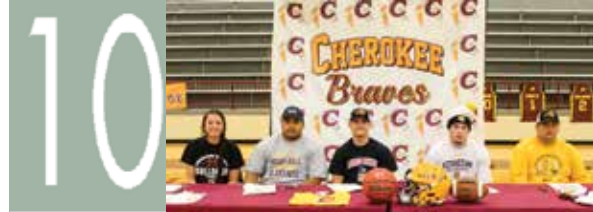




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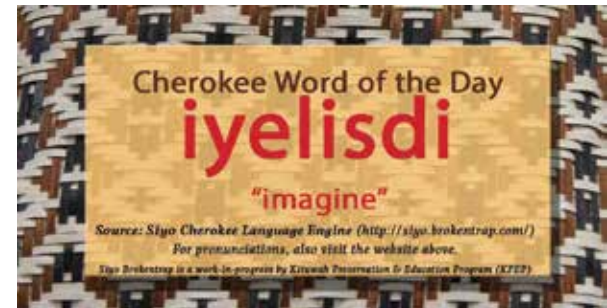


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“Widespread” flu affecting Cherokee Community

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Forty-eight (48) of the 50 states are experiencing “widespread” influenza (flu) activity for the week ending Saturday, Feb. 3 (the latest figures as of press time) according to the CDC. The N.C. Department of Health and Human Services reported that over 9 percent of outpatient visits for the week ending Feb. 3 were due to Influenza-Like Illness (ILI). Locally, the numbers aren’t in yet

for February, but Cherokee Indian Hospital officials reported a total of 370 flu diagnoses for the month of January.

For the week ending Feb. 3, the North Carolina Division of Public Health reported a total of 140 total flu deaths since Oct. 1, 2017 and 34 in the week of Jan. 28 – Feb. 3, 2018.

According to the CDC, common flu symptoms include: a cough and/or sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, headaches and body aches, chills, fatigue, nausea and/

or vomiting, diarrhea, and a temperature over 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

“Cherokee Indian Hospital staff are working tirelessly to see every person in need of medical attention,” said Dr. Richard Bunio, CIHA executive clinical director. “We do encourage any patient who is ill to stay home until they have been without fever for at least 24 hours to help prevent further spread of the flu in this community. We are temporarily limiting visitors in the inpatient unit and the ER to help protect our patients and staff.”

CDC reports that the most common flu strain this season has been H3N2.

“The vaccine that we give is a quadravalent which includes vaccine for four different strains,” said Sally Penick, CIHA infection control manager. “There are two B strains and two A strains, one of which is H3N2.”

She encourages everyone to get the flu shot, “Don’t risk it. The more people who get their flu vaccinations, the more it can help prevent spreading it to our children and to our elders.”

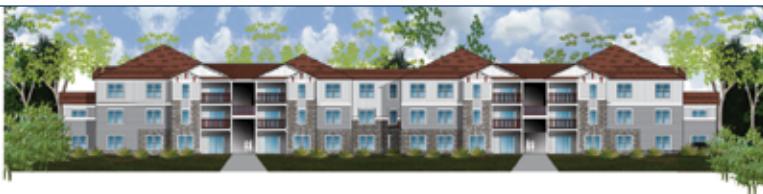
Earlier in the month, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed issued a

memo regarding the flu. “The best way to protect this community from the spread of this disease is for people to stay home when ill when advised by their doctor. This helps to protect those at highest risk for serious flu complications such as the very young and elderly.”

To help facilitate people staying at home, Chief Sneed authorized a temporary change to the EBCI tribal employees personnel policy stating “tribal employees needing to use sick leave will not be required to provide a doctor’s statement unless their absence exceeds five work days”. The normal time period is three work days.

The N.C. Division of Public Health states several ways to avoid getting the flu, “...get vaccinated each year and practice good hand hygiene. To avoid giving the flu to others, stay home when you are sick, cough or sneeze into tissues and discard them properly, and wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use an approved hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.”

For more information, visit: www.flu.nc.gov or <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm>



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Principal Chief's Report on USET, Washington trip

RICHARD G. SNEED
PRINCIPAL CHIEF

Last week, I traveled with members of Tribal Council to attend the USET conference in Washington, DC. My attendance at the conference was limited because our schedule for visiting congressional representatives was full. I was pleased to meet with many representatives who are aware of Indian issues and engaged with tribal Leaders.

The land-into-trust issue was a major focus for many of the meetings, and I believe we have support for this important legislation. We also met with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to work on other land-into-trust requests which seemed to have stalled. Those meetings were hopeful, and we expect some positive movement after those discussions.

Overall, these meetings are important to re-establish our leadership for Indian Country in Washington and to advance our issues to a level for immediate action. Tribal leadership is both the Executive Office and Tribal Council, and we can only benefit when we work together toward a common goal. I was also fortunate to attend the "Sovereignty" play at the Arena Theatre. Mary Katherine Nagel, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, is the playwright and a legal advocate for tribal issues. The play explores Cherokee history and why our history is important to our status today. After the play, I joined others in a post discussion panel on sovereignty and how our Tribe protects and defends our sovereignty.

These types of events are im-



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SOVEREIGNTY: Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed (seated center) is shown participating in a post-production discussion at the Arena Theatre following the play, "Sovereignty", which was written by Mary Katherine Nagel, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

portant to educate a wider audience about our issues. The Arena Theatre often hosts legislative, judicial and academic leaders in the Washington, DC area. Those in the audience who influence tribal policies have one more opportunity to learn our history.

I was also honored to wear an 18th century jacket made by the wonderful ladies at Sew Tsa La Gi. Nancy, Johnny Ruth, and Charla are to be commended for their

dedication to providing our community with historically-inspired attire. Their craftsmanship is top of the line. If you haven't visited their shop yet, please stop by and see some of their wonderful work.

Many tribal leaders are again in Washington, DC this week for the National Congress of American Indians, and they will continue to discuss our issues with leadership. I did not attend this week because my son, Sam, is advancing in the

North Carolina State Wrestling Championship along with Seth Sneed and Caden Pheasant. Also this week, the Lady Braves and the Varsity and JV Braves are playing in the Smoky Mountain Conference basketball tournament at Murphy. We also had tremendous success in the indoor track and field competition. Congratulations to Hallah Panther who placed 6th overall in pole vault. Best of luck to all the Braves!

BASKETBALL

Lady Braves top Murphy, move into tie atop Conference

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

Before a packed house in the Charles George Memorial Arena, the Cherokee Lady Braves (13-5) topped Murphy (21-2) on the evening of Monday, Feb. 5. With the win, Cherokee moves into a tie for first place in the Big Smoky Mountain

finally starting missing some shots and we were able to rebound them.”

Coach Mintz commented on the importance of the win, “This was huge for us with what it will mean going into the conference tournament and playoffs. To have a share of the conference title is huge.”

The Lady Braves were led by Tori Teesateskie with 20 points followed by Raylen

Cherokee came out for the third and built their lead to 51-42 a few minutes in. They led by as many as 12, but the Lady Bulldogs edged back in again and only trailed Cherokee 64-58 going into the fourth quarter.

The last quarter was tight until the last minute. Cherokee led 69-65 with just over three minutes left. Down the stretch, Murphy missed some inside shots and was forced to foul the Lady Braves as time waned. Cherokee led 71-65 with just over a minute left, and after hitting some key foul shots in the last minute were able to take the 76-67 win.

Other Cherokee scorers in the game included: Carla Wolfe 4, Naomi Smith 3, Shelby Wolfe 11, and Timiyah Brown 5. Murphy was led by Jessica Beckner with 30 points. She was joined by Sydni Addison 10, Aubrey Clapsaddle 9, Hailey Thompson 4, Kaiya Pickens 5, Brianna Moore 6, and Ellie Martin 3.



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DRIVING: Cherokee's Tori Teesateskie (#30) drives inside against Murphy's Aubrey Clapsaddle during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Monday, Feb. 5. With 20 points, Teesateskie led Cherokee to a 76-67 win over the Lady Bulldogs.

Conference with the Lady Bulldogs.

“I thought we played really well,” said Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach. “We were composed. We came out on fire to start the game, and then we just kept rolling. We shot the ball well tonight. We handled the ball well.”

He praised his team's tenacity, “They never quit and played hard in the fourth quarter. We stayed composed, and Murphy

Bark 19 and Deante Toineeta 14.

Cherokee came out gunning in the first and led by 13 points (28-15) at the end of the quarter which saw very few stops in action.

The Lady Bulldogs began chipping away at the Cherokee lead in the second quarter. The Lady Braves led 37-29 at the 4:38 mark and 39-34 at the 2:28 mark before taking a 4-point (42-38) lead into the locker room.



TOUGH: Cherokee's Raylen Bark (#1) fights for a shot against Murphy defenders Aubrey Clapsaddle (left) and Jessica Beckner (#15). Bark finished the game with 19 points.

BASKETBALL

Braves beat Murphy, remain unbeaten in Conference

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Cherokee Braves (15-3), who have already clinched the Big Smoky Mountain Conference regular season

basketball – it's such a long season. We had some good sides; some guys picked it up defensively. The first half, I think giving them two or three shots per possession was hurting us and allowed them to stay close. But, we came out in the second half and

lead 16-12 at the end of one.

The Braves led by seven (34-27), their biggest lead of the first half, with 3:25 left before the half. Murphy was able to cut into the lead a little and trailed Cherokee 41-38 at the half.

The third quarter was all Braves as they outscored Murphy 30-12. The first few minutes were still close though as Cherokee led by two (46-44) at the 5:53 mark. But, from there Cherokee went on a 9-2 run to lead 55-46 at the 3:49 mark.

Holden Straughan, Braves senior, hit a reverse layup with three minutes left in the third quarter to put Cherokee up by 11 (59-48) which was their first double digit lead of the night. They continued to build upon that lead extending it to 21 points (71-50) at the end of the third. Straughan finished the game with 15 points, 3 rebounds, 4 assists, and 1 steal.

Cherokee was able to get a lot of bench play in the fourth quarter and went on to take the 20-point win (85-65).

Other Cherokee player statistics included: Tihjah Lossiah 9 points, 2 rebounds; Karson Wildcat 2 points; Cade Mintz 2 points, 2 steals; Darius Lambert 3 points; Josiah Lossiah 4 points, 6 assists, 2 steals; Sterling Santa Maria 9 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists, and 1 steal.

Murphy scorers included: Hagan Newton 9, Micah Nelson 9, Justice Dorsey 9, Tyler Simonds 2, Curt Brown 8, Dawson Grizzle 4, Alex Blount 3, Jeremiah Clark 6, and Abram Abling 15.

Coach Hogner said his team is ready for tournament and playoff games. "I think the guys feel good," he noted. "It's been a different season with the snow days and us getting started so late, so we haven't really gotten into a regular schedule. So, us having a couple of days off to get ready for the tournament is really going to help these guys out."



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FINESSE: Cherokee's Justus Day (#3) goes for a finger roll layup around Murphy's Hagan Newton in a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Monday, Feb. 5. With 20 points, 3 rebounds, and 3 assists, Day helped lead the Braves past Murphy 85-65.

title, are still unbeaten in conference play as they beat Murphy 85-65 in a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Monday, Feb. 5. A big second half helped lift the Braves over the Bulldogs (14-7).

"We didn't practice Friday, and we came out a little flat," said Aaron Hogner, Braves head coach. "It took us awhile to get into a groove, but you have nights like that in

took care of business."

