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# Ethics Committee nears Policy Presentation to Council

**ROBERT JUMPER**  
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

The Ethics Committee, formed by the Tribal Council, has been working diligently to formulate the first documented tribal ethics policy specifically addressing the conduct of elected officials. The group consisting of Kevin Jackson (Chairman), AJ Bird, Doris Johnson, Trista Welch, Sabrina Arch, TJ Holland, Jody Taylor, Bernice Bottchenbaugh, Donald Long, Jonnie Sue Myers and Jennifer Jackson has been working toward a finished document since July 2015.

They consulted with an attorney, Sheena Meader, and a legal advisor, Matthew Witbrodt. Much of their work has been centered on amending three areas of Chapter 117 of the Cherokee Code. The changes will include the original proposal by Wolfetown Rep. Bo Crowe including enforcement language, adaptation of the per-

sonnel policy and drug testing. One highlight of the document is the proposed establishment of an Office of Government Ethics.

The group has made presentations at least two times at Community Club Council and has spoken to Snowbird and Cherokee County Community Clubs, soliciting feedback on what should be included.

The Ethics Committee has taken

mented Jackson on strong leadership and fairness.

During the Feb. 5 meeting, the Committee shared that they feel that it is about much more than creating a guideline to follow. Jackson commented, "It's about who we are as a people and how we conduct ourselves as a people. We've added in pieces concerning the protection of our natural resources and our

expected nothing in return.

Jackson continued, "The decisions we make affect our community. I took a long look at my children and what they would be left to fix, while we created this document".

The committee said that their goal is not to reinvent the wheel but to provide meaningful direction where the Cherokee Code may be lacking.

Jackson added, "We wanted to make this document our own. We could have easily adopted someone else's code of ethics and made changes to it, but it wouldn't have been ours".

One committee member commented that the ethics policy addresses things that "people should just do naturally...some need to be reminded what's ethical".

The Ethics Committee hopes to have a final draft ready to distribute to Tribal Council and Executive Office by the end of February. It could be on the Tribal Council meeting agenda in March.

**"It's about who we are as a people and how we conduct ourselves as a people."**

*- Kevin Jackson, EBCI Ethics Committee chairman*

their charge seriously. Jackson stated that the group established ground rules early in the process and agreed that they would work as a team - to be unified in the spirit of the task. They also agreed to strict confidentiality in the deliberations. Several on the committee compli-

sacred sites."

Jackson spoke of the traditional values of the Cherokee people and how the Tribe is a family who so intimately knew the needs of its people that most people knew the needs of their neighbor and met them without being told and

## Man threatens people at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort

Cherokee Indian Police Department Officers responded to a report on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 4:24am of a man threatening to hurt people at the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Hotel. As CIPD officers arrived on scene, casino employees stated that a casino guest threatened to harm a casino security officer.

CIPD officers located the suspect, Thomas Lewis, 70, of Greensboro, who was in a casino hotel room. Lewis refused to come out of the hotel room and made additional threats to harm people. After making numerous attempts to speak to Lewis, CIPD officers on scene requested tactical assistance from the CIPD SWAT Team

due to the nature of the incident.

Officers were able to successfully negotiate with and take Lewis into custody without further incident. Lewis was transported to the Cherokee Indian Hospital for an evaluation. He is not facing any charges at this time.

*- CIPD*

# Elk killed in traffic accident near Ela

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ONE FEATHER EDITOR

Stacey Hornbuckle, an EBCI tribal member, provided a story about an elk that is not your typical wildlife story. On Tuesday, Feb. 9 at approximately 7:45 am, she and another member of her family were returning to Cherokee from Bryson City. After passing the Ela exit that leads to Whittier, Hornbuckle witnessed a bull elk collide with a Toyota Tundra. The impact occurred between the Gear Head Inn and Teddy Bear Motel on US Highway 19. The collision critically injured the elk, mangling the hind quarters of the animal. It was pulling itself along the highway and, at some point, tried to move back out into the roadway.

Hornbuckle called 911 and remained on the scene of the accident, waiting for response and



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**The side of the road is stained with the blood of a bull elk killed in a collision with a Toyota Tundra on US Highway 19 on Tuesday, Feb. 9.**

trying to flag motorists to slow down as they approached the scene of the accident. She stated it took

approximately 30-45 minutes for a North Carolina Wildlife officer to arrive. He stated to Hornbuckle

that he had been dispatched from Governors Island.

There was no response from local authorities or North Carolina Highway Patrol (this area is outside of the Cherokee Indian Police Department's jurisdiction).

Hornbuckle remained at the scene, several feet away, continuing to try to slow traffic while the Wildlife officer assessed the situation. She said that, at some point, she heard a total of eight gunshots which she assumed was to dispatch the elk.

She was not sure how the elk was removed from the roadside and did not witness any discussion between the officer and the driver of the Tundra. An official report on this incident and comment was requested from the District 9 contact for the NC Wildlife Resources Commission Division of Law Enforcement, but a response was not available at press time.

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## Tribal Court Report

### **Judgment Summary for Jan. 28**

#### **ALFARO, Manuel Rito**

14-95.5(c) Drugs: Simple Possession of Marijuana – Called and Failed  
20-28 Revoked Driver's License – Called and Failed

#### **AYEN, Bryon Matthew**

20-28 Revoked Driver's License – Called and Failed  
20-28 Revoked Driver's License – Called and Failed  
20-28(a) Restricted License – Called and Failed

#### **BIRD, Loretta Gregory**

14-10.60 Larceny – Guilty Plea, \$570 restitution ordered

#### **BRADLEY, Rachel Dianne**

14-10.9 Criminal Mischief – Called and Failed  
14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV and V - Called and Failed  
14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - Called and Failed

#### **CORRAL JR., Humberto**

14-95.6(b) Drugs: Manufacturing, Selling or Delivering, Possessing with intent to sell or deliver schedule I, II, III, IV and V – Dismissed with Leave to Refile  
14-95.10 Drugs: Importing Controlled Substance – Dismissed with Leave to Refile

#### **DOMINGUEZ, Jacinto Tienda**

20-138.1(a) Driving While Impaired – Dismissed on Plea  
14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree – Dismissed Per Prior Plea  
20-7(a) No Operator's License - Dismissed on Plea

20-138.7(a)(1) Transporting an Open Container of Alcoholic Beverage - Dismissed on Plea  
20-138.1(a) Driving While Impaired - Dismissed on Plea

#### **FLIPPO, Anita Nickole**

14-95.6(b) Drugs: Manufacturing, Selling or Delivering, Possessing with intent to sell or deliver schedule I, II, III, IV and V – Dismissed on Plea  
14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree – continue Zero to Three Program  
14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV and V – Dismissed on Plea  
14-40.62(a)(1) Simple Assault – Dismissed on Plea  
14-10.51 Arson in the Second Degree – Dismissed on Plea  
14-10.9 Criminal Mischief – Guilty Plea, 18 months jail time suspended, 18 months probation, waive court costs and fines, \$1000 DARE  
14-34.10 Weapons Offense – Dismissed on Plea  
14-10.9 Criminal Mischief - Dismissed on Plea  
14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV and V – Dismissed on Plea  
14-95.6(b) Drugs: Manufacturing, Selling or Delivering, Possessing with intent to sell or deliver schedule I, II, III, IV and V – Dismissed on Plea  
14-95.5(c) Drugs: Simple Possession of Marijuana – Guilty Plea, 18 months jail time suspended, 18 months probation, waive court costs and fines, \$1000 DARE  
14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV and V – Dismissed on Plea  
14-95.5 Drugs: Trafficking – Dis-

missed on Plea  
14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Dismissed on Plea  
14-5.2 Communicating Threats – Dismissed on Plea  
14-10.9 Criminal Mischief – Dismissed on Plea

#### **GREGORY, Loretta Fay**

14-60.36 Defrauding Innkeeper – Guilty Plea, \$570 restitution ordered

#### **HART, Alfreda**

14-10.60(c) Grand Larceny – Dismissed on Plea  
20-140 Reckless Driving – Guilty Plea, \$190 court costs, \$2,500 restitution ordered  
14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree – Dismissed on Plea

#### **JACKSON, Alexandria Jade**

14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV and V – Guilty/Responsible, First Offenders Program, defendant must complete Drug Education Program within 150 days  
20-111(2) Expired Registration Plate – Dismissed on Plea  
20-28 Revoked Driver's License – Dismissed on Plea

#### **LAMBERT, Jacob Mitchell**

14-10.9 Criminal Mischief – Dismissed, Prosecuting Witness Failed to Appear

#### **LEDFORD, Ashyra**

20-138.1(a) Driving While Impaired – Called and Failed  
14-2.2 Criminal Conspiracy – Called and Failed  
14-40.62(a)(1) Simple Assault (DV) – Called and Failed

#### **LITTLEJOHN JR., Jeremiah**

14-40.56 Assault on a Female (DV) – Dismissed, Prosecuting Witness Failed to Appear  
14-40.56 Assault on a Female (DV) - Prosecuting Witness Failed to Appear  
14-34.11 Aggravated Weapons Offense (DV) - Prosecuting Witness Failed to Appear

#### **MITCHELL, Lloyd J.**

14-95.5(c) Drugs: Simple Possession of Marijuana – Dismissed After Investigation

#### **PHEASANT, Ernest Dwayne**

14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree - Dismissed After Investigation  
14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree - Dismissed After Investigation

#### **PRICE, Colby Taylor**

14-10.60 Larceny – Dismissed, Prosecuting Witness Failed to Appear

#### **QUEEN, Joel**

20-140 Reckless Driving – Guilty/Responsible, \$190 court costs

#### **SAUNOOKE, Anthony Welch**

14-15.6(b) Purchasing, Attempt to Purchase, Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons under 21 – Called and Failed  
14-10.9 Criminal Mischief – Called and Failed

#### **SMITH, Buford William**

14-40.62(a)(3) Simple Affray – Dismissed, Co-Defendant Plead  
14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass – Dismissed, Co-Defendant Plead

#### **SMITH, Gerald**

14-40.54 Assault Inflicting Serious Bodily Injury – Guilty Plea, Prayer

for Judgment Continued, PJC 10 days, \$4,000 restitution ordered  
14-40.50(b) Assault with Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious Injury – Dismissed on Plea

