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TCGE sues construction companies in parking deck collapse

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The Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise (TCGE) of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has filed a lawsuit in federal court against several construction companies it alleges are responsible for a collapse at a parking deck at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort on Feb. 19, 2015. The 17-page suit lists defendants as W.G. Yates & Sons Construction Company, Rentenbach Construc-

tion Incorporated, Metromont Corporation, Chomarat US Inc., and Chomarat North American LLC.

The TCGE is seeking an excess of \$4,000,000 in damages in the case.

A part of the ramp leading to the third floor of the parking deck collapsed. Ray Stamper, EBCI Public Safety communications manager, related at the time that there were no injuries in the incident.

According to the lawsuit, the TCGE entered into a contract with W.G. Yates and Rentenbach

to jointly act as general contractors on the recent expansion at Harrah's Cherokee. "W.G. Yates and Rentenbach engaged Metromont in a design, manufacture, and build capacity to design and build the Parking Deck," the suit alleges. "Metromont prepared all of the various structural calculations and designed the precast concrete products to be used in the construction of the Parking Deck."

TCGE alleges in the suit that it retained the services of Reigstad & Associates, Inc. in April 2013 to check the conditions of the parking deck during a site visit. Reigstad allegedly found several deficiencies involving broken welds, sealant failure, and cracking. TCGE alleges that W.G. Yates, Rentenbach and Metromont were all apprised of the findings of Reigstad.

The suit goes on to describe a year's worth of communications and fix attempts by the parties. "As a result of both the original construction defects, including failure of the C-Grid, and the failed remediation attempts in 2014, conditions at the Parking Deck continued to deteriorate, leading to a major collapse of a section of the Parking Deck..."

TCGE outlines ten claims for relief in the lawsuit including:

- Breach of Contract against W.G. Yates and Rentenbach
- Bad Faith Breach of Warranty against W.G. Yates and Rentenbach
- Negligence against W.G. Yates and Rentenbach
- Negligence against Metromont
- Gross Negligence against Metromont
- Breach of the Implied Warranty of Fitness for a Particular Purpose against Metromont
- Negligence against Chomarat
- Gross Negligence against Chomarat
- Breach of the Implied Warranty of Fitness for a Particular Purpose against Chomarat
- Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices against Defendants

Marty Gibbs, Rentenbach Constructors, related, "We've been cooperating and working closely with the TCGE Board in trying to support the needs of the Board and of the casino. We're trying to fully cooperate and meet their needs to overcome this situation."

Requests for comment by W.G. Yates, Metromont and Chomarat went unanswered by press time.

Erik Rosenwood, of Hamilton Stephens Steele and Martin, PLLC, one of the attorneys for the plaintiff (TCGE), related that they do not comment on pending litigation.

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Classworks works

Classworks helping Cherokee Elementary students master skills

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Cherokee Elementary School has implemented a new program known as Classworks that helps fill in the gaps for many students in the subjects of English, reading and math.

Classworks, a web-based program, uses test scores from MAPs (Measures of Academic Progress) tests developed by the Northwest Educational Assessment (NWEA) program.

“We input those scores into Classworks, and it creates an individualized learning path for each child based on needs, strengths and weaknesses,” said Malia Crowe, Cherokee Elementary School Classworks administrator. “It tries to fill in gaps that regular instruction may have missed and reinforce the skills that they are learning in a classroom.”

A total of 17 Cherokee Elementary School students received Achievement Certificates on Friday, Feb. 19 in recognition of reaching 750 minutes of Classworks instruction which is offered in two computer labs in the school. Students currently participate in the program twice a week.

“These students today that we’re celebrating have mastered either Reading or Math, and some of them have done both for their



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A total of 17 Cherokee Elementary School students received Achievement Certificates on Friday, Feb. 19 in recognition of reaching 750 minutes of Classworks instruction. They are shown (left-right) back row – Emily Blankenship, Jenna Cruz, Jimya Driver, Breydan Ensley, Kalina Hicks, Danica Hill, Carys Holiday and D.J. Hornbuckle; front row – Kaesyn McCoy, DaLaina Mills, Kelly Pete, Kaniah Reed, Cassius Ross, Shelby Solis, Evonne Stamper, Ann Toineeta and Awee Walkingstick.

grade levels,” related Crowe. The school is currently administering the program in Kindergarten – fifth grade, and a total of 16 fourth graders and one fifth graders were honored on Friday.

Crowe said the program is new, but it is really taking off. “We’re in the starting stages, the first couple of months. We’re really getting into the swing of things with not only the students getting used to the program but also the teachers and staff. I think it’s going really well. The kids are really starting to enjoy it, and teachers are starting to see the numerous, positive opportunities that they can do with their classes.”

She added that this program is not just about test scores. “Above the scores, it boosts confidence. It is so amazing seeing their faces when they get something right. It’s automatic feedback, automatic praise...not only does it do stuff for MAPs and EOGs (End-of-Grade tests), but it also helps to reinforce the classroom training so they can find if someone needs more help in fractions, we can find an assignment that reinforces what help they need in fractions.”

Paula Coker, Cherokee Elementary School principal, said the school administers the NWEA tests three times a year. “It gives us information on where the kids are.

We were approached at the end of last year about using Classworks because it is aligned with NWEA.”

After some initial hesitation about the program, Coker said they decided to give it a try. “We just thought it would be a big win for our students to bring it in here.”

She praised the work of Crowe on the project. “She has just taken it and flown with it and developed it into more than we ever envisioned. She’s doing such a great job.”

Coker said that the individual learning paths created by Classworks “places each student where they need to be” whether they are currently at, below or above grade level. “I think our students are re-

Leatherwood embezzlement, theft case continued

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Nell Leatherwood, former executive director of the Sequoyah Fund, was indicted on federal embezzlement and theft charges from the Sequoyah Fund in December 2015. At her Dec. 2, 2015 arraignment, she was originally scheduled for trial in the Jan. 4, 2016 session which was pushed back to Feb. 22 in a separate motion.

Now, her trial has been continued again. According to court records, "The Defendant now moves for another continuance of the case. For grounds, counsel states that additional time is needed in

order to review discovery, investigate the allegations, and to confer with the government regarding the alleged loss amount."

U.S. District Judge Martin Reidinger granted the continuance on Wednesday, Feb. 3. A new trial date has not been set as of print time.

The Bill of Indictment on Leatherwood lists counts including embezzlement and theft from January 2010 to Nov. 20, 2013 and alleges, "Over the course of those approximately four years, Leatherwood embezzled approximately \$900,000 through the use of the corporate SFI (Sequoyah Fund, Inc.) credit card for personal purchases and expenses."

Leatherwood, who was initially hired by the Sequoyah Fund in 2006 and resigned in November 2013, faces the following charges as listed in the Bill of Indictment:

- Count One – Embezzlement from an Indian Tribal Organization
- Count Two – Theft Concerning Programs Receiving Federal Funds
- Count Three – Access Device Fraud
- Courts Four through Fifty – Making, Uttering, and Possessing Forged Securities

Court records state that the U.S. Attorney's Office is seeking a money judgment of approximately \$965,000 in this case.



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Nell Leatherwood

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CIPD Arrest Report Feb. 16-22

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.

Wildcat, Anderson Jr. – age 26

Arrested: Feb. 16 at 18:26

Not released as of print

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor



Tienda, Jacinto Dominquez – age 39

Arrested: Feb. 17 at 04:12

Not released as of print

Charges: DWI – Commercial Vehicle



Sneed, Thad Dustin – age 33

Arrested: Feb. 18 at 15:49

Not released as of print

Charges: Hold for Treatment



Watty, Joseph Michael – age 40

Arrested: Feb. 18

Not released as of date

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor



Junaluska, Nina Marie – age 32

Arrested: Feb. 19 at 02:23

Released: Feb. 19



Charges: Driving While Impaired, Driving While License Revoked

Owle, Kimberly Ann – age 28

Arrested: Feb. 19 at 13:30

Released: Feb. 20

Charges: Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance



Crisp, Johnathon Neil – age 28

Arrested: Feb. 22 at 01:01

Not released as of print

Charges: Assault on a Female



Ensley, William Nathaniel – age 37

Arrested: Feb. 21

Not released as of print

Charges: Assault on a Female, Communicating Threats



Lambert, Samuel Steven – age 57

Arrested: Feb. 21

Not released as of print

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

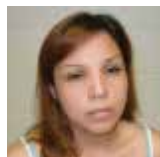


Littlejohn, Shira Lynn – age 26

Arrested: Feb. 22 at 00:24

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Charges: Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle



Mascarenas, Michael Wayne – age 45 (no mugshot available)

Arrested: Feb. 21

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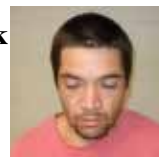
Charges: Disorderly Conduct

Smith, John Patrick – age 31

Arrested: Feb. 22 at 00:29

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Charges: Possession with intent to manufacture, sell, deliver schedule II controlled substance



Bennett, Lauren Sterling – age 37

Arrested: Feb. 22 at 03:20

Not released as of print



Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor (two counts)

Smith II, Greg – age 25

Arrested: Feb. 22 at 04:03

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Charges: Obtain Property False Pretense, Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property, Driving While Impaired, Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor (two counts)



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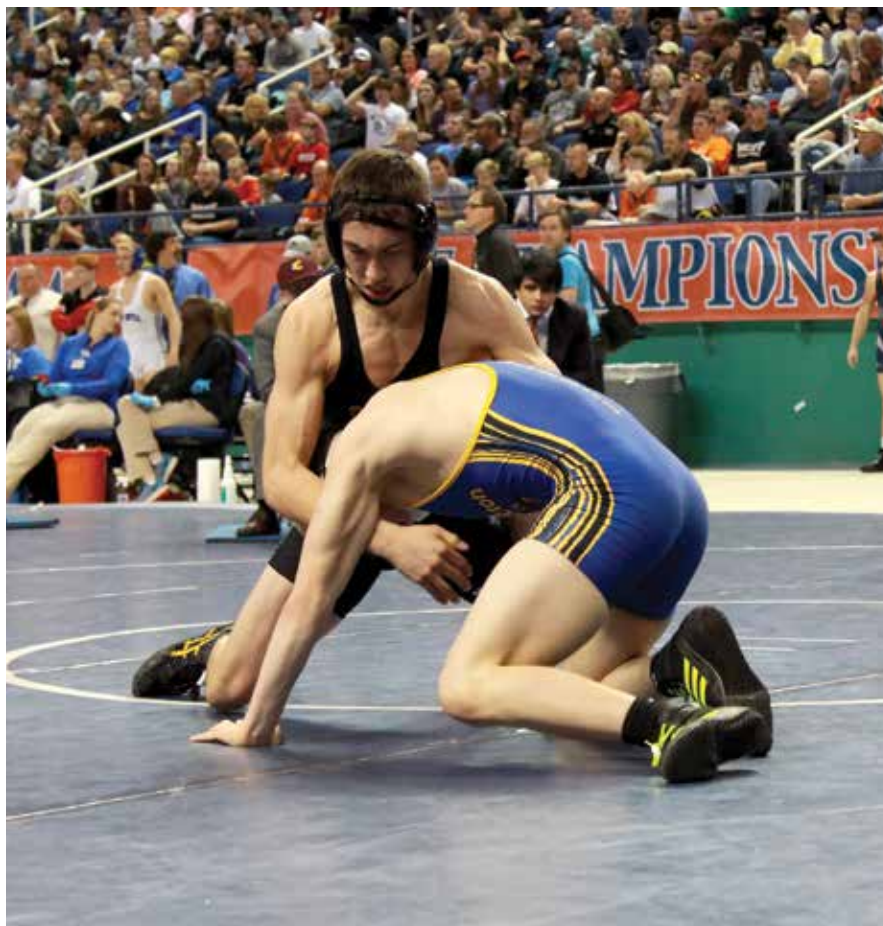
AMBLE SMOKER
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GREENSBORO – Cherokee's Anthony Toineeta (33-4) defeated Princeton's Michael Daughtry (44-7) in the final round of the State Finals to become the 2016 NCHSAA 1A 145lbs state champion on Saturday, Feb. 20 at the Greensboro Coliseum. Toineeta defeated Pamlico's Jorge Valadez in the quarterfinals and Tarboro's Quadarrius Hopkins in the semifinals on his path to the State Title.

