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Economical purchase

Vice Chief sends a message about economy and ecology with a used Tesla

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

When Vice Chief Rich Sneed was offered the opportunity to select a “new” vehicle, he considered three of his passions- technology, ecology and economy. He is an automotive hobbyist and has spent a considerable amount of his life working on vehicles and teaching others to work on

them. He is also a nature lover concerned about the upswing in air, water and land pollution. Now, as a tribal government leader, he also is looking for opportunities to effect savings to benefit the Cherokee community.

So, early in the selection process, he focused on Tesla vehicles. Tesla is an American automotive and energy storage company. The acronym “EV” is used for electric vehicles. In addition to making EV’s, Tesla Motors, Inc. is on the cutting edge of lithium battery research/development, and creation of innovative ways to produce useable energy that is eco-friendly and economically advantageous. Tesla incorporated in America in 2003. Tesla also makes automotive lithium battery packs for Toyota hybrids.

With his father’s advice to “never buy a

new vehicle” in the back of his mind, Vice Chief Sneed set out to locate a used Tesla, and found a 2013 Model S \$63,000-lower than many typical governmental use SUVs that may range as high as \$80,000. In fact, the economic benefits are very impressive for the owner and, in this case, the tribe.

A total of \$6,500 is allocated in the Vice Chief’s budget for expenses related to the operation and upkeep of the office’s vehicle. When the Vice Chief is not on travel, he has plenty of “energy” to get around to his various duties on a single charge. The range on the fully-charged Tesla is approximately 270 miles. At the end of the day, he parks it at home, plugs it into a 240V outlet that he and his son installed and by the next morning, the vehicle is charged and ready for another day of activities. Since the car uses the energy of deceleration (Kinetic Recapture Technology) to recharge the batteries, use of the brakes is minimized. With no gas powered engine, there is no oil to change, belts or brake pads to replace.

Vice Chief Sneed stated that the tires would be the only thing that might wear enough to replace. Since the operating cost of the vehicle is minimal, he said that the majority of that maintenance allocation can be put to work for the tribe in programs.

In a recent email from the EBCI Purchasing Department, the calculated comparative cost of a Cadillac Escalade to the Model S used in a similar fashion as would be in service to the Vice Chief’s office is as follows: the Escalade initial cost is \$75,600; fuel cost estimated over four years equals \$20,000; maintenance and repair cost- \$3000-for a total of \$97,600. The Tesla Model S initial cost is \$63,000; incurs no fuel cost and, maintenance is \$2,800 for a total of \$65,800. The Department estimates that “savings could be more than \$30,000 over the four year period in addition to a low environmental impact”.



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Vice Chief Rich Sneed is shown with the used 2013 Tesla Model S that he recently purchased.

Gas mileage of Tesla vehicles are impressive. A November 2015 article (www.investopedia.com), states, "First, the biggest savings: no more expensive gas. With 100 miles us 34kWh (about 100 MPG) and electricity costing an average of \$0.12/kWh, the yearly cost to drive a Tesla Model S 85 D 15,000 miles is \$612. Compare that to Toyota Camry's 30 MPG and an average cost of \$2.40 per gallon. At 15,000 miles per year, the Camry will cost \$1200-almost double what the Tesla costs. What more, the Model S will likely cost less than a \$1,000 for a long time, whereas oil prices change daily and could return to \$4+ at any time".

Of course, terrain and weather can have a sizeable impact on mileage for both electric and gas powered vehicles. Mountain driving

won't produce 100 MPG equivalents, but the Tesla will still outperform its gas counterparts concerning mileage.

Tesla Motors were the first to invent a battery that would have a life over the 200 mile limit. In addition to that economy, the Model S is a performance marvel. Driver controls are high tech, with a console at the center of the dashboard that looks and acts like a giant iPad. All of the functions except steering, accelerating and braking may be controlled from that center. Acceleration in the vehicle is impressive and without the typical hesitation of a gasoline or diesel powered car, allowing the Model S to move from standing to 60 mph in just 5.2 seconds. That is not bad for a sedan.

Vice Chief Sneed expressed that the biggest factor or selling point

for him, other than the economy and cost savings to the tribe, was the obvious and significant ecologic advantages. The electric car will produce no fluorocarbons. As more of our buildings are retrofitted with alternative sources of energy, like wind and solar, which will provide fuel for electric cars, the impact on environment will continue to decrease. He envisions a future that includes our tribal fleet shifting to less environmentally damaging transportation.

In discussion with Tesla concerning the purchase, the company has agreed to install three new charging stations on the Qualla Boundary. This will enable more electric and hybrid car users, local and tourist, to "fill up" while in Cherokee.

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CIPD Arrest Report Jan. 24 – Feb. 1

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.

Calangan, Julie Boe – age 18

Arrested: Jan. 24 at
21:44

Released: Jan. 27

Charges: Larceny, Burglary, Other
(Free Text)

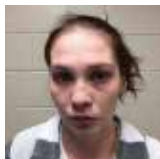


Jenkins, Rebecca Lynn – age 24

Arrested: Jan. 24 at
13:27

Released: Jan. 24

Charges: FTA



Armachain, Keith Little Wolfe – age 22

Arrested: Jan. 25 at
21:00

Not released as of print

Charges: Failure to Appear and Re-
port, Receiving or Possessing Stolen
Property



Driver, Derek Wilson – age 23

(mugshot not available)

Arrested: Jan. 25 (no time given)

Released: Jan. 25

Charges: Probation Violation



Jacobs, Colby Draven – age 18

Arrested: Jan. 25 at
17:22

Released: Jan. 25

Charges: Possession Drug Para-

phernalia, Obstructing Govern-
ment Functions, Possession of
Alcohol by Person under 21

Lossiah, Thomas Lyle – age 19

Arrested: Jan. 25 at
14:14

Released: Jan. 27

Charges: Called and Failed



Pheasant, Greta Lynn – age 37

Arrested: Jan. 25 at
15:31

Released: Jan. 27

Charges: Failure to Appear on Mis-
demeanor



Smith, Brooke Leighann – age 19

Arrested: Jan. 25 at
17:11

Released: Jan. 25

Charges, Possession of Alcohol-
ic Beverage by Person under 21,
Possession Drug Paraphernalia,
Possession Marijuana up to ½ oz.,
Possession Schedule II Controlled
Substance, Simple Possession
Schedule IV Controlled Substance,
Simple Possession Schedule IV
Controlled Substance, Providing or
Possessing Contraband



Climbingbear, Isaac – age 26

Arrested: Jan. 26 at
13:57

Released: Jan. 26

Charges: Simple Possession of
Marijuana, Possession of Drug
Paraphernalia



Montelongo Jr., David – age 36

Arrested: Jan. 26 at
13:58

Released: Jan. 27

Charges: Simple Possession of



Marijuana, Possession of Drug
Paraphernalia

Reed, Tamara Ann – age 21

Arrested: Jan. 26 at
16:30

Not released as of
print

Charges: Probation Violation, Ob-
structing Government Functions,
Failure to Appear



Bradley, Keanan Smith – age 20

Arrested: Jan. 28 at
9:57

Released: Jan. 28

Charges: Probation Violation



Calhoun, Jennifer Ann – age 51

Arrested: Jan. 28 at
23:33

Not released as of
print

Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive
in Public



Crowe, Dallas Ed- ward – age 41

Arrested: Jan. 29 at
00:48

Released: Jan. 29

Charges: Driving While Impaired



Teesateskie, Brian Elliot – age 40

Arrested: Jan. 28
(time not given)

Not released as of
print

Charges: Called and Failed



Lossiah, Kyle Shane – age 27

Arrested: Jan. 29 at
22:35

Not released as of
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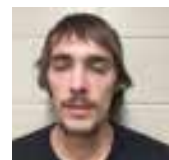
Charges: Assault on a Female

Welch Jr., Benny Lee – age 28

Arrested: Jan. 30 at
15:31

Released: Jan. 30

Charges: Compulsory School At-
tendance



Frady, Aaron Lee – age 20

Arrested: Jan. 31 at
15:40

Not released as of
print

Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful
Order of the Court



Howard, Della Bradley – age 49

Arrested: Jan. 31 at
00:30

Released: Jan. 31

Charges: First Degree Trespass,
Resisting Lawful Arrest



Martin Jr., George David – age 33

Arrested: Jan. 31 at
16:38

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Charges: Called and Failed



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Native News by State

CALIFORNIA

DEHESA – A new cultural center and museum is slated to be build where a tennis court now sits by the Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Indians. The 12 courts, which sit on the grounds of the Sycuan Resort & Casino, was closed on Tuesday, Feb. 2 and construction on the museum has started with a grand opening scheduled for the spring. Cody Martinez, Sycuan tribal chairman, told the San Diego Union-Tribune that the museum will house the tribe's cultural resource department and will include educational facilities, classrooms and storage areas. Not everyone was happy about the announcement. "I'm super disappointed," Fred Stutz, member of the tennis club for 30 years told the paper. "This is a huge loss for the East County tennis community." The cost to renovate the tennis center for the museum is around \$350,000.

- San Diego Union-Tribune

MAINE

PRINCETON – Dennis L. Brown, 32, has been sentenced to 10 days in jail after pleading guilty in Maine District Court to a criminal violation of environmental laws. Brown, who previously served as the certified operator for the Passamaquoddy Tribal Government's wastewater treatment plant, was sentenced the same day he pleaded, Wednesday, Jan. 27. He pleaded guilty to dumping around 96,000 gallons of raw sewage from the plant into a residential neighborhood. Brown also agreed to surrender his operator's certification.

- Portland Press Herald

SOUTH DAKOTA

PINE RIDGE – Hundreds of Oglala Sioux tribal members marched in a "Justice for Emily" walk on Wednesday, Jan. 27 in honor and memory of Emily Bluebird, 24 mother of two, whose body was found a week ago. Marchers went from the Sioux Funeral Home to Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge Village and called for an end to violence

and justice for Bluebird. Ann LeBeau, 23, has been charged with first degree murder in an indictment that alleges she strangled Bluebird sometime between Jan. 1-21. Fred Quiver, 29, has been charged with accessory to first degree murder.

- Native News Online

WASHINGTON

PUYALLUP – The Puyallup Tribe of Indians is planning to open a marijuana testing laboratory at its cancer-treatment center. The tribe worked out a deal with Washington Governor Jay Inslee and the state's Liquor and Cannabis Board in what John Weymer, Puyallup tribal spokesman, called "Phase I" of their plans. "Our tribe feels that the medical aspect of cannabis is very important and as we grow we want to incorporate that into our health system, possibly," Weymer said in a statement to the Tacoma News-Tribune. The tribe said the lab will also offer safety and potency tests to state marijuana license holders.

- Tacoma News-Tribune

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Chief's Monthly Report for January 2016

PRINCIPAL CHIEF PATRICK H. LAMBERT

We started out this month in the New Year with a five-day weekend!

I happily granted administrative leave for our employees to spend time with family and friends to get recharged for the beginning of a new and fresh start.

The 5th and 7th were the monthly Budget and Tribal Council sessions.

On the evening of the 7th, immediately after Tribal Council ended for the day, Cyndi and I traveled to Orlando, Fla. to join our children as I prepared to run a full 26.2-mile marathon on Sunday, Jan. 10. The day before the marathon, my daughter and daughter-in-law (Gina and Kim) ran the half marathon 13.1 miles. I am very proud of them. It was a first for both of them.

