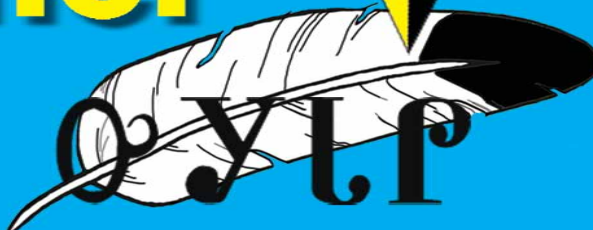


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- Elias Huskey, EBCI tribal member chosen to participate in the 2013 Remember the Removal Bike Ride



RIDING HISTORY

Riders selected for 2013 Remember the Removal Ride

The Remember the Removal Ride is a grueling 950-mile bicycle ride from New Echota, Ga. to Tahlequah, Okla. that retraces the footsteps taken by Cherokee people on the Trail of Tears. In June, members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will once again team up with the Cherokee Nation from Oklahoma and bike this long journey our ancestors once walked.

Seven EBCI tribal members have been selected for the 2013 ride including: Joseph Owle, Gerri Grady, Elias Huskey, Marvel Welch, Kate Cooper, Dakota Brown and Tighe Wachacha.

Joseph Owle, son of Joseph and Sandy Owle of Birdtown is a student at N.C. State and stated that he would like to participate in this bike ride to be part of something larger than one individual and knows that this experience will be a defining event in his life.

Gerri Grady, daughter of Jeremiah and Juanita Wolfe of Yellowhill and a Tribal employee stated, "That this bike ride will bring an intimacy to our people, ourselves, and our relatives in Oklahoma."

Elias Huskey, son of Keahana Lambert and a senior at Swain High School commented that, "This is a once in a life time opportunity for me to experience and live through something my ancestors had to live through. It will enrich and alter my life."

Marvel Welch of Wolfetown, daughter of Isaac and Judith Welch, said, "Experiencing the "Remember the Removal Ride, I would gain a

sense of understanding of 'who I am.'"

Kate Cooper, a sophomore at Smokey Mountain High School and daughter of Casey and Jill Cooper of Birdtown, said, "I want to do this bike ride because being able to trace the footsteps of my ancestors and thinking about how they felt while making this journey on foot would be the most amazing and powerful experience I could ever imagine. You can read about the trail, and listen to stories about it, but no story will ever do it justice."

Dakota Brown, a student at Southwestern Community College and daughter of Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Diamond Brown and Sandy Brown, commented, "I want to go on this trip so, in many ways, I can feel a piece of what our ancestors did. I also do not know how people in the Cherokee Nation view the Trail of Tears, and it would be great to understand their perspective."

Tighe Wachacha, co-director of Twin Path Productions and son of Arnold and Mary Wachacha of Yellowhill said, "I love the idea of sharing and experiencing a piece of our amazing Cherokee History. I believe



EBCI Health & Medical photos

Seven EBCI tribal members will represent the Tribe on this year's Remember the Removal Ride including (left-right) front row – Gerri Grady, Kate Cooper, Tighe Wachacha; back row – Joseph "Joey" Owle, Dakota Brown, Marvel Welch, and Elias Huskey.

that this ride would help in all aspects of my life by teaching leadership, teamwork and most of all respect for all of my ancestors that came before me."

The trip takes three weeks to

complete with 60-75 miles of biking everyday regardless of weather conditions.

- EBCI Health & Medical



Riders in the 2011 Remember the Removal ride line up.

Chief's Community Report

By **PRINCIPAL CHIEF
MICHELL HICKS**



I would like to take a little bit of your time to update you on things that I have been involved with over the past few weeks and the Cherokee County Casino that is currently being considered by Tribal Council.

The past few weeks have been very busy for me, after the Governor's Inauguration I traveled to Washington, DC for United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) Impact Week. Every year, I, along with several tribal staff and Council representatives, travel to Impact Week to rally support for issues relevant to the Eastern Band and all Tribes. Impact Week gives us a unique opportunity to meet with Senators and representatives from Congress. This year's meetings were very productive as I was able to spend some time with House Majority Leader Eric Cantor. We had an in depth discussion concerning the Violence Against Women Act, and I look forward to working with him on this issue and many others in the future.

The Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise has been tasked with researching the feasibility of a gaming facility in Cherokee County per resolution #470 (2008). TCGE presented their findings to Tribal Council as follows. TCGE is proposing a facility that would include 1,000 slot machines, 40-50 tables, 300 hotel rooms, dining among other amenities. This would create an influx of approximately 800 jobs at the Cherokee County operation. It is projected

that within the first year of operations this gaming facility would potentially produce a profit exceeding \$50 million. TCGE presented one possible option for the management of the earnings from this facility.

The Tribe would invest \$110 million for this project and the initial proposal to Tribal Council would extinguish the debt for this facility in 2.5 years. The earnings from this facility would then be re-directed towards paying off the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, saving the TCGE approximately \$294 million in interest payments and would allow TCGE to be debt free within 11 years. Additionally, the results of lower interest rates and debt would cause per capita to increase. After presenting this proposal in Budget Council last week Tribal Council asked TCGE to share this plan with the Cherokee community. I welcome your feedback and suggestions regarding this facility and the debt repayment plan that has been proposed. I initially proposed this facility in 2008, and I continue to support this endeavor.

I would like to recognize Paxton Myers, who has been selected for the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development Top 40 Under 40 Award. This is a great honor and I would like to congratulate Paxton on this achievement.

Finally, I would like to offer congratulations to Jerry Wolfe, who was honored at USET for his service to the United States and for his service to the preservation of the Cherokee culture. Jerry Wolfe, who served in the United States Navy during World War II, was recognized by USET for this service. They also recognized his devotion to the people of the Eastern Band of Cherokee and his work towards the preservation of Cherokee lifeways and traditions. On behalf of the Eastern Band, I would like to extend my gratitude for all his years of service.

Note: This is a letter from Principal Chief Michell Hicks to Tribal Council Chairman Jim Owle regarding the housing and maintenance of captive animals on tribal lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

February 14, 2013

Chairman Jim Owle
EBCI- Tribal Council
PO Box 455
Cherokee, NC. 28719

Dear Chairman Owle,

As you are well aware, the issue of how captive animals are housed and maintained on tribal lands continues to be a public relations problem that must be addressed timely and appropriately. The tribe has existing laws that outline minimum requirements for maintaining these captive animals. These laws have not been changed or addressed in over 11 years and it is time to re-evaluate our standards for maintaining captive animals.

I respectfully request that Tribal Council establish a working session to review Cherokee Code Chapter 19 Section 16 and discuss possible changes so that we are clear on current and future expectations for our business owners. I propose that we consider updating our Cherokee Code to increase the minimum living standards for captive animals including bears. These standards should include setting a minimum number of acres per animal, a minimum number of linear feet of running water per acre, proper winter and summer living quarters (this would include hibernation facilities), a minimum amount of living or non-living trees per acre, a minimum amount of square footage of green space per acre and a minimum amount of food allotment per day.

In conjunction with these ordinance changes I humbly request that Council consider allowing private business owners the opportunity to create a Wildlife Preserve on Qualla Boundary lands. Exhibiting and celebrating our wildlife has long been part of Cherokee's economy, and I believe it is important to continue to showcase our bears and other wildlife. However, we need to create a more animal friendly environment for these animals. Additionally, if Council makes ordinance changes I would hope this legislation includes a reasonable minimum transition timeframe to comply with new ordinance standards.

I am interested in peacefully resolving this situation to meet the needs of all captive animals, the owners of these facilities, the people of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the tourists that visit Cherokee. We must move forward within the legal confines set by Cherokee Code and we must continue to support free enterprise within our tribal lands as we have historically.

I appreciate your attention to this letter and your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Principal Chief Michell Hicks
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



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Cherokee Court Judges reappointed

Several members of the Cherokee Tribal Court were reappointed and took their Oath of Office in Tribal Council on Thursday, Feb. 14. Shown (left-right) front row – Steven Philo, Associate Judge of Special Jurisdiction (Drug Court); Danny Davis, Associate Tribal Judge; Principal Chief Michell Hicks; Kirk Saunooke, Associate Tribal Judge; Roy Wijewickrama, District Court Judge 30A Judicial District; back row – Brad Letts, an EBCI tribal member who serves as the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge for the 30B Judicial District of North Carolina; Brenda Toineeta Pipestem, Associate Justice, Cherokee Supreme Court; and William Boyum, Chief Justice, Cherokee Supreme Court.



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Tribal elder presented with Pendleton from USET

Jerry Wolfe (center in blanket), an EBCI tribal elder from the Yellowhill Community, was honored in Tribal Council on Thursday, Feb. 14. Wolfe was honored as a World War II veteran and Cherokee traditionalist at the USET Impact Meeting held in Washington earlier this month. He was unable to attend the event, and several Tribal Council representatives accepted a Pendleton blanket on his behalf. Wolfe was presented with that blanket on Thursday. He is shown here on Thursday with members of the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 and Principal Chief Michell Hicks (front row right).

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BASKETBALL

Lady Braves finish regular season strong

The Lady Braves (22-2), the Smoky Mountain Conference regular season champions, ended their regular season with two more wins and a perfect regular season in the conference. They defeated Swain 69-50 on Monday, Feb. 11.

