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Sam Lambert, an EBCI tribal member and member of the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 Color Guard, carries in the USET flag during the opening ceremonies of the USET Impact Week in Washington, DC on Monday, Feb. 3.

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A Cherokee man died in a single-vehicle accident on Big Cove Road. Read the details on page 19.

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3. NBC

Tribal member Natalie Welch worked on a project for NBC that aired nationally last week.

WORTH QUOTING

"I am not going to deny that things aren't perfect in Indian Country. There is still a lot of need."

- Jodi Gillette, White House senior policy advisor for Native American Affairs, in addressing USET last week



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Gillette addresses USET

WASHINGTON - White House Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs Jodi Gillette, a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, addressed the USET Impact Meeting on Monday, Feb. 3. She explained the administration works to align itself and balance with the needs for Indian Country and Presidential executive authority is allowed to provide to Tribes. Gillette's position, along with White House Office of Public Engagement Deputy Associate Counsel Raina Thiele (a position formerly held by Charles Galbraith), work to facilitate Indian Country input on legislation and uphold the trust responsibility the federal government has promised to Tribes.

The Obama administration has taken strides to uphold the trust responsibility by creating positions in the administrations like theirs as well as the White House Council on Native Affairs, and moving cabinet secretaries to engage and consult Indian Country.

"My role is completely the invention of this President (Obama)," said Gillette. "My role really is to advise the President and the senior staff on Native American needs, issues, and challenges. That is something that had never existed before."

Another creation by President Obama was the White House Council on Native Affairs, which works to solidify the role of the White House on developing policy for the whole administration to deal with American Indian issues.

"We're working on the best mechanism to make sure Tribal leaders have a voice in that process," Gillette continued. "The council itself was developed based upon a loose working group, which was part of the Clinton Administration."

After the committees and councils have been established, the real work begins. How does the White House digest all of the comments and fill the needs of Indian Country?



Photo by Brandon Stephens/USET

White House Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs Jodi Gillette, a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, addresses the USET Impact Meeting on Monday, Feb. 3.

The White House has worked diligently to listen and consult with Tribal leadership.

Gillette told USET, "When the federal government receives those comments we have a job to do. We have to make sure we can make it fit within the confines of what our attorneys says is possible. It has to fit and align with other things that may or may not support what Tribes are saying. That has been my role to find ways to be aligned with Tribes within the (Obama) Administration."

There have been many hours placed on processing comments for various efforts like the U.S. Department of Interior's policy for consultation with Indian Country. Tribal leadership like USET President Brian Patterson and others helped make that process smooth according to Gillette. "I have worked with him (Brian Patterson) closely. I don't think I have publicly ever said how many hours your president (USET

President Brian Patterson) put into helping the (U.S.) Department of Interior develop its consultation policy. And, that was something that is pretty much one of a kind. I don't think we have ever had Tribal representative sitting at the table every step of the way. I think that we just want to acknowledge how many hours he's been putting into making sure that the consultation policy and the work we are doing, as we (The White House) is asking for input, that the input is meaningful. I learned a lot from your president. I know the people I worked with also learned a lot and he (Brian Patterson) got a window into what happens when we get comments in the administration."

Even though the White House held a conference in December 2013, the work does not stop there. The Obama Administration has been maintaining engagement with Indian Country in various methods.

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During the 2014 Impact Week meeting, the White House will hold a Tribal leadership conference call, continuing outreach to Tribes for raising awareness on economic development, rural development, domestic violence and sexual assault, and climate change are major issues the White House is giving a helping hand to Tribes.

Gillette thanked USET for its work to help rebuild Tribal nations saying, "I want to congratulate you (USET) for so many years of advocacy. I've worked with many of you on different topics throughout the years. I just wanted to make note of how many of you (USET Tribal leaders) have been very instrumental to what we have been able to accomplish in the (President) Obama Administration."

She added, "I am not going to deny that things aren't perfect in Indian Country. There is still a lot of need. There are still a lot of difficult issues we face when it comes to being able to develop Indian Country economies, educate children, being able to deal with some of the climate change needs."

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Federal agencies provide reports to USET

WASHINGTON - Reports on the status of Indian Budget, gaming, tax reform, and Indian programming through the U.S. Department of Interior, Farm Bill, and Housing Bill are a few updates the USET Board of Directors received from federal agencies on Tuesday, Feb. 4. USET is providing its input on Indian Country's access to capital and credit for economic development. It will also have the opportunity to provide comment on the reauthorization of the Indian Health Service Special Diabetes Program for Indians legislation.

U.S. Department of Interior- Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs- Kevin Washburn

Indian programs in the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs may have received a boost in the 2014 budget compared to 2013, but some issues are still lingering to place a strain on the budget says Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn.

Washburn told USET's Board of Directors the federal government has restored Indian programs to the 2012 funding level, which is greater than the 2013 budget that was slashed 5 percent across the board. Congress has asked Interior to provide contract support costs to Tribes, protect Indian education programs in addition to some increases, guard general welfare programs, increase Housing Improvement, and continue with law enforcement efforts.

Washburn says these marching orders came from Congress and Tribes without the assistance of additional federal funding. "So, if we fully fund contract support costs we have to get that money from somewhere. We will have to find the money in the budget and we are going to have to move things around a bit," Washburn explained.

It is expected the 2015 draft budget for Indian programs will be released on March 4. Washburn concluded with updates on Fee into



Photos by Brandon Stephens/USET
Interior Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn and chief general counsel Hilary Tompkins address USET on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

Trust property issues, review of Tribal gaming compacts, and the recently released Bureau of Indian Affairs 2013 American Indian Population and Labor Force Report.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) – Chris James

USET and the SBA are signed a Strategic Alliance Memorandum (SAM) are Tuesday. The SAM is design to create a clear partnership between USET and SBA to help bring resources to promote business development, job creation, and eventually the promotion of healthy well developed communities. SBA Office of Native American Affairs assistant administrator Chris James was on hand to sign the SAM with USET President Brian Patterson.

The SAM was also signed by deputy assistant administrator Mina Wales. Chris James was also accompanied by associate administrator John Shoraka who is responsible for overseeing the umbrella office with jurisdiction over the offices of size standards, government contracting, HUBZones, and 8(a) certifications.

U.S. Homeland Security – David Munro

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Intergovernmental Affairs has recently hired

David Munro to replace long-time Tribal Affairs director Steve Golubic. Munro's role as Director of Tribal Affairs will be to oversee the department's continuing efforts to coordinate and consult with the nation's 566 federally recognized Tribes. He also serves as the main point of contact at DHS for engagement with Indian Tribes and the various Tribal associations and will coordinate and support the implementation of the DHS Tribal Consultation Policy.

"My priorities are to get to know the Tribe and implementation of Executive Order 13175 which is and order for federal departments and agencies to consult and coordinate their activities with Indian Tribes," Munro told the USET Board of Directors.

Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

Staff director Mary Pavel and deputy chief counsel Rhonda Harjo provided some general updates on the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA) work with the Indian Budget, Housing Bill and Farm Bill. Pavel explains has a few priorities on energy, education, and healthcare.

Pavel says SCIA appreciates USET's work to help with each issue adding, "Your prayers to be quite frank are absolutely necessary be-



Chairwoman Terri Henry listens to reports while at the USET Impact Week meetings on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

cause this is hard legislating. The founding fathers made this hard and this is hard."

SCIA deputy chief counsel Rhonda Harjo also commented USET always has an open door to the committee. "We (SCIA) always appreciates the bipartisan work you do with each of the issues," Harjo stated. Harjo also gave a brief update on issues of law enforcement.

National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC)

National Indian Gaming commissioner Jonodev Osceola Chaudhuri set the tone of the NIGC's report to USET by beginning with, "Economic development across the board is important to me as a Native person. It is where the rubber meets the road as far as providing us tools as Native peoples and that is frankly to preserve our cultures, preserve our vision of the future, to preserve our self-determination. So economic development, and by extension 'gaming' as an industry, is only a means to an end. The real end is protecting who we are as Native people."

Commissioner Chaudhuri noted the four areas of concentration in the next few years based on the NIGC strategic plan and the four upcoming consultation meetings during 2014.

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Madison Long debates the reason why the federal government should amend the Stafford Act to allow federally recognized tribes to seek disaster assistance from the President as Chairwoman Terri Henry listens in.

CHS students attend Youth Summit at USET

WASHINGTON - Student delegations attending the Close Up Foundation week in Washington, joined one another to identify issues and solutions to problems in Indian Country. On Wednesday, Feb. 5, the students debated various issues that have been considered during the past year by USET and the federal government.

One resolution was debated and passed the Mock Student USET

Board of Directors and will be sent to the USET Board of Directors for formal adoption during its business session during the 2014 Impact Week meeting.

Attending Close Up's Indian Youth Summit 2014 from Cherokee High School were juniors Madison Hye Long, Lacey Arch, Olivia Lacombe, Cole Wildcatt, Xan Sadongei, and Jace Girty and seniors Pricilla Squirrel and Justin Buchanan.



Cherokee High School junior Jace Girty (right) serves as the voting member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians delegation to the Mock USET Board of Directors, while Madison Long is on the floor debating an issue.

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BASKETBALL

Lady Braves vault into first with win

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

The Lady Braves (18-2) avenged an early season loss to Hayesville with a key 53-40 win over the Lady Yellow Jackets at the Charles George Arena on Tuesday, Feb. 4. With the win, the Lady Braves are now in first place in the Big Smoky Mountain Conference. The Braves (11-9) increased their win streak to five games with a 85-71 win.

Lady Braves 53 Hayesville 40

Cherokee started out slowly in this game and trailed 14-5 after the first quarter. They got things going in the second half with a stiffer defense and better rebounding and only trailed at halftime 21-15.

The Lady Braves came out of the locker room ready to play and outscored Hayesville 16-8 in the third period to take a two-point lead into the final period. It was back and forth in the first few minutes of the fourth period, but Kendall Toineeta, the game's top scorer with 26pts, hit a three-point shot with just over four minutes left to give the Lady Braves the lead. And, they never relinquished it.

Cherokee outscored Hayesville 22-11 in the fourth period due, in part, to a flurry of scoring in the final minutes.

Avery Mintz added 20pts for the Lady Braves. Other Cherokee scorers included: LeLe Lossiah 3, Bree Stamper 2, and Taran Swimmer 2.

Hayesville scorers included: Meghan McQuade 17, Courtney McNabb 2, Savannah Anderson 2, Amanda Thompson 14, Rachel Benson 2, and Stephanie Patton 3.

Braves 85 Hayesville 71

Dustin Johnson poured in 39pts to lead the Braves in this key conference match-up as they handed Hayesville only their second confer-

ence loss of the season.

The first half was relatively even with the Braves taking a five-point (22-17) lead after the first period and leading by five 39-34) at the half. In the second half, the Braves began to pull away outscoring the Yellow Jackets 20-13 in the third period and 26-24 in the fourth.

Jason McMillan also had a hot hand on the night shooting 67 percent from the field for 17pts. He also added 11 rebounds and 3 steals.

Other Cherokee scorers included: Brandt Sutton 6, Darius Thompson 8, Jesse Toineeta 2, Silas Reed-Littlejohn 4, and Eli Littlejohn 9.

Hayesville scorers included: Issac Mills 3, Owen Gibson 6, Winster Acesta 2, Branton Cox 17, Vance Rhyne 9, Grant Aroncibia 11, and Zach Cottrell 23.



Dustin Johnson (#22), who had 39pts, shoots over Hayesville's Owen Gibson during Tuesday's game.



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Avery Mintz (#22) blocks a Hayesville shot with authority.



Kendall Toineeta (#3), who led the Lady Braves with 26pts, dribbles past Hayesville's Savannah Anderson (#12).

BASKETBALL

Cherokee teams both top 80pts in wins

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

ANDREWS – On a cold, slightly snowy night, Cherokee's varsity basketball teams warmed up the Andrews High School gym on Thursday, Feb. 6 by scoring a combined 168pts in their wins. The Lady Braves (19-2) beat the Lady Wildcats by 50 (85-35) and the Braves (12-9) kept their conference title hopes alive with a big 83-45 win.

Lady Braves 85 Andrews 35

This game was not close from the start as Cherokee was up 9-0 before Andrews got on the scoreboard. The Lady Braves led 27-11 at the end of the first period and 47-18 at the half.

Kendall Toineeta led Cherokee with 19pts followed by Avery Mintz with 18. Other Cherokee scorers included: LeLe Lossiah 10, Bree Stamper 13, Miranda Smith 3, Blake Wachacha 4, Peri Wildcatt 7, Taran Swimmer 2, Kendra Panther 8, and Kristen Driver 1.