"Anthony fought hard and listened to the game plan," said Tavi Rivera, Braves head wrestling coach. "I'm excited to see what the (upcoming) years have to offer. Cherokee has always been known for their athletes and how they work. They have a really good work ethic, and I'm just excited to see. Hopefully, next year we'll bring more than just one."

After the match, Toineeta exclaimed, "I feel great, and I'm super excited. I feel like I accomplished what I wanted to this year by winning state. I wanted to win, get the first takedown, and dominate the match."

Toineeta controlled the majority of the match during the final round and only gave up points due to judgement calls by the officials. Throughout the match, Princeton's Daughtry only had control for two seconds during the opening of the final round.



AMBLE SMOKER/One Feather photos

Toineeta (top) works hard against Daughtry in the final match.

The match began with Toineeta and Daughtry circling off each other through the first minute of the opening round when Toineeta found an opening and scored a 2-point takedown at the 1-minute mark. Toineeta took control of the top position until a stalemate was called at 1:16. Toineeta continued in the top position until 1:57 when he was called for stalling. Daughtry attempted an escape in the final 3 seconds, but Toineeta held on to end the round 2-0.

The second round began with

Toineeta in the top position after he won the toss and deferred. Daughtry attempted to gain his footing through the first minute of the second round, but Toineeta was able to thwart off his attempts and contain control of the match. With Toineeta unable to get in position to attempt a pin and Daughtry unable to gain find his footing, the officials penalized Toineeta with stalling and awarded Daughtry one point at 3:20. The second round ended with a score of 2-1 for Toineeta.

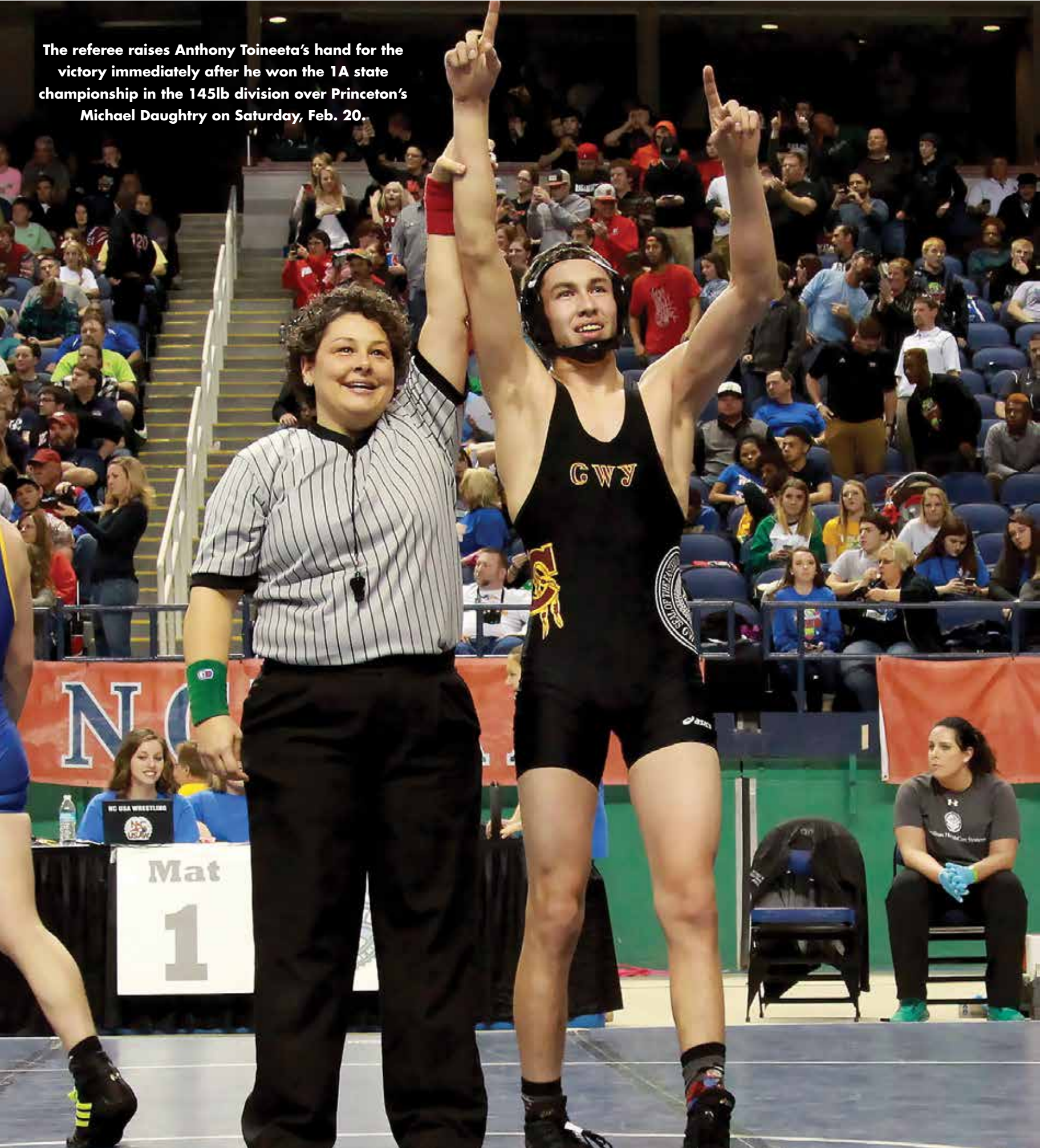
Toineeta began the final round

in the bottom position but found his feet within two seconds to score a 1-point escape. Neither wrestler was able to take control of the match through the first minute as both wrestlers locked up at various intervals. After being pushed out of the circle at 5:02, Toineeta was penalized a third time for stalling and Daughtry awarded one point to bring the score to 3-2. Both wrestlers locked up again in the neutral position and fought to gain control until Toineeta hooked Daughtry's leg and scored a takedown worth 2-points to bring the score to 5-2 at the 5:37 mark. As the final seconds were waning down and Toineeta unable to get a turn as Daughtry locked up his arms, the official charged Toineeta with stalling for a fourth time at 5:55 to award Daughtry 2-points and bring the score to 5-4. Daughtry attempted one last escape, but Toineeta out-muscled him to regain control and went on to win the match.

Toineeta said, "I've worked real hard (this season). I would like to thank my coaches Tavi Rivera and Anthony Swearingen, and I really want to thank my mom and dad for supporting me by being at all my matches. I would also like to thank all the people who came to Greensboro to watch me and all the people at home supporting me."

With the victory, Toineeta is the fourth wrestler in Cherokee High School history to win a state title.

The referee raises Anthony Toineeta's hand for the victory immediately after he won the 1A state championship in the 145lb division over Princeton's Michael Daughtry on Saturday, Feb. 20.



BASKETBALL

Lady Braves tame tigers in SMC semis win

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Cherokee Lady Braves (19-4) spread the ball around well as they advanced to the finals of the Big Smoky Mountain Conference with a 77-46 win over Rosman (14-10) on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at the Charles

George Memorial Arena. Pooh King, Lady Braves junior point guard, led Cherokee with 17 points followed by Timiyah Brown 14, Bree Stamper 13 and Shelby Wolfe 13.

"I didn't think we played great," said Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach, "but, we got things done and we scored during our stretches when I

didn't think we were playing very good. In the second half, we came out and imposed our will on them and did a really good job of just blowing it out right there."

Cherokee jumped out to an early 4-0 lead in Tuesday's game, but Rosman came back and tied the game at 6-6 mid-way through the first period.

Both teams traded baskets for the next two minutes, and Cherokee led 18-15 with one minute left in the first. Brown and Stamper both drilled three-pointers in the final 60 seconds to put Cherokee up 24-15 after one.

The Lady Braves edged the Lady Tigers in the first few minutes of the second and led 31-16 at the 5:53 mark. They led 36-22 with two minutes left and ended up taking an 18-point lead (40-22) into the locker room.

As Coach Mintz said, Cherokee came out blazing in the third period and outscored Rosman 14-4 in the first three minutes to lead 54-26. The Lady Tigers got some offense going and outscored Cherokee 10-6 for the rest of the third, and the Lady Braves led 60-36 going into the fourth.

Cherokee came out gunning again in the first few minutes of the fourth outscoring Rosman 10-2 in the first three minutes to lead 70-38. From that point, both teams were just about even and Cherokee ended up taking the 77-46 win.

Other Cherokee scorers included: Tori Teesateskie 9, Macie Welch 4, Carla Wolfe 2, Brionna Jumper 2 and Jordan Maney 3.

Rosman scorers included: Callie Chappell 15, Madison Holden 2, Gracy Briggs 11, Allie Whitmire 9, Haley Parker 2 and Rachel Owen 8.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

Cherokee's Shelby Wolfe (#14), sophomore forward, goes for a shot between two Rosman defenders, Haley Parker (#23) and Rachel Owen (#25), during Tuesday's semifinal game of the Big Smoky Mountain Conference tournament at the Charles George Memorial Arena. Wolfe finished the game with 13 points.

BASKETBALL

Mintz nets 34 points, leads Braves to SMC finals

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

To borrow a phrase from sportscaster Dan Patrick, Cherokee's Tye Mintz, sophomore

forward, was "en fuego" on Tuesday night. Mintz scored 34 points and grabbed a whopping 17 rebounds to lead Cherokee (21-3) to a 102-91 win over Rosman (16-9) in the semifinals of the Big Smoky Mountain

Conference tournament at home.

Three other Braves were in double digits on the night including: Jason McMillan 19 pts, 5 assists, 4 reb, 1 steal; Justus Day 16 pts, 2 assists, 6 reb, 1 block; and Holden Straughan 18 pts, 5 assists, 5 reb, and 2 steals.

Cherokee shot the ball well from the field (23 of 41, 56 percent) and from three-point land (12 of 36, 33 percent), but their free throw shooting was off (20 of 37, 54 percent). Rosman shot an identical 56 percent from the field (20 of 36), 11 of 44 (25 percent) on three-point shots and 18 of 28 (64 percent) from the charity stripe.

"Well, we can't shoot free throws, and we can't stop dribble penetration," said Willis Tullos, Braves head coach. "That's two big problems. We didn't do any one of those things tonight. We did some good things, but we just didn't play well overall."

Rosman came out firing and took a 7-0 lead not even two minutes in. The Tigers led 17-9 with just under three minutes left in the first period, and then Cherokee came roaring back. The Braves went on a 9-2 run in the last two minutes of the period, and McMillan drilled a three-pointer at the buzzer to give Cherokee its first lead of the game at 21-19.

In the first three minutes of the second, Cherokee outscored Rosman 16-11, and the Braves

led by as many as nine points at one time. But, just like Cherokee did in the first, Rosman came roaring back and tied the game at 44-44 with 1:31 left before the half. The Braves ended up taking a 49-46 lead into the locker room.

The second half was tight as well with Cherokee outscoring Rosman by four points in each of the two periods. The Braves lead by three points for most of the third and extended that to seven (73-66) as the period came to a close.