**SQUIRREL, Joshua B.**

14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV and V – Dismissed on Plea  
14-70.19 Resisting Lawful Arrest – Dismissed on Plea  
14-10.41 Breaking and Entering – Guilty Plea, 60 days jail time suspended, 12 months probation, obtain Substance Abuse Assessment, \$100 fine, \$190 court costs, upon completion of SAA, defendant may be moved to unsupervised probation  
14-10.9 Criminal Mischief – Dis-

missed on Plea  
14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass – Dismissed on Plea

**TAYLOR, Anna Quatella**

20-111(2) Fictitious Registration Plate – Dismissed, Failure of CPD to Provide Discovery  
20-11114-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV and V – Dismissed, Officer Unavailable

**TEESATESKIE, Sampson Mark**

14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree – Dismissed, Treatment Complete

**TIENDA, Jacinto D.**

14-25.12 Disorderly Conduct – Dismissed on Plea  
14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second

Degree – Dismissed on Plea  
20-141.5 Speeding to Elude Arrest – Dismissed on Plea

**WALKINGSTICK, Tony**

14-95.5(c) Drugs: Simple Possession of Marijuana – Dismissed After Investigation

**WELCH, Hunter Adam**

14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree – Dismissed, Prosecuting Witness Failed to Appear  
14-40.56 Assault on a Female (DV) – Dismissed, Prosecuting Witness Failed to Appear

**WILDCAT JR., Anderson**

20-28 Revoked Driver's License – Called and Failed  
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## Tribal leaders attend USET

Tribal leaders from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians attended the USET Impact Week meeting in Arlington, Va. last week. This page contains photos submitted by various sources from the event.



Photo by Lynne Harlan

Gabe Crow carries the flag of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians during the opening ceremony of the USET Impact Week meeting on Monday, Feb. 8.



Photo by Lynne Harlan

EBCI tribal leaders meet with Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-Minn.), shown third from left front row, on Tuesday, Feb. 9 during USET Impact Week. Shown (left-right) front row - Big Cove Rep. Richard French, Vice Chief Rich Sneed, Congresswoman McCollum, Painttown Rep. Marie Junaluska, Tribal Council Chairman Bill Taylor, Vice Chairman Brandon Jones; back row - Birdtown Rep. Travis Smith, Cherokee County - Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha, Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose, Yellowhill Rep. Anita Lossiah and Wolfetown Rep. Bo Crowe.



Photo by Brandon Stephens/USET

Tribal Youth Summit Students and tribal leaders are shown meeting with Sen. Al Franken (D-Minn.) on Tuesday, Feb. 9 during USET Impact Week. Gabe Crow, Cherokee High School student and EBCI tribal member, is shown at far left.



Photo by Lynne Harlan

Tribal Council Chairman Bill Taylor (left) and Vice Chief Rich Sneed (right) meet with Congressman Mark Meadows (R-NC) on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

## Native News by State

### ARIZONA

**PHOENIX** – The Heard Museum hosted the 26th Annual World Championship Hoop Dance Contest on Feb. 13-14. Nakotah LaRance (Hopi/Tewa), from Ohkey Ohwingeh, NM, won the adult championship and the title of World Champion with a score of 237 points. Terry Goedel (Yakama/Tulalip), from Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., won the senior division with 234 points; Talon Ree Duncan (San Carlos Apache/Mandan/Hidatasa/Arikara), from Mesa, Ariz., won the teen division with 230 points; and Jaron Yazzie (Navajo/Apache), from Farmington, NM, won the youth division with 235 points. Richard Bird, an EBCI tribal member, served as one of the five judges for the

event.

- Heard Museum

### KANSAS

**WICHITA** – Donald M. Collins, 32 of Wetmore, Kan., has been charged with one count of embezzling tribal funds from the Sac and Fox Nation of Kansas and Nebraska. In an alleged scheme, Collins has been accused of making counterfeit “players cards” valued at over \$13,000. The cards allow bearers to play various games, and prosecutors told KSN that over \$17,000 was fraudulently won.

- KSN

### NEBRASKA

**LINCOLN** – A group called Gambling with the Good Life is the latest to oppose gaming expansion efforts by the Winnebago Tribe of Ne-

braska. Through its business arm, Ho Chunk Inc., the tribe is hoping three statewide ballot petitions will pass amending the state’s constitution so that casinos would be allowed throughout Nebraska, a commission would be established to regular gaming in the state and a measure would be passed to outline how taxes generated from casinos would be distributed. “Gambling has a fallout which affects lots of people who are relatively innocent,” Tom Osborne, former Nebraska Huskers football coach and member of Gambling with the Good Life, told the Nebraska Radio Network. Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts has also come out against the measures telling the radio network, “...the reason I’m against casino gambling here in Nebraska is quite simple: it’s bad for people.” Keep

the Money in Nebraska, a group pushing for the petitions says that over \$500 million leaves the state annually in gaming funds.

- Nebraska Radio Network

### NEW MEXICO

**FARMINGTON** – The Navajo Nation is establishing the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration and a Veterans Advisory Council. The Navajo Nation Council passed legislation establishing both last month and Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye and Vice President Jonathan Nez are set to sign it into law. “This is just the beginning of our administration’s commitment to fulfilling the objectives of our pillars,” Begaye said in a press release. “The top pillar being to serve our Navajo veterans.”

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## BASKETBALL

# Lady Braves sweep conference

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**B**RYSON CITY – The Cherokee Lady Braves (18-4 overall) finished the regular season in the Smoky Mountain Conference with a perfect 12-0 record. They accomplished that feat with a 64-39 win over

Swain County (10-12, 6-5) on Friday, Feb. 12.

“It was a really physical game,” said Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach, “and, we got into foul trouble early in the third period. We did a great job, after we settled down, of being able to handle the pressure. Swain played hard, but I thought our girls did an unbelievable job.”

Coach Mintz said he is very proud of his team who finished undefeated in the conference for the second time in his tenure. “It is pretty special, and they just keep gelling as a group. I was proud of them.”

He said the intensity of the game helped prepare his team for what is ahead. “It was loud, and it was nice to play in an environment like this tonight. Hopefully, we’ll see it next week when we get to the championship game in the tournament. It’ll be loud there, and it’ll help get us used to playing in that type of environment. I think we handled it well and played pretty solid, and that all goes for those girls. They did their job tonight.”

Cherokee jumped out early and took a 7-0 lead at the 5:47 mark of the first period. The next two minutes were closer as Swain edged into the game and trailed the Lady Braves 13-6 at the 3:38 mark. From that point, Cherokee went on a 5-0 run to lead 18-6 at the end of the first.

The first three minutes of the third period were close and Cherokee led 23-10 at the 5:03 mark. With just less than two minutes left in the half, the Lady Braves extended that lead to 30-12 and they ended up leading 33-19 going into the locker room.

Swain got two quick baskets at the start of the third to trail by 10 (33-23) not even a minute in. But, Cherokee’s press took over and the Lady Braves extended that lead to 17 (41-24) midway through.

Cherokee ended up leading 45-25 at the end of the third.

The Lady Braves kept pressing and kept a 19- or 20-point lead for most of the last eight minutes and ended up taking the victory at 64-39.

Individual statistics were not available for this game by press time.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

**Cherokee’s Timiyah Brown (#50) goes for a shot around Swain County’s Taylor Medlin (#23) during Thursday’s away game. The Lady Braves won 64-39 to go undefeated in the Big Smoky Mountain Conference for the regular season.**

## BASKETBALL

# CONFERENCE CHAMPS

## Braves clinch SMC title share at Swain

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

**B**RYSON CITY – When you can win a big game over your rival and clinch a conference title at the same time, it's a good night. And, it was a good night as the Cherokee Braves (19-3, 11-1) defeated Swain County (12-10, 4-7) by a score of 88-58 to clinch a share of the Big Smoky Mountain Conference title on Thursday, Feb. 11.

"I thought we played great," said Willis Tullos, Braves head coach. "We did a great job defensively, and we shot the ball extremely well."

He was proud of his team's accomplishment. "We won the Big Smoky Mountain Conference championship and are 11-1 in the conference, and that's a great way to do it. It was a great ballgame."

Jason McMillan, senior point guard, led Cherokee with 23 points, 2 assists, 6 rebounds and 3 steals. Three other players were in double digits for the Braves including: Justus Day 20 pts, 2 reb; Tye Mintz 17 pts, 1 assist, 5 reb, 2 steals; and Logan Teesateskie 12 points, 3 reb.

Overall, both teams shot the ball well from the floor with Cherokee shooting 61 percent (14 of 23) and Swain at 54 percent (15 of 28).

The three-point shots were raining from the rafters all night long.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

**Cory Junaluska (#32), Braves junior center, goes for a shot over Swain's Clayton Catolster in Thursday's away game. Junaluska finished the game with 4 points, 3 assists, 2 rebounds and 1 steal.**

In fact, the two teams combined for 76 three-point attempts, which is second all-time in NCHSAA basketball history. Cherokee actually holds that record with Andrews as the two teams combined for 77 attempts last month. In Thursday's game, Cherokee shot 18 of 46 (39 percent) from three-point land and Swain made 7 of 30 (23 percent).

The first few minutes of this game were close with several lead changes. Swain got on the board first and Teesateskie answered with a three-point shot at the 7:15 mark to put Cherokee ahead. From that point, the teams traded baskets and the Braves led 10-8 at the 5:57 mark of the first.

For the next three minutes,

Cherokee went on an 8-0 run to lead 18-8 with just less than three minutes left in the first period. Swain tried to slow down the pace of the game, but Cherokee was able to outscore them 9-5 in the last two minutes to take a 27-13 lead into the second period.

The first two minutes of the second period were tight with Swain edging Cherokee 6-5 and the Braves led 32-17 at the 5:40 mark and 42-21 at the 3:22 mark. Cherokee began to extend their lead, and Josiah Lossiah, freshman forward, hit a three-point shot from two steps inside the halfcourt line at the buzzer to give the Braves a 49-25 lead at halftime.

The third period was all Cherokee. Their press shot down a lot of Swain's offense, and the Braves outscored them 22-14 to take a 71-39 lead into the final period.

