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Going old school



HISTORY: This historical photo, from the Museum of the Cherokee Indian archives, shows a dance during the inaugural 1950 season of "Unto These Hills".

"Unto These Hills" going back to original script for 2017

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he outdoor drama, "Unto These Hills", was first performed at the Mountainside Theater on July 1, 1950 from a script by Kermit Hunter. The drama was re-written entirely in 2006, to mixed reactions, and now the Cherokee Historical Association (CHA) is going back to the original Hunter script, with some changes to account for historical inaccuracies and stereotypes, for the 2017 season.

"We've known since that 2006 show that we've wanted to do the original," said John Tissue, CHA executive director. "The original idea, in 2005, was to fix the Kermit (Hunter) script in a way so that it could be brought into modern sensibilities, and



it got run away with an all new cast and crew and director, and it didn't end up any way anybody wanted. About two years ago, we started feeling it was about time to bring that script back because it had a lot of warmth and a lot of character, and we got a lot of people asking about it."

The 2017 season will open with Merchant's Night on Thursday, June 1 followed by Local's Night on Friday, June 2 and Opening Night on Saturday, June 3.

Tissue credits Principal Chief Patrick Lambert with accelerating the process to bring back the original script. "We'd always planned to go back, but he kind of accelerated that process for us, helped us find the money that we needed to do it, and we're doing what should have been done back in 2005 and really do a masterful re-write of the original and atone for some of the inaccuracies and patronizing kind of language in the old drama."

One major change from this version though is length. The original show was three hours long, and this version will be one hour and forty-five minutes with a 15-minute intermission.

Philenia Walkingstick, CHA associate art director and EBCI tribal member who has been associated with the drama for over 30 years, will serve as the assistant director for the drama in 2017. She related she's happy with the script changes and is excited about the production.

"On my end, I make sure that it stays culturally-correct. I make sure that everyone goes in knowing that they need to respect and put this in their heart – that they need to tell the story. It's not a fictional story. These people lived. They were our ancestors, and they need to know that...this is something that happened to us in history, and they need to go in knowing that and portray these people with the respect that they completely deserve."

Speaking of script changes, Walkingstick noted, "The third person is completely taken out...all the characters are well-fleshed out now. You can actually understand and know who they are. We have flipped some things such as everyone knows Junaluska from the old show being this great, powerful leader. In historical reality, he was never a Chief so technically, at the Council, he wouldn't have led that discussion, Yonaguska would have. So, we changed those things to reflect who actually was in power at that time. The story still revolves around Tsali and his family."

Mike Crowe Jr. and Matt Tooni, both EBCI tribal members and cast members, are looking forward to the 2017 production.

"I think it's probably going to be, from my perspective, the most challenging season I've been involved with because of the expectation," said Crowe who came to the drama after the 2006 rewrite. "I don't want to let anybody down. It's a lot to live up to. We're definitely going to go all out for this one and try to do it right and respectfully."

Tooni said that after attending a read-through of the script that will be used for the 2017 show, it took him back to 2003 when he worked in the show at that time. "I'm looking forward to it because it's going to be fun to go back to this script. There were certain lines in it and certain characters in it that you just love to hear...Ms. Perkins is back in it again and who doesn't remember Ms. Perkins from the old show?"

Lizzie Hull, an EBCI tribal elder, is a long-time member of the cast. "I'm just glad it's going back. This will be my 45th season. I've seen the different stages of it, how they've changed it, and I remember how it was before. I'm glad they're putting some things back in there that I remember."

Although not the reason for the return to the original show, Tissue said he thinks the venture will be profitable. "I think that if it's marketed right, it could really go somewhere, and I think a lot of that is us getting the word out about the original coming back. But, that's not really the impetus behind what we're doing. We're wanting to do this to fulfill the promise we made in 2005 to fix the show in a proper way, and we've finally got the people and the resources to do it."

The 2017 show will cost a little more than in previous years due to one-time expenses like purchasing new equipment to enhance the stage show, building new sets, and the addition of personnel. "Typically, this show costs about \$600,000 annually to run, maybe a little more," said Tissue. "This year, we're probably going to put \$1,000,000 in that show. A lot of that is payroll because we're going from a cast of 48-55 to close to 70."

He further noted, "We wanted to upgrade the pageantry of the drama as well and make sure that we're fitting those kinds of modern sensibilities. We're trying to add projections and new lighting, sound effects, and they'll be some newly added elements to enhance the production value overall."

Around \$10,000 - \$15,000 will be spent on costumes. Martha Sampson, an EBCI tribal member, is the costume manager and related that she's excited to see the show return to the original script. She said some costumes have been saved, but some will have to be remade.

Walkingstick added, "We've got to rebuild a lot of things for the show such as the church, the cottage on the side, and more."

Tissue gives a special thanks to the Cherokee Preservation Foundation for helping the production by being flexible in their grant cycle which generally is in December with the grantees being paid in May. But, that time frame was impossible for this year's show which has expenses now.

"They gave us a discretionary amount of around \$300,000 with the following \$200,000 to come at the normal time to help with payroll to help us get the show up."

Auditions for the 2017 production of "Unto These Hills" will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21 from 2-4pm at the Cherokee Historical Association building. Those coming to audition can have a prepared monologue or do a cold read, and some parts will require a singing audition as well.

Info: Cherokee Historical Association 497-2111, www.cherokeehistorical.org



Johnson, Paul named Frell Owl Award winners

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he Frell Owl Award is given annually by the Cherokee Boys Club to those who give long-standing, exemplary service to Cherokee youth. For the first time in the Award's 30-year span, two winners were chosen to receive the award for this year.

Janet "Lou" Johnson, longtime front office worker at Cherokee High School, and Wilbur Paul, a member of the Blackfeet Nation of Montana who has worked and volunteered in Cherokee for years, both received the award during the annual banquet held at the Chestnut Tree Inn on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

"This is something that has never happened before," Skooter McCoy, Cherokee Boys Club general manager, said of the dual winners, "but, we had some nominations of some truly outstanding people this year. When our Board of Directors went into closed session and it was time to vote, I don't think there was any way of differentiating the years of service and the time these people have put in. This is a very special day for us." Monica Wildcatt, who



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

WINNER: Skooter McCoy (left), Cherokee Boys Club general manager, presents the Frell Owl Award to Janet "Lou" Johnson during the annual awards banquet held at the Chestnut Tree Inn on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

nominated Johnson for the award, read from her nomination form, "This wonderful lady has been the receptionist at CHS (Cherokee High School) for many years. I would say she means more to the students than she knows. She has the biggest heart around."

Wildcatt stated that Johnson is always willing to help students and never lets anyone go without. "When children or families in our community have a financial need, she is more than willing to throw a benefit together at a moment's notice. I can recall this lady talking about needing new tires for her vehicle – that the wires were showing. At the same time, one of our children and their family was facing a hardship, and I remember her fretting over it, helping the child, and pulling together her resources to make a benefit happen. She put their needs before her own."

She added, "The people in our community know who they can go to for support, without judgment, and they know they can depend on her, and I know I can depend on her."

True to form, Johnson

had to leave immediately after receiving her award to go help out at the Holidays on the Hardwood basketball tournament which started at Cherokee High School earlier that morning. "I have to leave and get back to the high school, I've got a tournament going on," she told the crowd. "I appreciate all of you. Thank you all."

Cory Blankenship read from the nomination of Paul and stated, "He has coordinated and participated in countless fundraising programs that have benefited individuals and groups as well as organizations. "The people in our community know who they can go to for support, without judgment, and they know they can depend on her, and I know I can depend on her."

- Monica Wildcatt on Frell Owl Award winner Janet "Lou" Johnson

Award-winning crafts have been donated to use as raffle prizes or auction items in efforts to raise money."

Blankenship went on to state, "Our winner has been generous in his donations to the Cherokee Children's Home to promote the efforts to build a new facility for these children in the Birdtown Community. Much time and many resources were given to see this facility complete...our winner served our community as the superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Cherokee until his retirement. At that time, he became more active in the community serving

on many boards including the Cherokee Historical Association, Museum of the Cherokee Indian, Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual, Cherokee Cancer Support Group, and more. Our winner also served on the Cherokee Boys Club Board of Directors for eight years and was president for four of those years."

On his award, Paul noted, "It is an honor to be associated with the Cherokee Boys Club. They've done many, many good things through all these years. I'm just happy to be a part of it. It's just a good organization with good people."

Past recipients of the

Frell Owl Award include: Chief John A. Crowe, Stella Kanott, The Crowe Family, Rav Kinsland. Pearl and John Reagan, Betty Crisp, Jerri Reagan Kinsland, Mary Chiltoskey, Dora Reed, Marie Junaluska, Sharon and David Crowe, Ernestine Walkingstick, Jody Adams, Gary Maney, Mary Sneed, Mary Mantooth, David McCoy, Glenda Crowe, Denise Ballard, David McQueen, Skooter McCoy, Johnson "Booger" Arch, Kathy Wolfe, Carmaleta Monteith, Roy Lambert, Sandy Owle, Lana Lambert, Catherine Blythe Sanders, and Will Poolaw.



WINNER: Skooter McCoy (left), Cherokee Boys Club general manager, presents the Frell Owl Award to Wilbur Paul.