I can't tell you how blessed I feel to be able to complete such a race. It took every ounce of determination and stamina I had to complete the 26.2 miles but I did, barely. Cyndi filmed a 30 second video of me about ½ mile from the finish line. I laughed when I watched it because it looked like I was in slow motion... my legs were barely moving. But, I survived and was greatly relieved after the race. My goal was to finish in less than 6 hours, and I made it with a few minutes to spare. I averaged about a 13-minute mile. The course we ran took us thru all four parks at Disney including Epcot, Magic Kingdom, Animal Kingdom, and Hollywood Studios plus the



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Principal Chief Patrick Lambert (right) and Rafael Lopez, Commissioner in the Administration on Children, Youth and Families within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, sign the finalized Title IV-E plan for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians on Thursday, Jan. 14.

Wide World of Sports complex. It was tough, but fun. I enjoyed spending time with my family and was able to share the experience with my son, Nelson, who ran alongside me in the marathon.

Thursday, Jan. 14

I signed the Title IV-E Grant in the council chambers along with Rafael López, Commissioner Administration on Children, Youth and Families, US Department of Health and Human Services from Washington DC; Council members; children and the PHHS staff. It was a very important milestone in the history of our Tribe. Our Tribe became only the seventh all across the United States to have direct access to a Title IV-E plan. This speaks highly of our staff and their abilities

as well as the sovereignty of our Tribe. It was a very proud moment for our children and families and I was very happy to be a part of it.

Monday, Jan. 18

The Big Cove community honored volunteers and other contributors to their community with an Appreciation Dinner. I appreciated the invitation and Cyndi attended on our behalf. The Big Cove community has always been very special to us and we always enjoy their company and the food. Thank you Big Cove for recognizing all your volunteers.

Tuesday, Jan. 19

We had a work session with Tribal Council where several new pieces of legislation was discussed

and worked on. We also had a Planning Committee meeting where we agreed to build the bowling alley. I was able to work with the TCGE and got the Tribe's share of the Bowling Alley cut back, from the \$15 Million that was originally proposed by the prior administration, to where it will only cost the Tribe \$6.5 million. I was able to save the Tribal reserves \$8.5 million from what the previous administration was pushing to spend!

Sunday, Jan. 21

In one day, we lost five tribal members. This had to have been one of the saddest days for so many of our families. My heart was heavy with sadness and sorrow for all of the families that

went through the loss of a loved one. There were so many deaths in just that one day that the vast majority of our Tribe felt the pain of losing many of our beloved enrolled members. Grimly enough, that was just the start to a stretch of a week to 10 days where we had 13 deaths of Tribal members. On Friday, Jan. 29, there were four funeral services in one day. I have never seen it like this before. Words cannot express how we all felt because it was shocking and very sad. I personally want to extend my prayers and condolences to each of these families.

Several of those deaths had some drug abuse involvement, and I am so angry about that and heartbroken for the senselessness of it all. I am bringing emergency legislation into the February

Council to meet this drug epidemic head-on! Treatment centers alone is not going to be enough, so I am going to propose abolishing the Drug Court and instead send the drug dealers and users when they commit crimes into Criminal Court and get tough on crime! I will propose stringent sentencing requirements and to stop treating this like a sickness and treat it as a crime! I am angry about the drugs in our communities, and I know we have to have treatment and recovery centers, but we also have to protect our Cherokee families and if that means throwing their butts in jail then that is what needs to happen. Enough misery has gripped our Tribe and we must pull out all the stops to end this madness! Talk to your Council member to support the legislation I bring forward to

help our Tribe and to make the changes we all want to see.

Wednesday, Jan. 20 – Friday, Jan. 22

I issued Administrative Leave due to the severe weather with ice and snow. We were hit with several inches of snow and the Tribe, schools and businesses had to shut down for a few days due to the dangerous road conditions. I am very proud of our emergency crews such as the Fire, EMS, Police, DOT etc. for being on standby and taking charge to make sure our elders, children, and families were safe and taken care of. Our preparations really paid off, and I am proud of the work all our departments did. I have recently approved expenditures for several more pieces of equipment to handle additional snow falls and we will be able to do an even better job if it hits again.

Jan. 25-29

This entire week I attended on average two or more funerals every day for all of the people we lost in the previous week. Again, it has been so heartbreaking for our Tribe to lose so many in this short amount of time. We all need to continue to be there to support these families because they will need us more than ever. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Tuesday, Jan. 26

I attended the opening for the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) training session held at our casino. It is the first time the NIGC has held a training session here and I was pleased to give the opening and welcome speech. We had visitors from several different tribes across the East and South.

Later that same morning, we

held a Business Committee meeting that took up the rest of the morning and we were able to get a lot of Tribal business done. I appreciate Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha coming up from Snowbird attending the meeting so that we would have a quorum to be able to vote on all the issues and complete the agenda.

Sadly, on Friday, Jan. 29 and Saturday, Jan. 30, we lost two more members. My prayers are with Rock Burgess and her family and also Ms. Nannie Taylor and her family.

This month has been very busy, and we will continue to make the right decisions for our Tribe and our people. I want to thank all of our employees that helped through the difficult days of snow and the difficult days of sadness. Tribal Construction has done a really good job helping get all the graves dug, ready and covered and the bad weather on top of it made it difficult as well. I also want to thank all the churches, singers and Preachers in our communities! We truly have some remarkable, strong people and together we can support each other when we need it the most. Thank you so much.

And, finally I want to let you know that I have been hard at work putting together a “First 100 Days” report and will be sending that out to you in a few days, so watch for it. We have covered so much ground in a short period of time and I think you will enjoy looking back over the past 100 days and remember how far we have already come and how much more work that lies ahead. I am very proud to be a part of such a great Tribe!

God bless you and the EBCL.


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BASKETBALL

Lady Braves pound Hayesville with threes

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Cherokee Lady Braves (14-4, 8-0) remained unbeaten in the Big Smoky Mountain Conference by draining three-point shots all night in a home game against the Hayesville Yellow Jackets (5-12, 1-6) on Tuesday, Jan. 26. Cherokee scored 48 of its 77

points on the night with three-point shots as they rode away with a huge 77-31 win.

"I thought we played really well in the first half," said Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach. "We passed the ball really well. Defensively, that's probably as good as we've played in awhile."

Coach Mintz said three Cherokee players were back from injury for this game. "It's good to be able to get them some good

minutes and get them back into the flow and get ourselves ready for what's about to come up."

Cherokee jumped out on top early in this game in which they never trailed. Bree Stamper, senior point guard, hit three early three-point shots as the Lady Braves moved the ball well in the first few minutes and took a 13-2 lead at the 5:04 mark of the first period. Stamper led Cherokee with 19 points including five three-pointers. From there, they went on an 8-0 run and lead 21-2 at the 2:58 mark. Cherokee ended up taking a 24-5 lead to the second period.

The Lady Braves kept the pressure up extending their lead to 38-12 with just under three minutes left in the second, and they took a 43-16 lead into the locker room.

Shots came hard for both teams coming out for the third period and three minutes in the score was only 46-21. After that, Cherokee heated up and went on a 10-1 run to lead 56-22 with 2:28 left in the third. They went on to lead 61-26 going into the fourth.

At the 6:53 mark of the fourth, LeLe Lossiah, Cherokee senior guard, hit a three-point shot to put the Lady Braves up 67-26 thereby invoking the NCHSAA mercy rule. Lossiah was one of four Lady Braves in double figures for the game including Stamper, Tori Teesateskie 12, and Pooh King 14.

Cherokee cruised on for the big 77-31 win.

Other Cherokee scorers included: Carla Wolfe 2, Shelby Wolfe 4, Jamie Lossiah 3, Jordan Maney 5 and Timiyah Brown 6.

Hayesville scorers included: Savannah Annis 11, Emily Thurmond 1, Emma Cox 2, Emory Patton 2, Makayla Anderson 8, Megan Woody 5 and Kimonta Lloyd 2.



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Cherokee's LeLe Lossiah lines up for a three-point shot in the second half of Tuesday's home game against Hayesville. Lossiah, one of four Lady Braves in double figures, scored all 12 of her points on three-point shots.

BASKETBALL

Braves vault into first place with win over Hayesville

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Cherokee Braves (15-3, 7-1) vaulted into first place in the Big Smoky Mountain Conference with a 109-80 home win over former first place holder Hayesville (13-4, 6-1) on Tuesday, Jan. 26. Cherokee, who is on a seven game winning streak, shot well from the floor (63 percent) and had four players in double digits on the night as they avenged an early season loss to the Yellow Jackets.

"It means a lot," said Willis Tullos, Braves head coach. "If we win our next four conference games, then we'll be the Smoky Mountain Conference champions and that means a lot. This was a big ballgame for us, and our kids played great. I can't tell you how proud I am of them. They stepped up when it was time."

Coach Tullos related that Hayesville has two college basketball prospects on their team and added that Cherokee has some as well, "If someone can't see that we've got some kids that can play college basketball after this game, they're crazy."

The Braves were led by Justus Day, sophomore forward, with 31 points, 2 assists, 5 rebounds and 3 steals. Also in double digits were Jason McMillan, senior guard, with 24 points, 2 assists, 5 rebounds, 3 steals; Tye Mintz, sophomore forward, with 23 points, 1 assist, 10 rebounds; and Holden Straughan, sophomore guard, with 10 points, 1 assist, 2 rebounds and 1 steal.

The first period was very close. So close in fact that there were seven lead changes in the first four minutes. At the midway mark, Cherokee grabbed a 16-13 lead and would not relinquish it again. They went on a 12-8 run for the



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Cherokee's Jason McMillan (#1) goes for a shot over Hayesville's Hunter Reaux (#15) during a home game on Tuesday, Jan. 26. McMillan finished the game with 24 points, 2 assists, 5 rebounds and 3 steals.

remainder of the period to lead 28-21 at the end of the first.

The Braves went on a 14-7 run in the first four minutes of the second period to lead 42-28, and they would go on to take a 53-38 lead into the locker room.

Cherokee outscored Hayesville by 10 points (30-20) in the third period and led by 25 (83-58) going into the fourth. The fourth period

was closer with both teams getting some good bench play, and Cherokee cruised on to a 109-80 victory.

Other Braves scorers included: Trace Lambert 2, Kennan Panther 6, Josiah Lossiah 2, Cory Junaluska 8 and Logan Teesateskie 3.

Hayesville was led by Braxton Cox with 28 points followed by Zach Cottrell 22 and Josh Cottrell 15.

BASKETBALL

Lady Braves stay perfect in conference

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

MURPHY – The Cherokee Lady Braves stayed perfect (9-0) in Big Smoky Mountain Conference play with a 25-point (80-

55) win at Murphy on Friday, Jan. 29. Pooh King, junior point guard, led Cherokee with 29 points with 25 of those coming in the first half.

Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach, said road games are never easy. “We did what we needed to do to win. We

played hard. We did what we needed to do in the fourth to make sure we go the victory.”

“They’re (Murphy) so big and their center is so good and is such a hard person to keep off the boards, we just concentrated on trying to stop the offensive rebounds. They were

killing us early with it. We did a little bit better job, but still not as good as we wanted to.”

The Lady Braves had four players in double digits including King, Tori Teesateskie 13, Timiyah Brown 11 and Shelby Wolfe 10.

Murphy scored first and led briefly in the first few minutes – their only lead of the game. Cherokee got going and took the lead (7-4) at the 5:37 mark and never relinquished it again. They ended up leading 23-12 at the end of the first.

Both teams were just about even for the first two minutes of the second as Cherokee led 31-17 at the 5:51 mark. They went on to take an 18-point (49-31) lead into the locker room.