McMillan hit a three-point shot from the left side with 6:41 left in the ballgame to put Cherokee up by 41 (82-41) thereby invoking the NCHSAA mercy rule. The Braves got a lot of play from their bench in the last period and went on to take the 30-point (88-58) win.

Other Braves stats included: Steven Straughan 3 pts, 1 reb; Kennan Panther 1 pt, 1 assist, 2 reb; Holden Straughan 4 pts, 2 assists, 2 reb; Josiah Lossiah 4 pts; and Cory Junaluska 4 pts, 3 assists, 3 reb, 1 steal.

Swain was led by Evan Bradley with 19 points followed by Grant Shuler and Phinehas Little with 11 each.

## BASKETBALL

# Braves cruise in first round of SMC tourney



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

**Cherokee's Justus Day (#3) twists and turns for a shot over Murphy's Anthony Connors in the first round of the Big Smoky Mountain Conference tournament at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Saturday, Feb. 13. Day had 13 points on the night.**

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

**C**herokee (20-3) cruised in the first round of the Big Smoky Mountain Conference tournament on Saturday, Feb. 13. The Braves had four players in double digits as they beat Murphy (3-20) by a score of 92-35.

"We didn't shoot the ball well, but we did a good job of playing defense," said Willis Tullos, Braves head coach. "We did a good job of moving the ball around, and we got some good, easy shots. From out deep, we didn't shoot the ball well."

With the win, Cherokee advanced to the second round where they were scheduled to face the Rosman Tigers (16-8) on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 8pm at the Charles George Memorial Arena. This game was set to occur after press time so check out next week's paper for full coverage.

The Braves defeated Rosman twice in the regular season including a 101-83 victory on the road and the exciting 84-83 squeaker at home. Coach Tullos commented, "We're going to have to shoot the ball better if we're going to beat Rosman."

Saturday's game started out slowly for both teams. Neither team scored in the first few minutes until Tye Mintz, Braves sophomore forward, drove the baseline for a short put-away at

the 5:49 mark. He led Cherokee with 16 points followed by Cory Junaluska 13, Justus Day 13 and Jason McMillan 11.

From there, Cherokee extended their lead to 14-0 holding the Bulldogs scoreless until the 2:44 mark of the first. The Braves went on to lead 25-8 after the first.

Cherokee dominated the second period outscoring Murphy by 22 points (32-10). The Braves led 39-10 midway through the second and ended up taking a 57-18 lead into the locker room.

Jason McMillan, Braves senior point guard, hit a three-point shot at the 7:23 mark of the third period to put Cherokee up by 42 (60-18) thereby invoking the NCHSAA mercy rule. They went on to outscore Murphy 16-6 in the third to take a 73-24 lead into the final period.

Cherokee got a lot of bench play in the fourth period in which they outscored the Bulldogs 19-11 to take the big 92-35 win.

Other Cherokee scorers included: Brock Powell 2, Trace Lambert 6, Steven Straughan 9, Holden Straughan 4, Dez Crowe 5, Josiah Lossiah 3, Logan Teesateskie 8 and Menoch Grant 2.

Murphy scorers included: Hagan Newton 10, Anthony Connors 2, Hayden Hughes 8, Ethan Sneed 2, Jonathan Bowman 5, DeAndre Jackson 2 and Seth Jackson 6.

# Cherokee wrestler tops in Region

**Toineeta wins Regionals, qualifies for State as the No. 1 Seed**

**AMBLE SMOKER**  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

**C**HERRYVILLE – Cherokee’s Anthony Toineeta (30-4) punched his ticket to the big show after finishing atop the podium in the 1A Western Regionals Wrestling Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 13 at Cherryville High School. Toineeta defeated Rosman’s Tanner Whitman in the championship round to advance to the NCHSAA 1A State Championship Tournament in Greensboro this weekend as the number-one seed.

“Anthony did very well this weekend,” said Cherokee Wrestling Head Coach Tavi Rivera. “He was focused and stuck to what we’ve been working on all year. He definitely deserves to go to state and compete for a title. We still have a few things to work on, but then again, you can never be too good.”

Toineeta needed less than a minute to pick up his first win in the opening round of the tournament as he pinned Starmount’s Vestal Dalton at the 38-second mark of the first period. He continued his impressive performance by pinning East Surry’s Joseph Becker in the final second of the first round. During the semi-final round, Toineeta held Avery’s Kyle Knight off the scoreboard in a 5-0 decision that went the distance. Finally, he defeated Rosman’s Tanner



AMBLE SMOKER/One Feather

**Cherokee’s Anthony Toineeta (30-4) punched his ticket to the big show after finishing atop the podium in the 1A Western Regionals Wrestling Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 13 at Cherryville High School.**

Whitman (34-7) by a 5-3 decision to win first-place of the tournament.

Following is a round-up of Cherokee Wrestlers who competed at Saturday’s Regional meet:

**113: Jonah Burnhisel (13-18)**  
Round 1 – Ryan Patterson (Elkin) over Jonah Burnhisel (Cherokee) (Fall 0:45). Cons. Round 1 – Luis Osorno (Mt. Airy) over Jonah Burnhisel (Cherokee) (Fall 4:06).

**126: Seth Sneed (11-15)**  
Round 1 - Seth Sneed (Cherokee) over Joshua Pardue (Starmount) (Fall 3:41) Quarterfinal - Seth Sneed (Cherokee) over Leo DeLaCruz (East Surry) (Dec. 9-5). Semi-final - Said Javier (Elkin) over Seth

Sneed (Cherokee) (Fall 2:35). Cons. Semi - Kolin Guffey (Robbinsville) over Seth Sneed (Cherokee) (Dec 7-4)

**145: Anthony Toineeta (Cherokee) - First Place**  
Round 1 – Anthony Toineeta over Vestal Dalton (Fall 0:38) Quarterfinals - Anthony Toineeta (Cherokee) over Joseph Becker (East Surry) (Fall 1:59) Semifinal Anthony Toineeta (Cherokee) over Kyle Knight (Avery) (Fall 1:33) 1st Place Match - Anthony Toineeta (Cherokee) over Tanner Whitman (Rosman) (Dec 5-3)

**182: Andrew Griffin (Cherokee)**

## 1A State Wrestling Championship info

**Where:** Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro

### Schedule:

**Friday, Feb. 19**

2pm - Quarterfinals

6pm - Semifinals

**Saturday, Feb. 20**

9am - Consolation matches

5pm - Parade of champions and finals

Round 1 – Cameron Pack (Mt. Airy) over Andrew Griffin (Cherokee) (Fall 1:19) Cons. Round 1 – Josh Huggins (Mitchell) over Andrew Griffin (Cherokee) (Fall 0:35)

**285: Dakota Ward (Cherokee)**  
Round 1 – Morgan East (East Surry) over Dakota Ward (Cherokee) (Fall 0:49) Cons. Round 1 - Dakota Ward (Cherokee) over Ethan Virgil (Atkins) (Fall 1:36) Cons. Round 2 – Caleb Money (Starmount) over Dakota Ward (Cherokee) (Fall 3:55)

The winners of the Regional meet in each weight class include:  
106 – Levi Carpenter (South Stanley)  
113 – Arlus Orr (Robbinsville)  
120 – Jacob Hogue (Mt. Airy)  
126 – Said Javier (Elkin)  
132 – Jude Lloyd (Elkin)  
138 – Ethan Orr (Rosman)  
145 – Anthony Toineeta (Cherokee)  
152 – Solomon Duncan (Mitchell)  
160 – Dalton Beaver (Mitchell)  
170 – Juan Anuario (Elkin)  
182 – Jacob Matheson (Hayesville)  
195 – Ryan Sheppard (Avery)  
220 – Will Atkins (Mitchell)  
285 – Andreas Villagomez (Rosman)



Photo courtesy of Sean Ross

## Mite Lady Braves win tournament

The Cherokee Mite Lady Braves won the Western North Carolina Youth Basketball Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 13 in Canton. The team completed an undefeated season. The team consists of (left-right) Emily Bradley, Tehya Littlejohn, Betty Lossiah, Vivian Ross, Laya McMillan, Aria Foerst, Kamia Wiggins, Zoey Walkingstick, Samantha Cole, Marcela Garcia and Jaelyn Lossiah. The team is coached by Sean Ross and Avery Mintz.

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP BASKETBALL

#### Girls

#### Thursday, Feb. 11

Cherokee 64 Swain County 39  
 Hiwassee Dam 73 Andrews 27  
 Robbinsville 52 Murphy 42  
 Rosman 69 Hayesville 59

#### Saturday, Feb. 13

Rosman 57 Andrews 47  
 Murphy 46 Robbinsville 44  
 Swain County 59 Hayesville 34

#### Boys

#### Thursday, Feb. 11

Cherokee 88 Swain County 58  
 Andrews 64 Hiwassee Dam 44  
 Robbinsville 69 Murphy 66

#### Friday, Feb. 12

Swain County 50 Robbinsville 39  
 Smoky Mountain 82 Brevard 56

#### Saturday, Feb. 13

Cherokee 92 Murphy 35  
 Rosman 88 Andrews 70  
 Swain County 60 Robbinsville 46





# Carving exhibit

## WCU to host exhibit by acclaimed Cherokee artist Wilnoty

**C**ULLOWHEE – An exhibition of works by renowned sculptor John Julius Wilnoty of Cherokee continues on display at Western Carolina University’s Fine Art Museum through Friday, March 25.

An EBCI tribal member, Wilnoty’s pieces are often complex and intricate, sometimes with smaller designs of birds and animals appearing within figures of larger ones. He works primarily in native woods, including cherry, and with bone and dark-hued pipestone, with carvings that reflect mythology, nature and wildlife. His work has been featured in many articles and exhibitions, including the Smithsonian Institution.

The exhibit, “In Solitude and Mystery: John Julius Wilnoty,” appears courtesy of the North Carolina Arts Council, Jackson County Arts Council, Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual and collector Lambert Wilson. An exhibition reception is scheduled for 5 to 7 p.m. in the Star Atrium of the museum on Thursday, March 17. Wilson will be on hand to discuss his collection and the artistic, cultural and regional importance of Wilnoty’s works.

“Wilnoty has been described as the Cherokee version of Michelangelo, with his expressive handling of sculptural forms,” said Anna Fariello, associate professor at Hunter Library and the exhibit’s curator. “He is a self-taught sculptor with a singular, exquisite style. While he still carves, it is less frequent now following injuries to his hands some years ago.”

