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### Common Questions

#### Do you speak Cherokee?

TsaLaGi HiWoNiSGo?

#### Do you want to eat?

TsaDuLi TsaLi(i)SDaTi

#### How are you?

OSiGwoTsu

#### How do you say?

DoaD(i).../DoaT(i)...

#### Is that so?/Ain't it?

SgiGi/HaWaGa

#### What are you doing?

DoHaDvNi(Ha)

#### What do you want?

DoYuS TsaDuLi

#### What is he/she/it doing?

DoaDvNi(Ha)

#### What is the weather like?

Di i DoaDvNi

#### What is this?

DoIYuSDi HiA

#### What is your name?

DoDeTsaDoA



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An exhibit on the history of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and their language and culture entitled "Understanding our Past, Shaping our Future" is now on display at the Jackson County Public Library in Sylva. "There's such an emphasis on Cherokee culture and life and language within the community, but sometimes it wasn't accurately conveyed so this idea came together of having an exhibit that brought a lot of ideas together and could be placed outside of the key cultural centers," said Anna Fariello, exhibit curator. The exhibit has previously been on display at the Cherokee Central Schools, SCC, and WCU and travels next to the Swain County Center for the Arts in Bryson City.

### POPULAR LAST WEEK on theonefeather.com

#### 1. 2014 baby

Celeste Shawna Spruce was the first baby born in the area in 2014. See the full article and photo on pages 14-15.

#### 2. Minors Fund

An article in last week's paper about the dismissal of a lawsuit involving the Minor's Fund was still big news this week.

#### 3. Bball

The Braves and Lady Braves swept Murphy on Jan. 10. The article and photos appeared in last week's paper.

#### WORTH QUOTING

"Art has the power to persuade, to inspire and to express an entire culture."

- EBCI tribal member  
Shan Goshorn,  
2014 NACF Fellow



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# ATTENTION

## EBCI HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

EBCI High School Seniors who are planning to attend college in the 2014-2015 school year are required to attend 3 mandatory training sessions presented by the EBCI Higher Education Department staff in order to qualify for funding from the Tribe.

### ALL STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN

These training sessions are designed to provide students and parents with important information regarding education department funding requirements and to assist them as they plan this important step towards meeting their future educational goals.

### The first of 3 mandatory training sessions will be held as follows:

**Thursday, January 23rd**

Large conference room near library @ Ginger Lynn Welch Complex  
6-8 pm

**Friday, January 24th**

Community room next to Life Center @ Ginger Lynn Welch Complex  
6-8 pm

**Saturday, January 25th**

Community room next to Life Center @ Ginger Lynn Welch Complex  
10-12 pm – 1-3 pm – 3-5 pm

**Please call the receptionist at 554-6650 to schedule an appointment**  
(You need to attend 1 of the above meetings.)

The 2nd mandatory training session will focus on  
FAFSA progress and completion  
(Dates and location to be announced)

The 3rd mandatory training session will focus on college requirements, college orientation and class schedules, and F.E.R.P.A. law.  
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## EBCI Air Quality Program to give away free test kits

By **AMBLE SMOKER**  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

**R**adon, a radioactive gas that is both odorless and colorless, could be invading the air inside your home and accumulating towards lethal levels. This radioactive gas is the leading cause of lung cancer among people who do not smoke and second for those who do. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates Radon is responsible for more than 20,000 deaths from lung cancer annually.

Found all over the US, the radioactive gas is derived from the natural decay of uranium in soil and rock while emitting toxic vapors into the atmosphere, severely diminishing the quality of air you breathe. The lung-cancer causing agent is found in every type of building without discrimination between new or old and most commonly found in homes, offices and schools. Without detection and proper prevention efforts, Radon levels can accumulate to unsafe levels with harsh consequences.

Katie Tiger, EBCI Air Quality Program states, "Many areas in North Carolina have been identified to have elevated levels of radon, especially in the mountains and piedmont regions. In fact, radon levels can vary from home to home. Even

homes next door to each other can have very different radon levels."

Amy Smoker adds, "Radon levels are highly site specific and the only way to know the radon level in home is to do a radon test."

