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"Today marks a very important milestone

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- Hannah Smith, EBCI interim attorney general

in the history of our Tribe," Chief Lambert said during the signing event on Thursday. "It not only acknowledges the work that our staff is doing on behalf of the children and families for the Cherokee Tribe, but it also marks an important day for the sovereignty of our Tribe. It shows the importance that the federal government is placing on the relationships with tribes."

Chief Lambert said that on Oct. 1, 2015, the Tribe became only the seventh in Indian Country to have direct access to a Title IV-E plan. "This places the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in

an elite group of tribal welfare providers and raises the Tribe to the highest level of recognition in the eyes of child welfare professionals across the nation. Not only does the Title IV-E plan and program bolster credibility and provide for implementation for quality services, standards and adherence to best practices, it also serves as the foundation for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to support the safety and permanency and well-being of the Tribe's most vulnerable children and families."

He went on to praise the EBCI Office of the

Attorney General for their work on the project including Hannah Smith, EBCI Interim Attorney General, along with Sheena M. Meader and Barbara "Sunshine" Parker.

"Because of this, the Family Safety Program is uniquely positioned to serve as a model for not only tribes, but state child welfare programs as well."

Smith said there was a "behind-the-scenes work group that worked for years and years" on the project. She added, "I just want to acknowledge everyone's hard work, but in particular the folks who were kind of in it from the conception stage, and this really is a proud day for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians."

She thanked tribal leadership for "trusting and taking this risk" and "for being accountable for our

children and families".

"We can serve our families the best, and we couldn't do it without the trust and support of leadership."

Chief Lambert went on to praise the foster care portion of the plan, "Title IV-E provides the necessary funding for parents who are already in the system, and this helps them get through the legal problems and the legal pieces that they are facing...with that is the most important thing of keeping Indian families intact and united as best as possible."

Yellowhill Rep. Anita Lossiah commented, "I would like to thank everyone who played a part and a role in initiating this, establishing this, pushing this through, being diligent on this until now when it's

an actuality. I personally thank each one of you. This is a great accomplishment for our Tribe and for our families."

Lopez noted, "It is evidenced in everything that I have seen and with every conversation that I have had today just how much pride and love you have, not only for the land, but, for the children. And, when I look around and see all of the children here, I think how sacred each of their lives are."

He said it is time to "flip the script" on the current paradigm of family services in this country. "How about when a family is struggling to buy food, to pay the bills, the make ends meet, to get the counseling they need, to get the drug support they need, or to help with early childhood educa-

tion; what would it look like if we were always able to come around and support each other and to say, 'You are part of my family. This child is my child. Their life is sacred because it is sacred on behalf of the country.' And, so I think that is exactly what you doing."

The tribe joins six other federally-recognized tribes that have an approved Title IV-E plan including: Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe of Kingston, Wash.; Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of Pablo, Mont.; South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency of Shelton, Wash.; Keweenaw Bay Indian Community of Baraga, Mich.; Navajo Nation of Window Rock, Ariz.; and Chickasaw Nation of Ada, Okla.

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Tribe to rebury three sets of remains

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The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is set to rebury three sets of ancient remains removed from two historic sites in Alabama. According to a notice by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) dated Thursday, Jan. 7, "...the human remains described in this notice are Native American based on their presence in prehistoric archaeological contexts."

A total of 15 federally recognized tribes were consulted on the remains and possible repatriation and reburial. "These human remains were located during a recent

validation of the Tennessee Valley Authority NAGPRA cultural items stores at the University of Alabama," the TVA notice states. "No known individuals were identified. No associated funerary objects are present."

According to the TVA, the remains include a female age 20-24, a 15-year-old of undetermined gender and another individual not identified by age or gender.

"We will be conducting a joint reburial effort with the Cherokee Nation, the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians, and the Chickasaw Nation," said Miranda Panther, EBCI NAGPRA officer. "The reburial will be a collaborative effort on behalf of the tribes listed,

and the EBCI THPO (Tribal Historic Preservation Office) is honored to be able to participate in such an important and somber task."

Panther said the burials will occur in Alabama later this year. "Each reburial is completed in the most respectful and humane manner."

The remains were originally collected in the 1950s from two archaeological sites in Alabama known as 1LI14, located in Limestone County, and 1LI37, located within the current Wheeler Wildlife Refuge. The first site is located near a "truncated pyramidal mound and associated shell mound or village near Decatur, Alabama", and it is believed to have been occupied during the Middle Woodland and Mississippian periods. The second site is believed to have been occupied during the Archaic Period.

"Whenever feasible, after considering factors such as security and protection, it is always our preference to rebury at the original site," Panther added, "or as close to it as possible."

These reburials represent just the tip of the iceberg in these types of cases. "I currently have 11

other NAGPRA projects in progress with the TVA," Panther noted. "Each project can take anywhere from eight months to three years to complete. Some projects have taken as long as five years to complete as there are many complex factors that have to be taken into consideration. The NAGPRA process will continue to be ongoing as it addresses both collections from established NAGPRA inventories and the inadvertent discovery of human remains."

Panther said that, as of a 2012 TVA Native American Consultation meeting, the TVA was in possession of 9,000 sets of human remains and around 125,000 funerary objects. "The EBCI will not be culturally-affiliated or potentially culturally-affiliated to all of the human remains and funerary objects in this massive NAGPRA collection, but we will continue to consult and work with TVA as it pertains to those projects located within the traditional Cherokee aboriginal territory. NAGPRA was enacted 26 years ago, and we still have a great deal of work to accomplish in order to rebury all Cherokee ancestors."

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Motions to Dismiss filed in pay raise lawsuit

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The defendants in a lawsuit filed in Cherokee Tribal Court on the issue of the disputed pay raises approved by Tribal Council in October 2014 have filed six Motions to Dismiss the case. The Motions list various reasons for dismissal ranging from sovereign immunity of the plaintiffs to a lack of standing by the defendants.

The Motions filed state the following:

- First Motion to Dismiss: “Defendants move to dismiss Plaintiffs’ claims on the grounds that Plaintiffs lack standing.” (One Feather Note: The Legal Information Institute from the Cornell University Law School states, “Standing, or locus standi, is a capacity of a party to bring suit in court...only those with enough direct stake in an action or law have ‘standing’ to challenge it.”)
- Second Motion to Dismiss: “...said claims are barred in whole or in part by sovereign immunity, public official immunity, absolute immunity, legislative immunity, and/or other immunity doctrines.”
- Third Motion to Dismiss: “...Plaintiffs have failed to exhaust their administrative remedies, including by pursuing potentially available relief directly from the Tribal Council.”
- Fourth Motion to Dismiss: “Defendants move to dismiss Plaintiffs’ claims against Defendants Brown, Owle, Parker, and James Taylor on the grounds that Plaintiffs’ Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted

against these Defendants.”

- Fifth Motion to Dismiss: “Defendants move to dismiss Plaintiffs’ claim for civil conspiracy on the grounds that it fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted as it is not recognized by Cherokee law.”

- Sixth Motion to Dismiss: “...Plaintiffs have failed to join one or more necessary parties.”

The Motions state that Meghann K. Burke, Asheville-based attorney for the plaintiffs, was served with the notice on Dec. 18, 2015. She declined to comment on this ongoing litigation.

In addition to former Principal Chief Michell Hicks and former Vice Chief Larry Blythe, the following are named as defendants in the lawsuit and are being sued in their individual capacity: former Tribal Council Chairwoman Terri Henry, Tribal Council Chairman Bill Taylor, former Birdtown Rep. Gene “Tunney” Crowe Jr., Yellowhill Rep. Alan B. Ensley, Birdtown Rep. Albert R. Rose, Painttown Rep. Virginia Lee Bradley (Tommye) Saunooke, former Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell, Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha, former Yellowhill Rep. David Wolfe, former Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Diamond Brown, former Tribal Council Chairman James “Jim” Owle, former Wofltown Rep. Michael Parker, and former Big Cove Rep. James “Bo” Taylor. Former EBCI Deputy of Finance Kim Peone is being sued in her official capacity.

Resolution No. 261 (2014), passed on Oct. 14, 2014, is the main point of contention in the

lawsuit. That legislation approved the FY2015 EBCI tribal budget and included pay raises for the members of Tribal Council which the EBCIJA alleges is in violation of Section 117-15(a) which states, “Pay increases for the Tribal Council members shall not exceed the amount appropriated in that fiscal year for Tribal employees. These pay increases shall not take effect until the next elected Tribal Council members are seated...”

Wolftown Rep. Bo Crowe was the only one to vote against Res. No. 261 with Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy and Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Brandon Jones both being absent.

In the lawsuit, the EBCIJA alleges, “...the average Tribal employee pay raise was 1% of their salaries in 2013. Historically, pay increases have averaged 3% of each employee’s then-existing salary. Thus, Tribal Council pay raises far exceed ‘the amount appropriated in that fiscal year for Tribal employees’ un Cherokee Code 117-15(a).”

According to records from the EBCI Office of Budget and Finance that were attached to the official court documents filed with the lawsuit, the pay for the Tribal Council Chairman increased from \$75,000 to \$86,400. The pay for the Vice Chairman increased from \$72,500 to \$83,500, and the pay for the other Tribal Council representatives increased from \$70,000 to \$80,600. The court document alleges that defendants Taylor, Brown, Owle and Parker all received “one-time lump-sum payments”.