The Fine Art Museum is located in the John W. Bardo Fine and Performing Arts Center and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, with extended hours on Thursdays to 7 p.m. Ad-

mission and parking are free. The museum is closed on university holidays and breaks.

For information on Wilnoty and his achievements, go to the Cherokee Traditions section of Hunter Library’s digital collections at [digitalcollections.wcu.edu](http://digitalcollections.wcu.edu) or (828) 227-7211.

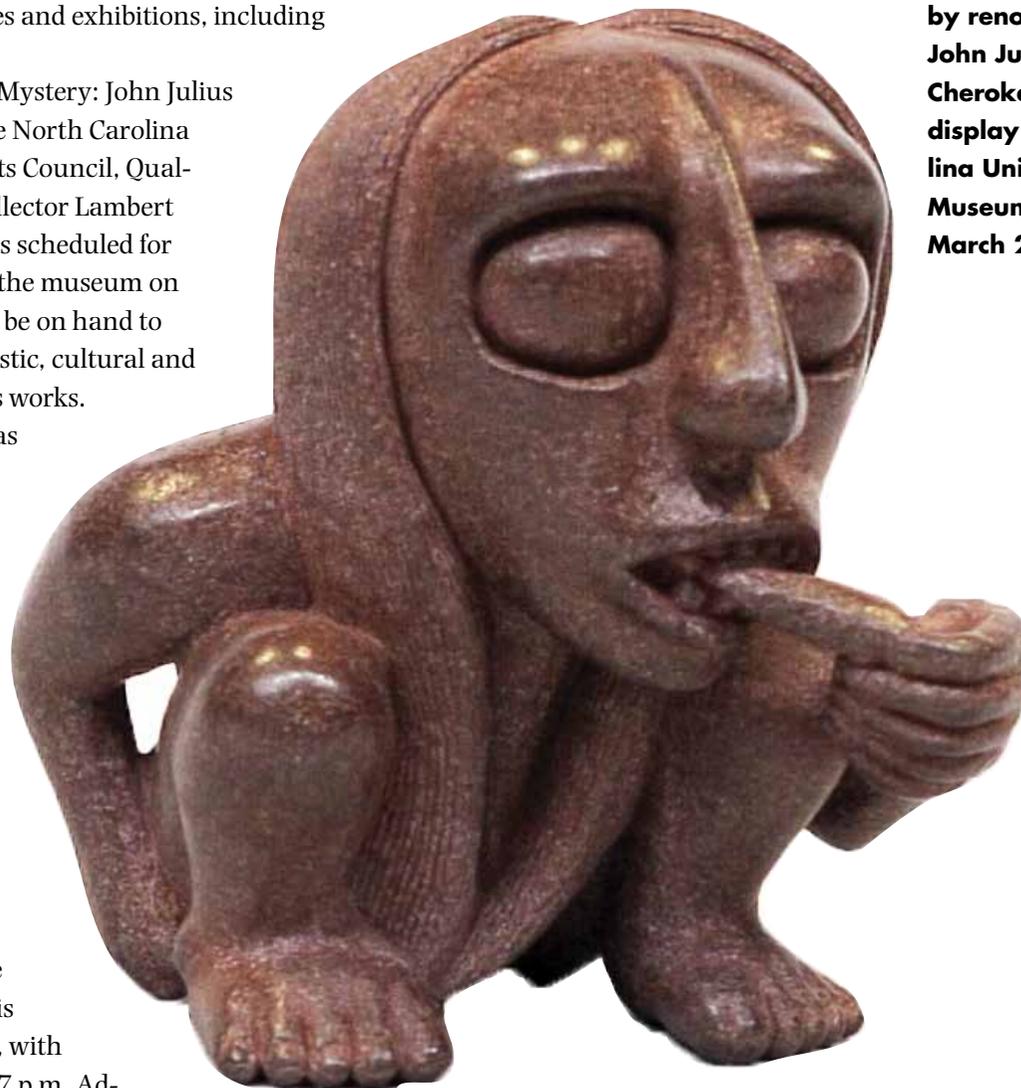
Info: [fineartmuseum.wcu.edu](http://fineartmuseum.wcu.edu) or (828) 227-3591.

- WCU



WCU photos

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## OBITUARIES



### Diamond Brown Jr.

Diamond Brown Jr., 59, of Snowbird, renowned Cherokee educator, cultural leader, and former EBCI Council representative joined the creator in the early morning hours of Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016.

Blessed with a bold charisma and unbridled optimism, Diamond blazed a unique and visionary path through life highlighted by entrepreneurial accomplishments, personal honors, and dedicated public service. In 2000, along with his wife, Sandy, the couple founded a successful cultural education enterprise, Touch the Earth with Native People. At its height, the family-operated business employed more than 20 full-time performers and staff, and traveled extensively throughout the United States celebrating Native American culture and heritage with programs featuring dazzling living history exhibits, authentic tribal regalia, and electrifying dance performances. He touched tens of thousands of lives who experienced his unique blend of education and entertainment, a phenomenon he titled "Edutainment" and was a highly sought presenter for schools, universities, historical societies, museums, and state capitals.

Diamond was an innovator and early leader of a movement to restore knowledge and appreciation of traditional Cherokee culture. A member of the Deer Clan whose Cherokee name Go-Sti translates as "Sharp", he personified strength, leadership, and a warrior's spirit. A code of honor he described first and foremost as a man's responsibility to love, protect, and provide not only for his family but also his community.

In 2009, Diamond was elected to the EBCI Tribal Council and served two terms as Snowbird/Cherokee County representative. Working tirelessly on behalf of his Cherokee people, he brought a traditional and balanced perspective to tribal government. The newly-opened Cherokee Indian Hospital and EBCI Justice Center, the tribal casino in Cherokee County, enrollment DNA testing, and a Snowbird HIP Housing Development are just a few successful projects he either led or supported while in office.

Diamond Brown Jr. was born March 20, 1956 in Cherokee, the first of three sons to Diamond and Frieda Brown Sr. From an early age he displayed a natural gift for storytelling and often entertained relatives with riveting tales that earned pocket change for ice cream cones and candy bars. Little did he know at the time but he was honing skills that would someday mesmerize eager audiences far beyond the forested hills of western North Carolina. Later, while captain of his middle school football team he succeeded in changing the team's colors for one season from black and silver to green and yellow, so they would resemble his favorite team the Green Bay Packers.

At the age of 17, he moved to Georgia and later, while working

as a meat cutter in a grocery store, met the love of his life, Sandra Fenn. They were married in the fall of 1981 and started a family two years later. Proud parents to three beautiful daughters, all of whom continue his legacy of love and culture, the couple were inseparable and continued their educational efforts, environmental advocacy, and community service right up until his final months. A devoted husband and father he worshipped his daughters often telling them "I live my life for you girls".

In addition to an engaging personality and charming disposition Diamond possessed strikingly regal physical features and a powerful stature that left an indelible impression on everyone he met. His image and likeness were the inspiration for numerous artistic renderings including hand painted portraits, photographs, statues in Dahlenega, GA and Sawnee Nature Center, and hand carved personal quotes displayed in Hayesville.

Friends will remember him as a proud son of the Eastern Band and man of the world who found joy in an impressive collection of cruiser motorcycles, vintage pickup trucks, and bright red corvettes. He loved strong coffee and delicious home cooked meals, especially breakfast; disdained any kind of pessimism or negativity; gave friendly ribbings to those he liked, and enjoyed simple pleasures like coloring Easter eggs and watching classic TV shows, Andy Griffith and Bonanza. Others will remember him as a loyal friend and brother who never backed down from a fight or denied someone in need. One of those rare buddies you could call at 3am to help pull a car out of ditch on a deserted, icy back road. Diamond was preceded in death by

a brother, Merlyn Brown of Snowbird in 2002.

He is survived by his faithful wife of 34 years, Sandra Marlene Fenn Brown of Snowbird; daughters Brooke, Dakota, and Wahlah Brown, all of Cherokee; granddaughters, Celeste Spruce and Winter Wildcatt, both of Cherokee; parents, Diamond Brown Sr. and Frieda Rattler Brown of Snowbird; brothers, Verlyn Brown of Snowbird and Russell Selph of Atlanta, Ga.; and countless family, friends, and relations.

Services were held Friday, Feb. 12 at the Snowbird Complex with Long House Funeral Home of Cherokee entrusted with preparations. A traditional burial followed at the Brown Family Cemetery. Kituwah fire keepers, Benny Mendia and Eddie Paul, made medicine. DJ Robinson, James Fenn, Corey Fenn, Eli Selph, Cassidy Galaviz, and Cruz Galaviz served as pall bearers. Honorary pall bearers were Eddie Chekelelee, Scott Chekelelee, Robbie Lewis, Israel Weeks, Robin Jumper, and Terry Rattler.

The family also extends its deepest appreciation to the dedicated and caring staff at Cherokee Indian Hospital; to longtime friend Ruben Teesateskie and volunteers for hosting a recent benefit dinner in Yellow Hill; to the family of the late Wayne Henderson for a precious gift of seven long glorious years; and the many relatives and friends across Indian Country who have offered love and prayers during Diamond's prolonged illness.

"Spirituality is way of life for me and my people, with these teachings I hope the people can and will understand the Native way of life here on Mother Earth" - Diamond Go-Sti

## OBITUARIES



### Cecil Edward Taylor

Cecil Edward Taylor, 82, of Cherokee, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016 at Tsali Care Center in Cherokee.

He was born Jan. 18, 1934 in Cherokee to the late Will Taylor and Cecelia Standingdeer Taylor.

Cecil was a retired Navy veteran of the Vietnam War.

Cecil is survived by one brother, Mitchell Taylor; one sister, Lucy Bigmeat; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Cecil was preceded in death by two brothers, William H. Taylor and Gilbert Taylor; and two sisters, Wilma Junaluska and Hazel Taylor.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Feb. 13 at Long House Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. James "Bo" Parris officiated. Burial followed at the Taylor family cemetery on Standingdeer Road in Cherokee.

### Frances Lorene (Hornbuckle) Wahnetah

Frances Lorene (Hornbuckle) Wahnetah, 75, of Cherokee, passed away in her home on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016 following an extended illness.