The third period was also relatively close with Cherokee keeping a 20-point lead for most of the eight minutes. The Lady Braves led 67-49 at the end of the third.

Cherokee outscored Murphy 13-6 in the final period to seal the 80-55 victory.

Other Lady Braves scorers included: Macie Welch 5, Carla Wolfe 4, Jamie Lossiah 4, Brionna Jumper 2 and Jordan Maney 2.

Murphy scorers included: Hailey Thompson 5, Karyn Stiles 11, Cassie Coker 4, Ellie Martin 8, Shelby Shore 6, Aubray Clapsaddle 11 and Emma Stroup 10.



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Cherokee's Shelby Wolfe (#14) goes for a shot around Murphy's Kiara Dalrymple during a game at Murphy on Friday, Jan. 29. Wolfe finished the game with 10 points.

BASKETBALL

Braves outrun Murphy in key road win

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

MURPHY – The Cherokee Braves (16-3) remained atop the Big Smoky Mountain Con-

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“Coming off that big, emotional win we had on Tuesday (vs. Hayesville), I think we did

pretty good,” said Willis Tullos, Braves head coach. “It's hard to win a big game like we did on Tuesday against Hayesville and come and have the same intensity and the same focus, but I thought they (Braves) came back in the second half,

got focused and played well. I was pleased with their effort.” Justus Day, sophomore forward, led Cherokee with 26 points, 2 assists, 1 rebound and 3 steals. He was followed by Jason McMillan with 16 points, 6 assists, 4 rebounds and 6 steals; Tye Mintz 14 points, 2 assists, 8 rebounds and 2 steals; and Holden Straughan



Cherokee got a lot of play from their bench in the second half. Here, Dezman Crowe goes hard inside for a shot. He finished the game with 3 points and 2 rebounds.

10 points, 2 assists, 1 block and 1 steal.

The Braves jumped out to an early 5-0 lead in the first minute of the game. Neither team shot particularly well in the opening period, and both missed shots inside and outside. The Braves led 15-9 at the 3:39 mark and went on to lead 21-13 at the end of the first.

The first two minutes of the second period were relatively even, the Braves led 25-16 at the 6:19 mark. From that point, the Braves went on a 7-0 run and led 32-16 just inside the five minute mark. They went on to take a 44-23 lead into the locker room.

Cherokee came out for the third period on fire and scored seven points in the first 43 seconds to lead 51-23. The Braves outscored Murphy 37-18 in the third. With 1:57 left in the

period, Straughan was fouled while taking a three-point shot. He made all three foul shots to give Cherokee a 78-37 lead thereby invoking the NCHSAA mercy rule, and the clock ran for the remainder of the game. The Braves led by 40 points (81-41) at the end of the third.

The Braves were able to get a lot of bench play in the third and fourth periods, and they held Murphy scoreless in the fourth period as Cherokee won 90-41.

Other Braves stats include: Jeff Girty 3pts; Kennan Panther 4pts, 3 reb, 1 steal; Dez Crowe 3 pts, 2 reb; Isaiah Evans 2pts, 4 reb, 1 steal; Cory Junaluska 2 pts, 6 reb; and Logan Teesateskie 6 pts, 1 assist, 1 reb.

The Bulldogs were led by Hagan Newton with 12 points followed by Anthony Connors 7 and Hayden Hughes 6.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

Justus Day, Braves sophomore forward, prepares for a layup in the first half of Friday's game at Murphy. He led Cherokee with 26 points, 2 assists, 1 rebound and 3 steals.

Toineeta wins SMC Tournament, named Most Outstanding Wrestler

AMBLE SMOKER ONE FEATHER STAFF

ROBBINSVILLE
- Less than a week after a marque victory and claiming the number-one ranking in the west by Retro Rankings, Cherokee's Anthony Toineeta squared off against Rosman's Tanner Whitman in a rematch to determine the top wrestler in the 145lbs division of the Smoky Mountain Conference on Saturday, Jan. 30.

Toineeta earned a first-round bye based on his performance during the season. He pinned Robbinsville's Brady Lovin at the 1:33 mark of the first round in the semifinals. Then, he emerged victorious after building a 5-1 lead and held off a hard charging Whitman in the final seconds of the Smoky Mountain Conference championships. Afterwards, he was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler in the SMC Tournament.

Cherokee's Jonah Burnhisel, from the 113lbs division, took second place. After a first-round bye, he pinned Rosman's Shaylan



Photo courtesy of Sean Brooks

Cherokee's Anthony Toineeta (top) is shown wrestling Robbinsville's Brady Lovin in the semifinal match in the 145lb division at the SMC Championships on Saturday, Jan. 30. Toineeta won the match and went on to win the entire division.

Fisher with 20 seconds left in the semi-final round. He would face eventual SMC tournament winner Arlus Orr from Robbinsville in the finals.

Lloyd Mitchell, also representing Cherokee, took second place in the 182lbs division after defeating Robbinsville's Freddy Romero in the semi-finals by a 9-5 decision. He would finish as a runner-up to Swain's Caleb Woodard.

Other notable Braves finishes included Xander

Brady in the 195lbs division who finished fourth and Dakota Ward from the 285lbs division who also finished fourth.

Cherokee Wrestlers:

113: Jonah Burnhisel (Cherokee) – Second Place
Quarterfinals - Jonah Burnhisel (Cherokee) received a bye
Semifinals - Jonah Burnhisel (Cherokee) over Shaylan Fisher (Rosman) (Fall 5:40)
1st Place Match - Arlus Orr (Robbinsville) over Jonah Burnhisel (Cherokee) (Fall 0:45)

138: Sam Sneed (Cherokee)
Quarterfinals - William Ogle Smair (Swain County) over Sam Sneed (Cherokee) (Fall 1:03)
Cons. Round 1 - Sam Sneed (Cherokee) received a bye
Cons. Semis - Dustin Garret (Murphy) over Sam Sneed (Cherokee) (TF 17-2 0:00)
145: Anthony Toineeta (Cherokee) First Place
Quarterfinals - Anthony Toineeta (Cherokee) received a bye
Semifinals - Anthony Toineeta (Cher-

okee) over Brady Lovin (Robbinsville) (Fall 1:33)
1st Place Match - Anthony Toineeta (Cherokee) over Tanner Whitman (Rosman) (Dec 5-1)

152: Xavier Locust (Cherokee)
Quarterfinals - Aaron O'Connell (Hiwassee Dam) over Xavier Locust (Cherokee) (Fall 5:32)
Cons. Round 1 - Xavier Locust (Cherokee) received a bye
Cons. Semis - Payne Anderson (Robbinsville) over Xavier Locust (Cherokee) (Fall 5:27)

170: Andrew Griffin (Cherokee)
Quarterfinals - Austin Lovin (Robbinsville) over Andrew Griffin (Cherokee) (Fall 1:34)
Cons. Round 1 - Andrew Griffin (Cherokee) received a bye
Cons. Semis - Russell Swangim (Rosman) over Andrew Griffin (Cherokee) (Fall 0:23)

182: Lloyd Mitchell (Cherokee) – Second Place
Quarterfinals - Lloyd Mitchell (Cherokee) received a bye
Semifinals - Lloyd Mitchell (Cherokee) over Freddy Romero (Robbinsville) (Dec 9-5)
1st Place Match - Caleb Wood

see **TOINEETA** next page

Toineeta becomes the No. 1 ranked wrestler in the West

AMBLE SMOKER ONE FEATHER STAFF

ROSMAN – Cherokee’s Anthony Toineeta achieved a major career milestone as he defeated the No. 1 ranked wrestler in the west by Retro Rankings, Tanner Whitman (Rosman), in a 7-0 decision at the bout against the Rosman Tigers on Tuesday, Jan. 26. The victory propelled Toineeta to the No. 1 ranked position in the West and No. 2 in the state of North Carolina at the 145lbs division.

His victory over Whitman is the latest in-season accolade which also includes a first place finish at the Osley B. Saunooke tournament in Cherokee on Jan. 2 and a first place finish at the

James Orr Memorial in Robbinsville on Jan. 16. Jonah Burnhisel also collected six points for the Braves via pin fall in the 113lbs division and Lloyd Mitchell won by major decision in the 182lbs division as the Braves fell by a score of 57-13 to the Tigers. The Braves surrendered two forfeits, six pin falls, one decision, and one injury default to the Tigers.

113 – Jonah Burnhisel (CHER) pinned Shaylan Fisher (ROS)

120 – Tristan Praytor (ROS) won by forfeit

126 – Marcus Stamey (ROS) pinned Seth Sneed (CHER)

132 – Jacob Meyers (ROS) pinned Kevin Jackson (CHER)

138 – Ethan Orr (ROS) pinned Sam Sneed (CHER)

145 – Anthony Toineeta (CHER) pinned Tanner Whitman (ROS)

152 – Kameron Vaughan (ROS) pinned Xavier Locust (CHER)

160 – Matt Cole (ROS) won by injury default over Lucas Woodard (CHER)

170 – Russell Swangim (ROS) pinned Andrew Griffin (CHER)

182 – Lloyd Mitchell (CHER) won by major decision over Adrian Villagomez (ROS)

195 – Manuel Suarez (ROS) pinned Xander Brady (CHER)

220 – Landon Shipman (ROS) won by forfeit

285 – Andreas Villagomez (ROS) pinned Dakota Ward (CHER)

SCOREBOARD

PREP BASKETBALL

Girls

Tuesday, Jan. 26

Cherokee 77 Hayesville 31

Rosman 59 Swain 58

Smoky Mountain 64 Franklin 44

Andrews 62 Murphy 54

Hiwassee Dam 80 Blue Ridge 9

Wednesday, Jan. 27

Smoky Mountain 62 W. Henderson 48

Pisgah 68 Franklin 44

Thursday, Jan. 28

Robbinsville 52 Rosman 31

Friday, Jan. 29

Cherokee 80 Murphy 55

Robbinsville 60 Andrews 37

Hayesville 72 Nantahala 27

Franklin 45 N. Henderson 39

Rosman 58 Highlands 48

Hiwassee Dam 66 Swain 31

Boys

Tuesday, Jan. 26

Cherokee 109 Hayesville 80

Rosman 66 Swain 64

Smoky Mountain 89 Franklin 47

Andrews 66 Murphy 54

Wednesday, Jan. 27

Hayesville 86 Andrews 39

Pisgah 77 Franklin 48

Smoky Mountain 67 W. Henderson 31

Thursday, Jan. 28

Rosman 55 Robbinsville 51

Swain 65 Hiwassee Dam 49

Friday, Jan. 29

Cherokee 90 Murphy 41

Hayesville 80 Nantahala 42

N. Henderson 81 Franklin 44

Rosman 64 Highlands 62

Robbinsville 62 Andrews 61

WRESTLING

Tuesday, Jan. 26

Rosman 57 Cherokee 13

Thursday, Jan. 28

Smoky Mountain 37 W. Henderson 33

MS WRESTLING

The Cherokee Middle School wrestling team finished in fifth-place with 107 points at the Smoky Mountain Conference Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 30. The finishing order included: Swain 215.5, Robbinsville 207.5, Murphy 118, Hayesville 114, Cherokee 107, and Rosman 86.

Defending Middle School conference champion, Rider Sneed (220lbs) and Caden Pheasant (126lbs) both finished in first place. Jaden Welch (113lbs) and Devy George (170lbs) finished in second place of their division. Dakota Siwiemptua (98lbs) finished third in his division and Jacob Norton (90lbs), Braylen Arch (132lbs), Braden Taylor (160lbs) and Ian Crowe (182lbs) finished fourth in their divisions.

