on. A person dedicated to audio production during Council sessions would eliminate much of the missed discussion during deliberation. That person's only job during the session would be to mix the sound, controlling each representative's microphone and ensuring that, when appropriate, the microphone is on. Leaving all the microphones on at the same time causes technical issues.

Tribal Council sessions are some of the most, if not the most important, meetings that the Tribe conducts. In those sessions, decisions about your land ownership and use, per capita and municipal fund distribution, health care and just about any other important function of your livelihood and pursuit of happiness is open for the making of law for our people. You have a right to know not only how your representatives vote, but what they say about why and how they are casting a vote that may directly affect your future and future generations.



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#### **Hours of Operation**

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 8am - 7pm Wednesday: 8am - 5pm Friday: 7:45am - 4:30pm

#### **Poll Responses**

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

Who do you think is going to win Super Bowl 50?

Marian Parisher Nichols: Panthers

**Sandra Lynn Gilbert:** Panthers, hopefully

**Melissa Hughes:** Panthers!

Wayne Wolfe: Broncos!

Mitzi Cutshaw Isaac:

Panthers

Mary Crowe: Carolina Panthers! Too much to not enough!

Sheena Brings Plenty:

Broncos!

Cedric Sandra Maney:

Panthers!

**Sylvia King:** I want the Broncos to win, but I have a feeling the Panthers will. #disgruntledfalconsfan

Tinker Bradley Howard:

Panthers

**Leslie Lossiah:** The Panthers or the Broncos lol

Janett Swisher Owens:

Panthers

Jenny Bankston Lenz:

Cherokee One Feather Poll of the Week Results

Who do you think is going to win Super Bowl 50?

Denver Broncos

**22**%

Carolina Panthers

**78**%

Nation

**Panthers** 

thers for sure! #Panther-

**Donna Rogers:** I hope the

Walter French: Carolina

Question of the week now up on theonefeather.com: Should the Tribal Drug Court be abolished?

Panthers by a mile

Cheryl Skiles: Panthers

Joshua Michael: Panthers

**Brenda Thomas Deitz:** 

Panthers!

**Nichole Dozier:** Go Panthers...

**Donnis C. Greene:** Panthers all the way

**Amber Beasley:** Panthers!

Nickie Martinez: Pan-

thers!

Theresa Jones: Broncos

Lois Wadewitz: Peyton

Manning's team

**Tammy Whitedove:** 

**Broncos** 

Kim S. Lambert: Pan-

thers!

**Pam Henderson:** Hoping the Panthers, but the Bron-

cos probably will win

Catherine Marie: Pan-

**Elnora Thompson:** Carolina Panthers!

Nicole Jones Kinnamon:

Broncos!

**Mandy Bennett Wrigley:** 

Panthers! The Carolinas team!

**Sam Driver:** Panthers... keep pounding.

**Nse Uffort:** Panthers all the way baby! Keep pounding!

**Charles Penick:** Panthers! Keep pounding!

**Janice Griffin Jenkins:** 

I wanted the Patriots, but will go with the Panthers!