In the past several months,

there have been several pieces of legislation discussed and voted upon dealing with the lawsuit. In November 2015, a resolution (Res. No. 47 – 2015) seeking Tribal Council to waive sovereign immunity in the case was killed. At the time, Becky Walker, an EBCI tribal member who spoke on behalf of EBCIJA, commented, “There has been a black cloud hanging over our community since last October... all that we’re asking for is a Declaratory Judgment. We’ve not asking for a settlement from the Tribe.”

Prior to debate on that resolution was a multi-session debate over legal representation for the defendants in the case. In Annual Council on Oct. 14, 2015, Tribal Council passed a resolution (Res. No. 30 – 2015) stating that those named in the case would be responsible for their own representation. Rep. McCoy submitted the resolution and stated at the time, “When we are charged, we are responsible. We will step up and do what’s right...we will pay for our legal representation by ourselves.”

Eight days later, on Oct. 22, 2015, Council passed Res. No. 36 (2015) which rescinded Res. No. 30 and provides for a case-by-case review of legal service fees. Co-introduced by Yellowhill Rep. Anita Lossiah and Birdtown Rep. Travis Smith, the legislation states that if an elected official is found by a court of law “to have been acting outside the scope of his or her official authority”, then the Tribe will require repayment of legal fees incurred.

Native News by States

CALIFORNIA

SAN JACINTO – The Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians broke ground on Monday, Jan. 11 on the first of three solar power arrays which will provide 35 percent of the tribe's total energy needs. "Native people have long been 'Keepers of the Earth', and with that, the tribe takes tremendous pride in this new environmentally safe development that is taking Soboba one step closer to becoming a self-sustaining tribe," Tribal Council Chairwoman Rosemary Morillo told Indian Country Today. The project development is Optimum Group LLC, and they received a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy for the 3-megawatt solar plan.

- Indian Country Today Media Network

NEW MEXICO

ISLETA PUEBLO – Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell announced on Friday, Jan. 15 that the BIA has placed 89,97 acres of land into trust for the Pueblo of Isleta, a federally recognized tribe. "This land into trust milestone marks the culmination of years of hard work by the Pueblo of Isleta as well as important progress in the Obama Administration's goals of empowering tribes, restoring homelands to support self-determination and self-governance," said Secretary Jewell in a statement. The tribe purchased the property, known as the Comanche Ranch, which was used by the U.S. military to as a practice bombing range during World War II. Pueblo Governor E.

Paul Torres said in a statement, "The Pueblo of Isleta is very thankful to the foresight of tribal leadership who in 1997 made the purchase of land known as the Comanche Ranch. Through the persistence of tribal leadership and the support of the BIA Southern Pueblos Agency, Albuquerque Area Office, and more importantly, the Office of the Secretary of the Interior, the Pueblo of Isleta will celebrate an historic event as this land base being placed into trust..."

- BIA release

NEW YORK

WHITESBORO – Residents voted last week to keep their town emblem intact which some says depicts a white man choking an American Indian man. Of the 212 votes cast in the vote taken Monday, Jan. 11, 157 voted to keep the emblem. "Whitesboro views this seal as a monument in time when good relations were fostered," Village Clerk Dana Nimey-Olney told the Associated Press. The town's website claims the image shown on its emblem actually depicts a wres-



tlng match between Hugh White, one of the first white settlers in the area, and an Oneida Chief who came to visit him. "White dared not risk being browbeaten by an Indian nor did he want to be called a coward," the website states. "In early manhood, he had been a wrestler, but of late felt he was out of practice."

- The Root.com

UTAH

DESERET – A former member of the Ute Tribe Business Committee, which oversees the Uintah-Ouray Indian Reservation in Utah, was found guilty in federal court on Thursday, Jan.

14 of aggravated sexual abuse of a child and two counts of sexual abuse of a minor. Richard Jenks Jr., 57, is set to be sentenced in March.

According to the Deseret News, the aggravated abuse charge carries a minimum 30-year sentence, and he faces up to 10 additional years for each of the other counts. The paper reported that Jenks was charged in February with sexually abusing the same girl from age 10 to 16 (2009-2014). He is being held at the Weber County Jail.

-Deseret News



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BASKETBALL

Lossiah leads Lady Braves over Swain



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

LeLe Lossiah, Lady Braves senior guard, sets up for a free throw during Tuesday's home game against Swain. She led Cherokee with 19 points including five three-pointers.

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LeLe Lossiah led Cherokee (11-3) over Swain on Tuesday, Jan. 12 as the Lady Braves remained unbeaten in the Big Smoky Mountain Conference. The senior guard scored 19 points, including five three-pointers, as Cherokee beat the visiting Maroon Devils 57-44 in a scrappy game at home in which Cherokee never trailed.

"I don't think we played very well," said Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach. "I know we didn't execute very well, and our rebounding was not what we needed it to be. We got lucky to get out of here with a 'W'."

"We're almost getting enough people healthy to have five-on-five at practice so that'll make it a little bit easier. These guys are battling. We didn't play our best game tonight, but these guys played as hard as they could all night so that's all you can ask for."

Cherokee got off to a quick start and took a 7-0 lead just forty seconds in. They extended that lead to 10-0 by the 6:02 mark in the first. Swain got on the board first at the 5:19 mark, and Cherokee led by 10 (15-5) at the end of the first period.

Lossiah hit two three point shots early in the second period and Cherokee extended its lead to 22-8 just over a minute in. The

second period ended up being almost even with Cherokee outscoring Swain 12-11 and taking a 27-16 lead into the locker room.

The third period got much closer as the Lady Maroon Devils went on a 14-5 run to cut Cherokee's lead to 2 points (32-30) at the 3:23 mark. But, Cherokee's defense stiffened and held Swain to only 2 points in the last three minutes. In the last thirty seconds of the third, Lossiah hit a three pointer and Shelby Wolfe made a short jumper to give Cherokee a 41-32 lead.

The Lady Braves outscored Swain 16-12 in the final eight minutes to take the 57-44 win.

Other Cherokee scorers included: Tori Teesateskie 9, Pooh King 12, Wolfe 7 and Timiyah Brown 10.

Swain's scorers included: Lynsey Hicks 7, Alissa Smith 2, Gabby Jones 10, Taylor Medlin 9, Maleeah Langstaff 11 and Brooklyn Brown 5.



Cherokee's Timiyah Brown (#50) and Swain's Lynsey Hicks (#12) fight for a loose ball near midcourt.

BASKETBALL

Three Braves in double digits in win over Swain

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On paper, the game should have been closer. Cherokee had three players in double digits. Swain had three players in double digits. Cherokee shot 48 percent from the field.

Swain shot 47 percent from the field. But, games aren't played on paper and Cherokee (11-3) led by as many as 30 points in a 98-80 home win over the Maroon Devils on Tuesday, Jan. 12.

"I thought we played a really sloppy first half, but the second half I thought we played really well," said Willis Tullos, Braves head coach.

The game was tight in the first two periods, but the Braves pulled away with a huge third period outscoring Swain 34-18. "We picked up our intensity," Tullos said of the Braves' play in the third. "We just had to quit stumbling and staggering around and play with some intensity and get focused, and that's what they did. When we play with that kind of intensity, we're pretty good, and when we don't, we're not."

Cherokee was led by Jason McMillan, senior point guard, with 32 points followed

by sophomore forwards Justus Day and Tye Mintz with 25 and 20 points respectively. McMillan also led the team with 6 rebounds followed by Kennan Panther 5, Day 4, Mintz 3, Holden Straughan 3 and Logan Teesateskie 3.

The first period saw three lead changes and was tight the whole eight minutes. Swain scored first followed by six unanswered by Cherokee – which represented the largest lead of the first period. Swain took the lead back 12-9 at the midway point and kept the lead until Day hit a three-point shot with 1:03 left to tie the game at 22-22. McMillan drove the lane for a two-point shot at the end of the period and Cherokee retook the lead 24-22.

The second period was more of the same, and both teams answered bucket for bucket. The game was tied at 29-29 at the 6:20 mark and 33-33 at the 4:59 mark. With just over three minutes left, McMillan hit two three-point shots in a row to give the Braves a six point lead (41-35). The Braves ended up taking a 47-44 lead into the locker room.

The third period was tight for the first few minutes, but then Cherokee began to open it up some. Three minutes in, Cherokee had extended its lead to 59-51. They kept going and had a huge 32-point period to take a 81-62 lead into the final eight minutes.

Cherokee got a lot of bench play in the fourth period and Swain actually outscored them 18-17, but the Braves held on for the 18-point victory (98-80).

Other Braves scorers included: Kennan Panther 8, Holden Straughan 7 and Logan Teesateskie 6.

Swain's scorers included: Evan Bradley 9, Darren Blankenship 1, Nolan Arkansas 7, Zeke Bradley 15, Phinehaus Little 20, Grant Shulter 19, Clayton Catolster 3 and Angel Bowers 6.



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Cherokee's Jason McMillan, senior guard, goes for a shot over a Maroon Devils player during a home game on Tuesday, Jan. 12. McMillan led Cherokee with 32 points and 6 rebounds. (Note: Swain did not have a #12 on their roster.)

BASKETBALL

Lady Braves more than triple Bobcats

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

CASHIERS – The Cherokee Lady Braves (12-3) more than tripled the offensive output of the Blue Ridge Lady Bobcats in an away game on Friday, Jan. 15. Pooh King, junior point guard, led Cherokee with 23 points

as the Lady Braves cruised to a big 69-21 win. Following a slow start, the Lady Braves scored 20 unanswered points in the latter part of the first period and the start of the second period.