Avery Mintz led Cherokee with 20pts followed by Kendall Toineeta with 18. This game started even and gradually got away from the Lady Maroon Devils. Cherokee led 11-9 after the first period and held a 34-24 lead at halftime. Cherokee outscored Swain 17-5 in the third period to seal the deal as the Lady Maroon Devils couldn't come back in the fourth.

Other Lady Braves scorers included: Jordyn Thompson 3, Bree Stamper 2, Lydia Lossiah 4, Miranda Smith 3, Alexis Maney 14 and Brianna Jumper 4.

Lady Maroon Devils scorers included: Jordan Maples 30, Alea Tisho 4, Valerie Arkansas 11, Lydia Sale 4 and Melody Little 1.

On Tuesday, Feb. 12, the Lady Braves poured in close to 100 points as they won their 22nd of the year 93-62. Mintz led Cherokee with 24pts followed by Toineeta with 21.

Cherokee led 26-15 after the first period and 55-26 at the half. Murphy came back a little in the third period outscoring the Lady Braves 21-15, but another 23pts in the final period sealed the game for Cherokee.

Other Lady Braves scorers included: Bree Stamper 4, Jordyn Thompson 8, Le Le Lossiah 6, Brianna Jumper 4, Alexis Maney 16, Angel Squirrel 6 and Sabrina Wooten 4.

Lady Bulldogs scorers included: Hannah Setzer 6, Leah Palmer 6, Sarah Nicely 9, Hannah Carson 9, Kendra Henry 21 and Taryn Blount 11.

The Braves (12-10) lost a heart-breaker in overtime 64-53, after leading through three periods, to



DENISE WALKINGSTICK/One Feather contributor

Lady Braves' Kendall Toineeta (#3) guards Swain's Jordan Maples during a game at Swain on Monday, Feb. 11.

Swain on Monday, Feb. 11. Seth Littlejohn led Cherokee with 13pts.

Cherokee led 18-13 after the first period and 34-25 at the half. They extended that lead to 42-31 after the third period. Swain outscored Cherokee 17-6 to tie the game and send it to overtime. The Maroon Devils dominated in overtime outscoring the Braves 16-5 to take the win.

Other Braves scorers included: Jesse Toineeta 8, Darius Thompson 6, Dustin Johnson 8, Eli Littlejohn 4, Brandt Sutton 4 and Raven Franki-

wicz 10.

Maroon Devils scorers included: Matthew Maennle 23, Greg Tisho 7, Raymius Smith 12, Corbin Panther 8, Clay Young 12 and Jamy Oocumma 2.

The Braves ended their regular season on a high note winning 73-50 over Murphy. Seth Littlejohn led the way for Cherokee with 18pts.

The Braves dominated the first half, and took a 39-23 lead into the locker room. They continued their assault in the third period outscoring the Bulldogs 22-9. Murphy scored

18 in the final period, but it was not enough.

Other Braves scorers included: Jesse Toineeta 9, Raven Frankiewicz 7, Darius Thompson 14, Dustin Johnson 7, Derrick Ledford 2, Jalon Lossiah 2, Chris Queen 4 and Eli Littlejohn 10.

Murphy scorers included: Bradley Puccio 13, Dylan Ownbey 3, Kalin McRae 1, Bryan Ferguson 4, Chris Moore 2, Demarcus Hopson 12 and Trevor Crouch 15.

- ONE FEATHER STAFF REPORT

Violence Against Women Act passes Senate

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

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA) passed the Senate on Tuesday, Feb. 12 by an overwhelming 78-22 vote. Many tribal leaders are happy with the Senate bill's passage.

"We are very excited to have this positive outcome in the Senate," said Painttown Rep. Terri Henry who also serves as co-chair of the National Congress of American Indians' (NCAI) Task Force on Violence Against Native Women. "This is the work of many people from across the country, and we are grateful to them for their commitment and support. I am proud of Indian Country for keeping strong and holding together. We feel that we are in a position of strength as we move into the House. Even with the success in the Senate, we will have our work cut out for us in the House."

This legislation was passed by the Senate in the 112th Congress, but the House passed a very different version and a compromise was never met.

Wolfstown Rep. Mike Parker related, "It has only passed the Senate. Now the hard part begins: getting it to pass the House. This is truly landmark legislation."

NCAI president Jefferson Keel said in a statement, "Today's passage of the Violence Against Women Act in the Senate, and previous votes to defeat harmful amendments to the bill, sends a clear message to the House that a strong VAWA bill with the tribal provisions must be passed immediately. There is no reason for further delay."

Keel continued, "This is violence that cuts deep into the hearts of our community. Addressing violence against any women, including Native women, is a priority of all Americans, and the safety of both Native and non-Native communities should not be marginalized."

Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA),

chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, released a statement following passage, "Today, the Senate took a major step forward to protect all victims of domestic violence across America. And, because of the Senate bill, nearly 500,000 women in Indian Country will receive better protection if we can get this onto the President's desk and signed."

The legislation was introduced into the 113th Congress on Jan. 22 by Senators Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Mike Crapo (R-ID).

In a statement following its passage, Sen. Leahy said, "There is strong, bipartisan support for VAWA reauthorization, and together we can finally finish what we started last year. We are deeply indebted to the women and men around the country who have been working with us and have been steadfast in their commit-

ment to the victims and to our efforts to combat domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault."

Attorney General Eric Holder was also happy at the Senate's passage of the legislation. In a statement, he commented, "The tribal provisions included in the VAWA reauthorization and originally proposed by the Department of Justice, will close a significant jurisdictional gap that has left too many Native American women, precisely because they are Native American, exposed to violence for far too long. The status quo is simply unacceptable, and the Senate has today acted courageously on behalf of our society's most vulnerable, who deserve not only equal justice, but also our unquestionable resolve to protect them."

Correction



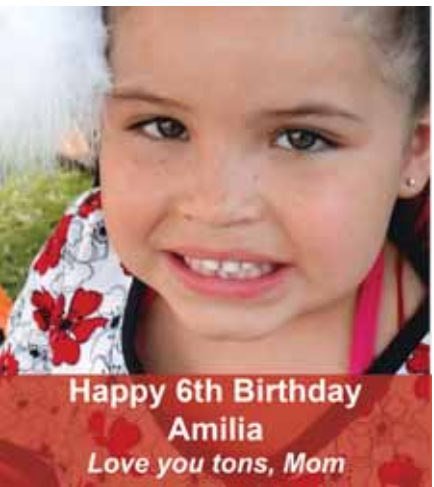
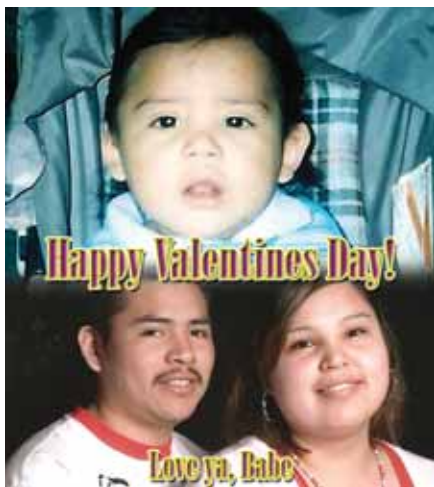
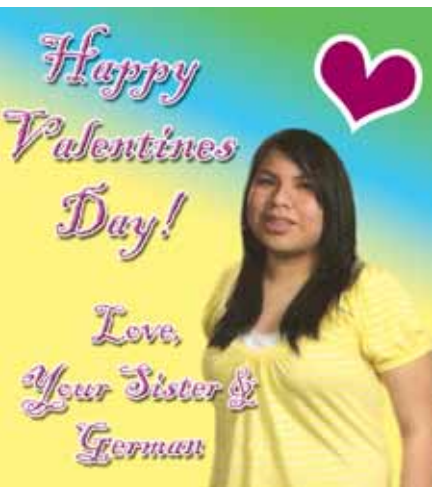
An omission was made in a cutline for a photo appearing with an article in last week's *One Feather* entitled "Judge Martin retires from Cherokee Tribal Court". The name of Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha (right) was inadvertently left out of the cutline. The *One Feather* regrets the error.

