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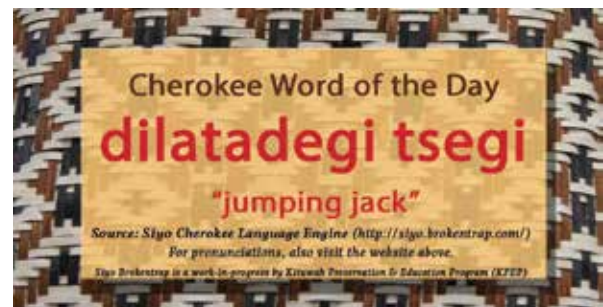
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DETAILED WORK: TRC employee Missy Emery works on an area of the site on the morning of Friday, Feb. 16.

UNEARTHING HISTORY

Archaeological work at casino nearing completion

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Archaeological work at a site, steeped in Cherokee history, at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, will wind up near the end of March. The site, known as 31JK291, is in the original parking lot area of Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort with about four acres exposed for archaeological work. Previously, several other attractions were found on the site including the Magic Waters Park and Frontierland.

The work is being completed by the Asheville-based firm TRC. Tasha Benyshek, TRC ar-

chaeologist, related that the site contains several villages thousands of years old. She gave a tour to staff members from the Museum of the Cherokee Indian on the morning of Friday, Feb. 16.

"It's been a really good project," she noted. "It's really rewarding to work on a project like this, especially here on the Boundary. The biggest surprise was the 2,000-year-old village. It is quite astounding."

The village was from the Pisgah Phase said Benyshek. "That's a first. We don't have that anywhere. The only place we have that documented is here. When we get to open up a large area like that, we get to see village layout."

The crew working on the site has marked every soil anomaly found such as those that would indicate a post for a house or a fire pit feature. "When you see perfectly-spaced soil anomalies, you know it is the post pattern for a structure."

One such pattern indicated a structure of

a building dating back to around 1400 AD to a time known as the Early Qualla Phase. Also found during the dig have been numerous pottery shards, stone tools, and mica.

One structure pattern indicated a public building constructed in a basket-weave pattern where the post angle is known as a flex-pole structure. "As far as prehistoric buildings, this was really, really big, and the posts were really substantial," said Benyshek.

Robin Swayney, Museum of the Cherokee Indian genealogist and archivist, commented following Friday's tour, "The coolest thing on this site is the prehistoric building. In all of the history materials that I've looked at, those structures are basket-woven, and to actually see where one of those structures was is really amazing. It's amazing to be able to visualize our history through post holes and building structures. It makes our history come alive to me.

You read about it, but to actually come out here and see it is a totally mind-blowing experience.”

Mike Crowe Jr., Museum of the Cherokee Indians’ Cherokee Friends manager, said, “It’s exciting to see first-hand. It really puts everything into perspective that we hear at the archaeological conferences and the research that has been in existence for some time. But, it really gives context to be here and see these things first-hand and to look and see the poles for the structures, the support poles around the hearth, and an actual hearth. It’s a sense of connection that I haven’t experienced before now.”

Sonny Ledford, Museum of the Cherokee Indians’ Cherokee Friend, commented, “A lot of the old ones when I was growing up talked about those things, and it is nice to actually be standing there where a small house stood and to see the hearth where the fire burned. I never doubted the validity of the things the elders talked about, but this puts another level of strong validation to what I learned.”

He said this process will be education to many EBCI tribal members. “This will help educate our own people. We have so many that are not educated on how they do these things and why they do them.”

Ledford said he used to be skeptical and against the work of some archaeologists. “In the beginning, way back, I used to be against this stuff. But, it does help to fill in some blanks about our people. So, that helps educate us.”

Gesturing to the site, he noted, “This is us here. Everything that we’re looking at that they’re showing us belongs to our people and more people need to know about stuff like this. I think if more



TOUR: Tasha Benyshek (right), TRC archaeologist, describes the site to staff members of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian at the beginning of a tour on the morning of Friday, Feb. 16. Shown (left-right) are – Benyshek, Sonny Ledford, Jarrett Wildcatt, Robin Swayney, and Mike Crowe Jr. (behind Swayney).

people were invited here, like we were, and talked about these things to all the people, then they would understand their job and what they’re trying to help us with when it comes to our people and how we lived.”

Crowe added, “If more people are wanting to learn more about this, then they’re more than willing to share. It’s much different than the image that most people have ingrained into their brains from when the archaeological game was very different such as cutting a trench through a mound. This is much less invasive, and they have the same set of concerns that we do as community members.”

Clarence Murphy, Tribal Construction heavy equipment operator, has been helping move dirt

at the site throughout the project. “It’s pretty exciting...what’s really exciting is the house that was found that is not found everywhere that was made like a basket.”

Brian Burgess, Tribal Historic Preservation Office archaeologist, told how the project got going, “TCGE representatives contacted my office (THPO) in early 2017 to assess the impact that a proposed expansion would have on archaeological resources. Conversations between TCGE Board of Advisors, Representatives of Harrah’s Cherokee Casino, TRC Environmental Corporation, and the EBCI Tribal Historic Preservation Office took place over the ensuing weeks and months prior to beginning the current excavations.”

According to Burgess, the site

was an Early/Middle Woodland and Mississippian site (ca. 800BC – 1540 AD). “Current Data recovery has identified 31 structures and various components of the site. For one, there is an intact Savannah River deposit with organics that may date as far back as 8,000 years. But, perhaps more exciting is the identification of an intact Pisgah Village. The Pisgah Phase of the Woodland period typically dates from about 1100 AD -1500 AD. To find an isolated and intact village that is approximately 900 years old has to be the most exciting and intriguing aspect of the site.”

He further explained, “It strongly expresses a unique period of Cherokee history that has remained

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HISTORY: Archaeological dig nearing completion, *from page 3*

intact and undisturbed for more than half a millennium!"

Burgess further commented, "The scope of the project is to utilize heavy machinery to strip the entire area of potential impact of all overburden - asphalt, gravel, fill dirt, and plow zone," "At that point, archaeologists follow machinery and shovel shave the soil to expose intact features."

He added, "Later, archaeologists clean back the features, record the locations and sizes via photographing and mapping, then hand excavate the features with hand tools and bag and tag the data. Potential human burials locations are recorded, and otherwise left alone, and will be left in place. Future building designs will incorporate these sensitive areas into planning."

Burgess noted this is the latest in archaeological work at the site.



HOLE IN TIME: The dark circle with the two colored flags jutting from it represents where a post hole for a structure once stood. This particular structure dates to 1400 AD in the Early Qualla Phase.

"The site was first recorded with the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office by Lance Green in 1994 during his Qualla Boundary Archaeological Survey project. In his initial report, Green recommended additional study of the site

prior to development. These early shovel tests showed that intact deposits from the Woodland and Mississippian Periods likely remained under the parking lot. In the fall of 1995, initial casino construction was held up so that a Phase II

could further explore the site. At this time, Brett Riggs encountered intact features at the bottom of test trenches."

Burgess said that based on those initial findings, a memorandum of agreement was drawn up between the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the National Indian Gaming Commission, and the state's historic preservation office to facilitate more study at the site.

A year later, Blue Ridge Cultural Resources performed the Phase II study. "Intact features were identified, as well as one potential human burial. This was enough to merit the relocation of the casino to its current location, on the far eastern edge of the property and thus avoiding the site and preserving it in place."

Burgess praised the archaeologists working on this latest project for their perseverance working through the winter on days that dipped into the single digits.



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for Feb. 1-14**

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

Bradley, Floyd Arnold – age 40
Arrested: Feb. 1
Released: Feb. 2
Charge(s): Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property

Beck, Jaicelyn Dalya – age 18
Arrested: Feb. 2
Released: Feb. 2
Charge(s): Possession Schedule IV Controlled Substance, Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Cable, Sherry Lee-Ann – age 31
Arrested: Feb. 2
Released: Feb. 8
Charge(s): Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Junaluska, Nina Marie – age 34
Arrested: Feb. 2
Released: Not released as of report date
Charge(s): Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance (two counts), Providing Drugs to Inmate (nine counts)

Pete, Manus Clell – age 40
Arrested: Feb. 2
Released: Feb. 2
Charge(s): Child Support Purge

Smith II, Greg – age 27
Arrested: Feb. 2
Released: Not released as of report date

Charge(s): Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance, Obstructing Justice, Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property, Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Taylor, Franklin Terry – age 57
Arrested: Feb. 2
Released: Feb. 8
Charge(s): Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Ardrey, Keonta Monteece – age 38
Arrested: Feb. 3
Released: Feb. 12
Charge(s): Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Wolfe, Russell McKinley – age 40
Arrested: Feb. 3
Released: Feb. 8
Charge(s): Probation Violation

Daniel, Kristian – age 24
Arrested: Feb. 4
Released: Feb. 5
Charge(s): Obstructing Justice, Resisting Public Officer

George, Adrian Shane – age 27
Arrested: Feb. 4
Released: Feb. 5
Charge(s): Obstructing Justice

Marr, Miranda Leigh – age 26
Arrested: Feb. 4
Released: Feb. 5
Charge(s): Resisting Public Officer

Bird, Marcelena Leona – age 28
Arrested: Feb. 5
Released: Feb. 8
Charge(s): Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Blanton, Shannon DeWayne – age 35
Arrested: Feb. 6

Released: Feb. 6
Charge(s): Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Littlejohn, Shira Lynn – age 28
Arrested: Feb. 6
Released: Feb. 14
Charge(s): Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor; Forgery (two counts); Theft of Property Lost, Mislaid, or Delivered by Mistake; Obtain Property False Pretense; Securing Exe. Document by Deceit

Seay, Joseph Rick – age 35
Arrested: Feb. 6
Released: Feb. 10
Charge(s): Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Standingdeer, Michelle Dawn – age 33
Arrested: Feb. 6
Released: Feb. 10
Charge(s): Obstructing Justice