Cherokee was led by Tye Mintz with 21 points, 9 rebounds, and 2 steals followed by Justus Day with 20 points, 3 rebounds, and 3 assists.

The first half was close the entire way. Cherokee led 8-5 after three minutes in the first, but Murphy came back and grabbed an 11-10 lead with just over two minutes left. From there, the Braves went on a 6-1 run to

Braves, Lady Braves finish regular season atop Conference

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Cherokee Braves (16-3) and Lady Braves (14-5) both finished their regular season atop the Big Smoky Mountain Conference. Following wins over Andrews at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 6, the Braves won the Conference title outright, finishing their regular season perfect

in conference play, and the Lady Braves shared the title with Murphy.

Both teams won big with the Lady Braves topping the Lady Wildcats 102-38 and the Braves winning 90-68.

"We just keep getting better every day," Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach, said after their victory. "We're starting to play really confidently right now. We're shooting the ball out of this world right now."

Winning a share of the Conference

means a lot to the team noted Coach Mintz. "To start out the season 2-4 and having people think we weren't all that good, it's been nice to prove to them and the doubt that they had. It's been exciting."

Tori Teesateskie, Lady Braves junior, led the way on Tuesday night with 23 points including five from three-point land. The night was also a milestone for her and Holden Straughan, Braves senior, who both hit the 1,000 point mark for their career. On the night, she also had 5 rebounds, 2 assists, and 4 steals.

Teesateskie said winning a share of the Conference title is "amazing", but she noted it's just the start. "We're not done. We still have to work. We have a lot to work on, but I feel like we have a really good chance of going to state this year. We just have to keep working hard."

The Lady Braves led the entire way on Tuesday. After jumping out to a 31-9 lead after the first quarter, they led 59-17 at the half. Due to their lead, the clock ran for the majority of the second half according to the NCHSAA mercy rule. Cherokee got a lot of bench play in the second half including a stellar performance from Jacee Smith who came on and scored 11 points including three three-pointers.

Other Lady Braves statistics included: Raylen Bark 2 pts, 5 assists, 4 steals; Carla Wolfe 13 pts, 5 rebounds, 2 steals; Naomi Smith 8 pts, 7 rebounds; Shelby Wolfe 14 pts, 10 rebounds; Deante Toineeta 18 pts, 3 assists; Kayleigh Wolfe 6 pts; and Timiyah Brown 7 pts, 2 rebounds, 2 assists.

For the game, the Lady Braves shot 47.4 percent from three-point land making 18 buckets.

Andrews scorers included: Paige Lind-



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BIG NIGHT: Cherokee's Tori Teesateskie (#30) brings the ball up the court in a game at Charles George Memorial Arena on the night of Tuesday, Feb. 6. With 23 points, she led the Lady Braves over the Andrews Lady Wildcats 102-38 and, in the process, scored the 1,000th point of her career.

ley 6, Abby Hedden 8, Kenzie Gunt-
er 7, Adelia Pyle 2, Brooke Newton
13, and Karlie Curtis 2.

The Braves won their thirteenth
in a row and shot 49.3 percent
overall and 44.4 percent from
three-point land.

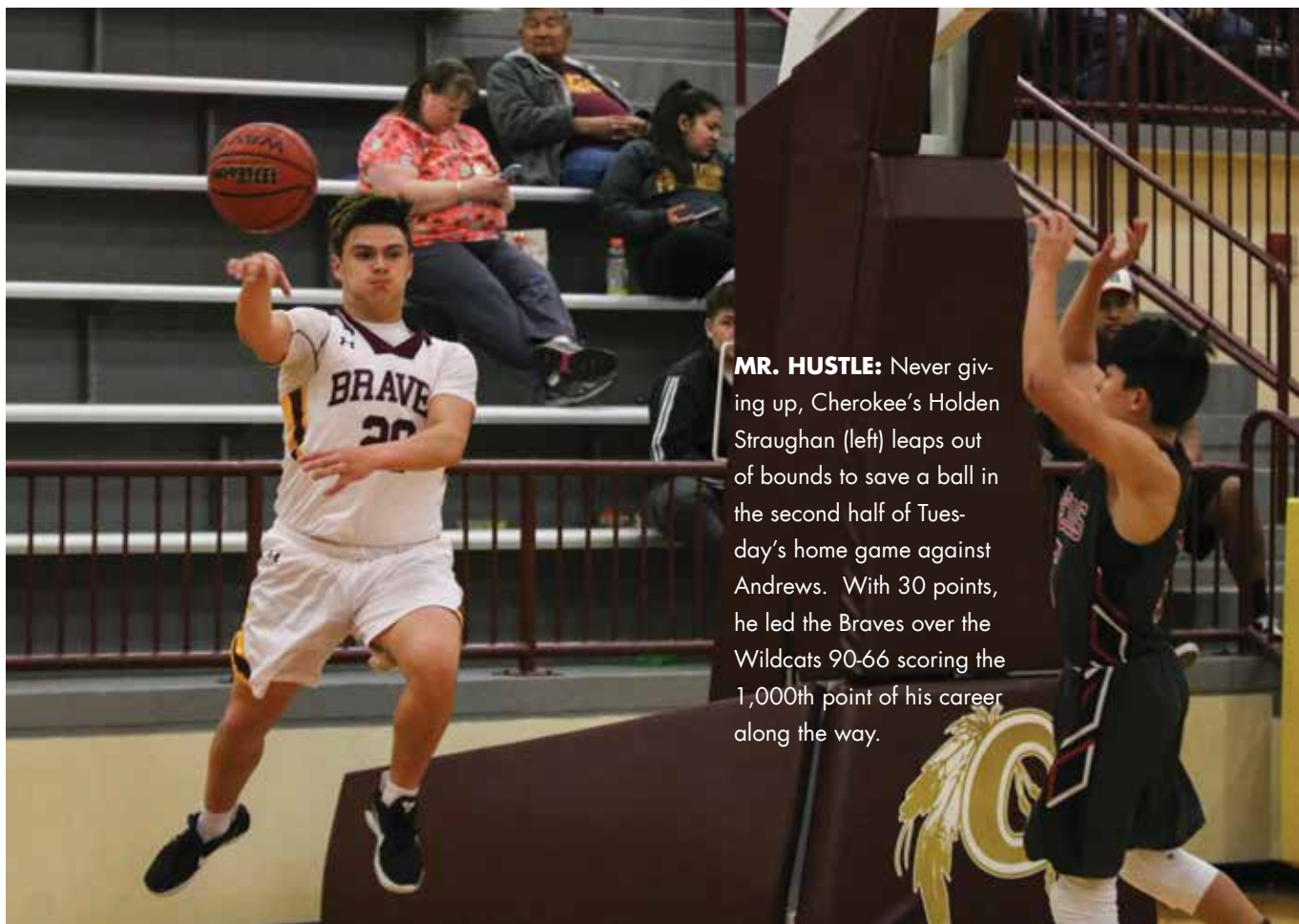
“It feels good,” Aaron Hogner,
Braves head coach, said of winning
the Conference regular season title.
“I’m glad the guys got to enjoy
it. It’s good for these guys. Three
coaches in three years, that’s got
to be tough on them mentally, but
for them to come out and do what
they’re doing is really special and
shows a lot of character about who
they are and their maturity.”

In the past few weeks, Coach
Hogner said his team has been im-
proving on the court each day and
each game. “We’ve been working
on scrambling more on defense
and buying into that. We’re going
to be a lot smaller than the teams
down state – Lincoln Charter, Win-
ston-Salem Prep – if we meet up
with them so we’re really going to
have to use our speed and do little
things differently to disrupt their
offense.”

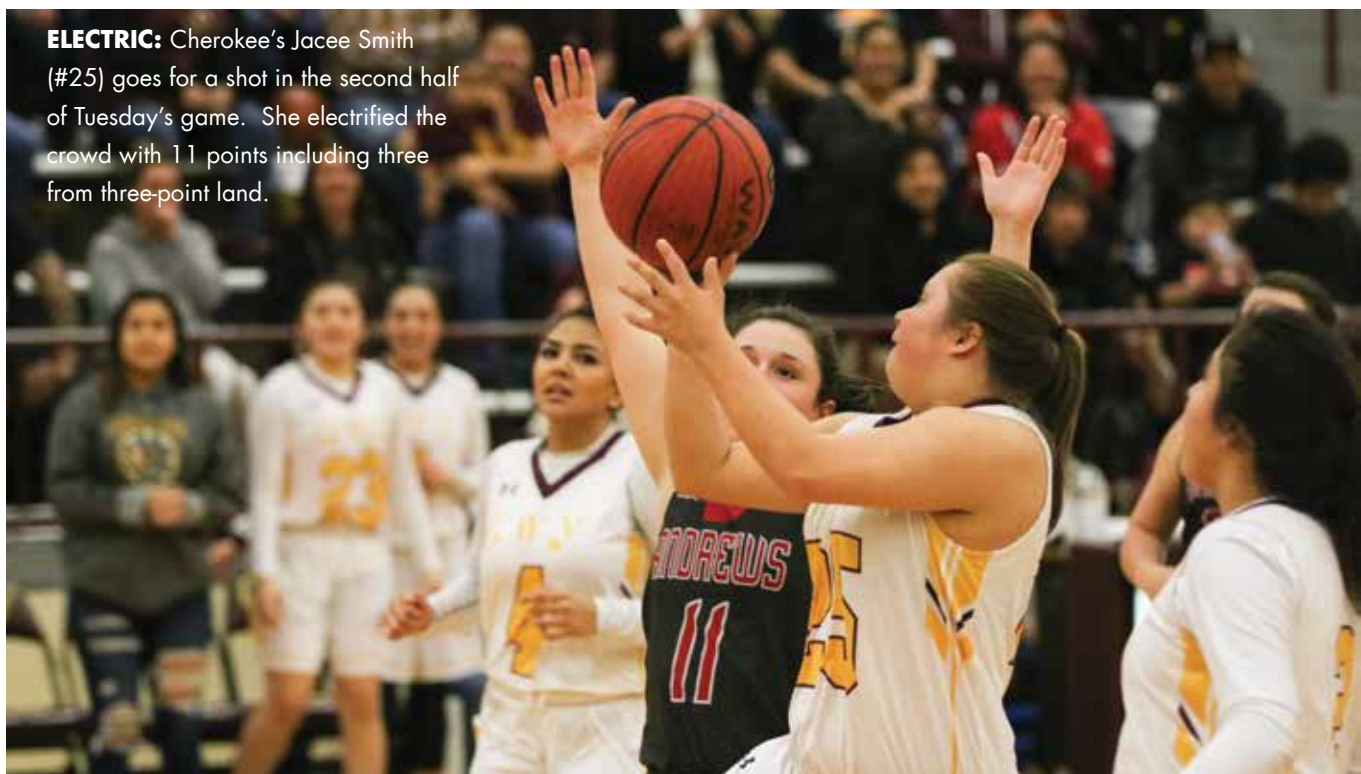
Straughan led Cherokee with
30 points, 2 rebounds, 3 assists,
and 3 steals.

The game started closer than
it ended with the Braves grabbing
a 23-16 lead after the first quarter
and leading by 11 points (40-29)
at the half. But, another big third
quarter for the Braves (32 points)
put them up to stay as they were
able to go on for the big 90-66 win.