“I thought we had our ups and downs,” said Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach. “We didn’t shoot the ball well. They weren’t giving us much pressure on our shots. I

think we were too wide open on some of them and we kind of hesitated, but overall we got through it and got through it with no injuries so that’s all you can ask.”

This game started slowly with both teams having shooting issues early. The first bucket of the game came two minutes in when King sunk one in the paint. After that, Cherokee jumped out to a 9-0 lead midway through the first.

Blue Ridge’s Anna Stewart hit a three-point shot at the 3:34 mark of the first, the Lady Bobcats’ first basket of the game. They added five more unanswered points in the next minute to make it 9-8.

From that point, Cherokee went on an 11-0 run and led 20-8 at the end of the first period.

The Lady Braves continued their press causing turnover after turnover, and they scored the first nine points of the second period to make it 29-8 at the 5:34 mark and marking 20 unanswered points.

Cherokee shut down Blue Ridge in the second outscoring them 23-6 to take a 43-14 lead into the locker room.

The Lady Braves blazed out for the third period and went on another 11-0 run in the third three minutes. At the 5:22 mark, King stole the ball and drove the lane for an easy layup to give Cherokee a 40-point (54-14) lead thereby invoking the NCHSAA mercy rule.

With the clock running, the fourth period flew by and Cherokee went on to a 69-21 win.

Other Cherokee scorers included: Tori Teesateskie 9, LeLe Lossiah 8, Bree Stamper 11, Shelby Wolfe 13, Jamie Lossiah 3 and Timiyah Brown 2.

Blue Ridge scorers included: Savannah Heltsley 4, Mystery Knope 4 and Anna Stewart 13.



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Cherokee’s Timiyah Brown (#50), sophomore center, goes for a shot between three Blue Ridge players.

BASKETBALL

Braves struggle in big win over Blue Ridge

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CASHIERS – Cherokee (12-3) beat the Blue Ridge Bobcats by 35 points (75-40) in an away game on Friday, Jan. 15, but the Braves struggled shooting in this contest. From the field, Cherokee hit 19 of 44 (43 percent), and from three-point land they only hit 9 of

32 (28 percent). The big difference in the game was that Blue Ridge shot worse from the field (37 percent), and Cherokee held them to less than half of their amount of shots at 19.

“It was one of the worst games we’ve played all year,” said Willis Tullos, Braves head coach. “We were really, really poorly prepared.”

He said the Braves struggled in all areas

including shooting, ball handling and rebounding. “We just had a really bad ball-game. We work on these things every day, but we just didn’t come in here ready to play and we didn’t have any intensity.”

Blue Ridge led early in this game, but it wouldn’t last. After trailing by four points (11-7) midway through the first period, the Braves pressed and pressed and pressed and went on a 12-0 run to lead 19-11 at the end of the first eight minutes.

Cherokee wouldn’t trail again in this game.

Three minutes into the second period, Cherokee was up by 10 (24-14) and they led by 12 (27-15) at the 3:35 mark. Cherokee had doubled Blue Ridge’s score (34-17) as Justus Day, sophomore guard, hit a three-point shot with just less than two minutes left before the half. On the night, Day led Cherokee with 17 points. He also had 2 assists, 3 rebounds and 1 steal.

There were a few baskets hit in the final minute and Cherokee led 38-19 at the half.

The third period was slow. Both teams struggled with shooting. Cherokee hit a few and outscored the Bobcats 11-2 in the third to take a 49-21 lead into the fourth period.

Cherokee and Blue Ridge both woke up a little in the fourth and began hitting some shots. At the 5:25 mark, Cherokee led by 31 (59-28) and they held on for the big 75-40 win.

Tye Mintz led the Braves with 8 rebounds followed by Logan Teesateskie with 5.

Other Braves scorers include: Jason McMillan 7, Tye Mintz 6, Trace Lambert 2, Kennan Panther 12, Holden Straughan 9, Dez Crowe 3, Josiah Lossiah 3, Cory Junaluska 2, Logan Teesateskie 12 and Menoch Grant 2.

Blue Ridge was led by Ben Riddle 15, followed by Austin Mireles 9 and Dylan McCall 6.



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Justus Day (#3), Braves sophomore guard, goes up strong inside against Blue Ridge’s Austin Mireles (#10) in Friday’s game. Day led Cherokee with 17 points, 2 assists, 3 rebounds and a steal.



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Braves Head Coach Willis Tullos is congratulated by his players following his 600th career win which occurred on Saturday, Jan. 16 at Franklin.

MILESTONE WIN

BASKETBALL

Coach Tullos gets 600th career win

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

FRANKLIN – The Cherokee Braves (13-3) fought and scrapped the entire game as they topped Franklin (2-12) by a score of 84-78 to give their beloved coach a milestone win. It was the 600th career win for Braves Head Coach Willis Tullos

who was emotional after the game.

Led by Jason McMillan with 31 points, the Braves shot well from three-point land hitting 17 of 38 (45 percent) shots. Kennan Panther and Holden Straughan both grabbed six boards and McMillan had four steals on the night.

“It was a hard fought game, well played on both side,” Coach Tullos said of the game itself. “Franklin really played well, and our kids stepped up and matched them. I was proud of the way the game went, and I was proud of the way it was played. I thought it was a great job for both teams.”

When asked about his 600th win, he related, “Six hundred wins comes from longevity. God has blessed me with some really good Native American basketball players because that’s

where the majority of my wins came from.”

In speaking about his players now and in the past, he commented, “I’m just extremely proud of them. I appreciate all they’ve done for me and all they’ve added to my life. They’ve made my life a lot richer.”

The game was hard fought the entire way. Franklin got on the board first, but Cherokee got a couple of three-point shots and took the lead 6-2 at the 5:29 mark. Several minutes later, they extended that lead to 21-10. Franklin went on an 8-0 run in the last 90 seconds of the period, and Cherokee led 21-18 after the first.

The Braves came out blazing in the second period and went on a 10-0 run to take a 13-point (31-18) lead at the 5:36 mark. Both teams settled in for the next few minutes with each scor-

ing several baskets in a row. Cherokee's biggest lead of the game came at the 3:32 mark when they led by 12 points (38-26). The Braves ended up leading 45-34 at the half.

The first two minutes of the third period were dead even with both teams scoring six points. From then, Franklin roared back and outscored Cherokee 15-5 to only trail by one point with just over a minute left before the half. The Panthers hit a basket at the buzzer to tie the game at 59-59 going into the fourth – making it a new ballgame.

Franklin scored the first basket of the fourth and took the lead (61-59)

momentarily, but it was not for long as Cherokee came back and tied the game and then took the lead a minute later. The Braves consistently kept a 3- or 4-point lead for most of the fourth period with both teams trading baskets.

Cherokee held off the Panthers for the final minutes and came away with the 78-75 win.

Other Cherokee scorers include: Justus Day 19, Tye Mintz 11, Kennan Panther 2, Holden Straughan 5, Cory Junaluska 4 and Logan Teesateskie 12.

Franklin was led by Andrew Terrell with 30 points and Bradley Evers with 17.



Jason McMillan (#1), Braves senior point guard, goes against Franklin's James Field (#22). McMillan led Cherokee with 31 points.

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TUESDAY, JAN. 19

BASKETBALL

Franklin edges Cherokee in hard fought game

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

FRANKLIN – The Cherokee Lady Braves (12-4) lost a hard fought game to the Franklin Lady Panthers (9-5) on Saturday, Jan. 16 by three points (55-52). The game saw four lead changes in the first nine minutes with

the biggest lead of the day being 7 points.

“I thought it was a hard, well-played game between two good teams,” said Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach. “It came down to the last shot, and we didn’t get it off.”

Coach Mintz said the game was good experience for his team that they can apply later in the season. “I told them it was a

good environment here with a good crowd. It was against a good team. We gave up a big size advantage, and they (Franklin) play really, really hard and really physical. So, I told my team this is similar to what a playoff game will be like.”

The Lady Braves had three players in double figures including Pooh King 16, Bree Stamper 11 and Tori Teesateskie 10.

The Lady Panthers got on the board first, but Cherokee answered with seven straight points to lead by five two minutes in. The lead changed hands several more times in the first period, and with just over a minute left Timiyah Brown, Braves sophomore center, hit a short shot to put Cherokee up 15-13 as the period came to a close.

Franklin retook the lead early in the second period and would not relinquish it again. They led by as many as seven (26-19) at one point and took a 33-28 lead into the locker room.

Neither team shot well for the first few minutes of the third period, and by the 5:00 mark it was only 33-29. Later in the period, they got it going more and Cherokee was able to close the gap to 43-41 by the end of the third.

The Lady Braves never trailed by more than three points in the fourth period, but they were unable to take the lead. With 28 seconds left, King drove the lane for a layup to make it 53-52. Franklin’s Heidi Shope hit two free throws to make it 55-52.

Cherokee drove down and tried to get a shot off in the waning seconds of the game but were unable to and Franklin took the 55-52 win.

Other Cherokee scorers included: LeLe Lossiah 2, Shelby Wolfe 8, Jamie Lossiah 1 and Timiyah Brown 4.

Franklin scorers included: Payton Burrell 11, Heidi Shope 8, Tory Agrusa 8, Lolis 1, Lexi Taro 22 and Haley Hamilton 5.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

Cherokee’s Bree Stamper (#12) shoots as Franklin’s Heidi Shope (#21) tries to defend in an away game on Saturday, Jan. 16. On the night, Stamper had 11 points.