Wolfe, Daliyah Lanae – age 20
Arrested: Feb. 7
Released: Not released as of report date
Charge(s): Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Grimes Jr., Anthony Lewis – age 29
Arrested: Feb. 8
Released: Feb. 8
Charge(s): Second Degree Trespass

Brady, David Samuel – age 40
Arrested: Feb. 9
Released: Feb. 9
Charge(s): Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Crowe, Dakota Tayler – age 22
Arrested: Feb. 9
Released: Feb. 9
Charge(s): Obstructing Justice

Hornbuckle, Cynthia Regina – age 26
Arrested: Feb. 9
Released: Feb. 14
Charge(s): Probation Violation

Rose, James Victor – age 28
Arrested: Feb. 9
Released: Feb. 14
Charge(s): Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Rosio, Jose Cruz – age 59
Arrested: Feb. 9
Released: Feb. 10
Charge(s): Public Intoxication

Smith, Mary Dalena – age 32
Arrested: Feb. 9
Released: Feb. 14
Charge(s): Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Watty, Dalisa Daniela – age 23
Arrested: Feb. 9
Released: Feb. 9
Charge(s): Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle

French, Ronald – age 43
Arrested: Feb. 12
Released: Feb. 12
Charge(s): Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Disabled or Elder Abuse

Lincoln, Ellen Yellowhammer – age 22
Arrested: Feb. 12
Released: Not released as of report date
Charge(s): Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

McCoy, Frank Joseph – age 24
Arrested: Feb. 12
Released: Feb. 13
Charge(s): Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Crowe, Joel Daniel – age 37
Arrested: Feb. 13
Released: Not released as of report date
Charge(s): Resisting Public Officer, Disorderly Conduct, Assault Government Official/Employee, Criminal Mischief to Property, Elder Abuse and Neglect

Smith, Pamela – age 51
Arrested: Feb. 13
Released: Feb. 14
Charge(s): Simple Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance (two counts)

McCoy II, Timothy Jason – age 26
Arrested: Feb. 14
Released: Not released as of
Charge(s): Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Reckless Endangerment, Resisting Lawful Arrest

Wahnetah, Kyle Austin – age 27
Arrested: Feb. 14
Released: Not released as of
Charge(s): Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public

Tribal Court Report

Judgment Summary for Feb. 7
BRADY, Cody Shay
14-10.60 Larceny – Guilty Plea, six months unsupervised probation, restitution ordered - \$1,679.65

LARCH, William
14-40.56 Assault on a Female – Dismissed, Failure of Prosecuting Witness to Appear and Testify

MORGAN, Trevor
14-10.41 Breaking and Entering – Dismissed at Complainant’s Request
14-10.11 Injuring Real Proper-

ty – Dismissed at Complainant’s Request
WELCH, Emerson Sequoyah
14-10.60 Larceny – Dismissed, Failure of Prosecuting Witness to Appear and Testify

WILNOTY, Dawson A.
14-15.6(b) Purchasing, Attempt to Purchase, Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons under 21 – Dismissed for Compliance

Judgment Summary for Feb. 8
BRADY, Bobby Ray
14-10.64 Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle - Dismissed, Failure of Prosecuting Witness to Appear and Testify
14-10.64 Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle - Dismissed, Failure of Prosecuting Witness to Appear and Testify

BRADY, Nathan Karl
20-157(a) Failure to Pull Over for Emergency Vehicles - Dismissed on Plea
20-141.5 Speeding to Elude Arrest - Guilty/Responsible, 10 days active jail time, credit for time served (10 days), Court Costs \$190
20-28 Revoked License - Dismissed on Plea
14-70.19 Resisting Lawful Arrest - Dismissed on Plea
20-28 Revoked License - Dismissed on Plea

CALHOUN, Velma R-Mahan
14-25.13 Harassment - Dismissed, Failure of Prosecuting Witness to Appear and Testify

PANTHER, Jordan Phillip
14-5.2 Communicating Threats - Dismissed on Plea
14-40.51(c) Assault on a Law En-

forcement Officer - Guilty Plea, six months jail time (suspended), 18 months probation, Stay away from Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Property

RATTLER, Cornelia Iona
14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass - Dismissed on Plea
14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - Dismissed on Plea
20-7(a) No Operator’s License - Dismissed on Plea
14-15.6(b) Purchasing, Attempt to Purchase, Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons under 21 - Guilty Plea, 12 months probation, 72 hours community service, 50 days active jail time, credit for time served (50 days), Fine \$50, Court Costs \$190
14-40.55 Assault with a Deadly Weapon - Dismissed on Plea
14-15.6(b) Purchasing, Attempt to Purchase, Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons under 21 - Dismissed on Plea
14-70.14 Obstructing Governmental Functions - Guilty Plea, 12 months probation, 72 hours community service, 50 days active jail time, credit for time served (50 days), Fine \$50, Court Costs \$190
14-70.19 Resisting Lawful Arrest - Dismissed on Plea
14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a Controlled Substance Classified in Schedule I, II, III, IV, and V - Dismissed on Plea

SMITH, Jacob Colby
20-28 Revoked License - Dismissed on Plea
20-28 Revoked License - Dismissed on Plea
20-120 Improper Equipment (unspecified) - Guilty/Responsible, Fine \$50, Court Costs \$190, Must pay Court Costs and Fines by 6/6/18

SMITH, John Patrick
14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a Controlled Substance Classified in Schedule I, II, III, IV, and V - Dismissed on Plea
14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property - Dismissed on Plea
14-60.30 False Pretenses - Guilty Plea, Active jail time 26 days

STANDINGDEER, Kenneth Lee
14-95.5(a) Possessing a Controlled Substance Classified in Schedule I, II, III, IV and V - Guilty Plea, active jail time 31 days, credit for time served (29 days)

SWAYNEY, Ellisa N
14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass - Dismissed on Plea
14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass - Guilty Plea, jail time 90 days (suspended), 6 months probation, credit for time served (23 days), restitution ordered - \$210
14-10.60 Larceny - Guilty Plea, jail time 90 days (suspended), 6 months probation, credit for time served (23 days), restitution ordered - \$210
14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property - Guilty Plea, jail time 90 days (suspended), 6 months probation, credit for time served (23 days), restitution ordered - \$210
14-60.30 False Pretenses - Dismissed on Plea
14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a Controlled Substance Classified in Schedule I, II, III, IV, and V - Dismissed on Plea
14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property - Dismissed on Plea

SWAYNEY, Ellissa N
14-10.40 Burglary - Dismissed on Plea
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TAYLOR, Shaina

14-10.60(c) Grand Larceny (>\$1,000) - Guilty Plea - Alford Plea, three months jail time (suspended), 12 months probation, credit for time served (35 days), restitution ordered - \$2,000

TOINEETA, James

14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass - Dismissed on Plea

14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass - Guilty Plea, jail time 45 days (suspended), six months probation, active jail time one day, credit for time served (one day), Stay Away from Harrah's Cherokee Casino Property, Court Costs \$190

WATTY, Brent

14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a Controlled Substance Classified in Schedule I, II, III, IV, and V - Guilty Plea, six months unsupervised probation, waive court costs and fines

WELCH, Kayla Ansley

14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property - Guilty Plea, 30 days jail time (suspended), six months probation, credit for time served (15 days)

WEST, Charles Ray

14-10.41 Breaking and Entering - Guilty Plea, active jail time 28 days, credit for time served (28 days)

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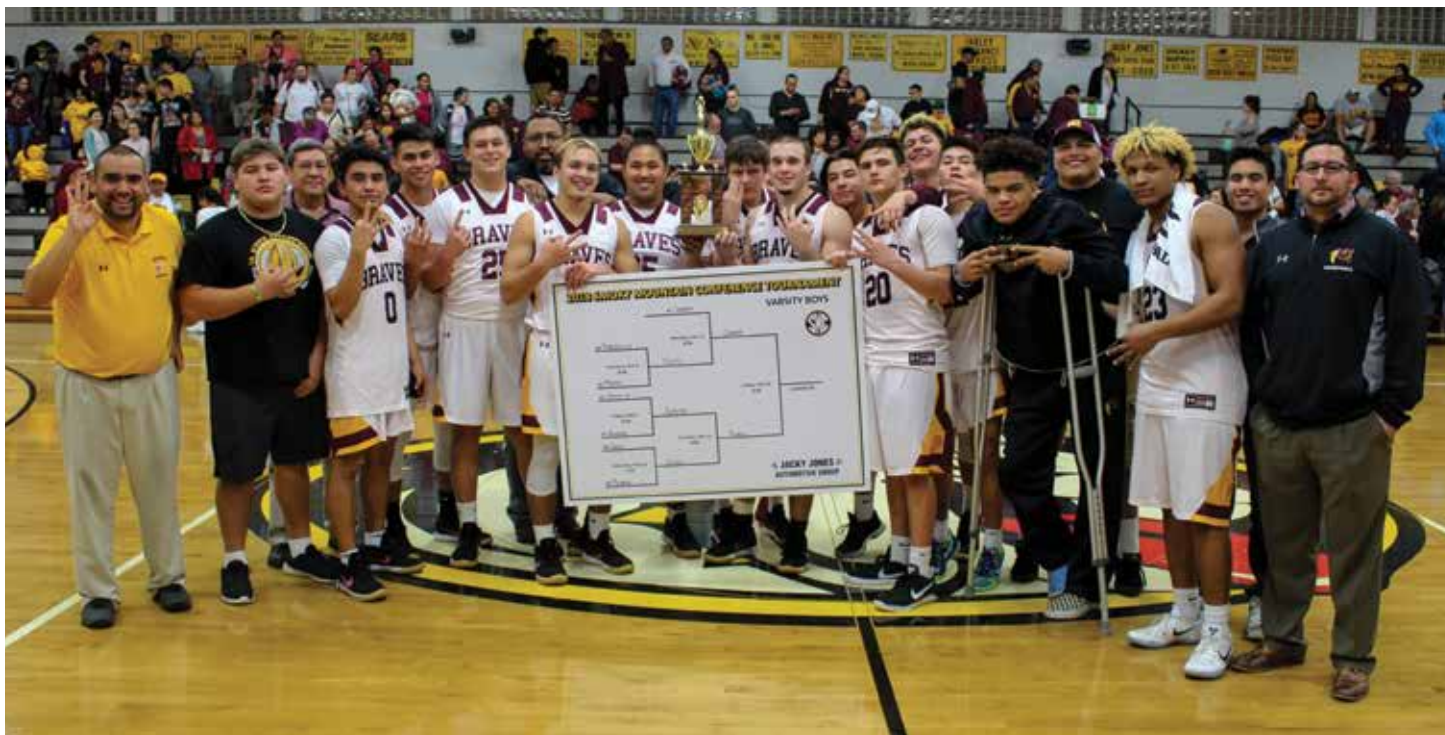
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BASKETBALL



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CHAMPS: The Cherokee Braves won the Big Smoky Mountain Conference tournament with a 90-78 win over Rosman in a game held at Murphy High School on the evening of Friday, Feb. 16.