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Principal Chief's report for December 2016

PRINCIPAL CHIEF PATRICK LAMBERT

appy New Year to you and your family. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and enjoyed the extended time off to spend with your friends and family. I am excited about the upcoming year, and I hope everyone is ready to buckle down and get some good things accomplished for our Tribe and all its members. Here is my monthly report for last month.

Dec. 1

Thursday - Regular Tribal council meeting

Dec. 2

I attended a Christmas event with the Snowbird Senior Citizens at 8am. It was so great to see everyone and visit with them for a few minutes. I returned back to Cherokee early that same day to attend an "Honor the Elders" event at the Cherokee Central Schools. Following the Elders event, I went to a Federal Bar Association Conference and gave the keynote Luncheon Speech. Later that same evening, Cyndi and I attended the Lights and Legends Event at the Fair Grounds to light the huge Christmas tree! I truly enjoy all the events I get to attend because it gives me a chance to enjoy the company of our enrolled members and see the excitement for the upcoming holidays.

Dec. 4

Today, I left town for a one-day quick trip to Las Vegas for a meeting with a company on the possibility for development of a large Tier 4 Data Center.



Photos courtesy of EBCI Communications

PARTY: Principal Chief Patrick Lambert (standing) visits with EBCI tribal elders at the Tsali Manor Christmas Party on Thursday, Dec. 15.

Dec. 5

I flew from Vegas to Nashville to attend the two-day BIA budget hearings. It is very important for our Tribe to be engaged in these processes and I have our Grants and Finance departments working on a good packet for submission. This year's work will be for FY 2019 as the BIA works two years ahead in the cycle. Our Tribe has fallen far short over the past several years in applying and securing those federal dollars and I plan to do all I can to restore as much federal dollars as possible. It seems the past administration felt that because we have been blessed with a lucrative

casino business we do not need to go after the "free" money any more. I disagree and feel that the federal government owes us that money and we need to do all we can to get our share. This will only help us to make our own resources stretch further and be able to do more for our members and Cherokee Families. The unfortunate fact is that we are working on two years out and will not see the fruits of this work for a couple of years, but we have to do the work now in order to secure it for the future.

Dec. 6

This evening was the pizza party for the Yellowhill Community for

winning the eating contest at the Cherokee Fair 2016. I wasn't able to attend so a couple of my staff employees went on my behalf.

Dec. 7

This day was a very sad day for my family. I rushed home from Nashville due to the passing of my oldest sister Henrietta. I can't put into words what she meant to me and my family. She will surely be missed. Thank you for the prayers and words of encouragement.

Dec. 10

Today was the annual Christmas parade, but I was unable to attend because of my sister's funeral service.

Dec. 12

There were two work sessions today, one was on budget stabilization and the other was to discuss the possibility of establishing a Tribal bank or Credit Union.

Dec. 13

Held a scheduled Business Committee meeting this morning. Later in the morning I also met with NPS Superintendent Cash to discuss the huge Solar Event next year. In early August 2017, there will be a Total Solar Eclipse here and it will cause us to go into total darkness in the middle of the day for about 2-3 minutes. We are within a very narrow band all across the US that will have the Total Eclipse and it will surely be a big public draw to our area. The National Park Service wants to partner with us to conduct some public events surrounding this very special solar event. I will post more info to you as our plans are further defined.

Later in the evening, Cyndi and I attended the Cherokee County Community Christmas Dinner. We had a really good time giving away door prizes, enjoying good food and visiting with our friends there. Thank you for the invitation.

Dec. 14

In the morning, I had several meetings with various tribal members and had a lunch meeting with the First Citizens Bank to discuss future financing options available. At 1pm, I attended a Planning Board meeting wherein we approved to proceed with plans to build a new Hotel Tower and a Convention Center capable of conducting multiple sports events. A resolution is being submitted to Tribal Council for approval.

Dec. 15

I hosted a Christmas Breakfast at Selu for my Secretaries. We exchanged gifts and enjoyed a good breakfast with everyone that came. It was a lot of fun. After that, Cyndi and I attended the Christmas party at Tsali Manor where we gave away door prizes and spent some time visiting with our seniors and joining in the fun of giving. We really enjoy our time with our seniors every chance we get.

Dec. 16

Today, we attended the staff luncheon at Cherokee Central Schools. We have made it an annual event to visit with our teachers and school administration before their Christmas break. We gave away door prizes there as well and even took the big wheel to give them a chance to spin for a nice prize. It was a lot of fun and I really appreciate all of the hard work our



ELDERS: Chief Lambert attended the "Honor the Elders" event at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center on Friday, Dec. 2.

teachers do for our kids.

On this evening, I hosted a Christmas dinner for my executive office staff. We had a great evening and enjoyed the good food and company and I appreciate all of their hard work as well to make sure our families and all members of our Tribe are taken care of and helped when needed.

Dec. 17

Today was another busy day. We joined the Wolfetown Community for their Christmas Dinner and took some door prizes there as well. The food was great and we enjoyed visiting everyone that was there.

Immediately after the Wolfetown dinner, we drove to Snowbird for the annual Snowbird Christmas dinner and got to eat a second dinner! We gave away several door prizes and had a good visit with many of our best friends! This evening was also Yellowhill's Christmas dinner which we were unable to attend because of the others but my staff employees attended on my behalf.

Dec. 19

This evening, we attended Big Cove's Christmas dinner and, as usual, the food was great and the company was even better. We always love going to Big Cove to see everyone. We are always welcomed and treated like family. Tonight was also the Veteran's Christmas dinner, but I was unable to attend that one due to my commitment to Big Cove. I sent a staff employee there on my behalf. We also gave away door prizes at both dinners as we do every year. Thank you all for the invitations!

Dec. 21

Today, I attended the Christmas party at the Children's home. I really enjoyed the good food and visiting with all of the children and staff. Later in the evening my family had our Christmas party at the Birdtown Community club building. It was so much fun and I enjoyed every minute visiting with most of our family. We all had hoped my big sister Henrietta would live long enough to be there, but instead she was there in spirit. I know she would have loved it because we were all together and a few took turns telling stories on her. We later went outside and lit a bunch of lanterns shaped like hearts in her memory. We will truly miss her every day.

12/22-1/3 - Dec 22nd we held our final 12th Day of Employee Christmas and spinning of the BIG WHEEL! I believe everyone has really enjoyed this idea I started and perhaps next year we can do the same (but not likely the same liberal leave days). In addition, the 22nd started our employee 12 days of Christmas. I gave "Twelve Days of Christmas" leave to spend extra time with families. I wanted everyone to know how much I appreciate our tribal employees and what better way than to be able to spend it with family, 12 straight days off work! Don't plan for this next year but the way the calendar worked out this year it fit just right. I hope everyone enjoyed this time off because it is now time to get back to work and I expect you all to work hard for our families, show up on time and treat our people, and all those who we come into contact with thru our jobs, with respect. I know we have had a good long break to get geared up and prepare ourselves to do a good job for our Tribe. I am so excited about the prospects for advancement for our Tribe and Cherokee Families in 2017!

I resolve to continue in 2017 with the same level of commitment and energy given to our Tribe and all our members and Cherokee Families as I have demonstrated in 2016. I will always strive to do that which will be most pleasing unto Him and to do those things that are for the betterment of our Tribe and reaches the greater good. God Bless you!

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CIPD Arrest Report Dec. 21-31

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.

George, Elizabeth Serena – age 19 Arrested: Dec. 20 at 05:12

Released: Dec. 21 Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor Number of times in

Sutton, Chantel Nicole – age 26 Arrested: Dec. 20 at 04:27

CIPD Detention: 2

Released: Dec. 20 Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree, Domestic Violence Number of times in CIPD Detention: 1

Calhoun, Jennifer Ann – age 52 Arrested: Dec. 21 at 13:25

Released: Dec. 21 Charges: Grand Larceny, Second Degree Trespass, Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 13

Mahsetky Jr., Patrick Martin – age 37

Arrested: Dec. 21 at 15:37 Released: Dec. 22



Charges: Possessing a controlled substance classified in Schedule II, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia Number of times in **CIPD Detention: 4**

Hornbuckle, Mary Ann Jumper – age 51



10:05Released: Dec. 22 Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor Number of times in **CIPD Detention: 4**

Mitchell, Misty

Renee – age 38

12:45

03:25



Released: Dec. 23 Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor Number of times in

CIPD Detention: 5 Queen, Christopher Team – age 21

Arrested: Dec. 23 at

Released: Dec. 23

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Driving While Impaired, Driving While License Revoked, **Reckless** Driving Number of times in **CIPD Detention: 4**

Wildcatt, Jacob Bodie – age 21 Arrested: Dec. 25 at 09:30



Released: Dec. 27 Charges: Criminal Mischief to Property DV, First Degree Burglary DV, Domestic Criminal Trespass, Child Abuse in the Second Degree Number of times in **CIPD Detention: 2**

Tramper, Dustin Henry – age 28 Arrested: Dec. 26 at 03:43

Not released as of press time Charges: Larceny Number of times in **CIPD Detention: 5**

Burgess-Johnson, **Destiny Rose – age** 23

Arrested: Jan. 1 at 22:09

Not released as of press time Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree Number of times in **CIPD Detention: 1**

Mahsetky, Priscilla George – age 43 Arrested: Jan. 1 at 17:26

Released: Jan. 1 Charges: Failure to Appear Number of times in **CIPD Detention: 1**

Teesateskie, Brian Elliot – age 40 Arrested: Jan. 1 at 22:34

Not released as of press time Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor (two counts) Number of times in

Arrested: Dec. 27 at 23:20



CIPD Detention: 8





Locust, Clyde Ed age 28 Arrested: Dec. 28 at 19:03

Released: Dec. 29 Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive Number of times in **CIPD Detention: 1**

Littlejohn, Michael - age 56 Arrested: Dec. 30 at 07:24



Released: Dec. 31 **Charges: Second Degree Trespass** Number of times in **CIPD Detention: 3**



– age 43 Arrested: Dec. 27 at 11:55 Not released as of press time

Personnel (two counts)

Number of times in

CIPD Detention: 2

Wildcat Jr., Ander-

Arrested: Dec. 27 at

son – age 27

Charges: Assault on Emergency



CIPD Detention: 7

Martens, Robert Glen – age 35







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HARDWARE: The Cherokee Lady Braves pose with the second place trophy they won in the Holidays on the Hardwood Tournament played Dec. 21-23 at the Charles George Memorial Arena.