Cherokee came out blazing in the first few minutes of the fourth and led by as many as 16 points. But, again Rosman came back and made it close. With 3:10 left in the game, Cherokee's lead had been cut to five (90-85). The next few minutes were dominated by defense as Cherokee only scored six points while holding Rosman to none to lead 96-85 with just over a minute left in the game.

Both teams scored six points in the final minute as Cherokee won the game 102-91.

Other Cherokee player stats included: Steven Straughan 2 pts, 1 assist, 1 steal; Kennan Panther 4 pts; Cory Junaluska 4 pts, 1 assist, 5 reb, 1 block; and Logan Teesateskie 5 pts, 1 reb.

Rosman scorers included: Jacob Hall 18, Luke Stewart 2, Harper Reese 25, Zack Strong 13, Deland Thomas 28 and Tanner Green 5.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

Cherokee's Tye Mintz (#5), sophomore forward, goes for a shot under Rosman's Deland Thomas (#32) in the semifinal game of the Big Smoky Mountain Conference tournament on Tuesday, Feb. 16. Mintz led Cherokee with 34 points and 17 rebounds.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

The Cherokee Lady Braves won the Big Smoky Mountain Conference tournament title with a 61-40 win over Swain County on Friday, Feb. 19 at the Charles George Memorial Arena.

TOURNAMENT CHAMPS

BASKETBALL

Lady Braves win SMC tourney, Coach Mintz gets 300th

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

ONE FEATHER STAFF

When you can win the conference tournament title and give your head coach a milestone win at the same time, it's a good day. That's exactly what Cherokee (20-4) did

on Friday, Feb. 19 at the Charles George Memorial Arena as the Lady Braves defeated Swain County (12-14) by a score of 61-40 to win the Big Smoky Mountain Conference tournament giving Head Coach Chris Mintz his 300th career win.

"It was a great environment," Mintz said after the game. "There were a ton of people here. Our girls played a little tight early. Once they relaxed and just played, I feel that was the difference in the game. We started making some shots."

Mintz said he made a few halftime adjustments. "When went in there at

halftime and told them, 'you're playing hard, you're just playing tight', and once we calmed down a little bit and started making shots, then it became easy for us."

The Arena was packed to the brim for the game, and Coach Mintz said it was good for his team as it simulated a playoff-type environment, and he feels they handled the pressure well. "Those girls are just improving every time. It was a great experience for them to get in there and play in that."

On his 300th win, he joked, "It just means I've been at it for awhile."

He went on to say, "I've been blessed

to coach some great kids.”

The game started out pretty even. Cherokee jumped out to a 5-2 lead early, but Swain answered with a 4-0 run to take the lead (6-5) with 2:40 left in the first.

Timiyah Brown, Lady Braves sophomore forward, drilled a three-pointer from the corner 35 seconds later to put Cherokee back on top. Then, Jamie Lossiah, freshman point guard, and Brown both knocked down two free throws in the next minute to give Cherokee a 12-6 lead with just over a minute left in the period.

The Lady Braves went on to lead 12-8 after one.

Swain came out in the second period and went on an 11-2 run to lead 19-14 with 4:58 left in the half. They led 23-19 with 99 seconds left before halftime. Pooh King, Lady Braves junior point guard, and Tori Teesateskie, freshman guard, both made two free throws to even the game at 23-23 with 38 seconds left.

The Lady Braves got two more buckets before the half. Bree Jumper, senior forward, hit a short jump shot from just inside the free throw line, and then Teesateskie hit an inside shot with 3.5 seconds left to give Cherokee a 29-23 lead at the half.

Following Coach Mintz's half-time advice, the Lady Braves settled into their game and went on a 6-0 run in the first two minutes to lead 35-23. Midway through the third, Cherokee led 41-27, and they ended up leading by 17 points (45-28) at the end of the period.

The fourth period was closer with Cherokee outscoring Swain 16-12, but the lead was too much and the Lady Braves took the game 61-40 and the championship trophy.



Cherokee scorers included: Macie Welch 2, Tori Teesateskie 13, LeLe Lossiah 2, Pooh King 19, Bree Stamper 4, Shelby Wolfe 8, Jamie Lossiah 2, Brionna Jumper 4 and Timiyah Brown 7.

Swain scorers included: Lynsey Hicks 16, Gabby Jones 2, Taylor Medlin 5, Grace Cabe 4, Maleeah Langstaff 9 and Brooklyn Brown 4.



Pooh King, Lady Braves junior point guard, bring the ball up the floor in the first half. She led Cherokee with 19 points.



Cherokee's Shelby Wolfe (#14) goes for a shot against Swain County's Maleeah Langstaff (#30). Wolfe finished the game with 8 points.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

The Cherokee Braves won the Big Smoky Mountain Conference tournament title over Hayesville 102-96 on Friday, Feb. 19 in the Charles George Memorial Arena.

TOURNAMENT CHAMPS

BASKETBALL

Braves win SMC tournament over rival Hayesville

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Cherokee (22-3) and Hayesville (21-5) were due for a showdown. Each team had won a game against the other during the regular season, and the two shared the Big Smoky Mountain Conference regular

season title. That showdown took place in the finals of the conference tournament on Friday, Feb. 19 at the Charles George Arena, and the Braves came out on top 102-96.

Justus Day, sophomore forward, led Cherokee with 32 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists and 3 steals. He was followed by Jason McMillan, senior point guard, with 22 points, 2 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals.

The Arena was absolutely packed. It was loud. The feeling in the air was electric, and Willis Tullos, Braves head coach, was happy with his team's performance.

"Toward the end, we had some rough moments, but we got it steady and held on to win, and that's all that matters," he said after the emotional game. "At this time of the year, you want to win and advance, that's all you want to do."

Coach Tullos added, "We shot the ball well...we got off to a real good start and shot the ball well, and then we shot it well enough to hold on."

Getting off to a good start was important he noted. "If you don't get off to a good start against Hayesville, they'll bury you."

"Our guys are pretty tough,"



Coach Tullos commented, "They've got a lot of heart, and they wanted this really, really bad. It's been a long time coming."

On the night, Cherokee hit 17 of 34 from the floor (50 percent), 16 of 35 from three-point land (46 percent), and a much-improved 20 of 25 (80 percent) from the free throw line. Hayesville made 22 of 33 (67 percent) from the floor, 13 of 39 (33 percent) three-pointers and 13 of 19 (68 percent) free throws.

Both teams traded baskets early in this one, and Hayesville led 8-5 two minutes in. Cherokee grabbed the lead (14-12) a minute later and led 19-16 with three minutes

left in the first. McMillan hit three-pointers on two consecutive trips down the court at around the two minute mark to put Cherokee up by 12 points (30-18), and they led 33-20 at the end of the first.

The second period was a dead heat with both teams scoring 22 points.

Hayesville pulled to within 5 points (41-36) at the 3:44 mark of the period, but Cherokee extended their lead back to 9 with two minutes left.

With five seconds left before the half, Cory Junaluska, Braves junior center, drove the lane for two points. Day stole the ensuing inbounds pass and quickly put it in for another two points. He was fouled

on the shot, made his foul shot for the traditional three-point play, and the Braves led 55-42 at the half.

The Yellow Jackets actually outscored Cherokee in the third period (27-24). Hayesville whittled Cherokee's lead down to 4 points (63-59) with 3:32 left in the third, but the Braves went on an 8-3 run from that point to lead 71-62 with 1:48 left.

Then, Cherokee went on an 8-0 run in the next minute to lead 79-62 and led by 10 points (79-69) at the end of the period.

The fourth period was hard fought. Cherokee led by as many as 13 points at one time. With 2:17 left in the game, the Braves were

up by 12 points (93-81), but Hayesville went on a 13-6 run to cut that to 99-94 with 39.2 seconds left.

They got to within three (99-96), but Cherokee hit some free throws late and ended up taking the 102-96 win and the championship trophy.

Other Braves stats include: Tye Mintz 18 pts, 5 reb, 2 assists, 1 steal; Ste-

ven Straughan 9 pts, 3 reb, 1 assist, 1 steal; Kennan Panther 2 pts, 1 reb; Holden Straughan 6 pts, 1 reb, 2 assists; Cory Junaluska 2 pts; and Logan Teesateskie 11 pts, 1 steal.

Rosman scorers included: Owen Gibson 10, Tyler Leek 8, Josh Cottrell 14, Rich Honeycutt 3, Hunter Reaux 11, Braxton Cox 26 and Zach Cottrell 24.



Cherokee's Justus Day (#3) scoots past Hayesville's Owen Gibson in the first half of Friday's game. Day led Cherokee with 32 points, 6 rebounds, 2 assists and 3 steals.

Roll on Braves Nation...or, is it Brave Nation?

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

This entire article revolves around the use of the letter “s”. To use or not to use, that truly is the question.

This past week, following the Braves and Lady Braves victories in the semifinals of the Big Smoky Mountain Conference basketball tournaments, it was announced, “Thank you to the Braves Nation for your continued support!”

That night, a friend of mine, a Cherokee High School alumni and staunch, staunch supporter of all Cherokee sports, told me it is his opinion that it should be Brave Nation, not Braves Nation.

I never thought about that at all, and I’ve used Braves Nation in articles and even as hashtags (#BravesNation) on our social media accounts here at the paper. But, it got me to thinking about all of the teams that use nation to refer to its fans.

Most team names end with the letter “s” as in

Braves, Lady Braves, Tarheels, Packers, Cowboys, Raiders, Blue Devils, etc. But, many of their fan bases do not use the “s” when referring to themselves as a nation.

The Raider Nation is actually the official name for all Raiders fans. Western Carolina refers to its sports fans as the Catamount Nation. Then you have the Blue Devil Nation and their arch rivals the Tarheel Nation. Even us cheeseheads are known collectively as the Packer Nation.

I can’t say for sure when the use of the word nation came into use when referring to a fanbase, but in doing research on the topic, the earliest use I could find myself was a reference to the Steeler Nation, a phrase coined by John Facenda, narrator for an NFL Film production called “Blueprint for Victory” about the 1975 Pittsburgh Steelers season.

There are examples though of times when the “s” is used as in Steelers Nation. Wait, what? Yep, the Pittsburgh Steelers official site refers to its fans as Steelers Nation even though several fansites and many references use Steeler Nation.

It is a little confusing.

I found some team names used both ways. The Super Bowl champion Denver Broncos refer to its fans as Broncos Nation while the Boise St. Broncos’ fans are Bronco Nation.

Since we’re in the middle of basketball season, I was curious and researched the teams in the ACC to see how their fans refer to themselves. As far as I could find, six of the teams’ fan bases do not seem to use Nation at all including: Georgia Tech, Miami, Virginia, Notre Dame, Wake Forest and Boston College. The rest all use the singular version including: Tiger Nation (Clemson), Tomahawk Nation (FSU), Tarheel Nation (UNC), Blue Devil Nation (Duke), Hokie Nation (Va. Tech), Cardinal Nation (Louisville), Panther Nation (Pitt) and Wolfpack Nation (N.C. State).

Henry David Thoreau once said, “It’s not what you look at that matters, it’s what you see.”

So, whether you’re a member of Braves Nation or Brave Nation, it’s fine...just keep screaming for that maroon and gold.

Cherokee Runners hosting 4th Annual Moccasin Run

The Cherokee Runners are presenting their 4th annual Moccasin Run on Sunday, Feb. 28. Runners will be shuttled to Straight Fork Bridge in Big Cove, then follow Big Cove Road as it gently descends on to Acquoni Road and finish at the Yellowhill Community Building for after race snacks and awards.