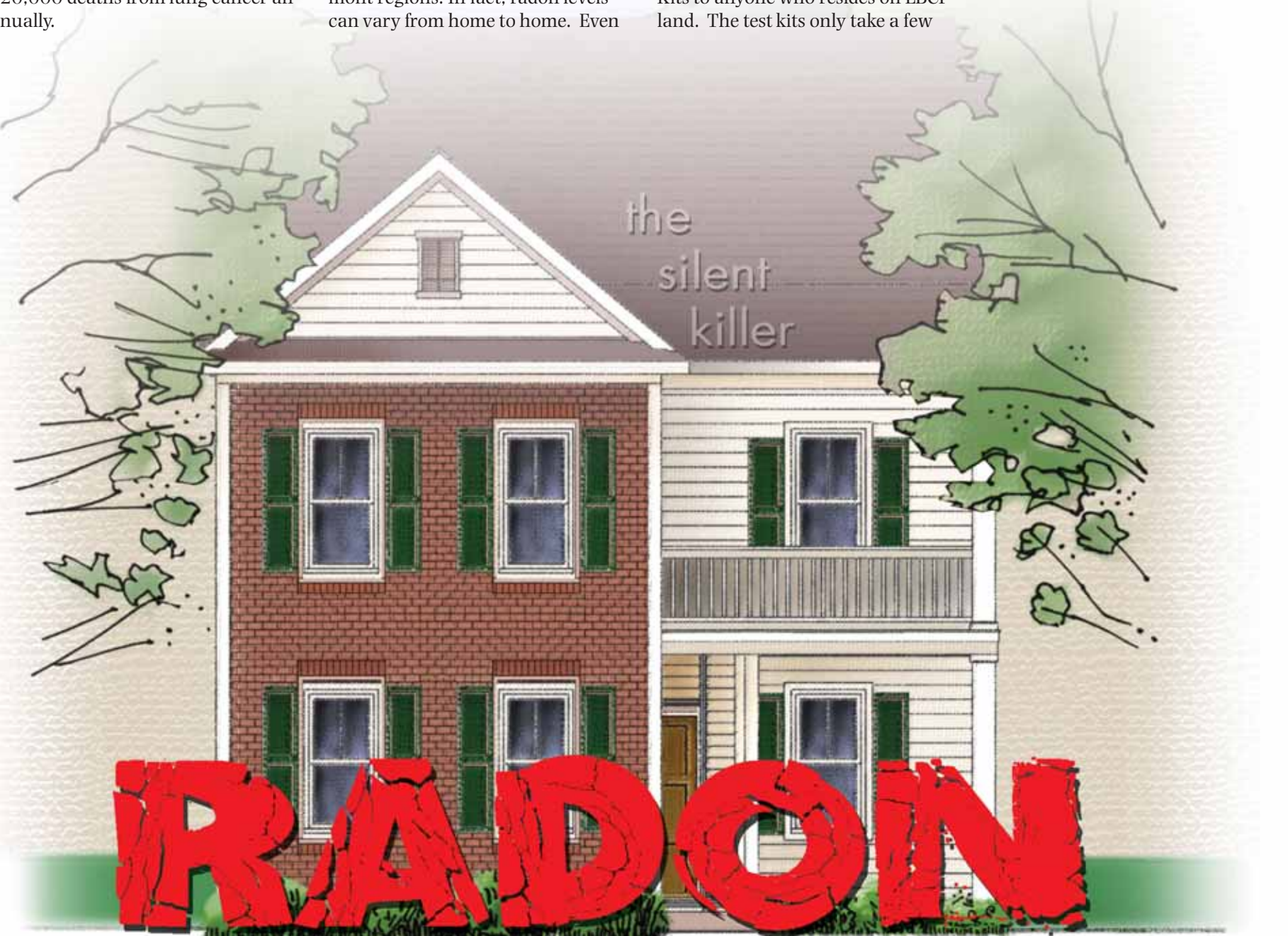
Although radon poses a very serious health risk, it can be easily reduced and is very cost-effective to do so. The Air Quality Program recommends all homes should be tested for radon gas, whether they are new or old. Testing is easy and the only sure way to determine if your family is at risk for radon. If your house has a radon problem, it can be fixed and will greatly reduce the risk of lung cancer for you and your family.