WRESTLING

Braves fall to Towns Co., White Co., in tri-team duals

AMBLE SMOKER ONE FEATHER STAFF

HIAWASSEE, Ga. - The Cherokee Braves fell to the Towns County (Ga.) Indians by a score of 66-18 and the White County (Ga.) Warriors 52-18 in the tri-team duals on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at Towns County High School.

Lucas Woodard led the Braves with a pair of pin falls over Dylan Robert (TOCO) and Shane Tyner (WHCO) in the 160 lbs. weight class. Cherokee's Sam Sneed picked up a pin fall against Towns County's Jacob Farmer, while Xander Brady and Lloyd Mitchell each picked up a pin fall for the Braves in their matches against White County.

The Braves surrendered five forfeits against Towns County for 30 points and three forfeits against White County for 18 points.

Cherokee vs. Towns County

106 – Xavier Hogsed (TOCO) won by forfeit

113 – Angel Moss (TOCO) won by forfeit

120 – William Hoftman (TOCO) pinned Jonah Burnhisel (CHER)

126 – Thomas Mitchell (TOCO) pinned Seth Sneed (CHER)

132 – Morgan Smith (TOCO) won by forfeit

138 – Sam Sneed (CHER) pinned Jacob Farmer (TOCO)

145 – Christoph Nguyen (TOCO) pinned Scarlett Guy (CHER)

152 – Blaine Rogers (TOCO) won by forfeit

160 – Lucas Woodard (CHER) pinned Dylan Robert (TOCO)

170 – Wesley Calhoun (TOCO) pinned Andrew Griffin (CHER)

182 – Daulton Rogers (TOCO) pinned Lloyd Mitchell (CHER)

195 – Russell Cox (TOCO) pinned Xander Brady (CHER)

220 – Morgan Gay (TOCO) won by forfeit

285 – Dakota Ward (CHER) won by forfeit

Cherokee vs. White County

106 – Double Forfeit

113 – Double Forfeit

120 – John Garrison (WHCO) pinned Jonah Burnhisel (CHER)

126 – Matthew Jenkins (WHCO) pinned Seth Sneed (CHER)

132 – Luke Rogers (WHCO) defeated Sam Sneed (CHER) 18-10

138 – Steven Fox (WHCO) won by forfeit

145 – Julian Minelli (WHCO) pinned Scarlett Guy (CHER)

152 – Britton Bartlett (WHCO) won by forfeit

160 – Lucas Woodard (CHER) pinned Shane Tyner (WHCO)

170 – Micheal Bray (WHCO) pinned Andrew Griffin (CHER)

182 – Lloyd Mitchell (CHER) pinned Joshua Jenkins (WHCO)

195 – Xander Brady (CHER) pinned David Gregg (WHCO)

220 – James Allen (WHCO) won by forfeit

285 – Demetrius Fleming (WHCO) pinned Dakota Ward (CHER)

SCOREBOARD

PREP BASKETBALL Girls

Tuesday, Jan. 12

Cherokee 57 Swain Co. 44

Hiwassee Dam 64 Andrews 31

Robbinsville 76 Murphy 37

Thursday, Jan. 14

Hiwassee Dam 58 Blue Ridge 11

Friday, Jan. 15

Cherokee 69 Blue Ridge 21

Smoky Mountain 75 N. Henderson

42

Hayesville 47 Swain Co. 46

Hiwassee Dam 56 Robbinsville 34

Saturday, Jan. 16

Franklin 55 Cherokee 52

Pisgah 55 Hayesville 32

Boys

Tuesday, Jan. 12

Cherokee 98 Swain Co. 80

Andrews 84 Hiwassee Dam 51

Robbinsville 85 Murphy 55

Wednesday, Jan. 13

Smoky Mountain 84 Swain Co. 47

Friday, Jan. 15

Cherokee 75 Blue Ridge 40

Smoky Mountain 70 N. Henderson

53

Hayesville 61 Swain Co. 41

Andrews 84 Nantahala 83

Saturday, Jan. 16

Cherokee 84 Franklin 78

Hayesville 68 Pisgah 56

WRESTLING

Tuesday, Jan. 12

Towns Co. (Ga.) 66 Cherokee 18

White Co. (Ga.) 52 Cherokee 18

Thursday, Jan. 14

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Saturday, Jan. 16

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Kudos to Coach Tullos, a class act

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

Some of the games I cover are fun and exciting. Some of the games I cover are boring and dull. But, sometimes, on the sidelines, I get to witness history in the making, and those times are special.

Willis Tullos, Braves head basketball coach, won his 600th career game on Saturday, Jan. 16 at Franklin as Cherokee edged a scrappy Franklin squad 84-78. That is a monumental achievement.

He has coached for 48 years including 18 as a football coach and 30 years, on and off, as a basketball coach. If you do the math, that equals to an average of 20 wins a season! There are many coaches who would kill to have just a few 20 win seasons much less a 30-year career span of them.

Tullos has coached the Cherokee Braves boys basketball team since 2012. He started his coaching career at Choctaw Central in 1966, and during a stint as head coach of the Choctaw Central Lady Warriors, he led them to three state championships. According to the Meridian Star, under his tutelage, the Lady Warriors won 85 consecutive home games from February

1995 to February 2001.

After his 600th win on Saturday night, he told me in an interview, "600 wins comes from longevity. God has blessed me with some great Native American basketball players. That's where the majority of my wins came from. It's been a long ride."

When asked his thoughts on his players over the years, he related, "I'm just extremely proud of them. I appreciate all they've done for me and all they've added to my life. They've made my life a lot richer."

Coach Tullos has won a lot of basketball games, but more importantly, he has done it with class. He teaches his teams to play hard, to play with intensity, and to play with class and respect for themselves, the other team, the fans, and the game itself.

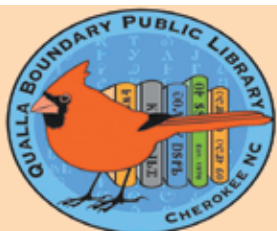
Like all coaches, he sometimes gets hot at a referee over a call, but he never loses control. Unlike many coaches, he never loses his class or his respect for the game. Coach Tullos leads by example, and that is a rare thing in this world today.

Coach Tullos said his players have made his life richer. Sir, you have enriched the lives of literally thousands of players, fans, parents and community members. Here's to another 600!



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

Willis Tullos, Braves head coach, is congratulated by Holden Straughan, Braves sophomore forward, after having won his 600th career game at Franklin on Saturday, Jan. 16.



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Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 8am - 7pm
Wednesday: 8am - 5pm
Friday: 7:45am - 4:30pm

SCC's human services tech grads honored

SYLVA – Six graduating students in Southwestern Community College's human services technology program were honored recently with a pinning ceremony at the Jackson Campus.

The graduates were presented with pins by their instructors, and each received a stone as a reminder of how program coordinator Sarah Altman emphasizes stepping stones to exemplify personal growth. The honorees were Lynn Wade Barger of Cherokee, Laurel Brown of Scaly Mountain, Jessica Hall of Sylva, Katie McGugan of Bryson City, Ginger Smith of Balsam and Theresa Strickland of Warne.

"I could not be more proud of



SCC photo

Lynn Wade Barger, of Cherokee, was among students in SCC's human services technology program honored in a recent pinning ceremony at the Jackson Campus.

this group," Altman said. "Every one of them has gone above and beyond the requirements of this program, and I have no doubt they will all make great contributions to our communities in their future endeavors."

The human services technology program prepares students for entry level positions with agencies that provide social, community and educational services.

Graduates can go on to pursue bachelor's degrees in the field and ultimately work as counselors and therapists.

"This is a special group of graduates," said Lori Clancy, the program's clinical coordinator. "Each one has a gift to give our community as they continue to

travel their path in helping others. I am so proud of each one as they have overcome so many obstacles to achieve their goals. I know they will change our world for the better!"

SCC's program also has a concentration in substance abuse treatment, which prepares students to assist in addiction counseling. The substance abuse treatment degree prepares students to become Credentialed Substance Abuse Counselor – Interns with the N.C. Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board.

Info: www.southwesterncc.edu/health-sciences/human-services-technology or (828) 339-4000

- SCC



LYNNE HARLAN/CIHA

Hospital hosts IHS officials

Last week, the Cherokee Indian Hospital hosted Dr. Suzy Postal, the Indian Health Service chief health information officer, and Susan Richards, the Indian Health Service federal lead for electronic health records. Shown (left-right) are Sarah Wachacha-CIHA performance improvement manager; Angel Squirrel, computer applications coordinator; Dr. Postal; Abigail White, CIHA computer applications coordinator; Dr. Michael Toedt and Richards.

CENTENNIAL CHALLENGE

Celebrate the National Park Service Centennial and “Hike 100”

In celebration of the National Park Service Centennial, Great Smoky Mountains National Park Superintendent Cassius Cash has committed to hike 100 miles in the Park during 2016 and is challenging the public to do



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Great Smoky Mountains National Park Superintendent Cassius Cash is shown hiking the Cove Mountain Trail in the Park.

the same. The 100-mile goal is part of the “Smokies Centennial Challenge-Hike 100” program which aims to inspire all potential hikers—young and old, new and skilled—to experience and gain a new appreciation and stewardship for their national park.