CONFERENCE CHAMPS

Braves win conference tournament,
Lady Braves runner-up

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
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MURPHY - The Cherokee Braves (16-5) won the Big Smoky Mountain Conference tournament with a 90-78 win over the Rosman Tigers on the evening of Friday, Feb. 16 at Murphy High School. The Braves, who also won the outright regular season conference title, went undefeated in conference play on the season. On the same night, the Lady Braves (16-6) lost to Murphy 62-55 and were the runner-up in the conference tournament.

"We played well," Aaron Hogner, Braves head coach, said after Friday's game. "We had two tough games. It's hard beating teams three times in a row. Murphy gave us a tough game. These guys (Rosman) played us tough. The Thomas

brothers can shoot. Containing them was hard, but these guys toughed it out. They kept playing. They kept their composure and hit shots when we needed them to. Defensively, they stepped up and we rebounded better in the second half. And, that helped us to keep the lead."

Following a first-round bye, Cherokee edged Murphy 64-62 in the tournament semi-finals before facing Rosman in the finals on Friday.

In the finals, there were four Braves in double-digits including Tijhah Lossiah 21, Tye Mintz 18, Josiah Lossiah 18, and Sterling Santa Maria 18.

The Braves led the entire game and started out on fire taking a 10-2 lead only two minutes into the first period. By the end of the first the Braves led 22-17 and went on to extend that lead to 11 points (49-38) at the half. Midway through the third, the Braves led by nine points (60-51) and extended that to 71-57 by the end of the third. Cherokee was able to keep the lead



JUMPER: Cherokee's Tijhah Lossiah, who led the Braves with 21 points on Friday against Rosman, lines up for a jump shot in the first half.

throughout the fourth and went on to take the 90-78 win.

Other Braves scorers included: Cade Mintz 2, Tino Pete 5, Holden Straughan 7, and Seth Smith 1. Rosman was led by the Thomas brothers, referenced by Coach Hogner above, with Deland having 26 points and Hooper having 23. Other Rosman scorers included: Jonah Whitman 5, Wes Whitmire 2, Dakotah Morgan 8, Samuel Chappell 12, and Luke Stewart 2.

Coach Hogner is happy with where his team is stacking up heading into the upcoming state playoffs. "We've got to continue to do things and utilize our speed and our bench. The last two games we really picked up our defensive pressure, and that's how we are going to have to play in the tournament. We will have to keep guys on their toes because it is one-and-done. We just have to survive and advance."

The Lady Braves tied with Murphy for the regular season title, but a coin toss in the Lady Bulldogs favor gave the Lady Braves the number two seed in the tournament. In the first round, Cherokee defeated Andrews 70-39 and followed that up with a semi-final win over Robbinsville 60-55.

"The tournament has been a battle for us," Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach, said after Friday's game. "We scraped by Robbinsville and then we played a heck of a team tonight in Murphy. We played on their home court in a really big-time environment with people standing in the hallways to watch the game. It was an impressive tournament for us to be able to play in front of these crowds and get ready for the state playoffs."

Like the previous two meetings of the Lady Braves and the Lady Bulldogs this season, Friday's game



RUNNER-UP: The Cherokee Lady Braves took second place in the Big Smoky Mountain Conference tournament with a 62-55 loss against Murphy. They defeated Andrews and Robbinsville to advance to the finals on Friday.

was a back-and-forth contest. Murphy jumped out to an early 6-2 lead, but Cherokee tied it at 8-8 at the 3:30 mark of the first quarter. Less than a minute later, Cherokee's Carla Wolfe, who finished the game with 13 points, made a layup to give the Lady Braves their first lead (10-9) of the game. Cherokee kept up the pressure and ended up leading 23-12 at the end of the first.

For the first six minutes of the second period, the Lady Braves went cold and were outscored 17-0 by the Lady Bulldogs who led 29-23 with just over two minutes left before the half. In the last minute of the second, Cherokee's Tori Teesateskie, who had 14 points on the night, hit two crucial three-point shots and the Lady Braves only trailed by one point (32-31) at the half.

Murphy kept a slight lead through the third and led 45-40 going into the fourth. Cherokee was unable to close the gap in the fourth and Murphy took the 62-55 win.



DRIVING: Cherokee's Carla Wolfe (#4) drives toward the basket through several Murphy defenders including Sydni Addison (#35) and Ellie Martin (#21). On the night, Wolfe had 13 points.

Other Lady Braves scorers included: Raylen Bark 9, Shelby Wolfe 4, Deante Toineeta 6, Kayleigh Wolfe 2, and Timiyah Brown 7. Murphy scorers included Kaiya Pickens 3, Brianna Moore 6, Jessica Beckner 18, Ellie Martin 4, Aubrey Clapsaddle 20, and Sydni Addison 11.

Coach Mintz noted his team is ready for the state playoffs. "Our matchup between Murphy for the last couple years has become like

Duke and North Carolina - everybody's must-see. That atmosphere, being able to play in those big games, and us win half of them and them win half of them is making us better. We got better this week and we're going to be better for it. We can catapult ourselves into making a run. We can make a five-game run. We're good enough to do that. We just have to put it all together."

Cherokee wrestlers compete at state

GREENSBORO – Three members of the Cherokee Braves varsity wrestling team competed at the state tournament held at the Greensboro Coliseum on Feb. 16-17. Sam Sneed took fourth place in the 152lb. division, Seth Sneed placed sixth in the 152lb. division, and Caden Pheasant took sixth in the 160lb. division.

The most outstanding wrestler award for the 1A state tournament went to Jude Lloyd, who represented Elkin High School in the 138lb. division. He won the state title and finished the season with a 45-0 record.

Uwharrie Charter won the 1A team title with a score of 115.5 followed by Rosewood 110.5 and Robbinsville 93. Other Smoky Mountain Conference teams included: Swain County, 12th place, 29; Murphy, 16th, 21; and Cherokee 24th, 6.

The three Cherokee wrestlers qualified for the state tournament with fourth place finishes in their weight division at the 1A West Regional Tournament held at Avery High School on Saturday, Feb. 10. Pheasant also took the Smoky Mountain Conference title in the 160lb. division in a meet where



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STATE: Three members of the Cherokee Braves varsity wrestling team competed in the 1A state tournament in Greensboro on Feb. 16-17 including: Caden Pheasant (third from left), Sam Sneed (fourth from left), and Seth Sneed (fourth from right). They are shown at Cherokee High School shortly before departure for the tournament on the morning of Thursday, Feb. 15.

the Braves team placed third overall. Seth Sneed placed second in the 132 lb. division at the conference meet and Sam Sneed placed third in the 152lb. division.

Following are the state tournament results for those three wrestlers:

Seth Sneed, 132lb division:
Quarterfinals - loss in tie (TB-1, 9-7) to Joel Santa Lucia (South Davidson, 34-6)
Consolation Quarterfinals - won by fall (2:49) over Ryan Patterson (Elkin, 29-9)
Consolation Semifinals - loss by major decision (11-2) to Isaiah Bryant (Voyager Academy, 35-6)

Sam Sneed, 152lb division:
Quarterfinals - won by decision (18-12) over Jerry Jimenez (Uwharrie Charter, 40-7)
Semifinals - loss by fall (3:08) to Payne Anderson (Robbinsville, 37-12)
Consolation Semifinals - loss by decision (12-7) to Joseph Becker (East Surry, 28-10)

Caden Pheasant, 160lb division:
Quarterfinals - loss by fall (2:30) to Steven Fatz (South Stokes, 34-7)
Consolation Quarterfinals - won by decision (7-2) over

Daniel Spencer (Bishop McGuinness, 26-12)
Consolation Semifinals - loss by fall (0:46) to Ryan Richardson (Mitchell, 40-8)

The results of the championship finals in each weight division are as follows:

106: Christian Decatur (Rosewood) won by fall (1:14) over Chandler Steele (Chatham Charter)
113: Hayden Waddell (Uwharrie Charter) won by fall (1:27) over Matt Lovin (Robbinsville)
120: Timothy Decatur (Rosewood) won by tech fall (TF-1.5, 3:44, 17-1) over Josh Poteat (Uwharrie

Charter)

126: River Griffith (Avery County) won by fall (2:25) over Logan Merrill (South Davidson)

132: Kade Millsaps (Robbinsville) won by decision (5-0) over Reid Amodeo (Rosewood)

138: Jude Lloyd (Elkin) won by decision (2-1) over Jordan Todd (Rosewood)

145: Jackson Boles (South Stokes) won by decision (7-0) over Mikey Grubbs (Elkin)

152: Payne Anderson (Robbinsville) won by forfeit over Seth Finney (Rosewood)

160: Steven Fatz (South Stokes) won by decision (6-0) over Lucas Andrews (Avery County)

170: Jacari Deal (Voyager Academy) won by decision (3-0) over Cooper Ross (South Stokes)

182: Beau Studebaker (East Carteret) won by major decision (27-13) over Sean Kostiuik (Cherryville)
195: Cory Farmer (Murphy) won by major decision (12-3) over Jonathan Zafra (Manteo)

220: Will Paul (Swain County) won by fall (5:30) over Fredy Romero (Robbinsville)

285: Javon Armstrong (Pamlico County) won by decision (10-4) over Nyterius Williams (Rosewood)

- One Feather staff report

Tribe should be proud of college signees

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National Signing Day for high school seniors signing letters of intent to play college sports was on Wednesday, Feb. 7. Thousands of students across the country signed to play at different colleges and universities, and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians should be proud that a total of seven young tribal members signed that day.