The EBCI Air Quality Program will be giving away free Radon Test Kits to anyone who resides on EBCI land. The test kits only take a few

minutes to set up and will run for 3-7 days. They can be picked up on the following days and locations

- Tuesday, Jan. 28 from 10:30-11:30am at the Cherokee County Senior Center
- Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 10:30-11:30am at the Snowbird Senior Center
- Thursday, Jan. 30 from 10:30-11:30am at Tsali Manor and from 2-4pm in the Ginger Lynn Welch Community Room

For more information, contact EBCI Air Quality Program: Katie Tiger, environmental specialist, 554-6115, [katerenw@nc-cherokee.com](mailto:katerenw@nc-cherokee.com) or Amy Smoker, environmental technician, 554-6114, [amysmok@nc-cherokee.com](mailto:amysmok@nc-cherokee.com)



# Goshorn wins NACF Artist Fellowship

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

**S**han Goshorn is an artist who thinks outside of the box...or rather, she thinks outside of the basket. The EBCI tribal member, who currently resides in Tulsa, Okla., is one of 16 American Indian artists selected for the 2014 Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF) Artist Fellowships.

"It is a great honor for me to receive the 2014 NACF Artist Fellowship in the Traditional Arts category," she said. "As a professional artist who has supported myself for over 30 years with my art, I know first-hand of the challenge to remain creative and true to your craft while trying to pay all the bills."

Goshorn will receive \$10,000 for the Fellowship which will allow her to return to the National Museum of the American Indian in March and April to complete her study of historical Cherokee baskets and photographs in the collection. This will help her finish the work she started as part of her Smithsonian Artist Research Fellowship.

During her time there, she has examined many historical baskets and photographs and that study has led to influences in her own work. After examining an historical Cherokee gambling basket, she constructed one woven out of splints emblazoned with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

"The paper splints have a metallic gold and copper wash added to them to reinforce the tremendous exchange of money as a result of casinos," she commented.

Goshorn said she has been influenced by many artists and basket makers over the years and added that the late Goingback Chiltoskey was one of her biggest and earliest influences. "He would carve or sculpt whatever he felt like creating and when it was finished, he would call the first number on the list and offer the work for sale. If that first person/gallery/museum chose not to purchase the piece, he would call the next contact on the list. I was amazed that he never had to make very many calls – his work was in such demand that it always sold."

"I envied that freedom – to be able to create whatever he wanted and know that he would be able to make his living. That sense of freedom is exactly what the NACF Artist Fellowship affords native artists today. It allows us to experiment and explore new ideas without a sense of financial panic. I believe this to be particularly valuable in tribal communities because indigenous art is often overlooked in museums and galleries, deemed



Photo courtesy of Shan Goshorn

**EBCI tribal member Shan Goshorn created this basket as a result of studying historic Cherokee baskets at the National Museum of the American Indian through a Smithsonian Artist Research Fellowship. She will be able to continue her study there due to being the recipient of a 2014 NACF Artist Fellowship.**

primitive or less valuable than 'mainstream art'.

Goshorn is joined by the following artists as a 2014 NACF Artist Fellow:

- Keola Beamer (Native Hawaiian), music
- Raven Chacon (Navajo), music
- Eddie Chuculate (Muscogee Creek/Cherokee), literature
- Kaili Chun (Native Hawaiian), visual arts
- Santee Frazier (Cherokee Nation), literature
- Jeremy Frey (Passamaquoddy), traditional arts
- Melissa Henry (Navajo), film
- Micah Kamohoali'i (Native Hawaiian), dance
- Billy Luther (Navajo/Hopi/Laguna), film
- Patrick Makuakane (Native Hawaiian), dance
- Nora Naranjo-Morse (Tewa/Santa Clara Pueblo), visual arts

- Da-ka-xeen Mehner (Tlingit/N'ishga), visual arts
- Israel Shotridge (Tlingit), traditional arts
- Brooke Swaney (Blackfeet/Salish), film
- David Treuer (Ojibwe), literature

"It is our honor to present a dynamic new cohort of NACF Artist Fellows for 2014," commented Reuben Roqueni, NACF program director. "Native artists are taking leadership in addressing critical issues across the country and act as catalysts for change in our communities. The fellowships support these artists as they delve deeper into their practices and cultivate their artist voices to transport and inspire us."

Goshorn added, "Art has the power to persuade, to inspire and to express an entire culture. Without our arts, our culture cannot survive."



