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Tagan Crowe, an EBCI tribal member, carries the tribal flag in the opening ceremonies of last week's USET Impact Meeting in Washington. (LYNNE HARLAN/EBCI Public Relations)



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Tribal elder honored by USET

WWII veteran and Cherokee traditionalist Jerry Wolfe honored

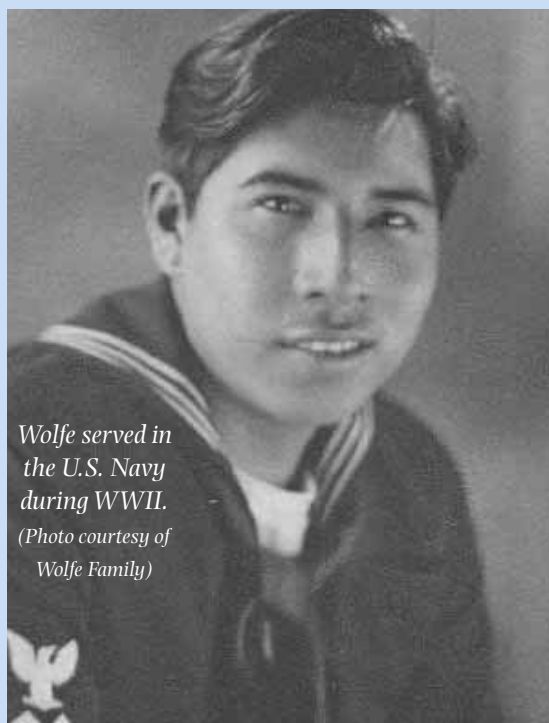
WASHINGTON - Seldom does someone get a front row seat to giant historical events that changed the lives of people around the world. Celebrated and award winning Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian elder and World War II veteran Jeremiah "Jerry" Wolfe has been on the front row of three of these historic events. During a reception at the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated's (USET) Impact Week in Washington, DC on Monday, Feb. 4, Wolfe was honored for his service as a World War II veteran, an award winning cultural preservationist, story teller, and Cherokee Elder.

"There are so many war heroes and accomplished members of our USET Tribal Nations, we need to honor them so we will learn and live by the examples they set in their lives," said USET president Brian Patterson. "Jerry Wolfe is just one of many. USET is proud to honor Mr. Wolfe and his Tribe the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians."

Wolfe enlisted in the Navy in July 1943, when he was a sophomore at the Cherokee Boarding School. He traveled to Chicago to complete basic training before he was sent to southern England.

"We were sent to Chicago to train, then to Virginia, and on to England. We didn't know what we were doing in training. Someone finally told us that we were training for the big invasion," Wolfe said in a radio interview in 2003. That invasion was the eventual June 6 D-Day Invasion of Omaha Beach, France in 1944.

Later, he would return home with rank as a 2nd Class Petty Officer/Communicator in charge of 13 enlisted white men. He would take these men through New York City on Victory in Europe or V-E



Wolfe served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. (Photo courtesy of Wolfe Family)

Day. After more training and transfers, Wolfe was on a ship going to Iwo Jima or the Pacific. President Truman dropped the bomb before Wolfe could make the final ordered destination and World War II ended. He would travel on to Pearl Harbor where he says he got to witness the official declaration of peace signing on the Missouri by the Japanese. That day was known to the world as Victory over Japan or V-J Day.

After returning home, Wolfe started a family in Cherokee that included three girls and five boys. He would also become a mason and is one of the last Chero-

kee stonecutters. Wolfe retired from the U.S. Department of Labor's Job Corps in Cherokee in 1997 where he taught masonry.



EBCI tribal elder Jerry Wolfe, shown here in this 2009 photo, was honored by USET during a reception in Washington, DC on Monday, Feb. 4. He was unable to attend the event.

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We are here to honor the bravery of Jerry Wolfe and his life work to preserve the culture, traditions, and language of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

- USET president Brian Patterson



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EBCI tribal leaders accepted a plaque and Pendleton blanket on Jerry Wolfe's behalf during a reception honoring the EBCI tribal elder in Washington, DC on Monday, Feb. 4. Shown (left-right) are Birdtown Rep. Tunney Crowe, Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell, Chairman Jim Owle and USET president Brian Patterson.

Wolfe still works in Cherokee. You can find him on most days telling stories and legends or sharing facts about Tribal history at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. He has also received a number of awards including the North Carolina Heritage Award in 2003, Recognized by the North Carolina State Legislature in 2008 for contributions to the EBC and the State of North Carolina, and in 2010, he was awarded the Brown-Hudson Award by the North Carolina Folklore Society.

He also assisted with the Cherokee Exhibit at the National Museum of the American Indian. Wolfe also works with the National Elders Council for American Indian/Alaska Native Employees Association for Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), where he has provided cultural guidance and direction to over 250 employee association members and to NRCS nationwide.

"We are here to honor the bravery of Jerry Wolfe and his life work to preserve the culture, traditions, and language of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians," President Patterson added.

Patterson Presented a plaque and Pendleton blanket honoring Jerry Wolfe to members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian Tribal Council including Birdtown Rep. Gene "Tuney" Crowe, Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell, and Chairman Jim Owle of Birdtown who were on hand to accept the honor for Wolfe, who was unable to make the trip to Washington, DC.

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USET honors four selected as Top 40 under 40

WASHINGTON - During 2012, the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) honored four individuals from the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc (USET) region as recipients of the prestigious national "Native American 40 Under 40" recognition awards. At a reception Monday, Feb. 4 in Washington, DC, USET honored those selected for the NCAIED award.

Recipients for 2012 include Tribal Council Chairman Kyle Williams (Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas), U.S. Department of Interior's Office of Indian Energy & Economic Development Program Specialist Rebecca Naragon (Poarch Band of Creek Indians), National Indian Gaming Commission Chief of Staff Paxton Myers (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians), and USET Executive Director Kitcki A. Carroll (Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma).

USET President Brian Patterson and Poarch Band of Creek Indian Councilman Eddie Tullis praised the group of individuals selected by NCAIED. President Patterson said, "USET Leadership is extremely proud of the accomplishments and contributions made by these amazing and deserving individuals. We are proud of each person and how they have served their communities. The award is prestigious and marks greatness in our USET region. It is also a shining example of accomplishments and leadership for our younger generations to achieve."

Poarch Band of Creek Indian Councilman Eddie Tullis told the audience at the reception, "It is a great day when USET has membership of 26 of the more than 500 federally recognized Tribes in America. Of the top 40 selected, 10 percent serve USET. It says we have exceptional people doing exceptional things for our people and Indian Country. I am extremely proud of them."

Kyle Williams serves as Chair-



Poarch Band of Creek Indians Councilman Eddie Tullis (left) speaks at a reception honoring four individuals from the USET region who were honored by NCAIED in 2012 for the "Native American 40 Under 40" awards. Shown (left-right) are Tullis, USET president Brian Patterson, USET executive director Kitcki Carroll, Harrah's Cherokee Casino vice president for marketing Paxton Myers, and program specialist for the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) Rebecca Naragon.

man of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas. Prior to being elected to Tribal Council in 2008, Chairman Williams served his people in the Tribal Environmental Office. In addition to his work for the Tribe, he has recently been selected to serve as the Tribal Representative for the Regional Tribal Conservation Advisory Council. He was also instrumental in establishing a Tribal Police Department for the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe. The Department will soon be recognized by the 82nd Texas State Legislature which convenes in January 2013. He has also started a Fitness Program for Tribal employees, chairs the Tribal annual youth conference and serves on various other boards. Kyle is a member of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas (Livingston, Texas).

Rebecca Naragon is a Program Specialist for the Office of Indian En-

ergy and Economic Development (IEED), Division of Economic Development, in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior. In addition to her service with IEED, Ms. Naragon participated in the 2010/11 Class of the Ambassador Leadership Program through Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO). Rebecca is a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians of Alabama (Atmore, Alabama).

Paxton Myers has been named the Harrah's Cherokee Casino and Hotel Vice President of Casino Marketing. He recently served as the Chief of Staff for the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC). In addition to the NIGC, Myers has worked as the Advisor on Native American Affairs for Michigan Representative (5th District) Dale Kildee, who was serving as the Chairman of

the House Native American Caucus. Prior to his service in DC, Myers worked as the Chief of Staff and Governmental Affairs Liaison for Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Principal Chief Michell A. Hicks. Paxton is a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (Cherokee, North Carolina).

Kitcki A. Carroll has served as Executive Director for USET for the past 2 ½ years. In this role he is directly responsible for overseeing the day to day operations of the organization. He has held various Executive/Senior management positions in the Tribal government and not-for-profit sector over the past 12 years. Additionally, he serves on various workgroups, task forces, and advisory groups within Indian Country. Kitcki is a member of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma.

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USET tackles sequestration issue

WASHINGTON - Fiscal issues and sequestration of federal expenditures are high on the priority list for many leaders and policy makers in Washington including the White House and visiting Tribal Nations this week. White House Deputy Associate Counsel Charles Galbraith says addressing sequestration is a top priority for President Obama.

Discussions about critical issues, including sequestration, were held on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) in conjunction with the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) Impact Week meeting. The session, titled "A Look Ahead at the 113th Congress and Potential Impacts on Indian Country" was hosted by Drinker, Biddle, & Reath, LLP, with sponsorship by USET.

Sequestration will be very harmful for Indian Country according to Congressman Jim Moran (D-VA) who is the ranking member on the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, which oversees budgeting for the Indian Health Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, among other programs and departments. Rep. Moran thinks it is more likely that sequestration will take place than that Congress will pass a new budget law that would replace sequestration and provide for better targeted reductions as well as new sources of Federal revenue.

For example, he Moran told USET Tribal leaders on Tuesday that sequestration would mean an immediate cut of \$200 Million in cuts to the Indian Health Service, crippling many of its already underfunded

programs.

"There will be cuts to programs that are important to Indian Country," Rep. Moran said. "If sequestration happens it should be embarrassing for all members of Congress. I don't know that programs are totally going to escape the cuts. I think we (Congress) should raise federal revenue so we can pay our own bills."

Several USET Tribal Nations asked what is happening to protect the integrity of programs they depend for safety and welfare.

Sequestration appears likely to happen since the deadline is fast approaching on March 1. On that date, the sequestration law takes effect unless Congress amends it. Amending the law to prevent severe cuts to programs is requiring policy makers to make tough decisions.

Rep. Moran added, "The Ameri-



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Congressman Jim Moran (D-VA) speaks at a USET forum on the sequestration issue at the National Museum of the American Indian on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

can Indians have been great leaders because they have been able to make tough decisions that help the next seven generations. Congress has been unable to make decisions that

make an impact on the next seven months."

USET president Brian Patterson noted, "The sequestration of federal funds, scheduled to take place, on March 1, will devastate federal Indian program funding. The IHS alone, will lose \$200 Million this year. Sequestration is a blunt instrument for a Congress that cannot make the necessary decisions about how to govern our country. Among those decisions is honoring the trust responsibility to Tribal Nations. In that regard, federal Indian program funding should not be considered discretionary and subject to cut, but rather mandatory and completely protected."

Rep. Moran concluded by saying, "Some of these issues should have been decided or reauthorized more than two years ago."

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USET continues support of VAWA

WASHINGTON - For almost 20 years, Indian Country has enjoyed the benefits that the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) has afforded by funding training, technical assistance, and support to shelters for abused spouses.

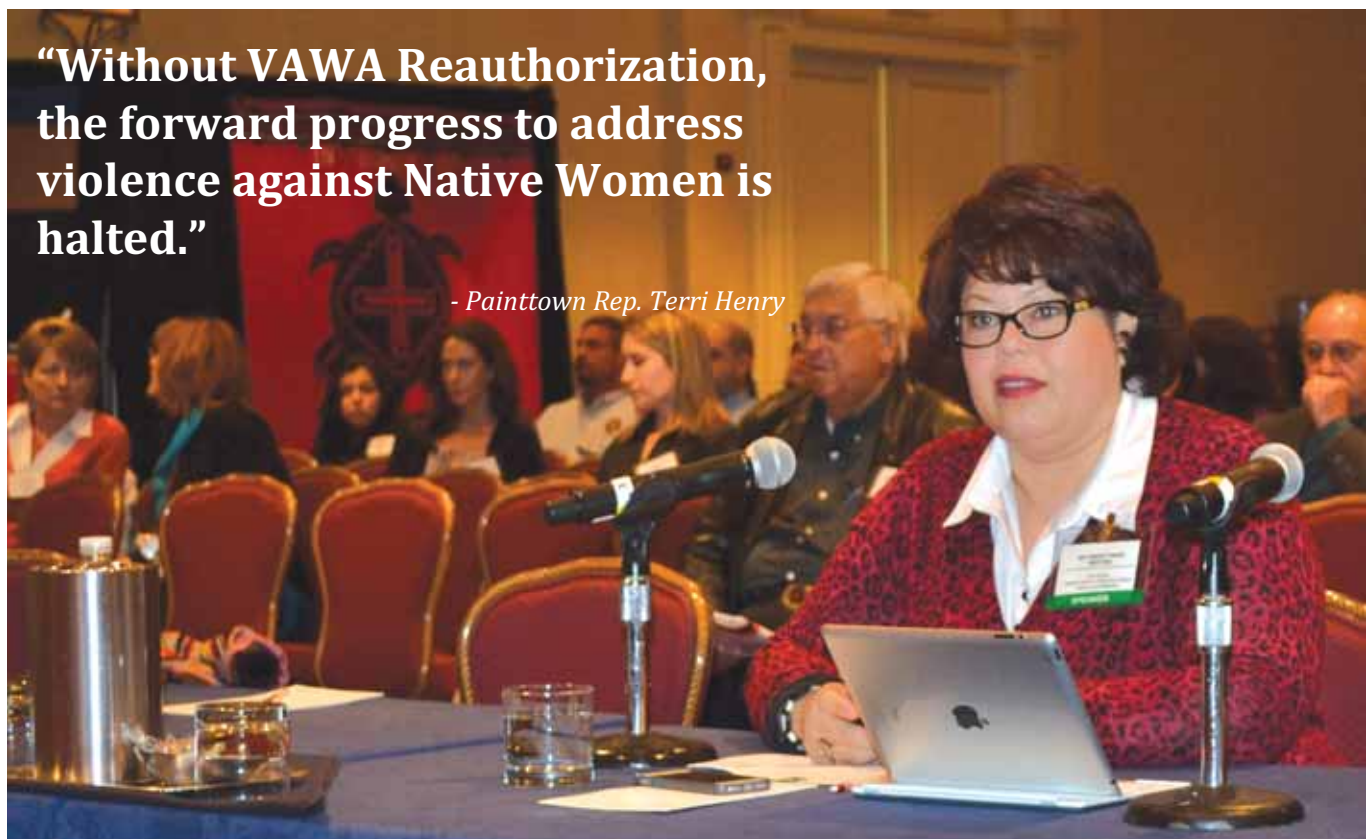
Right down to the last gavel of the 112th Congress, USET Tribal leaders and VAWA advocates urged Congressional members to reauthorize the legislation with provisions that were in Senate Bill 1925 which authorized Tribal law enforcement and courts to arrest and prosecute non-Indians accused of violent and abusive acts against Tribal members. USET Tribal Leaders and advocates are maintaining a vigil with the new Congress to see that legislation is adopted. The new Senate legislation is embodied in Senate Bill 47 (S. 47) in the 113th Congress.

In addition to Tribal Nations and Indian Country advocates, The White House has made VAWA reauthorization a priority. "We're really on the cusp of having the opportunity to do something major," White House Deputy Associate Counsel Charles Galbraith told USET members at their annual Impact meeting. "This bill has 60 co-sponsors (in the Senate). We only needed 60 votes to get this bill (VAWA) to pass. That is thanks to the hard work by Tribal leaders in this room. We're going to be OK in the Senate. This (passage of the bill) is going to take a lot of work on the House side."