Andrews scorers included: Jacqueline West 9, Hailey West 8, Katie Trammel 5, Tiffany Clark 2, Morgan Mashburn 4, Destinee Mathis 5, and Tiffany Holloway 2.

With the win, the Lady Braves improve to 9-1 in conference play and remain atop the Big Smoky Mountain Conference. Andrews is winless (0-10) in conference play on the season.

Braves 83 Andrews 45

Cherokee came out of the blocks running...literally...they ran fast breaks and played stifling defense including a full court press. They led 16-3 at the end of the first period and 44-15 at the half.

Dustin Johnson led Cherokee with 21pts followed by Jason McMillan with 18. Other Cherokee scorers included: Darius Thompson 11, Eli Littlejohn 12, Silas Reed-Littlejohn

2, Chris Queen 8, Derrick Ledford 6, Kennan Panther 2, and Brandt Sutton 3.

Andrews scorers included: Aaron Devore 10, Chase Hardin 9, Seth Pyle 5, Stuart Close 6, Jacob Whittaker 6, Dakota Baitman 3, Drew Pyle 2, Collin Gillespie 1, and Tristan Howard 3.

Cherokee improved to 8-2 in the conference with Andrews dropping to 10-13 overall and 4-6 in the conference.



Taran Swimmer (#34) and Miranda Smith (#14) put up a strong defense against Andrews' Destinee Mathis (#33).



Dustin Johnson (#22) shoots around Andrews' defenders Jacob Whitaker (#15) and Chase Hardin (#10). Johnson led Cherokee with 21pts.



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Jason McMillan fights through several Andrews defenders, including Chase Hardin (#10) and Logan Allen (#32), on the way to a layup. McMillan ended with 18pts for the game.



Bree Stamper (#12) goes for a layup past Andrews' Destinee Mathis (#33). Stamper had 13pts on the night.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

BRAVES WIN CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT IN MURPHY

By **AMBLE SMOKER**
ONE FEATHER STAFF

MURPHY - Few instances can replicate the emotional power of athletic sporting events and the proud traditions of the Cherokee culture. However, with the recent Smoky Mountain Conference tournament victory, the Cherokee Middle School boys basketball team proved to do just that when they defeated the Swain County Ma-roon Devils 40-30 on Thursday, Feb. 6 at Murphy High School.

The young Braves capped off a phenomenal year where they not only captured the SMC Tournament championship, but did so in a manner that honors their cultural heritage while promoting the continuation of the Cherokee language.

Coach Micah Swimmer has introduced the Cherokee language into the game plan of the men's Cherokee Middle School basketball team as a way to teach and perpetuate the language. Utilizing the native Cherokee language, the young men learn vital words, phrases, and numbers to assist with their learning development while also gaining a competitive advantage on the court.

Coach Swimmer recalls, "In high school, I remember playing against Choctaw Central and it amazed me to hear them speak their native language on the basketball court and football field. My sophomore year, we were playing at home and the whole first half they were telling each other all kinds of stuff in their language and we had no idea what they were saying. At half time, my friend had an idea to say the Pledge of Allegiance. He said, 'I will bring the ball up and I will yell a-tu-is-do-di and you yell back tsi-tu-is-di and



Photo contributed

The Cherokee Middle School Braves basketball team celebrates winning the Smoky Mountain Conference tournament on Thursday, Feb. 6 at Murphy High School. Shown (left-right) standing – coach Micah Swimmer, Zak Perez, Isiah Bradley, Tye Mintz, Nate Evans, Sterling Santa-Maria, coach Spencer Moore, Isiah Evans, Nolan Arkansas, manager Dorian Martens; kneeling – manager Elijah Rosario, Kyler Hill, Holden Straughan, Carson Wildcat, Josiah Lossiah, George Swayney, and Shannon Albert.

cut to the basket.' We felt proud because we were using our language and they didn't know what we were saying. After that night, I made it a goal of mine to learn our language and coach for the Braves while trying to preserve our language through sports. It has proved to be an advantage for my teams and instilled a sense of pride."

Coach Swimmer took those same concepts and incorporated them into his coaching style as all the plays and calls are in Cherokee.

At a recent semi-finals game, one of the players missed an open man and Coach Swimmer yelled, "U-yv-sdi! U-tse-sdi vi-vi-si!" which translates to "Bitter! Give it to Opossum!" Both players understood the call and reacted accordingly.

When asked to elaborate on the importance of each player having a Cherokee name, Coach Swimmer stated, "Each player has a Cherokee name they acquired when they came through my Cherokee language classes at Cherokee Central Schools.

Most players chose their own names while some who had traditional last names, such as Walkingstick or Pheasant, usually took their own last name. Everyone knows who my boys are by their English names but very few know who they are by their Cherokee names."

The CMS Braves finished their illustrious season with a 15-2 record while clinching the SMC tournament championship.

MS WRESTLING

Braves place at State Meet

The Cherokee Middle School Wrestling team traveled to Wake Forest University in Winston Salem to participate in the North Carolina USA Wrestling Championships on Friday, Feb. 7. The teams were divided into two divisions, the 7th grade and 8th grade. Julian Rubio led the 7th grade team with a second place finish in the 252lbs weight class with Josh Driver finishing third. Will Davis picked up four pin fall victories in the 8th grade 252lbs weight class to finish third while William Paul also picked up two victories to finish fourth in the 172lbs weight class. Other notable wrestlers included Seth Sneed, Kevin Jackson, and Scarlett Guy. In the 5th/6th grade 152lb division, Garrett Dee McCoy, an EBCI tribal member from Swain Middle, won the state title.

8th Grade

108 – Seth Sneed (Cherokee) defeated Eric Vang (Excalibur Wrestling) by decision
108 – Seth Sneed (Cherokee) defeated Adam Lowry (River Bend) by decision
108 – Tanner Hooser (Team Atlas) defeated Seth Sneed (Cherokee) by technical fall
108 – Jordan Palmer (Piedmont) defeated Seth Sneed (Cherokee) by major decision
115 – Chris Hollingshead (Thunderhawks) pinned Kevin Jackson (Cherokee)
115 – Brodie Bowman (Swain) pinned Kevin Jackson (Cherokee)

122 – Jordan Mohica (McDowell Titan) pinned Scarlett Guy (Cherokee)
122 – Scarlett Guy (Cherokee) defeated Colby Tooley (Alleghany) by decision
122 – Channing Watson (McDowell Titan) defeated Scarlett Guy (Cherokee) by Inj default
170 – William Paul (Cherokee) defeated Garrett Buchanan (Mitchell) by major decision
170 – Tristen Villarruel (Alleghany) defeated William Paul (Cherokee) by decision
170 – William Paul (Cherokee) defeated Tyler Lowe (Havelock) by decision
170 – LaCalvin Sessoms (Southern Nash) defeated William Paul (Cherokee) by decision
252 – Eli Ramirez (Alleghany) defeated Will Davis (Cherokee) by decision
252 – Will Davis (Cherokee) pinned Frank Dockery (Team Atlas)
252 – Will Davis (Cherokee) pinned Russell Sherrod (Spot-Backyard)
252 – Will Davis (Cherokee) pinned Jared Smith (Piedmont)
252 – Will Davis (Cherokee) pinned Brason Pyne (Madison)
7th Grade
252 – Julian Rubio (Cherokee) pinned Josh Driver (Cherokee)
252 – Kobe Byers (Hard Knocks) pinned Julian Rubio (Cherokee)
252 – Kobe Byers (Hard Knocks) pinned Josh Driver (Cherokee)

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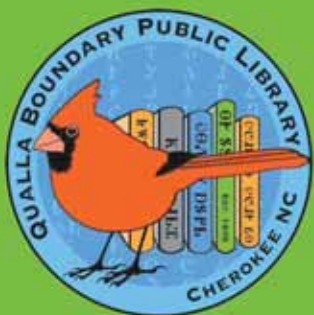
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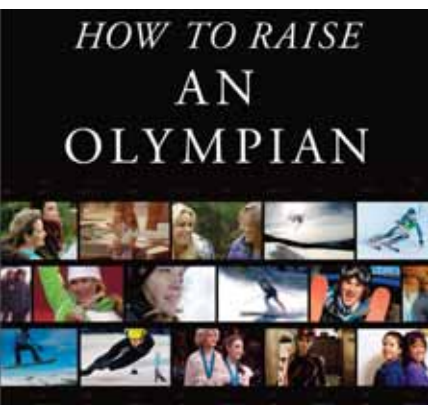


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Sports News

Tribal member works on NBC Olympic project



Natalie Welch, an EBCI tribal member, worked for the past year with Wieden & Kennedy Entertainment on behalf of client Procter & Gamble on a project that aired on NBC on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 8pm. Welch is officially listed as associate producer/researcher on the project entitled "How to Raise an Olympian".

"I've been involved from the very beginning creation stages all the way through post-production," said Welch, "and, it has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life."

"I'm a proud 2005 Cherokee High School graduate, and I could have never made it to where I am without my many supporters, family and friends, and without the assistance in my higher education from the Tribe to go to the University of Tennessee and the University of Central Florida."

- One Feather staff report

MS BASKETBALL

Lady Braves lose in OT in tournament semifinals

MURPHY - The CMS Lady Braves fell short in a hard fought, overtime battle with the Robbinsville Black Knights in the semi-final round of the Smoky Mountain Conference tournament held in Murphy on Monday, Feb. 3. Robbinsville led throughout the game, but the resilient Lady Braves just wouldn't

quit.

The Lady Braves overcame a 6 point deficit going into the fourth quarter and tied the game at 57 to go into overtime.

However, the Lady Braves came up short by 4 points in overtime, losing 64-60.

Timiyah Brown led the Lady Braves with 21 points. Other scorers included: Breece Saunooke 14, Tori Teesateskie 13, Carla Wolfe 6, and Macie Welch 6.

Although Cherokee didn't come away with the victory, the future remains bright for the young Lady Braves as they went undefeated in the regular season.

- Amble Smoker, One Feather staff

MS WRESTLING

Braves place at Conference Tournament

HIWASSEE DAM - Several members of the Cherokee Middle School Braves wrestling team placed at the Smoky Mountain Conference middle school tournament held at Hiwassee Dam on Saturday, Feb. 1. Will Davis took the championship and went undefeated (2-0) in the 250lb division. William Paul and Seth Sneed took second place awards in the 170lb and 106lb divisions respectively, and Kevin Jackson took fourth place in the 113lb division.

Overall, Cherokee placed sixth in the team competition with 57pts. Robbinsville won with 233.5 followed by Rosman 168 and Swain 139.

Full results of the Middle School Braves are as follows:

- Seth Sneed, 2nd place, 106lb
- Won by forfeit over Jacob Waldroup (Swain)
- Lost by pin to Kade Milsaps (Robb)
- Kevin Jackson, 4th place, 113
- Won by pin over Keaton Marasco (Murphy)
- Lost by major decision (11-3) to Jonathan Holiday (Ros)
- Won by pin over Shawn Bruce (HD)
- Lost by pin to Brody Bowman (Swain)
- Scarlett Guy, 126lb
- Lost by major decision (15-2) to Jade Ingleman (Hayes)

- Lost by decision (6-1) to Dylan McLeod (Swain)

• William Paul, 2nd place, 170lb

- Lost by pin to Cody Chambers (Swain)

• Will Davis, 1st place, 250lb

- Won by pin over Jackson Sullivan (Murphy)

- Won by pin over Jace Wiggins (Swain)

- One Feather staff report

BASKETBALL

Cherokee rolling, sweeps Murphy

MURPHY - The Lady Braves (20-2) and Braves (13-9) kept their 2014 swagger going as they swept Murphy in key away games on Friday, Feb. 7. The Lady Braves won 69-57 and the Braves won big 83-58.

Lady Braves 69 Murphy 57

Kendall Toineeta poured in 38pts to lead Cherokee. She was followed by Avery Mintz with 9. Other Cherokee scorers included: LeLe Losiah 4, Bree Stamper 6, Brionna Jumper 4, Peri Wildcatt 4, and Taran Swimmer 2.

Murphy scorers included: Michaela King 1, Leah Palmer 2, Sarah Nicely 10, Haley Chastain 3, Emma Stroup 4, Hannah Carson 23, Hannah Setser 6, and Kendra Henry 8.