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# Foundation donates \$200K to Cherokee Children's Home

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Cherokee Children's Home was established in 1969 and has been the permanent or temporary home for over 1,700 Cherokee youth over the years. Currently, a new \$2.6 million facility is being built on 28 acres located on Goose Creek Road in the Birdtown Community.

The Cherokee Preservation Foundation gave a \$200,000 donation to the Home on Tuesday, Jan. 14. The Cherokee Boys Club has raised over \$200,000 in the past year, and Tuesday's donation represents a match of that amount.

"We are interested in the green components of the project, the LEED-certified components that are going in and also the fundraising capacity-building for the organization," said Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle, Cherokee Preservation Foundation executive director. "We did a \$40,000 grant on the front to help them with the planning and the green components they are using."

"We gave them \$200,000 for the green energy components, and then once they started their cam-



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**Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle (right), Cherokee Preservation Foundation executive director, presents a matching donation of \$200,000 to go towards the construction of the new Cherokee Children's Home to Cris Weatherford (center), Cherokee Children's Home director, and Tommy Lambert, Cherokee Boys Club general manager.**

paign and raised well over \$200,000, that's the match for the amount we agreed to match."

Cris Weatherford, Cherokee Chil-

dren's Home director, related, "The first phase of our project is building the first house which includes our administrative space as well as space

for all of the children and staff. It is a little over 8,000 square foot, and it's going to include all of that plus a basement which will be the recreational space for the kids. That's about a \$1.2 million project so this donation takes a large bite out of that."

He said the existing facility is around 3,500 square feet and was constructed pre-building code and pre-licensing code. "It'll be nice to have a new facility."

The new facility will consist of two cottages, each with nine beds and other amenities.

Tommy Lambert, Cherokee Boys Club general manager, said the infrastructure work at the construction site has been done by Tribal Construction at a huge savings. "Our original estimate for infrastructure work was \$380,000. Tribal Construction did all of our infrastructure work for a little over \$60,000 and saved us a tremendous amount of money."

Lambert said the contract for the construction of the new Home is 285 days with some extra days built in for adverse weather, but he said he has no doubt the facility will be finished in under a year.

## EBCI Transit weekly shopping trips



Cherokee Transit is offering trips to Sylva and Waynesville shopping centers each week.

- \* Every Tuesday, the bus leaves the Transit office at 4:30pm for Waynesville and returns to Cherokee at 7:15pm.
- \* Every Wednesday, the bus leaves the Transit office at 10:30am for Sylva and returns to Cherokee at 1:15pm.
- \* Senior Citizens (60 & older) will have seating preference.
- \* The cost is \$3 for a round trip.
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- \* Passengers must be 18 or older to ride or be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

## WRESTLING

# Braves beat Wildcats

By **AMBLE SMOKER**  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

In what would go down as an impressive team performance, the Cherokee Braves Wrestling Team was triumphant over the Andrews Wildcats on Tuesday, Jan. 14 by a team score of 54-12. The Braves racked up a total of six pin falls on the night to help cement the victory.

The night began with four exhibition matches showcasing the rising talent of the Cherokee Middle School wrestling program. After a brief prelude of forfeitures, the exhibition matches commenced with Cherokee taking three out of four matches.

As the varsity Braves took the mat, several members of the team were looking for their first victory.

113 – Jessie Queen (Ch) won by forfeit

120 – Steven Meuse (And) won by forfeit

126 – Levi Swearengen (Ch) pinned William Cable (And) at 1:40

132 – Anthony Toineeta (Ch) pinned Thomas West (And) at 1:18

138 – Caleb Bennett (And) pinned Ethan Swearengen (Ch) at 3:50

145 – Jaron Bradley (Ch) pinned Aaron Eller (And) at 2:31

152 – Luis Badillo (And) won by forfeit

160 – Justin Buchanan (Ch) pinned Dillan Ward (And) at :46

170 – Daniel Griffin (Ch) pinned Dalton Tilet (And) at 1:08

182 – John Tramper (Ch) won by forfeit

285 – Raymond Taylor (Ch) pinned Dylan McCubbin at 3:55

After the match, Coach McCoy extended his congratulations to sev-



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**Cherokee's Raymond Taylor gets the leg of Andrew's Dylan McCubbin during a match at Cherokee on Tuesday, Jan. 14. Taylor got the pin at 3:55 in the match.**

eral members of the team who won their first match.