HOLIDAY HARDWARE

BASKETBALL Lady Braves take 2nd, Braves 4th in Holidays tournament

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

ONE FEATHER STAFF

he Cherokee Lady Braves (6-1) took second place in the Holidays on the Hardwood Tournament held Dec. 21-23 at the Charles George Memorial Arena. The Braves (4-3) took fourth place in the boys tournament which was won by the Owen Warhorses.

The Lady Braves had a big opening-round win over Clay Co. Tenn., 64-36. They followed that up with a win against Owen 76-45 in the second round.

In the championship game, on Friday, Dec. 23, the Lady Braves faced Georgia-powerhouse West Hall (Ga.) Lady Spartans. Despite being down by 19 at one point in the second half, the Lady Braves fought back with three consecutive three-pointers in the last minute of the game by Pooh King, Tigger King, and Tori Teesateskie to pull to within 5 at the end (76-71).

Pooh King, senior point guard, and Teesateskie, sophomore guard, were named to the All-Tournament team.

"I thought we had some really nice moments," Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach, said of their tournament after Friday's game. "We dominated the second half of the first two games, and then we just played a really talented team and they had two girls get really hot on us. But, we made a great comeback and never quit. We made it really close towards the end." He said the best part of Christmastime tournaments is being able to play high-level competition. "It's good to be able to play some teams from bigger schools and different areas that we're not used to seeing. I think it's been really good for us."

Coach Mintz said the tournament environment was good



ALL-TOURNEY: Pooh King, Lady Braves senior point guard, pulls up for a threepoint shot in the championship game. She was named to the All-Tournament team along with teammate Tori Teesateskie, sophomore guard.

for his team. "We're really young, and tonight was a big atmosphere, and those girls got to see and feel like what it's going to be like come conference tournament and playoff time with packed gyms."

The Braves went 1-2 on the tournament with an opening round 67-64 win over the Signal Mountain (Tenn.) Eagles. On day two, the Braves were defeated by Owen in a high-scoring affair that saw the Warhorses take the win at 86-73. On Friday, Dec. 23, in the third place game, Wallace-Rose Hill beat the Braves 84-63.

Several of the key members of the Braves team just finished playing football and haven't had much court time this year, a point Sonita Warren-Dixon, Braves first-year head coach, says will come. "We're still learning. They're trying to figure out me, and I'm trying to figure out personnel, and we're just trying to get everyone on the same page. We haven't had enough practices to really prepare to get some of the things done that we need to get done so basically all of these games are pretty much like practices for us."

She was happy with her team's experience in the tournament and glad with the level of competition they faced. "This was a good experience. First of all, it exposes your weaknesses to know things that you're going to have to work on. It also lets you see personnel – everybody's capability, who works well with each other. It's just a measuring stick and all we can do is go forward from here."

Coach Warren-Dixon added, "I told the guys this is not a reflection of who we're going to be as a basketball team. I wouldn't want us to be peaking right now because then you're going to burn out at the end so it's a gradual process, and we're going to be fine."



GOING UP: Tye Mintz (#1), Braves junior forward, goes up strong in the middle on a short jump shot in a game against Wallace-Rose Hill on Friday, Dec. 23.

Following are day one results from Wednesday, Dec. 21: Girls First Baptist School of Charleston (SC) 70 Asheville 45 West Hall (Ga.) 61 Charlotte Latin 24 Owen 66 Broome (SC) 52 Cherokee 64 Clay Co. (Tenn.) 36 **Boys** Wallace-Rose Hill (SC) 89 Asheville 86 Clay Co. (Tenn.) 78 West Hall (Ga.) 54 Owen 81 Broome (SC) 79 Cherokee 67 Signal Mountain (Tenn.) 64 Following are day two results from Thursday, Dec. 22: Girls Charlotte Latin 63 Asheville 20 Clay Co. 68 Broome 34 West Hall 62 First Baptist School of Charleston 36

Cherokee 76 Owen 45 **Boys** West Hall 79 Asheville 65 Broome 80 Signal Mountain 65

Clay Co. 84 Wallace-Rose Hill 41 Owen 86 Cherokee 73 Following are day three results from Friday, Dec. 23: Girls Broome 53 Asheville 44 Clay Co. 66 Charlotte Latin 59 Owen 56 First Baptist School of Charleston 49 West Hall 76 Cherokee 71 **Boys** Signal Mountain 77 Asheville 71 West Hall 86 Broome 77 Wallace-Rose Hill 84 Cherokee 63 Owen 83 Clay Co. 79 **Top Four Finishers** Girls 1st – West Hall 2nd - Cherokee 3rd-Owen 4th – First Baptist School of Charleston **Boys** 1st-Owen 2nd – Clay Co. 3rd-Wallace-Rose Hill 4th-Cherokee





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CHAMPS: The Lady Braves won the 17th Annual Battle at the Border basketball tournament with a win over Landrum (SC) on Friday, Dec. 30. Raylen Bark (left) was named All-Tournament along with Tori Teesateskie (right). Pooh King (middle) was named Tournament MVP.

Lady Braves win Battle at the Border

ONE FEATHER STAFF REPORT

ANDRUM, SC – The Cherokee Lady Braves won the girls championship at the 17th Annual Battle at the Border basketball tournament with a 77-46 win over Landrum on Friday, Dec. 30. The Lady Braves won all three games in the tournament including wins over Spartanburg Day (66-48) and Blue Ridge, SC (73-42).

Pooh King, Lady Braves senior point guard, was named Tournament Most Valuable Player. Tori Teesateskie, Lady Braves sophomore guard, and Raylen Bark, Lady Braves freshman guard, were named to the All-Tournament Team. The Braves went 1-2 on the tournament with a 77-52 win over High Point. They lost to Powdersville (87-72) and Spartanburg Christian Academy (65-51). Tye Mintz, Braves junior guard, was named to the All-Tournament team.



HONORED: Tye Mintz, Braves junior guard, was named to the boys All-Tournament team.



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FADE-AWAY: Raylen Bark (#1), Lady Braves freshman guard, goes up for a shot over Rosman's Allison Snyder during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Tuesday, Jan. 3. Bark had 8 points on the game.

C Basketball Box Score						
Tuesday, Jan. 3	1	2	3	4	FINAL	
Lady Braves	25	19	9	9	62	
Rosman	0	4	12	4	20	

Scoring: Cherokee - Raylen Bark 8, Tigger King 4, Carla Wolfe 4, Jamie Lossiah 3, Pooh King 7, Shelby Wolfe 9, Me-Li Jackson 1, Tori Teesateskie 20, Timiyah Brown 6; Rosman – Alicia Guienn 1, Alison Snyder 2, Korinne Hawk 1, Kaitlyn Conner 4, Makenna Man 2, Ashlyn Dodson 10 *These were the only statistics available for this game.*

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL Girls *Tuesday, Jan. 3* Cherokee 62 Rosman 20 Hayesville 29 Robbinsville 27 Swain Co. 62 Andrews 44 *Wednesday, Jan. 4* Robbinsville 51 Tuscola 42 *Thursday, Jan. 6* Andrews 60 Highlands 28 **Boys**

Tuesday, Jan. 3 Cherokee 66 Rosman 61 Robbinsville 65 Hayesville 58 Highlands 69 Hiwassee Dam 58



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DETERMINED: Holden Straughan (#20), Braves junior guard, goes up strong past two Rosman defenders including Neil Tesnow (right) during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Tuesday, Jan. 3. The Braves waged a double-digit comeback led by Straughan and Sterling Santa Maria who had 18 apiece.

C Basketball Box Score						
Tuesday, Jan. 3	1	2	3	4	FINAL	
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These were the only statistics available for this game.

Wednesday, Jan. 4 Tuscola 70 Robbinsville 54 *Thursday, Jan. 5* Andrews 78 Highlands 58 Rosman 80 Hayesville 68

Notes: The Cherokee at Swain Co. basketball games, scheduled for Friday, Jan. 6, were postponed due to winter weather. Make-up dates will be printed as soon as they are released. Also, the Osley Saunooke Wrestling Tournament, scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 7, was postponed to Saturday, Jan. 14 at Cherokee High School.