Painttown Rep. Terri Henry has been a long-time advocate for Native Women's issues and reauthorization of VAWA. She spoke to the USET Board of Directors during Impact

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- Painttown Rep. Terri Henry



Painttown Rep. Terri Henry addresses the USET Impact meeting in Washington, DC on the issue of the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act.

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week about continued support and efforts to have VAWA reauthorized. "Without VAWA Reauthorization, the forward progress to address violence against Native Women is halted," Rep. Henry stated. "VAWA contains support for the development of program initiatives that will serve and protect various stakeholders, i.e., women with disabilities, teens, etc.; real time consequences for survivors and victims."

According to Rep. Henry, the foundation of VAWA reauthorization to benefit Indian Country

should be protection of Tribal Nation sovereignty and local solutions to local problems. "Indian Tribes are the only governments in America without jurisdiction to protect women from domestic and sexual violence in their communities. S.47, the bipartisan Senate versions of the VAWA, addresses this jurisdictional gap. Tribes would be able to develop local solutions that will deliver long-overdue justice to Native women and safety to Tribal communities."

USET President Brian Patterson is urging Tribal Nations and na-

tional leaders to support S.47 to reauthorize VAWA. "I am heart sick that this legislation may lay idle while our Native Women may suffer the effects of not having this resource. The Cheyenne have a proverb: 'A nation is not conquered until the hearts of its women are on the ground.' I ask that you stand up for the rights of domestic violence victims in Indian Country defend Native Women and support VAWA reauthorization."

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Cherokee youth participate in USET Mock Council

Four students from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians participated in a Mock USET Council on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at the USET Impact Week in Washington, DC. The Mock Council was held as part of the Close Up Foundation program which is helping provide youth from the USET Tribal Nations to gain a perspective of USET, Congressional, and local tribal functions and purpose. Tagan Crowe, of the Big Y Community, and Callie Phillips, of the Yellowhill Community, served as the EBCI's youth voting members and Elle Bradley and Darren Swayney, both of the Wolfstown Community, helped debate issues with Crowe and Phillips.

"I thought that this was a great opportunity," said Bradley. "It allowed us to see how government really works. It also really opened all of us up to how other tribes and cultures are and work. We made a lot of friends from other tribes and see who they live and think too. It is an opportunity that you can't get anywhere else."

Some of the issues debated included: education, Violence Against Women Act reauthorization, cultural and heritage preservation, and gaming rights.

More than 80 students from 14 of the USET member tribal nations participated in the Close Up Foundation program.

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Above: EBCI youth participated in a Mock Council on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at the USET Impact Meeting in Washington. Shown are Tagan Crowe (front left), Callie Phillips (front right), Darren Swayney (back left) and Elle Bradley (back right). Below: Shown (left-right) are CHS teacher Sharon Bradley, unknown, Callie Phillips, unknown, Elle Bradley, Vice Chairman Bill Taylor, Tagan Crowe, Darren Swayney, Wilson Pipestem and Sam Lambert.

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FEMA official addresses USET

WASHINGTON - Until last month, Tribal Nations under the Stafford Act have been labeled as political subdivisions of the state in which they reside. This changed in January when Congress adopted the Hurricane Sandy Relief Bill (H.R. 152), where the intent originally was to provide \$50 Billion dollars in relief to areas that suffered damage from the storm. More important for Indian Country, the Bill included enabling legislation to amend the Stafford Act and now allows Tribal Nations to have the opportunity to directly request a disaster declaration from the White House and eventually receive assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the event of disaster.

FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate told the USET Board of Directors on Wednesday, Feb. 6 the quest to have the Stafford Act amended to give Tribes the ability make requests for disaster declarations and federal assistance directly rather than getting state approval first was going to be an impossible task.

"We (FEMA) came around to the idea that this was the right thing to do. It was mainly a benefit to recognize the trust relationship with the Tribes," Fugate told USET. He added that there was no benefit for FEMA to support such a change. In fact it

"It is about self-determination and the Tribe's sovereignty."

- FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate speaking about new regulations allowing tribes to deal directly with FEMA and not through states anymore.

added more work to the FEMA staff. Prior to the passage of the Sandy Relief Bill last month, there were only 54 states or territories that could make disaster declaration requests. Now, that many governmental bodies plus over 500 Tribal Nations can make that request. Fugate says leadership from President Obama was paramount to help make the change because the White House had meaningful consultations with Tribal Nations.

Meaningful consultation with Tribal Nations will be more important now than before the bill was passed according to Fugate. H.R. 152 gives Tribes the authority and option to make disaster declaration requests to the President, but there are no processes, policies, and procedures to follow through with grant administration once funding is approved to assist with a disaster. Administrator Fugate says this is not a show stopping challenge as it may take three to four years to fully develop the procedures and policies. "This is where the consultation

process is going to get going. The amendments to the Stafford Act do not identify how we (FEMA and Tribes) are going to work together as a nation-to-nation relationship," Fugate added.

Each Tribal Nation has a unique culture, relationship with the state where its property exists, level of ability to administer federal grant funds, and experience with emergency management. As all Tribes are not the same, some may not want to exercise its option to make a direct declaration, but continue to go through its state representatives.

"We are going to work this as a pilot program. We did not want to wait until we had all the answers (policy and procedure) on how to do this. This is really where the consultation process will be critical," Fugate told the USET Board of Directors.

One point Administrator Fugate made to USET was that Tribes are not forced to make disaster declaration requests directly to the President. This is only an option and is a

choice the Tribes must make. "It is about self determination and the Tribe's sovereignty," Fugate concluded. Administrator Fugate's final note to Tribal leaders is that this whole process is a "Big Deal" to Indian Country.

USET President Brian Patterson gave praise to FEMA and the White House for its work to bring new opportunity and renewed strength in Tribal sovereignty.

"It is not often that we advance a piece of legislation that is born to support self determination. It is with that thought we are grateful for your leadership and from the President (Obama) to make effective change in the Stafford Act that will ultimately strengthen Tribal sovereignty," Patterson told Fugate.

Tribes across the country are preparing to make disaster declaration requests to the White House. Reports from North Carolina show the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians may be one of the first Tribes to make such a request after 18 inches of rain in three days caused mudslides, property damage, and destroyed approximately 200 feet of road way to U.S. 441 in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

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Tribes, environmental groups favor Obama's Interior nomination

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

Last month, it was reported that Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar will be leaving his position in March. That leaves an opening for a job that oversees two entities that are of great importance to this part of western North Carolina – the National Park Service and American Indian tribes.

President Obama announced on Wednesday, Feb. 6 that he is nominating Sally Jewell for the position. "She is an expert on the energy and climate issues that are going to shape our future. She is committed to building our nation-to-nation relationship with Indian Country. She knows the link between good conservation and good jobs."

And, it seems Indian Country is eager to begin building a relationship with Jewell.

USET president Brian Patterson said in a statement on Thursday, Feb. 7 that his organization supports Jewell's confirmation as Interior Secretary. "Indian Tribes have much to offer re-

garding the deeper mysteries and wonder of this continent many of us call 'Turtle Island'. Ms. Jewell's experience and background indicate that in a variety of ways she has this sense of wonder and sincerely seeks to understand these mysteries."

NCAI president Jefferson Keel also urged the Senate to confirm Jewell. "Sally Jewell's diverse experience in energy, conservation, and stewardship efforts, presents an exciting opportunity for the country and tribal nations to make great strides and continue the transformation of the Department of the Interior under this President."

It also appears that environmental groups are happy with the selection.

"Whether it's been through her work to get more kids outside or her accomplishments in building a business that recognizes the passion Americans have to explore the outdoors, Sally Jewell has demonstrated that she knows just how important our wild places are to our national legacy and our economy," Sierra Club executive director Michael Brune said in a statement on Feb.

6. "There are few more outspoken or dedicated champions in the effort to connect children with nature than Sally Jewell, who has provided critical support to the Sierra Club Inner City Outings program and played an integral role in founding the Outdoors Alliance for Kids."

Mike Daulton, vice president of government relations for the Audubon Society, said in a statement on Feb. 6, "Audubon welcomes Sally Jewell's leadership to the top job in America dedicated to preserving our great national heritage. Sally Jewell received Audubon's Rachel Carson Award for good reason: She is a dedicated conservationist and a strong leader who understands that protecting our natural world goes hand in hand with a strong American economy."

Jewell, the CEO of Recreational Equipment, Inc., is on the board of directors of various groups including The National Parks Second Century Commission and the National Parks Conservation Association.



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Tribe, Park partner to offer incentive for early completion of Newfound Gap Road repairs

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians have partnered together to offer an early completion incentive for repairs to Newfound Gap Road (US 441) which was closed due to a January landslide. An extended road closure has significant economic implications for our tourism-based gateway communities.

Park officials and the EBCI worked together to offer a monetary incentive of \$ 18,000 per day to the selected contractor for each day of completion prior to May 15 up to a maximum of \$500,000. The amount donated by the EBCI will apply to the first 14 days of the incentive period at the above rate.

Principal Chief, Michell Hicks, and Park Superintendent, Dale Ditmanson, recognize the importance of Newfound Gap Road as a vital economic artery linking the North Carolina and Tennessee communities, as well as its importance to park visitors who enjoy the unique driving experience.

"We are grateful that our Cherokee neighbors offered to match the National Park Service \$250,000 incentive proposal in order to motivate the contractor to complete the rehabilitation of the road as efficiently as possible," said Superintendent Ditmanson.

In addition to the monetary incentives, the contract also includes monetary disincentives. The contractor will be charged \$18,000 per day past May 15 to help insure the project is completed on schedule.

The contracting piece for phase



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The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park have partnered together to offer an early completion incentive for repairs to Newfound Gap Road which was closed due to a landslide last month.

2, involving the actual road reconstruction, was initiated on Friday, Jan. 25, when Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) posted a pre-solicitation for contractors with interest in repairing the landslide. Through this process a number of successful contractors submitted acceptable technical proposals and are now eligible to submit a bid to for the project. Bids from these contractors are due February 15, 2013. The contract for this phase of work is es-

timated to cost between \$3,000,000 and \$7,000,000. Final construction work will begin soon after.

Phase 1 of the reconstruction project is on schedule. Phase 1 contract crews from APAC -Atlantic Harrison are in the process of building the haul road, stabilizing the site, and removing debris to prepare the site for Phase 2 reconstruction. Soil erosion mitigation efforts to stabilize the debris field and minimize siltation into Beech Flats Prong stream

have been completed. In addition, Park biologists have completed all environmental compliance associated with the road reconstruction. Newfound Gap Road will remain closed to thru traffic during the construction, but visitors are still able to access the park to Newfound Gap from the Tennessee side and to Collins Creek Picnic Area from the Cherokee entrance.

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Judge Martin retires from Cherokee Tribal Court

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

Judge Matthew Martin served as an Associate Judge in the Cherokee Tribal Court for close to 11 years. Starting in April 2002, he presided over thousands of cases. He officially retired from the court and was honored at a reception on Monday, Feb. 11.

"Nobody here owes me a debt of gratitude, I owe you a debt of gratitude because I am a better person today than I was on April 11, 2002," Martin told the group at Monday's event. "That's because of my association with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the lawyers and the professionals that serve this Tribe."

He went on to say, "One-hundred and ninety-seven (197) years ago, the Cherokee people invented the tribal court. The Supreme Court of North Carolina is only four years older than the first tribal court in this country. One hundred years from now, this court will still be in existence, and our grandchildren will look back on what we have done, and I hope that they will be very pleased and very proud in what we have created."

Martin earned a bachelor's degree in History from the University of North Carolina in 1982. Three years later, he graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Law. He entered the North Carolina State Bar in 1986, and in 2009, he earned a master of judicial studies degree from the University of Nevada-Reno.

Martin became Board Certified by the North Carolina State Bar as a specialist in Federal and State Criminal Law and Appellate Practice in



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Cherokee Tribal Court Associate Judge Matthew Martin (center) retired from the court, and was honored at a reception on Monday, Feb. 11. Shown (left-right) are Judge Kirk Saunooke, Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke, Judge Steven Philo, Martin, Cherokee County - Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha and Cherokee Chief Justice Bill Boyum.

1995. In addition to the state bar, he is a member of the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, and he served as chair (2009-10) of the National Conference of Specialized Court Judges.

Martin currently serves as an adjunct professor of Law at the University of North Carolina School of Law and the Elon University School of Law. He is also a faculty member at The National Judicial College.

"Matthew Martin is the best trial judge the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has ever had and probably

ever will have," said Judge Steven Philo, trial judge with the Cherokee Tribal Court. "I have appeared before many judges. I tried to do the best I could do as a trial judge. But, I have never seen a man nor a woman on the bench who applied the law, cared about the Tribe, cared about the defendants, cared about the juveniles, cared about the parties that got a balance that he was able to achieve. Never before, in my career, have I seen anyone that could do that except for Matthew."

Cherokee Supreme Court Chief

Justice Bill Boyum commented, "He will definitely be missed. He and his father were instrumental in setting up this court and expanding the jurisdiction, maintaining independence from the Tribal Council and the Executive Committee. He exemplifies what a good judge is. He is patient. He is very intelligent. He is a student of the law."

Chief Justice Boyum concluded, "The Cherokee Courts will miss him greatly."

FOOTBALL

Panther, Wildcatt sign letters of intent

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
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Swain football players Corbin Panther and Jacob Wildcatt, both EBCI tribal members, signed letters of intent on Wednesday, Feb. 6 to play college football. The two signed as part of National Signing Day.

Both were three-year starters on both the offensive and defensive lines and were part of the 2011 1AA state champion team and the 2012 1AA state runner-up team. During their tenure as starters, the Maroon Devils went 37-7.

Panther signed to continue his football career at Mars Hill, and Wildcatt signed to play at Georgia Military College.

"I've been always looking forward to going to college," said Panther. "I just can't wait to get there. It's always been a big dream to go play somewhere, to be able to play and show people what I can do."

His mother, Gloria Panther, commented, "I love him and hope that he does good. It was a surprise to me that he picked Mars Hill. I'm just proud of him, and it will be closer to home."

During his career, Panther earned All-WNC and All-Smoky Mountain Conference honors. In 2012, he had 102 tackles and led the team with six sacks.

"It's always been in the back of my mind, been thinking about it every day," said Wildcatt. "I'm just



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Swain football players and EBCI tribal members Corbin Panther (left) and Jacob Wildcatt (center), along with their teammate Matthew Maennle, signed letters of intent on Wednesday, Feb. 6 to play college football in the fall.

excited and can't wait to see what it brings."

Jacob's mother, Sheila Brown, said, "I just think it's amazing. We worked really hard since the 7th grade to get him to this point. His goal, since he was little, was to play football on Friday nights, Saturday and Sunday, and now we are on that second goal of playing on Saturdays so we're very, very happy and proud

of the choice that he has made."

Wildcatt also earned All-WNC and All-Smoky Mountain Conference honors. In 2012, he had 91 tackles, 4.5 sacks, and a team leading 24 tackles for loss.

During Wednesday's event, Swain head football coach Neil Blankenship commented, "This is a great thing for them and a great thing for the school."

Swain teammate Matthew Maennle was also a part of Wednesday's event signing to join Panther at Mars Hill. Maennle was the 2012 WNC Player of the Year and the 2012 Smoky Mountain Conference Back of the Year. He also received All-State honors and graduates holding the record in every receiving category at Swain.

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BASKETBALL

Lady Braves win conference title

The Cherokee Lady Braves (20-2) cinched the Big Smoky Mountain Conference regular-season title with a 60-48 win at Hayesville on Thursday, Feb. 7. They are undefeated in the conference this season.