On that day, I covered signings at both Cherokee High School and Swain Co. High School, and I received a photo from another signing at Tuscola. In all, the seven tribal members signing that day included: Cherokee High School - Shelby Wolfe, basketball, Gardner-Webb University; Zak Perez, football, Mars Hill University; Holden Straughan, football, Lenoir-Rhyne University; Demetryus Bradley, football, Mars Hill University; Swain Co. High School - Brodie Bowman, football, Carson-Newman University; Seth Parker, football, Carson-Newman University; and Tuscola High School - Cameron Parker, football, Lenoir-Rhyne University.

Cherokee High School had a total of five signees, the most in western North Carolina according to the Asheville Citizen-Times. Tye Mintz signed to play football at Kennesaw State University. While he is not technically a tribal member, Mintz is a valuable member of the school and the community, and I'd like to throw it out there that he'd be a great person to receive



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SUPPORT: Surrounded by his family, Cherokee's Holden Straughan (seated center) signs a letter of intent on National Signing Day on Wednesday, Feb. 7 to play football at Lenoir-Rhyne University.

an honorary tribal membership similar to what was given to Ray Kinsland.

All of those mentioned above signed their letters of intent on National Signing Day. There are actually three more EBCI tribal members that I know of that will sign in the next few weeks. Out of respect for their privacy and their decision-making process of which school to choose, we will wait and announce those as they announce it themselves.

What is the importance of a signing and what does it represent?

First off, it signifies an accomplishment for the students themselves. The athletes named

above have put in countless hours training, eating cleanly, working out, watching game film, and practicing. Many times, those hours involve sacrifices. While other teenage students their age might be able to go to the movies or hang out with their friends, student-athletes have games and practices to attend.

Secondly, it signifies an accomplishment for the Tribe, the community, and Indian Country as a whole. According to educationworld.com, around 65 percent of American Indians earn a high school diploma, 10 percent lower than the national average (75.2 percent). The site also reports the national average of people earning

a college degree is 20.3 percent while only 9.3 percent of American Indians earn a degree.

There is a plethora of reasons behind the disparities, and I won't go into those in this particular column, but the young Cherokee students who signed recently and the ones who are soon to follow are all working hard to not only improve upon those percentages but to destroy the disparities entirely.

The late Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Change the world young students, change the world.

BOOK REVIEW

Fariello's "Images of America: Cherokee" is visually-stimulating

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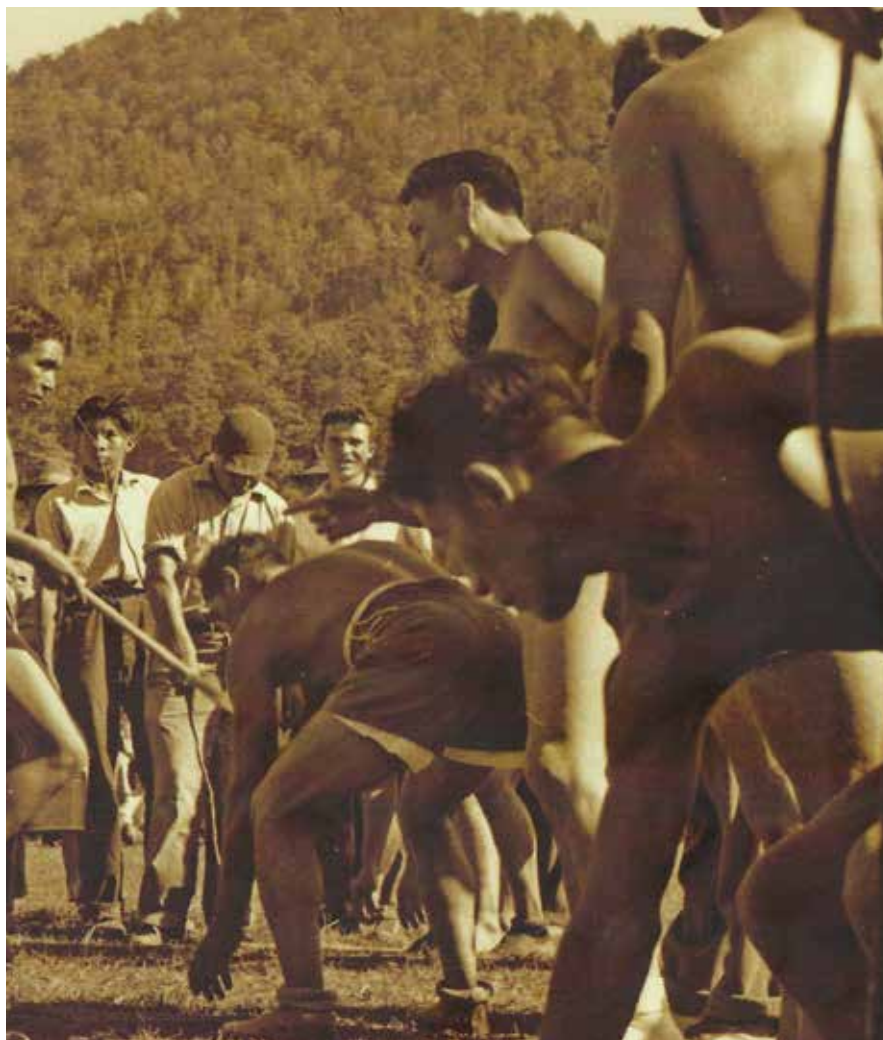
Each week, the One Feather posts several "throwback Thursday" photos on our social media outlets. A new book by Anna Fariello, has tons of photos featuring the Qualla Boundary (aka Cherokee Indian Reservation), and is basically a #throwback-thursday post that you can carry around with you.

Fariello, author and art curator, has released "Images of America: Cherokee" which is a 128-page book full of vintage photos showing the town of Cherokee as well as Eastern Cherokee people.

The book itself is divided into seven chapters of photos with descriptions including: home place, family life, work and school, community traditions, work by hand, keepers of culture, and destinations.

She writes in the introduction, "Cherokee is a bustling place, a place of destinations, tourism, cultural sites, shops, and even broadband. The town takes its name from the people who have inhabited this land for as long as anyone can remember: the Cherokee people."

The chapter entitled "Home Place" features vintage maps and drawings interspersed with photos



PHOTOS: Anna Fariello, author and art curator, has released "Images of America: Cherokee" which is a 128-page book full of vintage photos showing the town of Cherokee as well as Eastern Cherokee people.

from the 1930s – 1950s showing some of the sites, buildings, and landscape of Cherokee.

"Family Life" shows vintage portraits of many Cherokee elders. Families especially will enjoy this

chapter I'm sure as they check out old photos of their relatives.

"Work and School" is pretty self-explanatory and "Community Traditions" has some wonderful photos of old stickball players, sing-

ers, dancers, and archers as well as some historical photos of the beginning of the outdoor drama "Unto These Hills".

"Work by Hand" features the incredible arts and crafts tradition of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians including some of the legendary greats such as the late Goingback Chiltoskie and 19th century Cherokee potter Katalsta.

"Keepers of Culture" concentrates on cultural preservation organizations including the Museum of the Cherokee Indian and the Cherokee Historical Association.

The last chapter, "Destinations", shows Cherokee as a tourist town and features photos, again from the 1930s and 1950s, including many Cherokee destinations that are no longer here.

The book, part of the Images of America series from Arcadia Publishing and The History Press, is a wonderful collection of old photos.

Fariello, the author of "Cherokee Basketry: From the Hands of Our Elders" and Cherokee Pottery: From the Hands of Our Elders", was a 2013 recipient of the Guardians of Culture Award from the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums.

For more information or to purchase a book, visit: www.arcadiapublishing.com.

Search for thousands of Cherokee words at:
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Tribal members participate in podcast at WCU

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SPECIAL TO THE ONE FEATHER

CULLOWHEE - Seven EBCI tribal members gathered at the Western Carolina University's (WCU) Electronic Recording Studio recently, to volunteer their time to take part in an Independent Podcast based production. The Podcast's creator and producer Matt Tooni, said his goal for the project is to "bring a new light to known stories" through digital story telling.

Tooni related he wants the oral histories and legends of the Eastern Band of Cherokee to be preserved by conventional media outlets. Although there is existing literature on the Tribe's history and culture, he feels modern-day youths have most interest in traditional storytelling methods and now look to social media to gather information.

"Being our group's first production, and without any funding; I felt that a podcast approach was the best way to present our project to our targeted audience," Tooni said.