A packet pick-up will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 4-7pm at Paul’s Diner, 1111 Tsali Blvd in Cherokee, with a pasta dinner available for runners to purchase. Race registration will also be available at pick-up on Saturday and

on Sunday morning from 5:30-6:30am at the Yellowhill Community building parking area. Shuttle will leave no later than 6:50am.

“Cherokee Runners began this race three years ago in an effort to revive the old Moccasin Run and interest has grown steadily each year,” said Elnora Thompson, Cherokee Runners. “We expect around 50 runners this year, and a portion of race registration will be donated to the Cherokee Cancer Support Group. We welcome all local runners to join us for this exciting race.”

- Cherokee Runners





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FEBRUARY 22-28, 2016



WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckaseegee River	Catch & release, single hook artificial only	Good (Check stream flow)	Rainbow, brook, brown trout, smallmouth bass	Tan caddis, crane flies, BWO's, midges	Wolly boogers, stonefly nymphs, san juan worms, BWO (dry fly), caddis dry flies, rainbow warrior, zebra midge, Griffiths gnat, Blue winged olive
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	Not stocking, all wild brown trout and catch and release	Good	Brown trout	Tan caddis, BWO, crane fly, midges	Stonellies, elk hair caddis, BWO, olive and black streamers, pheasant tail, hares ear, single hook/artificial only, parachute Adams, stimulators, Blue winged olive
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Follow posted regulations- wild trout	Good	Rainbow, Brown and Appalachian Brook Trout.	BWO, Dark Stones, Blue Duns, Olive Midges	#16 - #24 Nymphs Midge patterns, stones, caddis #18 - #20 Dry Flies BWO, Midge Wolly Buggers

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BEST	BEST	BETTER+	GOOD	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
12:20 AM-2:20 AM 12:43 PM-2:43 PM	1:06 AM-3:06 AM 1:28 PM-3:28 PM	1:50 AM-3:50 AM 2:11 PM-4:11 PM	2:33 AM-4:33 AM 2:54 PM-4:54 PM	3:15 AM-5:15 AM 3:37 PM-5:37 PM	3:58 AM-5:58 PM 4:20 PM-6:20 PM	4:42 AM-6:42 AM 5:04 PM-7:04 PM



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Miss Cherokee report for January and February

TARAN SWIMMER
MISS CHEROKEE 2015

Si-yo, this New Year is going by pretty fast. January is already gone and we are half way through the month of February. I would like to give everyone an update on what I have been involved in since January started.

The month of January was pretty calm. I only had one event that I took part in and it was on Jan. 30. Nikki Crisp invited me to take part in the 3rd Annual Women's Day Celebration. It was an honor to have been asked to open up the celebration with prayer, and I also shared a few comments regarding this event. I enjoyed listening to all of the guest speakers and taking part in the activities that they had at the celebration. It was good to share about the women that had an influence on me throughout my life. It was also great to listen to other women at the event share their stories.

The second week in February, I had the honor of attending USET (United South & Eastern Tribes) Impact Week, which ran Feb. 7-11, along with some of our Tribal Council representatives.

On Monday, Feb. 8, I attended a meeting with our Tribal Council and the National Park Service. I was honored to have been able to take part in this meeting because the topic of discussion was something that my great grandmother Amanda Swimmer has been fighting for. I would like to thank the



Photo courtesy of Tina Swimmer

Miss Cherokee Taran Swimmer (left) is shown with Cherokee High School Principal Debora K. Foerst.

Tribal Council for allowing me to attend the meeting with them and to participate in the discussion. I felt like the meeting went very well. That same evening, I attended a reception for all attendees and the Close-Up group. We had a group of students from Cherokee High School who were there participating in Close-Up. The reception was very nice, and I met a lot of people from different tribes.

On Tuesday, Feb. 9, Tribal Council invited me to meet them for lunch at the National Museum of the American Indian and to also take a tour at the museum. After the tour, Tribal Council and I had a group picture from the terrace of the museum with the background being the Capitol Building. It was

very cold and windy that day, but the view was amazing. After the tour, I was able to meet another worker from the museum and his name was Dennis Zotigh. Dennis does demonstrations throughout the day at the museum but had time to speak with me a little before I left the museum. The rest of the day was spent interacting with Close-Up. Tuesday evening I attended the Capitol reception where I met Brian Patterson, USET president, and the 2016 Coushatta Princess Sophia Faith John. I also met Council members from other tribes and a few congressmen that attended the reception.

On Wednesday, Feb. 10, I spent the morning exploring Washington monuments and other attrac-

tions at the National Mall. I had a wonderful time in Washington and would like to thank Big Cove Rep. Richard French, Wolfetown Rep. Bo Crowe, Tribal Council Chairman Bill Taylor, Birdtown Rep. Travis Smith, Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose, Painttown Rep. Marie Junaluska, Yellowhill Rep. Anita Lossiah, Vice Chairman Brandon Jones, Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha, and Wilson Pipestem for including me in some of their meetings and luncheons. They made me feel very welcome and kept it fun.

This experience was an awesome one and I am so thankful that I was able to take part in it. I look forward to what the future holds.



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Miss Native American USA collects dental care products

Miss Native American USA Kristina Hyatt (standing center) is shown on Friday, Feb. 19 with a group of Cherokee Elementary School students who helped collect dental care products that will be distributed by Hyatt next week at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, home of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in South Dakota. In all, the school collected 782 toothbrushes, 396 containers of floss and 1,320 tubes of toothpaste.



Makenzie Sequoyah (2nd from left), a 5-year-old Kindergarten student at Cherokee Elementary, contributed 100 bags containing a toothbrush and tube of toothpaste each. She is shown with her mother, Sadie Standingdeer (left), her younger sister, Nikwasi Sequoyah, and Hyatt.

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Upcoming DNA testing schedule

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

- Wednesday, Feb. 24
- Thursday, Feb. 25
- Friday, Feb. 26

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

To schedule an appointment at the local collection site, contact Michelle, Tribal Enrollment, 359-6463. To schedule an out-of-town appointment, contact Amber (918)

685-0478. All DNA questions should be directed to the staff of 1 Family Services.

- EBCI Enrollment Office

New EBCI applicants per capita deadline

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

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

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

Because of the extended amount of time in receiving a social security number for a newborn, an application will be con-

sidered for enrollment without the social security number. However, an EBCI Enrollment Card will only be issued upon receipt of the social security card of the new enrollee.

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

- EBCI Enrollment Office

June 2016 per capita deadlines

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

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

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

- EBCI Enrollment Office

“Step Ahead” meeting for EBCI seniors

EBCI seniors who are planning to attend college in the 2016-17 school year are required to attend a “Step Ahead” meeting presented by the EBCI Higher Education Department in order to qualify for funding from the Tribe.

All participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The meeting is designed to provide students and parents with important information regarding Education Department funding requirements and to assist them as they plan this important step towards meeting their educational goals.

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

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

Call the receptionist 359-6650 to schedule an appointment.

- EBCI Higher Education Department

Cherokee Life’s Spring Sports Sign-ups

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

- Cherokee Life Recreation

QHA has new numbers

Qualla Housing Authority has the following new phone numbers: main office number – 359-6320, warehouse office – 359-6340.

- QHA

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

- Cherokee Elementary School

41st Annual Indian Unity Conference Writing Contest

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

- Rhyming Poetry (not to exceed 32 lines)
- Non-Rhyming Poetry (not to exceed 32 lines)
- Inspirational/Spiritual Writing (not to exceed 1,000 words)
- Genre Short Story (Romance/Mystery not to exceed 1,000 words)
- Mainstream/Current Issue Liter-



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Valentine's Day truck

Chayton Medford, a third grader in Ms. Burgess' class at Cherokee Elementary School, proudly poses with a Valentine's box truck made for him by his granny.

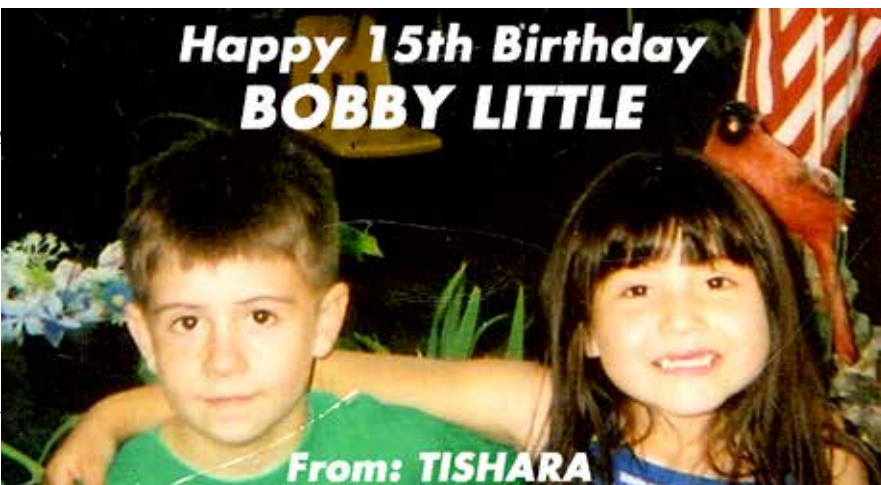
acy Short Story Fiction or Non-Fiction (not to exceed 1,000 words)

- Memoirs, Life-Changing Events (not to exceed 1,000 words)

Participant guidelines:

- Must be a member of a federal-ly- or state-recognized American Indian tribe and currently residing in North Carolina or live in another state but belong to a North Carolina tribe.

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



- Entries may be mailed to: A. Kay Oxendine, P.O. Box 215, Hollister, NC 27844 but must arrive no later than Monday, March 7. The submissions may also be emailed up until midnight on Wednesday, March 9 to akayo@gmail.com
 - Winners will be announced during the General Assembly and Breakfast on Saturday, March 21.
 - All submitted entries may be published in future Unity Conference program books or United Tribes publication.
- Info: Kay Oxendine (804) 296-9820 or Arvis Boughman (828) 443-4395

- Indian Unity Conference

Eastern Band Community Foundation announces scholarship availability

The board of advisors of the Eastern Band Community Foundation announces the availability of the Bill Taylor Memorial Scholarship and many other statewide scholarships, according to Carla Jamison, board president.

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

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

- Eastern Band Community Foundation

Cherokee Elem. School 4th and 5th Grade Honor Rolls - 2nd Nine Weeks

Principal's Honor Roll

(student must receive an A in the following: Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies)

4th Grade: Ahanu De Los Reyes, Carys Holiday, Dayvian Pheasant, George Saunooke, Jasmine Robertson, Jenna Cruz, Kyla Moore, Loshi Ward, Madison Ledford, Miylayla Pratama, Roxi Bark, Sean Fitzgerald, Shelby Solis

5th Grade: Ariyonna Hill-Maney



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might feel more encouraged about changes in your personal and/or professional life. However, it might be best not to rush things but rather work with them as they evolve.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's business sense is especially keen this week. But remember that it's always best to investigate before investing. Make sure there are no hidden factors that can rise up later on.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Working on a family project could create tension between and among those concerned. Your good sense and your patience can help reduce bad attitudes and raise positive feelings.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You should be seeing more progress in the development of your plans and more supporters joining in. News from the past could help change someone's long-held position.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) With personal aspects strong this week, Leos and Leonas might want to spend more time with family and others who are especially close to them. Also expect news of a possible career change.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Taking a strong stand can be helpful this week. But be careful you don't cross the line into obstinacy. Best to take a position on facts as they are, not as you want them to be.