ON THE SIDELINES Well...that didn't last long

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

ONE FEATHER STAFF

In late September, I announced that this column was going to transition from a sports column to a community piece. The problem was that every time I sat down to work on that new column, I realized that I kept going back to ideas for sports columns. So, here we are again... more ramblings from a sports guy and the rejuvenation of "On the Sidelines".

That being said...let's catch up.

First off, I hope everyone had a great holiday season. From the last time I wrote, the Braves had a nice finish to their 2016 football season. They finished their year in the third round of the state playoffs – the furthest they've advanced in years – on a cold night at Mitchell. I'm already looking forward to opening day this August even though anyone who knows me knows I prefer the cold nights in October.

Basketball season is in full swing. The Lady Braves are tearing it up and are looking like they could make an honest run at it this season. The Braves, under a new head coach, are looking pretty good. They've lost a few, but they play gutsy and surely don't quit which is an attribute that could take them into March as well.

At the beginning of our Christmas break, I covered the Holidays on the Hardwood tournament a few days before Christmas, and everyone involved in putting on that event here in Cherokee deserves a huge pat on the back. It was a nice event. We got to see the Lady Braves hoist the second place trophy, several keen dunks, three-point shots galore, a minor scuffle in the stands that ended in a fan ejection (not a Cherokee fan mind you), and some pretty good basketball overall.

During the break, I watched a fair amount of football. My Packers made Aaron Rodgers' prediction come true as they won their last six and won the NFC North Championship – their fifth in the last six years. I also watched some college football bowls although admittedly not as many as I usually do. There just weren't that many good matchups this season.

So, this column is back. Go Braves. Go Lady Braves. Go sports.



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— King Crossword —

Trivia Test Answers 1. Sea of Galilee; 2. 18th; 3. Paul Rubens; 4. Tahiti; 5. 31 miles; 6. "Fargo"; 7. Mars; 8. Dew point; 9. Supergirl; 10. October

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COMMUNITY

Snowbird Christmas Celebration held

ONE FEATHER STAFF REPORT

NOWBIRD – A Christmas party and celebration event was held at the Snowbird Community Center on Tuesday, Dec. 20 for members of the Snowbird and Cherokee County communities, and it ended up being about a lot more than the holidays themselves.

"It was a really fun way to get to know everybody and let them know that we're there for them," said Juanita Wilson, EBCI Director of Snowbird and Cherokee County Services.

Wilson's position and entire division is new with the administration of Principal Chief Patrick Lambert. She said it has already made a difference in the two communities.

"We had a lot to celebrate – first of all budgets," Wilson noted. "We have our own budgets now. Those were taken away several years ago from the last administration, and the staff had to constantly ask for what they needed. So, we really





Photo by Kristy M. Herron/EBCI Communications

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couldn't serve that community in a really holistic way. Sometimes, they didn't get what they needed."

She said there are several projects coming to the area including a senior citizens community pavilion in Little Snowbird and a new Graham County Indian Education staff building.

Wilson said her office and entire division has been getting some good

early reviews. "It's been very, very positive. I've gotten feedback from Council, community leaders, the Chief's Office...everything seems to be going very well. We've gotten a lot of positive feedback."

Employees were involved in the planning of the Dec. 20 event. "When Juanita brought us this idea of the employees giving back, we all brainstormed, we all had different ideas, and of course, each of our own ideas were the best," said Zena Rattler. "In the end, we still really couldn't decide. So came the idea for milk and cookies with Santa and make a homemade ornament and decorate your own cookie. It turned into a wonderful family event for our community."

Rattler said that during the planning stages several names of families came up who some thought could benefit. "Each of these two families were single moms, one with three teenagers and one with four small children, one of those being special needs. One of our employees took it upon themselves to request for a donation for these families and was able to get a \$750 donation for each family from the Alcohol Board in Cherokee. I know firsthand the joy that this brought these families and they were very appreciative. So, we were able to actually do more than we thought we could. It was all just an absolute blessing to be a part of!"

Wilson can be reached on her personal phone 788-2579 or on tribal email at juanitawilson@ nc-cherokee.com.

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Tribal members inducted into honor society at SCC

YLVA - Fifty-eight Southwestern Community College students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society on Thursday, Dec. 8, on SCC's Jackson Campus. EBCI tribal members Dawnena Bradley and Crystal Chotalia were among those inducted.

They all hold at least a 3.5 Grade Point Average, were nominated by a teaching faculty member and rank among the top 20 percent of active students in their respective programs.

"Every student who makes the National Technical Honor Society works hard to make high grades," said Dr. Thom Brooks, executive vice president for instruction and student services. "Some of them are working while they go to school, and many have families of their own, so this accomplishment did not come easily. I am extremely proud of every one of these inductees."

NTHS recognizes outstanding student achievement in career and technical education. It encourages higher scholastic achievement, cultivates a desire for personal excellence and helps students find success in the workplace.

- SCC



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HONOR SOCIETY: Dawnena Bradley and Crystal Chotalia, EBCI tribal members, were recently inducted into the National Technical Honor Society at Southwestern Community College on Thursday, Dec. 8.



Photo courtesy of Bowman

RETIREMENT: Ronald E. Bowman, an EBCI tribal member, is a Civil Service GS-12 Scientific and Technical Photographer and retired from the U.S. Army Aviation Applied Technology Directorate at Ft. Eustis, Va. on Friday, Dec. 30 after 36 years of civilian and military service. Bowman has worked on many projects during his career including: Kiowa Warrior Program, AH-1 Cobra Missile Exhaust Test, CH-47 Chinook Special Operations, AH-6 Little Bird 30MM Gun Test, NASA Space Debris Study, and many others.

Open Letter to Elected Officials,



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Regards, **Robert Jumper** Cherokee One Feather Editor



OBITUARIES

Flora Mae Calhoun Shelton

Flora Mae Calhoun Shelton, 53, of Sylva, passed away Thursday, Dec. 29, 2016.

She was born June 11, 1963 in Swain County to the late Smathers Calhoun and Savannah Driver Calhoun.

Flora is survived by her husband, Dennis W. Shelton, Sr.; one daughter, Samantha Shelton; one son, Dennis Woodrow Shelton, Jr.; two sisters, Susanna C. Finger and Annabelle Shuler both of Cherokee; two brothers, William Calhoun and Clement Calhoun both of Cherokee; three grandchildren; five nephews; four nieces; and several great nieces and nephews also survive. In addition to her parents, Flora was preceded in death by two brothers, Frank Calhoun and Shawn D. Calhoun.

Funeral services were held at Straight Fork Baptist Church on Monday, Jan. 2. Pastors Charles Ray Ball and James "Bo" Parris officiated. Burial followed at the Smathers Calhoun Cemetery. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Shelton family.

Gary Lee Reed

Gary Lee Reed, 42, of Sevierville, Tenn., passed away Friday, Dec. 23, 2016 in Knoxville, Tennessee. He was born Jan. 11, 1974 in Knoxville.

Gary is survived by his parents, Charlie Reed and Sally Tramper Reed; two sons, Gary Lee Reed II and Austin Lee Reed, both of Cherokee; two daughters, Makayla Arwood of Sylva and Jozie Lee Reed, of Gatlinburg, Tenn.; two grandchildren, Laylin Reed and Kyler Reed; five brothers, Danny, Charles, Jimmy, Anthony, and Johnny Reed; one sister, Tammy Reed.

Gary was preceded in death by his grandparents, Wilson Reed, Dell Reed, John Tramper, and Mary F. Taylor; one uncle, Alon Reed.

Services were held on Thursday, Dec. 29 at the Wrights Creek Baptist Church. Pastor Ben Reed officiated. Burial followed at the Reed Family Cemetery on Mink Branch. Pallbearers were: Gary Reed II, Tony Reed, Josh Bradley, Austin Reed, and Johnny Reed.

Long House Funeral Home is assisting the Reed family.

Helen Marie Crisp

Helen Marie Crisp, 80, of the Shoal Creek Community, went home to be with the Lord, Monday, Dec. 26, 2016. A native of Swain County, she was the daughter of the late Herman Martin and Iowa Frankiewicz. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by one brother Ricky Frankiewicz.

Helen is survived by her husband of 26 years, Bennett Crisp; two sons Dee Alexander Crisp, and Charles Randy Hughes; one daughter, Pamela Bowers; two grandchildren, and two great grandchildren; one brother Michael Frankiewicz; and two sisters, Judy Murphy and Vickie Frankiewicz.

Funeral Services were held Friday, Dec. 30 at Crisp Funeral







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Sarah Wayne Catolster

Sarah Wayne Catolster, 86, of Cherokee passed away Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2016.

She was born in Cherokee on Aug. 22, 1930 to the late Johnson Catolster and Agnes Wayne Catolster.

Sarah is survived by special friends, the Miller family, Billy Jo, John, John, Jr., Josh, Dillon, Christopher, Emelia, and Carter Miller, Jake Radford, Barbara Aldridge, Jeannie Grant, and Kelly Cooper; special brother, Roger Nippress; nephew, Cris Catolster (Billie Jean); several nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive.