Braves 83 Murphy 58

Dustin Johnson led Cherokee with 27pts followed by Eli Littlejohn with 14. Other Cherokee scorers included: Jason McMillan 7, Grant Sutton 6, Kennan Panther 4, Darius Thompson 13, Jesse Toineeta 8, Chris Queen 2, and Silas Reed-Littlejohn 2.

Murphy scorers included: Bradley Puccio 12, Anthony Connors 9, Jacob Clark 8, Jalin McRae 12, and Foster Stroop 17.

- One Feather staff report

Pro Wrestling returning to Wolfstown Gym

R.C.W. promotions has announced that professional wrestling



Photo courtesy of R.C.W. Promotions

Mr. Crazy will be in action at a R.C.W. Promotions event on Saturday, March 1 at the Wolfstown Gym.

is returning to the Wolfstown Gym on Saturday, March 1. Promoter Ric Youngblood will feature local wrestlers Shadow Wolf, Mr. Crazy and Rupert Bird. Invitations have been sent to other area wrestlers including Buff the Stuff Bagwell, Rock-N-Roll Express, and others from W.W.E., E.C.W., W.C.W., and T.N.A.

This show is dedicated to the memory of Jerry Maney Jr. aka The Mortician and Hailey Gibson.

Tickets for the event will be \$15/adults ringside, \$10/adults general admission, \$10/children's ringside, and \$5/children's general admission. The gates open at 6pm and bell time is 8pm.

- R.C.W. Promotions

The Cherokee One Feather will be closed for President's Day on Monday, Feb. 17. The deadline for the Feb. 20 issue will be Friday, Feb. 14 at 12noon.

Charles Curtis: America's Indian Vice President

President's Day is coming up so we thought we'd examine America's only tribally-enrolled Vice President

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

The United States of America has never had an American Indian president, but a little known fact is that it has had an American Indian vice-president. Charles Curtis, an enrolled member of the Kaw Tribe, was the 31st Vice President and served under President Herbert Hoover.

Curtis was born on Jan. 25, 1860 in Topeka, Kan. to Oren Arms Curtis, a Civil War veteran, and Ellen (Pappan) Curtis who was Kaw, Osage, Potawatomi and French and a descendant of Kaw Chief White Plume and Osage Chief Pawhuska.

Curtis was tri-lingual speaking English, French and Kaw.

He had a long political career beginning with a stint in the U.S. House of Representatives serving the Kansas 4th District from 1893-99 and the Kansas 1st District from 1899-1907. Curtis then served as a U.S. Senator from Kansas from 1907-13 and again from 1915-29.

During his career, he served on numerous committees and authored many pieces of legislation.

He was a staunch believer in laws and was quoted as saying, "If you don't want the laws enforced, then don't vote for me."

One of the largest pieces of legislation he brought forth was also one of the most controversial throughout Indian Country. According to Senate.gov, "Curtis devoted much of his attention to his service on the Committee on Indian Affairs, where he drafted the 'Curtis Act' in 1889. Entitled 'An Act for the Protection of the People of the Indian Territory

and for Other Purposes', the Curtis Act actually overturned many treaty rights by allocating federal lands, abolishing tribal courts, and giving the Interior Department control over mineral leases on Indian lands."

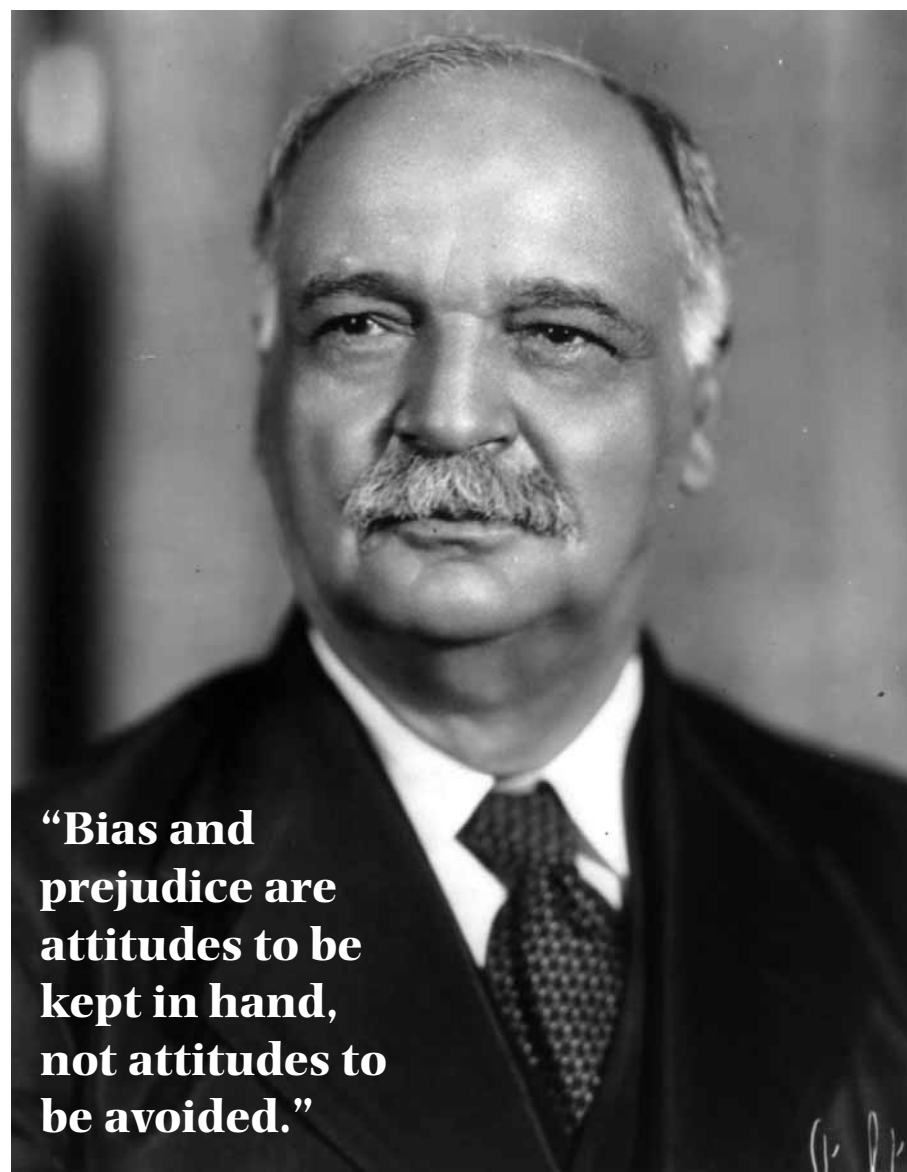
The Act brought along allotments to the Five Civilized Tribes (Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Muscogee Creek, and Seminole) who were previously exempt from the General Allotment Act of 1887.

On its website, the Oklahoma State Library states, "The Curtis Act helped weaken and dissolve Indian Territory tribal governments by abolishing tribal courts and subjecting all persons in the territory to federal law. This meant that there could be no enforcement of tribal laws and that any tribal legislation passed after 1898 had to be approved by the president of the United States."

"Prior to 1896, each of the Five Civilized Tribes had exercised sole jurisdiction over its citizenship requirements, determining who was a tribal member and who was not. With the passage of the Curtis Act, Congress authorized the Dawes Commission to prepare new citizenship rolls for each tribe. Sen. Henry L. Dawes, of Massachusetts, undertook the compilation of a census to be used as the basis for allotment of tribal lands to individual Indians. Enrollment of tribe members, and ensuing allotment, was done without tribal consent."

In *Native Americans Today: A Biographical Dictionary*, Bruce Elliott Johansen wrote, "Curtis' endeavors to foster allotment and assimilation were opposed by many Native American leaders of Indian Territory. In essence, the Curtis Act paved the way for Oklahoma statehood in 1907 by destroying tribal land titles and governments there."

Rose Stremmler wrote in her book, *Sustaining the Cherokee Family: Kinship and the Allotment of an Indigenous Nation*, "The Curtis Act destroyed tribal sovereignty in Indian Territory. First, it suspended



tribal laws and judicial systems. Second, it removed tribal control over assets, entrusting them instead to the secretary of the interior. Third, Congress posted an inspector in Indian Territory to supervise and, essentially, cripple the governments of the Five Tribes. Fourth, the Curtis Act provided a framework for dismantling tribal resource bases."

Through it all, Curtis felt he was doing the right thing. R. David Edmunds wrote in *The New Warriors: Native American Leaders Since 1900*, "...Curtis believed that the federal policies he championed were conceived on the Indians' behalf. In 1900, after pushing through Congress legislation that provide for the further allotment of tribal lands

in Indian Territory, Curtis wrote to Secretary of the Interior Ethan Allen Hitchcock and proudly proclaimed, 'I have done more to secure legislation for the (Indian) Territory than all others put together since the 54th Congress (of 1896).'"

Curtis once said, "Bias and prejudice are attitudes to be kept in hand, not attitudes to be avoided."

Curtis was married to Anna Elizabeth Baird "Annie" Curtis and had three children including Permella Jeanette Curtis, Henry "Harry" King Curtis and Leona Virginia Curtis.

He passed away in Washington, DC on Feb. 8, 1936 at the age of 76. In 2012, he was given a place on the Kansas Walk of Honor.

Tribal members among those earning GED® diplomas from SCC

SYLVA - Wearing her cap and gown for Southwestern Community College's GED® graduation ceremony, Tonya Hensley, an EBCI tribal member grinned nervously while recalling the moment she decided to turn her life around. Her son, Calvin, had come to her one evening asking for help with his homework at their home in Whittier. Tonya had dropped out of Cherokee High years ago as a teenager, so she simply had no way to help Calvin with his studies.

"I can't wait until I turn 16 so I can drop out of school," Calvin said.

"No, you're not dropping out," his mother replied.

That's when the son laid down his trump card: "Why not? You did." So Tonya Hensley made a deal with all three of her kids (Calvin, now 16; Tiffany 13; Camille 11): If she went back and earned her GED®, they all had to stay in school. It wasn't easy, but the 33-year-old worked her way through preparatory classed then passed all elements of her GED® last fall and officially received her diploma on Jan. 16.

Her family, including husband Josh Banks, were part of an overflow crowd that turned out for the ceremony at SCC's Burrell Building. Hensley is currently enrolled in spring classes at SCC as she decides between the college's culinary and substance abuse treatment programs.

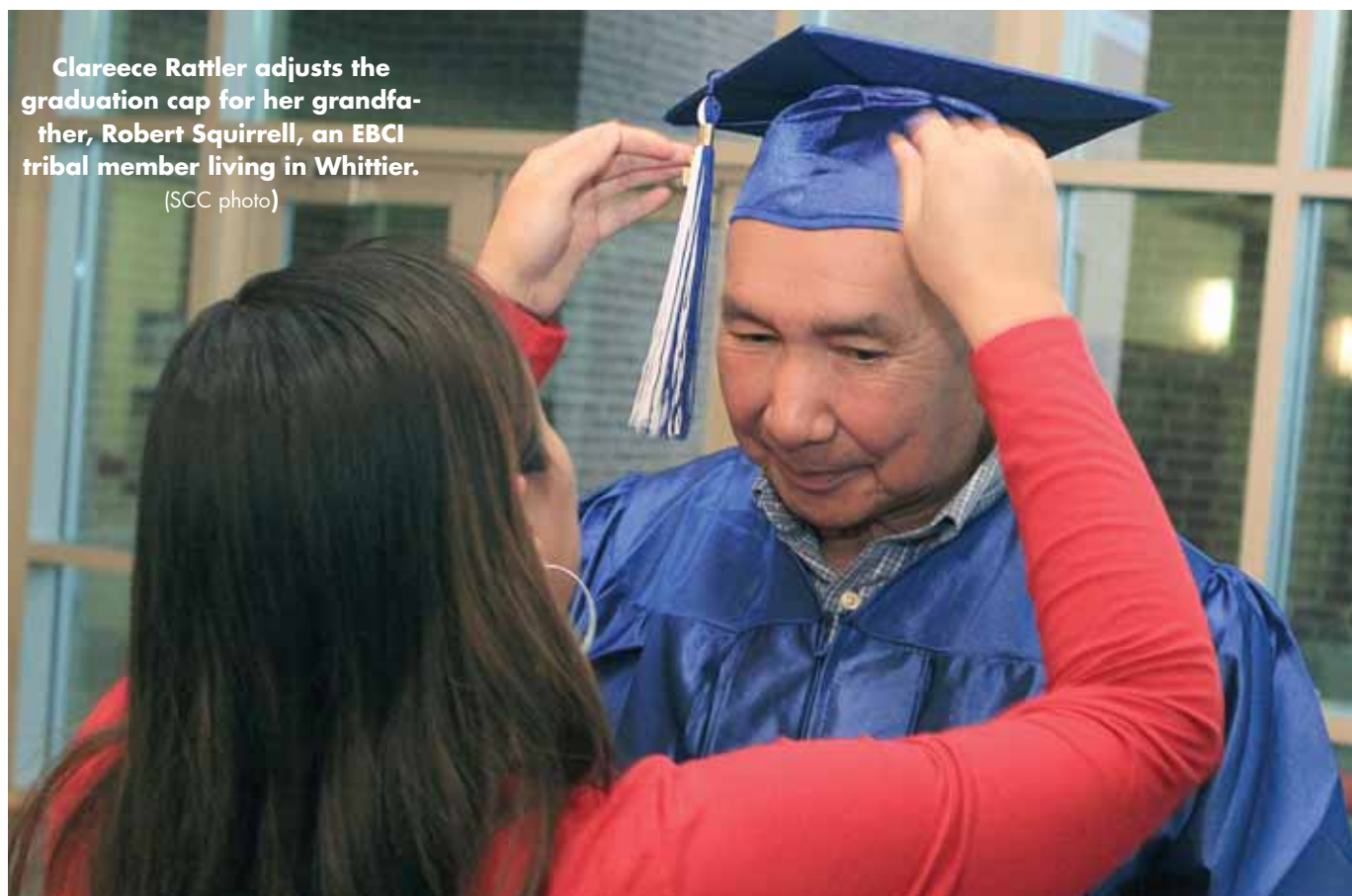
"I basically did it for my children," Hensley said, fighting back tears. "It's been really hard because my mom has cancer. She's had four knee surgeries and two back surgeries."