Other Braves statistics includ-
ed: Tihjah Lossiah 9 pts, 1 steal;
Tye Mintz 14 pts, 10 rebounds, 5
assists, 2 steals; Karson Wildcat 2
pts, 2 rebounds; Justus Day 9 pts,
3 rebounds; Josiah Lossiah 7 pts, 2
rebounds, 4 assists, 3 steals; Tino
Pete 2 pts, 2 rebounds; Matthew



MR. HUSTLE: Never giv-
ing up, Cherokee’s Holden
Straughan (left) leaps out
of bounds to save a ball in
the second half of Tues-
day’s home game against
Andrews. With 30 points,
he led the Braves over the
Wildcats 90-66 scoring the
1,000th point of his career
along the way.



ELECTRIC: Cherokee’s Jacee Smith
(#25) goes for a shot in the second half
of Tuesday’s game. She electrified the
crowd with 11 points including three
from three-point land.

Climbingbear 5 pts; Isaiah Evans 3
pts; and Sterling Santa Maria 9 pts,
3 steals.

Andrews scorers included:
Tucker Holloway 10, Matt Barton
6, Kabe Ellis 14, Cody Mathis 2,

Landon White 6, Eric Maennle 4,
Dillian Phillips 18, Bryson Hollo-
way 3, and Xavier Rattler 5.

Milestone achieved

**Straughan,
Teesateskie hit
1,000 pt.
milestone on
same night**

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

Two Cherokee varsity basketball players hit career milestones on the same evening. Holden Straughan, Braves senior, and Tori Teesateskie, Lady Braves junior, both scored the 1,000th point of their career during games against Andrews at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 6. After hitting their milestone, the respective games were paused and each was presented with a commemorative basketball at half court.

"It's amazing," Teesateskie noted following the game. "If it wasn't for my teammates, my family, and my friends, I wouldn't have done this at all. If it wasn't for me staying in the gym long hours, my dad helping me, other coaches coming to help me, then I wouldn't have scored my thousandth point."

She added, "I just want to be a role model to little kids. I love helping with little kids."

During halftime of the boys game, Teesateskie dedicated the basketball she was given for hitting the 1,000 point mark to the memory of the late Sam Taylor, long-time



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MILESTONE: Holden Straughan, Braves senior, and Tori Teesateskie, Lady Braves junior, both scored the 1,000th point of their career during games against Andrews at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 6.

coach who passed away in September 2017. She wrote a letter for the occasion which was read to the crowd by Shawn Crowe, Braves announcer, "Sam was a great mentor, coach, role model, and most importantly, a guiding friend. His constant encouragement about my shooting, even on my off nights, telling me to flick my wrist, gave me the confidence to be the player I am today. Sam Taylor has always been one of the most loyal Lady Braves fans."

On the milestone, Straughan

commented, "It feels pretty good. I know that my momma did it, and now I've done it. So, it feels really good."

Playing basketball since he was four years old, Straughan said, "I knew that if I worked hard that I would get somewhere good. I kind of figured I would reach this goal knowing that my momma did it too."

Holden's mother, Pam Straughan, a member of the Cherokee basketball 1,000 point club herself, commented on her son's

achievement, "It's awesome. I'm very proud of him. It makes me feel good that he played at the same high school that I did and to make that achievement."

Both Straughan and Teesateskie were named to the All-Smoky Mountain Conference teams for the 2016-17 season. Incidentally, both also led their teams in scoring on Tuesday night with Straughan having 30 points, including seven three-pointers, and Teesateskie having 23 points, five of which were from three-point land.

You honor Mr. Kinsland by honoring yourself

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

During a home basketball game in the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 6, Ray Kinsland was recognized for his 59 years of service to the Cherokee community and especially Cherokee Central Schools athletics. Over the years, he has been honored for his expansive service to the community including being named an honorary member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and given the Cherokee name Di-sde-lisgi-a-ni-wi-ni which translates as “Helper of Young Men”.

At one time, two stadiums were named for him...one was torn down, so, now there's only one. In 2011, I covered Kinsland's retirement luncheon after 53 years as general manager of the Cherokee Boys Club. During that event, then-State Rep. Phil Haire presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation from the North Carolina General Assembly.

In addition, he has been named to the states' Order of the Long Leaf Pine, has received the Citizen of the Year Award from the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143, has received the Frell Owl Award, and has received the NCHSAA Unsung Hero Award. Last year, the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute opened to serve as an umbrella organization for the Right Path Adult Leadership Program, the Cherokee Youth Council, and the Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program.

Kinsland is a humble man and



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HELPER: Ray Kinsland (center) was recognized prior to the varsity basketball games at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 6 for his 59 years of involvement with Cherokee Central Schools and specifically its athletic programs. He is shown with his daughter, Debora Foerst (left), Cherokee High School principal, and his wife, Jerri.

never asks for recognition. For years, he has offered a prayer and encouraging words before each football and basketball game. The key phrase there is encouraging words.

Following being honored for 57 years of service a few years ago, he wrote a thank you letter to the community that we printed in the One Feather where he stated, “I love every one of you, and I am both humbled and thankful for you allowing my family and me to live and serve with this beloved people in this sacred homeland.”

That statement sums up his feelings. It also lays the groundwork of how best to honor him. As a humble man, Kinsland appreciates the awards and recognitions he has received, but he doesn't

expect them and that certainly isn't why he has served the community for so long.

On the sidelines, too many times to count, I've heard him encourage the players not only to play hard, but, more importantly, to believe in themselves and to play as a team, a community, and a nation. I have also heard him countless times encourage the young students in their educational pursuits as well as encourage them to serve their community and Tribe.

Prior to the games this past Tuesday when Kinsland was recognized, the Cherokee players went to him and shook his hand, gave him hugs, and gave him words of encouragement like he has given to them so many times before.

It was a true testament to the

impact he has had on the community and the Tribe. As each player showed their respect to Kinsland, they also showed their respect to the community and the Tribe. By growing up to be fine young men and women, full of respect for each other and themselves, they honor him. You honor him by honoring yourself.

Kinsland always has a good sense of humor, and there is hardly a time when I speak with him that he doesn't tell me a joke or a witty saying – something I've come to really look forward to over the decades. My favorite one is one of the first ones he ever told me, and I'll share it here. Never start a fight with a newspaper unless you have a bigger newspaper. That one always got me.

Going to the next level

Five Cherokee athletes sign letters of intent

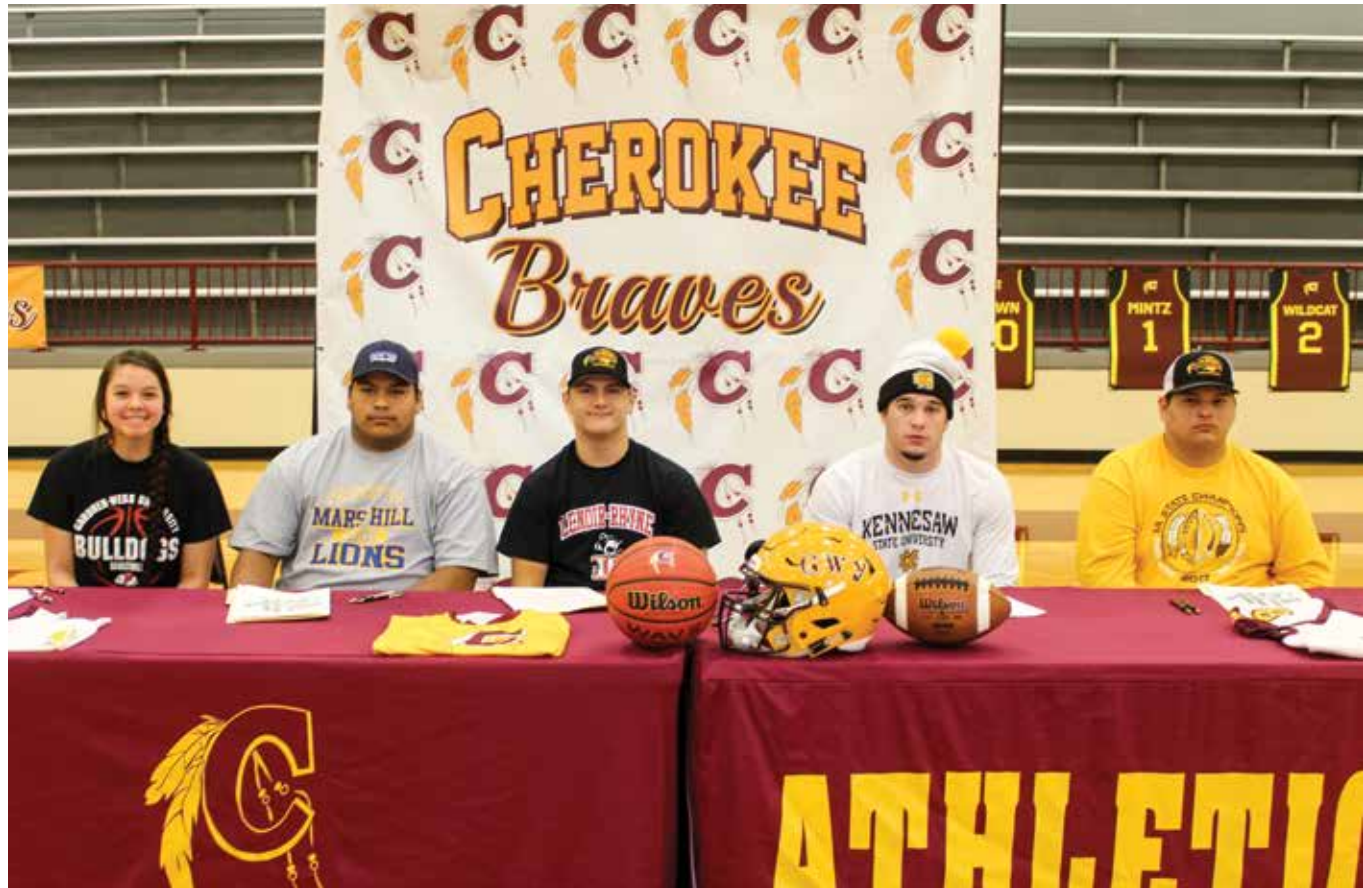
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ONE FEATHER STAFF

Five athletes at Cherokee High School signed letters of intent to play college sports on National Signing Day. Four members of the Cherokee Braves 1A State Championship football team and one member of the Lady Braves basketball team signed during a ceremony held in the Charles George Memorial Arena on the afternoon of Wednesday, Feb. 7.

The following signed on Wednesday: Tye Mintz, Kennesaw State University; Holden Straughan, Lenoir-Rhyne University; Zak Perez, Mars Hill University; Demetryus Bradley, Mars Hill University; and Shelby Wolfe, Gardner-Webb University.

“We’re so proud of the commitment these young men have made to put themselves in an opportunity to play at the next level,” Kent Briggs, Braves head football coach, said of his four players. “It is very challenging to do that and takes a lot of support from their families, coaches, and the biggest thing is their desire to do that. I feel very proud that they’ve had confidence and have believed in themselves enough to take the next step.”

Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head basketball coach, commented on Wolfe’s signing, “She has a chance to go play at a great school



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SIGNING: Five Cherokee High School students signed college letters of intent during a National Signing Day event held at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the afternoon of Wednesday, Feb. 7. Shown (left-right) are: Shelby Wolfe, Gardner-Webb University; Zak Perez, Mars Hill University; Holden Straughan, Lenoir-Rhyne University; Tye Mintz, Kennesaw State University; and Demetryus Bradley, Mars Hill University.

like Gardner-Webb and fulfill her dream. In seventh grade, she started playing and that’s what she wanted to do. She worked hard, and now she’s going to get a chance to go play college basketball.”