Kendall Toineeta led the way for Cherokee with 18pts followed by Avery Mintz with 17. The game was close in the first half with both teams tying at 16 after the first period and Cherokee taking a one-point lead (31-30) in the locker room for half-time.

But, the Lady Braves came out for the third period on fire and lit up the scoreboard with 20pts while

holding Hayesville to 7. The Lady Yellow Jackets outscored Cherokee 11-9 in the fourth period, but it was not enough as the Lady Braves took the 12pt win and the regular season conference title. Other Lady Braves scorers included: Deija Burgess 8, Bree Stamper 3 and Jordyn Thompson 14.

Hayesville was led by Megan McQuade who poured in 34pts. Other Lady Yellow Jackets scorers included: Rachen Benson 7, Courtney McNabb 2 and Amanda Thompson 5.

The Braves (11-9) lost 71-41 to BSMC leader Hayesville. Seth Littlejohn led Cherokee with 16pts.

Hayesville outscored Cherokee in every period including a 23-7 third period.

Other Braves scorers included: Raven Frankiewicz 4, Dustin Johnson 2, Derrick Ledford 3, Chris Queen 4, Brandt Sutton 2, Darius Thompson 3 and Jesses Toineeta 7.

Hayesville scorers included: Winston Acosta 2, Cass Coleman 17, Zach Cottrell 23, Braxton Cox 5, Peyton Long 3, Isaac Mills 4, Chris Rhinehart 10, Day Day Williams 2 and Dylan Williams 2.

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WRESTLING

Robbinsville tops Cherokee

Cherokee's varsity wrestling team lost 49-27 to Robbinsville during a match on Wednesday, Feb. 6.

Following are full results:

106lb. – Zack Orr (Robb) won by forfeit

113lb. – Irvin Portugal (Robb) won by major decision (11-3) over Michael George (Ch)

120lb. – Ethan Swearengin (Ch) pinned Glen Stewart (Robb) at 1:47

126lb. – Kade Guffey (Robb) pinned Sidnie Yanez (Ch) at :44

132lb. – Lane Millsaps (Robb) pinned Levi Swearengin (Ch) at 2:47

138lb. – Austin Padilla (Ch) pinned Logan Carver (Robb) at 3:46

145lb. – Jaron Bradley (Ch) pinned Corey Locklear (Robb) at 3:23

152lb. – Bobby Pruitt (Robb) won by forfeit

160lb. – Tavi Rivera won in sudden victory (5-3) over Joey Cable (Robb)

170lb. – Nathan Craig (Robb) pinned Dorian Walkingstick (Ch)

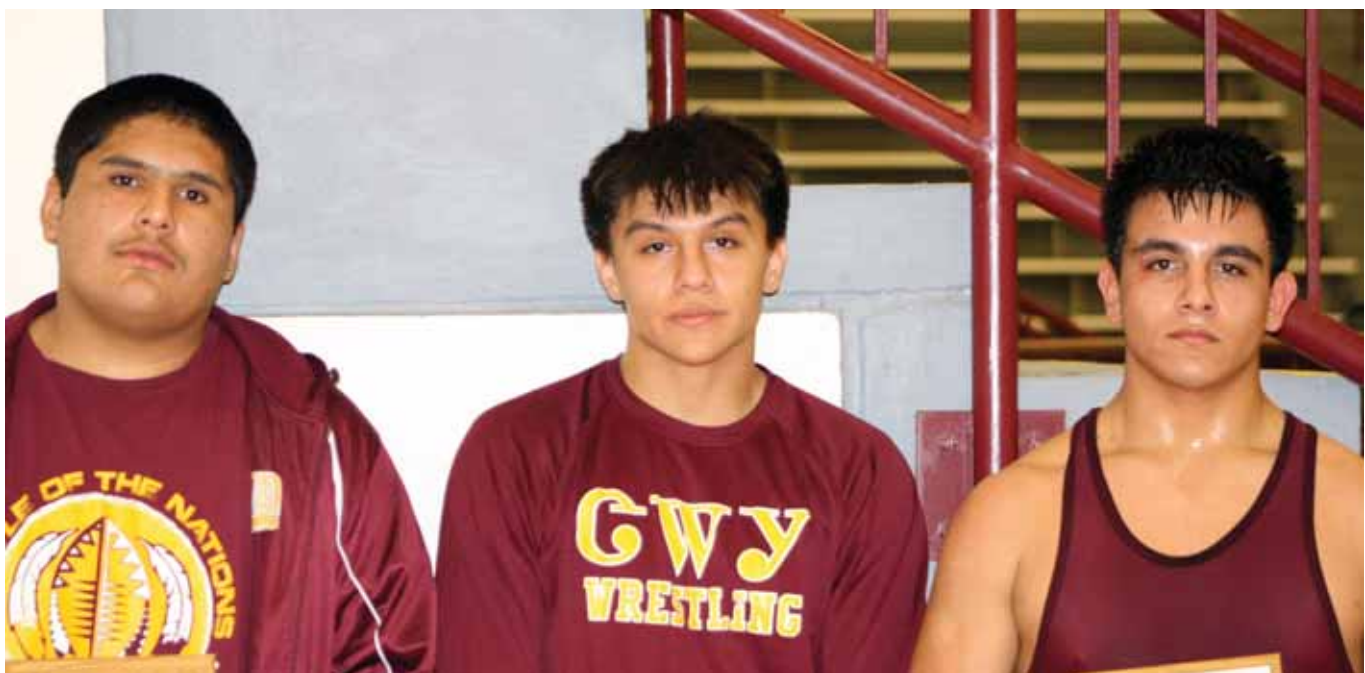
182lb. – Creek Lovin (Robb) won by forfeit

195lb. – Spencer McCoy (Robb) won by forfeit

220lb. – Michael Garrison (Robb) won in sudden victory (11-9) over Raymond Taylor (Ch)

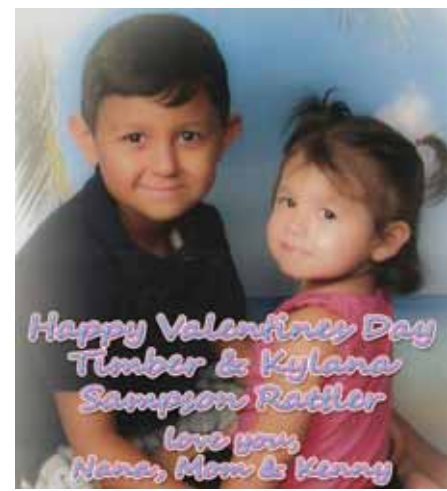
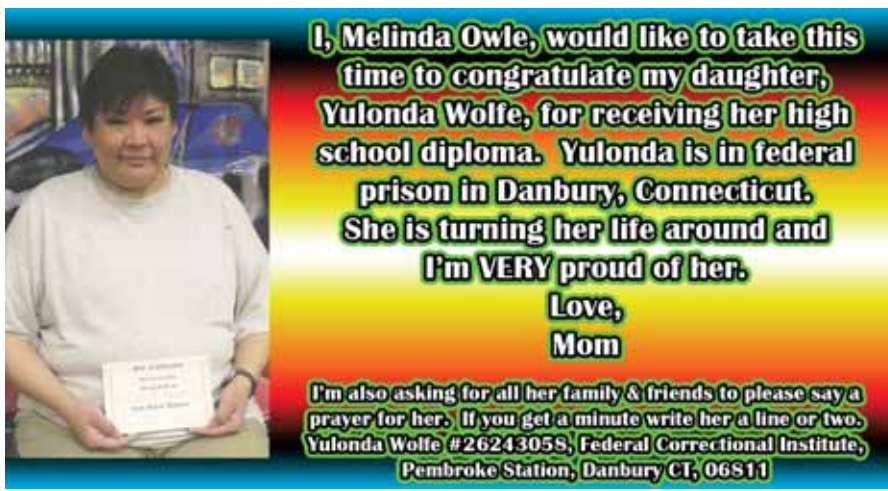
285lb. – Michael Montelongo (Ch) pinned Toby Hedrick (Robb) at :23

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Shown above are the three seniors for this year's CHS varsity wrestling team including (left-right) Michael Montelongo, Dorian Walkingstick and Tavi Rivera who has the most career wins in school history.

DENISE WALKINGSTICK/One Feather contributor



WRESTLING

Braves take 2nd at Conference Championships

The Cherokee Braves varsity wrestling team took second place at the Smoky Mountain Conference championships held at Hayesville on Saturday, Feb. 9. Robbinsville won the team championship with 165pts followed by Cherokee 148.5, Murphy 128, Swain 120.5, Rosman 83 and Hayesville 67.5.

A total of five EBCI tribal members won individual weight division championships including: Levi Swearengin (Cherokee, 126lb.), Jaron Bradley (Cherokee, 145lb.), Tavi Rivera (Cherokee, 160lb.), Spencer McCoy (Robbinsville, 195lb.), and Jacob Wildcatt (Swain, 285lb.).

Rivera, who holds the record for most wins in Cherokee High School history, was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler. He was also named the Conference Co-Wrestler of the Year along with Swain's Sean Webb who won the 138lb. division.

Cherokee and Robbinsville advance to the North Carolina 1A State Dual Team Championships at East Surry High School on Tuesday, Feb. 12. Cherokee is set to take on East Surry and Robbinsville is pitted against Chatham Central. The winners of those matches meet in the finals.

Individual results are as follows:

106lb.: 1st – Irvin Portugal (Robb), 2nd – Michael George (Ch), 3rd – Ethan Orr (Rosman)
 113lb.: 1st – Zack Orr (Robb), 2nd – Clint McCall (Rosman), 3rd – Ethan Swearengin (Ch)
 120lb.: 1st – Graham Allen (Swain), 2nd – Steven Bair (Hayes), 3rd – Tristan Praytor (Rosman)
 126lb.: 1st – Levi Swearengin (Ch), 2nd – Kade Guffey (Robb), 3rd – John Miller (Swain)
 132lb.: 1st – Breyer Owen (Rosman), 2nd – Russell Bigmeat (Swain), 3rd – Lane Millsaps (Robb)
 138lb.: 1st – Sean Webb (Swain), 2nd – Paul Roche (Hayesville), 3rd – Eddie Wiley (Murphy)
 145lb.: 1st – Jaron Bradley (Ch), 2nd – Drew Smith (Murphy), 3rd – Corey Locklear (Robb)
 152lb.: 1st – Joey Cable (Robb), 2nd – Graham Swain (Murphy), 3rd – Josh Danielson (Hayes)
 160lb.: 1st – Tavi Rivera (Ch), 2nd – John Garret (Murphy), 3rd – Jacob Matheson (Hayes)
 170lb.: 1st – Nathan Craig (Robb), 2nd – Dorian Walkingstick (Ch), 3rd – Bailey Beaver (Murphy)
 182lb.: 1st – Malachi Beaver (Murphy), 2nd – Creed Lovin (Robb), 3rd – Nate Sellers (Swain)
 195lb.: 1st – Spencer McCoy (Robb), 2nd – Cody Howard (Murphy), 3rd – Nate Southards (Swain)
 220lb.: 1st – Brandon Stiles (Murphy), 2nd – Will Ferguson (Swain), 3rd – Mike Garrison (Robb)



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Cherokee's Tavi Rivera (right) wrestles John Garret, from Murphy, during the Smoky Mountain Conference wrestling championships at Hayesville on Saturday, Feb. 9. Rivera won the match, the conference championship in the 160lb. division, and was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler.

285lb.: 1st – Jacob Wildcatt (Swain), 2nd – Michael Montelongo (Ch), 3rd – Andres Villagomez (Rosman)

Individual Cherokee results are as follows:

- **Michael George, 106lb., 2nd place**
 - Pinned Ethan Orr (Rosman) at :41
 - Lost by technical fall (15-0) to Irvin Portugal (Robb)
- **Ethan Swearengin, 113lb., 3rd place**
 - Lost by decision (7-1) to Clint McCall (Rosman)
- **Sidnie Yanez, 120lb.**
 - Pinned by Tristin Praytor (Rosman) at :27
 - Pinned by Dustin Garret (Murphy) at 3:43
- **Levi Swearengin, 126lb., 1st place**
 - Pinned Logan Beard (Hayes) at 4:20
 - Won by decision (7-4) over Kade Guffey (Robb)
- **Austin Padilla, 132lb.**
 - Lost decision (6-0) to Breyer Owen (Rosman)
 - Pinned Seth Morgan (Murphy) at 2:21
 - Lost decision (8-4) to Lane Millsaps (Robb)

• Tyler Brown, 138lb.

- Pinned by Sean Webb (Swain) at :15
- Pinned by Eddie Wiley, III (Murphy) at 3:23

• Jaron Bradley, 145lb., 1st place

- Pinned Corey Locklear (Robb) at 4:42
- Pinned Drew Smith (Murphy) at :52

• Tavi Rivera, 160lb., 1st place

- Won by technical fall (18-3) over Jacob Matheson (Hayes)
- Pinned John Garret (Murphy) at 3:37

• Dorian Walkingstick, 170lb., 2nd place

- Pinned Bailey Beaver (Murphy) at :59
- Pinned Kane Owensby (Rosman) at 1:27
- Lost decision (5-0) to Nathan Craig (Robb)

• Raymond Taylor, 220lb.

- Pinned by Brandon Stiles (Murphy) at 3:17
- Pinned Stephen Jones (Hayes) at :39

• Michael Montelongo, 285lb., 2nd place

- Pinned Andres Villagomez (Rosman) at 1:15
- Pinned Toby Hedrick (Robb) at :15
- Pinned by Jacob Wildcatt (Swain) at 5:07

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Cherokee spring sports schedules



CMS baseball/softball

March 1 – vs. Hiwassee Dam, 4pm
 March 8 – vs. Andrews, 4pm
 March 12 – vs. Swain, 4:30pm
 March 14 – at Hayesville, 4:30pm
 March 18 – at Murphy, 4:30pm
 March 19 – vs. Martins Creek (softball only), 4:30pm
 March 22 – vs. Robbinsville, 4:30pm
 March 26 – at Rosman, 4:30pm
 March 28 – at Andrews, 4:30pm
 April 9 – at Martins Creek (softball only), 4:30pm
 April 12 – vs. Rosman, 4:30pm
 April 16 – vs. Swain, 4:30pm
 April 19 – vs. Murphy, 4:30pm
 April 23 – vs. Hayesville, 4:30pm
 April 30 – at Robbinsville, 4:30pm
 May 3 – at Hiwassee Dam, 4:30pm
 May 6 – rain date for make-up games

CHS softball

March 1 – at Hiwassee Dam, 4pm
 March 8 – at Andrews, 4pm
 March 12 – at Swain, 4:30pm
 March 15 – vs. Hayesville, 4:30pm
 March 18 – vs. Murphy, 4:30pm
 March 19 – at Highlands, 4:30pm
 March 22 – at Robbinsville, 4:30pm
 March 26 – vs. Rosman, 4:30pm
 March 28 – vs. Andrews, 4:30pm
 April 9 – vs. Highlands, 4:30pm
 April 12 – at Rosman, 4:30pm
 April 16 – vs. Swain, 4:30pm
 April 19 – at Murphy, 4:30pm

April 23 – at Hayesville, 4:30pm
 April 30 – vs. Robbinsville, 4:30pm
 May 3 – vs. Hiwassee Dam, 4:30pm
 May 6 – rain date for make-up games
 May 10 – 1st round of playoffs