Carolyn Jones: Panthers

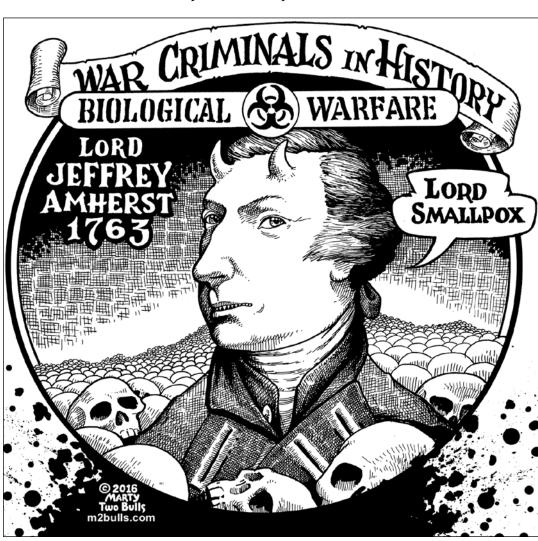
**Tina Marie Hyatt:** Broncos

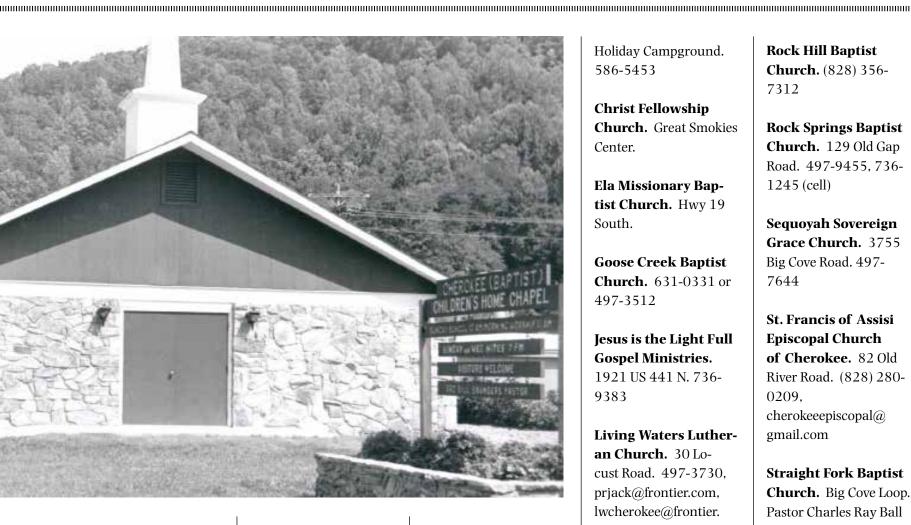
**Uligo Dihiyelegi:** Whoever has the most points...the Panthers!

**Kendall Driver:** Panthers! #SuperCam

Zacchaeus Maney: Panthers

**Jackie Porter:** Broncos! Been my team my whole life! Go Peyton!





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

**Antioch Baptist** Church. Coopers Creek Road.

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

**Bethabara Baptist** Church. 1088 Birdtown Road. 497-7770

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

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7710 Big Cove Road. 497-4220

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

**Cherokee Bible** Church. Olivet Church Road. 497-2286

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

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

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

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

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

**Cherokee Wesley**an Church. Hwy 19 across from Happy

Holiday Campground. 586-5453

**Christ Fellowship** Church. Great Smokies Center.

Ela Missionary Baptist Church. Hwy 19 South.

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

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

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

**Rock Hill Baptist** Church. (828) 356-7312

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

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

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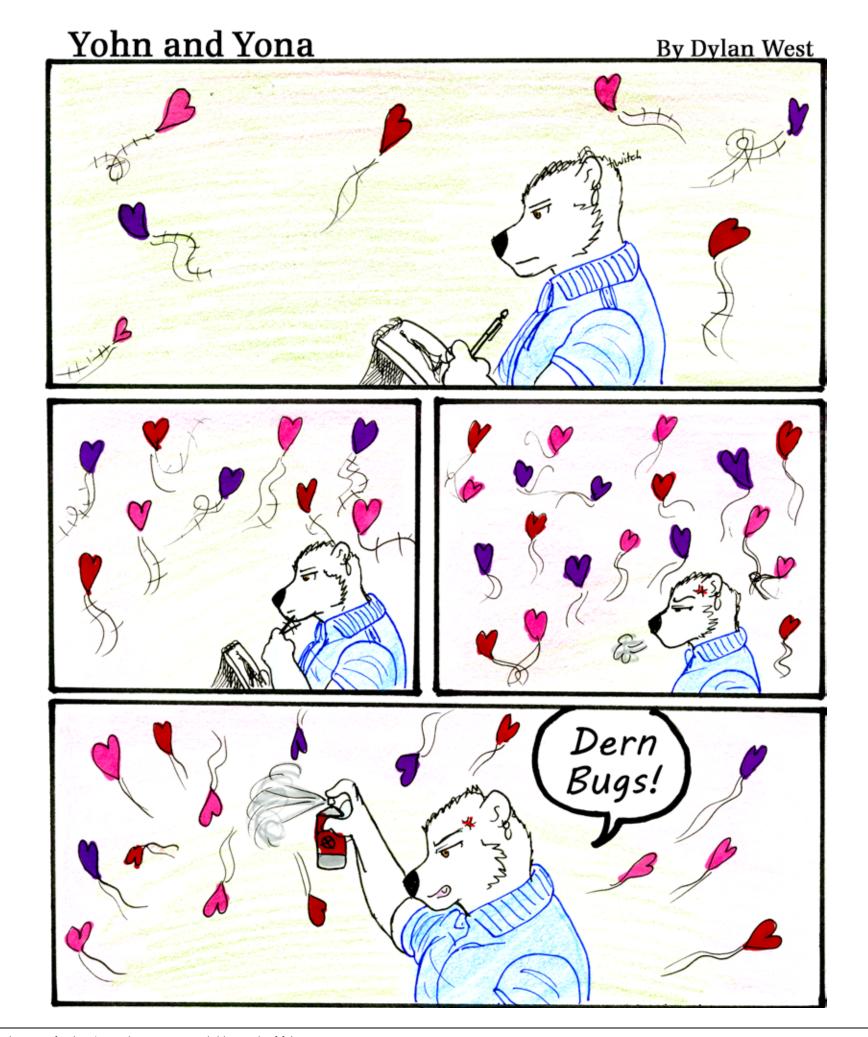
**Waterfalls Baptist** Church. Wrights Creek Road.