Hensley's dedication impressed her instructors.

"I feel like she's overcome a lot," said Katie Ross, who along with Rebecca Patterson teaches GED® preparation courses for Southwestern on the Qualla Boundary. "It wasn't easy, but she came because she wanted to set an example for her kids. This is not the end of her edu-

Clareece Rattler adjusts the graduation cap for her grandfather, Robert Squirrel, an EBCI tribal member living in Whittier.

(SCC photo)



cation; it's the beginning. She's one who really wants to do more."

Hensley's was one of many stories of resilience and determination on display at the graduation ceremony. One-hundred-fifty-three students earned their GED® diplomas through SCC in the fall, and 39 of them donned caps and gowns for the commencement event.

One of the oldest participants was 67-year-old Robert Squirrel, an EBCI tribal member living in Whittier. He'd gone through the 11th grade before dropping out to start working as a rock/brick mason. He now has a daughter, four granddaughters, three grandsons and a great grandson.

Surrounded by family, he grew emotional when asked about the evening's significance.

"I'm speechless," he said. "It means I can tell my grandchildren to get their education."

Devonne Jimison, GED coordinator at SCC, said: "As you can see from these stories it is never too late to

achieve your goals in life. Contact us today and begin the process of becoming one of our 2014 graduates." SCC has become a certified Pearson Vue Test Center and will continue to offer classes to prepare individuals to take the 2014 GED test.

For more information about the educational opportunities programs at SCC, contact Devonne Jimison at (828) 339-4486 or devonnej@southwesterncc.edu.

LIST OF GRADUATES: Jackson County

Justin Ball, Whittier
Huijin Chen, Whittier
Aaron Frady, Cherokee
Mary Gomez, Cherokee
Tonya Hensley, Whittier
Stanley Kingsberry, Whittier
Davidson Lambert, Whittier
Christopher Manning, Whittier
Drew Pruitt, Whittier
Seth Pruitt, Whittier
Chase Shafer, Cherokee
Robert Squirrel, Whittier
Denise Tooni, Whittier

Craigian Wildcat, Cherokee Swain County

Toni Allen, Cherokee
Joseph Arch, Cherokee
Megan Auman, Cherokee
Harnett Baker, Cherokee
Albert Bradley, Cherokee
Eddie Bradley, Cherokee
Dawnette Coley, Cherokee
Mark Crowe, Cherokee
Chris Cucumber, Whittier
Victoria Cucumber, Cherokee
Allyssa Fink, Cherokee
Marian Gloyne, Cherokee
Dalton Gunter, Cherokee
Tonie Jones, Cherokee
Robyn Locust, Cherokee
Tosha Maney, Cherokee
Zacchaeus Maney, Cherokee
Danny Owle, Cherokee
Kerry Penland, Cherokee
Charity Sampson, Cherokee
Tyler Washington, Cherokee
Austin Welch, Cherokee
Tamra West, Cherokee
Jordan Wolfe, Cherokee

Pottery exhibit to open at WCU

Exhibit of pottery collected by Joan Byrd and George Rector opens Feb. 17 at WCU

By **CHRISTY MARTIN**
WESTERN CAROLINA UNIV.

CULLOWHEE – Pottery from the private collection of Joan Byrd and George Rector will be on display from Monday, Feb. 17, through Friday, May 9, at the Fine Art Museum at Western Carolina University. An artist's talk and reception is set for 5 p.m. Thursday, March 20.

The exhibit, including pieces by some of the world's most celebrated potters, coincides with the conclusion of Byrd's long career as a professor of ceramics at WCU. She will retire in May after teaching for 46 years on the art faculty. Rector has taught ceramics at WCU for more than 20 years. He will continue to serve as an adjunct art faculty member in the WCU School of Art and Design.

Both Byrd and Rector were collectors before they met in the 1970s. They combined their collections when they married 30 years ago and continued to acquire new pieces in their work and travels. The works to be showcased are mostly American functional pottery, including teapots, cups, plates, platters, bowls, jars and boxes.

"In a way, this exhibit tells the story of our lives," said Byrd. "The works were made by our teachers, our students, and our friends and acquaintances. They are pieces we have lived with and cherished for many years."

Among the works to be exhibited

The first piece purchased by Western Carolina University art professor Joan Byrd, a teapot by the English artist Michael Cardew, will be among the works exhibited in a show opening Monday, Feb. 17, at WCU.

(Photos by Ashley T. Evans/WCU)

is the first piece that Byrd purchased, a teapot by the English artist Michael Cardew. A former Peace Corps volunteer, Byrd met Cardew while serving in West Africa and bought the teapot from him in 1964. Cardew, who died in 1983, is now considered to be one of the most influential potters of the 20th century. Works by Michael Simon, Don Reitz, Tatsuzo Shi-maoka, the Meaders family and other acclaimed potters also will be on display, as well as pieces that Byrd and Rector have made.

The exhibit will include "Untitled (dog heat)," a new sculptural work by Byrd's nephew, John Falconer Byrd, and "Cherokee Parakeet" by Byrd's former student, Joel Queen. John Byrd, a member of the art faculty at the University of South Florida, will be a visiting artist at WCU on Monday, March 24. Queen, a ninth-generation Cherokee potter, is also a sculptor and woodcarver.

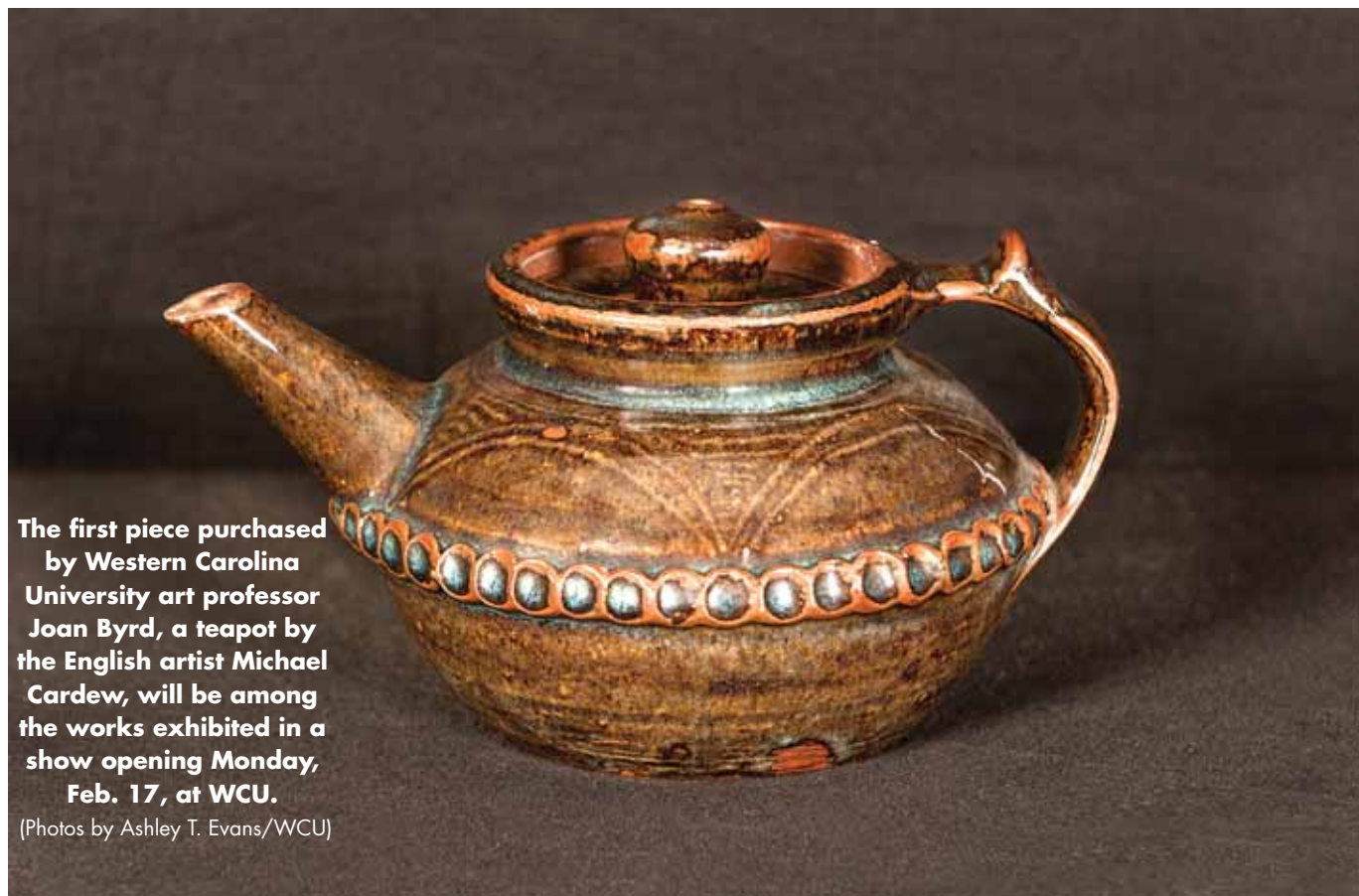
David J. Brown, director of

WCU's Fine Art Museum, said the venue is honored to showcase work by other noted artists from the couple's collection as well as a selection of works made by Byrd and Rector.

"Just as importantly, the exhibition is a small token gift to thank Joan especially for her amazing career and years of service to the WCU community," said Brown. "What an inspiration their life together is to all of us. We are lucky to have such enormous and nurturing talent in our midst."

WCU's Fine Art Museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, with extended hours to 7 p.m. on Thursdays. Museum admission and parking, available on both sides of the John W. Bardo Fine and Performing Arts Center, are free.

Info:
www.fineartmuseum.wcu.edu or
(828) 227-3591



George Rector and Joan Byrd will share artwork from their personal collection in an exhibit from Monday, Feb. 17, through Friday, May 9, at Western Carolina University. Byrd is retiring in May after 46 years on the art faculty at Western Carolina University.