CHS baseball

Feb. 19 – vs. Erwin (scrimmage), 4pm
 Feb. 28 – vs. Avery County, 4pm
 March 1 – at Hiwassee Dam, 4pm
 March 5 – vs. Blue Ridge, 4pm
 March 8 – at Andrews, 4pm
 March 12 – at Swain, 4pm
 March 14 – at Gatlinburg-Pittman, 6pm
 March 15 – vs. Hayesville, 4:30pm
 March 18 – vs. Murphy, 4:30pm
 March 19 – at Highlands, 4:30pm
 March 22 – at Robbinsville, 4:30pm
 March 26 – vs. Rosman, 4:30pm
 March 28 – vs. Andrews, 4:30pm
 April 9 – vs. Highlands, 4:30pm
 April 11 – vs. Gatlinburg-Pittman, 4:30pm
 April 12 – at Rosman, 4:30pm
 April 16 – vs. Swain, 4:30pm
 April 19 – at Murphy, 4:30pm
 April 23 – at Hayesville, 4:30pm
 April 26 – at Blue Ridge, 4:30pm
 April 30 – vs. Robbinsville, 4:30pm
 May 1 – at Avery County, 4:30pm
 May 3 – vs. Hiwassee Dam, 4:30pm

CMS track

March 11 – at Hayesville
 March 18 – at Robbinsville
 March 25 – home meet
 April 8 – home meet
 April 15 – at Robbinsville
 April 22 – Conference Championship at Murphy

CHS track

March 13 – at Swain
 March 20 – at Murphy
 March 27 – home meet
 April 10 – home meet

April 17 – at Robbinsville
 April 24 – Conference Championship at WCU campus
 April 27 – Conference Championship rain-out date
 May 4 – Regional Meet at Polk County
 May 10 – State Championship at NC A&T

CHS golf

March 12 – at Andrews, 3:30pm
 March 14 – at Rosman, 3:30pm
 March 19 – home match, 3:30pm
 March 21 – at Swain, 3:30pm
 March 26 – at Hayesville, 3:30pm
 March 28 – home match, 3:30pm
 April 9 – at Blue Ridge, 3:30pm
 April 11 – at Highlands, 3:30pm
 April 16 – at Swain, 3:30pm
 April 18 – at Nantahala, 2pm (18 holes)
 April 23 – at Blue Ridge, 2pm (18 holes)
 April 25 – Conference Championship at Rosman, 1pm
 April 29 – Conference Championship 2nd round at Murphy, 1pm
 May 2 – rain date
 May 6 – Regional Match at home
 May 13-14 – State Championship

CHS ladies soccer

Feb. 28 – vs. Mitchell, 5pm
 March 1 – at Smoky Mountain (varsity), 7pm
 March 5 – at Mitchell, 5pm
 March 8 – at Smoky Mountain (JV), 5pm
 March 12 – vs. Tallulah Falls, 4pm
 March 19 – at Tallulah Falls, 4:30pm
 March 21 – vs. Swain, 4:30pm
 March 28 – vs. Haywood Christian, 4:30pm
 April 9 – at Highlands
 April 18 – at Swain, 3:45pm
 April 22 – vs. Highlands
 April 30 – Haywood Christian, 4:30pm
 May 2 – vs. Rabun Gap, 4:30pm
 May 7 – at Rabun Gap, 4:30pm


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Making Valentine's Day wreaths

Tsali Manor is making Valentine's Day Wreaths. These wreaths are made from Styrofoam wreath forms and tissue paper. Happy Valentine's Day from Tsali Manor Sr. Citizens Center. Shown (left-right) standing - Lawanda Jackson, Frances Walkingstick, Barbara Schuessler, Joyce Welch, Judy Smith, Betsy Taylor, Pat Hornbuckle and Bessie Wallace; sitting - Alyne Tooni, Mary Betty Ledford, JoLou Bradley and Lizzie Hull.



Photo courtesy of Alissa Lambert

Parent Night at Dora Reed

Raelyn Strohm, Amanda Strohm, and Darrien Oocumma listen for directions on what they will be doing at the Cookie Sheet Fun station. Dora Reed Tribal Childcare Center hosted a Parent Night where families could enjoy a meal and activities together. There were four different stations for families to visit and create activities to take home: Ziploc Bag Books, Cookie Sheet Fun, Speech & Hearing, and Homemade Games. The Hope Center was invited to present Literacy activities for the families. The Hope Center related they would like to thank Dora Reed for inviting them to present and thanks the families who attended and made the night a fun success.

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News Briefs

BASKETBALL

Lady Braves win big at Murphy, Braves win by one

Cherokee's varsity basketball teams traveled to Murphy on Monday, Feb. 4 and came back with wins. The Lady Braves (18-2) won big 90-42, and the Braves (11-7) edged Murphy 75-74.

Avery Mintz led Cherokee with 21pts followed by Bree Stamper with 18. The Lady Braves put this game away early as they jumped to a 30-7 lead after the first period and led 55-21 at the half. The second half was more of the same as they outscored the Lady Bulldogs 35-21 to take the win by 48pts.

Other Lady Braves scorers included: Deija Burgess 2, Brianna Jumper 1, Le Le Lossiah 4, Alexis Maney 13, Miranda Smith 4, Jordyn Thompson 11 and Kendall Toineeta 16.

Lady Bulldog scorers included: Taryn Blount 2, Hannah Carson 8, Kendra Henry 6, Darian Jones 2, Katie Moss 2, Sarah Nicely 6, Hannah Setzer 5, Etia Sutton 1, Amy Trull 4, Anna Wilson 4 and Ashley Cook 2.

Dustin Johnson led Cherokee with 21pts with Seth Littlejohn close behind with 19. The Braves came out early and led 29-19 after the first period and took a small 44-42 lead into the locker room. Cherokee edged Murphy 16-13 in the third period, and Murphy edged Cherokee 19-15 in the final period, but it wasn't enough for the Bulldogs as the Braves took the one-point win.

Other Braves scorers included: Derrick Ledford 2, Eli Littlejohn 7, Silas Reed-Littlejohn 7, Kennan Panther 4, Darius Thompson 7 and Jesse Toineeta 8.

Murphy scorers included: Trevor Couch 20, Bryan Ferguson 3, Demarcus Hopson 25, Kalin McRae 5, Chris Moore 2, Evan Owens 3, Dylan Owbey 6 and Bradley Puccio 10.

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BASKETBALL

Lady Braves get 19th win, Braves lose squeaker to Highlands

Cherokee's varsity basketball teams split against Highlands on Tuesday, Feb. 5. The Lady Braves improved to 19-2 on the year with an impressive 77-35 win, and the Braves (11-8) lost a squeaker 53-52.

Avery Mintz led the Lady Braves with 21pts followed by Alexis Maney with 18. Cherokee controlled the game from the start and led 23-4 after the first period and 41-15 at halftime. They kept the pressure up in the second half outscoring Highlands 19-6 in the third period and 17-11 in the fourth.

Other Lady Braves scorers included: Kendall Toineeta 10, Jordyn Thompson 8, Bree Stamper 5, Sabrina Wooten 2, Le Le Lossiah 2, Brianna Jumper 2 and Angel Saine 9.

Emily Shuler led Highlands with 12pts. Other Highlands scorers included: Kirstyn Lamb 10, Ashlee Maitland 7, Whitney Billingsley 2 and Rebekah Parks 4.

Dustin Johnson led the Braves with 15pts followed by Seth Littlejohn with 12. This game was up and down the entire time. Cherokee jumped out to a 14-5 lead after the first period, but Highlands came back with a good second period to only trail 23-18 at the half.

Highlands outscored Cherokee 22-14 in the third period to take a 40-37 lead into the final period. The Braves outscored Highlands 15-13 in the fourth, but came up just one point short as Highland's Dustin Moore hit two free throws at the end to seal the win.

Other Braves scorers included: Jesse Toineeta 2, Brandt Sutton 2, Darius Thompson 10, Chris Queen 4 and Eli Littlejohn 7.

Tyler Munger led Highlands with 18pts. Other Highlands scorers included: Taylor Osteen 2, Kennan Lewis 11, Davis Moore 8, Brent Amumdrud 12 and Kyle Gabbard 2.

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Big Y Community Meeting notes, Monday, Feb. 4

- Started 6pm
- Don and 16 members
- Treasurer's Report: Postponed until March

Items:

- Raffle tickets, drawing is Feb. 14
- Over 1,250 sold so far
- 250 Raffle tickets left: \$1 each, 6 for 5\$
- Drawing on Valentines
- Meat will be processed and packaged
- Marie Smith will select the winning ticket
- We successfully conducted our quarterly fire drill
- Alex and Mikki Gilliam -Powertech Home Securities -Part of "Moni-Tronics" (2nd largest Home Security System provider in nation) gave a presentation on affordable home security
- The Women's Wellness Celebration for Big Y will be set up with Tim Smith at the rec center in Big Y for Monday, Feb. 25.

The next Big Y Community meeting will be back on regular schedule, March 11 at 6pm, the second Tuesday of the month.

- Big Y Community Club

Local makes dean's list at High Point

Tyler Bowman, of Cherokee, made the dean's list for the Fall 2012 semester at High Point University. Dean's list students are those who have maintained a 3.5 GPA for the previous semester based on a 4.0 scale.

- High Point University

White House to honor Billy Mills

ALEXANDRIA, VA – The White House has announced that Olympic champion, role model and humanitarian Billy Mills (Oglala Lakota) is going to receive the Presidential Citizens Medal next week. Mills is the

National Spokesperson for Running Strong for American Indian Youth, a non-profit with the mission of strengthening American Indian communities by creating opportunities for self-sufficiency and self-esteem, particularly for native youth.

"I am humbled and honored to be recognized by the President in this extraordinary way," said Mills. "The most powerful thing you can give to a child is a dream. I hope every child in Indian Country knows what is possible if you follow your dream."

The Presidential Citizens Medal is the second highest civilian award in the United States, and is bestowed by the President of the United States. It recognizes individuals "who [have] performed exemplary deeds or services for his or her country or fellow citizens."

Competing as a Marine during the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, Mills stunned the world when he ran a personal best by 46 seconds in the 10,000 meter final. His charge down the final straight-away produced a stunning come-from-behind victory and a new Olympic record. Sometimes called the greatest finish of all time, it is viewable online at <http://youtu.be/uOjOzjPzg-c>.

To this day, Mills remains the only American to win the Gold Medal or be ranked #1 in the world in the 10,000 meters. He eventually set seven US Track & Field records and was co-holder of the six mile world record.

"In Lakota culture, someone who achieves great success has a 'give away' to thank the support system of family and friends who helped him achieve his goal," said Lauren Haas Finkelstein, Running Strong's executive director. "Billy has gone on to turn his life into an extended example of what it means to give back to the community. For decades, as Running Strong's National Spokesperson he has traveled tirelessly to impart his message of inspiration and opportunity, based on dignity, character and pride, to American Indian children and their families."

- Running Strong for American Indian Youth

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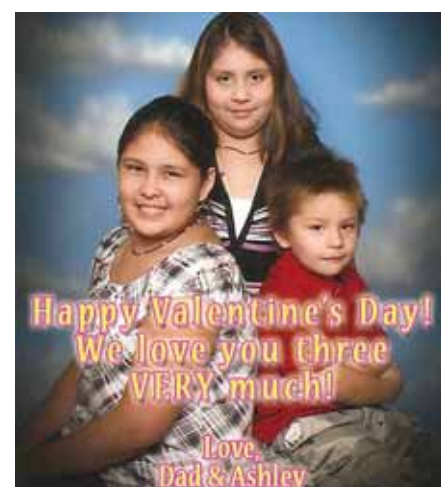
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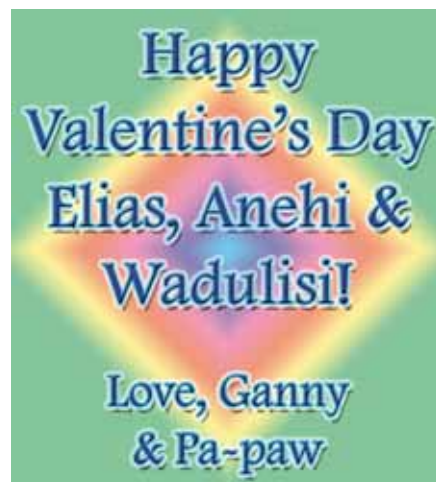
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Tribal Court Report

Judgment Summary for Jan. 22

CROWE, Natasha Denise

14-10.60 Larceny – Prayer for Judgment Continued, not be at Family Dollar Store

CUCUMBER, Bobby Joe

14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Guilty/Responsible, 30 days jail time, \$1000 DARE

DRIVER, Michael Ray

14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree – Dismissed with Leave to Refile

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14-40.57 Assault on a Child (DV) – Dismissed with Leave to Refile

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14-50.56 Assault on a Female (DV) – Dismissed with Leave to Refile

Judgment Summary for Jan. 30

BIRD, James Aaron

14-10.64 Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle – Dismissed

14-40.56 Assault on a Female – Dismissed

14-10.60 Larceny – Dismissed

BRADY, David Samuel

14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property – Dismissed at Complainant's Request

14-10.60 Larceny – Dismissed at Complainant's Request

DUGAN, Jennifer Dawn

14-10.60 Larceny – Dismissed with Leave to Refile

14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree – Dismissed with Leave to Refile

14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV and V – Dismissed with Leave to Refile

14-10.64 Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle – Dismissed with Leave to Refile

14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Dismissed with Leave to Refile

EVERHART II, Scott

14-25.12 Disorderly Conduct – Dismissed, Settled in Mediation

FRANKIEWICZ, Myka Ann

14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Guilty Plea stayed, 365 days jail time, Judgment stayed upon completion of 0 to 3, \$500 fine

14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV and V – Dismissed on Plea

14-95.6(b) Drugs: Manufacturing, Selling or Delivering, Possessing with intent to sell or deliver schedule I, II, III, IV and V – Dismissed on Plea

HUSKEY, Frieda Kaye

14-40.62(a)(1) Simple Assault – Dismissed

LONG, Henry

14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance – Prayer for Judgment Continued

MATHIS, Stephen Ashley

14-5.3 Telephone Harassment – Dismissed on Plea

14-5.2 Communicating Threats – Dismissed on Plea

14-5.3 Telephone Harassment – Guilty Plea, 30 days jail time suspended, unsupervised probation, \$100 fine, \$190 court costs

OOCUMMA, Randall David

14-40.56 Assault on a Female (DV) – Dismissed, 180 days active jail time, stay judgment, \$100 fine, \$190 court costs

OWLE, Christina Lynn

14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV and V – Guilty Plea, 30 days jail time suspended, one year probation, 24 hours community service, \$100 fine, \$190 court costs, \$1000 DARE

14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Dismissed on Plea

RAYA, Michael

14-5.3 Telephone Harassment – Dismissed, Settled in Mediation

14-5.2 Communicating Threats – Dismissed, Settled in Mediation

REED, JR., Charles Fredrick

14-5.2 Communicating Threats – Dismissed

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SMITH II, Gregory Lillis

14-60.4 Fraudulent Use of Credit, Debit or Bank Card – Dismissed, Settled in Mediation

SOLIS, Serafin M.

14-5.2 Communicating Threats – Dismissed on Plea

14-40.56 Assault on a Female – Guilty Plea, 60 days jail time suspended, one year unsupervised probation, all fines and costs waived

SWAYNEY, Kevin Dean

14-10.13 Injuring Public Property – Dismissed on Plea

14-10.11 Injuring Real Property – Guilty Plea, 60 days jail time suspended, 18 months probation, \$860 restitution ordered

14-10.9 Criminal Mischief – Guilty Plea, 60 days jail time suspended, 18 months probation, \$860 restitution ordered

TAYLOR, Talia

14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass – Guilty Plea, credit for time served (66 days), stay away from Mountain Energy, \$100 restitution ordered

14-60.30 False Pretenses – Guilty Plea, credit for time served (66 days), \$100 restitution ordered

14-2.2 Criminal Conspiracy – Dismissed on Plea

14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass – Dismissed on Plea

14-10.31 Robbery – Dismissed on Plea

TOINEETA, Jennifer Dawn

20-28 Revoked Driver's License – Dismissed with Leave to Refile

TOLLEY, Lawrence Allen

14-5.2 Communicating Threats – Dismissed on Plea

14-40.51(c) Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer – Guilty Plea, 30 days active jail time, credit for time served (21 days)

14-70.19 Resisting Lawful Arrest – Dismissed on Plea

WATTY, Joseph Michael

14-95.5(c) Drugs: Simple Possession of Marijuana – Dismissed on Plea

14-10.13 Injuring Public Property – Dismissed on Plea

14-25.12 Disorderly Conduct – Dismissed on Plea

14-10.9 Criminal Mischief – Guilty Plea, 60 days jail time suspended, 18 months probation, \$860 restitution ordered, all fines and costs waived

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EBCI Health & Medical Division Report

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! Alarmingly, 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 and flossing habits.
- Schedule regular dental visits.