He studied Native American Studies during his tenure at WCU in Cullowhee. No stranger to production or Cherokee traditions and culture, Tooni was recently nominated as Flutist of the Year for the prestigious Native American Music Awards (NAMMY) in 2017 for his work titled, "Though Their Eyes Vol.1." He also serves as the opening act for "Unto These Hills" featuring his flute music. Tooni has also performed at the National Folk Festival.

By applying the fundamental concepts of production for radio, television, and film; Tooni said,



Photos by Ernest Tiger

GROUP WORK: A group of EBCI tribal members are shown working on a podcast at WCU including (left-right) – Catche Tiger, Mike Crowe Jr., Skylar Bottchenbaugh, Richie Bottchenbaugh, Matthew Tooni, Eason Esquivel, John Tooni, and Delano Huskey.

"Once we solidify our group's project through the podcast, I am confident that we will obtain the funding needed to further strengthen our presence through a mainstream media outlet."

Rich Bottchenbaugh, who was also part of this champion group that day, works at the New Kituwah Academy as a childhood early development teacher. He went on to say, "I am very excited to be involved in this project; I think it's a great way to reach out to the younger generation in a format they are more familiar with."

Based on the American Press Institutes study, millennials are utilizing social media networks, such as Facebook, to seek acceptance and to self-identify with whom they are and gather information. After reviewing these findings, 88

percent of those surveyed, said they got their news from Facebook, followed closely by YouTube coming in at 83 percent and then Instagram making up the remaining amount at 50 percent.

Tooni said he would like to thank Western Carolina University for the utilization of their facilities. He also wants to give a special thanks to Damon Sink and his students, Courtney Stilwalt, Samuel Holt Simmons and Tyson Bittle. He also wants to thank the volunteers that have dedicated countless hours of their time by providing the voice-overs and technical assistance in making this Podcast production possible. These volunteers include: Eason Esquivel, Iain Brokenshire, Orlin Brokenshire, Tamara Sampson, Lori Sanders, Rich Bottchenbaugh, Catcuce



PUTTING IN WORK: Samuel Holt Simmons and Matt Tooni, an EBCI tribal member, are shown in the Western Carolina University studio.

Tiger, Delano Huskey, John Tooni, Skylar Bottchenbaugh, Mike Crowe Jr., Joshua Hornbuckle, Michael Youngdeer, Lloyd Arneach, and Kara Morrison.

Kenneth Earl Locust, 80, of Whittier, passed away on Monday, Feb. 5, 2018 at his residence. He is survived by his children,

Funeral services were held on Sunday, Feb. 18 at Long House Funeral Home. Pastor Mary Brown, of the United Methodist Church in Andrews, officiated. Burial followed at the Locust Cemetery. Pallbearers were Kenneth E. Locust II, Michael Locust, Keevon Allen, Jordan Elkins, Jeremiah Raymond, Damien Raymond, and Monte Jennings.

She is survived by her children, Misty Brady Buchanan (husband Omer Buchanan Jr.), Wendy Brady, Nathan Brady (wife Jessica), and Jonathan Brady; 11 grandchildren, Samantha (Tuffy) Buchanan, Cody Buchanan, Mandy (Boogie) Buchanan, Omer Buchanan III (Boy), Santanna (Peek) Buchanan, Megan (Sassy) Wolfe, Eric Wolfe, Jaylynn (Bug) Brady, Bradix (B-rad)

Long House Funeral Home is assisting the Brady family.



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Vendors sought for Spring Garden Fair

Vendor applications are now being accepted for the Spring Garden Fair set for April 20-21 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Organizers are seeking vendors who sell garden items such as seeds, plants, seedlings, yard art, tools, bees, farm-related subjects, fairies, bird houses, and canned or food products. They are also seeking educators to share information about composting, solar power, recycling, mulches, beekeeping, etc. All are welcome. This event is sponsored by the Offices of the Principal Chief and Vice Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and Legend Weaver Studios. For an application or more information, visit Facebook – Spring Garden Fair or email: legendweaverstudios@gmail.com

Eastern Band Community Foundation announces Bill Taylor Scholarship

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

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

information contact Norma Moss at normahmoss@gmail.com

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

- Eastern Band Community Foundation

Notice of Tribal Privilege Tax increase

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

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

Notices have been mailed.

Info: EBCI Office of Budget and Finance 359-7062

*- EBCI Secretary of Treasury
Cory Blankenship*

Cherokee Recreation youth sports registration

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

To sign up, fill out a recreation form at any Cherokee Recreation gym.

- Cherokee Recreation

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) available

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

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

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

- EBCI Cooperative Extension

EBCI Enrollment deadline notice for new applicants

In order to be considered for the June 2018 per capita distribution, completed enrollment applications for new applicants to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians must be submitted to the Enrollment Office

by 4:30pm on Thursday, March 15. Enrollment applications received after this date and time will not be considered for the June 2018 distribution.

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

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

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

Info: EBCI Enrollment Office (828) 359-6469

- EBCI Enrollment Office

Head Start, Early Head Start recruiting

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

- Qualla Boundary Head Start

Per Capita Loan deadlines for upcoming cycle

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

Following is the deadline schedule with check release dates in parentheses: Feb. 20-23 (March 9), March 19-23 (April 13), April 16-20 (May 11), No applications

accepted in May, June 18-22 (July 13), July 16-20 (Aug. 10), Aug. 20-24 (Sept. 7)

- EBCI Secretary of Treasury
Cory Blankenship

THANK YOU LETTER

Thanks to Yogi Crowe Comm.

I would like to thank the board of the Yogi Crowe Scholarship for awarding me assistance while I continue my education. It is wonderful that there is additional support for Tribal members who want to further their knowledge and career aspirations. I am currently working on a M.S. in Human Resources at Western Carolina University. I am appreciative for the opportunity to further my education so I may continue to serve my community.

Sgi, **Lucretia Hicks Dawkins**

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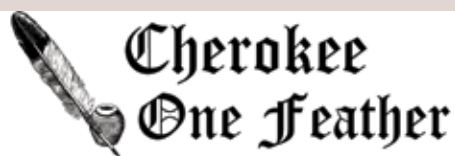
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| ✓ Needs to be employed over six months | | | | | | | | |
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| ➤ Copy of Tribal Enrollment Cards | | | | ➤ Current Site Inspection Form (BIA) | | | | |
| ➤ Copy of Social Security Cards | | | | ➤ Veterans Status Verification | | | | |
| ➤ Income/Employment Verification (For everyone over the age of 18.) | | | | ➤ Credit Check from EBCI Finance | | | | |
| ➤ Completed Tribal Services Certification Form (For everyone over the age of 18.) | | | | | | | | |

If you've answered yes to all of these questions, maybe we can help!

Contact: Angela Hernandez; Homeownership | Rental Occupancy Specialists @ Qualla Housing Authority.
Phone @: 828.359.6334 or email @: ahern@nc-chokeee.com or come to the office, we would be happy to speak to you in person.



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Road kill

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

When it comes to crosswalk safety on the Boundary, the Tribe and Department of Transportation have made significant progress over years past. Fresh stripes have been painted on those crosswalks in many places and bright neon signs are increasingly being placed at the crosswalks. The Chief's office even pushed forward a request by a program to install permanent lighting at the crosswalk on Tsali Boulevard between the Welcome Center and the Fairgrounds. The Tribe gets two thumbs up for at least providing the safety tools for those of us on foot.

Those who are traveling in vehicles are a whole other story. Vehicular traffic in the town of Cherokee take the speed limit as more of a suggestion than the law. Traveling the town streets during the daylight hours, especially during the morning and afternoon rush to and from work, can be a perilous adventure for pedestrians, because many drivers cruise areas like the downtown anywhere from 10 to 30 miles over the speed limit. I have seen it myself. Cars and trucks will blow through the downtown like they are on their way to a fire.

The speed limit in our downtown is 20 mph. The problem has become so intense that there has been talk of putting speed bumps on main streets. Add to the excessive speed the fact that many of us are driving one-handed with our

phones in our ears, trying to turn our satellite radio to our favorite channel, or digging for something in our console or purse, and you have conditions for a major tragedy. I have seen people try to cross the street in our town only to run for cover when they realized that drivers weren't paying attention to the road and especially the crosswalk. And, we have had our share of pedestrian deaths over the years because of drivers not paying attention and driving over the speed limit.

Law enforcement does what it can, but it can't be in all places always. And, when the police are not monitoring traffic, speeders and reckless drivers make crosswalks a danger zone. Many drivers will totally disregard a person at a crosswalk. More drivers than not will simply drive right through a crosswalk, mostly travelling too fast to slow and/or stop in time for a person to get across the road.

The N.C. Department of Transportation via their website, ncdot.gov, states, "Under North Carolina law, pedestrians have the right of way at all intersections and driveways. However, pedestrians must act responsibly, using pedestrian signals where they are available. When crossing the road at any other point than a marked or unmarked crosswalk or when walking along or upon a highway, a pedestrian has the statutory duty to yield the right of way to all vehicles on the roadway. It is the duty of pedestrians to look before starting across a highway, and in the exercise of reasonable care for

their own safety, to keep a timely lookout for approaching motor vehicle traffic. On roadways where there is no sidewalk, pedestrians should always walk facing traffic."

So, we as pedestrians, also bear some responsibility regarding our safety. Another sight commonly seen downtown is folks ignoring or being oblivious to the clearly marked crosswalks. They play a dangerous game of "dodge car", darting and weaving through quickly moving vehicular traffic. I have seen people be only five or 10 feet from a crosswalk and, instead of walking down to the crosswalk, giving them legal right-of-way, they will walk outside of it. Back in the day, we used to call it "jaywalking" and it used to be illegal. At least in our state, while there is some duty for the walker to use care when crossing the road, it is up to the drivers of the vehicles to ensure they do not hit a pedestrian.