"Most kids that haven't won a match, they got one tonight," Coach McCoy gleamed at the conclusion of the final bout. "We did pretty good,

as a team we won our first match. Individually, the kids did great."

While the Braves look to build off their stout performance on Tuesday night, Coach McCoy emphasizes "There's still some stuff we've got to

go over. I tell the kids all the time we've got to turn a corner, so to speak."

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**WRESTLING**

# Cherokee beats Jackets 42-24

**By AMBLE SMOKER**  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Cherokee Wrestling team added another notch to the win column on Thursday, Jan. 16 as they beat the visiting Hayesville Yellow Jackets by a team score of 42-24. The Braves continue building momentum with their second team victory of the week as the 2013-14 season winds down and heads into post season action.

Levi Swearengin won in convincing fashion by pinning his opponent in only thirteen (13) seconds. Jaron Bradley also picked up a win by pin fall while Anthony Toineeta and Ethan Swearengin won by a major decision and decision, respectively. Cherokee picked up four wins via forfeit while Hayesville picked up three due to forfeit.

- 113 – Jessie Queen (Ch) won by forfeit
- 120 – Steven Meuse (Ch) won by forfeit
- 126 – Levi Swearengin (Ch) pinned Jeffrey Waldroup (Hay) at :13
- 132 – Anthony Toineeta (Ch) pinned Kyle Graves (Hay) at 1:18
- 138 – Ethan Swearengin (Ch) defeated Robert Gregory (Hay) by Decision
- 145 – Jaron Bradley (Ch) pinned Chad Mann (Hay) at 1:40
- 160 – Josh Danielson (Hay) pinned Justin Buchanan (Ch) at :46
- 170 – Daniel Griffin (Ch) won by forfeit
- 182 – Jacob Matheson (Hay) pinned John Trampler (Ch) at 1:30
- 195 – Steven Johns (Hay) won by forfeit
- 220 – Logan Thurmon (Hay) won by forfeit
- 285 – Raymond Taylor (Ch) won by forfeit

The Cherokee Middle School Wrestling team put up a valiant effort, but fell short of a team victory with a final score of 42-36. However, the Braves went undefeated in the contested matches of the night with a victory coming from Scarlett Guy (default), Kevin Jackson (pin) and Seth Sneed (pin). Hayesville picked up seven (7) forfeits while Cherokee picked up three (3).

- 83 – Caleb Tanner (Hay) won by forfeit
- 90 – Duncan Manser (Hay) won by forfeit
- 98 – Gabe Britton (Hay) won by forfeit
- 106 – Seth Sneed (Ch) pinned Hunter Hughes (Hay) at 1:28
- 113 – Kevin Jackson (Ch) pinned Ethan Munkas (Hay) at 3:50
- 120 – Jade Ingelman (Hay) won by forfeit
- 126 – Scarlett Guy (Ch) defeated Liam Campbell



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**Cherokee's Levi Swearengin squares off against Hayesville's Jeffrey Waldroup during a match at home on Thursday, Jan. 16. Swearengin pinned Waldroup in 13 seconds.**

- (Hay) by default (Penalties)
- 132 – Ralph Pelliter (Hay) won by forfeit
- 138 – Nate Rogers (Hay) won by forfeit
- 152 – Jared Filetas (Hay) won by forfeit
- 170 – Will Paul (Ch) won by forfeit
- 220 – Byron Locust (Ch) won by forfeit

- 250 – Will Davis (Ch) won by forfeit

Another great night for Cherokee Braves wrestling as the team continues to gear up towards a strong post season run. The next home match will be on Tuesday, Jan. 28 against the Swain County Maroon Devils at 6pm.

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## BASKETBALL

### Cherokee splits with Robbinsville

**ROBBINSVILLE** – The Cherokee Lady Braves (13-2) won by 10 at Robbinsville on Tuesday, Jan. 14 while the Braves (6-9) lost a squeaker by three points.

#### Lady Braves 63 Robbinsville 53

Kendall Toineeta poured in 24pts to lead the Lady Braves to their win. The first half was relatively even with Cherokee leading 12-10 after the first period, but the teams ended up tied at 24-24 at the half. The Lady Braves opened up in the third period and outscored the Lady Black Knights by 8pts to take control of the game. They outscored them by 2pts in the fourth period to take the 10pt win.