TOINEETA: SMC wrestling coverage from page 14

ard (Swain County) over Lloyd Mitchell (Cherokee) (Fall 1:42)

195: Xander Brady (Cherokee) – Fourth Place

Quarterfinals - Xander Brady (Cherokee) over Blake Sawyer (Robbinsville) (Fall 1:57)

Semifinals - Jacob Matheson (Hayesville) over Xander Brady (Cherokee) (Fall 3:41)

Cons. Semis - Xander Brady (Cherokee) received a bye 3rd Place Match - William Paul (Swain County) over Xander Brady (Cherokee) (Fall 3:20)

285: Dakota Ward (Cherokee) – Fourth Place

Quarterfinals - Corbin Wildcatt (Swain County) over Dakota Ward (Cherokee) (Fall 1:16)

Cons. Round 1 - Dakota Ward (Cherokee) received a bye Cons. Semis - Dakota Ward (Cherokee) over Cody Gibson (Hiwassee Dam) (Fall 2:11)

3rd Place Match - Toby Hedrick (Robbinsville) over Dakota Ward (Cherokee) (Fall 2:31)

Hyatt bringing Smile Drive to S. Dakota



Photo by Roshan Spotsville

Miss Native American USA Kristina Hyatt

AMBLE SMOKER ONE FEATHER STAFF

Miss Native American USA Kristina Hyatt, an EBCI tribal member from the Big Cove community, is teaming up with America's ToothFairy Team for the annual America's ToothFairy Smile Drive. Hyatt, a Dental Hygienist with the EBCI Children's Dental Program, is collecting oral care products including toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss at locations

across Cherokee to benefit underserved Native American children from the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and other native communities.

One of the Smile Drive locations will be held at the Cherokee Elementary School where students will have the opportunity to donate items for oral hygiene packs as a part of their annual Sacred Path Community Service Project. The goal is to collect enough hygiene products to make 500 oral hy-

giene packs which will consist of a toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, and a personal note from students at the Cherokee Elementary School.

"The reason I decided to compete for Miss Native American, USA, was because I saw it as a way to make my voice heard and raise awareness," said Hyatt. "The crown has given me many more opportunities to educate people about the importance of oral health since access to dental care is an issue for a lot of other tribes."

Pediatric dental disease is the leading chronic illness affecting Native American children. According to the Indian Health Service, American Indian and Alaskan Native preschoolers experience tooth decay at a rate five-times higher than other children in the United States. Hyatt's goal is to raise awareness of oral health across Indian Country and provide the necessary tools to combat the almost completely preventable disease.

Hyatt plans to travel to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota on Feb. 21 to deliver the packages and raise awareness on the impor-

tance of oral health. According to the WK Kellogg Foundation, 46 percent of children on the Pine Ridge Reservation suffer from moderate to urgent dental needs, including infections and other life-threatening problems. She will be visiting a local school and several Head Start programs while donating the oral hygiene packs donated by the Cherokee community.

In 2015, Hyatt held a Smile Drive for the Cherokee community which benefitted children at the Cherokee Youth Center, Snowbird Youth Center, and the Cherokee Children's Home. During the Cherokee Smile Drive, she collected the most items by a dental hygienist with over 5,000 products donated from the community. She hopes to have the same success this year as she reaches out to more Native American students living on other reservations.

"I would like to challenge each of you to participate in this special Smile Drive effort and give the gift of a beautiful, healthy smile to a Native American child," related Hyatt.

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Chief Lambert creates Tribe's first-ever Veterans Service Coordinator

In Principal Chief Patrick Lambert's first budget, he created a first-of-its-kind position in Indian Country, a Veterans Service Coordinator.

"The job of the Veterans Service Coordinator's position is to work alongside our veteran's community and aid them in receiving services they so rightfully deserve," stated Chief Lambert. "Whether its health-care related, needing help going back to school, or receiving housing, our Cherokee veterans

will now have someone who is fully dedicated to their success. No person who has worn the uniform of the United States should ever have to go without, and under my administration I'll make sure they receive the honor and dignity that's due."

As a United States Army veteran, Chief Lambert put a priority on the creation of this new position – making this one of his major achievements in his first 100 days since taking office. The creation of

this new position was a major piece in Chief Lambert's platform this past summer, after holding a veterans roundtable where he spoke at length with local veterans on their issues and concerns.

"Too often I heard from our veterans and others that we need a dedicated professional whose sole purpose is to work alongside and advocate for these heroes," said Chief Lambert.

The Veterans Service Coordinator will be housed under the

Department of Public Health and Human Services and will work closely with the Principal Chief, Secretary of Public Health and Human Services, and other community stakeholders.

For more information on Chief Lambert and his work on behalf of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, please visit his Facebook page: Patrick Lambert – Principal Chief.

- Office of the Principal Chief

VETERANS CORNER

Sergeant Frank J. Taylor Sr. – Part I

Sergeant Frank J. Taylor Sr. is an EBCI tribal member and an United States Army veteran from the Paint-town Community.

Sgt. Taylor was drafted into the US Army out of the Cherokee Indian Boarding School in 1945. Upon completion of both Basic Training and Infantry Training, he was assigned to the 756th Heavy Tank battalion Company "B" in Oct. of 1948 as a tank driver in M-26 Pershing tanks. This unit would later be re-designated as the 73rd Heavy Tanks Battalion stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Sgt. Taylor received numerous decorations and awards including: National Defense Service Medal, Victory Medal World War II, World War II Occupation Medal-Army, Korean Service Medal w/5 Bronze Service Stars, United Nations Korean Service Medal, Korean

Presidential Unit Citation, Letter of Commendation for the Support Rendered the 1st ROK Division, and the Korean War 50th Anniversary Medal from the Republic of Korea (received 2003).

Sgt. Taylor felt the tank was the best and most secure place to be. He noted that the Tiger Face painted on the front of the 90mm M-26 Pershing Tank was designed to instill fear in the North Korean and Chinese Communists enemy forces.

Sgt. Taylor left the 73rd Heavy Tank Battalion, "B" company, 4th platoon on Nov. 15, 1951, and returned stateside to continue his military career. He was honorably discharged from the US Army in February 1956.

Check next week's Veteran's Corner for part-two of Sgt. Taylor's personal recollection of his military service.



OBITUARIES

Dorothy Toineeta

Dorothy Toineeta, 88, of the Big Cove Community, went home to be with her parents Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late George and Pearl Wolf Toineeta and granddaughter of the late former Vice Chief Loni Toineeta.

She was a member of the Cherokee Methodist Mission.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Howard Toineeta; half-sister, Geneva Toineeta; and half-brothers, Loni and Edwin Toineeta.

She is survived by two sons, Doug Toineeta and Joseph Redcloud of Cherokee; one sister, Margaret Owle; special cousins Fran McCoy and Matthias Crow; and favorite niece, Gail Parker, all of Cherokee.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Jan. 28 in the Chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Burial was in the Toineeta Family Cemetery.

Margaret “Waggie” Sneed

Margaret “Waggie” Sneed, 78, of Cherokee, passed away Friday, Jan. 22, 2016.

She was born March 27, 1937 in Cherokee to the late Jonah Thompson and Nannie Catolster.

Margaret was a wonderful mother, grandmother, and wife. She enjoyed gardening, fishing, and being outdoors. She also enjoyed spending time with her family and visits from her four grand dogs.

Margaret is survived by her daughter, Trina Sneed Owle and her husband Donnie; two sons, Dennis “Fuzz” Sneed and Darren

“Dune” Sneed and wife Roberta; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Ernest “Bud” Sneed.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 27 at Long House Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Dan Conseen officiated. Burial followed at the Sneed-Hollybush Cemetery. Pallbearers were: Kasdan Saunooke, Aaron Bradley, Rick Sneed, Paul Sneed, Dike Sneed, and Kevin Blackfox.

Morgan M. Bradley (JB)

Morgan M. Bradley (JB) was born July 14, 1949, and he won his battle with cancer on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016. We praise God he no longer has cancer anymore or doesn’t have to worry about it coming back.

He was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Helen Reed Bradley; also his paternal grandmother who raised him, Eva Calhoun Bradley; and his maternal grandparents, Johnson and Dinah Reed. He is also preceded in death by his brothers, Raymond Bradley, Jimmy (Buggy) Bradley, Don Bradley, and Walter (Biddy) Bradley. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Loretta; two sons, Richard with wife Candy, Michael; one special son, Arab Bradley; and two daughters, Tammy and Dee Dee; two special daughters, Shayna Ledford and Beth Grant with husband Drew; one grandson, Jayden; three special grandchildren, CJ, Mika, and Little Evard (Chum); one sister, Carol Bradley Long with husband Cliff; one brother, Bob Reed; one aunt, Eva T. Reed; two uncles, Jerry Wolfe and uncle Ray Kinsland with

wife Jerri; special friends, Connie Keller with husband Richard; and also several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He grew up around his uncles Roy, Jonah and Lawrence Reed, learning how to log and do mechanic work. He worked in Maggie Valley building houses for a few years and later worked full time at the Cherokee’s Factory. He also did odd jobs on the side and horse logged for years. He played in the men’s fast pitch softball league in his younger days, until he found Jesus 36 years ago!

He was a deacon at Big Cove Baptist Church, Macedonia Baptist Church and most recent Acquoni Baptist Church. He was a big supporter of missionaries and their missions.

He had a special place for kids in his heart. If a child needed something, he would do what he could to help them. When he worked for the Boys Club as a bus driver, he was known as “Uncle Grandpa Morgan” on bus #7. He was assigned to work in the school cafeteria between bus runs, where he handed out many dollars and coins. He enjoyed that job most of all because he got to see the kids and he helped them when they needed him.

He fully supported the Cherokee School System and believed in the Braves, Lady Braves and of course the Dallas Cowboys. He watched all the World Series ballgames from little leagues, college to professional boys/girls. He also loved fishing and NASCAR racing until he could no longer attend.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 27 at Acquoni Baptist Church where he was a member. He was buried in the Bradley Family Cemetery on Gali-

more in Big Cove. Evangelist Randy Bane, Missionary Olin Williams, and Pastors Ed Kilgore and Bo Parris officiated the services.

The Cherokee Boys Club School Bus Drivers and nephews were pallbearers. In Lieu of flowers, we would like for people to make donations to Betty’s Place, Cherokee Cancer Support PO Box 2220, Cherokee, NC 28719.

Edward Hardy Ward

Edward Hardy Ward, 95, of Whittier, died Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016 at Skyland Care Center. A lifelong resident of Jackson County, Ward was born June 27, 1920. He is the son of the late John Hardy and the late Elizabeth (Oxyner) Ward. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Margie Cooper Ward; his brothers, Earl, David and Charlie Ward; and sisters, Annie Mae Myers, and Mary E. Reagan.

He worked as a carpenter, building all sorts of things, from birdhouses to barns. He loved building, farming and gardening. He was a member of the Whittier Church of God.

He is survived by two daughters, Shirley (Charles Ray) Elders and Joyce Sutton; grandchildren, Dewayne Elders, Tommy Sutton and Eddie Monteith; six great grandchildren; and three great great grandchildren.

The funeral was held on Friday, Jan. 29 at the Whittier Church Of God with Rev. Ned Pressley, Rev. Shane Silvers, and Rev. Marty Pressley officiating. Burial followed in Union Hill Cemetery, Whittier. An online registry is available at www.appalachianfuneralservices.com

OBITUARIES



Rachel Ann Lambert Hornbuckle

Rachel Ann Lambert Hornbuckle, 74, of Cherokee, went home to be with the Lord, Wednesday Jan. 27, 2016. A lifelong resident of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late Louise Gay Go-forth Lambert and Joseph Gaston Lambert Sr.