Signage, speed bumps, and police can only do so much. The result of a 150-pound person impacting with a 2,000-pound vehicle moving 20 or 30 mph will be serious injury or death every time. As drivers, we must be more concerned about the lives of pedestrians than we are about shaving a minute or two from our commute or finding our favorite station on the radio. As pedestrians, we must be accountable for our own safety and use the tools provided to us, like crosswalks.

As the old highway patrol video used to tell us, "The life you save may be your own."

Facebook Weekly Question Responses

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

Is marijuana better or worse than alcohol?

KitnBen Welch: When have you heard or seen anyone dying from marijuana? Absolutely no harm done, but alcohol kills so many every year. It destroys marriages and families and the person drinking. So much more money for Big Pharma in alcohol.

Evan Watty: They're both equal. Anything natural you ignite and inhale or ingest is going to have carcinogens in it. Even grilling a steak can. Moderation is key for both, but with all of the different strains of marijuana, it makes it a difficult question to answer.

Gina Bourisseau: Worse - the effects of alcohol leave the body, 24-30 hours. The effects of marijuana store in the meninges of the brain, not leaving for up to a month. Given even occasional use, the brain never clears. Dangerous.

Nic Ulfson: "The mother" gave us herb exactly as it is. No need to alter it. Canna is better.

Lea Wolf: Marijuana is better because this would alleviate joint pain and inflammation for someone who have lupus or RA. And, then the oils can be used for someone who suffers from Epileptic seizures, tremors, and the other illnesses that makes a person shake or tremble uncontrollably. This is why I think this could be a positive for us

instead of a negative. And, it can be regulated to keep the abusers from using excessively.

Trina Lynette: It all depends. I think that it can be helpful for some and harmful for others . If there's already a problem such as one having an addictive personality, then it can be dangerous. They think they "need" it all of the time and they become dependent. The mind doesn't focus if you're constantly smoking it like a chain smoker smoking a cigarette. And, yes, you dumb yourself down and stay so impaired.

Randall Flagg: Much better. Just look at the difference between a person on alcohol versus one on cannabis. So many deaths related to alcohol. None on cannabis.

Sandi Williams: Cannabis is better than alcohol and opioids. No deaths due to cannabis products. Many deaths with alcohol and opioids. Not to mention cures for cancer and other medical conditions.

Ken Oktimpi Vargas: Same, both have pros and cons.

Tashaunanjose Murcia: Look what alcohol does to people, to families, to communities. It's been the downfall of men since the beginning of time. And, don't get me wrong I love a good beer sometime, but alcohol is way way worse than marijuana. Marijuana is criminalized in order for the government to make money.

Trinity Hill: (I) haven't heard anyone get high and say let's go kill a bunch of people or rape the dog or people, but sure heard a lot of crazy

stuff from drunks! On a medical prospective, I have crohns disease, and when I lived where I could use medical marijuana products, I never once needed to see a doctor nor felt like I had to take a pain killer. Now, I'm back in the Bible belt and they have me all jacked up on crap that doesn't work!

Charles Hodge: "better" or "worse" are meaningless unless qualified. Neither of them are good for you, but of the two, alcohol was more damaging to my body and my life.

Anthony Lambert: I've never blacked out and did stuff I was ashamed of smoking weed.

Teejay Plummer: A joint a day keeps the seizures away...enough said.

Peggy Girty-Flute: They are both addictive and cause problems for people.

Gabrielle Teesatuskie: Better, it cures cancer. It needs to be legalized here for all purposes.

Jennifer Dameron Queen: Better! Alcohol is addictive and rips families apart, causes violence, DUI, impaired judgement, and clearly leads to no where. It has no medicinal value whatsoever. Marijuana, on the other hand, is a natural form of treatment for many illnesses, such as anxiety, depression, Parkinson's, PTSD, epilepsy, insomnia, nausea, anorexia, and so many others. It can be used in forms other than smoking (edibles, drops, vapor, etc), which is much healthier for everyone, the user and the surrounding friends. Marijuana has zero addictive elements. It's

safer than most medications prescribed by the doctor and is more effective. There's no chance in ever overdosing on marijuana. Obviously, it should be regulated and taxed for that matter as it would benefit the community, state, or whoever.

Jamie Troupe: Alcohol destroys lives and families through its use. There is no medicinal value to consuming alcohol at all, unlike those benefits associated with the use of cannabis and its crops. How is it that alcohol and tobacco are legal, even though they're known to adversely effect, and kill people, everyday? Isn't that the reason why prohibitioners want to keep marijuana illegal, because they think it's bad for us? The lawmakers know what alcohol and tobacco will do to us, but they're not making those substances illegal. Why, if they're so concerned with our well-being? The hypocrisy of that idea is appalling. I'm definitely not the sharpest knife in the drawer, but I ain't no butter knife either. That dog won't hunt.

Alfred Bradley: It is much better. No overdose, no poison, can work while stoned, works as a painkiller. Helps my stomach.

Grace Bird: Marijuana is so much safer and healthier than alcohol. Persons who smoke marijuana are less violent than those who drink alcohol. They can function at work or at home. You can't overdose on marijuana! It has so many medical properties that everyone can benefit from. We need to decriminalize if we are not going to legalize! Stop hassling and arresting pot smokers. Parents who consume cannabis do not neglect their children.

More Poll Responses

Lexi Streeter: In most cases, drinking alcohol is not life-threatening. However, when people consume too much alcohol, it can be fatal. The CDC reports that nearly 88,000 alcohol-related deaths occur each year. And binge drinking accounted for about half of these deaths.

In comparison, the number of deaths caused by marijuana is almost zero. A study found that a fatal dose of THC, the potent chemical in marijuana, would be between 15 and 70 grams. To give you an idea of how much marijuana that is, consider that a typical joint contains about half a gram of marijuana. That means that you would have to smoke between 238 and 1,113 joints in a day to overdose on marijuana. That's a lot of joints.

Crime Rates: When it comes to what substance will put someone at risk for getting hurt or hurting others, alcohol is considered to cause the most harm. A study on marijuana use and intimate partner violence found that couples who used marijuana had lower rates of intimate partner violence in the first nine years of marriage. In fact, men who used marijuana were the least likely to commit an act of intimate partner violence against a spouse. And, this is why I strongly think it should be voted on. Marijuana is significantly less harmful than alcohol and rather than causing ailments, such as cirrhosis of the liver, and does help medically for those who have mental health problems, seizure disorders, etc.

Cole Porter: Cannabis is as far as I am aware non-lethal. Alcohol can be. Both have their place in medical

, and recreational uses. With proper investments I believe cannabis will produce far more benefits throughout and generate more profitable business than alcohol. Cannabis is better in my experience and opinion.

Kayshala Gregg: Both alcohol and marijuana are already present within the area so why not legalize it and worry about more important issues?

Wayne Kalonaheskie: Truth is Natives have never been able to handle either...

Kenny Thompson: Alcohol is a lot worse. It will kill you and alcohol causes physical abuse and domestic violence and drunk driving...I'm an EBCI member, and I would love to see my people smoking a joint than drinking and wanting to fight or whatever or beating on each other...we natives all have had it rough so why would we want to beat another Native down? Alcohol almost cost me my life and with marijuana you can't od and you don't let stress, which is a killer itself, eat at you as bad where with alcohol some may get violent.

Matthew Goodwin: They are both bad if you abuse them.

Bailey Littlejohn: How about we ask important questions as to why Cherokee has no music scene around here and why we don't have music venue to have bands and artists besides country?

Franda Raymer: Typically worse because it is a gateway drug. You will not find any addict who will not say they started first with marijuana. Also, pot is one drug scien-

tifically proven to cause defective sperm, meaning the dad can cause birth defects. Certainly the partakers won't agree, but opinions aren't the same as facts. That said, alcohol abuse is likewise very destructive to many. But, the question wasn't why people can't just leave them both alone.

Maggie Ledford: (As) someone who use to drink and smoke, alcohol is much worse than marijuana "weed". Alcohol has horrible effects on people who drink excessively. It ruins families, it ruins lives, it ruins your body. Marijuana is and is continued to be used for cancer patients, people who suffer from seizures, etc. You don't have to role it up in a joint or blunt to get the effects to help people who suffer. You can alter the weed to make 100 percent CBD oil which separates the THC from that. The only reason why people get high is because of the THC. You can also vape weed, which is 100 percent safe so you aren't filling up your lungs with smoke.

But, either way marijuana has never caused an overdose or liver failure or anything in that category. If there is cases of overdose it is because people dip their weed in other drugs or mix it with other drugs and smoke it. There are many ways to keep this from happening and there are many ways to keep it safe. I believe we should have marijuana legal. I always have, I always will. Even though I don't smoke anymore, I am a firm believer of the great things it can do for others. Weed doesn't make you go out and do stupid stuff. All you get is the munchies and either a burst of energy to actually get up and enjoy life or either be a couch potato. Literally!

Sally Rogers: I think marijuana is much better than alcohol, and I think it should be legalized.

Philicia Pheasant: It is better... way better. Alcohol kills. Marijuana saves. And, it helps people. Some people use marijuana for the DTs that come from alcohol. If more people in the world smoked marijuana, it would be a better place. A lot of people misunderstand marijuana. It's not bad at all. Go do your research maybe you'll change your mind on what you think about it. Wish people would stop calling it a drug because it's not. It is a natural flower that grows from the earth just like the rest just better for you.

Oscar N Jessica Hernandez: Why not legalize marijuana? Maybe our court system could work on bigger problems than have everyone in there for marijuana. Something that is very harmless and have more time to punish the ones with the harder drugs. If they even care about that anyways. The courts give them a slap on the wrist and let them go most of the time.

Wesley Jordan Wildcatt: How many died or had any type of problems from alcohol? A lot I'm guessing... What's the good thing about alcohol? Nothing except for a good time. Now, how many people died or had any problems from marijuana except for excessive eating? What's the good thing about marijuana? Everything! The green is good.