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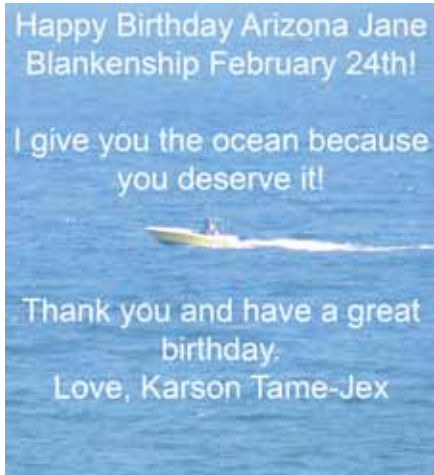
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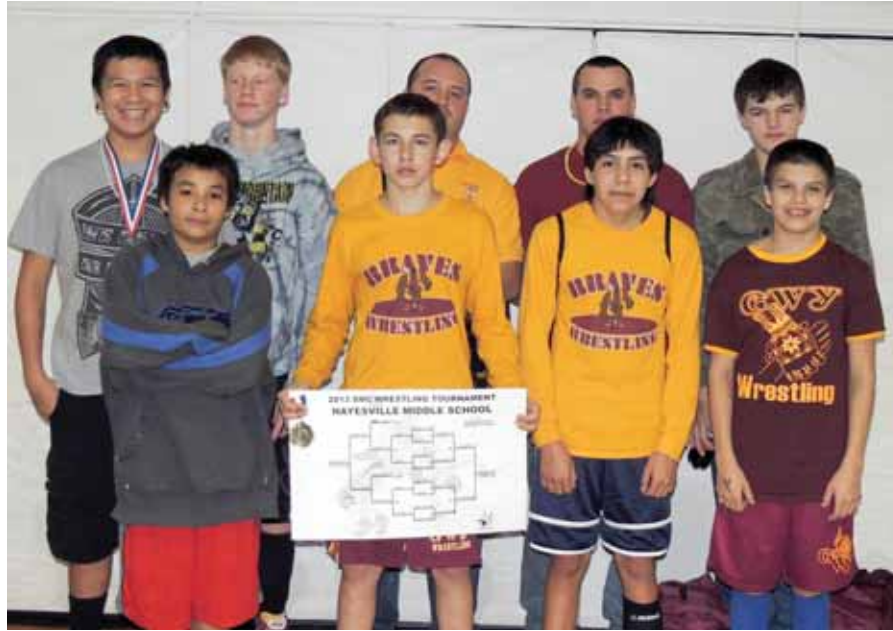


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WRESTLING



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CMS wrestlers place at Conference Tournament

Five members of the Cherokee Middle School wrestling team placed at the Smoky Mountain Conference tournament held at Hayesville on Friday, Feb. 8 including: John Queen, 1st, 106lb.; Anthony Toineeta, 1st, 113lb.; Stephen Muese, 2nd, 120lb.; Luke Woodard, 1st, 145lb.; and John Tramper, 3rd, 160lb. Shown (left-right) front row - Xavier Locust, Toineeta, Queen and Seth Sneed; back row - Tramper, Woodcard, CHS coach Will Lambert, CMS coach D.J. Robinson and Andrew Griffin.

WRESTLING

Cherokee loses in first round of Regionals

The Cherokee varsity wrestling team lost in the first round of the 1A Regional Dual Team tournament on Tuesday, Feb. 5. East Surry beat the Braves 50-24.

Robbinsville advanced to the 1A Regional semi-finals on Thursday, Feb. 14 with wins over Central Academy (41-27) and East Surry (59-15). They lost to West Wilkes in the semi-finals by a score of 48-21.

The Braves are in action next at the Individual Wrestling 1A Regionals at Hendersonville on Feb. 21-23.

- Full results of the Cherokee - East Surry match are as follows:
- 106lb. - Eddie Nunez (ES) won for forfeit
 - 113lb. - Timmy Norman (ES) won by major decision (12-1) over Michael George (Ch)
 - 120lb. - Austin Bryant (ES) pinned Ethan Swearengin (Ch) at 5:12
 - 126lb. - Andrew Kozlo (ES) won by decision (9-7) over Levi Swearengin (Ch)
 - 132lb. - Eddie Scott (ES) won by major decision (16-8) over Austin Padilla (Ch)
 - 138lb. - Jaron Bradley pinned Eli Russel (ES) at 3:47
 - 145lb. - Jimmy Spear (ES) pinned Tyler Brown (Ch) at 2:10
 - 152lb. - Keanu Kelley (ES) pinned Maria George (Ch) at :37
 - 160lb. - Tavi Rivera (Ch) pinned Travis Pugh (ES) at 3:44
 - 170lb. - Dorian Walkingstick (Ch) pinned Gage Edwards (ES) at :52
 - 182lb. - Mitchell Flynt (ES) won by forfeit
 - 195lb. - Cody Gaskill (ES) won by forfeit
 - 220lb. - Jacob Chatten won by decision (6-2) over Raymond Taylor
 - 285lb. - Michael Montelongo (Ch) pinned Josh Steven (ES) at 1:59

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Girl Scouts make Vday presents for seniors

Members of the Junior Girl Scout Troop 30341, based in Cherokee, made Valentine's Day doilies that were given as presents to senior citizens at Tsali Manor. The girls, all students at Cherokee Elementary School, are shown with the doilies on Wednesday, Feb. 13. Shown (left-right) are Ryan Junaluska, Syrena West, Keara Cline, troop leader Charlene Stiles, Jaia Watty, Rabekka Wolfe, Trixie Tramper and Shoni Panther.



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Qualla Arts & Crafts welcomes new members

Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual, Inc. held its bi-annual membership dinner at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds exhibit hall on Thursday, Feb. 14. Seven EBCI tribal members were selected as new members of the co-op including (left-right) Timothy Smith, Sr.; Jennifer Wilson; Eddie Bushyhead; Lloyd Arneach, Sr.; Lawanda Nikki Nations; Stan Ledford; and Joseph Wesley Toineeta.



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Beaded snake

This unique beaded rattlesnake was created by EBCI tribal member Joseph Wesley Toineeta who had it on display at the Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual, Inc. bi-annual membership dinner on Thursday, Feb. 14. Toineeta was voted into membership, along with six other EBCI tribal members, on Thursday night.

Sequoyah Birthplace Museum hosting lecture on Sunday

The Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore is hosting a free lecture on Sunday, Feb. 24 with interpretive naturalist, storyteller, and wild crafter Ila Hatter and Avi Askey, owner of the Overhill Gardens. The lecture starts at 2pm and will help kick off the 5th Annual TN Invasive Plants Awareness Week.

The topic of the lecture will be "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly Plants"

Ila Hatter is an interpretive naturalist, artist, storyteller, and wild crafter with more than 30 years experience teaching the cultural heritage of native plants. Ila is publisher of "Roadside Rambles", a wild foods cookbook, and a video series: "wild Edibles and Medicinals of Southern Appalachia and Mountain Kitchen". She hosted three Folkways programs for PBS/UNC-TV, and has

if you go

what: Lecture on plants entitled "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly Plants"

when: Sunday, Feb. 24 at 2pm

where: Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, 576 Hwy 360 in Vonore, Tenn.

info: (423) 884-6246

appeared on CNN, Turner/South, RFDTV, and A&E.

There are more plant species here than in the entire North American continent including Canada. The indigenous people knew which plants were "the Good Plants" for

food, medicines, and household use. In many cases they shared that knowledge with the incoming settlers. Even today we can enjoy having those plants, trees, shrubs, in our home landscape. There are flavors that cannot be bought, home remedies at hand, and interesting folklore to share.

Also joining Ila Hatter will be Avi Askey of the Overhill Gardens who will be lecturing on the removal of invasive plants.

This lecture is open to the public. Sequoyah Birthplace Museum is located at 576 Hwy. 360 in Vonore. This lecture is sponsored by the East Tennessee Foundation's John D. Grubb & Louise G. Sumner Fund for Monroe County Grant. Info: Sequoyah Birthplace Museum (423) 884-6246.

- Sequoyah Birthplace Museum

Smoky Mountain Roller Girls to host Spring Fling'Her

Smoky Mountain Roller Girls are at it again! Spring Fling'Her is scheduled for Saturday, March 16 at the Swain County Recreation Center. Bryson City's own Smoky Mountain Roller Girls will face off against G-Force from Gastonia. Proceeds from the bout will benefit the Big Brother and Big Sister Program of Swain County. The Smoky Mountain Roller Girls are also asking fans to bring toiletry donations for families in need. The Smoky Mountain Roller Girls have a tradition of donating proceeds from their ticket sales to local charities since their debut sold out bout.

"Loving tender, and hitting hard. Taking the needs of others and giving a helpful hand. There is no penalty in that," says Carrah Shawnee-Swimmer (aka Shawnee Smasher).

SMRG have also donated funds to other organizations such as Qualla Safe House in the past. The Smoky Mountain Roller Girls used the Bryson City Christmas Parade as an opportunity to collect canned food items to donate to Community Table's food bank. Smoky Mountain Roller Girls is a non-profit, all-women's flat track derby team in Bryson City.

Women ages 18 and up are encouraged to come out for practice on Sunday and Wednesday evenings from 6-9pm. Men and women are invited to join the team as non-skating officials, referees and volunteers. Tickets for Spring Fling'Her are \$5 and can be purchased at www.brownpapertickets.com. Children under 5 are always free. Tuckasegee Tavern will be hosting an after party beginning at 8:00 pm following the bout.

- Smoky Mountain Roller Girls

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Cherokee Central Schools Report

BASKETBALL



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Cherokee High School honored its senior basketball players on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

CHS honors senior Braves and Lady Braves

Cherokee High School played their last home conference game on Tuesday, Feb. 12 in the Charles George Memorial Arena against Murphy. In between the JV and Varsity Games, the seniors were honored at center court. Each senior was announced and escorted by their family to center court where they were greeted by CHS athletic director Craig Barker, Braves Head Basketball Coach Willis Tullos, Lady Braves Head Basketball Coach Chris Mintz, and Lady Braves Assistant Coach Miranda Squirrel. They were awarded a plaque stating the number of years they had played with Cherokee High School's Varsity Basketball Team, a T-shirt, and a basketball signed by their teammates.