Rachel was a loving mother and grandmother. She enjoyed gardening, hunting mushrooms, bird watching, and being with her family. She also loved her many pets.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Pauline Lambert Owle and brother, Raymond Lambert.

She is survived by three brothers, George Lambert and wife Peggy of Cherokee, Joseph Lambert Jr. and wife Alice of Cherokee, and Samuel Lambert of Cherokee; two sisters, Mary Collins of Old Fort and Nellie Lambert of Cherokee; two sons, Mingo Hornbuckle and companion Renee of Cherokee, Buddy Hornbuckle and companion Terry of Cherokee; one daughter, Stacey Hornbuckle Harsh and husband Chris of Cherokee; eight grandchildren, Shawntee, Adrian, Hali, Ajai, Chayton, Darius, Avi, and Uriah; and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Bethabara Baptist Church on Friday, Jan. 29 with Pastor Noah Crowe of Robbinsville First Baptist officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the PAWS no kill shelter in Bryson City.

Isabella Unique Jacobs

Isabella Unique Jacobs, 5-month-old daughter of Colby Jacobs and Brooke Smith, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016.

In addition to her parents, Isabella is survived by her grandparents, Cynthia Grant, Kenny Watty, Kathy Maney, Buford Smith Jr., and Johnny Reece; great grandparents, Robert Goodson, Sharon Ranger, Buford Smith Sr. and wife Jessie, and Rick and Judy Bird; uncles, Chris Jacobs and Christian Alfaro; aunt, Ashlee Smith; and great aunt, Taylor Bird.

Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 29 at the Long House Funeral Home Chapel. Truman Taylor officiated.

Dalton Scott Gunter

Dalton Scott Gunter, 21, of Cherokee, went home to be with the Lord, Friday, Jan. 22, 2016. A lifelong resident of Swain County, he was the son of Gary Scott Gunter of Whittier and Tiffany and Matthew Pummer of Cherokee.

Dalton was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Linda Sue Gunter; great grandparents, Helen E. Owle and Gentry Gunter; and a special cousin Travis "Brock" Squirrel.

In addition to his parents, Dalton is survived by his beloved son, Maddox Scott Gunter of the home; two brothers, Austin Gunter and

Stephen Bird, both of Cherokee; one sister, Madison Pummer of Cherokee; paternal grandparent, Gary C. Gunter; maternal grandparents, Valorie Welch and Bobby Owle; great grandfather, Robert E. Owle; special grandparents, Janice and Timothy Pummer; and many uncles, aunts, cousins, and extended family.

Dalton will always be remembered for his loving nature, kindness, and generosity. He enjoyed spending time with his son, family, and friends, and riding four wheelers, and motorcycles, spending days at the lake or in the mountains, and having vacations with his family.

Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 27 at Bethabara Baptist Church. Revs. Eddie Stillwell and Phillip Ellington officiated with burial in the Owle Family Cemetery.

Sibbald Michael "Mike" Smith


Sibbald Michael "Mike" Smith, 61, of Greenville, SC, passed away Sunday, Jan. 24, 2016.

He is survived by his wife, Vickie Richardson of the home in Greenville; his mother, Mary Catherine Smith of Cherokee; his sister and brother, Cathy Smith Burns of Cherokee, and Gary Smith of South Carolina; his four children, Kellie Bowen and husband Mike Bowen of Maryland, Meggie Carden and husband Tony Carden of Georgia, Jacob Smith and Joshua Smith of South Carolina; and his four grandchildren, Dylan, Anabel, Alice, and Violet.

Michael was preceded in death by his father, Sibbald Smith. Mike attended the United States Naval Academy and Clemson

University, and had a successful and extensive career in electrical engineering. A descendant of Chief Nimrod Jarrett Smith, Mike was a proud member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and dedicated his life to the preservation of his family's heritage. Mike recently worked extensively in Vancouver, British Columbia and received his Professional Engineering license and subsequently his Iron Ring, a symbol usually reserved for those individuals who have attended colleges in Canada.

Funeral services were held in the Chapel of Long House Funeral Home on Saturday, Jan. 30 and were officiated by Red Bradley of Waterfalls Baptist Church. Pallbearers were among the family and friends. Burial was in the Blythe Cemetery in the Wolfstown Community following the services at Long House.



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Cherokee Middle School Honor Roll lists for 2nd quarter

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Alpha Honor Roll: Taylor Quack-enbush, Mackenzie Reed, Tevy West, Elijah Bryant, Betty Lossiah, Patricia Armachain-Biddix, Benjamin Feather, Mylisa Mathis, Keeifer Taylor, Caidyn French, Jamice Mora, Noland Queen, Luther Standing Bear Light in the Lodge,

Alverta Henson

Beta Honor Roll: Makala McGaha, Donna Thompson, Daniel Bean, Malakai Fourkiller-Raby, Joseph Hornbuckle, Emily Bradley, Cameron Lane, Mason Ledford, Nikkia Swayney, Marcus Armachain, Samuel Bernhisel, Taylor Blanton, Timothy Lossiah Jr., Brandon Martin Jr., Eric Salazar, Kyanna Brady, Dason Bryant, Joshua Smith, Johnny Bradley, Phoebe Rattler, Jayden Tooni, Makala Davis, Aria Foerst, Zachariah Losiah, Eli McCoy, Camden Owle, James Reed, Malik Wolfe, Trevor Wolfe

7th Grade

Principal Honor Roll: Maria Reyes, Anthony Allison, Paulo Sadongei
Alpha Honor Roll: Maya Cruz,

Dreyton Long, Destiny Mills, Judson Bradley, Kyle Galanick, Adam Reed, Deante Toineeta, Rossi Wachacha, Rocky Peebles

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Garcia, Julian Littlejohn, Rashonda Wolfe, Leonardo Davis, Calista Wolfe

8th Grade

Principal Honor Roll: David Hartbarger, Destyni Johnson, Raylen Bark
Alpha Honor Roll: Anita Trantham, Acecia Lambert, Breanna Mangold
Beta Honor Roll: Reed Cochran, Dorian Reed, Brian Littlejohn-Bigmeat, Kimberly Hendrix, Sterling Santa Maria, Tierny Bradley, Deliah Esquivel, Michael Kalonaheskie, Brandon Wolfe, Caden Pheasant, Alexa Ledford, Cade Mintz, Shiah Pheasant, Lauren Luther

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Miss Cherokee Report for December 2015

MISS CHEROKEE TARAN SWIMMER

Siyo, happy New Year to everyone. I hope that everyone had a very special time with family and friends during this Christmas season, and I pray that God will bless you all in this new year we are entering.

I would like to share all the events that I was fortunate enough to attend the month of December 2015. It was a very busy month for me, but I enjoyed every minute of it. I was able to attend several Christmas parades, which were very fun to do. I also had the opportunity to visit the Cherokee Central Schools and Peach Tree Elementary school and interact with the students and read a Christmas story to them.

Friday, Dec. 4

I attended the Gatlinburg Christmas Parade where I shared a float with Teen Miss Cherokee Blake Wachacha, Junior Miss Cherokee Abigail Taylor and Little Miss Cherokee Madison Ledford. I would like to say thank you to my Royalty Board members and family who worked really hard on getting all the lights on this float and to the Royalty Board members for taking it down once the parade was over. It was beautiful and we won third place in our division.

Saturday, Dec. 5

I had a very busy day. I attended the Sylva Christmas Parade which was at 3pm, and then I had to rush back to Cherokee for their parade at 5:30pm. I had a great



Photo courtesy of Tina Swimmer

Miss Cherokee Taran Swimmer (far left) is shown with the rest of the EBCI Royalty at the Gatlinburg Christmas Parade in December.

time at both parades. Thank you to Jordyn Thompson for the use of her car for the Sylva parade and my mom, Jordyn and Robert Harris for getting it decorated. Again, I can't thank my Royalty Board enough. While I was attending the Christmas parade in Sylva, Keredith Owens and Deb Bradley were in Cherokee decorating the vehicle that I would be riding on in the Cherokee Parade.

Monday, Dec. 7

I had the honor of attending the flag ceremony at the new Cherokee Indian Hospital. The Steve Youndeer American Legion Post 143 was there to present the colors, and I was honored to have been asked to sing the National Anthem. I am so grateful for all of the sacrifices that have been made and are still being made today from all of our men and women who have served

and who are serving in the armed forces. Taking part in this ceremony made me feel so proud to be a Native American. I also had the honor of getting my picture made with the very first Miss Cherokee, Dorothy McCoy Smith.

On the same day, I attended the Waynesville parade that evening at 6pm. Thank you to my mother, my two Royalty Board members: Connie Huntsman and Marina Graham, my cousins: Shane and Jayan Swimmer for decorating the vehicle and getting me through the parade.

Saturday, Dec. 12

This was the last parade that I attended, and it was in Robbinsville. Samantha Crowe-Hernandez and Irene Smoker did an awesome job decorating the vehicle and thank you to Robert Harris for driving me in this parade. I want to thank my mother who was at every parade with me and made sure that I had everything that I needed for each parade. My Royalty Board members are very creative because the vehicles that I road on in the each parade were never decorated the same but looked absolutely amazing each time.

Monday, Dec. 14 – Wednesday, Dec. 16

I had the privilege to go into a few classrooms and visit with the students at Cherokee Elementary school. I read the book "Olaf's Night Before Christmas" to Mrs. Galloway's class, PreK; Mrs. Hall and Ms. Beck's classes, 4th grade; Mrs. Cornelius' class, 2nd grade; Mrs. Terrell and Mrs. Arch-Saunooke's classes, 3rd grade;

Mrs. Buttery's class, Kindergarten; and Lynn Swearengin's 2nd grade class. It was so much fun to spend time with these students, and I encouraged them to work hard in school and always strive for the best in life.

Monday, Dec. 21

I was able to go to Peach Tree elementary school in Cherokee County. I have a cousin, Gabriel Swimmer, who just started at Peach Tree elementary, and my aunt Rina had asked if I could come and read to his class. After getting everything worked out with Principal Kimberly Worley, I was able to visit with every grade level at the school. I enjoyed reading to the students, but I really enjoyed the question answer time that I got to do with their 3rd and 4th grade students. I spent about an hour and a half with these students and was able to share our culture, language and heritage with these young people. Everyone at the school was so nice and very welcoming to me.

I really enjoyed everything that I was so fortunate to take part in the month of December and just look forward to what comes in 2016. Thanks again to my mom, family members, Royalty Board members and friends for always being there for me. I must say that all of these events would not have been such a wonderful success without these people in my life. God has been so good to me and I pray that he will lead, guide and direct me in everything that I do.

Until next time, God bless and keep you all!

OENR seeking comments on Tribe's Forest Management Plan

The EBCI Office of Environment & Natural Resources has a rough draft of the Tribe's Forest Management Plan available for your comments. The draft is available on the Environmental & Natural Resources website located at <http://ebcienvironmental.com>. Once you have the web up, click on "Our Programs" and then click on "Forest Management Plan Review". As you scroll down the page, a link will be highlighted in blue reading the following: EBCI Forest Management Plan DRAFT 12-15. As you click on this the draft will come available for you to review. Please leave comments at that time.