Deborah Foerst, Cherokee High School principal, addressed the crowd during Wednesday’s signing, “This is a historic day for Cherokee High School. We have five students signing, all in one day; that’s never happened before, and we are blessed. We are blessed that these students chose Cherokee

High School as their educational choice, and we’re blessed that they have athletic talent that they chose to build here as Braves and Lady Braves. We thank you, the parents, for all of your support of your students and the school for the past four years.”

Tye Mintz, Braves senior quarterback and safety, ended his career as Cherokee’s all-time total offensive leader. His senior season, he completed 111 of 191 passes for 2,085 yards and 18 TDs and rushed the ball 194 times for 1,803 yards and 34 TDs. On defense, he

had 48 solo tackles, five tackles for loss, and four interceptions.

“It feels pretty surreal,” he said. “I never thought that I would make it this far; probably at a smaller school, but I never thought that I would make it to this level. Words can’t really describe how I feel right now about playing at Kennesaw...I just want to thank my team and my coaches for pushing me through and keeping me going. I can’t wait to set foot on Kennesaw.”

Mintz received numerous

see **SIGNING** next page

Two tribal members participate in Swain's Signing Day

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

BRYSON CITY – A total of three athletes, including two EBCI tribal members, signed letters of intent to play college sports during a Signing Day event at Swain County High School on the afternoon of Wednesday, Feb. 7. Tribal members Brodie Bowman and Seth Parker, both standouts on the Maroon Devils football team, signed to play at Carson-Newman University. They were joined by Dewight Winchester who signed at Lees-McRae College for cycling.

"I'm just so tickled to death for these three young men that we have signing today," said Jeff Marr, Swain coach. "I



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SIGNING: Three student-athletes at Swain County High School signed to play college sports during a National Signing Day at the school's gym on the afternoon of Wednesday, Feb. 7. Shown (left-right) are: Dewight Winchester, Lees-McRae College; Brodie Bowman, Carson-Newman University; and Seth Parker, Carson-Newman University.

know them all very well, and it makes me so proud, as a coach, to know that they're going to be able to further their career and go on to college and represent

the maroon and white of Swain County High School. So, Brodie, Seth, Dewight, we're so proud of you guys and are looking forward to big things from you guys."

Bowman was a three-year starter at quarterback and finished with 3,164 passing yards. This past season, he passed for over 1,000 yards and ran for

over 1,000 yards – the first Swain quarterback since Heath Shuler to accomplish that feat.

"It feels great being able to play the game again and continue it on," he said. "I am looking forward to the more experienced guys and being able to play at another level."

Parker, who played wide receiver for three years, finished his career with 40 receptions for 910 yards and 9 touchdowns. "It feels great. It feels awesome. It's good to continue playing football."

Winchester, a two-time Xterra Southeast Regional Champion in cycling (2015, 2017), also won the 2017 USAT Off-Road 19 and Under National Championship.

SIGNING: Cherokee athletes sign letters of intent, *from page 12*

post-season honors including: Associated Press All-State team, NCPreps.com All-State team, All-Western North Carolina, All-Smoky Mountain Conference (2016, 2017), Most Valuable Player in 1A State Championship game, and a participant in the 2017 Shrine Bowl.

Straughan, Braves senior, was a three-year starter at outside linebacker and wide receiver. As a senior, he caught 24 passes for 448 yards and three touchdowns. On defense, he had 27 solo tackles, 7.5

tackles for loss, two interceptions, two sacks, and two fumble recoveries.

"I would have never thought in the whole wide world that I'd be going for football," he noted. "I've always been a basketball player since I was 4. I can't put it into words how excited I am to be going for football."

He was named All-Smoky Mountain Conference (2016, 2017) and was named Honorable Mention All-Western North Carolina his senior year in addition to being a starting safety in the FCA East-West All-Star Game.

Perez, Braves senior, started every game at offensive tackle for the

past three seasons as well as being a strong defensive player. As a senior, he had 16 solo tackles, two tackles for loss, and one sack. He was named Most Valuable Defensive Player in the 1A State Championship game as well as being named All-Western North Carolina. He started at offensive tackle in both the FCA East-West All-Star Game and the Border Bowl All-Star Game.

"It feels really nice," said Perez. "It's a dream come true. Since I was little I always wanted to go play in the pros, just have fun doing what I love."

Bradley, Braves senior, started every game on the offensive line for the past two seasons. He was

named Honorable Mention All-Smoky Mountain Conference his senior year as well as starting on the offensive line in both the FCA East-West All-Star game and the Border Bowl All-Star Game.

"It's going to be a great experience," he commented. "It's something that I've been dreaming of since I was a kid. It's great to live out my dream."

Wolfe, a 4-year member of the Lady Braves varsity basketball team, was named to the All-Smoky Mountain Conference team in the 2016-17 season. "It's what I've always wanted and is a dream come true."

Three Braves qualify for state meet

NEWLAND – Three members of the Cherokee Braves varsity wrestling team have qualified for the upcoming state meet after placing in the 1A West Regional meet held at Avery County High School on Saturday, Feb. 10. With fourth place finishes in their weight divisions, Seth Sneed (132lb.), Sam Sneed (152lb.), and Caden Pheasant (160lb.) all qualified for the state meet on Feb. 16-17 at North Carolina A&T in Greensboro.

Results from the 1A West Regional meet are as follows:

106: 1 – Averil Lafferty (Alleghany), 2 – Barron Pilson (Mt. Airy), 3 – Austin Vernon (East Surry), 4 – Jaden Mohammed (Queen’s Grant)
113: 1 – Dylan Lowery (Mitchell), 2 – Evan Wagoner (Alleghany), 3 – Matt Lovin (Robbinsville), 4 – Brenton Lawing (Cherryville)
120: 1 – Braden Millsaps (Robbinsville), 2 – Tyjae Townsend (Elkin), 3 – Jonah Hayes (Avery Co.), 4 – Mackinnley Long (Swain Co.)
126: 1 – River Griffith (Avery Co.),

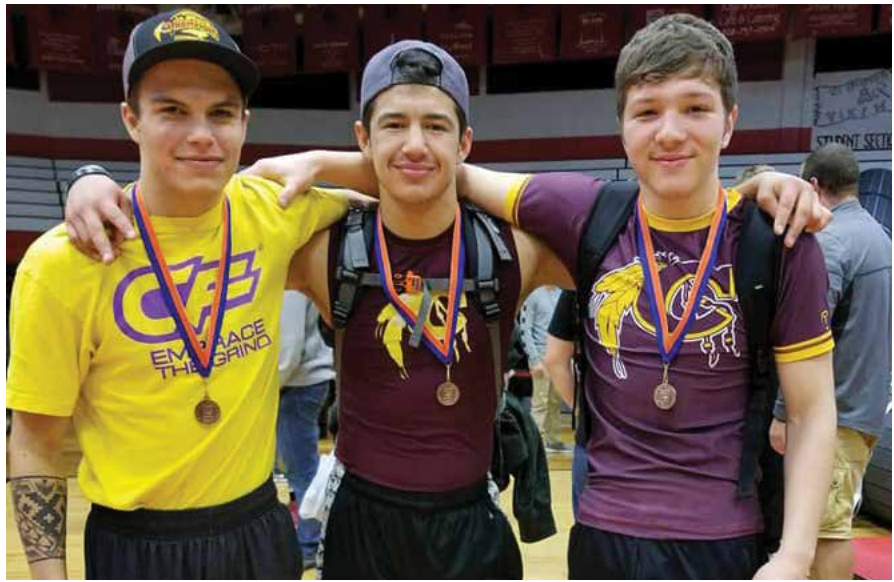


Photo courtesy of Cherokee Braves Wrestling

STATE-BOUND: Three members of the Cherokee Braves varsity wrestling team have qualified for the upcoming state meet after placing in the 1A West Regional meet held at Avery County High School on Saturday, Feb. 10 including (left-right): Seth Sneed, Caden Pheasant, and Sam Sneed.

2 – Coltin Marlowe (Mitchell), 3 – Nathan Fisher (Robbinsville), 4 – Jesse Aguilar (East Wilkes)
132: 1 – Kade Millsaps (Robbinsville), 2 – Ryan Patterson (Elkin), 3 – Joseph Maltba (Mitchell), 4 – Seth Sneed (Cherokee)
138: 1 – Jude Lloyd (Elkin), 2 –

Joan Ramirez (Mt. Airy), 3 – Isaiah Carr (Mountain Island Charter), 4 – Jesse Bell (Queen’s Grant)
145: 1 – Mikey Grubbs (Elkin), 2 – Joshua Pardue (Starmount), 3 – Sam Everhardt (Swain Co.), 4 – Armando Estrada (Mt. Airy)
152: 1 – Chris Butera (Mt. Airy),

2 – Payne Anderson (Robbinsville), 3 – Joseph Becker (East Surry), 4 – Sam Sneed (Cherokee)
160: 1 – Lucas Andrews (Swain Co.), 2 – Austin Tumbarello (Mt. Airy), 3 – Ryan Richardson (Mitchell), 4 – Caden Pheasant (Cherokee)
170: 1 – Jerry Neese (Elkin), 2 – Jackson Tumbarello (Mt. Airy), 3 – Isaac Wilkinson (Robbinsville), 4 – Cody Long (Swain Co.)
182: 1 – Sean Kostiuk (Cherryville), 2 – Blake Williams (Avery Co.), 3 – John Bennett (Mt. Airy), 4 – Cyle Ponchot (Swain Co.)
195: 1 – Mitchell Edwards (East Surry), 2 – Jacob Langston (Swain Co.), 3 – Cory Farmer (Murphy), 4 – Eric Olvera (Mt. Airy)
220: 1 – Fredy Romero (Robbinsville), 2 – Will Paul (Swain Co.), 3 – Darren Williams (North Rowan), 4 – Caleb Money (Starmount)
285: 1 – Antonio Lopez (Starmount), 2 – Hudson Boone (Mitchell), 3 – Morgan East (East Surry), 4 – Noland Brown (Swain Co.)

- One Feather staff report



Photo courtesy of Parker family

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SIGNING: Cameron Parker (seated second from left), an EBCI tribal member and senior at Tuscola High School, signs to play football at Lenoir-Rhyne University during a signing day event at the school on National Signing Day on Wednesday, Feb. 7. As a senior, he was named to the Western Mountain Athletic (3A) All-Conference team as an offensive lineman and helped to anchor a line that led to the Mountaineers averaging 434 total yards per game. Shown (left-right) seated: John Parker, Cameron’s father; Cameron; Tracey Parker, mother; Shirley Laws, grandmother; back row – Callie Parker, sister; and Sarah Creson, aunt.



Tribal member glad to be home

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

After spending nearly three decades in the Pacific Northwest, Frank Dunn is happy to be home on the Qualla Boundary. Having been back in Cherokee full-time for a few months, Dunn, an EBCI tribal member of the Wolf Clan, is currently building a home in the Hyatt Cove area of the Wolftown Community.

Frank grew up in the Big Cove Community and graduated from Swain County High School. After his wife became pregnant with their first son, the two moved to Washington state near his parents. "I lived out there and raised my whole family out there."

While there, Frank worked in various jobs including a 10-year stint as the communications director for the Swinomish Tribal Community in La Conner, Wash. which was followed by four years as the communications specialist for the National Native Arts & Cultures Foundation in Vancouver, Wash. A longtime magician, Frank started the Dunn Talent LLC in April 2013 and serves as its marketing director and illusionist in a magic theatre show.