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In addition to her parents, Sarah was preceded in death by three brothers, Gary Wayne, Douglas Catolster, and John Eric Catolster; and three sisters, Phyllis Catolster, Maxine Catolster, and Joann Eslinger.

No services are planned. Long House Funeral Home assisted the Catolster family.

Tammi Anna Pete

Tammi Anna Pete, 42, of Cherokee, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2016 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital.

She was born in Provo, Utah on March 27, 1974. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Tammi is survived by her par-

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida SOUI DD RVLICJI DE OYL

Buddy, a 3-year-old Miniature Yorkie, lives with Shelby Hornbuckle in the Painttown Community.

Is your pet your best friend? If you'd like to have your pet (whatever that may be) featured as the **Cherokee Pet of the Week**, send a high resolution photo, type and name of pet to: scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com, or message us at the One Feather Facebook page. ents, Clell Pete and Nancy Hornbuckle; her step-father, Mike Driver; three sons, Devon Cucumber, Chad Cucumber, and Nickolas Cucumber; three brothers, Cal "Joe" Pete, Manus Pete, and Waylon Long; three sisters, Amy Ochoa, Libbi Ensley, and Tammy Cucumber; 17 nieces and nephews; special friends, Jim Long, Jeffrey Long, John Bustos, Charles Bustos, Devan Price, Kiah West, Nick Squirrell, and many other friends and family.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Dec. 31 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Bishop Dan Cutler officiated. Burial followed at the Hornbuckle Cemetery. Pallbearers were among friends and family.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Pete family.

Roy David Driver Jr.

Roy David Driver Jr., 32, of Robbinsville, passed away Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital.

He was born in Sylva on Aug. 27, 1984.

Roy is survived by his loving mother, Lois Chekelelee of Robbinsville; two brothers, Ted Wachacha of Robbinsville and Michael Driver of Cherokee; one sister, Kathleen Driver and companion Arnulfo Daza of Nashville, Tenn.; five nephews, Timothy Daza of Nashville, Native Walkingstick, Michael Driver Jr., Jezi Driver, and Charlie Driver all of Cherokee; seven

nieces, Crystal and Dorian Lopez of Charlotte, Jaci Munch Wachacha of Robbinsville, and Louisa Walkingstick, Makayla Driver, Savannah Driver, Azora Driver, all of Cherokee: aunts. Alice Driver. Lucille Blackfox, and Carolyn Tooni all of Cherokee, Londa Chekelelee Rivera and husband Jason of Robbinsville, and Geraldine Chekelelee of Elizabethton. Tenn.: one uncle. Norman Driver of Cherokee: cousins, Gerron Chekelelee of Elizabethton, Randy (Mimi) Hernandez of Weaverville, Sara (Bo) Watty of Cherokee, Luci Hernandez of Johnson City, Tenn., Tyler Rivera of Robbinsville, Journey Watty and Mani Watty of Cherokee, and Makai (Kaiby) Hernandez of Johnson City.

Roy was preceded in death by his father, Roy Driver Sr.; two uncles, Joe Driver and Richard Chekelelee; one aunt, Jeanette Jumper; paternal grandparents, Rev. John G. Driver and Nellie Driver; and maternal grandparents, Rev. Wayne Chekelelee and Sarah Chekelelee.

Funeral services were held at the home in Robbinsville on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 1pm. Noah Crowe and Teddy Silvers officiated with burial at the Buffalo Independence Baptist Church Cemetery in Robbinsville. Pallbearers were: Michael Driver, Randy Hernandez, Gerron Chekelelee, Bryan Wesley, Alfred Welch, Jr., Timothy Jumper, Kenny Jumper, Arnulfo Daza, and Tony Williams.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Driver family.



Jones-Bowman Fellows complete service project for kids

Chloe Blythe Jones-Bowman Fellow

he holiday season is often filled with a combination of work, shopping, decorating, family events, and holiday traditions. For the Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Fellows, funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. one of their most important traditions is their annual group service project. The Fellows delivered 30 Jansport backpacks filled with supplies to the EBCI Family Services Department on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Every year, the Fellows are charged with creating, planning, and executing a group community service



Photo courtesy of Alicia Jacobs

FELLOWS: Shown (left-right) front row – Jolean Fox, Rebecca Teesateskie, Chloe Blythe, Faith Long, and Renee Hamett; back row – Ephie Anthony, Elizabeth Gilchrist-Myers, Sunshine Parker, Brantly Junaluska, Sasha Sampson, Cris Weatherford, and Jacob Long.

project of their choosing. This project is planned over the summer and then completed sometime throughout the school year. The 2016-2017

Jones-Bowman Fellows are Jacob Long, Faith Long, Rebecca Teesateskie, Brantly Junaluska, Caleb Teesateskie, Kayla Johnson, Michael Thompson, Tim Swayney, and Chloe Blythe. This year, the Fellows chose to create a project that would provide backpacks filled with basic necessities to children who undergo emergency removal from their homes.

The Fellows raised money for this project through 50/50 ticket sales at the Cherokee Indian Fair and then used this money to purchase the supplies for the backpack kits. The money to buy the backpacks was generously donated by Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort. They were able to raise enough money to fill 30 backpacks that will be given to Family Services to use in emergency removal cases.

"I really loved being able to help do this project and know that I am helping the youth of our Tribe," said first-year Fellow, Faith Long.

Miss Cherokee report for December 2016

AMORIE GUNTER MISS CHEROKEE 2016-17

S iyo, Hello, I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with their loved ones. This month, I had the pleasure of riding in the Bryson City, Waynesville, Cherokee, and Robbinsville Christmas parades. I was asked to come back to Robbinsville for their Christmas dinner. While there, I held a coat drive for the victims of the Gatlinburg fires. I also helped Chief Lambert with drawing door prize tickets.

Although this was a very fun month, it was also very sad. My aunt, Henrietta Lambert, went home to be with the lord on Dec. 7. Thank you to everyone from the community who offered their condolences and prayers for my family. I am looking forward to the new year and can't wait to get it started!

If anyone would like for me to attend their event please email: Ebcimisscherokee@gmail.com Sgi, thank you!



Photo by Angela Gunter Photography

Miss Cherokee 2016-17 Amorie Gunter

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THANK YOU LETTERS Thanks from **Gary Reed family**

The Gary Reed family would like to thank the following for their help during our time of grief: The E.B.C.I, Wrights Creek Baptist Church, Ben Reed, Marie and Pudding Smith, The Long House, Ned Stamper and Cool Waters Motel, the Child and Family Services, Frances Arkansas, and family and friends. If there is anyone we forgot please forgive us. We appreciate everyone's support and love. Thanks.

Thank you Yogi Crowe **Scholarship**

I am writing to share my great appreciation to the Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund for providing me with funding for the upcoming spring semester. This

will be my second semester in the PhD program at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, working toward my Doctorate in Sport Studies. I am so thankful to have the opportunity to reconnect to my passion of serving our Native American community through sport and pursue aspirations to become a professor. I am also proud to be a former recipient of the Yogi Crowe Scholarship while I attended the University of Central Florida's **DeVos Sport Business Management** Program.

The purpose of going back to school for me is to help expand the research about Native Americans by Native Americans. My first project is focused on Cherokee Stickball and its importance to our people and culture. I'm excited to share this research and that will include

traveling to academic conferences to present and share what I have been working on. I plan to use the Yogi Crowe Scholarship funding for registration and travel expenses for these conferences. This will help me spread the word about the work I'm producing and connect with other professors and students who I could collaborate with in the future. I truly believe in the power of sport and education in Native Communities and I hope I can inspire other young people to go after their dreams. I am forever thankful and proud of the Yogi Crowe Scholarship board for encouraging our tribal members to pursue our dreams through education.

Natalie Welch

Raby family says thank you Sorry for the delay in thinking

everyone who was there for us during our time of loss and showing how much J.D was thought of in the community. Thank you all for the food, flowers, cards and prayers. Thank you to J.D's brothers, sisters, my sisters and many nieces and nephews. Also thank you to the Cherokee Police Department, Fish & Game employees, CDOT. Tribal Construction. Yellowhill Church, New Hope Church, Wolfe Creek Church, Cherokee Bible, Antioch Singers, Steve and Wade Waldroup, Larry Blythe and the other musicians. Pastors Foreman Bradley, Eddie Stillwell, Randy Miller also Nancy Martin and Long House and all the many family and friends. Your thoughtfulness, prayers and kindness shown to us will always be remembered. Thank you again. J.D. Raby family

"Unto These Hills" local auditions dates

"Unto These Hills" local auditions will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21 from 2-4pm at the main Cherokee Historical Association office located at 564 Tsali Blvd. Auditionees should bring a monologue, 16 bars of a song, a headshot and resume. Cold reads are also accepted. Technicians need to provide a resume and headshot if available. Applications will be available for those who do not have a resume.

The Cherokee Historical Association will be presenting a revival production of the original Kermit Hunter script of "Unto These Hills" for the 2017 season, updated to appeal to the modern audience by scriptwriter and director Marion Waggoner. Rehearsals will begin on May 14. The 2017 season will run from June 3 – Aug. 19.