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#### YARD SALES

**Granny's Kitchen Indoor Yard Sale,** open at 8am Feb. 12 and 13.
Cash only. **2/11pd** 

#### JOB ANNOUNCEMENT RESIDENT COUNSELOR SUPERVISOR

ORGANIZATION: Cherokee Boys Club, P. O. Box 507, Cherokee, NC

28719; (52 Boys Club Loop)

DEPARTMENT: CHEROKEE CHILDREN'S HOME

OPENING DATE: February 11, 2016 CLOSING DATE: February 25, 2016

REQUIREMENTS: Applicant must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid North Carolina Driver's License with at least two years' verifiable driving record. A four-year degree in Human Services or related field is required.

Experience in a residential care setting preferred. Must be energetic with a positive attitude to meet the demands of this physically and emotionally challenging position. Must have the ability to lift 50 pounds and be physically mobile to conduct required physical demands of the job.

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

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

Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. 2/18pd

#### **Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings (open until filled):**

- •High School Social Worker Must possess a degree in social work and meet the North Carolina Education Standards for licensure in School Social Work. Visit the NCDPI website to view standards to meet the qualification for licensure.
- •Transition Specialist-NC Teaching license required.
- •Special Education First Grade Teacher-NC Teaching license required.
- •Substitute Security-H.S. Diploma/G.E.D. Required. Must be able to work any shift.

CCS Human Resources: www.ccs-nc.org 2/18pd

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#### THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOS-PITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

FT FOOD SERVICE WORKER

FT RN / ER

FT RN FLOAT (nights) IN-PA-

TIENT

FT RN (nights) IN-PATIENT

FT RN (days) IN-PATIENT

FT RN (days) IN-PATIENT

FT ACCOUNTS PAYABLE / PUR-

CHASED & REFERRED CARE

FT NETWORK / VOIP ADMINIS-

TRATOR

FT LPN JUSTICE CENTER / FCC

FT ENDODONTIST

FT DENTIST

FT PHLEBOTOMIST

FT DENTAL HYGIENTIST

PTI STAFF PHYSICIAN – HOSPI-

TALIST

FT CERTIFIED CODER / MEDICAL RECORDS

FT PURCHASING AGENT / SUP-

PLY

FT SUPPLY WAREHOUSE WORK-

ER

Applications and job descriptions are available at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Human
Resources Office, Monday – Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm. For more information please call 828 497-9163 and ask for Teresa Carvalho or Deb Toineeta. These positions will close on February 12, 2016 @ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and the original CIHA job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. 2/11pd

Special Olympics of North Carolina is seeking a person to serve as the Special Olympics Coordinator for the Qualla Boundary. This

is a volunteer position only and will coordinate all aspects of the Special Olympics program including travel, preparation, and accompanying the athletes. Applications can be picked up at VOC in Cherokee. For more info you may call 497-9827. **2/18pd** 

#### **IOB ANNOUNCEMENT BASIC EDUCATION TEACHER**

ORGANIZATION: Oconaluftee Job Corps (Cherokee Boys Club Contract – U.S. Forest Service), P. O. Box 507, Cherokee, N. C. 28719 (52 CBC Loop)

OPENING DATE: February 4, 2016 CLOSING DATE: February 18, 2016

REQUIREMENTS: Must have a current NC Teacher's Certificate. Must have adequate training, skills, and experience to perform all duties required of position and to be competent and reliable.

Application and job description can be picked up from the Club Receptionist at the 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 mandatory.

Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. **2/11pd** 

#### JOB ANNOUNCEMENT LEAD TEACHERS AGELINK

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

DEPARTMENT: Child Care Department – Agelink Child Care Department

- Snowbird

OPENING DATE: February 11, 2016 CLOSING DATE: February 25, 2016

REQUIREMENTS: Must have GED or High School Diploma, NC Child Care

Credentials 1 and 2

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.

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

FT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT / PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT FT HUMAN RESOURCES GENERLIST

FT CLINICAL APPLICATIONS COORDINATOR

Applications and job descriptions are available at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Human Resources Office, Monday – Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm. For more information please call 828 497-9163 and ask for Teresa Carvalho or Deb Toineeta. These positions will close on February 19,2016 @ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and the original CIHA job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. 2/18pd

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

http://nc-cherokee.nsopw.gov/

## EASTERN BANDOF CHEROME INDIANS



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

#### **POSITIONS OPEN**

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

#### Closing February 12, 2016 @ 4 pm

- 1. Youth Development Professional- Snowbird Youth Center (\$21,484-\$26,855)
- 2. Assistant Court Clerk- Tribal Court (\$34,112-\$42,640)
- 3. Drug Court Case Manager- Tribal Court (\$34,112-\$42,640)
- PHHS Compliance Officer- Regulator & Compliance (\$58,794-\$73,493)
- Education Program Specialist-Education & Training (\$31,078-\$38,848)
- Patrol Officer (2 positions)- CIPD (\$34,112-\$42,640)
- 7. Traffic Enforcement Officer- CIPD (\$34,112-\$42,640)
- 8. Associate Counsel IV- Civil Law (\$91,348-\$114,185)
- 9. Part Time Paramedic (6 positions)- Tribal EMS (\$34,112-\$42,640)
- 10. Tribal Prosecutor II- Prosecutor's Office (\$83,722-\$104,653)
- Academy Teacher- KPEP (\$41,082-\$51,353)
- Domestic Violence Program Manager- DV (\$45,018-\$56,273)

#### Closing February 19, 2016 @ 4 pm

- Detention Officer- Detention Services (\$31,078-\$38,848)
- 2. Housekeeper I- Tribal Housekeeping (\$21,484-\$26,855)
- 3. Data Entry Clerk- Tribal Commodities (\$25,830-\$32,288)
- Tribal Commodities Distribution Rep- Tribal Commodities (\$41,082-\$51,353)
- Nurse Home Visitor- Cherokee Choices (\$45,018-\$56,273)
- Quality Improvement Coordinator- Reg & Compliance (Re-advertisement) (\$48,000-\$60,000)
- 7. Administrative Assistant- Heart to Heart (\$25,830-\$32,288)
- Mental Health Therapist- Heart to Heart (\$45,018-\$56,273)
- Administrative Assistant- Family Safety (\$25,830-\$32,288)
- 10. Family Safety Supervisor (2 positions)- Family Safety (\$49,200-\$61,500)
- Family Safety Social Worker (12 positions) Family Safety (\$41,082-\$51,353)
- Administrative Assistant- Wastewater- (\$31,078-\$38,848)

Download Applications & Job Descriptions NC-Cherokee.com/HumanResources/Employment/Job-Opportunities

#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 15-074

#### In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph Feather

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM FIRST PUBLICATION Carole Love, 21 Bear Track Run, Bryson City, NC 28713. 3/16pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 15-002

#### In the Matter of the Estate of Mark Holt

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM FIRST PUBLICATION Norma Moss, PO Box 2103, Cherokee, NC 28719. **2/11pd** 

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 15-003

#### In the Matter of the Estate of Robert A. Smith

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 Travis K. Smith, P.O. Box 2107, Cherokee, NC 28719. **2/11pd** 

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-001

#### In the Matter of the Estate of Sherry Lynn Owle Mejia

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: May 4, 2016 Phillip Joseph Owle, PO Box 243, Cherokee, NC 28719, **2/25pd** 

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina
In the Matter of the Estates of:
Maria Anna Armachain (EST
10-038; DOB 2/18/1964); Savannah Darlene Cook (EST 07-013; DOB 5/9/1959); Bennie
Wade Crowe (EST 09-023; DOB 6/22/1959); Everett Edward
Jumper (EST 98-055; DOB 6/23/1946); Khrystofor Hawk
Rattler (EST 10-022; DOB 12/5/1991)

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

Courtroom 1 EBCI Justice Center March 10th, 2016 at 1:30pm **3/3pd** 

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File Nos.: EST 99-060; EST 00-027;