- EBCI Office of
Environment & Natural Resources

2016 Costa Rica Eco-Study Tour coffee fundraiser

The annual coffee Fundraiser hosted by the students of the Costa Rica -Eco Study Tour is going on now. Ground or whole bean 1 lb. bags are \$15 and can be purchased from the following students and chaperone: Robin Reed, Macie Welch, Tristian Bottchenbaugh, Haley Smith, Katie Sneed, Seth Ledford, Katharine Murray, Kylie Pond, Shelby Hancock and Phillip Graham. Chaperones for this year's tour are: Nikki Crisp, Trudy Crowe, Keanu Crowe, Tyler Taylor, Todd Sessoms and Tammy Jackson. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to assist the Tortuguero

Elementary School in Costa Rica. The Costa Rica Eco-Study Tour is a leadership program funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. Info: Tour Coordinator Tammy Jackson 359-6934

- Tammy Jackson

Upcoming DNA testing schedule

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

- Friday, Feb. 5
- Wednesday, Feb. 10
- Thursday, Feb. 11
- Friday, Feb. 12
- Wednesday, Feb. 17
- Thursday, Feb. 18
- Friday, Feb. 19
- Wednesday, Feb. 24
- Thursday, Feb. 25
- Friday, Feb. 26

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

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

- EBCI Enrollment Office

Cherokee Yoga classes

Classes are free and open to everyone. All levels welcome. All levels Yoga: Tuesdays 12-12:45pm with Robin. Beginner's Yoga: Tuesdays 5-6pm with Julie. Back Care Yoga: Wednesdays 12-12:45pm with Rose. No classes on tribal holidays. Info: Robin 359-6785, robibail@nc-chokeee.com, or Rose 359-6787, rosejame@nc-chokeee.com

- Cherokee Choices

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 new-

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

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

- EBCI Enrollment Office

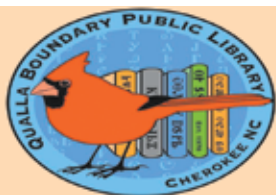
President's Day

The Cherokee One Feather will be closed on Monday, Feb. 15 in honor of President's Day. The deadline for the Feb. 18 paper will remain Friday, Feb. 12.

WCU Cherokee Center hours

Roseanna Belt, WCU Cherokee Center director, will have office hours in Cullowhee on the WCU campus on Mondays and Fridays. She will have an office at the Camp Building in the Educational Outreach division and welcomes all phone calls and visitors. The WCU Cherokee Center will be open as usual, Monday - Friday from 8am - 5pm. Ronda Quillen, office associate, will be there to answer questions and assist you as she can. Juanita Wilson, director of the Right Path program, will also continue to have her office there. Quillen can give you information as to when Juanita will be available. Info: (828) 227-7397 or toll free (800) 928-4968.

- WCU Cherokee Center



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located in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex

Hours of Operation

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Wednesday: 8am - 5pm
Friday: 7:45am - 4:30pm



General Events

Indian Dinner Benefit. Feb.

5 from 11 am – 2pm at Cherokee Tribal EMS Building. Indian Dinners are \$8 and include: fried chicken, pintos, bean bread, cabbage, drink and a dessert. This is to benefit Sara Chovanic, Tribal EMS, who is working to help her mother, who has become ill, with medical bills and other financial responsibilities.

Lecture entitled “Sequoyah:

The Man, the Myth and the Mysteries”. Feb. 6 from 1:30-2:30pm at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum near Vonore, Tenn. This free lecture will be presented by Dr. Duane King, Gilcrease Museum

executive director. Info: (423) 884-6246, www.sequoyahmuseum.org

Screening of “The Anonymous

People”. Feb. 8 from 11 am – 1pm at the Welch Top Conference room at the Cherokee Indian Hospital. Following the movie, which is about recovery from addiction, there will be discussions including on various aspects of recovery. This free event is hosted by the Recover Center at Analenisgi and is being presented by Smoky Mountain LME/MCO. Info: Richie Tanner-hill 586-5501 ext. 1157, richie.tannerhill@smokymountaincenter.com

Fundraiser for Miss Native American USA Kristina Hyatt.

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

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

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-chokeee.com or Robin Callahan 359-6785, robibail@nc-chokeee.com

19th Annual Greening Up the Mountains Festival. April 23 from 10am – 4pm in Sylva. Applications are now being accepted for artists, mountain crafters, environmental and food vendors. The

applications, which will be accepted through April 1, can be downloaded at www.greeningupthemountains.com or picked up at Sylva’s Town Hall at 83 Allen Street. Info: 631-4587

Upcoming Pow Wows for Feb. 5-7


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

Seminole Tribal Fair and Pow Wow. Feb. 5-7 at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Fla. Info: (866) 625-5374, www.semtribefairandpowwow.com

Newcomb High School Senior Class Benefit Contest Pow Wow. Feb. 5-6 at Newcomb High School in Newcomb, NM> MC: Erny Zah. Host Drum: Eagle Creek. Info: Phyllis Wilson (505) 696-3417, wilsp@centralschools.org

Red Hoop Pow Wow. Feb. 6 at Shepherd University Student Center in Shepherdstown, WV. Info: Reed Brown Jr. (717) 314-1459, reedbrownjr@gmail.com

N.C. School of Science and Math Pow Wow. Feb. 6 at Charles Eilber Physical Education Center at NCSSM in Durham. MC: J.D. Moore. Info: Letitia Mason (919) 416-2849, masonl@ncssm.edu



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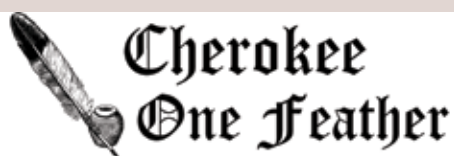
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What's in your wallet?

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

A quick search on Indeed.com, an employment research website, for “Native American Tribal Council”, “Native American Tribal Chief” and “Native American Vice-Chief”, results in annual average salary information of \$92,000, \$132,000 and \$76,000, respectively. When I added the geographic location information of Cherokee, North Carolina, the results were similar (\$86,000 for Tribal Council Representative, \$123,000 for Principal Chief and \$71,000 for Vice Chief). These are not necessarily actual rates of pay, only estimations based on data collected and aggregated by Indeed.com.

Government work is hard. Many people see elected officials sitting in seats elevated above floor level, looking down on a podium and gallery of people and imagine the grandeur of a kingdom. After all, the Tribal Council and Executive Office are in a position to dictate how the Cherokee people will function as a society. These are positions of great power. While the functionality of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians resembles the municipalities of our surrounding counties, the tribe is federally recognized as a nation unto itself. Tribal Council could rightfully be equated to Congress or Parliament and the Principal Chief to a President or Prime Minister.

But, there is much more to the job than sitting in a horseshoe and making decrees. Government officials are public servants. The definition of their duties is service to the constituency or the community that each has been given the opportunity to serve. They are the purveyors of the will of the people. So, off camera, they roll up their sleeves and dive into hours of law review, proposed law and public comment. They position themselves to hear their community through meetings and gatherings. They are bombarded with texts, phone messages, in-person conversations and emails about issues affecting their con-

stituents. They dig graves, attend funerals, clean driveways and serve elder meals. It is how they stay in touch with the people they represent, and it is how they earn and maintain public trust.

Losing touch with the people and violating the public's trust can be devastating to an elected official. Even the perception of impropriety has long lasting, negative results (losing your seat, impeachment, legal action and prosecution). Recent events concerning Tribal Council pay raises are a good example. To date, no actual finding of fact has indicated that any violation of ethical or judicial code has taken place, but because of the perception that money was inappropriately appropriated and distributed to Council members, there has been a public outcry and lawsuits filed. It is likely that voters gave some thought to who they might vote for in the 2015 tribal elections based on the issue of Tribal Council pay.

Current tribal law gives Tribal Council the authority to enact raises for itself (the Principal Chief must either approve or veto, but as with any other legislation, a veto may be overridden by a supermajority of Council). According to law, they are supposed to wait until the “off election” year to enact pay or election laws, which is at the center of the current controversy over elected official pay. An argument is being made that laws were enacted and executed during an election year and that retroactive pay has been illegally been given based on that action. The counter argument is that a previous law entitled Council to the annual increases that they had not received in the ensuing years since the law had been put in place.

Again, even the perception of impropriety can have consequences. How could this be remedied? Well, one suggestion is to move the power to enact raises for elected officials directly into the hands of the people. Create law that demands any pay raise for them has to be done through a referendum on ballots at election time. Leaving

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Cherokee One Feather Poll of the Week Results

Would it benefit the EBCI to put every entity that has to do with tribal members' housing needs in one centralized building?

Yes	90%
No	10%

Question of the week now up on theonefeather.com:
Who do you think is going to win Super Bowl 50?

Poll Responses

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

Would it benefit the EBCI to put every entity that has to do with tribal members' housing needs (i.e. Qualla Housing, Tribal Housing, etc.) in one centralized building?

Evan Watty: Most of it is in one building now.

Tim Rattler: All should be in two places...one in Cherokee and one in Robbinsville...stop making it hard for our families there.

Rose Long: How does one even view listings for Cherokee land/properties, foreclosures, etc.?

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the decision to the elected officials creates an ethical dilemma in each individual seat. Some might think that they are being paid too much; others not nearly enough. Because of the weighted voting system that the tribe employs, it would only take five representatives to vote in a raise; seven representatives to override a veto. Ask any tribal employee, or any employee, if they would like to have the ability to decide the amount of their salary every year simply by affirmation. My guess is that the tribal budget would see a

reduction in services because of a bloated payroll. In human resource departments, positions are evaluated and base pays are established. When an employee wants a raise, they have to go the people they work for and request it. They are evaluated by their employer and the employer decides if the employee gets a raise.

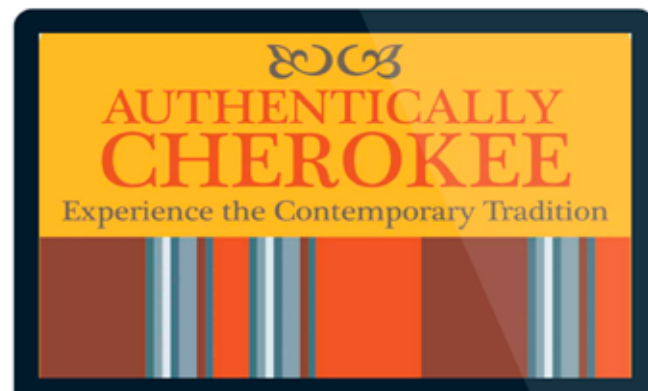
Again, elected officials are public servants. Their bosses are... well...you, the Cherokee community. I think it is up to you to decide how and when our elected official are compensated.



I DON'T THINK PEOPLE REALIZE WHAT THE MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY HAS DONE TO THE AMERICAN INDIAN, AND A MATTER OF FACT, ALL ETHNIC GROUPS. ALL MINORITIES. ALL NON-WHITES. PEOPLE JUST SIMPLY DON'T REALIZE. THEY TOOK IT FOR GRANTED THAT THAT'S THE WAY PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE PRESENTED, AND THAT THESE CLICHES WERE JUST GOING TO BE PERPETUATED. SO WHEN SOMEONE MAKES A PROTEST OF SOME KIND AND SAYS, 'NO, PLEASE DON'T PRESENT THE CHINESE THIS WAY.' ... ON THIS NETWORK, YOU CAN SEE SILLY RENDITIONS OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR. THE LEERING FILIPINO HOUSEBOY, THE WILY JAPANESE OR THE KOOK OR THE GOOK. THE IDIOT BLACK MAN, THE STUPID INDIAN. IT GOES ON AND ON AND ON, AND PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE HOW DEEPLY THESE PEOPLE ARE INJURED BY SEEING THEMSELVES REPRESENTED—NOT THE ADULTS, WHO ARE ALREADY INJURED TO THAT KIND OF PAIN AND PRESSURE, BUT THE CHILDREN. INDIAN CHILDREN, SEEING INDIANS REPRESENTED AS SAVAGE, UGLY, VICIOUS, TREACHEROUS, DRUNKEN—THEY GROW UP ONLY WITH A NEGATIVE IMAGE OF THEMSELVES, AND IT LASTS A LIFETIME.