- Cherokee Historical Association

Birth Announcement

Ariel Nevaeh Swayney was born to Loretta Gregory and Danny Swayney on Dec. 17, 2016. She was 8 lbs. 4oz. at birth.

- Provided by family



Cherokee Central Schools holds "Honor the Elders"

he Cherokee Central Schools Cultural Department held the annual "Honor the Elders" event Friday, Dec. 2, 2016, at the Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. Every elder being honored was a fluent speaker of the Cherokee language. The life experiences and valuable advice of the six elders were presented to CHS and CMS students.

(The following are condensed versions of each elder's story)

Sally Taylor Arch, the daughter of John B. Taylor and Mary Bigwitch, was born at the oldCherokee Indian Hospital. She grew up in the Blue Wing section of the Wolftown Community, playing in the woods and swinging on grape vines as a child.

When recounting her favorite memory, she said, "There's no better food than food cooked by your mother!" For Christmas and Thanksgiving, her family ate mostly "other" meats such as bear, squirrels (they would fight for the brains), and rabbits.

Chuckling, Sally said her home was made of wooden boards with holes in the floor and she had an old army blanket for her bed. They didn't have electricity until 1968, or a TV until 1970.

Sally had several pieces of advice including: "Respect your parents and listen to them. Do the right thing for yourself, follow your heart, and respect your elders. If they give you advice, take it."

Arnold Wachacha was born in Snowbird Gap in Robbinsville, on June 2, 1946, to Carrie Wachacha. Arnold was an only child after the early passing of his sister, Louise.

He grew up in a wooden house with no bathroom, electricity, or running water. He attended Snowbird Day School and Robbinsville Middle and High Schools.

Cherokee was the only language spoken in his home, so transitioning to English as his second language was a struggle for Arnold. Today, he tries to speak Cherokee as much as possible in order to help preserve our language.

He served in the Army and in Vietnam in the First Calvary Division helicopter unit.

When asked what advice he would give to aspiring young adults, Arnold replied: "Read more. If you can read, it can do a lot of things for you!"

Charles "Charlie" William Bigwitch, was born at the old Cherokee Indian Hospital to Fred Bigwitch Sr. and Eva Littlejohn-Bigwitch. He grew up in Wah- yo-hi (the Wolftown community) and enjoyed playing tag, hiking, shopping in Whittier with his grandpa, fishing and playing stickball, softball, and football.

Charlie said students would get in trouble if they spoke Cherokee at school. Other speakers were Nick Bird, Eva Wolfe, his brother Fred, Elijah Taylor, Wiggins Blackfox, Jimmy Cucumber, and Lucille Lossiah.

His family had no running water, and no electricity until the 60s in their one-room house. They had a garden and his grandpa had a cow for milk. Charlie got his first car, a 1968 Chevelle, in 1977.

Charlie offered this word of

advice, "Don't have kids right away. Go to school and enjoy life a little bit...because it's hard once you have kids."

Marie Lambert Junaluska was born in Cherokee and grew up in the Wolfetown community on Washington's Creek. She spent most of her young years playing outside, doing chores, reading, and working by cleaning motels and waiting tables.

Marie attended the Wolfetown Day School and Cherokee Middle School before enrolling at Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Okla. She enjoyed her time there and said the life skills she learned there have stuck with her.

Marie married Bill Junaluska and has taught Cherokee language, created a Cherokee language audio tape, and worked tirelessly to preserve her first language.

Marie's advice was, "Learning to overcome anger and learning to cope with difficult situations in life, we should always forgive each other and we should not be vengeful. Stand by what you say in life and mean what you say."

Leroy "Tsa-Ni Uh-Sdi" Littlejohn, of the Wolftown community, was born at the old Cherokee Indian Hospital to Alice Toineeta and Jesse Littlejohn.

Leroy's family and friends only spoke Cherokee, so formal education was hard for him. He did not speak English well until middle school. Once in high school, he enjoyed furniture-making and wood carving.

Leroy's family got running water the day JFK was shot. He watched Westerns on TV, and listened to boxing on the radio with his dad and other men.

Following high school, Leroy participated in a relocation program in Ohio, where he got on-thejob training and met members of other Indian tribes.

Although Leroy is a fluent speaker, he just recently learned how to read the Cherokee syllabary. He was inspired when his grandson Ah-wa-ni-da asked for Syllabary homework help. His advice was, "Go to college and finish what you start."

Jane Lossiah Taylor, was born Aug. 26h, 1936 in Galimore in the Big Cove community to John Lossiah and Charlotte Welch Lossiah. In her youth, she played with dolls, swam, listened to stories about Uktena, and enjoyed "swinging on grapevines." She attended Big Cove Day School, then Cherokee High School through the 11th grade.

Jane's first job was at the Boundary Tree Motel, and her family got electricity and running water for the first time in the late 60s.

She and her sisters used to enjoy singing as The Lossiah Sisters, traveling as far as Oklahoma. She is retired now but still makes white oak baskets.

Jane has always spoken Cherokee and is considered fluent, but speaks and knows only half of what she used to speak, saying that one must use the language constantly every day.

She says, "Stay in school and graduate," and "Learn to speak your language."

HEALTH COLUMN

Dear Cherokee Choices,

I just found out I'm 50 pounds overweight and my blood sugar is high. My mom has diabetes so I know I am at risk. I want to do everything I can to prevent getting diabetes but I have 2 young kids and I work full time so I'm crazy busy. I really want to get started with exercising and improving my health but I don't know where to start?! Please help!

> Sincerely, Overwhelmed

Dear Overwhelmed,

First of all good for you for taking charge of your health. I know life can be busy with 2 kids and a full time job (I have a 4 and 7 year old) but your kids can be your biggest motivation to be healthy. For Diabetes prevention, experts recommend doing 150 minutes of

moderate physical activity per week (75 minutes of intense physical activity) and losing 7 percent of your body weight (if overweight) through healthy eating to decrease your risk of type 2 diabetes by 58 percent. To get started make a goal to do just 15 minutes of physical activity - start with 3 days and gradually increase OR it may be easier for your schedule to do 2-3 longer workouts per week. Walking is great to start with then gradually increase intensity to burn more calories especially if your time is limited (i.e. jogging, elliptical). It is also equally important to add resistance/strength training 2 times per week. This could be floor exercises such as pushups, lunges, squats; light weights; weight machines, or a fitness class such as All Levels Yoga or Body Shred. Building muscle will help your body use the insulin better to keep your blood sugars at a healthy level.

Here are some tips to get started with your Health Goals: 1. Do what you love! We all have lots of things we HAVE to do - make physical activity something you look forward to. If you don't like ANY kind of exercise pair your workout with something you DO enjoy. For example, walk with a friend, play tag with your kids or watch your favorite show while doing strength training or walking on the treadmill. Remember, physical activity does NOT have to be in the gym-join a community sports league or start a home project/hobby that makes you move! 2. Create a support system! Brainstorm what makes it hard for you to eat healthy and move more - problem solve to make the HEALTHY CHOICE the EASY CHOICE for YOUR life. For example, you may need to arrange child care, do meal planning in advance, or have a buddy or formal health program for

accountability, such as joining the Cherokee Lifestyle Balance Community Health Challenge in March! 3. Find Balance! Being healthy doesn't need to be ALL or NOTH-ING. Choose two or three changes to focus on consistently to create healthier habits (do it every day for 21 days straight!). For example, replace soft drinks with water or walk or go to fitness/yoga class on your lunch break. Listen to your body eat when you are hungry and stop when you feel satisfied (not over full). If you are really craving chocolate-have chocolate but a small piece and eat less at the next meal or workout longer/harder.

Cherokee is filled with amazing resources to help support you on your way to be healthy. Check out the Happenings section in the One Feather for upcoming health programming, yoga and fitness classes!



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR Where is the customer service?

want to bring up an issue. A lot of tribal members have really great paying jobs and have to work with the public. So, why is it so hard to work with us? The people that answer the phones sound so happy to have a great job. Their rude, unhelpful and if things don't go right...click goes the phone.

When we try to report them, we have to leave a message to their supervisor that never returns the call. So, therefore, the issue is never handled and the rude people keep their job and still treat people badly. This is not to mention the countless times I've had to wait in the lobby of some places only to see them on Facebook or their cell phone. I mean, how many people out there would love to have that job? It's a far-fetched issue, but I thought I would see if anyone out there will care or wait until it's one of your loved ones getting hurt before you stand up.

Stan Wildcat Painttown

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Facebook Question Responses

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

The issue of non-Indian or non-EBCI enrolled spouse's inheritance rights has been discussed several times in 2016 in Tribal Council meetings. Do you think non-Indian/non-enrolled spouses of EBCI tribal members should be allowed to inherit land and homes on that land from their enrolled spouses?

Daphne Hoyle: They absolutely should be allowed to inherit land and home if their enrolled spouse passes first, especially if the children are also enrolled. Once the non-enrolled spouse passes, the land and home go back to the Tribe if the children are not enrolled.

Mary Long: I think that it should stay the way that it is. It was written that way for a reason to keep our land in trust; not to be sold out from under us...the non-enrolled person has a life estate. No one is having to move while grieving their loss.