- American Dental Association

Analenisig provides DWI/ADETS services

As a North Carolina State Certified Agency, Analenisig provided DWI/ADETS services to both EBCI tribal members as well as non-enrolled members. DWI class hours vary, but are provided on a regular basis. The assessment and groups must be facilitated by a certified DWI provider. Jan Lambert, LCSW, LCAS, CSI coordinates and facilitates the DWI Program.

In North Carolina, people convicted of DWI must get a substance abuse assessment. Then they must complete either an education or treatment program. The Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services oversee this process.

To get your driver's license re-instated after it is revoked because of a DWI, you must have completed a Substance Abuse Assessment and completed whatever steps recommended by the assessment. Assessments must follow American Society of Addiction Medicine criteria (ASAM).

All assessments must be conducted in person by a qualified or certified substance abuse professional. That person should see you and test you. You are required to bring your court papers (including your judgment sheet, ticket, BAC ticket) to the assessment. The assessor must have a copy of your updated, "Complete Driving History" from DMV.

- Analenisig

Dialysis Support Group releases education video

The Cherokee Dialysis Support Group has announced the completion and release of a new educational video/documentary called "Intro to Dialysis". The idea of making this DVD for dialysis patients came from local Cherokee resident Sam Otter. The DVD, produced and made by Raven's Eye Media, spotlights the 7 Clans Dialysis Center staff located in Birdtown on the Qualla Boundary and several dialysis patients, including Otter, giv-

ing informative interviews regarding the dialysis process.

Otter, Jim Driver, and Sally Sampson, all dialysis patients, give first-hand accounts of their dialysis treatment and what procedures new dialysis patients can expect. This DVD can also be used not only for new dialysis patients but for anyone who would like to learn about dialysis treatment. Raising awareness of dialysis treatment hopefully, will eliminate some of the confusion for dialysis patients and their family members.

Otter stated, "I started my dialysis treatment without knowing what to expect, I wish I had this DVD to watch when I began my treatment".

This video was made possible from the money raised at the Mother's Day 5K and silent auction held with the help of Cherokee Choices Diabetes Prevention Program. If you have any questions about dialysis treatment, please call the 7 Clans Dialysis Center 497-6866.

- Cherokee Dialysis Support group

President's Day Holiday

Due to the President's Day Holiday on Monday, Feb. 18, the deadline for the Feb. 21 issue of the One Feather will be Friday, Feb. 15 at 12noon.

CES students participate in Regional Science Fair

Cherokee Elementary School took seven students to the 2013 NC Science and Engineering Regional Science Fair on Tuesday, Feb. 5 hosted by Western Carolina University. A total of 16 counties sent students to the Regionals.

Of the seven students from CES that competed, two received honorable mentions and an invitation to compete in the State Finals in Raleigh including Hallah Panther and Maya Cruz. Other students participating included: Lauren Luther, Kalista Luther, Caden Pheasant, Rocky Peebles, and Zoey Walkingstick.

Fifty students were represented from the Western NC Region, and eight were chosen to compete at the State Science Fair. Of those eight, four students were from Cherokee (two from CES and two from the Kituwah Academy). The State Science Fair will be held at Meredith College in Raleigh on March 15-16.

- Cherokee Elementary School

Obituaries

Jeremiah "Hank" Littlejohn

Jeremiah "Hank" Littlejohn, 59, of the Wolfstown community in Cherokee, NC went to be with the Lord on Monday, Feb. 4, 2013. He joins his sister Jessie Ann Littlejohn, father Jesse Littlejohn and mother Alice Toineeta Littlejohn and other loved family members in Heaven.

He was an avid sports fan of the Atlanta Falcons and the Cherokee Braves. He attended the Cherokee Church of God his entire life and retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Survey Department after 38 years. He was a present employee of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians Facilities Management.

Hank is survived by his wife of 40 1/2 years, Deborah Owl Littlejohn; sons, Mark Littlejohn, Jeremiah Littlejohn, Jr., Josh Littlejohn and Duck Lossiah all of Cherokee; one daughter, Charity Littlejohn of Asheville; special to him were his Children's partners, Winnie Jumper, Artith Parton, Sis Fourkiller, Beth McCoy and Michael Brown.

He was a loving and proud Grandfather to 17 Grandchildren and loved many Nieces and Nephews and Cousins. Special to him were his remaining sister Shirley Crow and brother Leroy Littlejohn.

A visitation and funeral was held at the Cherokee Church of God in Cherokee starting at 4pm on Wednesday, Feb. 6. Hank remained at the church until the service hour of 2pm on Thursday, Feb. 7. The service was officiated by Pastor Charles Griffin. An immediate burial followed in the Church of God Cemetery with the Pall Bearers being Jason Littlejohn, Joseph "Jobie" Littlejohn, Justice Littlejohn, Aaron Owle, Joel Daniel Crowe, Jarrett Crowe and Derrick Ledford with Honorary Pall Bearers being Bailey Littlejohn and Davis Littlejohn.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Family with the arrangements.

Jones-Bowman Leadership Program seeks nominations

The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program is recruiting undergraduate college students who are EBCI tribal members to participate in its 2013-14 program. Students must be nominated by a community member, and the deadline for nominations is May 6 by 5p.m.

The program gives them opportunities to develop strong leadership abilities and serve successfully in leadership roles. With the help of mentors, participants develop individual leadership plans, volunteer in their communities and complete a group service project during a year-long fellowship.

If you know of a college undergraduate student who would be a good candidate for this program, please obtain a nomination form at www.cpdfn.org/jonesbowman.html or at the Cherokee Preservation Foundation office at 71 John Crowe Hill Rd.

The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award was established in 2007 to honor the memories and leadership of Principal Chief Leon Jones and Mr. James Bowman, founding members of the Board of Directors of the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. Individual learning plans of the Fellows are funded by Cherokee Preservation Foundation and other contributors.

Jones-Bowman Fellows enjoy the following benefits by participating in the program:

- They participate in unique opportunities that will help them develop their leadership skills.
- They become involved in their community and culture.
- They meet other students interested in becoming leaders within the Cherokee community.
- They receive funding to take advantage of leadership opportunities.
- They receive guidance from outstanding mentors.

Info: Alicia Jacobs at 828/497-5550.

- Cherokee Preservation Foundation



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Cherokee Central Schools Report

Carnes appointed as interim CMS principal

Cherokee Central Schools has announced the appointment of Cance Carnes to the position of interim principal of Cherokee Middle School. Carnes will serve as interim principal until the end of the current school year. He was chosen from a field of three internal candidates and has already settled into the day-to-day duties of the principal.

Carnes was the Cherokee Elementary Assistant Principal before deciding to apply for the interim position. He is knowledgeable of the Cherokee Community and has experience in student discipline and staff development. Carnes has all the qualifications that the school and community would like to see in a principal, and the current staff and students have welcomed him to the school.

Carnes has degrees including Bachelor of Science in Education, Masters of the Arts in Science Education, an Education Specialist Degree in Administration. He also has certification to teach Physical Science, Chemistry, Physics, Principles

of Technology and Computer Engineering

Carnes will be assisted by Joel Creasman whose teaching schedule was arranged to help develop future leaders in administration at Cherokee Schools. Creasman has worked at Cherokee Middle School for the past four years. While working at Cherokee Middle School, Creasman has served on the School Improvement Team, the Leadership Team, and Crisis Management Team. Creasman related he enjoys working at Cherokee Middle School and looks forward to working with Mr. Carnes and continuing to work with fellow teachers.

"With the possibility to increase leadership capacity and to create opportunities for staff members to have experience in administrative roles, this is an exciting move for Cherokee Central Schools," said Cherokee Central Schools officials. "We look forward to seeing how this develops our capacity."

"Cance replaces Rebecca Ensley who has chosen to take a position in



Cance Carnes (right), shown with Joel Creasman, CMS admin. Support, has been named the interim principal at Cherokee Middle School.

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the Jackson County School District, which allows her to be closer to her family. Rebecca did a good job for us and we are thankful for her 10 years

of service to Cherokee schools."

- Cherokee Central Schools



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School counselors honored

Cherokee Central Schools Administration honored school counselors Ed Peavler, Nina Yeargin, Lucky Hodges, Deb Lambert, Ellen Crowe (not pictured), and school social worker Lisa Cucumber in honor of School Counselors Appreciation Week. A special lunch was held at Central Office on behalf of all the counselors and to honor their hard work and dedication they contribute to the Cherokee central school system.

Opinions and Letters

WORD LIMIT FOR LETTERS IS 250 WORDS



Pick a Corner

Dear Dr. Per Cap:

I'm worried about my finances. I can't keep track of monthly bills, and I never know how much I have in my bank account. I owe a lot on my credit cards and just can't keep up. I make a good salary and have a per-capita payment that helps, but I'm still in debt. I keep trying to get organized but it is too much. What should I do?

Signed,
Too Much

Dear Too Much:

When I was a kid I kept all of my toys in the

basement. I had shelves and a couple of toy boxes for storage, but sooner or later they'd all wind up on the floor. Let's face it; taking toys out is a lot more fun than putting them away. Eventually I'd have to wade through a sea of action figures, Hot Wheels cars, plastic army men and Legos, which was no easy task for an eight-year-old. I still remember the advice my older sister gave me one afternoon when a pile of toys stretched across the entire basement floor: "Just pick a corner and get started. If you break the mess down into smaller pieces, it'll be a whole lot easier." It was.

The same logic applies to taking control of your finances. It's not uncommon to feel overwhelmed with paying rent, balancing the checkbook, planning a budget, paying off the credit card, and checking credit reports. Where's a person supposed to start? If you feel like you're in so deep with your finances that it's not even worth trying, it's time to pick a corner.

Drawing up a monthly budget can be a real chore, and sticking to one can be even harder. So why not try a simpler approach? Using a pocket-sized notebook, write down all of your expenses for one week. Fill up the gas tank, write it down. Pay the cell phone bill, write it down. Frybread sale at lunch, you got it! Write down every dime you spend from Sunday through Saturday and then add it all up. Adjusting to a budget can be a

challenge, especially if you've never used one before. So this is a way to ease into it without biting off more than you can chew, just like you would if you were to go on a diet or start a new workout program. You wouldn't dream of running 10 miles on your first day, would you?

I promise that by taking this first simple step, you'll learn something new about yourself and your spending habits – like how fast those Big Gulps add up! But seriously, try this for a week or even a month before tackling a full-on budget or spending plan. You'll be used to keeping track of expenses by that time, and won't feel so overwhelmed by the extra responsibility. In fact you might even wonder how you ever managed to get along before.

Ask Dr. Per Cap is a program funded by First Nations Development Institute with assistance from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. For more information, visit www.firstnations.org. To send a question to Dr. Per Cap, email askdrpercap@firstnations.org.

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Correction

An error occurred in the Jan. 31 issue of the *One Feather* in an article entitled "Right Path visits Kituwah Academy". A person in the article identified as Nikki Nations should have read Nikki "Feather" Crisp. "Juanita Wilson, Right Path Program manager, made the error and appreciates the *One Feather* putting in a correction on her behalf," said Wilson.

Thank you

The family of John Daniel Smith, Sr. would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who called, prepared food, sent flowers, sang or simply kept us in your thoughts and prayers during our time of loss. We extend a special thank you to the Yellowhill Baptist Church and Pastor Forman Bradley for your hospitality. To the women of the Yellowhill Baptist Church, thank you for preparing meals for the family; your generosity was greatly appreciated. To the Yel-

lowhill, Rock Springs and Wrights Creek church choirs, thank you for your gift of song. A special thank you to Nonnie Crowe, Melvin and Zena Wolfe and John Wilbur Smith. Our heartfelt thanks go to Will Tushka, David Huskey, Moe Davis, Jorge Welch and Robbie Craig for bearing the weather and providing your services. Thank you Mike and Alex Crisp, and Nathan and Christopher Ledford of Crisp Funeral home for providing the service and assisting the family with arrangements.

Thank you,
The Smith Family

Thank you

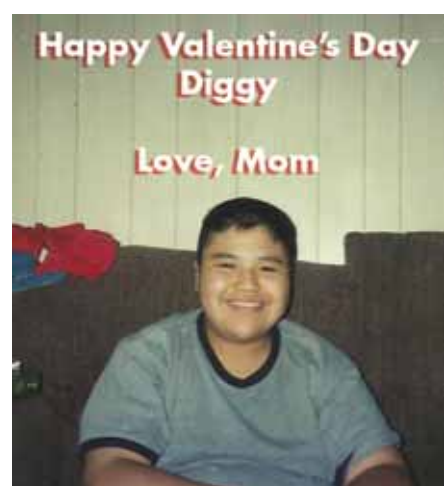
The family of Fran Larch would like to express a heartfelt thank you to those who took care of our daddy and those who were there for us. We want to first thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for salvation. We would like to thank the staff at Tsali Care Center, Cherokee ER, Cherokee

EMS, and Harris Regional Hospital. Thanks also to our family Farrell Oocumma, Wesley Mashburn, Jessica Jumper, Neil and Julie Ferguson, Chris Larch, Rocky Larch, Danny Larch, Lillie Larch, David and Iva Mills, John and Donna Long, Jamey and Angie Long, Terri Long, Sarah Larch, Karen Larch and Ina Ustich. Thanks so much to Bethabara Baptist Church, Eddie Sherrill, Ray Kinsland, Aaron Smiley, Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143, the Old Antioch Church singers, the Long family, Lane Smoker and family, Rock Springs Baptist Church, Yellowhill Baptist Church, Long House Funeral Home, and Tribal Construction Program. Thanks also to Mary Hornbuckle, Dinah Harry, Lou Johnson, Harold Kindle, Betty Moreland, Charlene Frizzell, and Kim Cochran-Lossie. You all were a God send during our loss. We are so thankful for the kindness and prayers during this difficult time. We apologize if we left any names out. We thank God for each one you.

God bless from the daughters of Fran Larch,

**Tina Larch-Oocumma and
Stephany Larch**

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**Fredrick Jackson
Bradley,**
Thanks for many
years of
happiness being
beside you for
many years.
Happy Valentine's and many more.
Love, Danny Ellis

Park offers reward for information on vandalism

Great Smoky Mountains National Park visitors reported on Thursday, Jan. 31 the defacement of natural stone features and masonry stone walls at the Sinks. The Sinks is a popular roadside waterfall located on Little River Road between Metcalf Bottoms Picnic Area and the Townsend Wye. Vandalism spray painted pictures and profanity along the walkways, stone walls, and natural rock throughout the area.

"This was not a minor act of tagging by someone with a can of spray paint," said Chief Ranger Clay Jordan. "The amount of damage maliciously caused to this beautiful setting is disheartening."

As such, Jordan announced that the Park is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individuals responsible for this vandalism. Rangers report that the graffiti includes references to "Wolfgang" and "Lumberjack".

In 2010, the Park renovated the Sinks parking area including the construction of new stone masonry retaining walls, cut-stone walkways, and a new overlook area with a masonry wall and handrail so that all visitors, including the disabled, are able to safely view the waterfall and rapids. The Sinks is a popular destination for visitors throughout the year who stop to view the 15-foot cascade. Park employees spent sev-



Great Smoky Mountains National Park visitors reported on Thursday, Jan. 31 the defacement of natural stone features (photo below) and masonry stone walls (photo above) at the Sinks.