“I invite people of all ages and backgrounds, including millennials, to join me on this journey as we discover and explore the Smokies,” said Superintendent Cash. “The Hike 100 challenge allows me to have a personal role in ensuring that the next generation of park users, supporters, and advocates carries on the legacy of the National Park Service for the next 100 years. The lifeline of any legacy is to ensure that our voices are not only heard by the next generation, but also shared in a manner that inspires them to pick up the torch from the previous generation and carry it forward.”

To complete the Hike 100 challenge, participants must hike any 100 miles of maintained trail within the park boundaries between Jan. 1 and Dec. 6, 2016. These miles can include everything from the front country nature trails to the extensive backcountry network of trails. Participants can choose to hike the same trail repeatedly or choose to hike many different trails to accumulate a total of 100 miles. Participants who reach the 100-mile goal will earn a commemorative “Smokies Centennial Challenge - Hike 100” pin and be invited to a park celebration hosted by Superintendent

Cash.

As part of the Hike 100 program, the park is hosting hikes for several regional youth organizations throughout the year.

These opportunities will provide a chance for groups, who otherwise face barriers to travel due lack of transportation or funding restraints, a chance to explore the Smokies. These groups will have the added benefit of hiking alongside Superintendent Cash, as well as experienced hikers from the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club and Carolina Mountain Club.

The Superintendent is also providing a unique opportunity for the general public to hike alongside him on his way to reaching the 100-mile

goal through a series of four hikes open to the public. Two front country hikes in August and December will be completely open to the public, while two backcountry hikes in June and October will be limited to 20 people each. Information about the dates, trails, and how to sign up for one of these public hikes is provided on the park website on the Hike 100 page.

The Smokies Centennial Challenge-Hike 100 program is made possible by an Active Trails grant issued by the National Park Foundation and through the continued support of Great Smoky Mountains Association and Friends of the Smokies.

Info: gsmnp_hike_100@nps.gov

- NPS



WNC Communities Journey Scholarship

The Journey Scholarship, funded by WNC Communities, is now available for high school seniors. Last year, \$11,500 in scholarships were awarded to nine deserving high school seniors to further their education. Interested students should contact their community club officers, high school guidance counselors or the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office for an application. Deadline for applications is Wednesday, March 23. Info: (828) 252-4783 or email info@wnccommunities.org

- WNC Communities

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

H.E.L.P. Program new location

The H.E.L.P. Program has been physically relocated within the Housing & Community Division building located between the Ginger Lynn Welch and the A.L.E.

Offices. The program is now housed in the Rock building directly in the middle. All Clients must check in at the front window and ask to speak to John Bryson, HELP Home Inspector, and/or Stephanie Welch, HELP Office Coordinator. The new HELP Office number is 359-6908.

- H.E.L.P. Program

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

Jackson County Little League signups

Signups for the upcoming 2016 Jackson County Little League (JCLL) baseball and softball seasons will be held at Cullowhee Recreation De-

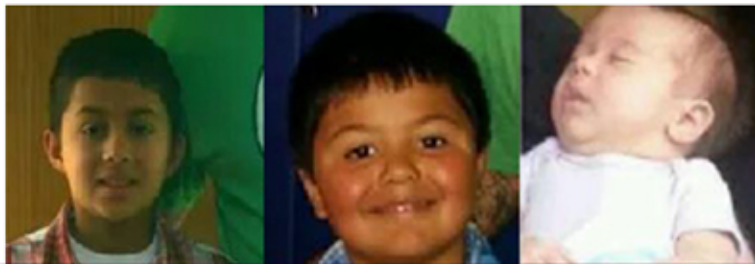
partment from 10am - 2pm on the following Saturdays, Jan. 30, Feb. 6 and 13. This year, JCLL will also be holding signups on Feb. 6 in Whittier at the Qualla Fire Department, across from Shoal Creek Baptist Church, from 10am - 2pm.

Boys and girls between the ages of 5-18 are eligible to play little league. The cost to signup is \$55 with a \$5 discount offered for any additional sibling(s) in the household. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate with you to signups.

Info: jacksoncountynclittleleague@gmail.com or (828) 226-0061, also like them on Facebook Jackson County Little League-NC for updated information about registration.

- Jackson County Little League

MISSING CHILDREN



MISSING SINCE NOVEMBER 2014

James Paul Owle

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

Samuel George Owle

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

Evelyn Grace Arneach

3 months old / F / Brown Hair / Brown Eyes



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

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

Upcoming DNA testing schedule

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

- Friday, Jan. 22
- Wednesday, Jan. 27
- Friday, Jan. 29

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

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.

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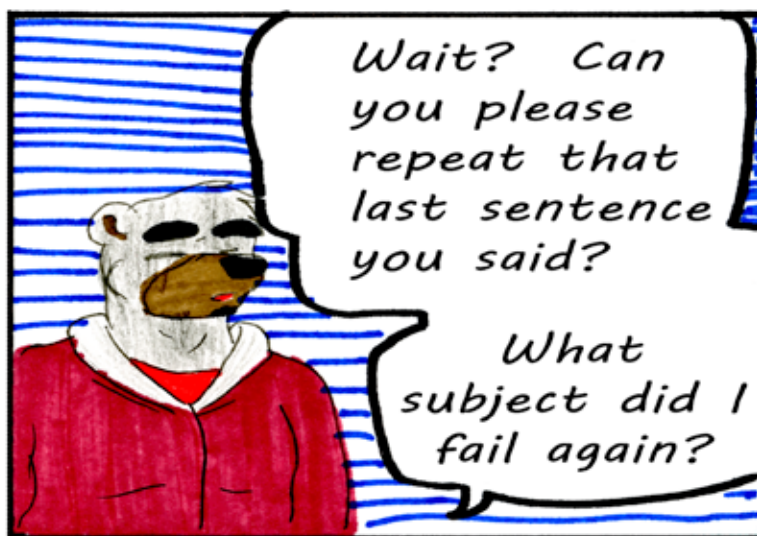
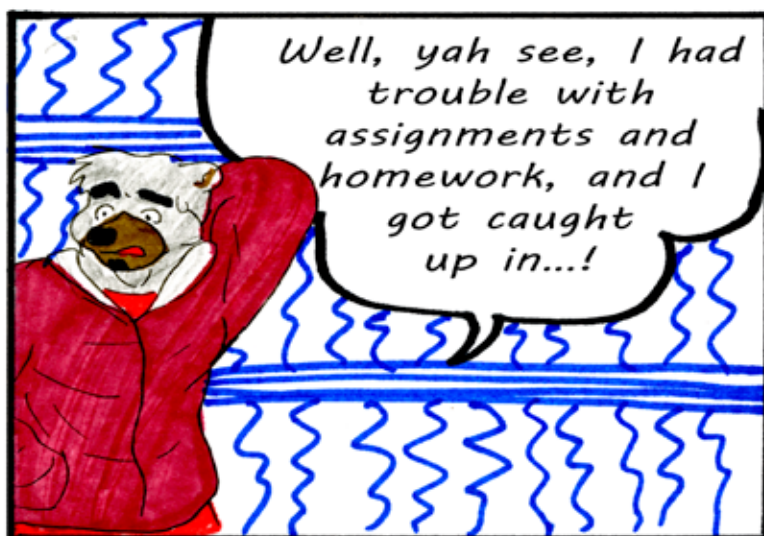


**Contest 1 Entry Dates:
January 13 - February 5**

**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.



HAPPENINGS

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

General Events

Credit Counseling and Money Management. Jan. 21 at Sequoyah Fund office. Credit Counseling Sessions at 12:30pm, 2pm, 3:30pm; Money Management Class from 10-11:30am. OnTrack will conduct the sessions which will cover credit, understanding your credit score, and gaining knowledge of how to repair or establish credit. Info: 359-5005

Benefit for Band Equipment. Jan. 21 from 11am – 1pm at Yellowhill Community Building. Reed's and Calhoun's Fry Bread are sponsoring an Indian Taco Dinner benefit to help buy band equipment for New Kituwah Academy. Indian

Taco w/drink - \$7, Frybread chili and cheese w/drink - \$6.50, and Frybread and chili w/drink - \$6. Four or more orders for delivery; contact – Iva Reed Gentry 497-4237, Bessie Welch 497-0208, or Matilda Calhoun 736-0183

NAIWA Fundraiser. Jan. 22 from 11am – 1pm at the Yellowhill Community Building. Indian Dinners menu: bean bread, fried chicken, potatoes, cabbage, beans and hominy, dessert and drinks included. Cost: \$10

3rd Annual Cherokee Women's Day. Jan. 23 from 10am – 1pm at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Hosted by Nikki Crisp, a Right Path alumni and a committee of women from the community, the Cherokee Women's Day is an event that honors women and also focuses on various issues affecting the Cherokee Community. This year's speakers are: Principal Chief Patrick Lambert; Jody Bradley, CIH Special Projects; Paula Nelson, Multi Media Artist and Living History Educator; Tina Saunooke, Safe Babies Coordinator; and Doug Trantham, Analenisgi Program Manager. The late Lana Lambert, also a Right Path alumni, will also be honored for her role in hosting and supporting this event. Food will be served and the 2016 Costa Rica Eco-Study Tour students will be assisting with the event and also selling their Costa Rican coffee. Info: Nikki Crisp (865) 599-9987

Genealogy Clinic. Jan. 23 from 10am – 12pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Feel free to bring your own laptop or tablet. Lunch will be provided.