Utsesdi Galanvdv: Yes, they should be allowed. It's their homes, and they should have a right to leave it to their spouse with life estate. No one wants to die worrying if their spouse will have a roof over their head when they're gone.

Couney McNabb: Life estate, not inheritance... You have to understand the possessory holding system allows tribal members unique rights (use of and occupy. And, those inheritance laws are for tribes where enrolled members have a deed in their name. The possessory holding allows tribal members to possess, occupy, and use the land, but technically it's still EBCI land. It's more like the Tribe has an agreement with the possessory holder that it their land to hold and use but really the whole qualla boundary is deeded to EBCI held in trust by U.S. government. So, really the Tribe can do what they want with their possessor holding agreements...

Cara Smith: If their children are enrolled members, the spouses should be able to hold the property in trust until their children turn 18. Otherwise, I don't think spouses should get it.

Mikell D. Byer: Better yet, let's look at it from a different perspective. If you were the surviving spouse (male or female), would you desire to be searching for a different residence, packing, moving, and settling in a new location, all the while you are grieving the loss of your spouse? I think not. These type of decisions should be made with compassion and by allowing yourself to stand in the shoes of the members and spouses.

LeeAnn Coons: Okay, we all know too many don't want or like natives marrying and having kids with non natives. They don't want their resources used or had by those who ain't enrolled. I get it. It makes sense to try and maintain as many true natives as possible and not the watered down version. But, intermarrying has happened since white folks landed. The family is accepted to a point. Always been that way. Land, whether purchased or inherited, at some point is returned to the Tribe. It's ironic we worry about land that is never truly ours. With everything that has occurred at Standing Rock, (we) should know by now this parcel dirt is borrowed, not in trust to nobody. Government has broken treaties with the tribes since inception. If you're not an enrolled member, you don't have the right to live on the Rez or have it's resources. I know how I'm looked upon, and I won't inherit any of my grandmother's land that was purchased before it was a Rez. It will return back to the Rez. Would I like to live on her land? Yes. I, however, am not native enough. I accept that and it's okay because it is for the best of the greater good, the Tribe. Just know, you can't sell or inherit land that isn't yours to begin with. If it's more beneficial to turn your back on family so be it. But look at the rez, tell me... Did intermarrying diminish anything in the Tribe or did the Tribe diminish itself by wanting to be progressive?

Terri Stephens: Yes, they should. If both people work together their whole lives to build a home and both pay the bills and the the mortgage, the other person should inherited the property regardless. What happens if a person dies early and there is a outstanding mortgage on the property? Do you kick a non-EBCI member out ? Who assumes the mortgage? If I were a bank and that rule was in place I would no longer write a loan on any tribal owned land, even if it was a tribal loan. You are painting yourself into a corner. I think a life estate would be the best practice.

Keri Brady: I think a spouse should be able to inherit what their spouse has left behind. After all, they were a team and helped make it a home and pay for it.

Samantha Smoker-Lunsford: I believe the spouse should be able to inhabit the land until they pass. Then, it should go to their enrolled children or back to the Tribe.

Ronda Johnson-Dove: If the land was inherited to a tribal member, that tribal member married a non-inrolled and then had children, why can't the non-enrolled be allowed to stay in the home and keep maintaining it to pass on to their children? I just can't see the point of kicking a grieving widow/ widower out of their home when they have worked to maintain the home and land to pass on to their children. Furthermore, what if there are minor children still in the home? Do they get kicked out as well? Just would not seem as if you are taking care of your own if a child is forced of their own home simply because of the death of a parent and the surviving parent isn't Native enough to stay in the home.

Brenda Meadows: This post hits home...when I came home last summer, my girls and I went and fished in the river close to my great uncle' home. It was strange to not see someone other than one of my family living there. I remember running around that house when I was a kid and family meals in that yard.... I wish one of his children could still live there, but time marches on I guess.

Beverly Trantham: If they do inherit, there should be stipulations on ownership so land is not sold to corporations, foreign business, etc...so (the) nation is not commercialized and destroyed.



Event listings are free of charge. Send your event name, date and time, location, and contact info to scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com

General Events

Swain County Democratic Party. Jan. 13 at 6:30pm at the Swain County Democrat headquarters at 122 Everette Street in Bryson City. All Swain County Democrats are invited. Joe Sam Queen will be speaking about the changes for the 2017 election cycle.

Cherokee Heritage Day. Jan. 14 from 11am – 5pm at Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Free event featuring workshops on flute playing, blowgun shooting, and storytelling. A Storytelling Extravaganza will be attended noted Cherokee storytellers Lloyd Arneach, Kathy Littlejohn, and Matt Tooni. Info: 497-3481, www.cherokeemuse-

um.org

Rally for Health Care. Jan. 15 from 12:30-2:30pm at the fountain in downtown Sylva. This event is sponsored by Progressive Nation WNC, WCU Chapter of NAACP, and the Jackson County Democratic Party. Info: (828) 202-3481 or 269-8952

Cherokee Language Syllabary Reading classes. Jan. 16 - Feb. 20 at Utugi Church in the Snowbird Community. Info: Mary Brown (828) 735-4235 or Gil Jackson (828) 269-7030

Jackson County Democratic Party meeting. Jan. 17 at 6:30pm at party headquarters on Mill Street in Sylva. The agenda will include planning for 2017. All local Democrats are welcome, as are Jackson County citizens interested in the party's agenda of progress that benefits all. An important upcoming event is the Jan. 15 Rally for Healthcare at the Sylva fountain from 12:30-2:30pm.

Beginning Cherokee Language 1 classes. Tuesdays until Feb. 14 from 5-6:30pm in Cherokee Elementary School Room E104. Instructor: Angela Squirrel. Info: Cherokee Central Schools Cultural Department 554-5004

Health/Sports

Tribal Wellness Calendar for



January

Jan. 18: Smoking Cessation Training 1-2:30pm Jan. 19: New Class: Strength Training for Women 12:05-45pm Jan. 23: Gentle Yoga & Meditation with Rose 12-12:45pm Jan. 24: Yoga All Levels with Robin 12-12:45pm; Yogi with Julie 5-6pm Jan. 25: Yoga Clinic 11am – 1pm Jan. 26: Strength Training for Women 12:05-45pm Jan. 30: Gentle Yoga & Meditation with Rose 12-12:45pm Jan. 31: Yoga All Levels with Robin 12-12:45pm; Yoga with Julie 5-6pm; Cooking Demo at Food Lion 3:30-5:30pm All classes are free and open to everyone. Classes are held at the **Ginger Lynn Welch Community** Room. Info: Robin 359-6785 or

3rd Annual Stress and Healing Arts Retreat. March 24-25 at

robibail@nc-cherokee.com

Cherokee Central School. Learn about stress and healthy ways to manage it. Learn about grief and trauma and how to process it within your life. Experience massage, aromatherapy, healing touch, yoga, Tai Chi, and more. Must be 18 years of age or older. Info: Tara McCov 359-6783, taramcc@ nc-cherokee.com: Robin Callahan 359-6785, robibail@nc-cherokee. com; Rose James 359-6787, rosejame@nc-cherokee.com

Support Groups/Meetings

Cherokee Diabetes Support Group. This group, for community members with diabetes or pre-diabetes and their family and friends, meets at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Demonstration Kitchen on the first Tuesday of each month from 4:30-5:30pm. Info: Nilofer Couture, MPH, RD, LDN, CDE, 497-9163 ext. 6459 or Nilofer. Couture@cherokeehospital.org

AA and NA meetings in

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



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Guess what, Lamb? You're about to experience a new perspective on a situation you long regarded quite differently. What you learn could open more opportunities later.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bold Bovine is tempted to charge into a new venture. But it might be best to take things one step at a time, so that you know just where you are at any given point.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to go on that fun getaway you've been planning. You'll return refreshed, ready and, yes, even eager to tackle the new challenge that awaits you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child loves to fantasize about magical happenings in the early part of the week. But the sensible Crab gets down to serious business by week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) What goes around comes around for those lucky Leos and Leonas whose acts of generosity could be repaid with opportunities to expand into new and exciting areas of interest.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your concern about your job responsibilities is commendable. But you need to take some quiet time to share with someone who has really missed being with you.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA): Mondays at 8pm at CIH, Thursdays at 8pm at CIH, Fridays at 7pm at CIH ence room

Life Recovery 12-step Groups meeting information. Tsalagi Life Recovery Group meets Mondays from 6-7:15pm at Macedonia Church Fellowship Hall at 1182 Wolftown Road in Cherokee. Analenisgi Life Recovery Group meets Thursdays at 8:45-9:45am at Analenisgi Recovery Center. Info:

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Aspects favor getting out and meeting new people. And as a bonus, you might find that some of your newly made friends could offer important business contacts.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might take pride in wanting to do everything yourself. But now's a good time to ask family members to help with a demanding personal situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Pay more attention to the possibilities in that workplace change. It could show the way to make that long-sought turn on your career path.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your need to succeed might overwhelm obligations to your loved ones. Ease up on that workload and into some well-deserved time with family and friends.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Love rules for amorous Aquarians who can make good use of their ability to communicate feelings. Don't be surprised if they're reciprocated in kind.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Fishing for compliments? No doubt, you probably earned them. But it's best to let others believe they were the ones who uncovered the treasure you really are.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your good works flow from an open, generous heart. Nothing makes you happier than to see others happy as well.