Frances was the daughter of the

late Russell Hornbuckle and Stacey (Crowe) Hornbuckle of the Cherokee Community. She was primarily a homemaker but had worked as a seamstress at the Vassar and White Shield companies for extra income. She was member of the Wright's Creek Baptist Church. She was a loving mother, grandmother and friend. She was the widow of the late Robert Johnson Wahnetah, her husband of 52 years. She has missed greatly since his passing in 2011. She's gone to be with him now.

Frances is survived by three children, Roberta Wahnetah Long, Russell Lee Wahnetah, and Howard Keith Wahnetah, all of Cherokee; one brother, Alex Hornbuckle; four grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, Frances was preceded in death by one son, Robert Johnson Wahnetah II; and two grandsons, Robert Lee Wahnetah and Michael Austin Wahnetah.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Feb. 12 at 11am at Wrights Creek Baptist Church with Pastor Ed Kilgore and Forman Bradley officiating with burial in the Wahnetah Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were Eddie George, Tom Wahnetah, and Robbie Wahnetah.

### William Franklin Vickers Jr.

William Franklin Vickers Jr., 71 of Sevierville, Tenn., passed away Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2016. He was retired from long haul Trucking Roadway and enjoyed watching westerns. William enjoyed old rebuilt cars and attending car shows. He was an Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was preceded in death by his parents, William Vickers Sr. and Mignon James; and

step-grandchild, Crystal.

William is survived by his wife, Blanche McCoy Vickers; step-sons, Robert and wife Betty, James and wife Theresa, Rocky, William (Bill) and wife Helen, and Ralph (Chuck) and wife Tracy; step-daughter, Keri and husband Dale; special step-daughter, Carmalita Brady; step-grandchildren, Justin and Nellie, Rindy, Jeremy, Amber, John-Cassey, Honey, Austin, Wade, Silas, Ashley, John, Andy, Dakota, Katy, and Ashley Goins; 21 great grandchildren; sisters, Shirley Hamlin and husband Jesse; and Jean; nieces, Dawn, Wanda, Kim, and Karen; special son, Wade Eugene Brady; special grandson, Trey Eugene Brady; and several more nieces and nephews.

### Samuel Alfred "Snake" Panther



Samuel Alfred "Snake" Panther, born on April 29, 1945 went home to be with the Lord on Monday, Feb. 8, 2016.

Samuel is the son of the late Emmaline Driver and Samuel Panther Sr. both of the Cherokee Community.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Wilma Pheasant, Anita Ellwood and Frances Welch; and three brothers, Charlie Davis, Tommy

Driver and Nicky Driver.

He is survived by his wife of 17 years, Carolyn Panther; three daughters, Christina Panther with Blaine Wolfe, Frances with husband Frank Oocumma, LeeAnn Panther with Mike Oocumma; son Mark Panther; eight grandchildren, Jordan, Jorree, Jaidan, Ryanne, Jamy, Jayce, Moira and Levi; five great-grandchildren, Brooklyn, LJ, Briley, Myla and Francis Faith; step children, sons, Dooner Driver with wife Kerra, Lopper Driver; one step-daughter, Darlene Reed with Justin; with twelve grandchildren, Keisha, Jordan, Tiara, Laurel Reece, Blake, AJ, Caidyn, Conner, Elle, Colton, Emery; one great-grand daughter, Tye and one special grandson-Little Uton; nine sisters, Alice Kekahbah, Alma Johns, Katherine Panther, Hattie Panther, Loretta Bradley, Jean Bradley, Gloria Panther French, Patsy Panther and Deborah Panther; five brothers, Ernest Panther, Floyd Panther with wife Freida, Kenny Panther with wife Diane, Rich Panther with wife Kathy, Patrick Panther with wife Sharon and Jim Panther with Trina; several nieces and nephews all of the Cherokee Community.

A funeral service was held on Sunday, Feb. 14 at the Big Cove Recreation Center along Big Cove Rd. starting at 2pm with Rev. Denny Crowe, Rev. James "Bo" Parris and Paster Ben Reed officiating. An immediate burial followed near the home on Straight Fork. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

The family request in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Cherokee Cancer Support at PO Box 2220 Cherokee, NC with Attention Beatrice Smith for the support of Cancer Victims in the Cherokee Community.

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

The 2016 offering of Tax Assistance begins Thursday February 4th. If your annual income is \$62,000 or less, you are eligible to have your taxes prepared at no cost at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office at 876 Acquoni Rd, located next to the Yellowhill Community Building and covered basketball court. Please bring with you the following items to your appointment:

- All income related forms such as: W-2, 1099 Misc., 1099-I, SSA-1099, etc.
- Photo I.D. such as Driver's License or enrollment card with picture
- Social Security Card and birth date of every member of the household
- Enrollment Card of Federally Recognized Tribe for NC Tax Exemption

Bank Account Information if you want tax return direct deposited

- Last year's tax return if possible
- The program does not do Rental Income (Schedule E), Dividend and Investment Income (Sch B) and Complex Schedule C.

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

- *EBCI Cooperative Extension Program*

## **Upcoming DNA testing schedule**

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

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

- Friday, Feb. 26

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

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

- *EBCI Enrollment Office*

## **New EBCI applicants per capita deadline**

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

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

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

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

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

- *EBCI Enrollment Office*

## **June 2016 per capita deadlines**

The deadline to submit direct deposit forms for the June 2016 per capita distribution will be Friday, April 1. All direct deposit forms must be notarized. Bring a voided check for deposit into your checking account or a statement, on letterhead from your bank, indicating your savings account number and routing number for deposit into your savings account.

The deadline to submit federal tax withholding forms, waivers, letters of administration, or court-ordered guardianship will be Friday, April 15 at 4:30pm.

Forms are available at the Tribal Enrollment Office, located at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex, Monday – Friday from 7:45am – 4:30pm. Address changes will be accepted until Friday, May 6 at 4:30pm.

- *EBCI Enrollment Office*

## **“Step Ahead” meeting for EBCI seniors**

EBCI seniors who are planning to attend college in the 2016-17 school year are required to attend a “Step Ahead” meeting presented by

the EBCI Higher Education Department in order to qualify for funding from the Tribe.

All participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The meeting is designed to provide students and parents with important information regarding Education Department funding requirements and to assist them as they plan this important step towards meeting their educational goals.

You must attend one of the following meetings which will take place in the Community Room located next to the Cherokee Life Center in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex:

- Saturday, Feb. 20, 9-10:30am
- Saturday, March 5, 9-10:30am
- Thursday, March 17, 5:30-7pm
- Thursday, March 31, 5:30-7pm

Call the receptionist 359-6650 to schedule an appointment.

- *EBCI Higher Education Department*

## **Cherokee Life's Spring Sports Sign-ups**

Cherokee Life Recreation is currently taking sign-up registrations for Spring sports including: baseball, softball, tee ball, and soccer. NABI tryouts will also be held for all enrolled members in grades 9-12 only. Signups are being taken at all gymnasiums except for NABI which are being taken at the Birdtown Gym only. Upon registration, the following information will need to be given: child's name, age, date of birth, and two reliable contact numbers. Cherokee Life is also taking signups for volunteer coaches for each of the sports. Signups for all Spring sports (except NABI) will end on Monday, Feb. 29.

- *Cherokee Life Recreation*

## Cherokee Elementary Yearbook pages for sale

Cherokee Elementary Yearbook pages are for sale until Friday, Feb. 26. You can sponsor the yearbook with a dedication spot for a CES student or show support from your business or organization. All yearbook pages will be printed in color. Prices are as follows: Full Page \$100, Half Page \$50, ¼ Block \$25. Make checks payable to Cherokee Elementary School. Send photos or quotes to: Natalie Grant, Cherokee Language, ngrant@cherokeecentral.gaggle.net or Erin Kirkland, PE, ekirkland@cherokeecentral.gaggle.net, 554-5020.

- Cherokee Elementary School

## 41st Annual Indian Unity Conference Writing Contest

A writing contest is being held at the 41st annual Unity Writing Conference in the following categories:

- Rhyming Poetry (not to exceed 32 lines)
  - Non-Rhyming Poetry (not to exceed 32 lines)
  - Inspirational/Spiritual Writing (not to exceed 1,000 words)
  - Genre Short Story (Romance/Mystery not to exceed 1,000 words)
  - Mainstream/Current Issue Literacy Short Story Fiction or Non-Fiction (not to exceed 1,000 words)
  - Memoirs, Life-Changing Events (not to exceed 1,000 words)
- Participant guidelines:
- Must be a member of a federally- or state-recognized American Indian tribe and currently residing in North Carolina or live in another state but belong to a North Carolina tribe.
  - Only original, unpublished writ-



Photo courtesy of Museum of the Cherokee Indian

**Bo Taylor (left), Museum of the Cherokee Indians executive director, meets with Larry Maney, former TVA employee, on Monday, Feb. 8. Maney gave a box containing many items of interest to the Museum. Once catalogued, the pieces, which included books and some survey maps, will be ready for public access and will be placed in the Museum's archives. Maney was part of a TVA Survey Crew for 28 years and did the design and layout work at the Junaluska Museum in Robbinsville.**

ings will be accepted.

- Entries are limited to three per writer.
- Name of writing, author's name, number of words, age group and category must appear on top right hand corner. If this does not appear, works will be disqualified.
- Completed registration forms must accompany each writing entry.
- Entries must be typed, double-spaced, front page only on 8.5" x 11" paper with multiple pages stapled. Page numbers should appear on right hand bottom corner.
- Do not resubmit entries from previous years.
- Entries must be turned in to the Registration Desk or to one of the Writing Coordinators at the Conference on Thursday, March 10 from 10am – 2pm.
- Entries may be mailed to: A. Kay

Oxendine, P.O. Box 215, Hollister, NC 27844 but must arrive no later than Monday, March 7. The submissions may also be emailed up until midnight on Wednesday, March 9 to akayo@gmail.com

- Winners will be announced during the General Assembly and Breakfast on Saturday, March 21.
- All submitted entries may be published in future Unity Conference program books or United Tribes publication.

Info: Kay Oxendine (804) 296-9820 or Arvis Boughman (828) 443-4395

- Indian Unity Conference

## Eastern Band Community Foundation announces scholarship availability

The board of advisors of the Eastern Band Community Foun-

ation announces the availability of the Bill Taylor Memorial Scholarship and many other statewide scholarships, according to Carla Jamison, board president.