Tribal Council Agenda

Thursday, Feb. 13

9:00 a.m. Recognition of 1st Quarter 2014 Retirees

9:10 a.m. Request for Time – Jeff Williams – YMCA or WNC Boys & Girls Club in Swain County

9:20 a.m. Request for Time – Steven Lillard – Incumbent for Sheriff of Jackson County, seeing support of campaign

9:30 a.m. Request for Time – Robin Bailey-Callahan – Cherokee Community Wellness Team

9:40 a.m. Request for Time – Myrtle Driver – Cherokee Speakers

9:50 a.m. Request for Time – Tara McCoy – Introduction of 2014 Remember the Removal Bike Riders

10:10 a.m. Request for Time – Harland “Bucky” Squirrel – Employment Issue

10:20 a.m. Request for time – Jim Bigwitch – 8(a) Program

10:30 a.m. Recognition of the heirs of Nellie Marie Tramper Driver (d) and assignment of Undivided Interest in Painttown Community Parcel No. 500-P (Part of Parcel No. 1267) subject to a Life Estate for John Henry Driver (surviving spouse), John Alfred Driver, and Henry James Driver (Item No. 1)

10:40 a.m. Confirmation of the Last Will & Testament of Esther Lee Owle Waldroup (d), and assignment of Birdtown Community Parcel No. 329 (Part of Parcel No. 99) and Birdtown Community Parcel No. 327-B (Remainder of Parcel No. 327) to Brian George Waldroup subject to a Life Estate to Edgar G. Waldroup, non-enrolled surviving spouse (Item No. 2)

10:50 a.m. Recognition of William Howard Arch, Sr. (d) heirs, and assignment of Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 330, Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 282 and Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 283 be assigned to Fredrick Arch, Christine Owle Arch, Johnson Howard Arch, and William Howard Arch, Jr (Item No. 3)

11:00 a.m. Recognition of the Ernestine Smith Crowe (d) heirs, and assignment of Cherokee Community (Village) Parcel No. 72, Cherokee Community (Village) Parcel No. 78 (Part of Parcel No. 3), and Cherokee Community (Village) Parcel No. 88 to Carroll Edward Crowe and Erick William Crowe (Item No. 4)

11:10 a.m. Confirmation of Gladys Adeline Craig Wright’s (d) Last Will & Testament and assignment of Cherokee County Tract No. 35 to Henry Larkin Wright, Jr. Kathryn Susan Jasper, William Edward Wright, and Elizabeth Jo Poscich as First Generation Heirs (Item No. 5)

11:20 a.m. Charles Penick request sole possessory rights of land adjoining his current possessory

holding without encumbrance (Item No. 6)

11:30 a.m. John Gloyne heirs wish Tribal Council resolve the access road right-of-way issue across the ridge of Cow Mountain to the benefit of all parcel owners in Lower Cherokee Community (Item No. 7)

11:40 a.m. Request that Alice Francine Parker Watty be assigned Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 1027 and Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 653-A according to the authority granted under the Cherokee Code Section 47-6. (Item No. 8)

11:50 a.m. Request that Alice Francine Parker Watty be assigned Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 1027 and Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 653-A according to the authority granted under the Cherokee Code Section 47-6 (Item No. 9)

1:00 p.m. Request that Angela Michelle Swayney Cooper, First Generation Heir, be allowed to transfer her interest in Big Cove Community Parcel No. 717-A (Part of Parcel No. 717) together with all improvements located thereon, to Barak Norton Myers (Item No. 10)

1:10 p.m. Request that Denise Winkler Hull and Kathryn Winkler Rogers, First Generation Descendants, be allowed to transfer their interest in Cherokee County Parcel No. 169 (Part of Tract No. 11) together with all improvements to Lois Winkler Wyatt (Item No. 11)

1:20 p.m. Request that the twenty individuals listed be allowed to purchase one (1) buildable acre each of any Tribal Property excluding Snowbird and Cherokee County including road and utility right-of-way for housing purposes (Item No. 12)

1:30 p.m. Crystal Marie Johnson requests that the transfer to the Marilyn Jessie Crowe Vanegas heirs for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 1198 (Part of Parcel No. 255) be approved without the signatures of Tina Louise Bowers and Iris Diana Long (Item No. 13)

1:40 p.m. Sally Tramper Kent requests right-of-way be granted to access her property known as Painttown Community Parcels No. 730-A and 730-B without the signatures of Tammy Wynette Queen, Stuart Dwight Crowe and Raven Andrew Tramper (Item No. 14)

1:50 p.m. Request by the Cherokee Indian Hospital Governing Board for the assignment of additional property to the Cherokee Indian Hospital Governing Board for the purposes of the design advancement (two (2) acres) (Item No. 15)

2:00 p.m. Request that the EBCI will be responsible for locating a suitable site for a new house to be built on Parcel No. 102-C and that the EBCI will be responsible for demolishing the existing home on Parcel No. 102-C and building a new residence on Parcel No. 102-C of equal or greater value than the current appraisal value of the existing home of Tyler and Olivia Blankenship, and ensure that they can re-

finance a mortgage loan with Wells Fargo with similar terms and rates to their existing loan (Item No. 16)

2:10 p.m. Request from Jeremiah Pheasant and Jolynn Welch, along with her four children, to purchase one (1) buildable acre each, along with utility and road right-of-way, on the Boundary Tree Tract at the cost of \$500 per acre for housing purposes (Item No. 17)

2:20 p.m. Request from Brandon Locust, Charlene Rodriguez, and Timothy J. Locust to purchase one (1) buildable acre each, on the Boundary Tree Tract at the cost of \$500 per acre for housing purposes, to be garnished from their June 2014 per capita (Item No. 18)

2:30 p.m. Request from Cheryl Maney, and the three minor children of Frieda N. Ivey Saylor to purchase one (1) acre each of buildable Tribal property at the cost of \$500 per acre for housing purposes (Item No. 19)

2:40 p.m. Request that Resolution No. 1 (2009), enacted on October 12, 2009, shall be amended to assign Jonah Reed’s Undivided Interest in Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 1446, containing 95.567 acres more or less to Eva Tooni Reed (surviving spouse), Martha Sue Reed, Agnes Dianne Reed, and John Adam Reed, and that Jonah’s date of death be amended to say December 31, 2006 (Item No. 20)

2:50 p.m. Approval, adoption, update, and amendment to FY 2014 Tribal Road Inventory and LRTP (Item No. 21)

3:00 p.m. Tabled Ordinance No. 82 – Amendment to Section 105-5 Use of Tribal Levy Funds (Item No. 22)

3:10 p.m. Tabled Ordinance No. 83 – Amendment to Chapter 95 – Tribal Employment Preference Law (Item No. 23)

3:20 p.m. Tabled Resolution No. 98 – Appointment of Adele Madden to the Investment Committee with her term expiring January 2019 (Item No. 24)

3:30 p.m. TERO Commissioner appointment (Item No. 25)

3:40 p.m. Golf Board appointments (Item No. 26)

3:50 p.m. Held Item - Appointment of a member to the Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (Item No. 27)

4:00 p.m. Amendment to Cherokee Code Chapter 18B-200 Tribal Alcohol Beverage Control Commission (Item No. 28)

4:10 p.m. Amendment to Section 117-33 Business Committee (Item No. 29)

4:20 p.m. Emergency Resolutions (As Necessary)

4:30 p.m. Banishment Items (As Necessary)

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Cherokee in a Snap

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SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

TABCC donates to Cherokee Central Schools

The Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (TABCC) donated \$250,000 to the Cherokee Central Schools on Wednesday, Feb. 5. Shown (left-right) front holding check are Jody Bradley, TABCC member, and Collette Coggins, TABCC chairperson; back row – Cherokee Central Schools Superintendent Dr. Scott Penland; Steve Coleman, TABCC member; Pepper Taylor, TABCC member; and Dick Crowe, Cherokee School Board chairman.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

TABCC donates to Cherokee Soccer team

The Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (TABCC) donated \$500 for the purchase of new uniforms to the Cherokee Ladies Soccer team on Wednesday, Feb. 5. Shown (left-right) standing – Jody Bradley, TABCC member; Gary Ledford, Cherokee soccer coach; Steve Coleman, TABCC member; Collette Coggins, TABCC chairperson; Pepper Taylor, TABCC member; sitting are soccer team members – Chastity Bark, Avery Mintz, Taran Swimmer, and Sidney Yanez.



Photo courtesy of Amy Pete-Ochoa/Tsali Manor

Seniors make snow families

Local seniors show off the snow families they made out of 2x4s, paint and creativity at the Tsali Manor this past week. Shown (left-right) kneeling – Judith Smith; middle row – Debbie Littlejohn, Mary Ledford, Liz Hull; back row – Joyce Welch, Betsy Talor, Alyne Tooni, Loretta Cooper and Valorie Welch. Their next project will be Valentine Puzzle Heart wreaths.



LYNNE HARLAN/EBCI Public Relations

Swain Middle School girls win championship

The Swain Middle School girls team won the Smoky Mountain Conference tournament on Thursday, Feb. 6 at Murphy High School. The team contains several EBCI tribal members. Shown (left-right) front row – Shayne Catolster, Anna Grace Cabe, Shay Tisho, Lynsey Hicks, Sis Smith; back row – Coach Tammy Burns, manager Ashton Younce, Ocean Minyon Brady, Tianna Smith, Nacole Woodard, Sharlotte Queen-Jackson, Reece Welch, Sydney Hampton, Elise Cooper, Emily Welch, and coach Hannah Bowick.



Obituaries

Ryan Arch Miller

Ryan Arch Miller, 20, of Cherokee passed away on Jan. 29, 2014.

Ryan is the son of Jessica Miller Davis and Glenn Davis Jr.

Ryan is survived by his brothers, Vincent Collin Davis, Austin Blake Davis, Xaver Eugene Davis, Henry Masecy, Kaos Teesatuskie and Kain Teesatuskie; sisters, Karli Jane Sue Davis, Kaydence Akaiya Davis, Cami Evonne Davis, Shanali Teesatuskie, Gabby Teesatuskie and No-La Teesatuskie; grandparents, Wanetta "Beep-bop" Miller Davis, Dude Davis, Dicky Marion and Larry Miller Sr.; aunts, Misty "Mimi" Teesatuskie, "Antique" Panda Jackson, Lindsey Miller and Dede Davis; uncle Larry Miller Jr.; great aunt, Carol Teesatuskie; great grandmother, Helen Bottchenbaugh; great uncles, Harold Bottchenbaugh and Rick Bottchenbaugh; and nephew, Nickyle Teesatuskie. Ryan also leaves behind many friends who will miss him.

A visitation was held on Feb. 1 from 11 am-2pm at Long House Funeral Home. The funeral service followed. Burial was at the residence of Jessica and Glenn Davis located on Big Cove Road. Pall bearers included: Vincent Davis, Avery Davis, Taylor Davis, Austin Davis, Justice Davis, Victor Jones, Joshua Messar, Tackett and Josh Miller.

Frankie Marlene Teesateskie Junaluska

Frankie Marlene Teesateskie Junaluska, 48, of Cherokee went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014 in a Buncombe County Hospital. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of Marion Louise Tooni Teesateskie of Cherokee and the late Frank Teesateskie. She had many loving friends in the surrounding Communities and Counties.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents Ike and Jennie Tooni and a son Daniel Teesateskie.

In addition to her mother she is survived by her husband of 18 years,

Dennis Junaluska; one daughter, Jennie Junaluska of Cherokee; two brothers, Bobby Teesateskie and wife Dulcie of Dellrose, TN, and Bennie and Krystal Teesateskie of Cherokee; aunts and uncles, Robert and Helen McCoy of Cherokee, and Phillip and Lillie Smith of Cherokee; two special friends, Lloyd and Sharon Owle; and a special cousin, Arlyce Smith Watkins.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, Feb. 8 at Rock Springs Baptist Church in Cherokee of which she was a member. Rev. Greg Morgan officiated.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Rathbun House in Asheville. Make payments to Mission Healthcare Foundation, INC, PO Box 5363, Asheville, NC 28813-5363. Crisp Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Jose C. Castorena

Jose C. Castorena, 80, of the Wolfstown Community in Cherokee, NC passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 5 following a period of declining health.

Jose is the son of the late Cruz Castorena and Dora (Sylva) Martinez and was the husband to the late Agnes Littlejohn Castorena. He was a US Army veteran for 24 years serving his country in the Korean War, two tours in Vietnam and two tours in Panama. He retired with the rank of Master Sergeant and always kept his service close to his and his families hearts. Upon his leaving the military, he became involved in law enforcement where he served his community again in Oklahoma for twenty more years as an Under Sheriff, Drug Enforcement official and as a private investigator for a District Attorney. His service to his country and community are praiseworthy to say the least.

Jose is survived by his children; daughters, Polly Castorena of Wolfstown, Judy Castorena of Wolfstown, and Jonnie and husband Wilson Walkingstick of the 3200 acre tract; son, Kenneth Castorena of San Antonio, TX; sister-in-law, Sallie Reed; brother-in-law, Tom Lit-

tlejohn; nephew, Michael Alexander of Wichita Falls, TX; two great-nephews, Adonis and Apollo Alexander of Wichita Falls, TX; one grand child and one great grand-child.