Photo courtesy of Dunn family

FAMILY: Frank Dunn (fourth from left), an EBCI tribal member, has moved back to Cherokee after almost three decades in the Pacific Northwest. Shown (left-right) at Frank's graduation from Western Washington University where he received a master's degree in business administration are: Mike Dunn, Frank's father; Jazlyn Dunn, daughter; Margie Dunn, wife; Frank; Aaron Dunn, son; Maybelle (Walkingstick) Dunn, mother; Frankie, son; and Alyssa, daughter-in-law married to Frankie.

Education has always been a key in Frank's life. Following graduation from Swain County, he studied radio and broadcasting at Southwestern Community College. While in the northwest, he earned his bachelor's degree in psychology in 1998 from Western Washington University in Bellingham, Wash.

His son's graduation from college spurred yet more education for Frank.

"My son graduated with his bachelor's, and when he graduated, I got up and said my values are God, family, and education. My dad said, 'well, if education is so important to you, then why aren't you in school?'"

So, Frank went back to school to work on his master's degree, and, in December 2017, he achieved that goal by earning his master's in business administration, with an emphasis in finance, marketing, and economic development, from Western Washington. "It was very monumental. When you're the only Indian in a class with a lot of non-Indians, I feel like sometimes I have to prove myself, and that's been the story of my life living off the reservation...I feel like I have to prove myself and work harder to show them that I'm not the stereotype and break all of those stereotypes."

He added, "I'm a big believer in education, and it's

never too late to go back. I'm a lifelong learner."

It was during this time that he began to think of coming back to Cherokee. "When I started looking at opportunity such as free health care, free dental with no co-pays, free fitness center, and the programs to provide and assist for housing, it's a no-brainer. This is where I should be."

He shared his thoughts and plans with his family on Thanksgiving Day 2016. His wife, Margie, was hired with the Cherokee Family Safety Program in February 2017, and his son, Frankie, and his wife, Alyssa, now work at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort as a gaming host and cage cashier respec-

tively.

Frank noted, "There's opportunity here if you're willing to work and show up on time with a good work ethic. The cost of living is lower."

Frank's daughter, Jazlyn, is a student at Cherokee High School and has a job lined up for the summer with the Oconaluftee Indian Village. "She feels at home."

He said it has been nice to walk into a restaurant or store and see other Native people. "I'm happy to be home. There's something deep here."

Plus, there are the memories.

"I have memories of fishing in Santeetlah Lake with my grandfather, the late John Walkingstick, and riding in his truck and him telling me, 'that's Rattlesnake Mountain', and then thinking, as a little kid, 'wow, that's where all the rattlesnakes live'."

He recalls having his first Big Mac while riding to Asheville with his uncle, John Ed Walkingstick, and his first job at the old Dairy Queen which was located where the Harrah's Cherokee casino parking lot is now.

"I'm excited to come back to Cherokee."

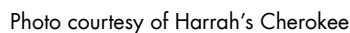


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ROBERT JUMPER/One Feather

LIGHTS: Have you ever wondered who makes Cherokee look like Christmas? K&D Services takes special care to place the Tribe's lights and light displays to maximum effect for both tourists and the local community. They ensure that the displays are fully lit and maintained throughout the holiday season. The crew decorates eight tribal buildings and three of Cherokee's heavily traveled bridges, erects 42 roadside lighted scenes, and hangs 210 lighted pole ornaments. The team also constructed and decorated a skating rink, and 22 light and cultural displays at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. They also assembled the tribal Christmas tree, a 40-foot synthetic tree with lights near the Cherokee Welcome Center. The installation team was headed by Buddy and Jewel Fischer. Shown (left-right) are: Buddy, Ted Lambert, Roy Teesateskie, and Wayne Owle. Not pictured are Wilson Oocumma and Trae Bradley.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

CERTIFIED: Cherokee School Board Chairperson Charlotte Saunooke (center) presents National Board Certified Teacher certificates to Sonya Edwards (left) and Bette Fitzgerald during a School Board meeting at the Cherokee Central Schools on the afternoon of Monday, Feb. 5. Edwards, a 24-year veteran of the school system, noted, "I feel supported every day I come to work. It was an amazing opportunity." Dr. Michael Murray, Cherokee Central Schools superintendent said, "Ultimately, the most important part is what goes on in the classroom. They are the best of the best of our profession." Joan Celestino, who is a National Board candidate support provider, was on hand to present pins to the two teachers as well. Also receiving a certification but not pictured is Maria Carla Layno.

New Kituwah Academy Honor Rolls, Perfect Attendance – and Nine Weeks

Kindergarten

Perfect Attendance: Zion Dawkins, Kam-den Driver, Sara Reed

1st Grade

Perfect Attendance: Kodesgi Jackson, Aria Toineeta, Hailey Winchester

2nd Grade

Perfect Attendance: Jayla Pheasant, Kiara Sneed

3rd Grade

Perfect Attendance: Ajalah Locust, Kaden Stephens
A Honor Roll: Madison Rogers, Kaden Stephens

A/B Honor Roll: Mack Burgess

4th Grade

Perfect Attendance: Zakya Hogner, Jaime Panther

A Honor Roll: Alexis Motola

A/B Honor Roll: Moke Tafoya, Samuel Hernandez, Riley Lambert, Zakya Hogner

5th Grade

Perfect Attendance: Cameron Jackson, Tasia Neadeau

A Honor Roll: Addyson Welch, Cecily Swimmer, Kyla Moore, Naomi Taylor

A/B Honor Roll: Cameron Jackson, Hailee Velazquez-Lossiah, Whitney Rogers, Waushila Grant, Marilyn Swayney, Kallup McCoy, Tasia Neadeau

6th Grade

Perfect Attendance: Tyce Hogner



OBITUARIES

Wanda Lee (Joe Lou) Smith Bradley

Wanda Lee (Joe Lou) Smith Bradley, 82, of the Wolfstown Community, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018.

She was the daughter of the late Charles and Elma (Arch) Smith. Wanda was a member of the Yellowhill Baptist Church and NAIWA Group. In her youthful years, Wanda worked as a teacher at the 1st Start nursery, a tribal housekeeper, and Cherokee Elementary Janitor. She enjoyed doing beadwork, working on table puzzles and word puzzles, loved the game called BINGO, made many friends at Skyland Nursing Home, and enjoyed all of her grandchildren. She also loved to go sing with the church choir.

Along with her parents, Wanda was preceded in death by her loving husband, Nick "Shorty" Bradley Jr.; sisters, Ossie Smith and Snookie Elders; one brother, Delbert Smith; a daughter, Janet Lee Beck; and a grandson, Chester Ray Sequoyah.

Wanda is survived by her children, Frankie Bradley, Dean Bradley and wife Terri, Pebbles Blankenship and husband Jerry, Bobby Bradley, Victoria Bradley, and Brian Waldroup; sisters, Nancy Smith and husband Kenneth, Connie Cabe, Joan Henry and husband Ralph, Linda

Raby, Rebecca Bridges and husband Taylor. Wanda also leaves behind five grandchildren, all of Cherokee; three great grandchildren, one great great grandson; many nieces and nephews; and many friends at Skyland Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at Yellowhill Baptist Church. Pastor Foreman Bradley officiated with burial following at the John Bradley Cemetery. Pallbearers were Tony Cabe, James Raby, Terrence Cabe, Lehman Bradley, Tommy Cabe, and RD Allison.

Long House Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Russell Lee Walkingstick

Russell Lee Walkingstick, infant son of David Edwards and Ardina Walkingstick passed away on Monday, Jan. 29, 2018 at Mission Hospital in Asheville.

In addition to his parents, Russell is survived by one sister, Ma-Li Mae Littlejohn; paternal grandparents, Lee Edwards and Liz Edwards; maternal grandparents, Liz Sequoyah and Mike Walkingstick; great grandmother, Annie Arch; paternal uncle, Andrew Edwards of Cherokee; paternal aunts, Krystal Edwards and Hayley Edwards, both of Cherokee; three uncles and one aunt on the maternal side; 13 cousins and a special cousin Cayden also survive.

Russell was preceded in death by great grand-

parents, Johnson and Bobbie Sequoyah and Russell Walkingstick; one Aunt, Kina "Slugg" Lossie; and one Uncle, Jerry Lee Maney Jr.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Feb. 9 at Long House Funeral Home. Pastors James "Bo" Parris and Roger Roland officiated. Burial followed at the Sequoyah Cemetery in the Big Cove Community.

Jeannie Elizabeth Grant

Jeannie Elizabeth Grant, 77, of the Piney Grove Community in Cherokee, passed away Monday, Feb. 5, 2018.

She is survived by five children, Billy and Tonya Rattler, Michael and Bridget Rattler, Julie and Kevin Alford, Thomas and Leandra Miller, and John and Billy Jo Miller; three step children, Ernest Grant, Maria Grant, and Michael Grant; five step grandchildren; two sisters, Susan Hicks and Geneva Stegall; and several nieces and nephews also survive.

Jeannie was preceded in death by her loving husband, Raymond Grant; brothers, Ross and Daniel Everhart; and one great grandson, Jediah Blake Miller.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 2pm at Long House Funeral Home. Burial followed at the Grant Cemetery. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

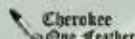


CHEROKEE VETERANS:

We want to share your stories.

The Cherokee One Feather would like to help you tell your stories through a column we call the "Veterans' Corner". If you or your family members would like to help you tell the Cherokee community what it was like for you while serving your community and nation, or what it has been like being a veteran, we would like to give you a forum to share your memories with the readers of the Cherokee One Feather. You don't have to be a writer. If you prefer to set up an appointment with our staff to share your moments, we will document, write, and publish your thoughts. You may send written stories to robejump@nc-choerokee.com and/or call 828-359-6482 to schedule a time for us to interview you. You may also stop by the One Feather offices at the Ginger Lynn Welch Building in Cherokee.

Thank you for your service and love for your community.



Notice of Tribal Privilege Tax increase

The EBCI Tribal Council approved an increase in the rate of Tribal Privilege tax from 3 percent to 4 percent effective Thursday, March 1. This tax applies to hotels, motels, tourist homes, tourist camps, campgrounds, rental cabins and similar businesses and persons who rent private residences and cottages.

The EBCI utilizes privilege tax revenues for tribal services including Sanitation, Tourism & Marketing, cultural preservation, youth sports, Health Transportation, fuel assistance, and Head Start.

Notices have been mailed.

Info: EBCI Office of Budget and Finance 359-7062

- EBCI Secretary of Treasury
Cory Blankenship

Cherokee Recreation youth sports registration

Cherokee Recreation is currently accepting registration for the following sports: Youth Soccer, deadline Feb. 25, ages 4-12. Practices will be in Cherokee. Games will be in Jackson County. Wrestling, deadline Feb. 28, ages 3-12. Practices will be at Birdtown Gym. Matches will be on Saturdays and match location will vary between Cherokee, Swain, and Robbinsville. To sign up, fill out a recreation form at any Cherokee Recreation gym.

- Cherokee Recreation

SCC announces fall graduates

SYLVA- More than 140 graduates earned their associate degrees, diplomas and/or certificates from Southwestern Community College in the fall semester.

Among the graduates, 15 earned Cum Laude honors (3.50-



Photo courtesy of family

SCHOLAR: Reagan Panther (formerly Barnard), a 2015 graduate of Cherokee High School, made the Dean's List for the Fall 2017 semester at Carson-Newman University. To qualify, she had to earn a minimum 3.50 grade point average.