Jamison said this is a good opportunity for Eastern Band students to further their educations. "The Eastern Band board wants to raise awareness among area youth about opportunities offered through scholarships held with the North Carolina Community Foundation," she said.

Scholarships are available for students meeting various eligibility requirements detailed and found on: [www.nccommunityfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/scholarships). Search under "Qualla Reservation." The deadline for submitting applications is posted on the NCCF website.

- Eastern Band Community Foundation



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**O**pening their hearts  
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**E**nabling children to  
**R**each their potential

**C**elebrating milestones and  
**A**cknowledging the little things  
**R**eaffirming the value of  
**E**very child.

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

## THANK YOU LETTER

### Family expresses appreciation

The family of Margaret "Waggie" Sneed would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for all the prayers, cards, food, encouraging words, and support during our loss. We would like to say thank you to the Tribal EMS, Harris Regional, Memorial Mission, and CIHA hospital staff. We appreciate the Wolfetown Free Labor Group and Tribal Construction for digging our mother's grave and CDOT for scrapping our driveway. In addition, we appreciate the Long House Funeral Home staff, all singers, and Dan Conseen for their support during this difficult time.

FRIDAY 19TH OF FEBRUARY

# OPEN HOUSE

REMODELED COUNCIL HOUSE | 1PM - 4PM

*PRINCIPAL CHIEF LAMBERT* is excited to announce that the Council House remodeling is complete!! There will be an open house on February 19 from 1:00-4:00. Everyone is invited to come by and tour the new reception area, restrooms and offices.

88 Council House Loop, Cherokee, NC

## CIPD Arrest Report Feb. 8-15

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

### Frady, Aaron Lee – age 20

Arrested: Feb. 9 at  
9:50

Not released as of print

Charges: Filing False Emergency  
Report



### Ledford, Mitchell James – age 24

Arrested: Feb. 9 at  
9:50

Not released as of print

Charges: Failure to Appear on Mis-  
demeanor



### Price, Colby Taylor – age 23

Arrested: Feb. 9 at  
15:42

Not released as of print

Charges: Larceny x 10



### Rattler, Harold Robert – age 52

Arrested: Feb. 9 at  
18:01

Released: Feb. 12

Charges: Assault on a Female, Pos-  
session of Drug Paraphernalia



### Taylor, Shaina Ma- rie – age 25

Arrested: Feb. 9 at  
9:50

Not released as of print

Charges: Compulsory School At-



tendance, Larceny

### Toineeta, Marlena Lorraine – age 37

Arrested: Feb. 9 at  
19:00

Released: Feb. 12

Charges: Simple Assault (DV),  
Obstructing Justice, Possession of  
Drug Paraphernalia



### Bennett, Lauren Sterling – age 37

Arrested: Feb. 10 at  
12:51

Released: Feb. 10

Charges: Larceny



### Howell, William Wade Hamilton – age 25

Arrested: Feb. 10 at  
4:30

Released: Feb. 10

Charges: Leaving Scene of an  
Accident



### Long, Clydie – age 29

Arrested: Feb. 10 at  
12:55

Released: Feb. 10

Charges: Aiding and Abetting –  
Misdemeanor



### McGaha, Dennis – age 34

Arrested: Feb. 10 at  
20:12

Not released as of print

Charges: Assault on a Female



### Wahnetah, Carla Marie Ann – age 28

Arrested: Feb. 10 at  
17:27

Released: Feb. 10

Charges: Larceny, Accessory After  
the Fact, Providing Contraband



### Wolfe, Diamond Spring – age 21

Arrested: Feb. 10 at  
1:36

Released: Feb. 10

Charges: Simple Assault



### Brady, John Casey – age 28

Arrested: Feb. 12 at  
12:20

Not released as of print

Charges: Failure to Appear



### Underwood, Billy Ray – age 31

Arrested: Feb. 12 at  
16:45

Not released as of print



Charges: Contempt of Court

### Walkingstick, Ardi- na Bobbie – age 21

Arrested: Feb. 15 at  
00:30

Not released as of print

Charges: Simple Possession of  
Schedule II Controlled Substance,  
Simple Possession of Marijuana,  
Jury Show Cause



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## KNOW THE LAWS ON LIGHTS

**Per NC GENERAL STATUTE:**

**§ 20-130.1.** Use of red or blue lights on vehicles prohibited; exceptions.  
(a) It is unlawful for any person to install or activate or operate a red light in or on any vehicle in this State. As used in this subsection, unless the context requires otherwise, "red light" means an operable red light not sealed in the manufacturer's original package which: (i) is designed for use by an emergency vehicle or is similar in appearance to a red light designed for use by an emergency vehicle; and (ii) can be operated by use of the vehicle's battery, vehicle's electrical system, or a dry cell battery. As used in this subsection, the term "red light" shall also mean any forward facing red light installed on a vehicle after initial manufacture of the vehicle.

**§ 20-130.3.** Use of white or clear lights on rear of vehicles prohibited; exceptions.  
It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully drive a motor vehicle in forward motion upon the highways of this State displaying white or clear lights on the rear of said vehicle. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the white light required by G.S. 20-129(d) or so-called backup lights lighted only when said vehicle is in reverse gear or backing. Violation of this section does not constitute negligence per se in any civil action. (1973, c. 1071.)



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## General Events

### Fundraiser for Miss Native American USA Kristina Hyatt.

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

### Swain Co. Schools Native American Parent meeting. Feb. 18

at 5:30pm at the Birdtown Rec. Center Community Room. Matt Shivers, Cherokee Indian Police

Dept., will talk about the current drug problem. Refreshments will be served.

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

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

Billy Whitt 736-4146

### Jackson County Democratic precincts annual organizational meetings. Feb. 27.

The following precincts will meet at 1pm at the Family Resource Center in Webster: Barkers Creek, Caney Fork, Cullowhee, Greens Creek, Qualla, Savannah, Scotts Creek, Sylva North/Dillsboro, Sylva South, and Webster. River precinct will meet at 5:30pm at the VFW. Canada precinct will meet at 5pm at the Canada Fire Department. Glenville and Cashiers precincts will also meet on Feb. 27, but they have not yet set a time and location. All Democrats are encouraged to attend. Info: Frank C. Burrell 586-8782, fcburrell@frontier.com

### Cherokee County Caregiver

**Group meeting. March 1** at Andrews Public Library at 871 Main Street in Andrews. There will be a presentation on Lifespan's new day program in Andrews. The group is for any family parenting a child with a special need. There is no charge to participate, but an RSVP is required. Info: Jody L. Miller (828) 631-3900 ext. 154 or jody@regionakids.org

### Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist visit. March 10

from 10-11am at Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 headquarters on Acquoni Road. Mikey Casey, Disabled Veterans Outreach program specialist, will be on hand to provide any handi-

capped veteran with the necessary skills to obtain gainful employment. Bring any pertinent paperwork. Info: Mike Casey (828) 837-7407

### 2nd Annual Stress & Healing Arts Retreat. March 11-12

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

### 19th Annual Greening Up the Mountains Festival. April 23

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

### Ongoing Events

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

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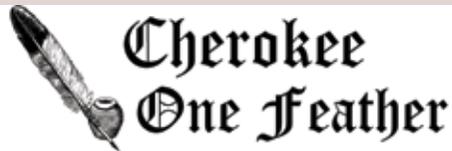
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The Cherokee One Feather is available as a forum for any opinion or point of view concerning issues of general interest. Letters should be typed, exclusive to the One Feather. Letters must be signed and should include a name, address and phone number.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

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# Banishment list in hand - now what?

**ROBERT JUMPER**  
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

**T**he Office of Tribal Operations (TOP) compiled and forwarded an up-to-date copy of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians banishment list to the One Feather in January. It is the first time in our memory that the complete list has been available for public distribution. The response from readership was immediate and widespread. There were over 10,000 views of the document on our social media.

Those who viewed the list had many questions. Can a tribal member be banished and have any been banished? Who decides if someone is banished? Is there a possibility of reversal? What happens to a banished person? And there were many comments: glad to see this finally in public view; the list should include pictures; it is about (expletive removed) time.

We sent the banishment list to the Cherokee Indian Police Department to see if photos could be matched up with the names on the list so that we may redistribute the list with another way to identify violators on tribal lands. They are currently working on getting that back to us. In email communications with the EBCI Attorney General's Office, they indicate that a searchable database is being explored and a system of verification potentially created.

Cherokee Code Section 14-70.24 says that you and I may be fined up \$5,000, imprisoned and even banished ourselves if we, in any way, provide

assistance to someone who has been banished from tribal lands. In fact, the law states that even attempting to provide assistance could get you the penalty. On top of that, banished individuals are people that the Tribal Council have deemed (and the Principal Chief has ratified) as a danger to the people and lands of the Cherokee people.

Now that the list is publicly available, our tribal leaders need to provide a structure that will enable identification and enforcement of banishments. In discussions with several individuals in and out of tribal government over the past few months, I have heard over and over that there are people who are on the list living and working in tribal lands. Renters have not been required to check the list before renting properties. Utilities suppliers do not have to check the list before providing telephone, internet, cable, water, sewer or lights. Before the One Feather published the list, no one had a copy of it in its entirety. The Cherokee Indian Police Department and the Tribal Court system had no complete list to identify a banished person. The public had no way of reporting sightings of banished people.

As we continue to move toward a government of accountability and transparency, we need to retool the infrastructure so that those who violate law and who have been deemed a threat to our people are held accountable and enforcement ensures protection of law abiding citizens and that people have incentive to not do things that will get them banished. Hopefully, our leadership will enact policies that will uphold the law.

The current EBCI Banishment List may be viewed online at:

<https://theonefeather.com/ebcibanishment-list/>

**Should the Tribal Drug Court be abolished?**

Yes **65%**  
 No **35%**

Question of the week now up on theonefeather.com:  
**Do you think the motto "In God We Trust" should be put on public buildings in Cherokee?**

**Poll Responses**

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

**Should the Tribal Drug Court be abolished?**

**David Braswell:** I think it does some good. There are not bad people. There are bad choices, and if it does not work for them, you lock them up.