Along with his parents and wife Jose is preceded in death by one sister, Elosia Alexander.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, Feb. 8 in the Chapel of Long House Funeral Home in Cherokee with the Rev. Patricia Crockett officiating. Military honors were rendered by the Army Honor Guard detachment from Ft. Bragg with the American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post 143 standing by to assist. An immediate graveside committal took place in the Littlejohn Cemetery off of Smiley Littlejohn Rd.

Long House Funeral Home assisted in the arrangements of service.

Edith Rogers Hooper

Edith Rogers Hooper, 91, of the Cherokee Community at 380 Wolfstown Rd. passed away at the Tsali Care Ctr. on Feb. 7, 2014 following an extended illness.

Edith is the daughter of the late William Walker Rogers and Arlevia Lonesome McElroy Rogers. Edith lived her life mostly in Newport News, Va. But was a native of Swain County and lived in Cherokee for the past 18 years.

Edith is preceded in death by two sons, James I. Welch and John W. Welch; brothers, Everett Rogers, Claude Rogers, Bill Rogers, Melvin Rogers and John Rogers; sisters, Hazel Williamson, Letha Williamson and Glee Lyman; one grandson, Mark T. Welch.

Edith is survived by her son, Mark Eddie Welch; grandchildren, John W. Welch Jr. and wife Cindy, Tammie Welch and Kevin Welch; one sister, Juanita Clements. Edith also leaves behind 11 great grandchildren.

A visitation was held on Feb. 9 at Long House Funeral Home, and the funeral service was held the same day. Burial followed at Sherrill Cemetery with friends and family

serving as pall bearers. Mr. Ray Kinsland officiated.

Irene Squirrell Martin

Irene Squirrell Martin, 77, of Shepherd Squirrell Drive in Cherokee went home to be with her Lord on Feb. 9, 2014 following a brief illness at Mission Hospital in Asheville.

Irene was the daughter of the late Shepherd and Mianna (Screamer) Squirrell. She made her way as a seamstress and absolutely loved the Lady Braves Basketball team and was an avid L.A. Dodgers Baseball fan. She loved her grandchildren and her great grandchildren and loved watching the Food Network Channel. She passed her time by loafing to town and thrift store shopping. Irene loved the Lord and read her Bible faithfully and sang hymnals. She loved to enjoy nature, sit in the sun and wear her sun hat.

Irene is survived by her children, Herbert Squirrell, Fred Squirrell with wife Cindy, Arlene Squirrell, Harlen "Bucky" Squirrell, Lamont Squirrell with wife Angel, and Daryl Martin; brothers, Josh, John Adam, George and Robert Squirrell; Special Friend, Clara Jean Huskey, Pam Squirrell (caregiver), her loving dog Susie and 13 grandchilder and 11 great-grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by one sister, Mary Nancy Squirrell and late husband Thomas Paul Martin.

A visitation was held on Tuesday Feb. 11 at the Yellowhill Baptist church and lasted till the hour of service on Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 2pm. The Reverends Foreman Bradley and James "Bo" Parris officiated the services. An immediate burial followed in the Yellowhill Cemetery with pall bearers being, Daryl Martin, Jeremy Saunooke, Nick Squirrell, Robbie Squirrell, John Swimmer, Brock Squirrell and Sam Crowe.

Long House Funeral Home is assisting the family in the final arrangements.

Cherokee Boys Club Report

www.cherokeeboysclub.com (828) 497-9101

CLUB SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, Feb. 12 – BOD Resolution Deadline – 8:30 a.m.
Monday, Feb. 17 – Presidents' Day (Club and Tribal Holiday, see note below)
Tuesday, Feb. 18 – Health Screen – 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 19 – Board of Directors Meeting – 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, Feb. 27 – Safety Committee – 11:30 a.m.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE CHANGE

Please note that Monday, Feb. 17 will be a regular school day for Cherokee Central Schools. This day was previously scheduled to be a holiday but due to the amount of school missed, the School Board and the School Superintendent have declared it a regular school day. The Club, except for the Bus Department, will be closed on this day.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Our sympathy goes out to the friends and families of Frankie Marlene Teesateskie Junaluska who passed away on Feb. 4 and to the friends and family of Edith Rogers Hooper who passed away Friday, Feb. 7. The Club also extends its sympathy to the friends and family of Irene Squirrel Martin who passed away on Saturday, Feb. 8. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

FOR SCHOOL CLOSINGS

For school closings and delays please check WLOS-TV where the closings and delays will be streamed across the bottom of the screen. The delays or closings are usually posted no later than 5:30 a.m. each morning if inclement weather is a factor in the schedule changes. Closings are also posted on the Boys Club's Facebook page.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

AGELINK CHILD CARE – LEAD TEACHER AND ASSISTANT TEACHER
JOB CORPS (USFS) – GENERAL EDUCATION TEACHER
Please see the Employment Section of the *One Feather* for details

CHARTER TRIP TO LOUISVILLE

The Boys Club will have a fan bus for the Louisville Lady Cardinals' game against Rutgers on Sunday, Feb. 23. The bus will leave the Boys Club at 7 a.m. on Sunday morning and will return to Cherokee immediately following the game in Kentucky. Round trip ticket price is \$50 and includes the cost of the game ticket. Call the Cherokee Boys Club at 497-9101 to reserve your seats. First come, first served basis. The Club reserves the right to cancel this trip if there is enough interest. A minimum of 48 passengers is required to confirm the trip.

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Did you know that February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month? Nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner each year. Help show your support to end teen dating violence and support healthy relationships by wearing ORANGE on Tuesday, Feb. 11. For more information or information on other ways to participate visit loveisrespect.org or teendvmonth.org

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Cherokee High School students who attended the Close Up's Foundation's Indian Youth Summit 2014 in Washington, DC this past week. This was a great opportunity for our future leaders!

PLEASE BE CAREFUL

With winter weather being predicted for the next few days, please use extreme caution when driving to and from your homes. Please avoid travel if it is not absolutely necessary. Also be careful when walking on icy surfaces and check on your elders to make sure they have the food, water, heat and medication they need. Check on your pets as well to ensure their needs are being met during the winter weather.

News Briefs

Cherokee man dies in single-vehicle accident

A 20-year-old Cherokee man died in a single-vehicle accident on the evening of Wednesday, Jan. 29.

The accident happened at approximately 7:30pm on Big Cove Road near the Sherril Cove Road intersection. The driver was identified as Ryan Arch Miller of the Big Cove Community.

Poor road conditions are believed to have been the cause of the accident.

- CIPD

Tsali Manor news

The seniors received Radon Test kits last week from the EBCI Environmental and Natural Resources Program. Amy Smoker and Katie Tiger were available to answer any questions that the seniors had about radon. Tiger explained how to use the test and what to do when the test is complete.

"I would like to thank these ladies for visiting our center and sharing this important information," said Amy Pete-Ochoa, Tsali Manor. "I would also like to thank the Cherokee Life Program who conducts exercise classes twice a week in our dining room and the Qualla Public Library for the book exchange they bring to the center each week."

If you would like more information about Tsali Manor, call 554-6860.

- Amy Pete-Ochoa, Tsali Manor

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BOOK REVIEW

“The Inconvenient Indian” an insightful account into Indian policy

REVIEW By KINA WILNOTY SWAYNEY
ONE FEATHER REVIEWER

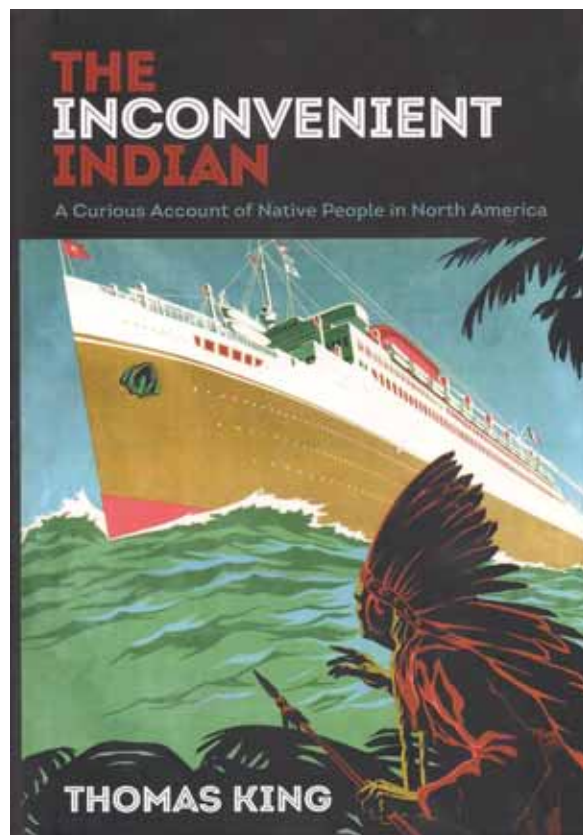
King's chronicle of North American Indian history reads more like a story than a historical account you would find in a history book. King's fundamental premise in *The Inconvenient Indian* is that Indians have always been seen as obstacles to white expansion, thus “inconvenient” to the overall goal of white settlement and economic development of North America.

He takes a comprehensive approach to his account by examining policy affecting Indians in both the United States and Canada. To North American Indians in the 1800s, the border between the United States and Canada was an imaginary line that divided North American Indians into two countries with two different national policies. His assessment shows that over time, Indian policy has changed very little since the 1800s. He spends time laying the foundation of how Indians were viewed in the 1800s and the disdain white Americans felt toward Indians.

Today, says King, we're regarded as relics of the past and we're often viewed with the same disdain felt toward Indians in the 1800s. You could very well call us, “the invisible Indian”, still inconvenient, but invisible as well. We've been marginalized, ignored and once again, exploited. King says it may be unfair, but necessary, to judge the present by the past.

King takes us through the encroachment of land, removal and relocation, assimilation using residential school systems to accomplish it, termination and back again, as Indian policy in both countries repeats time and again. Each time Indians of both countries have lost land and cultural identity. He does this to show how policy repeats, not to account for the wrongs done in the past - that we know. History has seen Indians pushed to the far corners of the continent onto what was thought to be worthless land. At present day, some of this land has proven to possess tremendous resources and is being developed at the peril of Indians.

In King's opinion, “If we retain one parcel of land and one morsel of sovereignty to protect our self-determination, corporate North America will come for it.” King says, it was land at the center



of the dispute then, it is land now, and it will always be the land. He maintains that we could see our land base and our economic development, so controversially brought about by gaming, wane over the years. King calls casinos “the new buffalo” and suggests we focus on maintaining our enrollment and economic base as a means of survival, independent of gaming.

King frames the outlook of the future of Indian policy by saying that it will remain the same as we see the cycle repeat again and again until Indian land is slowly chipped away, slowly but surely, and with each generation losing cultural identity. There is no gain or benefit in doing nothing. We must, he says, “decide if maintaining our identity is worth the fight or should we take the easy way out, step back from who we are, and who we wish to be, and sink into the stewpot of North America”.

He poses a very intriguing scenario, and while he attempts to frame the outlook for North American Indian policy, he comes up short on how native people are to accomplish this. His account leaves you wanting more as he simply concludes

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that Indian policy over the next few generations will indeed be a curious account. Does that mean we continue what many see as the paternalistic relationship with the federal government and maintain the status quo with what many see as quasi-sovereignty? Should we strengthen our resolve within the current construct of national policy? Recent wins in land claims indicate this shows the resiliency and tenacity that have ensured Indian survival through the reoccurring cycle of Indian policy.

For non-Indians, this account will challenge your assumptions of what you thought you knew about native history and for Indians, perhaps it will cause us to consider the future of Indian policy and how we can preserve our culture, traditions as well as our land base and ability to determine our own destiny in a modern society. This is an insightful account and a must read for those interested in a comprehensive examination of national policy on Indian affairs and a must read for those interested in viewing the history of North American Indians with a candor and honesty not found in a text book.

Thomas King is a scholar, an award winning writer, photographer and professor of English at the University of Guelph, where he teaches Native literature and creative writing. This account is a cumulative effort, spanning years of research, personal experiences, and lengthy discussions with historians and colleagues.

Swayney is an EBCI tribal member and retired as a Lt. Col. from the U.S. Army.

FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Sipping, Snacking and Tooth Decay

Many parents across the country will issue a common refrain at dinnertime tonight: —You'd better eat that—it's good for you! There's another old favorite in the parental arsenal of dietary admonitions: —Don't eat that—it'll rot your teeth! Now more than ever, kids are faced with a bewildering array of food choices -- from fresh produce to sugar-laden processed convenience meals and snack foods. What children eat and when they eat it may affect not only their general health but also their oral health.