Jonnie Cunningham: One Featherer, you never mentioned if it were better as a medicine or recreational drug? If it's so bad, why are so many states legalizing it...?

Find your own ocean...and, make it crab-free

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Parts of this column occur many miles off of the Qualla Boundary (aka Cherokee Indian Reservation), but the sentiments very much apply.

Years ago, we took my daughter to the historic city of Savannah, Ga., and, while there, we took a day and visited Tybee Island. It was her first trip to Savannah, and we've returned many times as it is one of her favorite places. A budding writer, she always says she is inspired by the city; inspired by the stone streets, inspired by the smiling faces, inspired by the Spanish moss, and just inspired by the life of the town.

During that first trip to Tybee, we went out to the beach area. She

wasn't really into the ocean and didn't have any interest in getting in except for putting her toes in the water once. She touched the Atlantic Ocean and that was good enough.

Instead, she made her own ocean.

She found an area on the beach that had some standing water and played in a puddle for about an hour. She made castles, and then destroyed them. She played in the water, splashing around. She just had a good time – in her own ocean.

And, one point that she made has stuck with me to this day. Her little sand bucket had drawings of starfish and crabs on it, and she made the comment that crabs scared her and she wouldn't let crabs come in her ocean.

Recently, there has been much discussion in the Cherokee community about crabs – not the kind in the ocean, but the kind who drag others down.

Throughout Indian Country, there is a phenomenon commonly known as the “Indian crabs in a bucket theory” which basically states that when one crab tries to climb out of the bucket to “escape”, other crabs drag them back in with the rest. It is generally used in terms of someone excelling who, in turn, feels the pull of the crabs who put them down or demean them for excelling.

It is sad.

We have discussions on this almost every week, both at home and at work. My take on it is that Indian Country already has enough enemies as it is, why create more?

The late Oscar-nominated actress Celeste Holm once said, “We live by encouragement and die without it – slowly, sadly, and angrily.”

Be kind to each other. Lift each other up. If someone in the Tribe and community excels at something or is proud of an accomplishment, no matter how big or small, give them accolades, support, and encouragement.

Too many times we see people who are quick to criticize but slow to congratulate. They are quick to judge but slow to support. Like I've said in several other columns, never forget the last part of community – unity.

Robert G. Ingersoll, 19th century orator and politician, once stated, “We rise by lifting others.”

More Poll Responses

Jonathan Dominicali: I think it is clear. You shouldn't even have to ask. Alcohol is tons worse. Just ask your local hospital what they see more...no overdose. Helps (you to) eat, sleep, without killing your liver, and you don't have to smoke it either. You can eat it, put it in lotions...if you do it right, there is almost no long-term problem or

impairment to (the) body.

James Gloyne: Way better; there's not been any deaths ever from marijuana, unlike alcohol.

Gary Teesatuskie: For me personally, I love marijuana. If I could smoke it, I would. It's a lot better than alcohol. You're not going to lose your liver over marijuana or brain cells. Marijuana helps with

pain and arthritis, helps with the eyes of glaucoma, fibromyalgia, headaches, and stress relief, and I would rather have marijuana than alcohol 110 percent. I would vote for it...

Loretta Mills: I can sit here and say I have done both. Let me ask this, how many wives, girlfriends, and children have been beaten up and abused by a man that is drunk?

How many people have died because of a drunk driver? Now this question, how many have been through all of this from smoking weed? Shoot, when I used to smoke I was too laid back to want to fight, I didn't go flying down the road driving like a mad man/woman. Granted, neither one is good for you, and I do neither one anymore. But, given a choice, weed is a better choice out of the two.

I SHOULD ~~PROBABLY~~
GET A RIDE HOME.

BUZZED DRIVING IS DRUNK DRIVING



Benefits/Fundraisers

Turkey Shoot. Feb. 24 at 3pm at Jesse Welch's Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. This is a benefit for students going to Space Camp. Good prizes, good fun, and good benefit.

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

Church Events

Women of Destiny program (note venue change). Feb. 24 from 11am – 1pm at Fairfield Inn & Suites in Cherokee. Dr. Brenda Miller-Chambliss, Embassy Christian Center women's ministry director, and Dr. W.C. Chambliss III, pastor, will speak. Info: (828) 835-2359,

embassytv.net

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

Cultural Events

Cherokee Speakers Gathering. Feb. 22 from 6-8pm at New Kituwah Academy community room. All Cherokee speakers, second language learners, teachers, and parents of the New Kituwah Academy are invited to attend. This will be a working session with a potluck dinner so bring your favorite side dish. Info: Myrna Climbing-bear, KPEP community mobilization coordinator, 359-6406, myrncnim@nc-chokeee.com

Free Syllabary Class. Every Thursday from March 1 – April 26 from 7-8pm at Cherokee Choices conference room. Limited slots avail-

able. This if for EBCI tribal members ages 10 and up only. This is not a Cherokee language class. Info: Tara McCoy 359-5542

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

General Events

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

Mary Wachacha to present "The Life and

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WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

FEBRUARY 19-25, 2018

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

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BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

| MONDAY, FEB. 19 | TUESDAY, FEB. 20 | WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21 | THURSDAY, FEB. 22 | FRIDAY, FEB. 23 | SATURDAY, FEB. 24 | SUNDAY, FEB. 25 |
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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Jude in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Acts 17, at what church was Paul accused of turning the world upside down? *Antioch, Smyrna, Thessalonica, Galatia*
3. How many days did it take Nehemiah to complete the wall around Jerusalem? *6, 52, 100, 1000*
4. From Genesis 3:15, the snake is supposed to strike at what part of man? *Throat, Hand, Heel, Eyes*
5. Some were known by more than one name; what was Thomas' other name? *Andrew, Didymus, Caleb, Zimri*
6. From Revelation 12, what angel fights against Satan? *Gabriel, Angel of the Lord, Cherubim, Michael*

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Thessalonica; 3) 52; 4) Heel; 5) Didymus; 6) Michael

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Times of D.K. Collins". March 1 at 6:30pm at Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center. Wachacha, an EBCI tribal member, will present at a meeting of the Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society. Collins (1844-1924) was a businessman in Bryson City as well as a chairman of the Democrat Party in Swain County and a Civil War veteran. Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. This event is free and open to the public. Info: www.swaingenealogy.com

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

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

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

Health and Sports Events

Community Forum on "What is the Crisis Stabilization Unit?" Feb. 27 at 6pm at Cherokee Indian Hospital. Question and Answer session. Presenters: Doug Trantham, Behavioral Health assistant director; Victoria Harlan, ER Nurse manager; Kim Wright-Hensley, Inpatient Nurse manager; and Freida Saylor, Behavioral Health director. Guest Panelists: Christina Pan-

ther, CIHA project manager; and Damon Lambert, Director of Engineering. Info: Sheyahshe Littledave, PR Officer for Cherokee Indian Hospital, 497-9163 ext. 6207

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

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

Upcoming Pow Wows for Feb. 23-25

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

Oklahoma City Princesses Honor Pow Wow. Feb. 24 at Central Jr. High School in Moore, Okla. MC: RG Harris. Head Southern Singer: Jason Goodblanket. Info: Tasha Fridia (405) 812-1631, Pat Nimsey (405) 760-3414, okcprincesses@gmail.com

Conestoga College 8th Annual Traditional Pow Wow. Feb. 24 at Conestoga Recreation Centre in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. Info: Aboriginal Services (519) 748-5220, crestoule@conestogac.on.ca

Dreamcatcher's Ardmore High School Native American Club Pow Wow. Feb. 24 at Heritage Hall in Ardmore, Okla. MC: Chad

Tahchawwickah. Head Southern Singer: Arlen Goodfox. Info: Kimberly Smith (580) 221-3001 ext. 1231

Community Club Meetings

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

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

Birdtown Community Club meets the last Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Community Building. Potluck starts at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6pm. Chairman: Stephan Watty, Vice Chairman: Kallup McCoy, Treasurer: Deb Slee. Secretary: Sasha Watty. The community building is currently not available for rent.

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

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

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

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

Community Groups

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

Support Groups/Meetings

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

AA and NA meetings in Cherokee. Alcoholics Anonymous

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

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

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

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

Safety WRAP: 9-10am
Strong Hearts Women's Group: 11am - 12pm
Healthy Boundaries: 1-2:30pm
Creative Writing: 2-3pm
**Family Support: 5-6pm
**Agape LGBT Group: 5:45-6:45pm
**HIV/AIDS/Hep C Support Group: (second and fourth Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm)

Thursdays

**Life Recovery: 8:30-9:30am
Connections (Brene' Brown): 10:30-11:45am
Finding Tohi (Peace/Balance): 1-2pm
Uncle Skills Men's Group: 3-4pm

Fridays

Creative Recovery: 9:30 am - 12pm
Cherokee Language and Culture:

1-2:30pm
Popcorn and a Movie: 2:30-4pm
Info: Analenisgi Recovery Center 497-6892.
Times and dates may be subject to change.

CIHA Bariatric Support Groups

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


Cherokee Cancer Support

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


CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Zoey, a 6-month-old full breed Pomeranian, lives with Noahndria and Toma Walker in the Big Cove Community.



Is your pet your best friend?
If you'd like to have your pet (whatever that may be) featured as the **Cherokee Pet of the Week**, send a high resolution photo, type and name of pet to: scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com, or message us at the One Feather Facebook page.

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and brief legal advice?

EBCI

Legal Assistance Office

Ginger Lynn Welch Complex

810 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719

828-359-7400

legalhelp@nc-cherokee.com

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



Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements



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

**Commercial and Residential
Project Manager** (Resume required)
Opens: 2-21-18, Closes: 3-7-18

Mowing and Trimming Laborers
Opens: 2-21-18, Closes: 3-7-18

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

Food Manager
Snowbird Child Development Center
(Open until filled)

Teachers/Teachers' Aides
Snowbird Child Development Center
(Open until filled)

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

The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory. Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate.