On the game, Cherokee shot an impressive 48 percent from the field to Robbinsville's 38 percent. They also controlled the ball more having 11 steals to the Lady Black Knight's 1.

Other Lady Braves scorers included: Le Le Lossiah 4, Kaycee Lossiah 2, Bree Stamper 5, Avery Mintz 14, Brionna Jumper 4, and Peri Wildcatt 10.

Robbinsville scorers included: Erin Maennle 18, Kinsley Orr 17, Kelsie Morgan 7, Amber Long 6, and Daylee Brooms 5.

#### Robbinsville 61 Braves 58

This game was tight all the way through. Robbinsville led 19-17 after the first period and 33-32 at the half. The Black Knights barely outscored Cherokee in the second half (28-26) to take the 3pt win.

Dustin Johnson led the way for Cherokee with a whopping 28pts. Cherokee actually outshot Robbinsville 39 percent to 31 percent. The Braves also had 7 steals to the Black Knight's 2.

Other Braves scores included: Brandt Sutton 5, Darius Thompson 5, Jesse Toineeta 6, Chris Queen 2, Silas Reed-Littlejohn 8, and Eli Littlejohn 4.

Robbinsville scorers included: Cruz Galaviz 2, Jesse Franks 5, Cole Huskey 22, Skyler Matheson 15, Brett Crowe 6, and unidentified player 5.

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### Tribal members leading stat boards

Several EBCI tribal members are leading the WNC stat boards including:

#### • Kendall Toineeta, Cherokee

- 1st with 5.0 steals/gm, 3rd with 18.0pts/gm, 3rd with 5.2 assists/gm

#### • Cruz Galaviz, Robbinsville

- 2nd with 4.4 steals/gm

#### • Alea Tisho, Swain

- 2nd with 19.8pts/gm

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**January 28, 2014**

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When: 10:30 am - 11:30 am**

**January 29, 2014**

**Where: Snowbird Senior Center  
When: 10:30 am - 11:30 am**

**January 30, 2014**

**Where: Tsali Manor  
When: 10:30 am - 11:30 am**

**January 30, 2014**

**Where: Ginger Lynn Welch Community Room  
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When: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

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# Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program Fellows attend AISES National Conference in Denver

**DENVER, Colo.** - Since 1977, the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) has worked to substantially increase American Indian and Alaska Native representation in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields — as students, professionals, mentors, and leaders.

The AISES National Conference is a one-of-a-kind, three day event convening graduate, under graduate and high school junior and senior students, teachers, workforce professionals, corporate and government partners and all members of the AISES family.

The 35th annual conference in Denver, Colo. included representatives from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians - Alicia Jacobs, director of the Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program, six Jones-Bowman Fellows and Daniel Martin, programmer for the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

"My goal was to make new connections and arrange for Kelsey Owle to start a chapter at the Cherokee Central Schools. I also wanted to attend sessions that would be beneficial for me as I lead the Jones-Bowman program," said Jacobs.

The AISES National conference has become the premier event for Native American Science, Engineering & Math (STEM) professionals and

students and attracts over 1,600 attendees from across the country.

"I was fortunate to attend the AISES conference through the help of the Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program. I had a wonderful experience while there and learned valuable information on how to start a chapter at Cherokee Central Schools," said Owle.

The conference provides social & professional networking, mentoring, research and nationally recognized speakers. It also offers thought-provoking discussions on important current STEM issues, as well as excellent career resources and traditional cultural activities.

Jones-Bowman Fellow Kayla Smith said, "While at the conference, I attended the career fair which offers a wide variety of colleges and businesses looking for Native American students who are interested in jobs, internships, and graduate schools. The career fair was helpful for me in planning my future for the betterment of my tribe and myself."

In addition to the professional development tracks and workshops, the national conference provides opportunities to showcase academic research and study as well as connections to graduate, internship, fellowship and career opportunity.

"The AISES conference was a great opportunity to see all of the resources that are out there for Native

**"It was great to be able to see so many other Native American students gathered in one place."**

*- Dakota Brown, Jones-Bowman Fellow*

American college students. I really enjoyed the career fair and exploring all the different graduate programs available to me after graduation," said Jones-Bowman Fellow, Savannah Hicks.

Dakota Brown, another Jones-Bowman Fellow, agreed. "It was great to be able to see so many other Native American students gathered in one place. The highlight of the conference was the career fair, where I was able to meet many different professionals, make connections and learn about possible internships for the future," she said.