The only senior on the Braves basketball team is Seth Littlejohn. He was escorted by his mother, Winnie Jumper. He is a resident of Wolfetown community and plans to go to college after high school. His favorite memory from participating

in CHS Athletics was "hitting the game-tying 3-pointer to go into double overtime with Swain and then winning the game."

Littlejohn left his underclassman teammates with a little advice, "Work hard and never give up!" There are five seniors on the Lady Braves basketball team including Deija Burgess, Alexis Maney, Angel Squirrel, Jordyn Thompson and Sabrina Wooten.

Deija Burgess was the first to be honored. She is the daughter of Brandon Burgess and Amy Anders. She was escorted by her parents and Jama Anders. Burgess is a resident of the Big Y community, and after high school, she plans to attend Mars Hill or Charleston Southern University and major in Elementary Education.

Her best memory of CHS Athletics was going to regionals last year. "It was the best feeling ever, running out and hearing all of the fans go crazy. It was also awesome [having]

the whole school [come] out to watch us leave on the bus [for] Greensboro."

Her advice to her underclassman teammates was, "Play every game like it's your last; leave everything on the court because you'll regret it if you don't."

Alexis Maney was escorted by her parents Matt and Alicia Maney. She plans to attend college and major in Business after high school.

Her favorite memory of CHS Athletics was "playing for the Lady Braves basketball team and just seeing all of our fans coming to support us everywhere we go."

She told her teammates to "always give your glory to God because He is [the] one that gave you the ability to play the sport you love."

Angel Squirrel was escorted by Angela Squirrel, her mother; Jack and Greg Smith, her brothers; and Brenlei Smith, her niece. She is a resident of Wolfetown community and plans to attend Connors State

College in Warner, Oklahoma and then transfer to the University of Kansas to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

She advised her teammates to "always do your best at whatever you do; you can accomplish anything you set your mind to. Never be afraid to dream big! Always keep your worries small and your head held high. And remember all your glory goes to God!"

Jordyn Thompson was escorted by her mother Jennifer Thompson and grandparents Jannie and Walter Thompson. She is a resident of the Yellowhill community and plans to attend college and get a degree in social work after high school.

Her favorite memory of CHS Athletics was "hearing the fans cheer and all the support you get from being a Lady Brave."

She left her underclassman teammates with a little advice, "Al

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**SENIORS,
CHS basketball
players honored,**
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ways put God first and never underestimate your dreams." The last Lady Brave honored was Sabrina Wooten. She was escorted by Kim Saunooke, her mother, and Hawk Wooten, her brother. She is a resident of the Birdtown community and plans to go to college and get a degree because she knows she will "need it to make it through life." Wooten said, "There is not just one memory to remember because they were all good and goofy." The advice she left her team was to "play hard and keep your grades high, and you will go far and keep God in your heart!"

CHS officials related, "Cherokee High School is very proud of their student athletes and especially these special seniors who have accomplished a lot in the classroom and on the court. We wish them all the best as they dream big and pursue their goals. They have worked hard and played hard, and we are confident they will continue to be successful in life as they have been here on the court. As we honor them, they honor the legacy of the Cherokee Braves and Lady Braves that have come before them. These seniors have demonstrated what it means to walk the Sacred Path and encourage the classmates and teammates to do the same. Congratulations on your endurance, strength, and determination. Maintain the path despite the struggles you may encounter along the way, and you will grow in character and spirit to become the man or woman you were born to be."

- Cherokee Central Schools

Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center

By YONA WADE
CAC DIRECTOR

Each year, the students at Cherokee Central Schools have a fantastic opportunity to perform in one of the state's most technically advanced arts facilities. From the automated rigging to the full orchestra pit, the Cultural Arts Center has it going on.

"Our lighting system consists of ETC's state of the art EOS lighting board with Wi-Fi integration, sound powered by a Yamaha PM-5D digital board, and a Daktronics Vortek rigging system," said Yona Wade, director of the Cultural Arts Center.

The Cultural Arts Center or CAC as it is known, has played host to the North Carolina State Symphony, the John Brown Jazz Orchestra, local artist Sean Ross and Chaske Spencer from the Twilight Films to name a few. "It is our hope that the facility can serve our community as a facility where we promote culture and provide a cultural experience", said Wade.

The Cultural Arts Center consists of a number of facilities which include a 1,011 seat theatre, a 340 seat facility in the round, a contemporary gallery, dance studio, and three production studios. Last year, the CAC Theatre hosted 90 events. This is amazing considering the school year consists of 180 days. As for our in school production studios, each school plays host to one of three. The elementary school host the print media room where posters and banners can be produced; the middle school houses the production studio where students can learn to produce video and eventually broadcast productions; the high school hosts the post production studio where students learn Logic and Pro-tools. Of the three production studios at Cherokee Central Schools, the



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high school studio is one of the most technically advanced facilities. Built to apple specifications, not only can the students utilize the facilities equipment, but they also have the opportunity to learn in a certified Mac teaching lab.

As you can see, the Chief Joyce

Dugan Cultural Arts Center not only consists of a theatre, but also serves as a center for cultural experience. If you are interested in renting the facility or interested in more information, contact Yona Wade (828) 554-5124 or by email at ywade@cherokeecentral.gaggle.net.

CHS recognizes local business support of athletics

The Cherokee Athletic Department and the Cherokee High School Booster Club would like to extend their gratitude to three Cherokee businesses for their generous support of Cherokee Athletics this year: Wise guys Pizza, Cherokee Pizza Inn, and Cherokee Dairy Queen. These businesses have donated, volunteered, and went above and beyond for the student athletes and Cherokee High School.

Each of these businesses was honored at the last home basketball game. A beautiful plaque was presented to them in appreciation for their service and dedication to CHS athletics. Their contributions have been an invaluable part of the development of the student athletes.

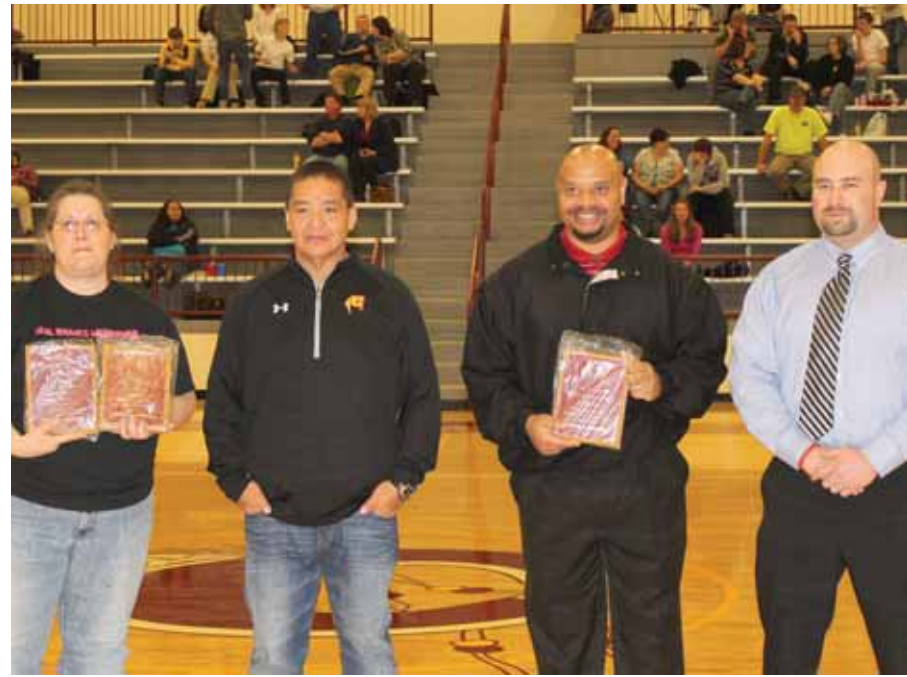
Without the hard work and generosity of local businesses, extracurricular and sports activities would not be as plentiful. This working

partnership between the school and community provides a bounty of opportunity for students to grow, learn, and play. The lessons learned through sports can be applied to life.

Craig Barker, CHS Athletic Director, said, "Thanks to the support of these wonderful community business leaders, our student athletes can maintain health and fitness, learn teamwork, strategy, and gain confidence that will enable them to grow into the next generation of leaders in the community. It is good to have excellent examples and mentors in our community to show our youth how to give back and express generosity."

Cherokee, continue supporting these businesses as they continue to support the youth in our community at Cherokee High School.

- Cherokee Central Schools



CCS photo

Cherokee High School recognized several local business for their contribution to school athletics including: Wise guys Pizza, Cherokee Pizza Inn and Cherokee Dairy Queen.



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CES Science Fair winners

The following students placed at this year's Cherokee Elementary School Science Fair. Maya Cruz and Halla Panther were selected to represent the school at the state level. "Congratulations to all those who participated in this year's Science Fair," said CES officials. Shown (left-right) back row – Lucian Davis, Dason Bryant, Caden Pheasant, Kalista Luther, Lauren Luther, Halla Panther and Maya Cruz; front row – Madison Backwater, Gideon Freeman, Sean Fitzgerald, Erik Fitzgerald, Maggie Colvin, Ayden Thompson and Nyree Thompson.