NPS photo

eral hours removing the offensive language and images using a variety of techniques to remove the paint without causing further resource damage.

It is unlawful to disturb or deface natural and historic resources within the Park. Perpetrators may be sentenced up to 6 months in jail and or fined up to \$5,000. Anyone with information as to the possible identity of the vandals is encouraged to call the tip hotline at 865-436-1580.

- NPS



Park roads, trail suffer flood damage

Great Smoky Mountains National Park suffered significant damage to park roads and trails following a flood event last week resulting in the temporary closure of sections of gravel roads within several popular areas. Closed areas include Greenbrier Road past the Greenbrier Ranger Station, Cataloochee Road past Palmer Chapel, and Parson's Branch Road.

During the rain event on

Wednesday, Jan. 30, the Park received over four inches of rain in 24 hours resulting in flooding of streams throughout the park which were already swollen from higher than normal precipitation throughout January. Average rainfall during January across the Park averages 5-7 inches of rain, but the Park received 14-17 inches of rain this January.

The gravel roads in Greenbrier,

Cataloochee, and Parson's Branch were washed out exposing underlying rock and culverts. Park crews are assessing the damage and estimate that repairs will be completed by the end of March. In addition to replacing culverts, roads will need to be graveled and re-graded.

High waters also destroyed the pedestrian bridge across Walker Camp Prong along the popular Chimney Tops Trail. The 70-foot

long pedestrian bridge, originally built in the late 1950s, will have to be entirely replaced to allow trail access. Trail crews are assessing bridge replacement options and do not yet have a date estimate for completion.

For more information about road closures, please visit the Park's website at www.nps.gov/grsm and or call the Park's Road and Weather Information Line at 865-436-1200.

- NPS

Miss Cherokee Report for December – February

By **KARYL FRANKIEWICZ**
MISS CHEROKEE 2012

Si-yo! I hope everyone celebrated New Year's and plan to spend Valentine's Day with your loved ones. In December, I took part in Christmas parades and during January I got ready for USET (United Southern and Eastern Tribe) which took place the first week of February.

On Dec. 1, I took part in the Christmas parade in Cherokee. The Monday after, I traveled to Waynesville to ride in their Christmas parade.

On Dec. 7, I went to the Cherokee high school to watch and take part in Elders Day. Shortly after, I went to the Christmas Bazaar and saw some amazing craftwork. That night I headed straight back to the high school to be part of another amazing event, the renaming of the high school arena to Charles George Memorial arena.

The next day, Dec. 8, was the Christmas parade in Bryson City. I rode in that parade with Teen Miss Cherokee Bradley Welch, Junior Miss Cherokee Aliyah Bigmeat, and Little Miss Cherokee Marcela Garcia.

On Dec. 21, I traveled to the Seven Clans Dialysis center to hand out Christmas cards and talk to some patients.

On Dec. 27, I took part in the candlelight vigil at the Charles George Memorial arena in honor of the victims of Sandy Hook Elementary school.

I would like to thank Laura Pin-nix for inviting me to the Cherokee High School to celebrate our elders who have so much to teach us. Thank you Bill Underwood for allowing me to participate in the renaming of the arena. I want to thank Jan Walkingstick for inviting me to the Christmas Bazaar.

I apologize to the patients at the Dialysis Center because on Dec. 22 I was not able to see them. I had come down with laryngitis. I also would like to make a big acknowledgement to my Royalty Board for decorating

the convertible for me to ride in the Christmas parades. You all did a fantastic job.

I was included in the opening ceremony at USET in Washington D.C. with 26 other tribes on Feb. 4. Teen Miss Cherokee Bradley Welch said the invocation during the ceremony. I had the privilege of meeting two amazing ladies; Miss Florida Seminole Alexis Aguilar and Miss Coushatta Hannah Jane Nichols.

Later that afternoon, I spent time with the Close-Up Students while they presented the projects of concerns they want to see changed in their tribe. After that, we participated in a round dance to bring all the tribes together.

The next day, I traveled to Capitol Hill to meet congressmen to discuss issues on our land. I met Mark Meadows (R-NC), Patrick McHenry (R-NC), and Tom Cole (R-OK) to name a few, with whom I became acquainted. Later, I went with the Tribal Council and the Close-Up Students to dinner to celebrate our accomplishments. Also, I had the privilege of meeting Pat Parker who is part of the National Park Service to discuss the issues on an alternative route for the Cherokee High School.

I'd like to thank Jeremy Hyatt for setting up the itinerary for me to visit Capitol Hill. Thank you to Candy and Albert Martin for taking me sightseeing. Council members: Birdtown Rep. Tunnie Crowe, Chairman Jim Owle, Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell, Big Cove Rep. Bo Taylor, Painttown Rep. Terry Henry, Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha, and Vice Chairman Bill Taylor; thank you for spending time with us and taking us to dinner.

Thank you Wilson Pipestem and Paxton Meyers, for showing me around Capital Hill. You made this an exciting and learning experience for me.

If you would like to invite me to an upcoming event, feel free to contact my coordinator Jean Bushyhead at hbbadjean@gmail.com.



Photos courtesy of Miss Cherokee Karyl Frankiewicz
Miss Cherokee 2012 Karyl Frankiewicz (2nd from left) attended the recent USET Impact meeting in Washington, D.C. Here, she is shown with Chairman Jim Owle, Congressman Mark Meadows (R-NC) and Birdtown Rep. Tunnie Crowe.



Miss Cherokee 2012 rides in the 2012 Christmas Parade in Bryson City.



Cherokee Center Report

Roseanna Belt, director | rbelt@wcu.edu | 828-497-7920

cherokeecenter.wcu.edu

GWY JESCTDY DBP

Recruiting is underway for this summer's MedCat (Medical Careers and Technology) Academy, held annually at Wake Forest University. Applications are due April 5. The academy will be held July 14-18. Recruitment contacts include: Dr. Lisa Lefler, director of Culturally-based Native Health at WCU, College of Health and Human Sciences, (828) 227-2164 and Roseanna Belt, director of the WCU Cherokee Center at 1594 Acquoni Road in Cherokee, 497-7920. School contacts include HOSA teachers at the following high schools: Andrews, Cherokee, Murphy, Robbinsville, Smokey Mountain and Swain. All schools have had student participation in years

past.

MedCat will host 30 Cherokee and Appalachian high school students. The week long enrichment seminar gives these students the opportunity to experience life in a university setting. A university experience is especially valuable if a student is the first in their family to attend college. Students and teachers will reside in dormitories, eat in the cafeteria and study in the library and medical laboratories. Students will learn to thrive in a university environment with the support of their friends and trusted teachers. Each day, students will attempt to solve a real world problem, health related, and then meet with Wake Forest

faculty who specialize in the topic area. MedCat is designed to encourage and support students from Western North Carolina to engage and pursue studies leading to a career in a health-related field. Collaborators of this outstanding opportunity include: The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Western Carolina University, Wake Forest University, the Center for Excellence in Research, Teaching and Learning, the Northwest Area Health Education Center, the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity at the Wake Forest School of Medicine, and the Center for Native Health. Contact Lisa or Roseanna or you HOSA teacher at your school.



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Cherokee Boys Club Report

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CLUB SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Feb. 13 – Board Resolution Deadline – 8:30 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 15 – School Early Release – Sacred Path – 1:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 18 – Presidents' Day – Club, School and Tribal Holiday

Wednesday, Feb. 20 – Board of Directors Meeting – 8:30 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 25 – School Make-up Day

NANCY "JIM" TAYLOR RETIRES FROM BOYS CLUB

Nancy Taylor retired from the Boys Club after over 25 years of dedicated and loyal service. A retirement luncheon was held for Nancy Thursday at the Chestnut Tree Inn. Many friends, family members and co-workers were on hand to honor Nancy with kind words, shared memories and amusing anecdotes of her years as a Club employee and personal life experiences. We wish Nancy Jim the best of luck for a happy and well-deserved retirement.



CBC photo

Nancy "Jim" Taylor (center) was honored at a retirement dinner last week. She is shown here with her daughter, Kitty Taylor, and husband, Mernie Taylor.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The Boys Club's staff extends its sincere sympathy to the friends and family of Linda Wiggins who passed away Monday, Feb. 11. Linda was

the aunt of Vickie McCoy in the Club's Administration Department and also the aunt of Chad Carver in the Club's Construction and Facilities Department. Please keep this

family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

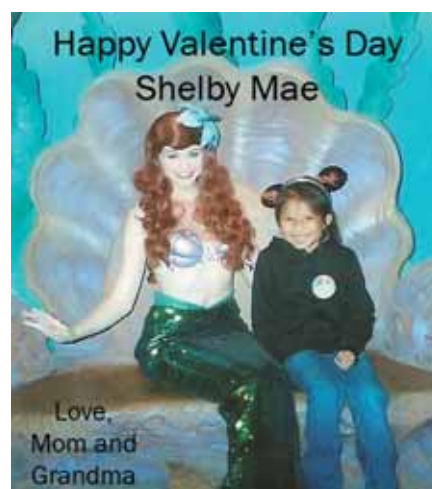
BOYS CLUB SHOP AND CBC PRINTING

The Boys Club Shop and CBC Printing are departments of the Boys Club and can provide services to the community. The Shop provides tire and repair service as well as being a NC Vehicle Inspection station. The Shop also has a body shop that provides body repair and paint service to Club, Tribal and private vehicles. For additional information, call Donnie Owle at 497-9101.

CBC Printing is open to the public for their printing and graphics needs in addition to providing commercial service to local businesses. For additional information, call Trista Welch at 497-5510.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

The Boys Club wishes everyone a Happy Valentine's Day!



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Cherokee Announcements

TIDBITS AFFECTING EBCI TRIBAL MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY

Car seat distribution schedule

Healthy Cherokee is now making appointments for car seat distribution as follows: Mondays 1-4pm ; Tuesdays 8-11:30am; Thursdays 8-11:30am; and Fridays 1-4pm
- **Healthy Cherokee**

Cash for ramps

EBCI Fairgrounds will buy 70 gallons of ramps for the Rainbows and Ramps Festival in March. EBCI tribal members are invited to sell your ramps on Monday, March 25 at 9am at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall (enter at side door). There is a three-gallon limit per adult (must be 18+ years of age). \$40 per "packed" gallon for all white and \$30 per "packed" gallon for green (no more than 2" of green). After the quota is met, the Exhibit Hall porch will be available to sellers until 12pm to sell any remaining ramps. No frozen ramps will be accepted. Info: Frieda Huskey 554-6492 or Josie Long 554-6491.

- **EBCI Fairgrounds**

Per capita notice

To be considered for the June 2013 per capita distribution, completed enrollment applications for NEW APPLICANTS must be submitted to the Enrollment Office by 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 15. Enrollment applications received after this date will not be considered for the June 2013 distribution.

An application will only be considered complete with a COUNTY certified birth certificate, certified DNA results, and certification of any other Indian blood. To schedule an appointment for DNA collection, please call Michelle Maness at 828-554-6463. Out-of-town applicants may contact Christina Bowlin at (855) 295-4372 to schedule an appointment in your area. The following dates are available at the Enrollment Office in February: Friday, Feb. 15; Tuesday, Feb. 19; Friday, Feb. 22; Tuesday, Feb. 26; Friday, March 1 – Last day to meet March 15 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. Please call the Enrollment Office at (828) 554-6467, 554-6465 or 554-6466 if you

have any questions.

- **EBCI Enrollment Office**

DNA testing schedule for February

The last day to be DNA tested to meet the March 15 deadline for Tribal Enrollment will be March 1.

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

- Friday, Feb. 15
- Tuesday, Feb. 19
- Friday, Feb. 22
- Tuesday, Feb. 26
- Friday, March 1

The local collection site is at the EBCI Tribal Enrollment office located at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. Appointments will be scheduled by the staff of 1 Family Services from 9-11:30am and 1-3:30pm. To schedule an appointment at the local collection site, contact Michelle at Tribal Enrollment 554-6463. To schedule an out-of-town appointment, please contact Amber Wilson, toll free (855) 295-4372. All DNA questions should be directed to the 1 Family Service staff.

- **EBCI Enrollment Office**

Family Support coordinates Food Pantry

Providing help to the communities has been a tradition for years in Cherokee. Occasionally, some families may face a crisis or emergency situation and need help. A way for these families to get help to feed or clothe their families is through donations or a food pantry.

The Family Support team at the Cherokee Tribal Childcare Services Dora Reed Center is coordinating a Food Pantry to help with emergency situations that may arise. They are requesting donations of basic food items such as canned foods, rice, beans, flour, sugar, crackers, cookies, cereal, pasta, and cake mixes, etc. Paper goods such as toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates and cups would be greatly appreciated. Info: Family Support staff 554-6592

- **Pat Swayney,**

Dora Reed Center literacy coordinator

Girl Scout cookie booth schedule for Cherokee

Feb. 15 – Mountain Credit Union, Troop 1811
Feb. 16 - Cherokee Food Lion, Junior Troop 30341
Feb. 22 – Mountain Credit Union, Troop 30455

Feb. 23 – Cherokee Food Lion, Troop 1811

- **Girl Scouts**

Prenatal program taking applications

The Dora Reed Tribal Child Care is currently taking applications for their prenatal program. The prenatal program is available to pregnant teens, first time parents and low income expectant mothers. This service uses a curriculum that is geared toward first time pregnancies and taught on a monthly basis. Second time mothers will be re-evaluated according to the need/risk. If you are interested you can pick up an application at the Dora Reed Center. Info: Raquel Youngbird, prenatal coordinator, 554-6592

- **Dora Reed Tribal Child Care Center**

Girl Scout cookie booth schedule for Cherokee

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Feb. 22 – Mountain Credit Union, Troop 30455
Feb. 23 – Cherokee Food Lion, Troop 1811
Entire month of February (Tuesday - Saturday from 9am - 5pm) - Crowe's Barber Shop

- **Girl Scouts**

Supplies needed for Cherokee Historical Association

Cherokee Historical Association (CHA) is in need of mulch or wood chips for their garden trails as well as locust poles or trees for handrails and stockade. They need 6-8" poles and can cut them if necessary. If you know of anyone or a company that may have these materials, please contact Chris 497-2111. "Your donation is greatly appreciated," CHA officials stated.

- **CHA**

President's Day Holiday
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Cherokee Churches

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Acquoni Baptist Church. 722 Acquoni Road. 497-7106. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Morning Worship 11am. Sunday Choir Practice 6pm. Sunday Evening Worship 7pm. Monday Visitation and Singing 6pm. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6pm.

Pastor Ed Kilgore 497-6521 (h)

Antioch Baptist Church. Coopers Creek Road. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Service 11am. Sunday Night Service 6pm. Wednesday Night Bible Study 7pm. Pastor Danny Lambert

Beacon of Hope Baptist Church. Sunday Worship 11am. Wednesday Service 7pm. Pastor Wesley Stephens (828) 226-4491

Bethabara Baptist Church. 1088 Birdtown Road. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Service 11am and 7pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Youth Meeting Wednesday 7pm. Pastor Eddie Sherrill 497-7770

Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church. 6183 Big Cove Road. Sunday School 10am with a Cherokee Language class for adults. Sunday

Morning Worship 11am. Sunday Evening Worship 6pm. Wednesday Prayer Service 7pm. Monthly Business Meeting is first Wednesday 7pm. Pastor James "Bo" Parris 497-4141

Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church.