**Melissa Lillard:** All it does is delay the inevitable. I've known people that go to Drug Court and right when they get out, pop a pill and steal to get more. I think it gives them more time to kill themselves. If there's a drug problem, lock them up until they can go straight to treatment.

**Janie Palmer Hughes:** No. It is designed to help the ones who are making bad choices and hopefully steer them in a better path.

**Ashley Sessions:** Yes, it's not effective. Tell us how many have actually "graduated" from this program. My bet is less than 20.

**Mary Crowe:** No. Drug Court

was created with no funding and one staff - Carol Long. She has done a great job with nothing! The concept and goals and objectives of the Drug Court are great. It needs funding and full staff and support!

**Tina McCulloch:** No. Even one life saved is worth everything!

**Johnny PostOak:** Yes

**William Ledford:** The Tribal Drug Court should remain as long as simple slaps on the wrist are removed in favor of tougher, enforced sentences. The governing bodies of the Tribe should declassify simple marijuana offenses like possession as petty misdemeanors and strengthen the penalties for distribution of meth and heroin. Convicted dealers of these addictive and destructive drugs should be given up to the feds and incarcerated in a federal facility. A lot of time in Atlanta or Leavenworth oughta do the trick.

**John Bigmeat:** The Drug Court appears to do more harm than good. It is like a revolving door - the same one over and over. I feel it would benefit the tribal members if the offenders would get longer jail terms with each offense.



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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**  
**Against national motto**  
**on public buildings**

*Note: This letter to the editor is in response to an article published in the Feb. 11 issue of the One Feather entitled "In God We Trust motto withdrawn in Council".*

**“W**hen I asked for a way to get it set up and come on the Council, I had no inkling or idea that anybody would be offended about it,” Lanier said. “I have not tried to force this on anybody.” Yet, Lanier knows this to be a lie!

I, as well as others, have opposed and are offended by his religious mission to impose this motto

upon us all, which was forced upon the nation by evangelicals back in the 1950s during the scare of communism. They basically told elected officials you either go along with it or you won't be re-elected. It is very similar to what's happening now with Christians in our country, pushing Christian only prayer at government meetings, displays on government property and with Lanier pushing this motto upon our government agencies.

The Nation's original motto "E Pluribus Unum" (out of many, one), was and still is our founders motto for our nation. It is on our money and on our National seals. Our founders knew we are a people of many different beliefs and nationalities, being a people united

as one nation. Lanier and those who endorse his mission wish to divide our communities and our nation. Not to mention the millions of dollars that could be used to help the needy instead of putting up words on buildings, which serve no purpose except to inflate his ego. Keep America's original motto, "E Pluribus Unum".

**Steven Hewett**  
 King, NC

**Inspiring people to care again**

**T**hey say voters are increasingly apathetic. However, across America they are pouring their time, energy, and

money into helping. From rooftop fundraisers in NYC to comedy shows in Asheville, grassroots events are sparking a revolution in civic participation.

The unlikely catalyst is the independent senator from Vermont: Bernie Sanders. Many, myself includ-

ed, are phone banking, canvassing, and donating for the first time to help him become the next president of the United States. Sanders is the highest-rated senator at 83 percent support because he offers pragmatic solutions and a consistent and clean record. He resonates across the political spectrum and won 72 percent of independents in the New Hampshire primary creating the record breaking win of 60.4 percent of the democratic vote.

His campaign is 100 percent funded through millions of small donations which allow him to reject all special interest Super PACs. After the victory in New Hampshire, voters donated a collective \$7,100,000!

Like Franklin D. Roosevelt, Bernie seeks a modern 'New Deal' creating jobs, regulating Wall Street, taking big money out of politics, and strengthening many of our current systems, such as Social Security, to better serve the American people.

Check out the candidate's official websites to learn more about his goals and how he will pay for them. After researching, voters are finding that Bernie Sanders quickly shifts to their first choice. North Carolina's primary is March 15. I'll be there to cast my vote for Bernie and hope you will too!

**Gavin Huskey**  
 Birdtown Community



# HOUSES OF WORSHIP

Church listings are free of charge. Send your church name, address, and phone number to scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com.



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

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

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

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

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

**Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church.** 7710 Big Cove Road. 497-4220

**Calico Church of Christ.** Big Cove Community. 497-6549

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Cherokee Wesleyan Church.** Hwy 19 across from Happy

Holiday Campground. 586-5453

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

**Ela Missionary Baptist Church.** Hwy 19 South.

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

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

**Living Waters Lutheran Church.** 30 Locust Road. 497-3730, prjack@frontier.com, lwcherokee@frontier.com

**Macedonia Baptist Church.** 1181 Wolf-town Rd. 508-2629 dconseen@gmail.com

**Olivet United Methodist Church.** 811 Olivet Church Road. (336) 309-1016, www.YouTube.com/user/OlivetUMC, www.Olivet-UMC.org

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.** 82 Lambert Branch Road. 736-5322

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

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

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

**Sequoyah Sovereign Grace Church.** 3755 Big Cove Road. 497-7644

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

**Straight Fork Baptist Church.** Big Cove Loop. Pastor Charles Ray Ball 488-3974

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

**Whittier United Methodist Church.** 150 Church Street, Whittier. 497-6245

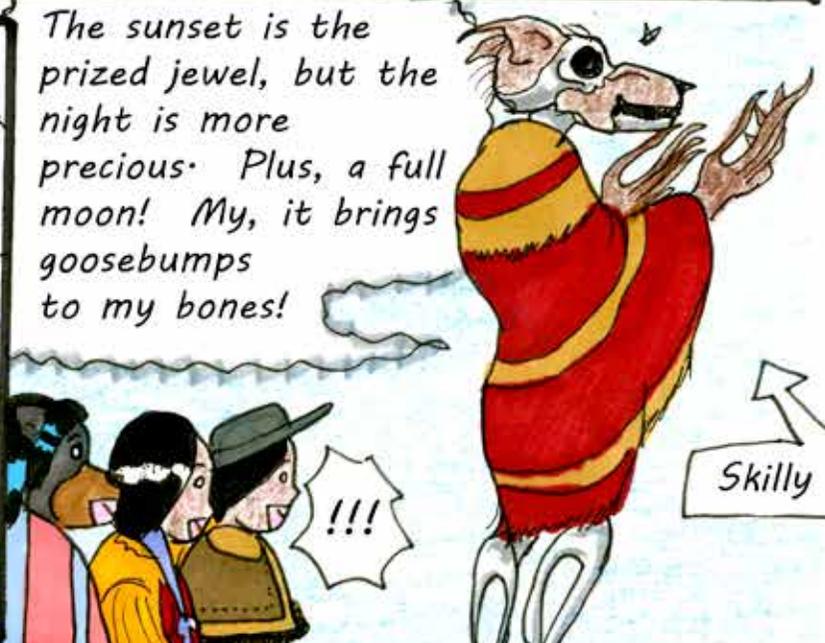
**Wilmot Baptist Church.** 2015 Thomas Valley Road, Whittier. 554-5850

**Wrights Creek Baptist Church.** Wrights Creek Rd. 497-5262

**Yellowhill Baptist Church.** 506-0123 or 736-4872

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By Dylan West





## SERVICES

**H&R Block New Location** – open year-round at 1655 Acquoni Road next to Hardee's. M-F 9-6, Sat. 9-5. (828) 497-4077. **2/25pd**

**Tax Preparation by Sandi** – Can save you time and money. Monday thru Saturday 9am – 7pm. Located on Olivet Church Road. 828-497-4128. **4/14pd**

## YARD SALES

**Granny's Kitchen Indoor Yard Sale**, open at 8am Feb. 19 and 20. Cash only. **2/18pd**

## REALTY

### Snowbird Community

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

Stephanie Nicole Jackson Bridges, Janie Mae Conseen Brown, Nicholas Cordelle Brown, Sasha Darlene Jumper Castillo, Alan Chekelelee, Eve Wynelle Wachacha Chekelelee, Joyce Lynn Smoker Gregory, Donnie Edward Jackson, Wanda Lee Jackson, Sonya Rena Ledford, Stanley Ray Ledford, Florence Ethelyn Jackson Moose, Kristie Ann Welch Hernandez-Ramirez, Sandra Leigh Ledford Robbins, Jessica Leigh Cogdill Smith, Dennis Frederick Teesateskie, Peggy Lee Teesateskie, Joshua Stone Turner, Damien Riley Wachacha, Christine Ledford Walkingstick, Sheena Roxana Walkingstick, Annie Belle Jumper Welch, Shane George Welch, Parent or Guardian for Arturo Chandler Ornelas, Jr., Parent or Guardian for Carmyn Juel Ornelas

### Agreement to Divisions

Carla Marie Sneed Ballew, George Milton James, Dennis Ray James, Jackie Lee Johnson, Jacob Pete Johnson, Buddy Thomas Lambert, Doris Earlene Lambert, Eric Thomas Lambert, James Dwayne Lambert, Patricia Eldean Sneed Lambert, Peggy Rosalie Lambert Lambert, Melissa Ann Maney, Frankie Nelle James Patencio, Mary Edith Reed Smith, Howard Vincent Sneed, Rena Janet Johnson Wachacha, Mary Louise Sneed Welch, Joseph Lloyd White

If you've submitted a survey application that is over a year old and the survey is not complete, please visit the BIA Realty Office to update your survey application.

### Proposed Land Transfers

Alicia Kaye Toineeta ti Ruth Marie Sequoyah McCoy for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 846-E (Part of Parcel No. 846-YD), containing 1.000 acres, more or less.

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

FT REGISTRATION CLERK	FT LPN / CMA JUSTICE CENTER / FCC
FT ENDODONTIST	FT DENTIST
FT DENTAL MANAGER	

Applications and job descriptions are available at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Human Resources Office, Monday – Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm. For more information please call 828 497-9163 and ask for Teresa Carvalho or Deb Toineeta. These positions will close on February 26, 2016 @ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and the original CIHA job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **2/25pd**

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

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

For complete job descriptions please visit CCS Human Resources at [www.ccs-nc.org](http://www.ccs-nc.org) **2/18pd**

### JOB ANNOUNCEMENT RESIDENT COUNSELOR SUPERVISOR

ORGANIZATION: Cherokee Boys Club, P. O. Box 507, Cherokee, NC 28719; (52 Boys Club Loop)

DEPARTMENT: CHEROKEE CHILDREN'S HOME

OPENING DATE: February 11, 2016

CLOSING DATE: February 25, 2016

REQUIREMENTS: Applicant must be at least 21 years of age. Must have a valid North Carolina Driver's License with at least two years' verifiable driving record. A four-year degree in Human Services or related field is required. Experience in a residential care setting preferred. Must be energetic with a positive attitude to meet the demands of this physically and emotionally challenging position. Must have the ability to lift 50 pounds and be physically mobile to conduct required physical demands of the job.