Americans are consuming foods and drinks high in sugar and starches more often and in larger portions than ever before. It's clear that —junk foods and drinks gradually have replaced nutritious beverages and foods for many people. For example, the average teenage boy in the U.S. consumes 81 gallons of soft drinks each year! Alarming, a steady diet of sugary foods and drinks can ruin teeth, especially among those who snack throughout the day. Common activities may contribute to the tendency toward tooth decay. These include —grazing habitually on foods with minimal nutritional value, and frequently sipping on sugary drinks.

When sugar is consumed over and over again in large, often hidden amounts, the harmful effect

on teeth can be dramatic. Sugar on teeth provides food for bacteria, which produce acid. The acid in turn can eat away the enamel on teeth.

Almost all foods have some type of sugar that cannot and should not be eliminated from our diets. Many of these foods contain important nutrients and add enjoyment to eating. But there is a risk for tooth decay from a diet high in sugars and starches. Starches can be found in everything from bread to pretzels to salad dressing, so read labels and plan carefully for a balanced, nutritious diet for you and your kids.



Reduce your children's risk of tooth decay:

- Sugary foods and drinks should be consumed with meals. Saliva production increases during meals and helps neutralize acid production and rinse food particles from the mouth.
- Limit between-meal snacks. If kids crave a snack, offer them nutritious foods.
- If your kids chew gum, make it sugarless – Chewing sugarless gum after eating can increase saliva flow and help wash out food and decay-producing acid.
- Monitor beverage consumption – Instead of soft drinks all day, children should also choose water and low-fat milk.
- Help your children develop good brushing

Info: Mellie Burns, Cherokee Children's Dental Program, 554-6197

Opinions & Letters

Thank you

The Family of Larry Bigwitch would like to thank everyone for food, cards, phone calls, visits, and most of all, the prayers. A special thank you to Pastor Bo Parris and Rev. Noah Crowe. Thank you pallbearers for your help and Rock Spring Church for the wonderful singing. Also, thanks to the Welch Family, Herman Wachacha, and Lane Smoker, Garfield Long, David Smoker and the good staff at the Long House Funeral Home.

Please continue to pray for Melinda and the rest of the family.

Thank you

I want to express my deepest appreciation to Veronica Toineeta, Bro. Noah Crowe, the men who served as pallbearers, the infrastructure crew for your assistance in the grave-side service for my wife Irene Arch Bradley, as this was her wish. Thank you to co-worker, family and friends, your

presence meant so much during this difficult time. Thank you for every act of kindness.

*Sincerely,
Hugh (Eddie) Bradley*

Thank you

The family of Michael "Bear" Pheasant would like to say thank you for all the love and support we received during his short stay at the hospital. We finally lost the battle for his life but we didn't lose the war for his soul, Praise God, he prayed.

To the nurses: thank you for being so sweet and caring beyond the call of duty. To our family and friends: words cannot express the love we felt for each of you for when we hurt, your hurt, when we laughed you laughed. Thanks for the strength you gave us so freely when we needed it most. The flowers were so beautiful and the food so delicious. Thanks for being there regardless of the weather.

To the singers: Thanks for the beautiful songs you sang they gave comfort and helped get out the grief we were feeling deep in our hearts and souls. To the preachers: Charles Griffin and Betty Drake

a great big thanks for the sermon and the words spoken over "Bear" he really was funny. But truer words couldn't have been said concerning his soul.

To the grave diggers and pall bearers, a great big thank you for working in the snow and ice. He would have loved hearing the joke told at the gravesite and knowing that we all came together for him. Thanks Long House for a job well done.

Linda, Janice, Randy, Robert, Cindy and all the family

Thank you

On Nov. 28, 2013, Bro. McKinley E. Swimmer, Sr. (Mac) went to be with the Lord. I count myself fortunate to have had older brothers to carry me over rough spots, through childhood, adolescence and adulthood. Mac will always be with us through his teachings and in our memories. I want to thank you all for your prayers and songs of comfort during the passing of a caring son, brother and uncle. And, for all other act of kindness, thank you.

Sincerely, Flora Swimmer Bradley

Cherokee Announcements

TIDBITS AFFECTING EBCI TRIBAL MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY

Attention EBCI Pension/Retirement recipients

You have likely received a notice in the mail and a copy of the North Carolina NC-4P Form, with instructions to complete and return to Sun Trust, First Citizens and/or Key Bank. Individuals meeting certain criteria are exempt from North Carolina State Income Taxes:

1. Are an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe
2. Reside on a federally recognized Indian Reservation (trust lands) at the time the income is derived

If you meet both of the criteria outlined above, you are likely exempt from North Carolina State Income Tax. If you meet both of the criteria outlined above, please complete the form with your personal information and write clearly on the body of the form "EXEMPT". Writing "EXEMPT" on the form will give the bank instruction to not withhold North Carolina State Income Tax from your benefit payments.

Info: Kristin Smith, EBCI Benefits Department, 554-6391

- EBCI Finance Dept.

Procedure for Exempt Status: Vehicle and Property Taxes

In cases where enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who live on the reservation (Qualla Boundary) receive billing notices from the County Tax Office stating they owe property and/or vehicle tax, you must present to the County Tax Office the following information:

1. A copy of the billing notice/invoice;
2. Valid identification;
3. Your EBCI enrollment card; and
4. An official letter from the 911 Office (Emergency Management 554-6433 or 554-6434) confirming your official address.

Once the Tax Office receives this information, you will be given tax exempt status which will be noted in the County Tax Office database. Once your tax exempt status is noted in that database, you should not receive additional tax notices. If you have additional questions, contact your local County Tax Office.

- EBCI Legal Division

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance information

If your annual income is \$58,000 or less, you are eligible to have your taxes done at no cost at the EBCI Extension Center located at 876 Acquoni

Road. Married filing jointly also has a \$58,000 cap. They cannot do rental income (Sch E); Dividend and Investment income (Sch B) and complex Sch C.

List of items that client needs to bring to appointment:

1. Wage (W-2), Per capita (1099-M), Interest (1099-I), Social Security (SSA-1099), Pension or Retirement (1099-R) forms; if SSI (no form necessary)
2. Daycare provider statement including provider tax ID
3. Social Security Card and birth date of each individual listed on tax return
4. Enrolled member card for each individual eligible for NC Tax Exemption
5. Driver's license or other government picture id for proof of identification
6. Bank account full number (not just the 5 digit number from MCU) and routing number, if filing for electronic refund (can get this from bank)
7. Any other information income or expense information needed to prepare tax return
8. Last year's tax return (if possible)

If filing electronically, both signatures are needed during appointment.

Info: Lavita Lambert 554-6939, Janet Owle 554-6937 or Trish Calhoun 554-6933

- Janet Owle, EBCI Extension Center

Per Capita notice for EBCI tribal members

To be considered for the June 2014 per capita distribution, completed enrollment applications for new applicants must be submitted to the Enrollment Office by Friday, March 14 at 4:30pm. Enrollment applications received after this date will not be considered for the June 2014 distribution.

An application will only be considered complete with a country certified birth certificate, certified DNA results, and certification of any other Indian blood. To schedule an appointment at the local collection site, call Michelle 554-6463. Out-of-town applicants may contact Amber Harrison (918) 685-0478 to schedule an appointment in your area. The following dates are available at the local collection site at the Enrollment Office in February:

- Friday, Feb. 14
- Wednesday, Feb. 19
- Thursday, Feb. 20
- Friday, Feb. 21
- Wednesday, Feb. 26
- Thursday, Feb. 27
- Friday, Feb. 28

Friday, Feb. 28 is the last day to be DNA tested in time to meet March 14 deadline. Any DNA collected after this date is not guaranteed to be back in time for 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 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 554-6467, 554-6465 or 554-6466

- EBCI Enrollment Office

BabyFACE program having open enrollment

BabyFACE now has open enrollment for anyone who has a child born after January 2012. Prenatal moms are invited to join as well. BabyFACE offers in-home visits 1-2 times per month that include a child-parent activity, developmental info, family support and a book at each visit. Families are also enrolled in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and receive one book per month. Families are invited to a monthly group night where they enjoy a meal, fun activities, developmental info and have the opportunity to connect with other parents. Interested families can also attend the February Valentine Fun Group Night on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at the Hope Center. Drop in anytime from 5-6:30pm. Info: <http://gwybabyface.weebly.com>

- BabyFACE Program

CHS senior collecting donations

Constance Cline, a senior at Cherokee High School, is collecting donations for her graduation project to benefit the MANNA FoodBank, the Ernestine Walkingstick Domestic Violence Shelter, and the Cherokee Dialysis Center. She will be accepting donations Feb. 6 – March 12 including: non-perishable foods, money, and furniture (in good condition). Drop-off locations for foods and money will be in the front office of each Cherokee Central School and Cherokee Boys Club. For furniture, call or text (828) 269-8955. Info: Call or text 828-269-8955 or email at annacline826@gmail.com

- Constance Cline

Cherokee Happenings

SUBMIT NEW LISTINGS OR CHANGES TO SCOTMCKIE@NC-CHEROKEE.COM.

General Events

Cultural Arts Center Dance.

Feb. 14 at 7pm in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. The dance is for adults and the dress for the event is "smart casual". Info: Yona Wade 554-5124 or ywade@cherokeecentral.gaggle.net

Benefit Gospel Singing and Dinner.

Feb. 15 at Yellowhill Community Activity Building. Dinners start at 4pm with singing starting at 6pm. Dinner, drink, dessert \$7/plate. Proceeds will benefit a Mission Trip to Choctaw, Miss on March 1-5.

Turkey Shoot.

Feb. 15 at 5pm at Jess Welch's residence in the Big Cove Community. This event is a benefit for the Lossiah family. Good food, good prizes.

Arneachs to lecture at Sequoyah Birthplace.

Feb. 16 from 1-5pm at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore, Tenn. The event will feature Lloyd Arneach Sr. and his daughter, Dawn Arneach, both EBCI tribal members from the Yellowhill Community. Mr. Arneach will share stories starting at 2pm, and Dawn will help anyone who wants help with researching their family trees and fielding general genealogy questions. Mr. Arneach will also have his CD and book for sale which he can sign at the time. This program is free and open to the public and is funded in part from the East TN Foundation's grant, John D. Grubb and Louise G. Sumner Fund for Monroe County

grant. Info: Sequoyah Museum (423) 884-6246 or www.sequoyah-museum.org

School on President's Day.

Monday, Feb. 17 was originally scheduled as a holiday. However, due to the weather, it will be a regularly scheduled school day. Info: Yona Wade 554-5124

Cherokee Language Class in Tenn.

Mondays on Feb. 17, 24, March 3 and 10 from 6:30-9pm at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore, Tenn. The cost of the class is \$40 for all four evenings. If you have taken the class before with the Museum, a discount of \$5 will be given. The class will be taught by EBCI tribal members Shirley Oswalt and Mary Brown. In case of inclement weather, please be sure to call ahead first. Info: (423) 884-6246

Sequoyah Fund Indianpreneurship Course.

Mondays from Feb. 24 - March 24 in the large conference room in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. This five-week course will meet weekly to discuss the basics of starting a business. It is a requirement for new business owners seeking Sequoyah Fund loan. Anyone who wants to start or purchase a business may attend. The total cost is \$60 (the price of the book). Info: www.sequoyahfund.org, email johnross@sequoyahfund.org, (828) 359-5006

Homebuyer Education Class.

Tuesdays from March 4-25 from 5:30-7:30pm. Thinking about Building or Buying Your Own Home and Don't Know Where To Start? Housing and Community Services will be conducting Homebuyer Education Class for individuals interested in becoming financially prepared to purchase their own home, as well as introduce potential homeowners to the home buying/construction process. Materials will be provided and classes will be free of charge. Info: 554-6916

Health/Sports Events

Blood Drive.

Feb. 14 from 8:30am - 4:30pm at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort. To schedule an appointment (800) 733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use keyword: Harrahs

Valentine's Cornhole Tournament.

Feb. 15 at Snowbird Rec. Center. Starting time TBA. Mixed couples, bring your own partner. Info: (828) 479-6178

Essential Oils Workshop.

Feb. 17 from 6:30-7:30pm at Sassy Sunflowers Bakery & Café. Many of us do not understand what essential oils are of how they can benefit our homes and families. This is your chance to learn about these oils and how they can enhance your life. There will be a short presentation followed by group discussion and free samples to take with you. This

event will be hosted by Tina Bowers and Clora Long. Info: Tina (828) 507-7791 or Clora (828) 508-2066

Healing and Wellness Coalition meeting.