A Honor Roll

(student must receive an A in the following: Reading, Language Arts, Math)

4th Grade: Eve Stamper

B Honor Roll

(student must receive a B or higher in the following: Reading, Language Arts, Math)

4th Grade: Ann Toineeta, Boie Crowe, Breydan Ensley, Brody Barker, Cassius Ross, DaLaina Mills, Dante Taylor, D.J. Hornbuckle, Dreyvon Taylor, Elias Griffin, Erik Fitzgerald, Ezequiel Martinez,

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You have a strong sense of the needs of others. This week, turn some of that sensitivity into an honest self-appraisal, and let it find places where you can help yourself.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Creating an emotional comfort zone to handle a personal problem helps at first. But by midweek, you'll realize you need to deal with it directly or it could linger for too long.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Turning the page on a mistake to start fresh might not be the thing to do. Better to go over each step that led up to the decision you made and see which one misled you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Goats enjoy a varied diet, but eating crow isn't on the menu — at least not this week. An embarrassing situation might have gone wrong before you got into it. Check it out.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your sense of honesty might impel you to speak up about a situation you disapprove of. That's fine. But do so without sounding accusatory. You might not know all the facts behind it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Being asked to create a reassuring attitude in the middle of chaos isn't easy, but you can do it. Support for your efforts comes slowly, but it does come. Enjoy an arts-filled weekend.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your honesty about people and issues is expressed in a positive, not painful, way.

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Hawk Reed, Illeyeni Wolfe, Janna Girty, Jayle Creson, Jimya Driver, Jodi Bird, Lupita Toineeta, Mackenzie Rattler, Niya Mora, Victoria Davis

5th Grade: Adam Panther, Alesandra Oocumma, Alexis Smith, Allison Reed, Amiya George, Ashlyn Chronister, Autumn Greene, Avlin Welch, Braylon James, Bryslyn Littlejohn, Catherine Cline, Cavan Reed, Idalis Crowe, Destiny Siweumptewa, Dominyk Arch, Elexia Bird, Ellise Stamper, Fala Welch, Kaden Smith, Kaniah Reed, Kensen Davis, Magdalene Colvin, Mahala Allison, Maria Fourkiller-Raby, Rachel Maney, Tanin Esquivel, Walika Sexton, William Bailey

Merit Honor Roll

(student is recognized for their effort and progress)

4th Grade: Bud Mathis, Dyami Saunooke, Evie Nations, Julia Gonzales, Kenyon Martin, Sunshine Rauch

5th Grade: Connor Pheasant, Gage Welch, Jolie Locust-Pheasant, Nessa Smith

- Cherokee Elementary School

Cherokee students make honor lists at SCC

SYLVA – Three-hundred-thirty-nine students made the dean's or president's lists for the fall semester at Southwestern Community College. President's list honorees earned a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.85 or greater while those on the dean's list had a GPA between 3.50 and 3.849.

Those making the President's list from Cherokee include: Crystal Chotalia, Isabel Driver, Brandi Lambert, Christopher Mobley, Dakota Parker and Kayla Wright. Grace Bird and Gwynneth Bird were

named to the Dean's list.

- SCC

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you from Dorothy Toineeta family

The Family of Dorothy Toineeta would like to thank everyone who helped us in our time of loss. Thank you to Tribal Construction for their help at the grave site, Tribal Officials for visiting with us, the singers for their beautiful music, the many beautiful floral arrangements, and Dr. Granning and the staff at the Tsali Care for taking care of our mother and keeping her comfortable.

Thankful for Family Services actions during storm

We want to give a special thanks to all the people at Family Services for getting wood out to all of the elders and disabled person during the recent storms.

Sincerely,

Johnny V. and family

Family expresses appreciation

The Family of John H. "Bird-eye" Burgess would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for the prayers, cards, food, flowers and encouraging words during our loss. We would like to thank all of the singers, pall bearers, Tribal Construction, Wolfetown Free Labor, the EBCI Recreation Department, Cherokee Police Department, Chief Lambert, Vice Chief Sneed, Long House Funeral Home, and family and friends

Thank you and Bless You,

Rock Burgess and Family
Note: Trust God all the time, even when it's hard.

OBITUARIES



Ruth Melinda (Rogers) Garrett

Ruth Melinda (Rogers) Garrett, 91, of Cherokee, passed away following a short stay at the Tsali Care center on Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016.

She was born March 24, 1924 to the late Oscar Rogers and Edna Warren Rogers.

Ruth attended Cherokee Boarding School, before attending a two year program in Accounting and Finance in Fernandina Beach, Fla. In 1960, she moved back home to own and operate Whitetree's Gift Shop until 1981. Family and friends were her love and joy. During the 21 years at Whitetree's Gift Shop, Ruth made many lifelong friends. She never met a stranger and would never let anyone be hungry, lonely, or without someone to talk to. Ruth was happiest when hosting meals at her home, visiting, and helping people in need. She was the greatest cook and a true friend to everyone she met. Ruth was a member of the United Methodist Church in Cherokee.

Ruth is survived by one son, Jasper T. Garrett Jr. (JT) and his wife Phyllis; one daughter, Barbara

Garrett Owle; four grandchildren, Joey Owle, Brian Owle, Michael Garrett, and Melissa Garrett; four great grandchildren, Tashina Bradley, Heather Owle, Joi Owle, and Gavin Garrett; one brother, Harold Rogers; and one sister, Elsie Rogers. She also leaves behind a lot of caring relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Jasper T. Garrett Sr; one daughter, Patricia Garrett Jones; two brothers, Clarence Rogers (Ting) and Charles Rogers; three sisters, Shirley Rogers Arch, Alice Louwana Rogers, and Lois Rogers Gwaltney Parish.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Feb. 19 at the Cherokee United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Ferree officiating. An immediate burial followed in the Swain Memorial Park in Bryson City where she was placed to rest next to her husband Jasper Garrett. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

William Michael Moles

KINSTON - William Michael Moles, of Kinston, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016 at the age of 56. A visitation and celebration of his life will be held Saturday, Feb. 20 from 5-7pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints located in Cherokee.

Mike was born in Bryson City to Bill Moles and Barbara Watson White. He spent his early life growing up in Cherokee and Hartsville, SC. He attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. Mike was employed by Southeastern Freightlines where he held the position of Terminals Manager for all terminals in eastern North Carolina.

Surviving are his parents of Hartsville, SC; his wife, Myra Jordan of Kinston; sister, Delayne Moles Clark (husband Glen); niece, Laura Ashley King and nephew, Bradley King; aunts, Maxine Moles Bumgarner and Janice Moles Sutton (husband Billy); as well as numerous beloved cousins from both sides of his family tree.

Mike was preceded in death by loving grandparents, Vera Bradley Moles and Kyle Moles, Ed Watson and Zell Woods Watson, of Bryson City.



Maverick Harper Blythe Sampson

Maverick Harper Blythe Sampson, 3-years-old, of Cherokee, gained her angel wings in the arms of her mommy and daddy on Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016 at Duke University Medical Center. Maverick was born Nov. 17, 2012 and is the daughter of Jordan and Sasha Sampson.

Maverick definitely lived up to her name. She was a maverick and full of spunk and sass. She was an early talker and loved to talk about all her favorite subjects. She loved to swing in her tree swing that her PowPow made her, jump on the trampoline and rough house with

her brothers and dad. She loved to snuggle with Granny Mary and was learning the Cherokee language. Her Granny Kim called her the light of her life. Her favorites were Minnie Mouse, Hello Kitty, and her Joker doll that she carried around. She also loved her "bobby" blanket that her Granny Louisa gave her. She attended Dora Reed Child Care Center where she was in Head Start. She had many friends in her classroom that will miss her.

Maverick is survived by her mom and dad; her brothers, Korbin Taylor Sampson, Kollin Blythe Ashton Sampson; and her sister, Hermione Greigh-Fox Blythe Sampson, all of the home. She is also survived by her grandparents, Kimlyn Blythe Sneed Lambert of Cherokee, Mary Jumper Fortenberry of Robbinsville, and PowPow Darrell Fortenberry and wife Carla of Cherokee; aunts, Seneca Fortenberry of Robbinsville and Jessica Rose Lambert of Cherokee; uncles, John Daniel Hall (Jessica), John P. Sampson (Kelly), and Dustin Sampson of Cherokee; great grandparents include John and Elaine Sneed of Rock Hill, S.C., and Joe and Alice Rose Lambert of Cherokee. She is also survived by many cousins, great aunts and uncles and a multitude of friends she made.

She was predeceased by Granny Louisa Grindstaff, Papaw Doug Lambert, Polly Crow, John E. Sampson, and Joe Jumper.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Feb. 22 at Long House Funeral Home. Burial was in the Tranquility Ridge Cemetery in Birdtown.

We love you sweet angel, rest easy in Heaven until we can be with you again. We love you to the moon and back.



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News: That's not your opinion

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

The evolution of journalism is an interesting and somewhat disturbing process in today's culture. News gathering and reporting is science that is as old as humanity. Ancients would paint on walls with the blood of an animal, mixture of plant juices or carve into wood or stone the happenings to document the their lives so others could relive the moment. In its purist form, that is journalism.

The American Press Institute defines journalism as "the activity of gathering, assessing, creating and presenting news and information". News, according to the MacMillian Dictionary, is (1) information about something that has happened recently (2) information about recent events that is reported in newspapers or on television or radio. Journalism is documentation of what will become a historical record. Today's events are tomorrow's history. It matters how journalists go about the gathering and reporting of news. There is a moral imperative to "get it right". Early journalists were duty bound to be impartial and factual in the documentation of events and people. As much as humanly possible, personal opinion was excised from journalism. Some of the greatest scandals in history occur when "journalists" deviate from the facts and inject personal opinion in their writing-articles become stories.

Sales departments in early news organizations (in the beginning, printed newspapers were the only vehicle) were nonexistent or an afterthought. The content was the news of the day and income was driven by that content. In the late 19th century, a form of writing gained popularity that focused on sensationalism more than facts. This type of writing was and is known as "yellow journalism". The term came to be when two big newspaper publishers in New York battled over a popular cartoon of the day, each wanting the cartoon for their own paper. A bidding war ensued that was so public that it overshadowed the rest of the content of

the paper. The two newspapers battling sold more copies than most other relevant news articles. It was during this time that many publishers realized that the sensational or embellished stories would sell more papers.

And so today, we are a society that thrives on the sensational. Journalist Edward Pooley, New York Magazine (a television program) said, "The thoughtful report is buried because sensational stories must launch the broadcast: If it bleeds, it leads."

This saying, "If it bleeds, it leads" refers to the idea (fact) that the majority of audiences will be more interested in emotional stories than factual articles or that they will be drawn to a more sensational account of an event than a purely factual one.

We recently observed a rather graphic example of this on The Cherokee One Feather Facebook page. Facebook measures the number of people who have seen a particular post on your newsfeed or page. This measurement is referred to as "post reach".

We noted that when we posted our normal fare we got an average number of viewers as such:

- Sunday, Feb. 14 - "Braves Cruise in first round of SMC tournament" with pic from the game-Reach = 1,835
- Monday, Feb. 15 - "Ethics Committee nears Policy Presentation to Council with no photo - Reach = 2,570

Then, on Monday, Feb. 15, we posted "Elk killed in traffic accident near Ela" with a picture of a blood-soaked roadway and the reach for that one post was 9,192.

Along with sensationalism, no form of media or communication is immune to bias. Whether it is the owner, publisher, editor or journalist, it is very difficult to not skew a report based on personal opinion. Especially with the advent of internet and social media, it is more and more difficult to find factual reporting that is not infused with the writ-

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Poll Responses

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

Do you think the motto “In God We Trust” should be put on public buildings in Cherokee?