Marlon Brando

on his refusal of the 1973 Academy Award for Best Actor for his performance in the Godfather.
The Dick Cavett Show, June 12, 1973



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www.authenticallycherokee.com is a website for EBCI artists to promote and sell their artwork to a broader audience. There is no charge to participate. You set your own prices, Sequoyah Fund will assist with shipping and processing payments.

For more information contact Sequoyah Fund: 359-5005



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

Antioch Baptist Church. Coopers Creek Road.

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

Bethabara Baptist Church. 1088 Birdtown Road. 497-7770

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Bible Church. Olivet Church Road. 497-2286

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

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

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

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

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

Cherokee Wesleyan Church. Hwy 19 across from Happy

Holiday Campground. 586-5453

Christ Fellowship Church. Great Smokies Center.

Ela Missionary Baptist Church. Hwy 19 South.

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

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

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

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

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Rock Hill Baptist Church. (828) 356-

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St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church of Cherokee. 82 Old River Road. (828) 280-0209, cherokeeepiscopal@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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Granny's Kitchen Indoor Yard Sale, open at 8am Feb. 5, 6, and 7. Cash only. **2/4pd**

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

REALTY

Painttown Community

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

Aubry Anne George Bigmeat, Wesley Goines Bigmeat, Letisha Nicole Bird, Leslie Shannon Swimmer Bryant, James Arnold Cooper, Michael Doc Lambert, Samuel John Lambert, Ted Major Lambert, Jerry Lossiah, Jr., Eloise George Maney, Lauwanda Kaye Reagan McCoy, Madge Elizabeth Lambert Owle, Shena Dale Pigeon Standingdeer, Tony Standingdeer, Savetta Rowena Bradley Williams, Charles Wolfe, Anna Lee Swimmer Youngdeer, John Irvin Youngdeer

Agreement to Divisions

Carla Marie Sneed Ballew, Megan Michelle Cunningham, Dennis Ray James, George Milton James, Jacob Pete Johnson, Jackie Lee Johnson, Buddy Thomas Lambert, Doris Earlene Lambert, Eric Thomas Lambert, James Dewayne Lambert, Patricia Eldean

Sneed Lambert, Peggy Rosalie Lambert, Melissa Ann Maney, Frankie Nelle James Patencio, Mary Edith Reed Smith, Howard Vincent Sneed, Rena Janet Johnson Wachacha, Mary Louise Sneed Welch, Joseph Lloyd White

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

Proposed Land Transfers

Georgenna Lee Taylor Arch to Robert Mary Taylor for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 692-A (Part of Parcel No. 692), containing 0.405 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Victoria Bradley to Charles Dean Bradley for Painttown Community Parcel No. 704 (Part of Parcel No. 679), containing 1.006 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Peggy Darlene Littlejohn to Moses Oocumma for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 242-G (Part of Parcel No. 242-F), containing 1.500 acres, more or less.

Donna Rai Braddock Hernandez to Zachery Thomas Carroll for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 426 (Part of Parcel No. 35), containing 0.733 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Rachel George Morgan to Sherry Loren Jones for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 79-A (Part of Parcel No. 79), containing 0.602 acres, more or less.

Dana Jay Pheasant to William Lawson Smith for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 432 (Part of Parcel No. 83), containing 0.903 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) available

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

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

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FT PURCHASING AGENT / SUPPLY
FT SUPPLY WAREHOUSE WORKER

Applications and job descriptions are available at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Human Resources Office, Monday – Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm. For more information please call 828 497-9163 and ask for Teresa Carvalho or Deb Toineeta. These positions will close on February 12, 2016 @ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and the original CIHA job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **2/11pd**

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT BASIC EDUCATION TEACHER
ORGANIZATION: Oconaluftee Job Corps (Cherokee Boys Club Contract – U.S. Forest Service)
P. O. Box 507, Cherokee, N. C. 28719 (52 CBC Loop)
OPENING DATE: February 4, 2016
CLOSING DATE: February 18, 2016
REQUIREMENTS: Must have a current NC Teacher’s Certificate. Must have adequate training, skills, and experience to perform all duties required of position and to be competent and reliable.

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

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

Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. **2/11pd**

Western Carolina University is seeking qualified individuals for the following positions:
Administrative Support Specialist
Assistant Director of Greek Student Engagement and Development
Associate Director of Employer Engagement
Associate Director of Intercultural Affairs
Assistant Football Coach
Building & Environmental Services Technician (multiple openings)
Chief Diversity Officer
Counselor
Director of Development
Director of Greek Student Engagement
Executive Director or Residential Living

Faculty Positions:
Assistant/Associate Professor Birth-Kindergarten
Assistant/Associate Professor – Educational Research
Assistant Professor – School Counseling
Assistant Professor - MSHR
Sculpture & Foundations
Instructor – Japanese

Please go to <https://jobs.wcu.edu> for details and to apply online. Western Carolina University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, and veteran status, consistent with applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, and policies, and the policies of The University of North Carolina. Additionally, the University promotes the realization of equal employment opportunity for minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and veterans through its affirmative action program. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in the application and interview process please call (828) 227-7218 or email at jobs@email.wcu.edu. **2/4pd**

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 NCDPI to view standards to meet the qualification for licensure. CCS Human Resources: www.ccs-nc.org **2/11pd**

Southwestern Community College Job Announcement:
Southwestern Community College has an exciting opportunity for a Food Service Manager to start-up and lead the new collage café. Full-time weekday position for experienced food prep and service professional. For more information or to apply, visit us at <http://southwesterncc.hirecentric.com/jobs> **2/4pd**

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If you have already submitted your application, it will be considered active for 6 months from the date of application. To qualify, applicants must be 21 years or older (18-21 years eligible for non-gaming positions), must successfully pass an RIAH hair/drug test and undergo an investigation by Tribal Gaming Commission. Preference for Tribal members. This property is owned by the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation, managed by Caesars Entertainment. The Talent Acquisition Department accepts applications Mon. - Thur. from 8am - 4:30pm. Call 828.497.8778, or send resume to Human Resources Department, 777 Casino Drive, Cherokee, NC 28719 or fax resume to 828.497.8540.



VALENTINE'S DAY Sweetheart Sweepstakes

presented by the Cherokee One Feather

Contest 1

\$5 for a 1/8 page Valentine with Picture and Message

Provide a photo, names and a ten word message for a print holiday message to be included in the February 11 edition of the Cherokee One Feather. With each \$5 entry, you will receive a chance to win a \$25 Walmart gift card and 4 tickets to the Phoenix Theatre.
Winner will be determined by a random draw on February 10.

Contest 2

Upload a Facebook Video Valentine

Post a Valentine's Facebook video of 20 seconds or less to the One Feather Facebook page with a special or personalized message to your recipient. Each video post will be eligible to win a \$25 Walmart gift card and 4 tickets to the Phoenix Theatre in Cherokee.
Winner will be determined by the video with the most "likes." The final tally and awarding of prize will be at 10am on February 10.



Custom Message
Up to 10 Words
Can Go Here

Contest 1 Entry Dates:
January 13 - February 5

Contest 2 Entry Dates:
January 13 - February 10

The contest is open to all participants regardless of age. Kids younger than 18 years of age must have the permission of parent or guardian to participate and parent or guardian must pick up prizes. Entries and ad materials subject to review by COF editor and may be rejected if content is deemed inappropriate for print or social media. COF reserves the right to reject submissions for any reason. No anonymous submissions will be accepted.
Contest prizes: 2 Walmart gift cards were donated to the Cherokee One Feather by Cherokee Elementary School. 8 theatre tickets were donated by the Cherokee Phoenix. Retail value of prize package is \$57.00.

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

Positions originally closing January 29, 2016 @ 4 pm have been extended until February 5, 2016 @ 4pm due to inclement weather.

1. Business Assistant- Cherokee Life (\$20,960-\$26,200)
2. Capital & Contracts Specialist- Purchasing (\$33,280-\$41,600)
3. Maintenance Utility Worker- Facility Management (2 positions) (\$23,040-\$28,800)
4. Recreation Aide- Recreation (\$20,960-\$26,200)
5. Public Health Nurse (RN)- Community Health (\$43,920-\$54,900)
6. Maintenance Worker- QHA (\$23,040-\$28,800)
7. Safety Officer- QHA (\$40,080-\$50,100)
8. Utility Worker Site Development- QHA (\$20,960-\$26,200)
9. Construction Administrative Assistant- QHA (\$30,320-\$37,900)
10. Homeownership/Rental Occupancy Specialist- QHA (\$33,280-\$41,600)
11. Assistant Systems Administrator- IT (\$43,920-\$54,900)
12. Language Specialist- KPEP (\$30,320-\$37,900)

Closing February 5, 2016 @ 4 pm

1. Registered Nurse (RN)- (Re-advertisement) Tsali Care Center (\$43,920-\$54,900)
2. Program Assistant- Cherokee Choices- (Re-advertisement) (\$27,680-\$34,600)
3. Certified Nursing Assistant (C.N.A) (9 positions) (Re-advertisement) -Tsali Care Center (\$23,040-\$28,800)
4. Teacher (12 positions) (Re-advertisement) - Tribal Child Care (\$27,680-\$34,600)
5. Telecommunicator (\$30,320-\$37,900)
6. Composter- Sanitation (\$20,960-\$26,200)
7. Travel Counselor - Destination Marketing (\$20,960-\$26,200)
8. Truck Driver/Crew Leader- Sanitation (\$33,280-\$41,600)
9. Utility Worker- Sanitation (\$20,960-\$26,200)
10. Natural Resources Enforcement Officer -NRE (\$33,280-\$41,600)
11. Corrections Officer- Corrections (\$33,280-\$41,600)
12. Detention Officer- Detention (\$30,320-\$37,900)
13. Paramedic- EMS (\$33,280-\$41,600)

Closing February 12, 2016 @ 4 pm

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

Download Applications & Job Descriptions

NC-Cherokee.com/HumanResources/Employment/Job-Opportunities

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 15-064
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Lizzie Tushka King**
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
Rebecca Sue Thompson, PO Box 838, Cherokee, NC 28719. **2/3pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 15-074
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Joseph Feather**
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 15-002
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Mark Holt**
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
Norma Moss, PO Box 2103, Cherokee, NC 28719. **2/11pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 15-003
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Robert A. Smith**

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Travis K. Smith, P.O. Box 2107, Cherokee, NC 28719. **2/11pd**

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**

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

**Bids are being accepted for
2016 pageant crowns**
2016 Teen Miss Cherokee Crown
• 9" high, EBCI seal in center (seal must have all wording)
• Use any colors/design for personal touch
• Must present design and type of beads that will be used on the crown to the Board. Bid will not be accepted without presentation of design.
2016 Junior Miss Cherokee Crown
• 7" high, EBCI seal in center (seal must have all wording)
• Use any colors/design for personal touch
• Must present design and type of beads that will be used on the crown to the Board. Bid will not be accepted without presentation of design.
2016 Junior Miss Cherokee Crown
• 5" high, EBCI seal in center (seal must have all wording)
• Use any colors/design for personal touch
• Must present design and type of beads that will be used on the crown to the Board. Bid will not be accepted without presentation of design.
Bidders must be prepared to present designs to the Board on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 5pm at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. Info: Yona Wade 554-5032 or email cherokeepageatnboard@gmail.com . **2/4**

**INVITATION FOR BID SALE OF
TIMBER, GRASSY BRANCH
AREA OF
YELLOWHILL COMMUNITY
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE
INDIANS**
SALE OF TIMBER. Sealed Bids in duplicate of forms provided

therefore marked outside: "BID FOR TIMBER, GRASSY BRANCH LOGGING UNIT", and addressed to: Cherokee Agency, Branch of Forestry, P.O. Box 1959, Cherokee, NC 28719. Bids will be received until 3pm EST, February 5th, 2016 for the purchase of merchantable timber on a lump sum basis so designated for cutting contained within the marked boundaries of Parcels # 656-E, 656-K, 656-C, and 656-B. These parcels contain approximately 33 acres of timbered land designated for cutting with an estimated total volume of 509,200 board feet of saw-timber scaling segment 14 inches DIB scaling class and greater, and 1,036.9 cords of topwood. These volumes are furnished for information only and are not guaranteed. Each bidder is urged to make their own independent estimates. Sealed bids in duplicate will be received on provided Form BIA-5318. Please contact Cherokee Agency for these forms, or they may be ascertained via internet.