Cherokee Central Schools' Testing Program update

New EOG/EOC Assessments

The new Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for Mathematics and English Language Arts and the North Carolina Essential Standards (ES) for Science are being taught for the first time this year in Cherokee Central Schools' classrooms and across the state. Because of the new curricula, new tests were developed. New End-of-Course (EOC) Algebra I, English II, and Biology summative assessments aligned to these standards were administered the first time in December 2012. New End-of-Grade (EOG) Mathematics, English Language Arts, and Science summative assessments aligned to these standards will be administered for the first time in spring 2013.

The first priority when implementing new assessments is to en-

sure the results of the test scores are valid and reliable. When new assessments are administered for the first time, student scores are delayed while the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) processes the test data and completes all of the necessary analyses. These processes and analyses will take place during summer 2013. Due to the necessity of this critical process, in 2012-2013 students will not receive their test scores at the completion of the test administration. Instead the scores for these assessments will be delayed until October 2013. Once the State Board of Education has approved the scores (achievement levels) in October 2013, CCS will provide parents with each student's Individual Student Report. Because test scores will be

delayed, no retesting will occur at the schools.

New Common Assessments and Teacher Effectiveness

One of the six standards for teacher evaluation is student academic growth. Teachers in all grades and subject areas will be evaluated on student academic growth. New assessments for these areas are being developed by NCDPI. Some of these measures of student learning (e.g. Geometry, middle school social studies) will be administered this spring, mostly in the high school and middle school. Assessments for other subjects and grades will be available next school year.

ClassScape Formative and Benchmark assessments

CCS administers benchmark assessments periodically using the ClassScape online assessment system. Students in grades 3 - 8 complete a benchmark assessment for math, English Language Arts, and science (grades 5 and 8 only) each quarter, while students in high school Algebra I, English II, and Biology complete two benchmark assessments during the course. In addition, teachers utilize the ClassScape program for formative assessment. By administering short quizzes weekly or bi-weekly, teachers can more quickly pinpoint specific learning needs of students. Once these needs are identified, teachers can focus their instruction more precisely to provide support to their students.

- Cherokee Central Schools

Goodbye letter to parents

To the Parents and Guardians of Cherokee Middle School students and the members of the EBCI community:

I wanted to take the time to express my gratitude and appreciation for the past 11 years that I have had the privilege of teaching and working with your child at Cherokee Central Schools. I began working as a teacher at Cherokee High School during the 2003-2004 school year and continued there until the summer of 2008. I was appointed to the seat of Assistant Principal at Cherokee Elementary in 2008, and was moved to the Principal's position at Cherokee Middle School in March of 2012. I have had the pleasure of

helping to develop some wonderful opportunities for our students during my time here at CMS. It has always been my belief that the position of an educator at any school requires the dedication of one's entire being; an investment of time, heart, and knowledge. Throughout my career as an educator, I have always practiced the belief that every student deserves the very best of what I have to offer. I am also a mother, and just as I practice on the job, it is my belief that my own children deserve the very best I have to offer them every day as their mother. I am not willing to compromise my role as a mother/ wife to my family; likewise, I am not willing to give the

students of Cherokee Central Schools less than they deserve of me. It is with this in mind that I made the difficult decision to resign my position as Principal of Cherokee Middle School. This decision was not made without prayer and soul searching, and it has been the hardest decision I have made in my professional career. I love each and every student I have had the privilege to meet while here at Cherokee. I also consider it a blessing to have built relationships with the families, community agencies, tribal officials, and other people I have gotten to know while working here. I wish nothing but the very best for all those who have entered the doors of Cherokee Central

Schools and the community of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. As I close out my last day here, I will be passing the seat of Principal at CMS to Mr. Cance Carnes. He will be joined by Mr. Joel Creasman, who will serve as an administrative support person to the Principal. Again, thank you to Cherokee Central Schools, to the community of Cherokee, and to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for allowing me the opportunity to be a part of the lives of your beautiful children. My life has been blessed because of you. Until we meet again.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Rebecca D. Ensley



EBCI Extension to hold Fruit & Berry Plant Sale



Did you know?

According to the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council, one serving of blueberries has 14mg of Vitamin C, almost 25 percent of an adult's daily requirement.

EBCI Cooperative Extension is taking orders for the annual Fruit & Berry Plant Sale until March 15. The purpose of this sale is to provide garden plants at very affordable prices. Grapes, both purple and white varieties, are new offerings this year.

The sale works like this: plants are ordered now, in March, and picked up in April. Payment is required to place an order. Stop

by the EBCI Cooperative Extension office at 876 Acquoni Road, Cherokee to order your plants. They cannot take orders over the telephone or place an order without payment.

Prices are as follows:

- Asparagus (Jersey Night) \$1.00 ea
- Blackberries (Triple Crown – trailing, thornless type) \$3.00 ea
- Black Raspberries (Jewel) \$3.00 ea
- Red Raspberries (Heritage) \$3.00 ea
- Blueberries (hardy, high bush varieties) \$5.00 ea
- Strawberries \$5.00 per bundle of 25 plants. One variety per bundle (Seascape – Ever Bearing, very productive, large fruit, and disease resistant) (Earliglow – June Bearing, medium-large fruit, great taste); Grapes (Concord – purple) (Niagra - white) \$5.00 each.

Planting and care instructions are available from the Extension office. These are high quality, bare-root plants that will need to be planted after they are picked-up in April. Orders will be ready for pick-up on Monday, April 15 from 12-5pm. Info: Sarah McClellan-Welch 554-6935 or saramcl@nc-chokeee.com.

- Sarah McClellan-Welch, EBCI Cooperative Extension

Western Carolina UNIVERSITY

Cherokee Center Report

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GWY JESCTODY D&P

The WCU-Cherokee Center, it is located in Cherokee, on the Qualla Boundary, and exists as a bridge between the university-at-large in Cullowhee and the communities of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the surrounding region. We serve Cherokee Central School students as well as public school students. Our office can assist students enrolled at Western with information in a quick and efficient manner. We can provide counseling and unofficial advising

when requested or connect students to the most appropriate resource on campus. We invite suggestions from the community as advice for us as to how to reach out and offer our services. What community needs can we offer?

If you are currently a student enrolled at Western Carolina University, please contact Roseanna Belt, director of the WCU-Cherokee Center. She would appreciate meeting with you to see if the Center can be of any service. If you are

not currently enrolled, please contact the Center as well to find out more about WCU and the variety of degrees offered and application assistance. Call or stop by anytime. Jane Kneller, office manager would also welcome your inquiry. We want to see you. The address and phone number are on the header of this article. We are located in front of the Cherokee Youth Center in the log cabin, and hours are 8-5, Monday through Friday.

Cherokee Boys Club Report

www.cherokeeboysclub.com (828) 497-9101

CLUB SCHEDULE

Monday, Feb. 18 – Presidents’ Day – Club, School and Tribal Holiday
 Tuesday, Feb. 19 – Health Screen – 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. – Club Lobby
 Wednesday, Feb. 20 – Board of Directors Meeting – 8:30 a.m.
 Thursday, Feb. 21 – Safety Committee Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
 Monday, Feb. 25 – School Make-up Day

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

Cherokee Central Schools and Cherokee Boys Club

The partnership between Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) and Cherokee Boys Club (CBC) actually began in 1932 when the Cherokee Boys Farm Club was established as the Cherokee Indian Boarding School. The Boarding School closed in 1954 and continued as a day school. In 1964 the Tribe incorporated The Cherokee Boys Club as a non-profit tribal entity. For over 50 years, the partnership has remained true to course due to the Boys Club

and Cherokee Central Schools’ commitment to providing quality education to Cherokee youth.

In 1990, CCS became a tribally operated school system authorized by Public Law 100-297 and receives funding from the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) through a grant process. The Cherokee Central School Board is composed of elected representatives from six communities including Big Cove, Big Y, Birdtown, Painttown, Wolfetown, and Yellow Hill. The School Board is responsible for establishing system policies and for approving procedures for implementation of those policies. The School Board approves the system budget and assures that all federal, state and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools’ (SACS) accreditation standards are met. A Tribal Council member serves on the CCS Board as liaison between Tribal Council and the School Board.

The Cherokee Boys Club is the fiscal agent for the Cherokee Central

Schools. Since August 1, 1990, the CBC has provided financial administration for the school system. Included in the funds that are financially administered by the Cherokee Boys Club are Title I, Special Education (including pre-school, handicapped, and talented and gifted students), Title V, Custodial Services, Transportation, and USDA funds. The BIE grant includes funding for operations and maintenance of education buildings and grounds. Student transportation is also provided by the CBC under an agreement with the School Board. Services provided are at cost, and some services are donated at no cost to the School.

The Cherokee Boys Club’s status as a non-profit entity allows the school system to receive funding for special startup programs. Grants from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation, NC Arts Council, Burroughs Wellcome Fund, Harrah’s Casino and Hotel Fund, and NASA,

to name a few, are administered by CBC. These grants provide funding to the school system for implementation of new programs or for the purchase of new equipment. These programs focus on preparing students for the 21st century workforce.