Linda Owl: No. Before colonization, we did not have western religious beliefs. Those beliefs were forced on us. Our names and clothes changed. Hair cut. Amongst many countless other changes. Today, we should be working to preserve the culture that our Tribe has left, what we were before colonization...while I have the utmost respect for those that have adopted religious beliefs, I feel like they can practiced those beliefs without putting those words on a Council House that should represent us all.

Jimmy Burns: No

Sheena Brings Plenty: No, because all those public/tribal buildings are for the whole Tribe and the motto doesn't represent the whole Tribe's beliefs. That's a Christian thing that is being pushed upon Indians again. It's history repeating itself, and it's way past time for Tribes to stand up and say no more...we don't need any more division. We need more unity, more understanding, more compassion, and more respect.

Richie Bradley: No

Jaime Lossiah: Yes I do! I do not see a problem with it. Seems like nobody else has a problem with U.S. money. The motto has always been there! Just something to think

Cherokee One Feather Poll of the Week Results

Do you think the motto “In God We Trust” should be put on public buildings in Cherokee?

Yes	68%
No	32%

Question of the week now up on theonefeather.com:
What is your opinion of “chiefing” in Cherokee?

about!

Nancy Wahneta: Yes

Trekadiah Stone: I say no as well. Yes, everyone has their own religious beliefs, but think, as Linda Owl stated, everything we, as a Principal People, was forced upon us! Even the very land we inhabit was whittled down from the beginning of ‘negotiations’. Now, you are lucky to get “Native American/Alaska Native” on most forms you fill out. The government's assimilation tactics on our people reflect that, as well as cultural heritage changes.

Joey Owle: That motto has never, ever, ever, ever been on a Council House of the Cherokee. To start to believe that we must follow along with “everyone else” accepts an assimilation policy and the continued degradation of our culture.

Jamile Shaheen: No, if we trusted in the Great Spirit and not the European religions that we trust in right now, we would be in a better place and our people would not have a lable on them as we do now!

Gail Brinkley Hutton: Yes!

Erin Reagan Kirkland: Yes! Who do you think the Great Spirit is? God! No one seems to have a problem with white clothes, hairstyles, houses, etc. I don't care what race you are, God made you whether you believe it or not.

Nse Uffort: Yes

Lisa Taylor: Yes. God is omnipotent and omnipresent and that's a fact.

Bree Garcia: Yes

Kyra Climbingbear: I love God and all that the Creator has given, but that motto is not an original for our people. I think Cherokee needs to start coming up with our own sayings and prayers instead of using words that were given to us by people we should have never trusted. I know others won't agree with me, but we should put something more about being the Principal People.

Debi Lee: Yes, I do. If not for God, how did you get here?

James-Tasha Taylor: Yes! If people haven't realized God is the reason we are the blessed Tribe we

are. This is our chance to prove as a Tribe how far we have come. It is not forcing nothing on no one. If anything, by not, it just shows we are still following everyone else and not standing up as one.

Lisa Montelongo: I say no. It's just a simple question...I watched it. It's still assault on our way of living as Cherokee people. We've had enough of the white man coming in here telling us how to be. They can't even walk their talk! Plain and simple...money really...that's been a real divider. I just spend it to pay my bills, and like everyone has said, it don't represent us. Don't allow assimilation to be negotiated.

Frank James Lossiah: How about “In the Great Spirit We Trust”?

Roland Bradley: I say yes. Without God, anything we have wouldn't be possible. They start our each Council session by praying to God, not the Principal People, not the eagle. Yes, we are Native American, created by God, not spirits. People don't have any problems with it being printed on money, why should it be a problem with the words being on display at the Council House? That's what the Tribe needs is to put their trust in God, not the animal spirits.

Jessica Armachain: Absolutely

Citrus Bigwitch: Yes! We should all put our trust in God. He's the one that made every human being of all kind. He created the world. But, I'm not getting that far into my opinion...

Jeannie Littlejohn: Yes

More Poll Responses

Charles Penick: Yes

Pat Kephart: Yes

Carandee Wolfe: Yes

Keith McLean Sr.: If you don't believe in God, then you have more problems than what should be on a building.

Rose Long: Those who thump the Bible the loudest are probably sinning the hardest.

Linda LaRose: No, no, no

Jennifer Smith: Yes

James Armachain: I say yes, and I am all thumps for the Bible and will stand for God almighty, but far from sinning the most. Yeah, I fall short of the glory of God, but everybody falls. The difference is, will you get up, dust yourself off, and ask God to help you to keep going?

Melanie Parton: Yes, I do. And, I don't think the decision should have been left up to a few people. No one should be able to tell us we "have" to, but we still should have a choice.

Utsilugi Galanvdy: What disturbs me more than anything here is the fact that I read these comments and see people saying the Great Spirit, spirits, voices, etc. speaking in the "noble savage" blanket statement terms. It has proven that we, as a people, are so far from knowing our ways that it is almost beyond saving. The only reason we are so far from this knowledge that permeated our very being for thousands of years is because of

a 200-year-old practice with our people. If people want to have "In God We Trust", then a qualifier must be added to it that states, "In God We Trust, but in God we have blocked every attempt to educate our children on our history, ways and culture. In God, we have killed the Indian and saved the man." If we qualify the statement with that, then I'd be okay.

Jennifer Yellott Smith: Why not put it, but in Cherokee language? Then, it represents trust in the one true God, but in a way that identifies that trust as uniquely Cherokee.

Franklin Owl: We are all one people under God. He doesn't care what race, color or creed we are. He loves us all. Do you think if we get to Heaven we will be separated by race or color? I think not. We need to love God and let Him know it, and each other as He does us.

Candina McMillan Cabe: Yes

Angela Arp: Why would you put a white man's phrase over a Cherokee tribal building? Stop being assimiated already! Worry about our culture and language being saved and stop trying to appease the demands of other cultures.

Shirley Siminds: I'm part Cherokee. I say yes. God loves us all.

Vickie Hutcherson: Yes, because we need to get God back in America. There is too much violence now and nobody prays enough so, yes, I think it should be "In God We Trust". Amen.

Chris Parker: No, absolutely no! The Christian religion has and continues to destroy Native people's

cultures.

Deb Perry: Yes

Marie Thompson: But, do we really?

JoAnn Walkingstick: Yes

Rechanda Waldroup: Absolutely

Ben Swayney: No

Lala Diaz: Yes, but in Cherokee.

Dama Owle: Yes

Harry Kentrolis: Yes

Louise Cabe: Absolutely, and it should be Cherokee and English.

Robin Williams Daniel: Yes

Carolyn Sue Thacker: Yes!

Fawn Young: Nope

Kinda Carr: Why not?

Debbie Turner: Yes

Kelsey N. Crowe: Yes

Terry Harvey: Yes

Dawn Russell: No. There needs to be a separation of church and state. The government has forced their religion down Native throats enough. Are we not able to practice our own religion without their input? As someone who lives here with enrolled children, they don't need to have Christianity shoved down their throats from outsiders.

Punkin Jackson: Why are we saying yes or no? Does anyone object when we have Christian preachers

sometimes pray during Council sessions? If you don't agree, are you objecting because we don't have a Medican Man praying before Council? Are you vocal enough to make a public statement? Are you really brave enough to stand at the Council door and tell those men that you don't believe their ways? I'll trust in God, but I think this is a touchy subject, and in an effort not to offend anyone, I won't say yes or no! I think whatever gets us to Heaven and eternal peace, then to each his own!

Karen Payne Miller: No

Ronnie Long: Yes

Michael Zepeda: No, and I am Cherokee and live here.

Terisa Brewer: They should, yes.

Jeffrey Long: Do you people not understand the purpose of separation of church and state? If not, then you're the problem in this world! Not everyone believes in fairy tales.

LaSheena Carroll: Absolutely not. Not everyone in Cherokee is religious. I strongly belive in the separation of church and state. Don't mix the two at all; not here or elsewhere. Also, if it is placed, are they talking about the many variations of "God" or just the Christian version?

Jell Campers: Yes, it should be. It may keep the conscience open to doing right from wrong. Every time they walk tino the Chambers, what guides them to do "right"? Nothing but a paycheck.

OPINION: Editorial
by Robert Jumper,
from page 22

Good journalists and editors treat the issues of sensationalism and bias very seriously. Many times, it is up to the individual writing an article and/or the editor approving the article to identify and address situations in which subjects for print are selected for shock value without true substance or if opinions of the writer have slipped into the factual recounting of an event. Recent articles written and published in local newspapers concerning tribal business have been riddled with conjecture and

assumptions of the writer.

Readers need to be alert to the possibility that what they read that is presented as news may only be someone's take or slant on a particular issue. With respect to social media, the reader should use caution with social media pages and websites that may look like legitimate news organizations but have no affiliation to organized, commercial media. There are internet landing pages posing as legitimate news that are nothing more than propaganda distribution points. Keep in mind that anyone may create a Facebook page, Twitter feed, Instagram account or website

and claim to be a legitimate news source. You are not required to have a communications degree or subscribe to a code of ethics. All it takes to become an independent page owner is an internet account and a digital interface.

The Cherokee One Feather makes every effort to provide the community with factual, relevant information. Written into the Cherokee Code are parameters within which each of our staff operate. We are bound to provide you with information that, as much as possible, is free from bias and sensationalism. You will see a complete copy of the Society of Professional

Journalist's Code of Ethics in this edition of the paper (page 26). All of the members of the Cherokee One Feather Editorial Board affirm that they will abide by this code of ethics as closely as we follow the human Resources handbook and the tribal code. There are four guiding principles in Journalist's Code of Ethics; (1) seek the truth and report it, (2) minimize harm, (3) act independently, and (4) be accountable and transparent.

Take the time to consider the source when you are reading or watching "news". We are not in the days of Walter Cronkite, a television news anchor who was once dubbed "the most trusted man in America", injected his own personal bias into news coverage. On important issues that affect your life and livelihood, it is important to depend on news sources that will give you an unclouded picture of the current events.

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Stephanie Hughes: Yes

Laura Mitchell: Yes, definitely. Thank you for asking.

Kathy Smith: Yes, I would

Annette Bowles: Yes

Debra Hoppe: No

Patti Lee Messler Caffarella: Yes

Sandy Fields: We'll pray about it.

William Ledford: Depends. Who's God are we trusting? And, what are we trusting that God do?...my question is why? Ain't it already on the dollar? Why don't we just staple a dollar to the buildings? That way we know the motto is there.

Udosdi Galanvdy: No. I believe that would be like me taking what I believe in and telling everyone let's put it on anything public to promote a religion. I'm for anyone's right to freedom of religion, and I expect they respect mine. If you believe in your God, you don't need it painted on a way to prove it.

Wayne Beaver: "In God We Trust" is fine as long as it is put there in sincerity. I would not want to be put in a hospital whose motto was "We do not believe in caring for our patients". I would not want to go to a court of law whose motto was "We Don't Believe in Justice". Personally, I would rather be in a place with people that truly do trust in God than a place that doesn't.

Darla Smith: It should be "In the Father we trust".



CODE of ETHICS

PREAMBLE

Members of the Society of Professional Journalists believe that public enlightenment is the forerunner of justice and the foundation of democracy. Ethical journalism strives to ensure the free exchange of information that is accurate, fair and thorough. An ethical journalist acts with integrity. The Society declares these four principles as the foundation of ethical journalism and encourages their use in its practice by all people in all media.

SEEK TRUTH AND REPORT IT

Ethical journalism should be accurate and fair. Journalists should be honest and courageous in gathering, reporting and interpreting information.