The AISES conference offers a

sense of community and provides a unique perspective on how native tradition and STEM can be effectively bridged in the 21st century.

Carmen Johnson, a Jones-Bowman Fellow and 2016 graduate of Duke University, said, "The 2013 AISES conference provided me with the opportunity to meet other Native Americans from across the country who are involved in scientific STEM fields. The conference empowers Native communities across the US to pursue analytical careers and helps unify, encourage, and elevate students to reach their full potential in these challenging fields of study."

Over 200 tribal nations are represented within AISES. Through the quality and reach of its programs and the longevity and devoted commitment of its family, AISES is the leader in STEM opportunity in Indian Country.

"We were able to meet people from Google and NASA and other people looking to hire and have a internship with them. We also met some people from Cherokee nation who were very helpful and offered us an internship and job if we wanted one. Over all, I came away motivated and encouraged," said Tim Calhoun, an attending Jones-Bowman Fellow.

"It was great to see the Fellows enthusiasm to lead in Region 7 of this conference. Within the next few months the attending Fellows plan to travel to NC State to vote on this region's AISES leader, along with Dakota Brown who is wanting to start another chapter at WCU," said Jacobs.

*- Marilyn Ball, for the Cherokee Preservation Foundation*

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# Harrah's Cherokee wins \$10K to donate to ACS

Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort won \$10,000 from the Caesars Foundation to be donated to the local American Cancer Society - Making Strides Walk based on the property's efforts to bring breast cancer awareness to its employees.

The Caesars Foundation breast cancer awareness contest was a competition among all North American Caesars casinos to identify the property that had the most employee participation in breast cancer awareness events during October. Along with recognizing the month of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Harrah's Cherokee hosted an entire Pink Week entitled 'Treasure Your Chest' to educate employees and guests about breast cancer. Contest points were awarded in several different categories including employee participation in a Beautiful Bra Pageant, volunteer opportunities, and media exposure. After the final tally, Harrah's Cherokee reigned supreme over 47 Caesars properties.

"Here at Harrah's Cherokee, we encourage wellness among our employees and guests because it's the right thing to do," Darlene Ousley, Harrah's Cherokee wellness coach, said. "Our wellness goal is always to find that one person who needed to be reached and didn't even know it. Whether it's breast cancer, heart disease, or diabetes - we are always reaching out for that one."

'Treasure Your Chest' was Harrah's Cherokee's third annual Pink Week event. From learning about breast self-exams on Mammo Monday to participating in a remembrance walk, 'Treasure Your Chest' brought awareness to employees and guests about breast cancer. Harrah's Cherokee senior leadership even strutted on stage in bras decorated by employees at the Beautiful Bra Contest in the Essence Lounge. Employees had the difficult task of voting for their favorite of 36 bras. Everything from a Barbie to a Beanie



Harrah's Cherokee photos

**Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort presented the local American Cancer Society chapter with a \$10,000 donation, which was won in a national Caesars Foundation competition. Shown (left-right) are Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort Benefits and Wellness Manager Arnie Braswell, Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort Wellness Coach Darlene Ousley, American Cancer Society - Asheville Senior Representative for Community Engagement Sarah Bishop, Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort VP of Human Resources and External Relations Jo Blaylock, Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort Hotel Front Desk Representative Natalie Hawkins, and Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort Community Relations Specialist Janna Hyatt.**

Baby adorned the cups of bras. The Beautiful Bra Pageant was the grand finale of 'Treasure Your Chest.'

"It is sometimes difficult to create a fun atmosphere around breast cancer awareness, but our employees have a blast every October during our Pink Week events," Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort vice president of human resources and external relations Jo Blaylock said. "Our commitment to breast cancer awareness is one of many ways we show how much we care for the wellbeing of our employees and guests. The corporate recognition is just one more reason that Harrah's Cherokee really is the best place to work."

The local American Cancer Society chapter will use the donation for research and to provide programs and services to Western North Carolina residents.

To date, Caesars Entertainment



**Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort won \$10,000 in a Caesars Foundation breast cancer awareness competition to be donated to the local American Cancer Society. Harrah's Cherokee employees participated in a remembrance walk and balloon release along with other pink-themed events during 'Treasure Your Chest' in October.**

Corporation, its properties, and the Caesars Foundation have contributed more than \$3.5 million to cancer-related organizations through cash and in-kind donations.