The largest project that CBC has administered for the School Board is the construction of the three new schools on the Ravensford Campus. Without tribal leadership and the generous financial support of Tribal Council, the schools would not have become a reality.

Both CCS and CBC are focused on and committed to quality education for Cherokee youth. With the Cherokee Boys Club focusing on operations, maintenance and fiscal management for the School, the CCS School Board and its staff have been able to focus on recruiting quality teachers and developing stronger academic and athletic programs for Cherokee students.

NCDOT awards \$3M to resurface Jackson, Swain roads

The N.C. Department of Transportation has awarded a \$3 million contract to Harrison Construction Company Division of APAC-Atlantic of Knoxville, Tenn. to resurface five miles of U.S. 74 from Grindstaff Road to U.S. 23 Business in Jackson County, as well as the following roads in Swain County:

- 1.7 miles of Hyatt Creek Road from U.S. 19 to Falls Branch Road;
- .08 miles of Falls Branch Road from Hyatt Creek Road to just south of the bridge over U.S. 74; and
- 3 miles of Round Hill Road from Laurel Branch Road to Greasy Branch Road.

Work can start as early as April 15 and is scheduled for completion by Aug. 22.

This is one of 24 contracts totaling \$59.9 million awarded by NCDOT in January for highway and bridge projects across North Carolina. NCDOT awarded the contracts to the lowest bidders, as required by state law. The bids received on the projects awarded came in about 4.8 percent, or \$3.1 million, below NCDOT estimates.

- NCDOT

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EBCI Health & Medical Division Report

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT



Cherokee Choices

Program description

Cherokee Choices works to mobilize the community to confront environmental and biological factors that put Cherokee people at higher risk for diabetes.

The cornerstones of this program are listening to the community and providing social support to increase physical activity and promote well-being and healthy choices, which can reduce the risk for obesity and diabetes. This approach makes Cherokee Choices different from the top-down programs typically provided by social service agencies. Our efforts include addressing issues related to racism and mental health; creating a supportive environment for community participation; and developing policies for schools, work sites, and churches that promote positive health changes.

IN SCHOOLS

Mentors work with elementary school children and staff to develop lesson plans on self-esteem, cultural pride, conflict resolution, emotional well-being and health knowledge. There is also a weekly after-school program to enhance teamwork, cultural awareness, and physical health.

WORK & COMMUNITY

Nutritionists, dietitians, and fitness workers help tribal members participate in activities at their work sites that are designed to help them



Cherokee Choices staff shown (left-right) Keahana Sluder, prevention specialist; Sheena Kanott, program manager; Karrie Joseph, Healthy Roots lead program developer; Tonya "Tinker" Jenks, Healthy Roots program coordinator; Catcuze Tiger, mentor/program assistant; Tara McCoy, behavioral change specialist; Robin Callahan, nutrition/fitness education coordinator; and Phyll Reed, office administrator; not pictured: Rose James, nutrition/education assistant.

EBCI Health & Medical photo

reduce stress, eat healthier foods and increase their physical activity levels.

Services provided:

- Adult Cherokee Lifestyle Balance Classes (CLB)
- Family Cherokee Lifestyle Balance Classes (CLB)
- YOGA (During lunch) (Tuesdays & Thursdays) (Open to everyone)
- Girls on the Run (3rd – 5th grade girls)
- Jus Boyz running Club (3rd – 5th grade boys)
- Walk-N-Talk (6th – 8th grade students)
- Afterschool Program (4th & 5th grade students)
- Remember the Removal Bike Ride (15 years and older)
- Class mentoring program (4th OR 5th grade students)

- Cherokee Community Wellness Team (Open to any healthcare professionals and community members interested in promoting wellness throughout the community)
- Youth Garden Program (Call Tinker Jenks for more information 828-554-6788)
- Trail advocacy

Contact person

Sheena Kanott, MPH
Program Manager- Cherokee Choices
Office phone: (828)-554-6782
Email: sheekano@nc-cherokee.com

Ginger Lynn Welch Complex
806 Acquoni Road
Suite # 200
Cherokee, NC 28719

• Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 666
Cherokee, NC 28719

• Website:

<http://www.cherokee-hmd.com/cherokee-choices/index.html>

Hours of services

Monday - Friday
7:45am – 4:30pm

(Note: Hours of operation can vary due to program activities, ect)

Eligibility requirements

All services are offered to EBCI tribal members. Non-enrolled members are always encouraged to participate as well.

- EBCI Health and Medical

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Analenisgi is the Cherokee word for "they are beginning" or "they are starting out."

ANALENISGI

59 Echota Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719

Patty Grant, Program Manager

828-554-6556

Hours

Monday - Friday

7:45 am - 4:30 pm

Drop-in Clinics

Monday - Friday

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

After hours: on call

Court-ordered Assessments

Mondays, 2:00 - 4:00 pm - First come, first served basis

People of all ages coping with substance abuse or other emotional issues are welcome at Analenisgi. We strive to promote and encourage wellness in families and individuals in our community utilizing one-on-one counseling and support group meetings.

SERVICES

- Individual, group & family therapy for children, adolescents & adults
- Drop-in clinics 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday
- Intensive Outpatient Program for people recovering from addiction. Individuals may live at home, but have the intensity of inpatient services
- Court-ordered evaluations & treatment
 - DWI (Driving While Intoxicated)
 - DV (Domestic Violence)

- Wellness Court evaluations & treatment
- Psychiatric evaluations
- Medication management
- Adolescent Recover Group 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Tuesdays at Beloved Women's & Children's Health and Wellness Center
- Parenting classes
- On-call services

Our clients are enrolled members and their families on the Qualla Boundary, in Cherokee County and Snowbird; and enrolled members of other federally recognized tribes.

We believe there are multiple effective methods of treatment and no one method should be used with Native American clients to the exclusion of others. We therefore offer a blend of conventional and traditional Native interventions.

You begin your steps to recovery with a rigorous screening and assessment process. We present the facts to you and your family (when appropriate); and we work with you to make a self-determined plan that leads to wellness, beyond sobriety/stability.

While you are utilizing our services, you do not enter a residential treatment center; rather, you are able to live and work in your community. You are ultimately responsible for your choices and whether or not you are open to a new way of living.

We also provide community outreach and program consultation.

SERVICES OFFERED BY THE ANALENISGI CHILD AND FAMILY TEAM,

The Analenisgi child and family team provides outpatient behavioral health services for Cherokee tribal members. Intake and assessment services are available at the main Analenisgi office. The team provides school based behavioral health services at Cherokee Central Schools, Dora Reed Head Start and special services at the Beloved Women's Health Clinic.

The following special services

- **TRAUMATIC FOCUSED COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL THERAPY** – designed to assist children cope with the emotional effects of personal trauma.
- **CHILD PARENT PSYCHOTHERAPY** – this service is targeted for children 0-3 years old that have experienced family disruption or trauma. Referrals to this service come primarily from the Juvenile Safe Babies program (formerly Zero To Three). The focus of this service is to support natural mothers in strengthening the parental bond and regaining custody of their children.
- **PARENT CHILD INTERACTIVE THERAPY** - this service is available for parents of children 4-7 years old that are experiencing disruptive behavior at home or at school. Parents learn and practice positive parenting skills in a clinical coaching setting.
- **ANGER REPLACEMENT THERAPY** – school based group therapy to support high school students in developing an anger management strategy.

- EBCI Health and Medical

Mouth guards: Sports equipment that protects the smile

It's easy to take some things for granted until they're suddenly gone. Have you ever thought about how it would feel if you lost one or two of your front teeth? You'd probably avoid smiling. It would be uncomfortable talking with someone face-to-face. It wouldn't be easy pronouncing certain words. And how about eating an apple? Until your teeth are gone, you might not miss them.

Each year, thousands of teens get hurt on the playing field, the basketball court, or while skateboarding, biking or during other activities. Blows to the face in nearly every sport can injure your teeth, lips, cheeks and tongue.

A properly fitted mouth guard, or mouth protector, is an important piece of athletic gear that can protect your teeth and smile. You may have seen them used in contact sports, such as football, boxing, and ice hockey.

However, you don't have to be on the football field to benefit from a mouth guard. New findings in sports dentistry show that even in non-contact

sports such as gymnastics, rollerblading, and field hockey, mouth guards help protect teeth. Many experts recommend that a mouth guard be worn for any recreational activity that poses a risk of injury to the mouth.

There are three types of mouth guards: The ready-made, or stock, mouth guard; the mouth-formed "boil and bite" mouth guard; and the custom-made mouth guard made by your dentist. All three mouth guards provide protection but vary in comfort and cost.

The most effective mouth guard should have several features: It should be resilient, tear-resistant and comfortable. It should fit properly, be durable and easy to clean, and not restrict your speech or breathing. Generally, a mouth guard covers only the upper teeth, but in some cases the dentist will instead make a mouth guard for the lower teeth. Your dentist can suggest the right mouth guard for you.