Journalists should:

- ▶ Take responsibility for the accuracy of their work. Verify information before releasing it. Use original sources whenever possible.
- ▶ Remember that neither speed nor format excuses inaccuracy.
- ▶ Provide context. Take special care not to misrepresent or oversimplify in promoting, previewing or summarizing a story.
- ▶ Gather, update and correct information throughout the life of a news story.
- ▶ Be cautious when making promises, but keep the promises they make.
- ▶ Identify sources clearly. The public is entitled to as much information as possible to judge the reliability and motivations of sources.
- ▶ Consider sources' motives before promising anonymity. Reserve anonymity for sources who may face danger, retribution or other harm, and have information that cannot be obtained elsewhere. Explain why anonymity was granted.
- ▶ Diligently seek subjects of news coverage to allow them to respond to criticism or allegations of wrongdoing.
- ▶ Avoid undercover or other surreptitious methods of gathering information unless traditional, open methods will not yield information vital to the public.
- ▶ Be vigilant and courageous about holding those with power accountable. Give voice to the voiceless.
- ▶ Support the open and civil exchange of views, even views they find repugnant.
- ▶ Recognize a special obligation to serve as watchdogs over public affairs and government. Seek to ensure that the public's business is conducted in the open, and that public records are open to all.
- ▶ Provide access to source material when it is relevant and appropriate.
- ▶ Boldly tell the story of the diversity and magnitude of the human experience. Seek sources whose voices we seldom hear.
- ▶ Avoid stereotyping. Journalists should examine the ways their values and experiences may shape their reporting.
- ▶ Label advocacy and commentary.
- ▶ Never deliberately distort facts or context, including visual information. Clearly label illustrations and re-enactments.
- ▶ Never plagiarize. Always attribute.

MINIMIZE HARM

Ethical journalism treats sources, subjects, colleagues and members of the public as human beings deserving of respect.

Journalists should:

- ▶ Balance the public's need for information against potential harm or discomfort. Pursuit of the news is not a license for arrogance or undue intrusiveness.

- ▶ Show compassion for those who may be affected by news coverage. Use heightened sensitivity when dealing with juveniles, victims of sex crimes, and sources or subjects who are inexperienced or unable to give consent. Consider cultural differences in approach and treatment.
- ▶ Recognize that legal access to information differs from an ethical justification to publish or broadcast.
- ▶ Realize that private people have a greater right to control information about themselves than public figures and others who seek power, influence or attention. Weigh the consequences of publishing or broadcasting personal information.
- ▶ Avoid pandering to lurid curiosity, even if others do.
- ▶ Balance a suspect's right to a fair trial with the public's right to know. Consider the implications of identifying criminal suspects before they face legal charges.
- ▶ Consider the long-term implications of the extended reach and permanence of publication. Provide updated and more complete information as appropriate.

ACT INDEPENDENTLY

The highest and primary obligation of ethical journalism is to serve the public.

Journalists should:

- ▶ Avoid conflicts of interest, real or perceived. Disclose unavoidable conflicts.
- ▶ Refuse gifts, favors, fees, free travel and special treatment, and avoid political and other outside activities that may compromise integrity or impartiality, or may damage credibility.
- ▶ Be wary of sources offering information for favors or money; do not pay for access to news. Identify content provided by outside sources, whether paid or not.
- ▶ Deny favored treatment to advertisers, donors or any other special interests, and resist internal and external pressure to influence coverage.
- ▶ Distinguish news from advertising and shun hybrids that blur the lines between the two. Prominently label sponsored content.

BE ACCOUNTABLE AND TRANSPARENT

Ethical journalism means taking responsibility for one's work and explaining one's decisions to the public.

Journalists should:

- ▶ Explain ethical choices and processes to audiences. Encourage a civil dialogue with the public about journalistic practices, coverage and news content.
- ▶ Respond quickly to questions about accuracy, clarity and fairness.
- ▶ Acknowledge mistakes and correct them promptly and prominently. Explain corrections and clarifications carefully and clearly.
- ▶ Expose unethical conduct in journalism, including within their organizations.
- ▶ Abide by the same high standards they expect of others.

The SPJ Code of Ethics is a statement of abiding principles supported by additional explanations and position papers (at spj.org) that address changing journalistic practices. It is not a set of rules, rather a guide that encourages all who engage in journalism to take responsibility for the information they provide, regardless of medium. The code should be read as a whole; individual principles should not be taken out of context. It is not, nor can it be under the First Amendment, legally enforceable.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP

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



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

Antioch Baptist Church. Coopers Creek Road.

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

Bethabara Baptist Church. 1088 Birdtown Road. 497-7770

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Bible Church. Olivet Church Road. 497-2286

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

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Wesleyan Church. Hwy 19 across from Happy

Holiday Campground. 586-5453

Christ Fellowship Church. Great Smokies Center.

Ela Missionary Baptist Church. Hwy 19 South.

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

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

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

Macedonia Baptist Church. 1181 Wolfetown Rd. 508-2629 dconseen@gmail.com

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

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

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

Rock Hill Baptist Church. (828) 356-7312

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

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

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

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

Waterfalls Baptist Church. Wrights Creek Road.

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

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

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

Yellowhill Baptist Church. 506-0123 or 736-4872

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By Dylan West





General Events

Cherokee Speakers Group

Fundraiser Bingo. Feb. 27 at 5pm at Little Snowbird Recreation Center near Robbinsville. Bingo prizes and concession with proceeds going to the Cherokee Speakers Group.

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

The following precincts will meet at 1pm at the Family Resource Center in Webster: Barkers Creek, Caney Fork, Cullowhee, Greens Creek, Qualla, Savannah, Scotts Creek, Sylva North/Dillsboro, Sylva South, and Webster. River precinct will meet at 5:30pm at the VFW. Canada precinct will meet at 5pm at the

Canada Fire Department. Glenville and Cashiers precincts will also meet on Feb. 27, but they have not yet set a time and location. All Democrats are encouraged to attend. Info: Frank C. Burrell 586-8782, fcburrell@frontier.com

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

Jackson County Republican Convention and Precinct meetings. March 4 at the Jackson County Senior Center in Sylva. Honorable Chief Justice Mark Martin, of the N.C. Supreme Court, will be the guest speaker. Registration for the Convention will open at 5pm. The Precinct

Meetings will start at 5:30pm, and the Convention will start at 6:30pm. All Jackson County voters registered as Republicans by Jan. 31 are invited to attend. A buffet dinner will be served and reservations are required by Feb. 29. Info: Ralph Slaughter, Jackson County Republican chair, (828) 743-6491, jacksonctygop@yahoo.com, or www.jacksoncountygop.com

Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist visit. March 10 from 10-11am at Steve Young-deer American Legion Post 143 headquarters on Acquoni Road. Mikey Casey, Disabled Veterans Outreach program specialist, will be on hand to provide any handicapped veteran with the necessary skills to obtain gainful employment. Bring any pertinent paperwork. Info: Mike Casey (828) 837-7407

2nd Annual Stress & Healing Arts Retreat. March 11-12 at New Kituwah Academy. "Healing Ourselves Today for the Generations of Tomorrow" is the theme for the free event. Learn about stress, grief, and trauma and healthy ways to manage it. Experience massage, aromatherapy, healing touch, acupuncture, yoga, tai chi and more. Limited space- applications due Monday, Feb. 29 at 4pm to Cherokee Choices, 806 Acquoni Road, Fax: 359-0059. Tara McCoy 359-6783, taramcco@nc-cherokee.com or Robin Callahan 359-6785, robibail@nc-cherokee.com

Spring Garden Fair. April 8-9 at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Vendor applications are now being accepted from vendors who sell garden items including:

seeds, plants, seedlings, yard art, tools, bees, farm-related subjects, dried food products or canned food products. Also, seeking educators to share information about composting, recycling, mulches, etc. Booth fee - \$40. Educators may qualify for free booth. This event is being sponsored by Principal Chief Patrick Lambert. Info: Check Facebook – Spring Garden Fair or legendweaverstudios@gmail.com

American Indian Science and Engineering Society Region 7 Conference. April 8-9 on the University of Tennessee campus in Knoxville, Tenn. This event is being hosted by the UT Native American Student Association. Breakout sessions to include: Native American Business Women, Leadership Development, Sustainability in Indian Country, Federal/Tribal Law Advancements, and Tribal Health Care Advancements. Info: (828) 736-4543, 788-7183, UTKNA-SA@groups.facebook.com

Ongoing Events

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

AA and NA meetings in Cherokee.

Nar-Anon (family support): Mondays at 6pm at Church of Christ Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): Tuesdays at 7pm at Cherokee Indian Hospital (CIH), Saturdays at 10am at CIH conference room
Narcotics Anonymous (NA): Mondays at 8pm at CIH, Thursdays at 8pm at CIH, Fridays at 7pm at CIH conference room

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ezekiel in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who had 900 iron chariots and made 20 years of life unbearable for the Israelites? *Tobiah, Pilate, Sisera, Absalom*
3. After six days, God saw all that he had made, and it was ...? *Heavenly divine, For righteous sake, Thine image, Very good*
4. Who was father of Apostles James and John? *Zacchaeus, Zebedee, Zebulun, Zechariah*
5. 27,000 men were killed when what city's walls fell on them? *Sechem, Sodom, Aphek, Jericho*
6. Who burned his son alive as a sacrifice? *Achan, Ahaz, Moses, Shimei*

Ahaz
Very good; (4) Zebedee; (5) Aphek; (6) ANSWEERS: 1) Old; 2) Sisera; 3) Heavenly divine; 4) Zebedee; 5) Aphek; 6) Achan, Ahaz, Moses, Shimei

Comments? More Trivia? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com

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EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

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



POSITIONS OPEN

Please attach all required documents
eg: Driver's license, Enrollment, Diplomas, Certificates

Closing February 26, 2016 @ 4 pm

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

Closing March 4, 2016 @ 4 pm

1. Receptionist- Tribal Child Care (23,616-\$29,520)
2. Veteran's Service Officer- PHHS (\$49,200-\$61,500)
3. Youth Development Professional- CYC (\$21,484-\$26,855)
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10. Maintenance Worker- Property Management/ Rentals (\$23,616-\$29,520)
11. Domestic Violence Victim Advocate- DV Program (\$34,112-\$42,640)
12. Fitness Assistant- Cherokee Life- Wellness (\$21,484-\$26,855)
13. Academy Assistant Principal- KPEP (\$49,200-\$61,500)
14. Facilities Coordinator- KPEP (\$28,372-\$35,465)
15. Arts Education Teacher- KPEP (\$41,082-\$51,353)
16. Physical Education Teacher- KPEP (\$41,082-\$51,353)
17. Academy Curriculum Developer- KPEP (\$41,082-\$51,353)
18. Kituwah Academy Teacher- KPEP (\$41,082-\$51,353)
19. Early Childhood Language Specialist- KPEP (\$31,078-\$38,848)
20. Cook- KPEP (\$23,616-\$29,520)
21. Cook Aide- Tsali Care Center- (\$19,598-\$24,498)
22. Employee Rights Manager- Human Resources (\$53,792-\$67,240)
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Now Hiring: Cherokee Historical Association is hiring a seasonal Village Program Manager. This position requires a person who is diligent, dependable, and possesses strong leadership skills. Applicants can pick up a job description and an application at the CHA main office. Applicants must submit a completed application, resume by C.O.B March 18, 2016.

Guidelines:

- Be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe.
- Be available to begin work in March and work through November.
- Be willing to work weekends and holidays.
- Must make it through the interview process.
- Associate's Degree or equivalent management experience required.
- Must have knowledge of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians culture and about the culturally based tourism industry.
- Must be able to work with individuals and groups alike.
- Requires the ability to coordinate activities and events, market and promote, communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing. **3/17**

Southwestern Community College Health Sciences Immersive Learning Lab is seeking Designer Services – Architectural.