Raleigh Baseball Institute (RBI) spring tryouts. Jan. 24 at the RBI indoor training facility at 2663 Skyland Drive in Sylva. RBI, founded by former WCU and UT head coach Todd Raleigh, will hold tryouts for 8U, 9U, and 13U. 13U tryouts start at 2pm followed by 9U at 3pm and 8U at 4pm. Info: Eric Farmer (13U) 508-2329, Jeff Madden (9U) (828) 399-0650, Chris Bowers (8U) 506-2800

Cherokee Middle School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting. Jan. 25 from 5-6pm at the school. All parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Qualla Boundary Historical Society meeting. Jan. 26 at 6:30pm at Qualla Boundary Public Library. Paige Tester will discuss a public history project entitled "Our State, Our Stories" being conducted by the North Carolina Civil War History Center. Info: Robin Swayney 497-6725 or Mary Wachacha 788-1196

Blood Drive. Jan. 29 from 8am – 5pm at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort. Info: Janna Hyatt 497-8853

Leadership Program for Business Owners, Management and Sports Coaches. Wednesdays from 8:30am – 4:30pm on Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24 and March 2 at the United Community Bank meeting room in Sylva. Topics include: Aligning and Focusing Your Workforce with New Behaviors, Communicating Clearly & Business Ethics, Collaborating for Creativity, Motivating for Results and Flexible Leadership, and Innovating New Products and Services. Info: www.LandofSkyAdvisors.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

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Joshua in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What animal did God provide Abraham to sacrifice in place of Isaac? *Dove, Calf, Ram, Camel*
3. From Joshua 14, to whom did Joshua give a blessing? *Jacob, Caleb, Esau, Himself*
4. The word "ball" is mentioned how many times in the Bible? *Only once, 6, 41 113*
5. From Job 39, what bird is cruel to her young? *Sparrow, Eagle, Ostrich, Raven*
6. In the Bible, how many men were named "Dodo"? *2, 3, 4, 5*

Answers
(1) Old; (2) Ram; (3) Caleb; (4) Only once; (5) Ostrich; (6) 3

Comments? More Trivia? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com

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A representative from Congressman Mark Meadows' office will be at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex community room from 10am - 4pm every **fourth Tuesday** of the month.



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

Olivet United Methodist Church. 811 Olivet Church Road. 497-5249

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

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

Rock Hill Baptist Church. (828) 356-

7312

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

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

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

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

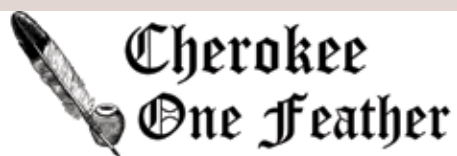
Waterfalls Baptist Church. Wrights Creek Road.

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

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

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

Yellowhill Baptist Church. 506-0123 or 736-4872



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To Be or not To Be; that is Tribal Court's question

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

There has been quite a stir recently over the proper place of the Tribal Court. We have had front row seats via cable and live stream during Tribal Council sessions to the debate over the powers of the different branches of tribal government. Just what is a "branch" anyway?

We have before discussed the definition of situational truth. It is a truth that depends on position, timing and/or personal ethics. Two people on different sides of a particular situation have opposite opinions concerning the situation. Is one right and the other wrong? Not necessarily. Both may have valid arguments supporting their side of the position, but their position and personal ethics differ to the point that they cannot come to a clear and absolute truth.

Such would seem to be the case, at the moment, with regard to the "branches" of our government. If you Google "branches of government", Google will provide you with a nice list of explanations of how representative democracy works. This model has been applied to the United States federal, state and even local municipal governments. There is a legislative body that creates law, a judicial body that interprets the law and an executive body that enforces or carries out law. In at least the first couple of pages of options, you will see that model described ad nauseam. At those same sites or pages, you will see references to separation of powers or duties. Theoretically or situationally speaking, the presumption is that a clear separation in the duties of creation, interpretation and enforcement of the law must be maintained or the government will not effectively function.

Now, long before the federal government was born, Native American tribes had functional governments. And, those governments,

including the Cherokee people's government, functioned quite well. Back in the day, there were war chiefs, peace chiefs and tribal councils. Before that, there is mention in Cherokee history (Payne-Buttrick Papers; Anderson, Brown & Rogers; 2010; University of Nebraska Press) of a "U-kv" or God's man and a council of elders who formulated law, interpreted law and executed law. From what I can see in the materials that I researched, judges came along after contact with the immigrants (or invaders, depending on your situational truth).

I can only imagine that those who wrote the charter and governing document were drawing on the historic governance of the Cherokee, because there is no mention of a third, separate but equal, branch of government called the Judicial. There is a Principal Chief, Vice Chief and 12 members of Tribal Council, but no Tribal Court. According to www.municode.com, these documents were enacted and adopted by the Tribal Council on May 8, 1986 and last amended on Oct. 8, 1986.

Then, roughly four years later, the tribe, through Tribal Council, resolved that it did need an interpreter of law. Chapter 7 – Judicial Code of the Cherokee Municipal Code creates or composes what is termed a "Judicial Branch". The code lays out the process for appointment of justices or judges, and establishes a Trial and Supreme Court. In Section 7-5 (e), which outlines the powers of the Supreme Court of the Judicial Branch, the Code states, "Orders of the Supreme Court are final and shall not be subject to appeal to any other body of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians". Also, in Section 7-3 (d), the Code sets the judges and justices of Judicial Branch apart from the Tribe's personnel policies and procedures, stating the rest of the branch are deemed Tribal employees.

see **COURT** next page

Do you feel that TERO enhances opportunities for EBCI entrepreneurs?

Yes	29%
No	71%

Question of the week now up on theonefeather.com:

Do you think the lawsuit against Tribal Council (re: pay raise) should be dismissed?

Poll Responses

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

Do you feel that TERO enhances opportunities for EBCI entrepreneurs?

Pam Henderson: Yes

John Parker: Great program and helps a lot of TERO-certified businesses

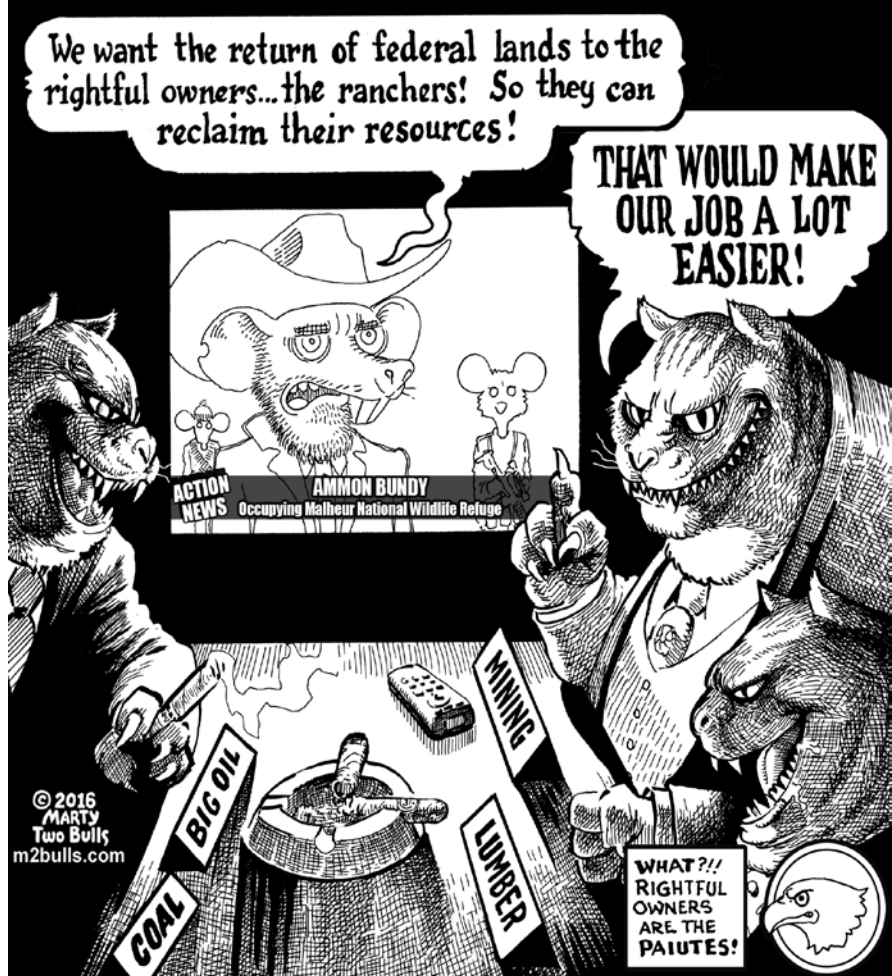
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So, is there a third branch of Tribal government for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians? Some say that since the Judicial Branch is not included in the Charter and governing document, it cannot be a true third branch. Others say yes since the Judicial "Branch" is codified, with powers extending to "all persons, activities, and property within the territory of the Eastern Band based upon inherent territorial and popular sovereignty...original jurisdiction over all cases and controversies, both criminal and

civil, in law or in equity, arising under the Charter, laws, customs, and traditions of the Eastern Band".

It may be just a matter of language and terminology. Or, it may be a situational truth that Tribal Council, the Executive Office and, you will resolve. On Principal Chief Lambert's first day before Tribal Council, he took responsibility for providing a draft Constitution this year. Once Chief Lambert and the Tribal Council have that document ready for the members of the Tribe, you will ultimately give the answer to the question.

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Friday at 12noon**



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REALTY

Wolfetown 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.