Each bid shall contain a deposit of 5% of the bid price which shall be in the form of certified check, cashier's check, bank draft, postal money order, or irrevocable letter-of-credit. The minimum acceptable bid shall be \$125/mbf for poplar peelers, \$120/mbf for poplar saw logs, \$160/mbf for red, black, and white oak, \$135/mbf for chestnut oak, \$135/mbf for red maple, \$175/mbf for cherry, \$93/mbf for basswood, \$67/mbf for hickory, and \$59/mbf for other hardwoods. Topwood will be \$30/ton. Topwood is not required to be bid on. Please make a state-ment that you are not bidding on topwood in your bid if you decide not to bid on it.

A performance bond in the

amount of \$5,000.00 shall be required and must be in a form acceptable to the approving officer (Regional Director) before the timber sale contract can be approved. Indian preference will be given to tribal members to meet the higher bid of a non-member. All timber included in this sale shall be paid for in advance of cutting. The right to waive technical defects and to reject any or all bids is reserved. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of the sale and the submission of bids may be obtained from the Forest Manager, David Lambert, C/O Cherokee Agency Forestry, P.O. Box 1959 Cherokee, NC 28719.

2/11

H.E.L.P. Program

Is seeking proposals from contractors that specialize in lawn mowing services for Senior Citizens and Disabled Clients who physically reside on the Reservation lands, including deeded property. Mowing and weedeating will include a fifty (50) foot perimeter around the home, including carports. Clean up will consist of any debris caused from lawn mowing and weedeating. This should be included in the proposal price because there will be no renegotiating once bid is accepted. There are numerous jobs to be completed and will be released to the chosen contractor or contractors depending on their price and qualifications. Work of this nature is subject to and will be in accordance with Tribal Ordinance

280, Chapter 92 Tribal business preference law. TERO certified and qualified vendors will be given preference.

The H.E.L.P program reserves the right to reject any and all bids based on budget constraints and EBCI contract requirements. The following documentation will need to be presented with the bid in order to be considered:

- Company's tribal business license
- Gen.liability insurance certificate
- Automobile insurance certificate
- Worker's compensation insurance certificate
- TERO certification
- W-9

The pulling of all necessary permit(s) needed to perform the work in any of the counties listed above and on the Cherokee Indian

Reservation is the sole responsibility of the contractor performing the work.

It will be the contractors' responsibility to put together their bid packets containing necessary information on scope of work to be performed and submit them to HELP no later than February 26, 2016. . Submit proposal packets no later than February 26, 2016 to Stephanie Welch - HELP Office Coordinator or Darrell Brown at HCD HELP located at 756 Acquoni Rd or mail them to PO Box 455 Cherokee, NC 28719.

Note: Award notifications will go out March 18, 2016 and all lawns will need to be completed no later than September 30, 2016. All invoices must be submitted no later than September 23, 2015. **2/4**



Attention Tribal Members!!

Foreclosure!

Beautiful Home Near Murphy, NC

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EBCI Banishment List

Following is the official banishment list of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The following individuals have been banished from all tribal lands of the tribe. Each listing is shown with the resolution and date of banishment. This list was provided by the TOP Office, and was last updated on Monday, Jan. 25, 2016.

Res. 365 – July 6, 2000

Polly Katherine Renfro
Eddie Junior Robinson
Buddy Powers
Jennifer Powers
Johnny Hartness

Res. 758 – April 6, 2001

Ruth Ann Martin Taylor

Res. 358 – Aug. 5, 2004

Wesley Burgess Young Jr.

Res. 632 – Jan. 7, 2005

Jefferson Clinton Burrell

Res. 687 – Feb. 24, 2005

Drew Burrell

Res. 867 – June 21, 2005

Randy Blevins

Res. 975 – Aug. 4, 2005

Tamela Smith aka Tamelah Blevins
Debbie Everhart
Aka Debbie Phillips
Robert Lee Smith

Res. 699 – Feb. 1, 2007

Javier Garcia

Res. 843 – May 3, 2007

Charles Ray Edwards

Res. 844 – May 3, 2007

Pearl Dawn Fielding

Res. 847 – May 29, 2007

Susan Denise Owen

Res. 848 – May 29, 2007

James Michael Hornbuckle

Res. 849 – May 29, 2007

Daniel West

Res. 994 – Aug. 2, 2007

Steven Ray Black

Res. 995 – Aug. 2, 2007

David Neal

Res. 996 – Aug. 2, 2007

Robert Christopher Sherrill

Res. 997 – Aug. 2, 2007

Aaron Dayton Keel

Res. 998 – Aug. 2, 2007

James David Cooper

Res. 999 – Aug. 2, 2007

Miguel Perez

Res. 1061 – Sept. 12, 2007

Andrew James Henry

Res. 1062 – Sept. 12, 2007

Craig McNeilly

Res. 74 – Nov. 1, 2007

Reese Kevin Orr

Res. 75 – Nov. 1, 2007

Jeffery Patrick Brooms

Res. 76 – Nov. 1, 2007

Connie Jean Martin

Res. 122 – Dec. 6, 2007

James Edward Ballew

Res. 123 – Dec. 6, 2007

Steven Anthony Melton

Res. 144 – Jan. 7, 2008

Isaac Ishmall Rivers

Res. 192 – Feb. 7, 2008

Stephanie Nicole Ogle

Res. 193 – Feb. 7, 2008

Chad N. Bragg

Res. 194 – Feb. 7, 2008

Peggy Darlene Bearden

Res. 195 – Feb. 7, 2008

Temporary

David Dixon Owen

Res. 196 – Feb. 7, 2008

Michael Derek Braden

Res. 248 – March 6, 2008

Teddy Lee Wilson

Higinion Macedo

Res. 542 – Sept. 4, 2008

Inoel Sanchez Vizcalla

Res. 773-A - April 2, 2009

Derrick Jamison Graham

Res. 1026 – Sept. 10, 2009

Justin Edward Deing

Res. 21 – Oct. 12, 2009

Edward Dewayne Gregory

Res. 533 – Oct. 27, 2010

Christopher McNeilly

Res. 618 – Feb. 3, 2011

Charles Kyle Doalson

Res. 693 – April 11, 2011

Zara Ellis Saddler

Res. 712 – May 5, 2011

Patrick Scott Carringer

Res. 713 – May 5, 2011

Ricky Lee Gunter

Res. 813 – Aug. 11, 2011

Angelica Michele Isom Temporary

Res. 864 – Sept. 8, 2011

Steel Eugene Frazier

Res. 88 – Jan. 12, 2012

Jon Blanton Legere

Res. 89 – Jan. 12, 2012

Mark Wayne Ballard

Res. 90 – Jan. 12, 2012

Donald Dee Gosnell

Res. 368 – Oct. 13, 2014

Laquan Ellis Harding

Res. 727 – Sept. 8, 2015

Donovan Edward Coleman

Res. 728 – Sept. 8, 2015

Mathew Adam Freeman

Res. 729 – Sept. 8, 2015

Dorothy Ray Franco

Res. 730 – Sept. 8, 2015

Gabriel David Simcox

Res. 94 – Jan. 7, 2016

Justin Lambert

Res. 93 – Jan. 7, 2016

Will Parsons



THE CASE FOR A NEW NATURAL SCIENCES BUILDING AT WESTERN CAROLINA

Among projects included in the bond package is \$110 million for Western Carolina University to replace its dilapidated Natural Sciences Building. The existing building has out-of-date equipment, lacks necessary lab space and has no capacity for needed growth in STEM training to fuel economic development in the region.

STEM DEGREE PROGRAM GROWTH

Since the 2008-09 academic year, WCU has seen significant growth in STEM degree programs:

BIOLOGY

↑69%

NURSING AND
PRE-NURSING

↑95%

EMERGENCY
MEDICAL CARE

↑75%

ATHLETIC TRAINING

↑114%

ENGINEERING
TECHNOLOGY

↑89%

NEW STEM DEGREE PROGRAMS

In recent years, WCU has added several STEM-based programs including:

General Engineering

Forensic Science

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Doctor of Physical Therapy

Professional Science Master's
in Natural Products

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information or to schedule a tour of WCU's Natural Sciences Building, please contact WCU Director of External Affairs Meredith Whitfield at 828.227.3553 or mcwhitfield@wcu.edu.

▶ The existing Natural Sciences Building was built in the early 1970s, when WCU had only 15 nursing majors and no engineering majors. Today, WCU has roughly 2,300 students majoring in health and human science programs, almost 600 in technology and engineering programs, and approximately 500 in biological and physical science programs.

INVEST

IN MEETING WNC'S REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

STEM EDUCATION = JOB GROWTH

On March 15, 2016, North Carolinians will have the opportunity to vote on a statewide bond package. If passed, that bond will support significant investment in STEM-focused higher education in Western North Carolina. Investment in science, technology, engineering and math education infrastructure would have direct, lasting impact on our region's ability to attract and retain companies offering high-paying jobs.

GROWTH OF HIGH-TECH IN WNC

Western North Carolina is known for its tourism and service industries, but there also is significant opportunity to expand the existing presence of advanced manufacturing, health care and health informatics, naturopathic medicine and technology. Each of these industries offers high-paying, high-quality careers.

Economic developers know that a top concern of companies is the regional availability of higher education that will prepare their future workers. In fact, in the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce's most recent 5-year planning process, it identified an expansion of higher education as a key strategy for business recruitment. In order to maintain and expand university and community college programs that support these target industries, we must invest.

\$2 BILLION INVESTMENT

Funding long-term improvements at universities, community colleges, water and sewer infrastructure, agriculture, parks and public safety

\$900 MILLION TO UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Funding high-tech STEM facilities necessary to prepare students for future jobs

NO NEW TAXES

No tax increases will result because of the retirement of older debt and the historically low interest rates

VITAL TO COMPETITIVENESS

This investment is necessary for North Carolina to compete with other states to attract high-paying jobs

NO CREDIT IMPACT

Will not jeopardize NC's strong "AAA" credit rating

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