7710 Big Cove Road. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Worship Service 11am. Wednesday Night Service 7pm. Pastor Doris McMillan 497-4220

Calico Church of Christ. Big Cove Community. Contact information Sallie Bradley 497-6549

Cherokee Baptist Church. 812 Tsalagi Road. Sunday School 9:45am. Sunday Worship 11am. Sunday Evening Worship 6pm. Youth Classes Wednesday 6:30pm. Wednesday Worship 6:30pm. Supper is provided at 5:30 each Wednesday evening in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Percy Cunningham 497-2761, 497-3799 (fax)

Cherokee Bible Church. Olivet Church Road. Sunday Service 10am. Wednesday Service 7pm. Pastor Randy Miller 497-2286

Cherokee Church of Christ. 2350 Old Mission Road and Hwy. 19. Sunday Bible Study 10am. Sunday Worship 11am. Sunday Evening Worship 6pm. Wednesday Bible Study 6pm. Minister Jim Sexton 497-3334

Cherokee Church of God. 21 Church of God Drive. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Worship Service 11am. Sunday Night Service 6pm. Wednesday Night Service 7pm. Pastor Charles Griffin (828) 400-9753

Cherokee Church of the Nazarene. 72 Old School Loop off Big Cove Road. Sunday Morning Service 11am. Continental Breakfast served Sunday 10:30am. Sunday Evening Prayer Service 6pm. Wednesday Bible Study 7pm. Food and Clothing Ministry M-Th 4-8pm. Pastors Lester and Lisa Hardesty 497-2819

Cherokee Healing Waters Mission. New Hours Tuesday night Bible Study 7pm, Pastor Tony Bernhisel 497-2122, Tony11110@frontier.com

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Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church. 135 Long Branch Road. Wednesday night, 7pm; Sunday school, 10am; Sunday worship service, 11am; Sunday night service, 6pm., Pastor Donald Ensley 497-5829

Cherokee United Methodist Church. Hwy 19 – Soco Road. Sunday Worship Service 11am. Wednesday night family night starting with dinner at 6pm then Bible classes for all ages. Pastor John Ferree (336) 309-1016, www.cherokeemission.org

Cherokee Wesleyan Church. Hwy 19 across from Happy Holiday Campground. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Worship 11am, followed by Fellowship Dinner second Sunday of each month. Sunday Evening Kids Club 5pm. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm (except third Wednesday of Month at Tsali Care 6:30pm). Rev. Patricia Crockett 586-5453

Christ Fellowship Church. Great Smokies Center. Sunday Service 11am. Wednesday Service 6:30pm. Pastor Richard Sneed 736-8912

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Hwy 441S. Sacrament Service 10am. Wednesday Meetings 6:30pm. 497-7651

Ela Missionary Baptist Church. Hwy 19 South. Sunday school 10am, Sunday worship 11am, Sunday evening worship 7pm, Wednesday evening worship 7pm. All visitors welcome. Pastor Larry W. Foster

Goose Creek Baptist Church. Sunday School – 10am, Sunday Worship Service 11am, Sunday Evening Services 6pm. Pastor – Bro. James Gunter

Living Waters Lutheran Church. 30 Locust Road. Sunday Service 11am. Pastor Jack Russell

497-3730, prjack@frontier.com, lwcherokee@frontier.com

Macedonia Baptist Church. 1181 Wolfstown Rd. Sunday School 10am, Sunday Morning Worship 11am, Sunday Evening Worship 6pm, Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7pm. Pastor Bro. Dan Conseen, 828-508-2629 dconseen@gmail.com

Olivet United Methodist Church. 811 Olivet Church Road. Sunday School 9am. Sunday Service 9:45am. Rev. John Ferree, www.gbmg-umc.org/olivetumnc-whittier/

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. 82 Lambert Branch Road. Sunday Mass 9am. Sunday Spanish Mass 4pm. Pastor Shawn O'Neal 497-9755 or 497-9498

Piney Grove Baptist Church. Grassy Branch Road. 736-7850. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening Service 6pm. Wednesday Worship 6pm.

Potter's House of Prayer. Inez Welch Residence on Adams Creek. Sundays at 9:30am and 6pm, Wednesdays at 6pm. Preacher: William Cornwell. Everyone welcome. Come as you are. Info: William 736-6925, Charlene Cornwell 736-2232 or Deacon John Biddix

Rock Hill Baptist Church. 736-6334. Sunday Services 11am. Thursday Bible Study 7pm. Pastor Red Woodard (828) 356-7312

Rock Springs Baptist Church. 129 Old Gap Road. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Service 11am and 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 6:30pm. Pastor Greg Morgan 497-6258, 736-1245 (cell)

Sequoyah Sovereign Grace Church. 3755 Big Cove Road. Sunday School 10:15am. Sunday Service 11am. Sunday Evening Service 1pm. Wednesday Night Bible Study 7pm. Pastor Tim James 497-7644

St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church of Cherokee. 82 Old River Road. Holy Communion Sunday 9:30am. Rev. Dr. Norma H. Hanson (828) 277-7399

Straight Fork Baptist Church. Big Cove Loop. Sunday school 10am. Sunday morning worship 11am. Sunday evening worship 6pm. Wednesday night prayer service 7pm. Youth group meetings also. Pastor Charles Ray Ball 488-3974

Waterfalls Baptist Church. Wrights Creek Road. Sunday Morning 10am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6:30pm. Pastor James "Red" Bradley

Wilmot Baptist Church. Thomas Valley Road. Sunday school: 10am, Worship: 11am, Sunday night worship: 6pm, Wednesday prayer service: 7pm, every other Thursday night (Youth night) singing, bible study and crafts: 6pm. Pastor: Johnny Ray Davis

Wrights Creek Baptist Church. Wrights Creek Rd. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening Service 6pm. Wednesday Night Bible Study 6pm. Visitors welcome. Pastor Dan Lambert.

Yellowhill Baptist Church. Sunday School 9:45am. Sunday Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening Service 6pm. Wednesday Night Service 7pm. Pastor Foreman Bradley 506-0123 or 736-4872

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Clubs/Organizations

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Big Y Community Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Big Y Community Building.

Birdtown Community Club meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Community Building. To reserve the building for your special occasion, call Charlene Owle, secretary, 788-3723 (\$50 fee with \$20 key deposit). Info: Jeanne Crowe Lira, chairwoman, 736-2017

The Cherokee Cancer Support Group is a non-profit organization assisting cancer patients and care-givers on the Boundary, indiscriminately. Their objective is to support, educate and provide individual services as needed. The support group meets the first Thursday of each month at 5:30pm at SAFE HAVEN, 40 Goose Creek Rd. SAFE HAVEN is staffed from 10am – 2pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Appointments can be made for additional assistance. Personal fittings can be arranged during these times as well. Info: 497-0788, email: cherokeeCSG@gmail.com, P.O. Box 22220, Cherokee.

Cherokee Children's Coalition meets the last Thursday of each month at 11am at the Agelink School Age Conference Room.

The Cherokee Runners meet on the 1st and 15th of each month at 7pm at the Age Link Conference Room.

If those dates happen to fall on a Sunday, they will meet the following day. Info: Gerri Grady gerrgrady@yahoo.com or visit www.cherokee.runners.com

Cherokee Speakers Gathering is normally held on the fourth Thursday of every month. All Cherokee speakers and Cherokee Language learners are welcome to enjoy a potluck dinner and an evening of fellowship in the Cherokee language. These events are sponsored by the Kituwah Preservation & Education Program and, in part, by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. Info: Billie Jo Rich 554-6404 or bjrich@nc-choke-kee.com

Girl Scout Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont. Serving girls in Clay, Cherokee, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain Counties and the Qualla Boundary. This program is for girls in grades K-12. Info: Karen Bartlett, membership manager, 488-6537 or KBartlett@GirlScoutsP2P.org

The North American Indian Women's Association (NAIWA) Cherokee Chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Recreation Center. Info: Carmaleta Monteith, chapter treasurer, Carmaleta@msn.com

Paint Town Community Club meets the last Monday of each month at 5:30pm at the Commu-

nity Building. Info: 497-3731, ChairPTCC@gmail.com

Solid Rock Outreach. Monday -Closed; Tuesday - 9am-3pm Food Boxes Available; Wednesday - 9am-3pm Food Boxes Available; Thursday - 9am-3pm Food Boxes Available; Saturday - 9am-1pm Food Distribution

Snowbird Community Club meets the first Tuesday of each month or the Tuesday before the Tribal Council meeting. Info: Roger Smoker, chairman, (828) 479-8678 or (828) 735-2533, smoker7@frontier.com

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

Yellowhill Community meetings. First Tuesday of every month unless it's a holiday. If anybody would like to teach an art or craft call Reuben at 497-2043 to be scheduled.

Yellowhill Judo Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-8pm at the old Cherokee High School weight room. Classes are free. Info: Will Lambert 736-1600



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Church Events

Solid Rock Outreach Food Box Distribution. Wednesday- 9am-3pm, Thursday 9am - 3pm and Friday 9am - 3pm. Info: (828) 356-7312

General Events

Valentine breakfast. Feb. 14 at 7am at the Yellowhill Community Building. Strawberry pancakes, sausage or bacon, coffee or juice. \$5.

Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church benefit dinner. Feb. 15 at 11am at the Yellowhill Community Building. Menu: Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, drink and dessert for \$7. Proceeds go to building fund.

KPEP "Lunch and Learn" series. Starting Feb. 20. The Kituwah Preservation and Education Program is presenting a free lunchtime information series by T.J. Holland of the Junaluska Museum. Topics include:

- Feb. 20 – Cosmographical sites in Western North Carolina: Stories and their locations in the surrounding areas; subjects include Judaculla, Spearfinger, and the giant animals
- Feb. 27 – Traditional Arts and their Designs: A survey of traditional designs and their meanings. This program looks at designs from across the southeast and connects them to the Cherokee tradition.
- March 6 – History: Treaty of 1819. This program looks at the most important treaty to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the circumstances that lead to the treaty and the formation of the Qualla Boundary.
- March 13 – History: The Trail of Tears/Removal in western North Carolina: This program covers the fort locations and the Army movements in the five western counties of North Carolina.
- March 20 – History: The Trail of Tears – The Resistance: This program covers how around 1,000 Cherokees in North Carolina avoided the removal and remained in their homeland. More dates will be added later. Bring your own

lunch. The program will be held from 12-12:30pm in the Community Room at the New Kituwah Academy. Info: B.J. Rich 554-6406 or bjrich@nc-chokeee.com.

Presentations and Public Speaking seminar. Feb. 20 from 11:30am – 1:30pm in the Ginger Lynn Welch large conference room. Russ Seagle, of the Sequoyah Fund, is the instructor. He is a member of the National Speakers Association, and has been speaking professionally since 1999. Learn different techniques including: different types of presentations and speeches, how to research your topic, how to prepare your speech or presentations, how to rehearse, relaxation techniques and more. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch and all materials. Seating is limited, so RSVP is required. Info: John Ross (828) 359-5006

Native American Craft Club river cane mats workshop. Feb. 25 and 26 from 5-8pm and March 4 and 5. The workshop will feature Jim Long and the art of weaving river cane mats. The workshop is free of charge for children 7-14. Parents/Guardians must attend the workshop to assist their child in completing the project. The class is limited to the first 25 children registered. Info: Trish Calhoun 554-6933

N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs meeting. Feb. 28 from 10am – 3pm at the Joseph S. Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the 38th Annual N.C. Indian Unity Conference. Info: (919) 807-4440

2nd Annual Little Owl Music and Arts Festival. March 23 at Audubon Acres in Chattanooga, Tenn. This event, hosted by The Audubon Society of Chattanooga, is to raise money for the Cherokee Arboretum and Bird Sanctuary. Organizers are looking for original Cherokee jewelry, arts and crafts vendors for the event. Info: Tim Anderson (423) 504-8408, LittleOwlFestival@chattaudubon.org or at www.facebook.com/LittleOwlFest

Cherokee VFW Bingo, located by the old race track, on Monday nights in Whittier. Early birds 6pm, regular program 7:10pm. Info: 488-1706 or 788-2176.

Health/Sports Events

"Control Diabetes, Don't Let Diabetes Control You". Take Tuesdays off from cooking for the next six weeks and come to the Painttown Community Building. Starting Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 5pm, dinner will be served and great incentives will be given out. Classes will be held on how to take care of yourself and your family members that are living with diabetes. This program is being sponsored by Cherokee Choices & Cherokee Diabetes Program. Please call Jennifer Brown 554-6569 or e-mail jennbrow@nc-chokeee.com for more information and to let her know you will be attending so that an approximate count for the meal can be made.

Family-to-Family Education Program. Feb. 12 – April 30 on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30pm in Franklin. This 12-week course is designed for family members of individuals with serious mental illness and is free for families and friends with clinical depression, OCD, PTSD, Borderline Personality Disorder and Co-occurring Addictive Disorders. Info: Ann (828) 369-7385 or Mary Ann (828) 524-1355

Tee ball signups are underway for ages 5-6. Registration forms are available at any gym. The deadline is Feb. 23. Info: Kool-Aid 497-0149 or Birdtown Gym 554-6890.

Snowbird Health & Information Fair. March 26 from 10am – 2pm at the Snowbird Gym. This event is being hosted by Snowbird Community Health and the Snowbird Health Clinic. To reserve a table and chair or for information, contact Lisa Denzer (828) 479-3924, Jennifer Wachacha 554-6990 or Margie Wachacha 554-6992.

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REDUCED FOR SALE!! New 16 wide 3 bedroom SAVE! Only \$30,600! only one left, call 456-2822. **2/14**

Clayton Factory Outlet! WNC's Super Center! Prices won't be beat! Need a home, call 456-2822. **2/14**

Doublewide Display for Sale! 3 bedroom 2 bath, Gas Fireplace, Dry-wall, Wood Cabinets and so much more. REDUCED THOUSANDS!! Call 456-2822. **2/14**

Need a Home? Buy Now with our DOUBLE YOUR TAX REFUND PROGRAM!! Don't wait! Call 456-2822 for details. **2/14**

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Audubon Society of Chattanooga is having its 2nd annual Little Owl Music and Arts festival at Audubon Acres March 23, 2013 to raise money for our Cherokee Arboretum and Bird Sanctuary. The site was also a village site for Little Owl, Brother of Dragging Canoe. We are looking for original Cherokee jewelry, arts and crafts vendors for the event. Please contact Tim Anderson at 423 504 8498 or email for additional information to LittleOwlFestival@chattaudubon.org More info at www.facebook.com/LittleOwlFest **2/21pd**

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Yard sale at Granny's Kitchen. Friday & Saturday, February 8 & 9, open at 8am. AND, Friday & Saturday, February 15 & 16. **2/14pd**

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EMPLOYMENT

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

For Deadlines and applications please **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

Closing February 25, 2013 @ 4 pm

1. Office Coordinator- Destination Marketing (\$26,140-\$33,340)
2. Receptionist/Secretary- Tribal Child Care (\$18,140-\$22,680)
3. Lead Mechanic- Facility Management (\$28,790-\$36,710)
4. Receptionist- KPEP (\$19,980-\$24,980)
5. EM/911 Planning & Training Coord.- Emergency Mgt (\$28,790-\$36,710)
6. Mobility Supervisor(Snowbird)- Transit (\$23,740-\$30,280)
7. Library Assistant- Qualla Public Library(Snowbird)- (\$19,980-\$24,980)
8. Truck Driver CDL-A- QHA (\$23,740-\$30,280)
9. Family Support Coordinator- CTCC (\$26,140-\$33,340)
10. Utility Worker- Composting (\$18,140-\$22,680)
11. Academy Teacher- KPEP (\$34,900-\$44,500)
12. Language Specialist- KPEP (\$28,790-\$36,710)

Open Until Filled

1. EMT-P (Part-time) – EMS
2. Teacher- Tribal Child Care
3. Teacher Assistant- Tribal Child Care

Health & Medical Positions

1. C.N.A.– Tsali Care Center
2. RN- Tsali Care Center
3. LPN- Tsali Care Center
4. Cook Supervisor- Tsali Care Center
5. Assistant Cook- Tsali Care Center
6. 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: Full Time Ophthalmic Assistant. 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. This position will close February 22 @ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application.