3.69 GPA), while 18 were named Magna Cum Laude (3.70-3.89 GPA) and 11 were Summa Cum Laude (3.90-4.00 GPA).

Thirteen graduates are New Century Scholars, who were identified as "high-potential" students when they were in the seventh grade. After meeting expectations in academics, behavior and service learning, these students were guaranteed last dollar tuition and fees assistance and the opportunity of an education at Southwestern, thanks to the generosity of their respective communities.

The following list of graduates from Cherokee includes each graduate's field of study, type of academic credential earned and – when applicable – academic honors: Lizzie Renee Bernal, Associate

in Arts, College Transfer; Lucretia Hicks Dawkins, Certificate, Accounting-Tax; Jasper Isaac Groenewold, Certificate, Air Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration Technology; Felicia E. Johnson, Associate in General Education; Amanda Tortalita, Diploma, Cosmetology; Jessica Dawn Santos, Associate in Applied Science, Early Childhood Education; Chase Crowe, Associate in Applied Science, Automotive Systems Technology; Isabel Make-na Driver, Associate in Arts, College Transfer – Early College, Cum Laude; Kayla Jean Pheasant, Associate in Applied Science, Accounting, Cum Laude; Sarah Wachacha, Certificate, Health Information Technology – Health Informatics; and Chavis Raylyn Wright, Associate in Applied Science, Medical Assisting.

- SCC

Eastern Band Community Foundation announces Bill Taylor Scholarship

Applications for the Bill Taylor Scholarship are now being accepted by the Eastern Band Community Foundation. This scholarship is available to all EBCI tribal members or their immediate family members who study Business/Business related curricula. The deadline to apply is June 1.

This scholarship was named in honor of previous Tribal Council Chairman Bill Taylor for his involvement and encouragement in bringing the gaming industry to Cherokee and has awarded \$42,082 in scholarships since 2000. Awards are based on students meeting various eligibility requirements detailed on the NCCF website www.nccommunityfoundation.org. Applications can also be downloaded on this site under

"Qualla Reservation". For further information contact Norma Moss at normahmoss@gmail.com

The Eastern Band Community Foundation is an affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation. In addition to the website, like us on Facebook, follow us on LinkedIn and Twitter @NCCF for more information on the North Carolina Community Foundation.

- Eastern Band Community
Foundation

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) available

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

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

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

- EBCI Cooperative Extension

EBCI Enrollment deadline notice for new applicants

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

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

DNA testing must be collected by Wednesday, Feb. 28 in order for the results to be in by March 15. Any DNA collected after this date is not guaranteed to be returned by the deadline. Because of the extended amount of time in receiving a social security number for a newborn, an application will be considered complete without a social security card. However, an enrollment card will only be issued upon receipt of the social security card of a new enrollee.

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

Info: EBCI Enrollment Office
(828) 359-6469

- EBCI Enrollment Office

Head Start, Early Head Start recruiting

The Qualla Boundary Head

Start & Early Head Start program is currently recruiting for children age six weeks to 4-years-old. Children's services include: health and dental screenings, engaging activities, and a structured schedule. Info: Helen Martin 359-6590

- Qualla Boundary Head Start

Wolftown Community news

The Wolftown Community Club held its regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 6. Thank you to Bruce Toineeta from the Vice-Chief's office for attending and giving a report and answering questions on various topics. The Club voted to donate money to the Cherokee Chamber Singers for their trip to New York and to the 2017 Football Team for their celebration. We had a good meeting and we welcomed Frank Dunn and his family to the community. They recently moved back from Seattle, Wash. and reside in the Hyatt Cove area.

Our next fundraiser will be on Saturday, March 17 at the Wolftown Gym. We will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day Bingo starting at 4pm, so come on out and wear your green to receive a free card to play. Concession will be open.

Kelsey Jackson, Wolftown Community member, is organizing a Lady Braves Alumni Game that will be played on Saturday, March 24 at 1pm. The deadline to sign-up to play is Friday, Feb. 16. If interested, contact her at 788-4732 or via email at jackson4251@gmail.com. Kelsey is also volunteering with the VITA tax service located at the Extension Office. They are taking clients now.

The Community Club Council will meet on Monday, March 5 in Cherokee County. Dinner will start at 6pm and the meeting will follow at 6:30. Remember to bring an item

for the auction as well. The next regular community club meeting will be on Tuesday, March 6 at 7pm at the Wolftown Gym. Everyone is invited to attend and bring a friend. Our attendance has been great and we hope to keep growing!

- Tammy Jackson, Secretary
Wolftown Community Club

Per Capita Loan deadlines for upcoming cycle

The EBCI Office of Budget & Finance is about to begin a new cycle of loan assistance for EBCI tribal members for the months of April – September. If you wish to begin receiving loan assistance in the month of April, you must submit a new application to the Finance Office. Applications will be accepted March 19-23, and the new application forms are available at the Finance Office and online at www.ebci.com/government/per-capita-loans/. Applications submitted on forms from previous cycles will not be accepted.

Following is the deadline schedule with check release dates in parentheses:

- Feb. 20-23 (March 9)
- March 19-23 (April 13)
- April 16-20 (May 11)
- No applications accepted in May
- June 18-22 (July 13)
- July 16-20 (Aug. 10)
- Aug. 20-24 (Sept. 7)

- EBCI Secretary of Treasury
Cory Blankenship

THANK YOU LETTER Thank you Yogi Crowe Scholarship

I would like to thank the Yogi Crowe Scholarship committee for their support this semester. I am currently in my first year as a Ph.D. student at the University of North Dakota. Being awarded this scholarship has allowed me to begin my second semester with less financial stress. As always, I am very grateful for the support that the committee continues to give me.

Megan K. Smith, M.A.

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EBCI
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legalhelp@nc-cherokee.com

EBCI Legal Assistance also handles child custody representations under certain conditions.
Please call to determine if you qualify and if the program can represent you.



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Loving the land, water, and wind

ROBERT JUMPER

ONE FEATHER EDITOR

We are blessed to live in some of the most beautiful land in the world. Next to our people, it is our most valuable and cherished resource. The Qualla Boundary consists of our 56,000 acres of real estate, held in federal trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Long before there was a “federal”, many Cherokee people made their home here in what is now known as the western North Carolina mountains.

Cherokee relationship and respect for the land, water, and air are legendary. It has been a spiritual affair for our people. Our stories and legends are filled with references to plants and animals, and the powers of the wind, water, and soil. We have loved the lands provided by the Creator since anyone can remember and before there were documents of history.

If you speak with an elder, you will hear that love come out in the stories of their childhoods. Our grandmothers and grandfathers lived in a time when it was important to preserve, taking from the land only what was needed for survival. We were not people of excess. Good living was having enough to eat, a warm, dry place to sleep, and a safe place to raise a family. There was joy in personal relationship with family and community.

For good and bad, times change. European influence and “civilization” brought cultural changes that caused many to stop loving the land and start lusting after the products of the land. Over time, we have lost much of the reverence we had for the land, water, wind, and, for that matter, the Creator. We no longer just take what we need. We take what we want, regardless of the long-term consequences to our environment or to those in our family and community. Ignoring the warning of our ancestors, and our elders, we continue to live with a mentality of excess. We take from a stream until it runs dry, then we begin hunting for a new stream. We abuse the land until it is unproductive, then we begin hunting for more land. We contaminate our air until we cannot breathe, then we hunt for fresh air. The natural resources that we have enjoyed for so long are showing

the signs of our neglect.

Several years ago, the Junaluska Youth Council started a recycling drive to get us, as a government and community, to focus on renewable resources and conservation. They provided recycling materials and held education forums. They distributed literature to train us up on how to help the environment. They made a valiant effort to move us to think before we used and responsibly reused. They got through to some of us.

Some offices still have the blue recycling trash cans left over from that drive. But, most of us don't pay any attention to them. If you examine many of those bins, you will find non-recyclable and recyclables thrown in together. In fact, inside the Council House, there are trash bins with a top that has holes with different markings for “trash” and “recyclables” that have no dividers in them. No matter which hole you throw your trash in, it goes into the same bag. The EBCI Sanitation Department still carries the bulk of the load when it comes to recycling efforts on the Boundary, separating what they can at the collection centers.

Over the years, we have witnessed oil and gas spills from old leaking gas station tanks, sewage spills from overflows, and degradation from erosion and neglect. There are old buildings and signs that rust and rot into the ground, taking away from the beautiful of our land and damaging our ability to generate life-sustaining revenue for people, present and future.

We cannot talk love of environment and not show it. Our actions speak louder than our words. It is up to each of us to make this a better place to live. We must honor the wisdom and sacrifices of our elders. Saying we honor them and then not heeding their wisdom is, in fact, dishonor. We are deceiving them and ourselves. The Cherokee people, against the odds and suffering great adversity, held on to this great land we call the Qualla Boundary. We have not just survived. We have thrived. We are a great people and a strong economic power. We will continue to be so if we will only remember the teachings of our ancestors, and return to our love of land, water, and wind.

CHEROKEE DAY OF CARING

EVENT DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 17TH 2018.



The Cherokee Day of Caring (CDC) Committee is currently taking nominations for projects now through the last day of February for this coming year's Day of Caring on Thursday, May 17th 2018. This day otherwise known as Ga-Du-Gi or "Free Labor", consists of volunteers from different organizations coming together to help tribal members improve their homes, yards, gardens and other buildings. Once nominations are received the CDC committee will assess nominations and select projects that can be completed within a six-hour window and that meet guideline specifications.

Nomination Criteria:

- ♦ Nominated person must be an EBCI enrolled tribal member
- ♦ Residence must be located in one of the ten EBCI communities



Please submit all nominations to:

DEB OWLE AT CHEROKEE PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

Phone Contact: (828)497-5550

EMAIL: dowle@cherokeepreservation.org

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

Benefits/Fundraisers

Support a Veteran Poor Man's Lunch Benefit for David and Patsy Ledford. Feb. 15 from 11am – 1pm at the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 Hall off of Acquoni Road (veteran's side of the old courthouse). Menu: Pinto beans, fried potatoes, beans and hominy, cabbage, cornbread, fried bologna, dessert, and drink for \$8/each. This benefit is to help with travel and food expenses. David has had another amputation and will be in rehab for several weeks in Asheville and will have follow-up appointments.

BBQ Benefit for Mark Lambert. Feb. 15 at 11am at Yellowhill Activity Center. Mark is currently in Care Partners and will be out of work for an undetermined amount of time due to back surgery. Menu: BBQ/bun, cole slaw, baked beans, and drink for \$8.

NAWIA Indian Dinner Fundraiser. Feb. 16 at 11am at Yellowhill Activity Center. Menu: Bean bread, chicken, fatback, cabbage, fried potatoes, drink and dessert - \$10.00

Souper Bowl Fundraiser. March 9 (new date) from 11am – 1pm at Cherokee Choices Community Room. All proceeds will go to fund the Community Syllabary Class. \$5 for bowl of soup, bread/crackers, and drink; \$7 all-you-can-eat soup, bread/crackers, drink. Potato, taco, tomato, vegetable, zuppa toscana, and more.