Mia Xan Younce Aldridge, Lechay Raelyn Arch, Sara Mozelle Arch, Tennie Marie Arch, Angela Denise Armachain, Goodlow Bark, Bernadette Bird Armachain, Matthew Sampson Armachain, Douglas Robert Arneach, Richard Earl Arneach, Jr., Elsie Marie Cornwell Biddix, John William Biddix, Russell Bigmeat, Jr., Charles William Bigwitch, William Allen Bird, Lynn Blankenship, Tyler Blankenship, Ronald Sequoyah Bowman, Deborah Ann Bradley, Glenn Joseph Bradley, Jr., John Richard Bradley, Jr., Judson Gregory Bradley, Kenny Lane Bradley, Ryan David Bradley, Sharon Elizabeth Bradley, Matilda Marian Reed Calhoun, Morgan Hewitt Calhoun, Henderson Junior Climbingbear, Indica Lynx Climbingbear, Mary Elizabeth Thompson Climbingbear, Jacquelyn M. Lossiah Corral, Carlotta Linette Crowe, Charlene Lossiah Crowe, Edith Inez Jackson Crowe, Enoch Sampson Crowe, Jr., James Everett Cucumber, Jason Daniel Cucumber, Ronda Lynn Bradley Cucumber, Lee Edward Culler, Nancy Marie Trull Driver, Carol Lynn George, Donna Sue George, Dinah Ann Catolster Grant, Mark Montgomery Grant, James Griffin, Mary Crowe Griffin, Marjorie Bradley Gunter, Dewayne Gene Hicks, Laura Danielle Hornbuckle, Nannie Louise Taylor Hornbuckle, Jacquelyn Bradley Johnson, Dawnina Candice M McNabb Jump, Hugh Nolan Lambert, III, Patricia Kay Kanott Lambert, Sherry Darlene Trull Lambert, Stephen Jesse Lambert, Will Thomas Lambert, Lea Jo Cucumber Ledford, Helena Ann Bradley

Lipscomb, Henson Junior Littlejohn, Laura Elizabeth Crowe Littlejohn, Anthony Kirk Locust, Carol Elaine Fuller Long, James Francis Long, Travis Edgar Long, Bo Soap Lossiah, Danielle Brooke Lossiah, John Lossiah, Tina Marlene Lossiah, Jose Guadalupe Martinez, Jr., Justin John Matthews, Jerry Brandon Parker, Shannon Elaine Johnson Parris, Valencia Lee Cucumber Pheasant, Brenda Toineeta Pipestem, Jeremy Justin Raby, Andrea Danielle Rattler, Douglas Leander Rattler, Janell Rattler, Temot Zena Rattler, Addie Pauline Reed, Frederick Gerald Reed, Pamela Lynn Reed, Robert Bruce Reed, Jackson Dale Rickman, Jr., Sabrina Caroline Saunooke, Mistie Rae Johnson Scott, Billy Joe Brady Smith, Jr., Brenda Joyce Owle Smith, James Leonard Smith, Jack Hamilton Smith, Jason Dewayne Smith, Joel Hartman Smith, Satara Joyce Owle Smith, Ernest Jarrett Sneed, Gary Dewayne Sneed, Hilliard Paul Sneed, Hillard Sneed, Rachel Valentine Sneed, Sandra Helen Lambert Sneed, Linda Norene Roland Sutton, Colene Marie Taylor Swayney, Martha Lou Talalah, James Donald Taylor, Jonathan Larch Taylor, Velma Jean Wolfe Taylor, Susan Coleen Toineeta, Hunter Trey Thomas, Harold Dennis Trull, Sarah Jane Washington Wabagkeck, Janet Jessie Walkingstick, William Francis Washington, Jr., Sara Margaret Arneach Watson, Bessie Jean Bird Welch, James Last Bear Wilnoty, Christian Joseph Yates, Guardian of Ethan Andre Clark, Guardian of Christopher Adrian Clark, Guardian of Paul Jordan Lee Puckett, Parent of Raine Douglas Bradley, Parent or Guardian of Juana Maria Martinez-L, Parent or Guardian of Michael Henry Otter, The Estate of William Douglas Catt, Sr.

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

Nikki Jo Bradley Blankenship to Teresa Marie Long for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 56, containing 0.5 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Barbara Sue Griffin Cline and Marcell Franklin Cline to Donald Carl Cline and Lillie Marlene Cline for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 346 (Part of Parcel No. 38), containing 1.285 acres, more or less.

Barbara Sue Griffin Cline and Marcell Franklin Cline to Donald Carl Cline and Lillie Marlene Cline for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 134 (Part of Parcel No. 12), containing 0.5 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Barbara Sue Griffin Cline and Marcell Franklin Cline to Donald Carl Cline and Lillie Marlene Cline for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 92-A (Part of Parcel No. 92), containing 0.183 acres, more or less.

Martha Lynn Freeda Smith Price to Harold Douglas Long for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 443-J (Part of Parcel No. 443-C), containing 0.861 acres, more or less.

Martha Lynn Freeda Smith Price to Harold Douglas Long for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 443-F (Part of Parcel No. 443-C), containing 3.846 acres, more or less.

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

POSITIONS OPEN

Please attach all required documents

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

Closing January 29, 2016 @ 4 pm

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)

Download Applications & Job Descriptions
NC-Cherokee.com/HumanResources/Employment/Job-Opportunities

Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings (open until filled):

- High School SPED Teacher –NC Teaching License Required. Full-Time.
- Middle School SPED Teacher Assistant- Must meet the provisions of the No Child Left Behind law; AA degree or two years (48 semester hrs.) of study required.
- Elementary SPED Teacher Assistant- Must meet the provisions of the No Child Left Behind law; AA degree or two years (48 semester hrs.) of study required.

CCS Human Resources: http://cherokeecentral.sharpschool.com/central_office/human_resources/

1/21pd

The Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority has the following jobs available:

- FT INTEGRATED CLASSROOM SKILL BUILDER
- FT HOUSEKEEPER (GROUP LEAD)
- FT PHYSICAL THERAPIST
- FT RN NIGHT FLOAT IN - PATIENT
- FT NETWORK / VOIP ADMINISTRATOR
- FT LPN JUSTICE CENTER & FCC
- FT MEDICAL LAB TEC / MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST
- FT ENDODONTIST
- FT DENTIST
- FT PRC TECHNICIAN
- EMERGENCY HIRE STERILIZATION TECH
- FT HOUSEKEEPER

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 Wednesday January 20, 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. **1/21pd**

Vocational Opportunities of Cherokee (VOC) has a job opening for a Program Services Coordinator. This person is responsible for the coordination of all components associated with the Adult Developmental Vocational Program (ADVP) and other programs associated with consumers with disabilities. This is a full time position at the VOC office located behind the Tribal Bingo Hall. A Bachelor's degree in Health, Education or related field and 3 years of experience working directly with Adult Developmentally Delayed clients is required. Must possess a valid driver's license and be able to pass a drug screen. VOC offers a comprehensive benefit package including a pension plan and 401(k). A three month probationary period is required. To see a complete job description, please call 497-9827. Applications will be accepted until 4:00 pm on January 27th. **1/21pd**


Cherokee Indian Hospital positions

- FT PROPERTY CONTROL CLERK
- FT MID LEVEL PROVIDER
- FT STAFF PHYSICIAN
- PTI RN / IN PATIENT-IN PATIENT
- PTI CNA / CLERK-IN PATIENT
- FT CNA / CLERK (nights)-IN PATIENT

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 January 29, 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. **1/28pd**

CTVRP JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Cherokee Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program (CTVRP) has an opening for a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. A Bachelor's Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation, Special Education, Social Work, or a counseling related field is required. The deadline for applications will be January 27, 2016 at 4:00 pm. You may pick up an application at VOC (located behind the Tribal Bingo building). If you have questions, please call 497-4300. **1/21pd**



KNOW THE LAWS ON LIGHTS

Per NC GENERAL STATUTE:

§ 20-130.1. Use of red or blue lights on vehicles prohibited; exceptions.
(a) It is unlawful for any person to install or activate or operate a red light in or on any vehicle in this State. As used in this subsection, unless the context requires otherwise, "red light" means an operable red light not sealed in the manufacturer's original package which: (i) is designed for use by an emergency vehicle or is similar in appearance to a red light designed for use by an emergency vehicle; and (ii) can be operated by use of the vehicle's battery, vehicle's electrical system, or a dry cell battery. As used in this subsection, the term "red light" shall also mean any forward facing red light installed on a vehicle after initial manufacture of the vehicle.

§ 20-130.3. Use of white or clear lights on rear of vehicles prohibited; exceptions.
It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully drive a motor vehicle in forward motion upon the highways of this State displaying white or clear lights on the rear of said vehicle. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the white light required by G.S. 20-129(d) or so-called backup lights lighted only when said vehicle is in reverse gear or backing. Violation of this section does not constitute negligence per se in any civil action. (1973, c. 1071.)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION THE CHEROKEE COURT EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA
CASE NO.: CV 14-610
**PETITION FOR TERMINATION
OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO
DANIEL MYERS:**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

COMES NOW THE MOTHER of the two minor children in this action, Amanda Strohm, by and through her attorney of record, and files this Petition for Termination of Parental Rights pursuant to Article 11 of Chapter 7B of the North Carolina Statutes, as adopted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than February 1, 2016 and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 17th day of December, 2015.