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Text or call Deb Conseen-Bradley 226-8498 or Bro. Dan Conseen 508-2629

Analenisgi Recovery Center weekly class schedule

Monday: Community Culture 11:15am – 12:30pm; Stressed No More 2-3pm; Nar-Anon 6-7pm (1st and 3rd Mondays); CoDA 6-7pm (2nd and 4th Mondays) *Tuesday:* Recovery Thru Art 8:45-9:45am; Healthy Relationships 11am – 12pm; Employment Work-

shop Series 11am – 12pm (2nd Tuesday); Family Support Skills 1-2pm; Surviving Emotions 2-3pm **Wednesday:** Managing "Monkey Mind" 10-11am; Recovery is Happening Now 11am – 12pm; My Self, My Boundaries 2-3:30pm; Family Support Skills 5-6pm; HIV/ AIDS/Hep C Support Group 5:45-



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6:45pm (2nd and 4th Wednesdays) **Thursday:** Life Recovery Bible Class 9-10am; Connections with Brene' Brown 10-11am; Managing "Monkey Mind" 11am – 12pm; Improve Self-Esteem 1-2:30pm **Friday:** Recovery Thur Art 9:30-11am and 11am – 12pm; Cherokee Language Class 1-2:30pm Info: 497-9163 ext. 7550

CIHA Bariatric Support Groups

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



1. Is the book of Lamentations in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Romans 11, which tribe did Paul describe himself as a member of? *Benjamin, Rome, Barnabus, Tarsus*

3. In which "Garden of" did Adam and Eve live? *Everest, Eden, Heaven, Paradise*

4. From the Bible, what was Adam made of or from? *Eve's rib, Earth's dust, Ray of light, Fig leaf*

5. What's the Decalogue another name for? Ark of Covenant, Holy Grail, Ten Commandments, Last Supper

6. In Romans 5:6, Paul noted that Christ died for the ... ? *Believers*, *Unbelievers*, *Righteous*, *Ungodly*

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2000-2002 SUV or 4 door car \$1500 range: 452-9552

Young shih tzu puppy: 735-1668

silky rooster: 369-8128



Cherokee Tribal Bingo Job Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 11, 2017 CLOSING DATE: January 18, 2017 at 4pm

NAME OF POSITION: Full Time Cashier NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 1: SHIFT: Evening

SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Most importantly, demonstrate confidentiality. One year cashier/cash handling experience required. Must obtain a valid NC Drivers License and High School Diploma or GED. Application and a complete job description may be picked up at the Tribal Bingo Hall and returned to April Bradley.

NAME OF POSITION: Part Time Floor Attendant NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 2: SHIFT: Evening

SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Most importantly, demonstrate confidentiality. One year experience preferred. Must obtain a valid NC Drivers License and High School Diploma or GED. Application and a complete job description may be picked up at the Tribal Bingo Hall and returned to April Bradley.

NAME OF POSITION: Part Time Administrative Assistant NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 1: SHIFT: Days

SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Most importantly, demonstrate confidentiality. Knowledge of purchasing and inventory preferred. Must obtain a valid NC Drivers License and High School Diploma or GED. Application and a complete job description may be picked up at the Tribal Bingo Hall and returned to April Bradley.

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

Opening Date: Jan. 11, 2017 Closing Date: Jan. 25, 2017 Shop Technician – Garage Part-Time Resident Counselors – Cherokee Children's Home Resident Counselor Supervisor – Cherokee Children's Home Lead Teacher – Agelink Child Care Cherokee Youth Council Leadership Specialist – Ray Kinsland Leadership

Institute School Bus Drivers – Bus and Truck Department Charter Bus Drivers – Bus and Truck Department

Truck Drivers – Bus and Truck Department

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

The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory. Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates or readvertise positions without notice.

Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

High School Science Teacher -NC Teaching license required.
Special Education Teacher (3rd Grade) -NC Teaching license required.

- Full Time Custodian Requires HS Diploma or GED.
- Severe and Disabled (STARS) Teacher Assistant **
- Alternative School Teacher Assistant**
- Elementary Teacher Assistant**

• Cultural Teacher Assistant** - Must have some previous knowledge of Cherokee Culture & History.

**Teacher Assistants serving in Title 1 schools, in an instructional capacity, must have an Associate's Degree or two years (48 semester hours) of study at an institute of higher education.

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Places of Worship

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Cherokee Weslevan Church. 586-5453 Christ Fellowship Church. Great Smokies Center. Goose Creek Baptist Church. 631-0331 or 497-3512 Jesus is the Light Full Gospel Ministries. 736-9383 Living Waters Lutheran Church. 497-3730, prjack@frontier.com, lwcherokee@frontier.com Macedonia Baptist Church. 508-2629 dconseen@gmail.com Olivet United Methodist Church. (336) 309-1016, www.YouTube.com/user/OlivetUMC, www.Olivet-UMC.org Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. 736-5322 Piney Grove Baptist Church. 736-7850. Rock Hill Baptist Church. (828) 356-7312 Rock Springs Baptist Church. 497-9455, 736-1245 Sequoyah Sovereign Grace Church. 497-7644 St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church of Cherokee. 280-0209, cherokeeepiscopal@gmail.com Straight Fork Baptist Church. 488-3974 Waterfalls Baptist Church. Wrights Creek Road. Whittier United Methodist Church. 497-6245 Wilmot Baptist Church. 554-5850 Wrights Creek Baptist Church. 497-5262 Yellowhill Baptist Church. 506-0123 or 736-4872 Please contact the church of your choice for meeting times and locations.

EMPLOYMENT

Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort is seeking NC Licensed Cosmetologists

to meet our growing business demand! Also seeking energetic individuals for the following Full Time hourly positions: Senior Concierge (shift leadership position), Concierge, Male Host. All full time positions are eligible for a benefits package that includes medical, dental, vision, 401k, paid holidays, vacation, sick time, and more. Candidates must pass background check and drug test. Please contact the Spa at 828-497-8550 or email resume to laurenw@mandaraspa. com for consideration. **1/12pd**

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CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

- Registered Nurse Emergency Room
- Mid Level Provider Emergency Room
- Case Manager Behavioral Health
 - Applications and job descrip-

tions 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, Sheila Brown, Sarella Jackson or Sherrene Swayney. These positions will close on January 13, 2017 @ 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. **1/12pd**

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- Housekeeper

- Pharmacy Technician

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, Sheila Brown, Sarella Jackson or Sherrene Swayney. These positions will close on January 20, 2017 @ 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. **1/19pd**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-054 **In the Matter of the Estate of David W. Swayney Jr.** 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 PUBLICA-TION

Christopher Swayney, PO Box 421, Balsam, NC 28707. **1/12pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-072

In the Matter of the Estate of James Raymond Nix

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 PUBLICA-TION

Richard Jenkins, PO Box 956, Cherokee, NC 28719. **1/12pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-076 In the Matter of the Estate of

Lillian Thompson

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 PUBLICA-TION

Patricia Welch, 94 Junaluska Rd, Whittier, NC 28719. **1/12pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-075

In the Matter of the Estate of Phyllis S. Sequoyah

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 PUBLICA-TION

Patricia S. Tramper, P.O. Box 1109, Cherokee, NC 28719. **1/12pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-068

In the Matter of the Estate of Clyde Douglas Toineeta

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION

Linda Gail Parker, Big Cove Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **1/12pd**

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-070 In the Matter of the Estate of Mary W. Montelongo

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 PUBLICA-TION

David Montelongo, PO Box 993, Cherokee, NC 28719. **1/12pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-073

In the Matter of the Estate of Skye Lorenzo Owl

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 PUBLICA-TION

Marguerite Owl, 778-A Owl Branch Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **1/19pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File Nos.: EST 10-039; EST 10-042; EST 10-048; EST 10-055; EST 10-059; EST 10-061; EST 10-

062.

In the Matter of the Estates of: Steven Joseph Catolster (d. 5/28/2010); Frances Juanita Ross Gonzalez (d. 10/10/2009); Johnson Lee Wildcatt (d. 8/20/2010); Aaron Clifford Gloyne (d. 10/1/2010); Marion Dillard Cucumber (d. 8/13/2010); William Curtis West (d. 10/3/2010); John Nor-

man George (d. 10/29/2010).

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

Courtroom 1, EBCI Justice Center February 9th, 2017 at 1:30pm **1/26pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-077 In the Matter of the Estate of JEREMIAH LITTLEJOHN, JR.

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

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asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION

Rhonda Beth McCoy, PO Box 1077, Cherokee, NC 28719. **1/26pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-079 In the Matter of the Estate of

Mildred Lossiah Bradley

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 PUBLICA-TION

Nakesha Bradley, 238 Fisher Branch, Cherokee, NC 28719. **2/2pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 17-003 In the Matter of the Estate of Bettie W. Taylor All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION

Jessica Santos, 238 Myers Drive, Cherokee, NC 28719. **2/2pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 17-002

In the Matter of the Estate of Rosezena Littlejohn

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 PUBLICA-TION

Evelyn Locust, 427 Locust Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **2/2pd**

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