Church Events

Women of Destiny program. Feb. 24 from 11am – 1pm at Wolfstown Gym. Dr. Brenda Miller-Chambliss, Embassy Christian Center women's ministry director, and Dr. W.C. Chambliss III, pastor, will speak. Info: (828) 835-2359, embassytv.net

David Hansel preaching. March 1-2 at 7pm at Evangelistic Tabernacle in Bryson City. Everyone is welcome to hear Hansel who is from Richmond, Ky. Info: 488-3098

Cultural Events

Free Syllabary Class. Every Thursday from March 1 – April 26 from 7-8pm at Cherokee Choices conference room. Limited slots available. This is for EBCI tribal members ages 10 and up only. This is not a Cherokee language class. Info: Tara McCoy 359-5542

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

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WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL

WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

FEBRUARY 12-18, 2018

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

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BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, FEB. 12	TUESDAY, FEB. 13	WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14	THURSDAY, FEB. 15	FRIDAY, FEB. 16	SATURDAY, FEB. 17	SUNDAY, FEB. 18
GOOD	BETTER	BETTER	BEST	BEST+++	BETTER	GOOD
10:20 AM-12:20 PM 10:44 PM-12:44 AM	11:08 AM-1:08 PM 11:32 PM-1:32 AM	N/A 11:56 AM-1:56 PM	12:19 AM-2:19 AM 12:43 PM-2:43 PM	1:06 AM-3:06 AM 1:29 PM-3:29 PM	1:52 AM-3:52 AM 2:15 PM-4:15 PM	2:37 AM-4:37 AM 3:00 PM-5:00 PM

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the Book of Darius in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In biblical times, how long did the journey of Ezra ordinarily take from Babylon to Jerusalem? 3 days, 4 months, 2 years, 5 years
3. From Philippians 4, what does the Apostle Paul instruct us to do rather than worry? Cry, Pray, Love, Talk
4. What creature(s) did the prophet Joel have a vision of? Locust, Flies, Viper, Leeches
5. From John 18, who asked, "What is truth"? Moses, Paul, Pilate, David
6. In what were all of Job's children killed? Flood, Fire, Wind, Stampede

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) 4 months; 3) Pray; 4) Locust; 5) Wind; 6) Stampede

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

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General Events

Swain County Democratic Party Whittier-Cherokee Precinct meeting. Feb. 15 at 6pm at Chestnut Tree Inn (formerly Holiday Inn). Agenda items include preparing for Joe Sam Queen and the 2018 election calendar. All are welcome. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118

Indivisible Swain County NC meeting. Feb. 19 at 6pm at Calhoun House Hotel at 135 Everett Street in Bryson City. The guest speaker will be Phillip Price. All are welcome to join. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118

Swain County Democratic Party meeting. Feb. 20 at 6pm at Swain County Senior Center at 125 Brendle Street in Bryson City. All are welcome. Agenda items include: meeting place change, update on Swain County Democratic Party listening sessions, and planning for 2018 elections. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118

Jackson County Democratic Party meeting. Feb. 20 at 6:30pm at party headquarters at 500 Mill St. in Sylva. The meeting is open to all Democrats. Frank C. Burrell, chair of JCDP, will preside. Info: jacksondem.com

Highway 19 Apartment Complex groundbreaking. Feb. 21 at 1:30pm at the site at 1579 Painttown Road in Cherokee. Everyone is invited to this event sponsored by EBCI Housing & Community Development.

Backyard Ramp Patch Giveaway. Feb. 23. EBCI Extension Office in Cherokee at 9am, John Welch Senior Center in Murphy at 12pm, and Snowbird Library near Robbinsville at 3pm. Info: Ronald “Chumper” Walker, EBCI Cooperative Extension, 359-6930

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

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

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

Health and Sports Events

Haskell Softball Youth Camp. March 16-18 at Cherokee Central Schools softball fields. Haskell Indian Nation University softball team will hold the camp for ages 5-18. The camp will be led by Brianna Smith, an EBCI tribal member and former Lady Braves softball player. Schedule: March 16 from 3:30-5:30pm, March 17 from 9am – 5pm, and March 18 from 1-5pm. Bring softball cleats, bat, and glove. RSVP to confirm attendance to Gary Tanner, Haskell head softball coach, gtanner@haskell.edu

Swain County Dizzy Dean Benefit Co-Ed Softball Tournament. March 17 at 9am at Swain County Ballfields. \$200 entry fee. Unlimited home runs with purchase of Dizzy Dean bracelet. Double-elimination, five girls/five guys, ISA co-ed rules apply. Info: Trent Crisp 736-1381, Riley Randall 788-4665, Larry Simonds (828) 200-7303

Upcoming Pow Wows for Feb. 16-18

Note: This list of pow wows was compiled by One Feather staff. The One Feather does not endorse any of these dances. It is simply a listing of ones occurring throughout the continent. Please call before traveling.

Bois Forte Mid-Winter Traditional Pow Wow. Feb. 16-18 at Nett Lake Tribal Center in Nett Lake, Minn. Info: Jennie Rowland or Louis Isham (218) 757-3261, jrowland@boisfort-nsn.gov

Thunder on the Beach Pow Wow. Feb. 16-18 at Indian River County Fairgrounds in Vero Beach, Fla. Info: Dona Chesser (772) 567-1579, deedeel579@aol.com, www.thunderonthebeachpowwow.net

Honoring our Native Heritage Pow Wow. Feb. 17-18 in Lima, Ohio. Info: Dancing_fawn@watchtv.net

American War Mothers Kiowa Chapter 19 Valentine's Day Pow Wow. Feb. 17 at Red Buffalo Hall in Carnegie, Okla. MC: Vernon Cy Ahtone. Head Southern Singers: Jaylen Ahtone-Pherigo, Robert Tehuano. No contact information was given.

10th Annual Sa'Heh'Wa'Mish Days Pow Wow. Feb. 17-18 at Little Creek Casino Resort in Shelton, Wash. Emcees: Ray Fryberg, Sonny Eaglespeaker, Casey Mac Wallahee. Info: https://www.little-creek.com/casino-promotions-and-entertainment/index.php?num=78&event_type=Event

Community Club Meetings

Big Y Community Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Big Y Community Building. For information on renting the building for your special occasion, call Brianna Lambert 788-3308. The rental fee is \$75 and \$25 will be returned after cleaning.

Big Cove Community Club meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the Big Cove Rec. Center. Info: Chairman Butch Hill 497-7309, Vice Chairman Joe Red Cloud 269-6130, Secretary Lavita Hill 736-3126, or Treasurer Lisa Hardesty 788-1646

Birdtown Community Club meets the last Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Community Building. Potluck starts at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6pm. Chairman: Stephan Wat-

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

Paint Town Community Club meets the last Monday of each month at 5:30pm at the new Paint-town Gym. Info: Lula Jackson 736-1511, Lois Dunston 736-3230, Abe Queen (Free Labor) 269-8110, Jennifer Jackson (building rental) 269-7702

Snowbird Community Club meets the first Tuesday of each month or the Tuesday before the Tribal Council meeting. Info: Roger Smoker, chairman, (828) 479-8678 or (828) 361-3278, rogersmoker@yahoo.com

Wolftown Community Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Wolftown Community Club Building. Info: Tuff Jackson, chairman, 788-4088

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

Community Groups

Big Y Archery Club meets every Tuesday at 7:30pm at the Big Y Community Club Building. Indoor targets and 3D game targets available. This is free of charge to all and everyone is welcome. Instruction is available.

Support Groups/Meetings

Cherokee Diabetes Talking Circle. This group, for community members with diabetes or pre-diabetes and their family and friends, meets at Tsali Manor on the third Thursday of each month from 12-1pm. Info: Nilofer Couture, MPH, RD, LDN, CDE, 497-9163 ext. 6459 or Nilofer.Couture@cherokeehospital.org

AA and NA meetings in

Cherokee. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): Tuesdays at 7pm at Cherokee Indian Hospital (CIH), Saturdays at 10am at CIH conference room
Narcotics Anonymous (NA): Mondays at 8pm at CIH, Thursdays at 8pm at CIH, Fridays at 7pm at CIH conference room

Analenisgi Recovery Center weekly schedule for Fall/Winter 2017/18

*NOTE: All classes/groups are open to all Analenisgi clients. Support groups marked with ** are open to the community.*

Mondays

Safety WRAP: 9 -10am
Cherokee Culture: 11:15am - 12:30pm
Still Waters: 2-3pm
**Family Support: 5-6pm

Tuesdays

Native Plants: 8:30-10:30am
Employment Skills: (second and fourth Tuesdays 11am -12pm)
Taming Salolis (Squirrels): 11am - 12pm
Emotions: 1-2pm
**Self-esteem: 2-3pm
**Life Recovery: 3-4pm

Wednesdays

Safety WRAP: 9-10am
Strong Hearts Women's Group: 11am - 12pm
Healthy Boundaries: 1-2:30pm
Creative Writing: 2-3pm

**Family Support: 5-6pm

**Agape LGBT Group: 5:45-6:45pm

**HIV/AIDS/Hep C Support Group: (second and fourth Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm)

Thursdays

**Life Recovery: 8:30-9:30am
Connections (Brene' Brown): 10:30-11:45am
Finding Tohi (Peace/Balance): 1-2pm

Uncle Skills Men's Group: 3-4pm

Fridays

Creative Recovery: 9:30 am - 12pm
Cherokee Language and Culture: 1-2:30pm
Popcorn and a Movie: 2:30-4pm
Info: Analenisgi Recovery Center 497-6892.
Times and dates may be subject to change.

CIHA Bariatric Support Groups

meet every second Tuesday of the month at Snowbird Clinic from 11am - 12pm (Chrystal Frank) and every second Thursday of the month at Cherokee Indian Hospital from 12-1pm (Nilofer Couture) and 4:30-5:30pm (Linda Johnson). Groups are led by registered dietitians. Info: CIHA Nutrition Dept. 497-9163 ext. 6459


Cherokee Cancer Support

Group meets the first Thursday of each month at Betty's Place at 40 Goose Creek Road. A pot luck is held at 5:30pm, and the meeting is open to all. Betty's Place is also open Monday - Friday 10am - 2pm and provides counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals. Info: 497-0788


CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Bailey, a 6-month-old Corgi, lives with Dawson Wilnoty and Jessa Sampson in the Painttown Community.



Is your pet your best friend?
If you'd like to have your pet
(whatever that may be) featured as the
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CERTIFICATION PERIODS:

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

GROSS INCOME (20% EIC DEDUCTION):

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

DEDUCTIONS:

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

Household Size (FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standards)

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

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



STAFF OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Internal Auditor
Water Treatment Plant Operator
Housekeeping 2nd Shift
Interior Designer
Data Architect
Area Coordinator (*Residential Living*)

FACULTY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Assistant Professor (*Nurse Anesthesia, Web & User Librarian, Social Work, Nursing*)
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12-13 cast iron skills dutch ovens \$200 obo all, 1986 El Camino SS V8, dual stereo amp: 352-263-9202

SERVICES

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Law Office of Shira Hedgepeth, Tribal Legal Advocate, For representation, call (828) 585-5044 or email shira@legal-decisions.com. Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/legaldecisions.3/29pd>

YARD SALES

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

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Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

**Cherokee Youth Council
Leadership Specialist**
(Please attach resume with application.)

**Part-Time
Resident Counselors**
Cherokee Children's Home

Food Manager
Snowbird Child Development Center

Teachers/Teachers' Aides
Snowbird Child Development Center

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

All jobs listed are
open until filled.

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

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

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

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

EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

For deadlines and applications call 359-6388. Indian Preference does apply. A current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a Tribal application.