Here are some suggestions for taking good

care of your mouth guard:

- Before and after each use, rinse it with cold water or with an antiseptic mouth rinse. You can clean it with toothpaste and a toothbrush, too.
 - When it's not used, place your mouth guard in a firm, perforated container. This permits air circulation and helps prevent damage.
 - Avoid high temperatures, such as hot water, hot surfaces or direct sunlight, which can distort the mouth guard.
 - Check it for tears, holes and poor fit. A mouth guard that's torn or in bad shape can irritate your mouth and lessen the amount of protection it provides.
 - Have regular dental checkups and bring your mouth guard along so the dentist can make sure it's still in good condition.
- Don't take your teeth for granted. Protect your smile with a mouth guard.

- American Dental Association



Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority Report

Suicide Myth Busters #1

Myth: People who talk about suicide or threaten suicide aren't serious about doing it.

Fact: People who talk about suicide are more likely to hurt themselves. Every suicidal threat should be taken seriously. Don't ignore a cry for help.

This series is sponsored by the Methamphetamine and Suicide Prevention Initiative (MSPI) through Cherokee Indian Hospital and A Na Le Ni Sgi. To learn more, visit www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

If you or someone you know is having thoughts of suicide or self-harm, call the WNC Mobile Crisis Hotline at 1-888-315-2880.

Opinions & Letters

WIC thanks Maney

The EBCI WIC Program related they would like to thank Julie B. Maney for 22 dedicated years of service to the WIC program as of Monday, Feb. 4.

Maney is the WIC manager and has been for the past 4 ½ years, and before that she was the WIC administrative assistant for 17 ½ years. She is married to Buff Maney. They have three children and seven grandchildren. They reside in the Wolfetown community. "We would also like to wish our clerk specialist, Mary E. Maney a Happy Birthday!" WIC officials related.

- EBCI WIC

Tribal members place in pageant

ASHEVILLE – Jasmine Smith and Janée Smith, both EBCI tribal members, were crown-bound on Saturday, Feb. 16 as they participated in Miss Cupid's Arrow Pageant in Asheville.

Jasmine was crowned Miss Cupid's Arrow Queen in the 2-4 year old "teeny tots" division. She also won Miss Ad Princess and Overall Best Personality.

Janée was crowned Miss Cupid's Arrow Queen in the 0-2 year old "tiny tots" division. She also won most photogenic and Best Cupid's wear for her box of chocolate outfit.

Asheville's Miss Cupid's Arrow



Janée Smith



Jasmine Smith

Pageant is a part of the Crown Bound Pageant System. Crown Bound pageants are natural pageants with Christian principles. The

program donates proceeds from the pageants to local charities and to non-profit agencies.

- Smith Family



Jones-Bowman Leadership Program seeks nominations

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

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

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

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

Info: Alicia Jacobs at 828/497-5550.

- Cherokee Preservation Foundation

Tribe receives Best Professional Float award

The Miss Cherokee parade float won first place for the LeConte Award for Best Professional Float in the July 4, 2012 Parade in Gatlinburg. This parade is perennially the first July 4th Parade to take place in the nation, because parade participants begin moving down the parade route at exactly 12:01am (midnight) on July 4.

The Miss Cherokee Royalty Board and friends designed a Fourth of July float for this parade focusing on the Theme: "Celebration of Heroes". The first place plaque was awarded to members of the Royalty Board at a recent luncheon in Gatlinburg.

"This parade is an excellent place for us to honor our own Cherokee veterans publically," said Jean Bushyhead. "It was our honor, not only to promote Miss Cherokee during this time, but to work with Warren Dupree, Service Officer of the American Legion Post 143, to research the military history of two Cherokee WWII veterans to be in the spotlight on this float."

Former Principal Chief Robert Youngdeer and Reuben Taylor, both World War II veterans, were chosen to be in the spotlight and prominently placed on the float. Enlarged photographs (3ft x 5ft) and enlarged service record summaries (4ft x 6ft) of their campaigns, accomplishments and medals were displayed on the float. In addition, seven full dress military representatives were stationed on the sides and rear of the float. Miss Cherokee 2011 Kristina Hyatt was displayed prominently at an elevated position in the center and rear of the float.

Dupree stood between Chief Youngdeer and Taylor at the front of



Photo courtesy of Jean Bushyhead

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Miss Cherokee Royalty Board took first place in the Best Professional Float division at the 2012 4th of July Parade in Gatlinburg. The plaque was awarded at a recent luncheon in Gatlinburg. Shown (left-right) are EBCI Royalty Board members Elnora Thompson and Jean Bushyhead accepting the award from Vicki Simms, Gatlinburg Convention and Visitors Bureau interim executive director.

the float and eloquently and faithfully revisited their WWII Pacific and European service histories to the thousands of spectators along the parade route, while patriotic music played in the background. Thousands stood and cheered while many stood at attention and saluted, throughout the parade tour.

The sound systems and lighting systems worked beautifully as Dupree's voice boomed out clearly

along the parade route and everyone could hear him and the patriotic music that played in the background. Hundreds of red, white and blue decorative and spot lights brilliantly washed over the entire float to highlight Miss Cherokee and the veterans.

Bushyhead added, "The Cherokee Royalty Board salutes all who helped make this event successful."

- Miss Cherokee Royalty Board



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

Pastor Ed Kilgore 497-6521 (h)

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

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

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

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

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

Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The TCGE Board of Advisors will be presenting information on Cherokee County Casino at the following times:

Thursday, February 21st at 6:00 PM – Yellowhill Community (Special Called meeting)

Monday, February 25th at 5:30 PM – Painttown Community Meeting

Tuesday, February 26th at 6:00 PM – Birdtown Community Meeting

Thursday, February 28th at 6:00 PM – Big Y Community (Special Called Meeting)

Big Cove – To be announced

Wolfetown – To be announced

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Clubs/Organizations

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

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

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

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

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

The Cherokee Runners meet on the 1st and 15th of each month at 7pm at the Age Link Con-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Church Events

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

General Events

Benefit dinner. Feb. 22 at 11am at the Yellowhill Community Building. Bob and Joyce Taylor are hosting the benefit for their son Matthew who needs help while he is going through several surgeries and recovery and cannot work. Menu includes bean bread, fried chicken, cabbage, fried taters, fatback, drink and slice of cake for \$7.

KPEP "Lunch and Learn" series.

- Feb. 27 – Traditional Arts and their Designs: A survey of traditional designs and their meanings. This program looks at designs from across the southeast and connects them to the Cherokee tradition.
- March 6 – History: Treaty of 1819. This program looks at the most important treaty to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the circumstances that lead to the treaty and the formation of the Qualla Boundary.
- March 13 – History: The Trail of Tears/Removal in western North Carolina: This program covers the fort locations and the Army movements in the five western counties of North Carolina.
- March 20 – History: The Trail of Tears – The Resistance: This program covers how around 1,000 Cherokees in North Carolina avoided the removal and remained in their homeland. More dates will be added later. Bring your own lunch. The program will be held from 12-12:30pm in the Community Room at the New Kituwah Academy. Info: B.J. Rich 554-6406 or bjrjrich@nc-chokeee.com.

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

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

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

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

Health/Sports Events

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

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

Youth Swim Clinic. Feb. 23 at Cherokee Life Center at 10am on the pool deck. Youth ages 6-14 are welcomed to participate in this clinic. Cost: \$5 for EBCI tribal members and \$10 for all others, includes admission to the pool and Gatorade. Meet Saturday in the lobby of the Center located at 37 Cherokee Boy's Club loop 10 minutes prior. Stroke techniques, teamwork and fun a priority! Keith Corbeil, USA Swimming Certified coach and head coach at Smoky Mountain High School will lead the instruction, drills, and learning. Info: (828) 450-0678 or keithcorbeil@gmail.com

Jackson County Little League additional sign-up date. Feb. 23 from 10am – 2pm at the Jackson County Recreation Dept. in Cullowhee. Info: Dave McCoy (828) 226-5640

Snowbird Health & Information Fair.

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

We would like to thank our Aunt Arizona Jane Blankenship for our Birthday Gift she presented to us on our sixteen birthdays. We want you to know we will hold these words close to our hearts as we continue on our life's path and always remember them should we become discouraged or need to remember what it is we as young people are to do. We would like to share our Aunts poem with everyone so we all will know and remember how important knowledge and education are to the survival of our people, the Cherokee People. Thank you Aunt Jane we love you!

Cole Turner and Peri Arizona

"Off The Reservation"

On my road of education, I wandered off the Reservation.

*Into a whole new world I traveled,
Seeking knowledge; I knew not where.
Things were strange and new for me as I arrived at my Destiny.*

In despair I cried out, "Lord help me to understand

These ways that are so different from my homeland."

*The Lord sent an answer to me,
"Make the most of this diverse situation,
Do it for you and for your people
Back on The Reservation."*

So now my goal is to be: setting an example for all,

*Making my people proud of me.
These things I remember so well
As I continue my education,
Keeping in my head the knowledge I learn,
So to the Indian People I will tell...
As I wander back to the Reservation.*

*By Arizona Jane Blankenship
North Carolina State University - 1976*



Linda Maney Wiggins

Linda Maney Wiggins, 62, of the Big Y Community went home to be with the Lord Monday, Feb. 11, 2013 in a Cherokee Indian Hospital. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late Jacob and Emma Powell Maney and wife of the late Wayne Connor Wiggins. She was preceded in death by five sisters, Dorothy Johnson, Carol Jean Johnson, Alice Sequoyah, Alyne Bradley, Beatrice Carver; and one brother, Norman Maney.