Scope: Renovation to existing facilities. Closing Date: March 4, 2016.
Contact: Cliff Stalter (828) 339-4250. Submit electronically: cstalter@southwesterncc.edu. **2/25**



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The Oconaluftee Indian Village is seeking workers for the 2016 season. We are looking for people willing to educate the public about the Cherokee history and culture in fun, exciting ways. We need applicants who take pride in the Cherokee culture and possess good work ethics. Applications and job descriptions can be picked up at the Cherokee Historical main office. Positions available: Tour Guides/Greeters, Craft Workers, Historical Re-enactors, Concession, Box Office, Gift Shop Workers, Gardener/Maintenance & Program Coordinator

Guidelines:

- Be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe (Except specific historical reenactment roles)
- Must be able to show up at 8:30am and work until 5:00pm when required.
- Age requirement: 17yrs or older (except for Mentoring Program)
- Be willing to work weekends and holidays

Must make it through the interview process if selected. **3/24**

Now Hiring: Cherokee Historical Association is hiring a seasonal Gardener/Maintenance position. This is a dual duty position that requires a person who is dependable. Applicants can pick up a job description and an application at the CHA main office. Applicants must submit a completed application by C.O.B March 11, 2016.

Guidelines:

- Have knowledge and experience in gardening.
- Must be able to lift heavy loads.
- Be available to begin work in March and work through October.
- Be willing to work weekends and holidays.
- Must make it through the interview process.
- Must be able to work with individuals and groups alike. **3/10**

THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

FT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONSULTANT / PEDS
FT MEDICAL RECORDS CODER
FT HOUSEKEEPER
FT MID-LEVEL PRACTITIONER (PA / FNP) - open until filled
FT PHARMACIST – open until filled
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Applications and job descriptions are available at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Human Resources Office, Monday – Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm. For more information please call 828 497-9163 and ask for Teresa Carvalho or Deb Toineeta. These positions will close on March 4, 2016 @ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and the original CIHA job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **3/3pd**

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Now Hiring: Cherokee Historical Association is hiring a seasonal Operations Manager. This position requires a person who is creative, retail oriented, and a fast learner. Applicants can pick up a job description and an application at the CHA main office. Applicants must submit a completed application, resume by C.O.B March 18, 2016.

Guidelines:

- Indian preference applies, must show proof.
- Be willing to work weekends and holidays.
- Must make it through the interview process.
- Associate’s Degree or equivalent management experience required.
- Retail management experience is preferred.
- Have good knowledge of Cherokee craft appraisal.
- 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. **3/17**

Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings (open until filled):

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

For complete job descriptions please visit Cherokee Central Schools Human Resources at www.ccs-nc.org. **2/25**

LEGAL NOTICES

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph Feather

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM FIRST PUBLICATION
Carole Love, 21 Bear Track Run, Bryson City, NC 28713. **3/17pd**

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Sherry Lynn Owle Mejia

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

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

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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Edward J. Taylor

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

from their recovery.

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

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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 16-006

In the Matter of the Estate of Margaret Sneed

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM FIRST PUBLICATION
Trina Owle, 138 Bud Sneed Drive, Cherokee, NC 28719. **3/10pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 16-008

In the Matter of the Estate of Dorothy Pearl Toineeta

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
C. Douglas Toineeta, PO Box 474, Cherokee, NC 28719. **3/16pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 16-009
In the Matter of the Estate of Dalton Gunter

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
Tiffany Owle-Pummer, PO Box 33, Cherokee, NC 28719. **3/17pd**

INTENT TO FILE

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

Re: Complaint for Money owed TO

Aaron Lewis, Althia Lossie Cruz, Amanda Santiago, Andrea Standingdeer, Angela Lossiah Moncada, Anthony D Welch, Antonio Sanchez, Austina Bradley, Barbara Kosko, Barbara Miller, Ben Parker, Benjamin Swayney, Beth Owle, Boyd Donaldson, Brad Parker, Brandi Keen, Brandi Sequoyah, Brian Kirkland, Brittany Sgueglia, Bryon Ayen, Carl Arch, Carrie Hux, Charity Sampson, Charles D Lambert, Charles Pullard, Cheryl Rudd, Chris Mintz, Christian Siewers Jr, Christine & John Forsythe, Christy Long, Chuck Rochester, Cindy Robertson, Connan Tchakirides, Dale Cloer, Danielle Mark, Danny Lambert, Daphne Oocumma(Hoyle), Darrell Woodard, David Armach-

see **LEGALS** next page

LEGALS: Notices from page 30

ain, David Edwards, Davita Roland, Debra Standingdeer, Delta Trampler, Donna Few, Duane Brown, Dustin Barnes, Elizabeth Plummer, Elleita Owl, Ercell Green, Eric Swayney, Erica Bradley, Ethan Larch, Forrest Parker, Gary Anderson, Gary Ledford, Gene Gibson, Glenn Davis Jr, Greg Leadingfox, Greg Villalab, Gregory Cline, Heather Harlan, Heather Jones, Honey Brady, Hugh Queen Sr, Irwin Keyonnie, Isaiah Chekelelee, Jack Bowman, Jackson Wolfe, Jaimee Smith, James 'Jimmy' Gass, James Bradley, James Haney, James Hunt, James Swayney, Jamie R Jenkins, Jarrett Youngdeer, Jason E Saunooke II, Jason Potts, Jay B Green, Jessica Bradley, Jessica Messer, Jim Eller, John A Bradley, John Chastain, John D Harris, Jonah L Saunooke, Jonathon Brady, Jonathan Lackey, Joni Hill, Jonny Davis, Jordan M Taylor, Joshua McNeilly, Jaunita George, Jukas Arch, Julie Muse, Justin Seagraves, Karen Canalas, Karla Ledford, Kassandra Lossie & Doug Swayney, Kelcy Walker, Kelly Brady, Kelsey Welch, Kenny Standingdeer, Kevin Goldsmith, Kristina M Wolfe, Kyle Lossiah, Kyle Morgan, Larry Dehart, Larry Gunter, Lauren Smith, Lea Ann Littlejohn, Lea Lambert, Lehman Coday, Lillian Allison, Lily Adams, Linda Trampler Bradley, Lisa Cope, Lizzie Bernal, Lynn Brandon, Mark Taylor, Marty Ensley, Mary Ann Jacobs, Mary E Lambert, Mary Maney, Matt Bryant, Matthew G York, Melanie McCoy, Melissa Frady, Meredith Bradley, Michael Jumper, Michelle Bradley, Mildred R McCoy, Natasha Hamilton, Neka Welch, Nikki Bradley, Norma Craig, Pascha Lynn Lossiah, Patsy F Armachain, Paul Beaudry, Phoenix Johnson-Ivey,

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

You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than the 18th day of March 2016 said date and upon your failure to do so the party seeking against you will apply to the court for the relief sought. This the 17th day of February 2016.

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

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

HELP Program will be accepting applications for the REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS


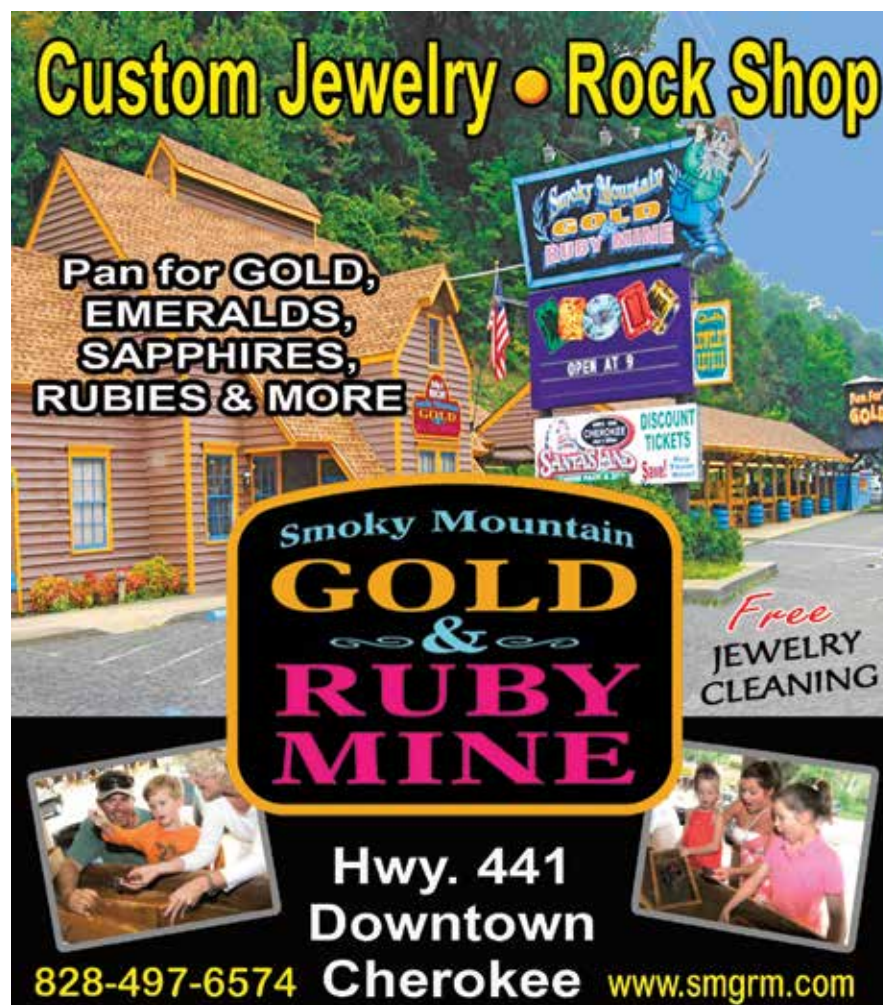
The Cherokee Tribal Court seeks competitive proposals from North Carolina State Certified Spanish Interpreters to provide assistance to

Defendants in Criminal and Traffic cases on an as-needed basis. These services will be paid on a contractual, hourly basis as needed by the Cherokee Tribal Court, Office of the Prosecutor and Defense Council. Interested individuals should submit a brief letter proposal including the following:

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

Donna Toineeta-Lossiah, Court Administrator, PO Box 1629
Cherokee, NC 28719
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MISSING SINCE NOVEMBER 2014

James Paul Owle

8 years old / M / Brown Hair / Brown Eyes / 4'7" / 75 lbs
Native American from Cherokee, NC

Samuel George Owle

6 years old / M / Brown Hair / Brown Eyes / 4'4" / 90 lbs
Native American from Cherokee, NC

Evelyn Grace Arneach

3 months old / F / Brown Hair / Brown Eyes



All three children are believed to be with their non-custodial mother, Shira Raman Mattocks, 26, from Cherokee.

If you have any information on the whereabouts of Shira Raman Mattocks or the children, please contact the Cherokee Indian Police Department 497-4131 or your local law enforcement agency.



Are you looking for employment?

The Tribal Employment Rights office (T.E.R.O.) may be able to help! Enrolled members of the EBCI and other federally-recognized tribes, spouses of enrolled members and parents of minor enrolled children are eligible to become job bank participants of the Tribal job bank. We provide potential employment opportunities (part-time, temporary and permanent) by referring participants to TERO certified-vendors who are hiring.

If you qualify, come by the office and turn in an application. If you are already on the job bank, please make sure to keep your information updated. This includes phone numbers and mailing addresses.

**We are located at the front of the
Ginger Lynn Welch Complex in Suite 190.**

**You may also call Frances Long, Job Bank coordinator, at
828-359-6420 or email her at franlong@nc-chokeee.com.**