EST 04-011; EST 05-152; EST 06-032; EST 06-046

#### In the Matter of the Estates of: Jerry Taylor, Tom Queen, Sr., Daniel Scott, Kathryn A. Owle, & John Dickie Calhoun

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

Courtroom 1 EBCI Justice Center March 10th, 2016 at 1:30pm **3/3pd** 

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

#### INVITATION FOR BID SALE OF TIMBER, GRASSY BRANCH AREA OF YELLOWHILL COMMUNITY EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

SALE OF TIMBER. Sealed Bids in duplicate of forms provided therefore marked outside: "BID FOR TIMBER, GRASSY BRANCH LOGGING UNIT", and addressed to: Cherokee Agency, Branch of Forestry, P.O. Box1959, Cherokee, NC 28719. Bids will be received until 3pm EST, February 5th, 2016 for the purchase of merchantable timber on a lump sum basis so designated for cutting contained within the marked boundaries of Parcels # 656-E, 656-K, 656-C,

and 656-B. These parcels contain approximately 33 acres of timbered land designated for cutting with an estimated total volume of 509,200 board feet of sawtimber scaling segment 14 inches DIB scaling class and greater, and 1,036.9 cords of topwood. These volumes are furnished for information only and are not guaranteed. Each bidder is urged to make their own independent estimates. Sealed bids in duplicate will be received on provided Form BIA-5318. Please contact Cherokee Agency for these forms, or they may be ascertained via internet.

Each bid shall contain a deposit of 5% of the bid price which shall be in the form of certified check, cashier's check, bank draft, postal money order, or irrevocable letter-of-credit. The minimum acceptable bid shall be \$125/mbf for poplar peelers, \$120/mbf for poplar saw logs, \$160/mbf for red, black, and white oak, \$135/mbf for chestnut oak, \$135/mbf for red maple, \$175/mbf for cherry, \$93/mbf for basswood, \$67/mbf for hickory, and \$59/mbf for other hardwoods. Topwood will be \$30/ ton. Topwood is not required to be bid on. Please make a state-ment that you are not bidding on topwood in your bid if you decide not to bid on it.

A performance bond in the amount of \$5,000.00 shall be required and must be in a form acceptable to the approving officer (Regional Director) before the timber sale contract can be approved. Indian preference will be given to tribal members to meet the higher bid of a non-member. All timber included in this sale shall be paid for in advance of cutting. The right to wave technical defects and to reject any or all bids is reserved. Before

bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of the sale and the submission of bids may be obtained from the Forest Manager, David Lambert, C/O Cherokee Agency Forestry, P.O. Box 1959 Cherokee, NC 28719.

#### **CIHA Art Installation**

The Cherokee Indian Hospital seeks the services of an artist to fabricate a three-dimensional buzzard to be installed above a waiting area in its new hospital facility. The object must be light-weight and able to be securely suspended from a 30-foot high ceiling. The style of the depiction can be modern, contemporary or realistic and the size of the object must be appropriate to the scale of the area. The object

selected will be approved for safety and housekeeping concerns appropriate to a medical facility setting.

All Artists' bids, drawings and a 2-3 foot study must be submitted by February 19, 2016 to:

Cherokee Indian Hospital
Authority Attention: Ms. Sarah
M. Sneed, Contracting Officer,
Procurement/Supply, 1 Hospital
Road, Cherokee, NC 28719, sarah.
sneed@cherokeehospital.org
2/11pd

#### HELP Program will be accepting applications for the 2016 LAWN MAINTENANCE SEASON

Beginning February 8, 2016. The final deadline for application submission is March 25, 2016 – no exceptions.

#### Guidelines

- A. Must be a Senior Citizen, age 59 ½ and above, or Disabled age 59 ½ and below, (and spouse) Living alone or with anyone under the age of 18.
- 1. Residence must reside on EBCI Tribal Lands in the Swain, Jackson, Graham, and Cherokee Counties; this does not include deeded property.
- 2. Season will run from April 11, 2016–September 30, 2016
- 3. Lawn Maintenance will include Mowing and Weed eating.
- 4. Lawn Maintenance will include a 50Ft. perimeter around home including carports.
- 5. Lawns mowed outside the 50ft. perimeter will be the home owner's responsibility.

- 6. Client/Family is responsible for getting yard clear of any trash/debris.
- 7. Member of the EBCI, will need a copy of enrollment cards **2/18pd**



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.