She is survived by two sons, Richard Allen Wiggins and wife D.J. of Cherokee, Dwayne Wiggins and wife Quiana of Cherokee; one daughter, Vickie McCoy and husband Dave of Cherokee; 10 grandchildren, Rachel, Kyndra, Kyleigh, Jake, Kamia, Luke, and Colton Wiggins, Skooter McCoy, Sasha Watty, and Taz McCoy; and one brother, Jim Ed Maney of Cherokee.

Funeral services were held at 1p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14 at Old Antioch Baptist Church. Rev. James (Bo) Parris, Rev. Denny Crowe and Ray Kinsland officiated with burial in the Carver Family Cemetery.

Sara Jane Poe

MIAMI, Okla. - Funeral services for Sara Jane Poe were held Monday, Feb. 11, 2013 at 1pm in the Green Country Funeral Home

Chapel. Interment followed in the Gar Cemetery, Miami, Okla. Officiating was Pastor Allen Nolan. Online condolences may be left at tahlequahfuneral.com.

Sara Long Poe was born April 25, 1941, in Cherokee, NC. She was the daughter of Allen and Dinah (Lossie) Long. After reaching the age of 71 years, Sara died at Tahlequah, Okla.

Although she resided most of her life in Miami, Okla., Sara was a native of Cherokee, NC. Before being employed by the BIA as an Administrative Assistant in Miami, she graduated from Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kan. A full blood and member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee, she was a fluent speaker of the native language. She enjoyed gardening and loved her grandchildren and followed them as they competed in sports.

She was preceded in death by her husband Gerald Poe, parents Allen and Dinah Long, brothers Frank, Jerry, and Will Long; and sister Lottie Long.

She is survived by sons Sean Poe and wife Donna of Tahlequah, and Rocky Poe of McAlester; grandchildren Taylor, Dylan, Brittany, Cody, and Keanu Poe and his wife Kayla; great grandchild Kason Poe; sisters Frances Reed, Elista Long and Clark, and Elnora Nations and husband Candler; and brother Lewis Long all of Cherokee, NC; several nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives, friends, and loved ones.

Martha Ann Lossiah Ross

Martha Ann Lossiah Ross, 82, of the Cherokee Community went home to be with the Lord on Feb. 15, 2013 at Tsali Care Center with friends and family by her bedside.

She was the daughter of the late John and Charlotte Welch Lossiah of Cherokee

Martha was retired from Qualla Arts and Crafts and was renowned worldwide for her basketry. She was a member of Straight Fork Baptist Church where she was a Sunday School teacher teaching many children whom she loved dearly.

She is survived by her children; son Darrell D Ross of the home; daughters, Gwendolyn Locust of the Big Community, Cherokee, Florence Lewis of Dade City, FL and Candy Ross of Clyde; brothers, Jack Lossiah and Willard Lossie; sisters, Maggie Lossiah, Jane Taylor and Dorothy Thompson all of Cherokee; 13 Grandchildren, 24 Great-Grandchildren, Five Great-Great Grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Along with her parents she is preceded in death by two brothers Woodrow and Noah Lossiah. A visitation was held at the Straight Fork Baptist Church in the Big Cove Community on Sunday, Feb. 17 and lasting till the hour of service at 2pm on Monday, Feb. 18. Pastor Charles Ray Ball officiated. An immediate burial followed the service with the nephews acting as the Pall Bearers. Bruce Martin, Jr., of Long House Funeral Home and grandson to

Martha, assisted the family in the service arrangements.

Ralph "Ralphie" C. Maney

Ralph C. Maney, aka "Ralphie", 76, of Cherokee, passed away on Feb. 15, 2013 at the Tsali Care Center.

He was a Dispatcher for 18 years for the Cherokee Police and a Veteran of the U.S. Army. His family lightheartedly related that in reality he was a "professional fisherman".

Ralphie was the son the late Richard Maney of Cherokee and Maggie Seay Maney formerly of Georgia. He was a loving and caring father to his children; son, Casper Shell; daughters, Elaine Driver, Dee Creson and Paula Nelson; two brothers, Winifred Maney and Harley Maney; Eight Grandchildren and two Great-Grandchildren.

A same day service was planned for Sunday, Feb. 17 at the Sequoyah Baptist Church in the Big Cove Community with a visitation at 10am immediately followed by a funeral service at 1pm. Pastor Timothy James officiated and the pall bearers were be Casper Shell, Tatsi Nelson, Brandon Creson, Alan Groenwald, Gowi Nelson and Russll Cutts. The family is requesting that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Med West Hospice of WNC. A donations box will be at the church during the visitation.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family in the arrangements.

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

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

Primary Election THURSDAY JUNE 6, 2013

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

General Election THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2013

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

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

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

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

Ballots must be returned by August 30th.

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

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

Once registered to vote in Tribal Elections, always registered.

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

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

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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

SERVICES

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YARD SALES

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Reserve your new apartment at Balsam Mountain Apartments in Waynesville! With your apartment, you can enjoy the community pool, fitness center and trail. Only 20 minutes from Cherokee, 30 minutes from Asheville, and a great place to call Home! 828-454-5505. **UFN pd**

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Closing February 25, 2013 @ 4 pm

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

Open Until Filled

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

Health & Medical Positions

1. C.N.A.– Tsali Care Center
2. RN- Tsali Care Center
3. LPN- Tsali Care Center
4. Cook Supervisor- Tsali Care Center
5. Assistant Cook- Tsali Care Center
6. Housekeeper- Tsali Care Center

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

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

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

Guidelines:

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

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Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings:

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

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

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

LEGALS

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

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the 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 14, 2013

Norma Rae Hardin Taylor
 PO BOX 353
 Whittier, NC 28789

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THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following job available: Full Time Ophthalmic Assistant.

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description from Teresa Carvalho at the Cherokee Indian hospital Human Resources Office between the hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm Monday –Friday. This position will close February 22 @ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application.

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REALTY

Snowbird

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

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

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Requests for Quotes/Qualifications

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Economic & Community Development
Phone: (828) 554-6700

Projects: Community Pool Phase I & II Archaeological Survey

To download a copy of the request visit www.ebciconstruction.com Due 2/28/13.

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Advertisement for Bids

Cherokee Enterprises, Inc., an Equal Opportunity Employer, is soliciting subcontractor and material proposals for the Snowbird Youth Center Project from TERO vendors. This phase of work project generally consists of survey, grading, excavating, trucking and site utilities. All proposals should be in our office by Monday, February 25, 2013 at 2 p.m.. Proposals can be mailed or faxed to our office, 828-497-5566. Project plans and specifications can be viewed at our office located at 1371 Acquoni Road in Cherokee, N.C. with prior appointment. Workers compensation, auto, general liability insurance are required from all subcontractors. Please contact our office at 828-497-5617 with questions or for additional information. **2/21**

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

TEFAP DISTRIBUTION FOR CHEROKEE RESERVATION

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

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

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

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

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

Monthly Income Guidelines for TEFAP Program

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

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Cherokee Announcements

TIDBITS AFFECTING EBCI TRIBAL MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY

Cash for ramps

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

- EBCI Fairgrounds

Per capita notice

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

An application will only be considered complete with a COUNTY certified birth certificate, certified DNA results, and certification of any other Indian blood. To schedule an appointment for DNA collection, please call Michelle Maness at 828-554-6463. Out-of-town applicants may

contact Amber Wilson at (855) 295-4372 to schedule an appointment in your area. The following dates are available at the Enrollment Office in February: Friday, Feb. 15; Tuesday, Feb. 19; Friday, Feb. 22; Tuesday, Feb. 26; Friday, March 1 – Last day to meet March 15 deadline.

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

Applications may be obtained from the Enrollment Office located in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. Please call the Enrollment Office at (828) 554-6467, 554-6465 or 554-6466 if you have any questions.

- EBCI Enrollment Office

Girl Scout cookie booth schedule for Cherokee

Feb. 22 – Mountain Credit Union, Troop 30455
Feb. 23 – Cherokee Food Lion, Troop 1811

- Girl Scouts

Prenatal program taking applications

The Dora Reed Tribal Child Care is currently taking applications for their prenatal program. The prenatal program is available to pregnant

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

- Dora Reed Tribal Child Care Center

Supplies needed for Cherokee Historical Association

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

- CHA

2013 Cherokee Pow Wow Head Staff announced

Host Northern Drum: Medicine Tail
Host Southern Drum: Scissortail
MC – Rob Daugherty (Cherokee Nation)
Head Dance Judge – Will Tushka (EBCI)
Head Singing Judge – Shannon Ross (EBCI)
Arena Director – Randy Medicine Bear (Lakota)



1st Dental Visit by 1st Birthday

CIHA Dental Clinic 497-9163
Sponsored by EBCI Children's Dental Program

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

What is This About?

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

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

Am I Included?

The Trust Administration Class includes:

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

Do I Need to File a Claim Form?

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

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

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

How Much Money Can I Get?

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

For a claim form or to update your contact information:

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