Feb. 18 from 3-4:30pm at the EBCI Extension office.

Blood Drive.

Feb. 19 from 10am - 2:30pm at Cherokee Indian Hospital. To schedule an appointment: Sally Penick 497-9163 ext. 6498

Corn Hole Tournament

Fundraiser for Kara Martin.

Feb. 21 at the Big Y Community Building. Sign-up will start at 6:30pm and the tournament starts at 7pm. This is a fundraiser for Kara who is running for the Miss Indian World Pageant. The event is coordinated by Indian Corn Throwdown. \$10/person, blind draw, longest shot competition. 1st place - \$200, 2nd place - \$70, 3rd place - \$30. Concessions will be open and Miss Indian World raffle tickets will also be on sale. Info: Jim Long 788-2804

Cherokee Yoga classes.

Tuesdays from 5-6pm on Feb. 18 and 25, March 4, 11 and 18 at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex Community Room. Classes are free and open to everyone. All props provided. Drop-ins are welcome, but attendance of full series is encouraged as classes will progress. This is sponsored by Cherokee Choices. Info: Robin 554-6785, (828) 342-3010 or ro-bibail@nc-chokeee.com

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FOR SALE

1996 Chevy S10 4x4, runs good, \$2,500. Call 506-9252. **2/20pd**

For Sale - Five year old Lane Navy blue cloth sectional couch excellent shape built in chase and two recliners \$1250 firm; sold wood dining table "Mission Style" with four matching chairs \$300 firm; three year old Sony Bravia KDL 55EX500 LCD inch TV rarely used \$900 firm. Will sell all three items for \$2100 firm. Call Tate 736-7889. **2/13pd**

1997 Mercury Villager Van LS Auto, AC and Heat, Radio and Tape, clean, looks good inside and outside, well maintained \$1600. 828-736-5171. **2/13pd**

2001 Mazda MPV Van, V6, Auto, AC and heat, Bual front air bags, ABS brakes exterior looks good and interior looks good. Good tires, \$2650 dollars. 828-736-5171. **2/13pd**

WANTED

Buying scrap metal & junk cars. Will come to you. Call Nelson (828)488-9848 or (828)269-3292 **3/13pd**

SERVICES

Tax Preparation by Sandi – Can save you time and money. Monday thru Saturday 9am – 7pm. Located on Olivet Church Road. 828-497-4128. **4/10pd**

H&R Block Tax Service - 497-4077. Tepee Village, Big Cove Rd. M-F 9 am to 6 pm. Sat. 9 am to 5 pm. Closed Sun. This year, the Cherokee H&R Tax office will be open until APRIL 15! **4/10pd**

YARD SALES

Huge Yard Sale at Granny's Kitchen. Open at 8am Sat. and Sun. February 22 and 23, and Friday, Saturday, Sunday February 28. March 1, 2, 7 and 8. (Cash only). **2/13pd**

FOR RENT

House for rent – unfurnished, 3BR, 2 bath, 1-car garage. Hwy 19 between Bryson City and Cherokee. New carpet, water and septic included, river access. \$875/mo plus security. (850) 527-5085. **2/27pd**

EMPLOYMENT

The Office of Budget & Finance has an intern position available. To be eligible for the internship you must be an enrolled member of the EBCI and enrolled in a degree program (associates, undergraduate, or graduate) preferably in a finance related field (accounting, finance, business, etc.). The internship is for up 520 hours, working full-time or part-time to accommodate class schedules, and is compensated at an hourly rate. For more information about the internship, please visit www.nc-cherokee.com/finance or call 828.497.7031. Applications are available online or in person at the Finance Office. Deadline to apply is Friday February 28, 2014. **2/27**

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



For deadlines and applications call 497-8131. 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 24, 2014 @ 4 pm

1. O & M Mechanic- Waste Water (\$30,320-\$37,900)(2 Positions)
2. Electrician- QHA (\$36,560-\$45,700)

Closing February 14, 2014 @ 4 pm

1. Internal Audit Assistant- Internal Audit (\$36,560-\$45,700)

Open Until Filled

1. EMT-P (Part-time) – EMS
2. Teacher- Tribal Child Care
3. Teacher Assistant- Tribal Child Care
4. Manager- Internal Audit
5. IT Auditor- Internal Audit
6. Attorney General- Legal

Health & Medical Positions

Open Until Filled

1. C.N.A-Tsali Center
2. RN-Tsali Care Center
3. Cook Supervisor-Tsali Care Center
4. Cook- Tsali Care Center
5. LPN- Tsali Care Center
6. Director- Human Services
7. CHR- Community Health
8. Housekeeper- Tsali Care Center

Download Applications/Job Descriptions at the following website!
<http://www.nc-cherokee.com/humanresources/employment/jobopportunities>

THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following job available:

FT RN Night Float

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description from Teresa Carvalho at the Cherokee Indian hospital Human Resources Office between the hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm Monday – Friday. These positions will close February 14 @ 4pm. Indian preference does apply and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **2/13**

EMPLOYMENT

Five Nurse Positions

Southwestern Child Development Commission, Inc., a private nonprofit agency, is accepting applications to work with Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) Project. The NFP Project is an evidence-based home visitation program for first time parents. Positions will serve Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Swain counties.

- One (1) Nurse Supervisor. MSN preferred. Desired experience includes: work in public/community health, home visitation, provision of maternal/child health services, program management, one on one supervision and work with diverse populations.
- Four (4) Nurse Home Visitor positions. BSN required. . Two years of recent experience in maternal/child health, public health, or mental/behavioral nursing and experience in home visitation are preferred.

All positions require current NC RN license in good standing and current CPR. Excellent verbal and written communication skills & basic computer skills required. Applicant must have a current NC Drivers License & insured vehicle available for work. Must be able to work flexible schedule including some evenings & weekends. Must be able to travel in area & out of state for education sessions. Qualified bilingual (Spanish) candidates are needed. Competitive wages and full benefit package available. To apply, submit a NC State Application for Employment to the Human Resources Department, Southwestern Child Development Commission, Inc. PO Box 250 Webster, NC 28788. Applications accepted until the positions filled. EOE. **2/13**

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT GENERAL 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 3, 2014

CLOSING DATE: February 14, 2014
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. **2/13**

THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following job available:

FT LPN Wound Care / DIABETES

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description from Teresa Carvalho at the Cherokee Indian hospital Human Resources Office between the hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm Monday – Friday. These positions will close February 21 @ 4pm. Indian preference does apply and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **2/20**

THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following job available:

FT RN / ER

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description from Teresa Carvalho at the Cherokee Indian hospital Human Resources Office between the hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm Monday – Friday. These positions will close February 14 @ 4pm. Indian preference does apply and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **2/13**

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT TEACHER ASSISTANT

Organization: Cherokee Boys Club, P. O. Box 507, Cherokee, NC 28719; (52 Boys Club Loop)
Department: Child Care
Opening Date: February 3, 2014
Closing Date: February 14, 2014

REQUIREMENTS: Must have a GED or High School Diploma and NC Child Care Credentials 1 and 2.

Application and job description can be picked up from the Receptionist at the Information Window of the Cherokee Boys Club 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.

Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. **2/13**

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT LEAD TEACHER

ORGANIZATION: Cherokee Boys Club, P. O. Box 507, Cherokee, N. C. 28719
DEPARTMENT: Child Care Department

OPENING DATE: February 3, 2014
CLOSING DATE: February 14, 2014

REQUIREMENTS: Must have GED or High School Diploma, NC Child Care Credentials 1 and 2; Administration 1 preferred

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 mandatory.

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Request for Proposal-Cherokee Indian Fair Sound, Light and Entertainment

Deadline for submission: February 21, 2014

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Office of Destination Marketing is requesting proposals from qualified contractor to provide sound/light production and to secure entertainment for the 2014 Cherokee Indian Fair by EBCI Destination Marketing Program.

The complete RFP is available at the Cherokee One Feather website. Incomplete submissions/proposals will be not be considered.

Copies of the request for proposal and any questions concerning the request may be obtained by contacting...

Howard Wahnetah
Events & Fairgrounds Supervisor
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
PO Box 460, Cherokee, NC 28719
Phone: (828)554-6471
Fax: (828)554-6475
Email: howawahn@nc-cherokee.com **2/13**

Requests for Qualifications

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Economic & Community
Development

Projects: Architecture and Engineering Services for Finance Administration Building

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is requesting qualifications for the completion of the above mentioned project. The deadline for submitting a letter of intent will be

February 18th, 2014 at 12:00p.m. You may request the full RFQ and bid requirements for proposals through the Economic & Community Development Office, or TERO. If you have any questions or comments, please contact E&CD at (828)-554-6700 or dianpant@nc-cherokee.com **2/13**

Public Meeting Notice

The Lands Committee of the EBCI Announces

A Public Meeting to address Right of Way Issues on the Qualla Boundary

Tuesday, February 18, 2014 from 5-7pm in the Council Chambers

All Tribal members are invited to share their concerns, suggestions and ongoing Right of Way issues affecting the use of possessory holdings.

The Lands Committee is researching the current state of right of way laws and practices on Cherokee lands. They would like to hear about possessory holders' experiences with issuing, obtaining or exercising right of ways or easements across or to their property. This information will help the Committee develop recommendations for laws and regulations to govern right of ways and easements. Please join us for this important discussion.

LEGALS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians,
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 14-007

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of Douglas Allen Lambert

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: March 12, 2014

Kimlyn S. Lambert, PO Box 253, Cherokee, NC 28719, **2/13pd**

Notice of Service of Process by Publication

Cherokee Tribal Court Regulations
In Cherokee Tribal Court
Mountain Credit Union
Vs

Raymond Neal Swayney (CV 13-540)
Michael Robert Bradley (CV13-518)
Denise Ashenfelter (CV 13-517)
Jason L. Thompson (CV13-510)
Cora L. Bernhisel (CV13-509)

Take Notice that a Pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:
Complaint for Money Owed and/or Repossession

You are required to make defense of such pleading no later than the 3rd day of March 2014 and upon

Your failure to do so the Party (Mountain Credit Union) seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This is the 3rd day of February 2014
Agent for the Plaintiff: Sarah Davis
PO Box 241
Cherokee, NC 28719
828-497-6211 Ext. 2507
2/27pd

Grab a One Feather for your job search



Read the *Cherokee One Feather* each week for full job listings on the Cherokee Indian Reservation.

ONE FEATHER PHONE LIST

For all of your questions, comments, concerns, and compliments:

Scott (828) 554-6263
scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com

Sally (828) 554-6262
salldavi@nc-cherokee.com

Amble (828) 554-6264
amblsmok@nc-cherokee.com

www.theonefeather.com
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www.facebook.com/pages/Cherokee-One-Feather/



*Housing and Community Development is now taking applications for our Summer Rehab Program. The labor will be provided by church groups that volunteer their time each summer. This program is for home repairs only. ***No plumbing or electrical work will be done.***

**Please note we will only consider the following projects: 1) A roof in need of new shingles. 2) Construction of a handicap ramp. 3) Construction of small decks (8X8). 4) Exterior and/or Interior painting.*

You may pick up your application at the Housing and Community Development offices, located at 756 Acquoni Road. You may also contact us at 554-6900 for any questions.



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ATTENTION EBCI HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

EBCI High School Seniors who are planning to attend college in the 2014-2015 school year are required to attend 3 mandatory training sessions presented by the EBCI Higher Education Department staff in order to qualify for funding from the Tribe.

**ALL STUDENTS MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY A
PARENT OR GUARDIAN.**

These training sessions are designed to provide students and parents with important information regarding education department funding requirements and to assist them as they plan this important step towards meeting their future educational goals.

**The second mandatory training sessions
will be held as follows:**

Friday March 7th from 6-8 pm

(Large conference room near library
@ Ginger Lynn Welch Complex)

Saturday March 8th from 10-12 am, 1-3 pm, or 3-5 pm

(Community room next to Life Center
@ Ginger Lynn Welch Complex)

Sunday, March 9th from 1-3 pm

(Community room next to Life Center
@ Ginger Lynn Welch Complex)

**Please call the receptionist at 554-6650 to schedule
an appointment.**

(You only need to attend 1 of the above meetings.)

**The 3rd mandatory training session will focus on college
requirements, college orientation and class schedules,
and E.E.R.P.A. law.**

(Dates and location to be announced)

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