POSITIONS OPEN

Please attach all required documents

eg: Driver's license, Enrollment, Diplomas, Certificates

Closing Friday, February 16, 2018

1. Domestic Violence Intake Worker - DV Program - PHHS (L5 \$25,830 - \$32,288)
2. Housekeeper I - Light Duty - Housekeeping - Operations (L3 \$21,484 - \$26,855)
3. Housekeeper II - Heavy Duty - Housekeeping - Operations (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
4. Assistant Education Coordinator/EMT-P EMS - Operations (L9 \$37,474 - \$46,843)
5. Education Coordinator/EMT-P EMS - Operations (L10 \$41,082 - \$51,353)
6. Recreation Coordinator - Senior Citizens (Tsali Manor) - PHHS (L6 \$28,372 - \$35,465)
7. Driver - Transit - Administration (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
8. Recreation Aide - Snowbird Recreation - SBCC Services (L3 \$21,484 - \$26,855)
9. Program Assistant - Cherokee Choices - PHHS (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
10. Project Monitor Inspector (Multiple) - Project Management - Administration (L12 \$49,200 - \$61,500)

Closing Monday, February 26, 2018

1. Natural Resources Enforcement Officer (Multiple) - NRE - Public Safety (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
2. Collections Processor - Budget & Finance - Treasury (L6 \$28,372 - \$35,465)
3. Corrections Officer - Corrections - CIPD (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
4. 1. Cook Aide - Qualla Boundary HS/EHS - PHHS (L2 \$19,598 - \$24,498)

Open Positions

1. Paramedic Part-Time - EMS - Operations (\$16.40 - \$20.50 per hour)
2. Paramedic Full-Time - EMS - Operations (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)

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



Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

- **Special Education Teacher Assistant (Elementary)** - Must have Associate's Degree or 48 completed semester hours.
- **Middle School Math Teacher** - Must have valid NC Teaching license.
- **6 Hour Food Service Worker (Full-time)** - Must have HS diploma or GED.
- **Middle School Pathseekers Special Education Teacher** - Must have valid NC Teaching license.
- **Substitute Custodian** - Requires HS diploma or GED.
- **Substitute Security** - Requires HS diploma or GED.

Applicants who have retired from EBCI or other affiliated entities must wait a period of 6 months before applying for employment. Applicants who have accepted the Early Retirement Incentive Plan (ERIP) from EBCI or affiliated entity must wait 3 years before applying for employment.

APPLY ONLINE at:

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

EMPLOYMENT

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

PTR Physician – Emergency Room
To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close February 16, 2018 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **2/15pd**

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Residential Treatment Center Manager - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center
Optometrist
Physician - Emergency Room
PTR Physician – Emergency Room
Pedodontist
PTR Registered Nurse - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center
RN – Tsali Care Center (2 Positions)
Emergency Hire RN – Inpatient
Emergency Hire Dental Assistant II (2 Positions)
Dental Assistant II (2 Positions)
Dentist – Satellite Clinics Cherokee County & Snowbird
Dentist
Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care (11 Positions)
Certified Medication Aide - Tsali Care
To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions are open until filled. Indian preference does apply.

**Operations Manager for
Oconaluftee Indian Village**
The Cherokee Historical Association is for an Operations Manager for the Oconaluftee Indian Village. We are looking for someone who

can multi-task, has retail management experience and the knowledge of Cherokee craft appraisal. This position will run Late March through Mid-November, works weekends and holidays.

Guidelines:

- Indian preference applies.
- Must have supervision/management experience.
- Requires great guest service skills.
- Requires computer and record keeping skills.
- Have the ability to oversee multiple employees.
- Must have knowledge of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians culture and about the culturally based tourism industry.
- Requires the ability to coordinate activities and events, market and promote, communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.

Anyone interested can pick up a job description and application at the CHA main office, located across from the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Applications must be submitted by the COB on March 16th, 2018. Position starts on March 26th, 2018. **3/8pd**

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Case Management Support – Primary Care
Pharmacy Tech II
Integrated Classroom Skill Builder
Radiology Technologist/Ultrasound Technologist
LPN – Tsali Care

To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close February 22, 2018 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **2/22pd**

TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: February 14, 2018

CLOSING DATE: February 21, 2018
At 4:00pm

NAME OF POSITION: **Custodian**

NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 1

SHIFT: Days

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

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TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: February 14, 2018

CLOSING DATE: February 21, 2018
At 4:00pm

NAME OF POSITION: **Full Time
Floor Attendant**

NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 1

SHIFT: Evening

SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents

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

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LEGAL NOTICES

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Roberta Ann Davis

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

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

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

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

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
TION

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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-056

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Frances Long Reed**

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
TION

Lori A. Reed, P.O. Box 79, Cherokee,
NC 28719. **3/8pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-002

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Kamie Helen Calhoun**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this

estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
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Christopher Calhoun, 445 Mink
Branch Road, Cherokee, NC
28719. **3/8pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-006

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Daniel Lambert**

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
TION

Nick Lambert, 1660 Toe String
Road, Whittier, NC 28789. **3/8pd**

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Request for Proposals

Project Title: Old Yellowhill Community Club Building Remodel

This is a "Request for Proposals" from General Contractors with experience in the construction of commercial and remodel projects.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Project Management Program, is soliciting proposals from general contractors for construction services for the remodel of the old Yellowhill Community Club building in Cherokee, North Carolina.

The full project description and "RFP" will be provided to any interested party upon request. All questions, comments or requests for materials should be addressed to Chris Greene, Program Manager at 828-359-6703 or by email at chrigree@nc-cherokee.com. The deadline for submitting proposals is 2:30 p.m. on 02/21/2018.

Indian Preference (as defined by the Tribal Employment Rights Office, TERO) applies for this RFQ. **2/15pd**

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

GARANCO, Inc. is requesting bids from TERO-certified Vendors and Subcontractors for all specified divisions on the following project:
Highway 19 Apartments
Cherokee, North Carolina
Please contact Gary Stanley at GARANCO, Inc., P.O. Box 100, Pilot Mountain, NC, 27041
Phone (336) 368-2788, fax (336) 368-1001, email – gary@garanco.com

Plans and specifications are available for viewing at GARANCO, Inc., 615 W. Main St., Pilot Mountain, NC. Also available at: CMD (reedpsp.com) and Dodge (construction.com) plan rooms and Office of EBCI Housing & Community Development, 756 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719, attn.:

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Bidders must be properly licensed and insured under laws governing their respective trade. Bid deadline is February 27, 2018 at 5pm. **2/22pd**

Request for Proposals

Please be advised that Owle Construction, LLC, an Equal Opportunity Employer, is soliciting TERO subcontractor quotes for site work, drainage, masonry, metals, woods & plastics, thermal & moisture, doors & windows, finishes, specialties, residential equipment, mechanical, electrical and plumbing for the construction of the "US 19 APARTMENTS."

Proposals should be delivered or mailed to Owle Construction's office or emailed to Brett Smith (bsmith@owleconstruction.com) by close of business (5:00 PM) Tuesday, February 27th, 2018. MAIL: 120 Hoot Owl Road, Whittier, NC 28789

Project plans and specifications are available in our main office located at 120 Hoot Owl Road, Whittier, NC, 28789 with prior appointment. Please contact main office at 828-497-8900 to setup an appointment. Plans should also be available at the Eastern Band of Cherokee plan room located in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex.

Workers compensation, auto, and general liability are required from all subcontractors.

For more questions, contact Brett Smith 828-497-8900.

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810 Acquaní Rd Suite 190
Cherokee, N.C. 28719
828-359-6421

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5077 Hendersonville Rd
Fletcher, NC 28732



What is Kanvwotiyl?

Kanvwotiyl is a substance abuse residential treatment center for adults, both men and women, suffering from addiction who need extra help to start their recovery journey.

1. Don't we have access to other residential treatment centers?

The community has used several residential treatment programs over the years, but there are often long waits to get into these programs, and many are far from Cherokee.

2. What is the average length of stay at Kanvwotiyl and why?

Our goal for all patients who seek recovery from addiction is to complete at least one year of active treatment, which may include detox at Cherokee Indian Hospital, Kanvwotiyl, supportive housing and outpatient support. The length of stay at Kanvwotiyl is flexible according to patient need, but the most patients will graduate from the program in about 42 days.

3. What does the treatment plan for patients consist of?

The schedule at Kanvwotiyl is filled from morning to night with activities that have been shown to be effective with addiction recovery. A typical day includes up to 4 hours of group and individual therapy plus work unit time. Kanvwotiyl emphasizes treating the "whole person", with a focus on healing traumas, addressing mental health issues, Cherokee culture, work, education and family involvement.

4. Has Kanvwotiyl began accepting patients yet?

Kanvwotiyl admitted the first patient on January 22, 2018, and as of February 9, we have 7 patients.

5. What happens after a patient "graduates" from Kanvwotiyl?

Many patients will have supportive families, jobs, school and other responsibilities to return to. However, patients who do not have a safe place to live, or who are not ready to maintain abstinence in the community, will receive ongoing housing support. There are plans to build both men's and women's homes soon. Until these are in place, we will continue to refer individuals to outside residential support programs.

How would I or a family member be admitted into Kanvwotiyl?

We encourage anyone in need of substance abuse residential treatment to call Analenisi at (828) 497-6892, come by during walk in hours Monday-Friday at 1pm or go to the Cherokee Indian Hospital Emergency Department.

6. What is the main difference between Kanvwotiyl and the proposed Crisis Stabilization Unit?

Kanvwotiyl is an unlocked facility which serves patients on a voluntary basis, which can include patients who are involved in the court system. Kanvwotiyl cannot safely serve individuals who need inpatient nursing care, who are suicidal, or who are not medically or psychiatrically stable. The Crisis Stabilization Unit will be a locked facility to serve patients, including involuntary commitments, who need detox or psychiatric inpatient treatment in a secure setting.



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Qualla Boundary 2018 Special Census



WORKERS ARE NEEDED FOR A SPECIAL CENSUS THAT IS TO BEGIN SOON ON THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS TRUST LANDS, THE QUALLA BOUNDARY. THIS IS A SPECIAL CENSUS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHEROKEE LAW TO HELP DETERMINE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION, AND PROVIDE MORE ACCURATE COMMUNITY VOTING DISTRICTS. THE OUTCOME OF THE CENSUS MAY ALSO HAVE IMPACT ON THE WEIGHTED VOTE FOR EACH TRIBAL COUNCIL SEAT.

AVAILABLE JOBS INCLUDE:

Clerks (\$8.00 per hour)

Enumerators ("Census Takers") (\$10.50 per hour)

Crew Leaders (\$12.00 per hour)

Field Supervisor (\$13.50 per hour)

150 workers are needed for the program . Preference will be given to tribal members and those living on or near Tribal Trust Lands who are familiar with Qualla Boundary communities and residents. The Census will be ongoing for 4 to 5 weeks from the completion of your training. For questions or more information, contact the EBCI Executive Office at 828-359-7002.

**PICK UP, FILL OUT, AND TURN IN YOUR APPLICATION TO WORK SOON!
APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE AND AT THE
TRIBAL ENROLLMENT OFFICE.**

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 16 AT 4:00 PM!

YOU COULD WIN UP TO \$50,000

LUCKY MONEY TREE GIVEAWAY FEBRUARY 17

Start accumulating entries now by playing with your FREE Total Rewards® card. Earn 10x entries when you play February 15 - 17! Five lucky finalists will have a chance of winning up to \$50,000 by picking envelopes from our Lucky Money Tree from 6PM-10PM.

Our Lucky Money Tree Giveaway is the culmination of our Lunar New Year celebration. Before the drawings start, join us in the Rotunda as we kick the party off with confetti cannons and Lion Dancers beginning at 5:45PM. Commemorative Lunar New Year pins will be given out during the Lion Dance and the party will continue with a DJ spinning both traditional and party tunes!



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