Applications and job descriptions can be picked up at the Information Desk of the Cherokee Boys Club between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or call 828-497-9101 for more information. The selected applicant must submit to and pass a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. **2/18pd**

## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT LEAD TEACHERS AGELINK

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

DEPARTMENT: Child Care Department – Agelink Child Care Department - Snowbird

OPENING DATE: February 11, 2016

CLOSING DATE: February 25, 2016

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

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

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

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

**2/18pd**

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

FT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT / PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT

FT HUMAN RESOURCES GENERALIST

FT CLINICAL APPLICATIONS COORDINATOR

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**Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee is seeking energetic, career-minded individuals for a Male Spa Host position.** Applications available at the Spa front desk or by email. Candidate must be able to pass pre-employment drug test. Contact Lauren Crowe, 828-497-8550, laurenw@mandaraspa.com **2/19pd**

**Special Olympics of North Carolina is seeking a person to serve as the Special Olympics Coordinator for the Qualla Boundary.** This is a volunteer position only and will coordinate all aspects of the Special Olympics program including travel, preparation, and accompanying the athletes. Applications can be picked up at VOC in Cherokee. For more info you may call 497-9827. **2/18pd**

# EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS



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

## POSITIONS OPEN

*\*Please attach all required documents\**

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

**Deadlines have been extended for all EBCI jobs due to inclement weather. The new deadlines are listed below.**

### Closing February 19, 2016 @ 4 pm

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

### Closing February 26, 2016 @ 4 pm

1. Detention Officer- Detention Services (\$31,078-\$38,848)
2. Housekeeper I- Tribal Housekeeping (\$21,484-\$26,855)
3. Data Entry Clerk- Tribal Commodities (\$25,830-\$32,288)
4. Tribal Commodities Distribution Rep- Tribal Commodities (\$41,082-\$51,353)
5. Nurse Home Visitor- Cherokee Choices (\$45,018-\$56,273)
6. Quality Improvement Coordinator- Reg & Compliance (Re-advertisement) (\$48,000-\$60,000)
7. Administrative Assistant- Heart to Heart (\$25,830-\$32,288)
8. Mental Health Therapist- Heart to Heart (\$45,018-\$56,273)
9. Administrative Assistant- Family Safety (\$25,830-\$32,288)
10. Family Safety Supervisor (2 positions)- Family Safety (\$49,200-\$61,500)
11. Family Safety Social Worker (12 positions) Family Safety (\$41,082-\$51,353)
12. Administrative Assistant- Wastewater- (\$31,078-\$38,848)
13. Safety Officer- QHA (\$40,080-\$50,100)
14. Teacher (12 positions) (Re-advertisement) - Tribal Child Care (\$27,680-\$34,600)

Download Applications & Job Descriptions  
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## LEGAL NOTICES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina

### **In the Matter of the Estates of: Maria Anna Armachain (EST 10-038; DOB 2/18/1964); Savannah Darlene Cook (EST 07-013; DOB 5/9/1959); Bennie Wade Crowe (EST 09-023; DOB 6/22/1959); Everett Edward**

### **Jumper (EST 98-055; DOB 6/23/1946); Khrystofor Hawk Rattler (EST 10-022; DOB 12/5/1991)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 16-004

### **In the Matter of the Estate of Edward J. Taylor**

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

from their recovery.

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

Date to submit claims: May 18, 2016  
Louise E. Taylor, PO Box 54, Cherokee, NC 28719. **3/10pd**

### **In the Matter of the Estate of Margaret Sneed**

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM FIRST PUBLICATION  
Trina Owle, 138 Bud Sneed Drive, Cherokee, NC 28719. **3/9pd**

### **INTENT TO FILE**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Revenue Department  
PO Box 537  
Cherokee, NC 28719

### **Re: Complaint for Money owed TO**

Aaron Lewis, Althia Lossie Cruz, Amanda Santiago, Andrea Standingdeer, Angela Lossiah Moncada, Anthony D Welch, Antonio Sanchez, Austina Bradley, Barbara Kosko, Barbara Miller, Ben Parker, Benjamin Swayney, Beth Owle, Boyd Donaldson, Brad Parker, Brandi Keen, Brandi Sequoyah, Brian Kirkland, Brittany Sgueglia, Bryon Ayen, Carl Arch, Carrie Hux, Charity Sampson, Charles D Lambert, Charles Pullard, Cheryl Rudd,

Chris Mintz, Christian Siewers Jr, Christine & John Forsythe, Christy Long, Chuck Rochester, Cindy Robertson, Connan Tchakirides, Dale Cloer, Danielle Mark, Danny Lambert, Daphne Oocumma(Hoyle), Darrell Woodard, David Armachain, David Edwards, Davita Roland, Debra Standingdeer, Delta Trampler, Donna Few, Duane Brown, Dustin Barnes, Elizabeth Plummer, Elleita Owl, Ercell Green, Eric Swayney, Erica Bradley, Ethan Larch, Forrest Parker, Gary Anderson, Gary Ledford, Gene Gibson, Glenn Davis Jr, Greg Leadingfox, Greg Villalab, Gregory Cline, Heather Harlan, Heather Jones, Honey Brady, Hugh Queen Sr, Irwin Keyonnie, Isaiah Chekelelee, Jack Bowman, Jackson Wolfe, Jaimee Smith, James 'Jimmy' Gass, James Bradley, James Haney, James Hunt, James Swayney, Jamie R Jenkins, Jarrett Youngdeer, Jason E Saunooke II, Jason Potts, Jay B Green, Jessica Bradley, Jessica Messer, Jim Eller, John A Bradley, John Chastain, John D Harris, Jonah L Saunooke, Jonathon Brady, Jonathan Lackey, Joni Hill, Jonny Davis, Jordan M Taylor, Joshua McNeilly, Jaunita George, Jukas Arch, Julie Muse, Justin Seagraves, Karen Canalas, Karla Ledford, Kassandra Lossie & Doug Swayney, Kelcye Walker, Kelly Brady, Kelsey Welch, Kenny Standingdeer, Kevin Goldsmith, Kristina M Wolfe, Kyle Lossiah, Kyle Morgan, Larry Dehart, Larry Gunter, Lauren Smith, Lea Ann Littlejohn, Lea Lambert, Lehman Coday, Lillian Allison, Lily Adams, Linda Trampler Bradley, Lisa Cope, Lizzie Bernal, Lynn Brandon, Mark Taylor, Marty Ensley, Mary Ann Jacobs, Mary E Lambert, Mary Maney, Matt Bryant, Matthew G York, Melanie

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McCoy, Melissa Frady, Meredith Bradley, Michael Jumper, Michelle Bradley, Mildred R McCoy, Natasha Hamilton, Neka Welch, Nikki Bradley, Norma Craig, Pascha Lynn Lossiah, Patsy F Armachain, Paul Beaudry, Phoenix Johnson-Ivey, Priscilla Mahsetky, Ralph Cline, Randy Cook, Rashonda Bradley, Regina Dardeen, Reginald Welch, Richard T Reed, Richard Wiggins, Ricky Cook, Ricky Waldroup, Roger Haverson, Ross Collins, Salina Lee, Sally Anderson, Samantha Bradley, Sarah Creson, Sarah Garrett, Sasha Youngdeer, Scott Ensley, Shantel Teesateskie, Shauna Teesatuskie, Sherry Murphy, Stefanie Arch, Stephan Walkingstick, Tabitha Lineberry, Talmadge Hoyle, Thomas Welch, Todd Trivette, Tonya Hensley, Tracie French, Troy D Anthony, Troy Martin, Twila J Reed, Tyler Crowe, Velma Bradley, Wayne McMillian, Wes Cornelison, Will Wright, Willard Morrow, William Killian IV, WR Williams

Take notice that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is seeking relief for money owed.

You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than the 18th day of March 2016 said date and upon your failure to do so the party seeking against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 17th day of February 2016.

Winnie Jumper, Billing & Collections Specialist, PO Box 537, Cherokee, NC 28719 (828) 359-7060 3/3pd

**BIDS, RFPs, etc.**

**HELP Program will be accepting applications for the**

**2016 LAWN MAINTENANCE SEASON**

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

**Guidelines**

A. Must be a Senior Citizen, age 59 ½ and above, or Disabled age 59 ½ and below, (and spouse) Living alone or with anyone under the age of 18.

1. Residence must reside on EBCI Tribal Lands in the Swain, Jackson, Graham, and Cherokee Counties; this does not include deeded property.
2. Season will run from April 11, 2016– September 30, 2016
3. Lawn Maintenance will include Mowing and Weed eating.
4. Lawn Maintenance will include

a 50ft. perimeter around home including carports.

5. Lawns mowed outside the 50ft. perimeter will be the home owner's responsibility.
6. Client/Family is responsible for getting yard clear of any trash/debris.
7. Member of the EBCI, will need a copy of enrollment cards **2/18pd**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Cherokee Tribal Court seeks competitive proposals from North Carolina State Certified Spanish Interpreters to provide assistance to Defendants in Criminal and Traffic cases on an as-needed basis. These services will be paid on a contractual, hourly basis as needed by the Cherokee Tribal Court, Office of the Prosecutor and Defense Council.

Interested individuals should submit a brief letter proposal including the following:

1. Name and contact information
  2. Copies of certifications from the State of North Carolina
  3. Relevant work experience
  4. The amount the individual proposes to charge the Cherokee Tribal Court based on a per day or per hour fee plus any other fees the individual may foresee charging.
- Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before February 26, 2016 will receive priority over later submissions. Please mail or fax to: Donna Toineeta-Lossiah, Court Administrator, PO Box 1629 Cherokee, NC 28719 828-359-1075 (voice) 828-359-0012 (fax)

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The Cherokee Tribal Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **2/25pd**

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