Jonathan A. Hornbuckle, Attorney for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 1351, Cherokee, NC 28719, 828-497-9959, 828-497-9959 Fax, hornbuckle-law@gmail.com. **1/21pd**

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PRO- CESS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF JACKSON
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK

15 SP 120
JACK EDWARD DAVIS, Petitioning
Father,
CARMEN TOONI DAVIS, Petition-
ing Mother,

IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF
C.J.S., d.o.b. 10/4/2012
TO: JUSTINA MEREDITH
BIGWITCH AND BRYAN EDWARD
SHELL

TAKE NOTICE that an Adoption Petition has been filed in the above-entitled special proceeding. The nature of the relief being sought is the adoption of the minor child, C.J.S., a male child born on October 4, 2012, to Justina Meredith Bigwitch in Buncombe County, North Carolina.

Should you desire to participate in and receive further notices in the proceeding, including notice of the time and place of any hearing, you are required to respond to this pleading no later than February 29, 2016.

TAKE NOTICE that any parental rights will be terminated upon entry of the order of adoption. This the 28th day of December, 2015.

Michele D. Smith, Attorney and
Counselor at Law, P.A.
Attorney for Petitioners
76 New Dawn Lane
P.O. Box 1905
Sylva, North Carolina, 28779
828-587-7000
1/21pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 15-072

In the Matter of the Estate of Minda Armachain

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: April 14, 2016
Kristan Blackfox, 601 Wright's
Creek Road, Cherokee, NC 28719.
1/28pd

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**

**State of North Carolina,
County of Jackson 16-SP-2**
Gilbert Crowe (DBA) Crow's
Wrecker LLC Notice of Sale vs.
Nicolasa La Marcelino, Ashley
Lynn Mussatto, Christina Michelle
Smith.

Take notice that Crow's Wrecker will hold a Public Sale January 27, 2016 at 10am at 293 Kate Lambert Road, Cherokee, NC 28719.

The items for sale include
a 2003 Lincoln Navigator
5LMFU28R43LJ21204, a
2010 Ford Focus 1FAHP3F-

N2AW124942; a 2007 Toyota JT-KDE177770201067 which there is a lien in the amount of \$3,150 for towing, labor, and repair per vehicle, plus a \$30 charge per day accumulation from the date of this letter until the date of sale incurred by the lienor. Said motor vehicle to be sold in public sale for the application to the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles for Title of said vehicle. This the 14 day of January, 2016. Crow's Wrecker 293 Kate Lambert Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. (828) 497-9898.
1/21pd

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**

Tribal Court Jury Duty List

The following is a list of individuals who have been selected for Jury Duty at the Cherokee Tribal Court Justice Center for Feb. 22-26:
Adnyana, Ngurah Agus; Arch, Jean Johnson; Arch, Troy Alex; Bernal, Eduardo; Bigwitch, Citrus U-Gna-St; Bigwitch, Rebecca Reed; Bradley, Albert James; Brown, Ashley Brooke;

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Brown, Janie Conseen; Burchfield, Jeffery Wayne; Catolster, Royal Marty; Chiltoskie, Kim A.; Cleveland, Kenneth David; Climbingbear, Henderson Junior; Cooper, Katherine Amelia; Crisp, Janet Lee; Crowder, Naomia Leeann; Crowe, Jr., Carroll Joseph; Cucumber, Lisa Crowe; Dyer, Sebrina Sherrilee; Garner, Sharon Chastain; George, Amanda Lynn; Graham, Thomas Scott; Greene, Deborah Diane; Griffin, Mary Crowe; Guinn, Cynthia Denise; Harsh, Christopher; Haymond, Garry Eugene; Hicks, Crystal Lynn; Hogsed, Maynard Edward; Hornbuckle, Shana Janelle; Hull, Jr., Timothy Clark; Hyatt, Kristina Lynn; Jackson, Betty J.; Jackson, Lawanda Davis; Johnson, Carmen Elizabeth; Johnson, Rodney Allen; Lambert, Darrell Gene; Lambert, Dustin Lee; Lambert, Kimlyn Sneed; Laney, Gracie Walker; Lincoln, Amy Linda; Littlejohn, Henrietta Martin; Locust, Andrew Durk; Locust, Johnny Edward; Lossiah, Alfred Harold; Lowery, Deborah Lynn; Mackerley, Megan Sue; Maney, Janelle Littlejohn; Owle, James Edward; Owle, Rita Reagan; Poffenberger, Patricia Gail; Reagan, Michele Minery; Reed, Anita Smith; Reed, Tracy Elizabeth; Rodriquez, Charlene Locust; Rogers, Eve Ferguson; Rose, Cherie Ann; Santiago, Amanda Rae; Segovia, Jr., Victor Adolfo; Sequoyah, Emmanuel Simon; Smith, Cheyene Cay; Smith, Jessica Cher; Smith, Russell Balitian; Sneed, Claude Ray; Squirrel, Harland Lavern; Stamper, Deborah Jean; Tatham, Tawana McGinnis; Thompson, Brinda Luize; Thompson, Clara Wachacha; Trejo, Gaynell Crowe; Wachacha, Karen Sue; Walkingstick, Henry Joseph; Welch, Jennifer Beth; Wilnoty, II., Fredrick Lloyd; Wolfe, Dezara; Wolfe, Marin Andrew; Wolfe, Nancy; Wolfe,

Samatha Nicole; Youngbird, Raquel Santos

- Cherokee Tribal Court

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**

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

**Request for Proposals
General Notice**

Qualla Housing Authority

is requesting proposals from all interested qualified Masonry contractors for footers and foundation work, materials and labor for Qualla Housing Authority Rehab Program on the Cherokee Indian Reservation, (Swain, Jackson, Graham and Cherokee Counties).
Proposals Due Date: January 22, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Qualla Housing Authority Bid Packages include:

- Footers and Foundations for 4 rental units.

Bid Packages can be picked up at the QHA Main Office located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee North Carolina 28719, QHA Warehouse 2234 Old Mission road, Cherokee or electronically by emailing to henrmcco@nc-cherokee.com ask for proposal. Workers compensation, auto, and general liability are required for all contractors.

Qualla Housing Authority is an equal opportunity employer. Qualla Housing is a Drug Free Workplace.

Please be advised that Indian Preference (as defined by the Tribal Employment Rights Office) applies for this contract. **1/21pd**

Request for Proposals

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Destination Marketing program is seeking proposals for Cherokee Tourism Public Relations. The deadline for submitting a proposal is January 28, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. You may request the full RFP and requirements for proposals through the Destination Marketing office and/or if you have any questions or comments please contact Tonya Carroll at 828-359-6489 or tonycarr@nc-cherokee.com.

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Cherokee Indian Hospital RFP

The Cherokee Indian Hospital seeks the services of an artist to fabricate a three-dimensional buzzard to be installed above a waiting area in its new hospital facility. The object must be light-weight and able to be securely suspended from a 30-foot high ceiling. The style of the depiction can be modern, contemporary or realistic and the size of the object must be appropriate to the scale of the area. The object selected will be approved for safety and housekeeping concerns appropriate to a medical facility setting.

- All Artists' bids, drawings and a 2-3 foot study must be submitted by January 31, 2016 to:

Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority, Attention: Ms. Sarah M. Sneed, Contracting Officer, Procurement/Supply, 1 Hospital Road, Cherokee, NC 28719, sarah.sneed@cherokeehospital.org **1/28pd**

**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**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CIHA 2015-005

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL

AUTHORITY

CREATION STORY

ART INSTALLATION

BID RESPONSE INSTRUCTIONS

• READ ALL TERMS, CONDITIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

• Label the envelope containing your response to this Request for Proposal (RFP) with the Bid Number and Opening Date. Bids omitting this identification may be rejected.

• Submit your bid on Time. ALL LATE BIDS WILL BE REJECTED. The Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) assumes no responsibility for late bid responses due to delays in or failure of delivery by the U. S. Postal Service, private courier or other reason.

• Bid responses must be signed. Signatures must be original, hand written.

• Bids must state the materials or medium to be used in the fabrication of the artwork solicited. Pricing should be separated into (1) the cost of material or medium to be used and (2) the amount of the artist's fee.

• Any Errors or Corrections to a bid

response must be initialed.

- Any questions or clarifications concerning this RFP should be directed to Jody Bradley at (828) 497-9163 ext. 6207 or jody.bradley@cherokeehospital.org.
- This RFP and any contract(s) awarded hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), including its Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO), pursuant to which tribal members and members of other federally-recognized tribes are given preference in employment and contract opportunities. A contract awarded hereunder shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of the EBCI.
- The Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority is exempt from State Tax. Prices should not reflect a State Tax.

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If submitted via U.S. Postal or other delivery service, send to Ms. Sneed at: Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority, Caller Box C-268, Cherokee, NC 28719

CIHA 2015-005

SPECIFICATIONS AND SCOPE OF WORK

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BACKGROUND

In the Cherokee creation story, when the Water Beetle brought the mud up from the bottom of the water, the mud spread and eventually Earth was formed. The Great Buzzard was sent to dry the land and when he became tired, he flew low to the land and his wings began to hit the ground. Every time

his wings would flap and hit the ground, mountains and valleys formed. That is how our beautiful land came to be.

BID OPENING

Bids will be opened on Friday, February 1, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.

BID PRICING

Proponents must include in their bid response all costs associated with providing the specified services, separating cost of materials and artist's fee. No additional charges beyond those specifically delineated herein will be allowed.

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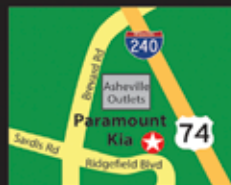
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