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Administrative Secretary

The EBCI Center of the NC Cooperative Extension Service is looking to fill the Administrative Secretary position.

The Extension Administrative Secretary's nature and purpose is to provide office support and leadership, under supervision, to the Extension staff including the County Extension Director and Extension Agents. These tasks are to be done requiring little or no supervision.

Major duties include:

- Provide administrative support and bookkeeping skills in reconciling and reviewing tribal and grant budgets in addition to coordinating administrative report systems.
- Enter data on electronic travel, leave and reporting systems.
- Perform office support duties of file management, purchasing and maintaining office supplies, reviewing/screening mail, processing outgoing mail and mass mailings.
- Responsible for meeting and greeting the public, both face to face and via phone

For more information and to apply online go to
<http://jobs.ncsu.edu/postings/18968>

2/14

Now Hiring: Cherokee Historical Association is looking to hire a Seasonal Manager for the Oconaluftee Indian Village 2013 Season.

This position requires a person who is diligent, dependable, and possesses strong leadership skills. Applicants can pick up a job description and application at the CHA main office, resumes are a plus.

Guidelines:

- Be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe.
- Be available to begin work in mid-March through October.
- Be willing to work weekends and holidays.
- Must make it through the interview process.
- Must have manager experience.
- Associate's Degree required.
- Must have knowledge of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians culture and about the culturally based tourism industry.
- Must be able to work with individuals and groups alike.
- Requires the ability to coordinate activities and events, market and promote, communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.

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Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings:

High School English Teacher, must have a NC Teaching Certificate Teacher Assistant, AA or 2 years of study at an institute of higher education Cherokee Cultural Instructors. The following positions are advertised as part-time positions only. These

Positions will be filled as needed. The hours for these positions will fluctuate on an as needed basis. Instructors for: Basketry, Beadwork, Cultural Foods, Dance and Song, Pottery, and Pucker Toe Moccasins.

Call 554-5096 or log onto cherokeecentral.sharpschool.net. 2/21

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EMPLOYMENT

Western Carolina University is seeking qualified individuals for the following positions:

- Adjunct Faculty – various depts.
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- Distinguished Professor Ed Leadership (0478)
- Distinguished Professor Human Services (1703)
- Lecturer, Forensic Anthropology (0548)

Asst or Assoc Professor for the following:

- Animal Biology (1203)
- Anthropology & Sociology (1353)
- Broadcasting (1291)
- Comm Sci (131841)(131843)
- Computer Science (131844)
- Elem & Middle Grds (2024)
- Eng & Tech (0607,2322, 0164)
- Entrepreneurship (132737)
- Health, P.E. & Rec (131845)
- History (131842,2052)
- Hosp & Tourism (2031)
- Human Resources (1508)
- Human Services/MSA & PMC-PSL (1384)
- Librarian – Metadata (2949)
- Management (1434)
- Modern Foreign Languages (0171)
- Natural Resource Conservation (0723)
- Physical Therapy (131840)
- Political Sci/Public Affrs (1486)
- Public Relations (1725)
- School Psychology (1180)
- Special Ed (2329)
- TESOL (4757)

Admin Supp Spec (0361)

Bld Env Svc Tech – Hskp (3451)

Chief of Staff (0002)

Counselor/Psychologist (5300)

Dean of Health & Human Sciences (1891)

Dir, Counseling & Psych Svc (0279)

Dir, Intensive English (0178)

Dist Prof, Gerontological Soc Wk (130241)

Facility Maint Tech – Plumber (3330)

Please go to jobs.wcu.edu for details and to apply online. AA/EOE. **2/14**

REALTY

Snowbird

The following is a list of tribal members that have documents to sign in the BIA Realty Office. These are land transfers from both Tribal Members and the Eastern Band by Resolution.

Claude Larry Blythe, Jonah Brown, Leverne Brown, William Allen Brown, *Casey Lynn Carpenter, Sasha Darlene Jumper Castillo, Alan Chekelelee, Mitchell David Crowe, Joyce Lynn Smoker Gregory, Doyle Joseph Grindstaff, Tracy Teesateskie Hemphill, Kathleen Brown Holloway, Linda Kay Adkins Hyde, Justin Stuart Jackson, Maureen Jumper Jackson, Wanda Lee Jackson, *Kathy Garrett Johnson, *Tony Anthony Johnson, James Anthony Jones, Sonya Rena Ledford, Stanley Ray Ledford, Hattie Bird Owl, Sandra Leigh Ledford Robbins, Allen Paul Rose, *Sherry Ann Smoker, Dennis Frederick Teesateskie, Timothy Kirk Teesateskie, Gail Marie Wachacha, Shalana Marie Wachacha, Allen Russell Walkingstick, Christine Ledford Walkingstick, Sheena Roxana Walkingstick, Glenn Elliot Welch, Jr., Shane George Welch, Darin Edward Williams

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

QUALLA HOUSING AUTHORITY Request for Proposals - General Notice

Qualla Housing Authority is requesting proposals from licensed contractors who specialize in Plumbing and Electrical work to include but not limited rough in and finish work; general repairs of the Qualla Housing Authority properties. Contractors will be subject to an on call status as requested for emergencies. All work will require an inspection by Qualla Housing Authority; EBCI Building Department as required by NC and Tribal building codes. Qualla Housing Authority may elect to utilize more than one vendor.

Proposals must be received on or before Friday, February 22, 2013 by 4:00pm. Proposals can be submitted by mail to PO Box 1749, Cherokee, NC 28719; electronically to henrmcco@nc-cherokee.com; or submitted in person at Qualla Housing Authority Main Office, 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719 by the required deadline. Proposal packets will be available to pick up on Thursday, February 7, 2013 at Qualla Housing Authority Main Office, 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719.

Notification of bid recipient will be contacted by Wednesday, February 27, 2013. Upon receipt of notification, recipient shall have 24 hours to accept or decline contract. Recipient must be willing to enter a contract agreement with Qualla Housing Authority and submit the required documentation as included in Attachment B-General Conditions. Qualla Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any or all proposals.

Qualla Housing Authority is an equal opportunity employer. TERO certified and qualified vendors will be given preference.

Proposals must be complete and include the following information at the time of submittal.

- ** Proposal Form
- ** Attachment A-Bid Sheet

For questions and more information contact Henry McCoy at (828) 554-6348 or (828) 505-2353. **2/14**



BIDS, RFPs, etc.

LEGALS

TEFAP DISTRIBUTION FOR CHEROKEE RESERVATION

The TEFAP Distribution for this quarter will be held, Wednesday, February 27, 2013, from 9:00-11:45 and 1:00-3:45. This distribution will be held as the Commodity Building on Old Mission Road. Foods will be served on a first come first serve basis. This TEFAP distribution is ONLY for residents of the Qualla Boundary. If you do not reside on the Qualla Boundary but live in Jackson or Swain counties, you should seek assistance from the Department of Social Services in those counties. The TEFAP guidelines are different from the regular commodity program in this manor. The regular commodity program allows you to live off the Qualla Boundary in Jackson and Swain counties and still get assistance if you have an enrolled member residing in your household and meet the other guidelines, this program you must live on the Qualla Boundary.

Guidelines for the TEFAP program remain the same as in the past. If you receive assistance from Food Stamps or Commodities you are eligible to receive the TEFAP foods. If you do not receive Food Stamps or Commodities and meet the income guidelines at the bottom of the page you will also be eligible. Any questions please call 497-9751.

People wishing to apply for food products MUST come prepared to provide the following information:

- Name and physical address of household
- Total number of household members
- Total household monthly gross income, if not receiving Food Stamps or Commodity Foods
- VERY IMPORTANT: If the head of household is not present when the application is made, a note from them must be presented giving you permission to apply on their behalf. If a spouse is considered head of household on Food Stamps and the other spouse or another person living in the household is applying then the head of household on the Food Stamp case must send a note giving that person permission to pick up their food.
- Authorized Representatives may only pick up for two households. They may pick up for themselves and one other household or they may pick up for two households and not themselves.

Available items for this distribution are: beef stew, frozen blueberries, frozen chicken leg quarters, grapefruit juice, orange juice, macaroni, peaches, peas and tomatoes. These items are served on first come first serve basis.

Monthly Income Guidelines for TEFAP Program

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| 1 | \$1,862.00 |
| 2 | \$2,522.00 |
| 3 | \$3,182.00 |
| 4 | \$3,842.00 |
| 5 | \$4,502.00 |
| 6 | \$5,162.00 |

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 13-011
In the Matter of the Estate of
David Norman Hardin

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

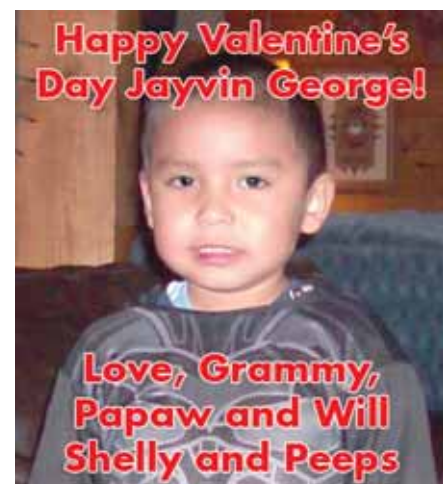
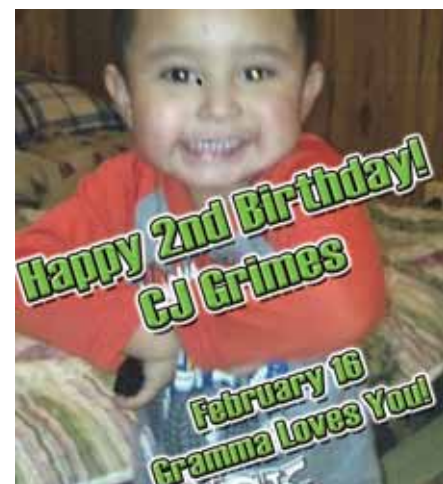
Date to submit claims: May 14, 2013

Norma Rae Hardin Taylor

PO BOX 353

Whittier, NC 28789

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President's Day Holiday

Due to the President's Day Holiday on Monday, Feb. 18, the deadline for the Feb. 21 issue of the One Feather will be Friday, Feb. 15 at 12noon.



Advertising Rate Card

PRINT DISPLAY ADS (full color available for all display ads at no extra cost)

Full Page
9.5" x 10.5"
\$400

Back Page
9.5" x 10.5"
\$600

Banner for front page
9.5" x 1.5"
\$300

3/8 page
7.1" x 5.25"
\$150

Half Page (horizontal)
9.5" x 5.25"
\$200

Half Page (vertical)
4.67" x 10.5"
\$200

1/4 page (vertical)
2.25" x 10.5"

1/8 page (vertical)
2.25" x 5.25"

1/4 page (regular)
4.67" x 5.25"
\$100

1/8 page (horizontal)
4.67" x 2.5"
\$50

1/16 page
2.25" x 2.5"
\$25

1/4 page (banner)
9.5" x 2.5"
\$100

Classified Ads

\$5.00 for 30 words and \$.05 for each additional word
 \$5.00 - classified will be posted online
 \$5.00 - put a border around classified
 \$5.00 - add color to classified

Bids, RFPs, and job announcements are billed at \$8/column inch
 Legal Notices are a flat fee of \$100.
 Celebration and Birthday Ads (2.25" x 2.5") - \$6.50

The deadline for all advertising is Monday at 12noon.

Web Ads

Header Ads - 468x60 pixels - \$100/month
 Sidebar Ads - 125x125 pixels - \$50/month
 Footer Ads - 468x60 pixels - \$75/month

see theonefeather.com for examples

Visit the One Feather office in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex at 801 Acquoni Road in Cherokee to place classified ads or celebration ads.

Call 554-6263 or
 email scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com
 for more information about print display ads and web ads.



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Board of Elections 2013 Election Notice of Changes & Dates

Filing for Candidacy March 1-15*, 2013 all Tribal Council Positions open as well as Big Cove, Birdtown, and Wolfetown School Board Representatives. Filing fees: Tribal Council \$500.00, School Board \$350.00.

Primary Election THURSDAY JUNE 6, 2013

EBCI Enrolled members who will be 18 years of age on or by this date may register to vote. Voter registration/community changes will CLOSE May 7th at 4:30 PM.

General Election THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2013

EBCI Enrolled members who did not turn 18 years of age by the Primary Election date but will be 18 years of age on or before 9.5.13 should register to vote after the voter logs are re-opened. This occurs the Monday after the next regularly occurring council session certifying the PRIMARY ELECTION. Voter registration/community changes for the GENERAL ELECTION will CLOSE July 31 at 4:30 PM.

Deadline for Absentee Ballot application for Primary Election: April 1st -May 15th 2013.

Ballots must be returned by 4:30 pm, May 31st.

Deadline for Absentee Ballot application for General Election: July 1st- August 15th 2013.

Ballots must be returned by August 30th.

Enrolled Members who are registered to vote will need to meet one of the following requirements in order to receive an absentee ballot:

1. Active Military Duty
2. Employees of the Federal Government assigned to duties outside of the Cherokee Indian Reservation
3. Students of higher education or scholastic institution
4. Tribal Employees whose employment will cause absence from Cherokee on Election Day
5. Residents of nursing, hospital, treatment facilities
6. Tribal Members who reside on trust land but will be away on Election Day.

Once registered to vote in Tribal Elections, always registered.

If you are unsure of your status, please contact The EBCI BOE.

Every enrolled member who will be 18 years of age by the date of the next upcoming election will be eligible to register to vote, regardless of legal status. Those whose past convictions may prohibit entering a polling place will need to seek counsel from the appropriate authorities before doing so. The BOE cannot advise on these matters. Remember, the Board has moved to the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex, Suite 140. You may contact us by phoning 828.554.6361/6362. As always, we are here to serve. Please let us know how we may assist you with special needs/hours concerning registration, etc.

You may also email: kellyguy@nc-cherokee.com or fax 828.554.6365.



Claims Must Be Filed By March 1, 2013 In \$3.4 Billion Indian Trust Settlement

What is This About?

The *Cobell v. Salazar* Settlement is approved. The Settlement resolves a class action lawsuit that claims that the federal government violated its duties by mismanaging trust accounts and individual Indian trust lands. Payments to the Historical Accounting Class are underway. The process of considering claims for the Trust Administration Class is ongoing.

The final deadline if you need to file a claim form for the Trust Administration Class is March 1, 2013.

Am I Included?

The Trust Administration Class includes:

- Anyone alive on September 30, 2009, who:
 - Had an IIM account recorded in currently available electronic data in federal government systems anytime from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, or
 - Can demonstrate ownership in trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
- The estate (or heirs) of any deceased landowner or IIM account holder whose account was open or whose trust assets had been in probate according to the federal government's records as of September 30, 2009.

Do I Need to File a Claim Form?

You must file a claim form if you believe you are a member of the Trust Administration Class and you have not:

- Received IIM account statements at your current address anytime between January 1, 1985 and September 30, 2009 and continue to receive statements; or
- Received a payment as a member of the Historical Accounting Class. If you did, you will receive a second payment automatically as a member of the Trust Administration Class; or
- Filed a claim form already using your current address. If you have, the Claims Administrator will contact you.

You must fill out a claim form and mail it to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877, postmarked by **March 1, 2013** in order to receive a payment.

How Much Money Can I Get?

Members of the Trust Administration Class will likely receive at least \$800 or more. The actual amount will depend on the number of claims and the costs of administration.

For a claim form or to update your contact information:

Call Toll-Free: 1-800-961-6109 or Visit: www.IndianTrust.com