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

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Cherokee, N.C. 28719
828-359-6421

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5077 Hendersonville Rd
Fletcher, NC 28732



TRADING POST

FOR RENT

2BR, 1 bath mobile home. Quiet park in Ela, no pets. References/background check required. \$450/month, \$450/deposit. 488-8752. UFN

FOR SALE

Hot Diggity Dog business for sale - A customized, easy-to-operate NC Health Department-approved Cart is for sale this month. All equipment, paper supplies, signing, secret recipe, product suppliers, FB page with hundreds of followers, marketing recommendations, and basic training are included. The fully operational cart has a propane grill, mini sink with running water, giant solar operated umbrella, two color coordinated chairs, cooler, steam pans, onboard built-in cooler with plenty of storage, and a child sized hot dog costume. Minimum bid \$5,000. Call Robbie (404) 229-2044. 3/1

For Sale - 2001 Mazda Truck, six cylinder, auto trans, runs great, almost new tires, easy on gas! Good truck to drive to work or chores around home. \$2,500. Call 788-4380. 3/8

SERVICES

Tax Preparation by Sandi - Can save you time and money. Monday thru Saturday 9am - 7pm. Located on Olivet Church Road. 507-5045-4/12

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

Marianne Ward offers babysitting at her house, every day, nights and weekends included, for children age 2 and up. Will work with casino schedules. \$4 an hour, includes meals, snacks, and crafts. Long-term references available. Call 828-736-1089 and leave message or send a text and a call will be returned to you. 2/22pd

YARD SALES

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

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Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

- **Middle School Math Teacher** - Must have valid NC Teaching license.
- **6 Hour Food Service Worker (Full-time)** - Must have HS diploma or GED.
- **Middle School Pathseekers Special Education Teacher** - Must have valid NC Teaching license.
- **Substitute Custodian** - Requires HS diploma or GED.
- **Substitute Security** - Requires HS diploma or GED.

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

APPLY ONLINE at:

<https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/>
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EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

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



POSITIONS OPEN

Please attach all required documents

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

Closing Monday, February 26, 2108

1. Natural Resources Enforcement Officer (Multiple) - NRE - Public Safety (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
2. Collections Processor - Budget & Finance - Treasury (L6 \$28,372 - \$35,465)
3. Corrections Officer - Corrections - CIPD (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
4. Finance & Investment Analyst - Finance - Treasury (L10 \$41,082 - \$51,353)
5. Cook Aide - Qualla Boundary HS/EHS - PHHS (L2 \$19,598 - \$24,498)

Closing Monday, March 05, 2018

1. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant (Multiple) - Kituwah Academy - CERS (L5 \$25,830 - \$32,288)
2. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant (Part-Time) - Kituwah Academy - CERS (L5 \$12.42 - \$15.52)
3. Kituwah Academy Teacher - Kituwah Academy - CERS (L10 \$41,082 - \$51,353)
4. Cherokee Language Instructor - Kituwah Academy - CERS (L10 \$41,082 - \$51,353)
5. Youth Development Professional - Cherokee Youth Center - CERS (L3 \$21,484 - \$26,855)
6. Environmental Health & Safety Manager - Regulatory & Compliance - PHHS (L14 \$58,794 - \$73,493)

Open Positions

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

**Kituwah Preservation and Education Program is accepting applications for their Adult Immersion Intern positions (L5 hourly rate \$12.42 - \$15.52). Please contact Bo (828-359-6407) or Micah (828-359-6404) for more information.*

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

EMPLOYMENT

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Residential Treatment Center Manager - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center
Optometrist
Physician- Emergency Room
PTR Physician – Emergency Room
Pedodontist
PTR Registered Nurse - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center
RN – Tsali Care Center (2 Positions)
Emergency Hire RN – Inpatient
Emergency Hire Dental Assistant II (2 Positions)
Dental Assistant II (2 Positions)
Dentist – Satellite Clinics Cherokee County & Snowbird
Dentist
Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care (11 Positions)
Certified Medication Aide - Tsali Care
PTI Registration Receptionist Clerk (2 Positions) (2 Positions)

To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions are open until filled. Indian preference does apply.

Operations Manager for Oconaluftee Indian Village

The Cherokee Historical Association is for an Operations Manager for the Oconaluftee Indian Village. We are looking for someone who can multi-task, has retail management experience and the knowledge of Cherokee craft appraisal. This position will run Late March through Mid-November, works weekends and holidays.

Guidelines:

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

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

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

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

To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163.

These positions will close February 22, 2018 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **2/22pd**

Construction Jobs Available

Cherokee Enterprises, Inc., an Equal Opportunity Employer, is accepting applications for heavy construction employees including laborers, heavy equipment operators and CDL truck drivers. Please contact our office at 828-497-5617 with questions or for additional information. You may also pick up an application at 1371 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC. from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Pre-employment drug testing, background check and reliable transportation required. **2/22pd**

LEGAL NOTICES

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Roberta Ann Davis

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Robert Isaac Welch, 11 Tom George Rd., Whittier, NC 28789. (828)736-8866. **2/22pd**

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

Lorenza Dwight Walkingstick

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

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

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

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

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Frances Long Reed

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

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

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

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

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Kamie Helen Calhoun

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



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

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

Christopher Calhoun, 445 Mink Branch Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **3/8pd**

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Daniel Lambert

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

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

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

Nick Lambert, 1660 Tow String Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **3/8pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
The Cherokee Court
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File Nos.: EST 13-037; EST 13-038;
EST 13-039; EST 13-045

In the Matter of the Estates of: Darrell Taylor (d. 12/26/2012);

Shawn David Calhoun (d. 4/28/2013);

Lena Yvonne Hornbuckle (d. 2/24/2013);

Jim Driver, Jr. (d. 3/9/2013)

All persons, firms, or corporations having outstanding claims or interest in these estates are hereby notified of a hearing to settle the above named estates at the follow-

ing date and time or be barred from making any further claims against the estate.

EBCI Justice Center

March 20, 2018 at 1:30 PM

3/15pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-001

In the Matter of the Estate of James Clifford Smith

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

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

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

Patricia G. Smith, 288 Kallup McCoy Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719. **3/14pd**

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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

Plans and specifications are available for viewing at GARANCO, Inc., 615 W. Main St., Pilot Mountain, NC. Also available at: CMD (reedpsp.com) and Dodge (construction.com) plan rooms and

Office of EBCI Housing & Community Development, 756 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719, attn.: TW Saunooke.

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

Request for Proposals

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

Proposals should be delivered

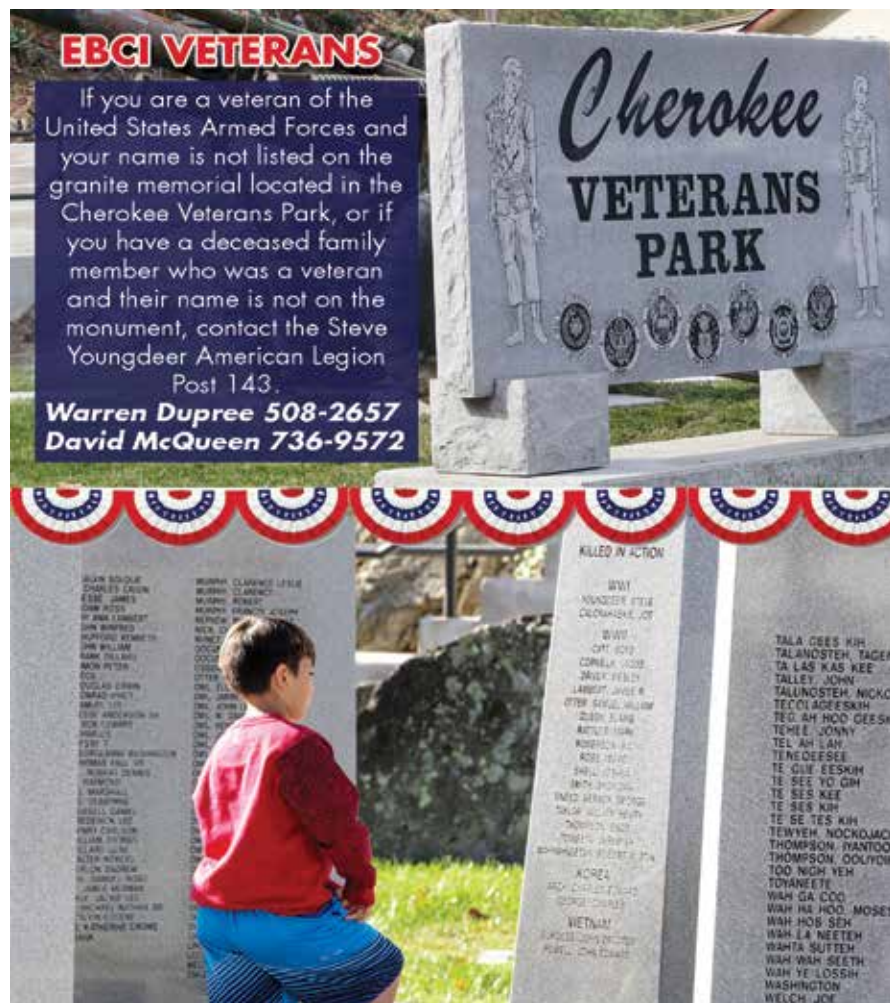
or mailed to Owle Construction’s office or emailed to Brett Smith (bsmith@owleconstruction.com) by close of business (5:00 PM) Tuesday, February 27th, 2018. MAIL: 120 Hoot Owl Road, Whittier, NC 28789

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

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

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

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