Caesars also supports numerous fundraising activities for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and other cancer research organizations.

- Harrah's Cherokee

# New Year's Blessing

By **SHAWN SPRUCE**

Upon returning to Cherokee from a business trip late one evening last summer, my girlfriend gave me a small box wrapped in simple white paper. Expecting a book or some other ordinary gift I opened it without much thought. Inside, I discovered only a smooth white plastic stick laid neatly on a piece of cotton. Printed on one end were three purple letters "EPT". It took me a moment to snap.

Brooke and I had been trying to conceive for nearly a year and were almost to the point of worry. We were thrilled beyond words, but decided to keep quiet for a few months, happily sharing our little secret from family and friends.

Two weeks later, I received an email from a retired nurse I know in Albuquerque who had worked with my late father many years ago while he completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology. A former colleague had sent an old photo of him which she wanted to forward. My dad died young, still in his thirties, but one accomplishment that I'm especially proud of is that he was the first Pueblo Indian medical doctor. Another is that he delivered me when I was born.

The picture was one I had never seen before, taken while my dad was on call wearing scrubs, a neck tie, and a warm smile. I was awestruck by the timing instantly thinking to myself: "He knows. He knows and he is happy".

But, there was something more. A closer look at the scanned image on my phone revealed a handsome young doctor leaning casually against a desk. Hands folded on his lap, the man exuded a calm, cool confidence. It seemed almost as though he was reassuring Brooke and I that he would be there for our family just as he had been there for his family more than 40 years ago.

**Proud parents Ashley Brooke Brown and Shawn Spruce with their New Year's Baby, Celeste Shawna Spruce**

(Photo courtesy of Shawn Spruce)



Our daughter was due March 8. On New Year's Eve, I drove Brooke to the OB in Sylva for a routine afternoon appointment. Along the way, we made plans for a relaxing evening at home watching the ball drop and munching popcorn. Little did we know what New Year's 2014 had in store.

We were told in December that our pregnancy might not go full term; nothing incredibly alarming just an issue with Brooke's blood pressure that might require induction of labor a few weeks early. She was monitored closely though and the condition was under control.

But, in Sylva we learned things had changed. For although she felt

fine, Brooke's blood pressure had now become dangerously elevated, creating a serious condition in pregnancy known as preeclampsia. Left unchecked the illness poses tremendous risks to mother and baby possibly resulting in seizures, cerebral hemorrhage, even death. Brooke was admitted to Harris Regional Hospital for observation at 4 pm. Doctors explained that if they could get her blood pressure under control she could probably go home the next morning. But, after three hours of bed rest and medication with no effect, Brooke was taken to Mission Memorial Hospital in Asheville, western North Carolina's only neonatal intensive care unit.

Here, doctors again tried to curb her blood pressure which had spiked even more during the ambulance ride. At 11:30pm, blood pressure still soaring, we were told the baby needed to be delivered immediately. By this time, Brooke's sisters had arrived from Cherokee. Brooke's parents were three states away on business, unable to make it home on such short notice but calling every few minutes for updates.

A team of medical staff descended upon us. They explained the procedure and its risks, and began preparing Brooke for surgery. At one point an anesthesia tech shook my hand and wished me Happy New Year. I glanced at a

clock on the wall. The time was 12:10 am. We were given a few minutes to pray as a family before Brooke was wheeled away to the delivery room.

We welcomed our beautiful daughter, Celeste Shawna Spruce, into the world at 1:12 am on New Year's Day. The delivery went extremely well for both mother and baby. Born nine and-a-half weeks premature, a nurse described our baby girl as "tiny, but mighty". I was told by a number of people "You'll cry the first time you see your newborn child. All men do." But, I didn't. Not in the delivery room, not following the nurses to the NICU, not later watching her sleep safely in an isolette, a tangle of small wires and tubes keeping her fragile body alive. At 8am, Brooke was moved downstairs from Labor and Delivery to the Mother Baby Floor. Along the way nurses made a brief stop in the NICU so that Brooke could hold our baby for the first time. As I watched her finally take her newborn daughter, squirming and sobbing, into her arms and tenderly kiss her delicate round nose, I felt a tear roll down my cheek.

After that things are pretty much a blur. I remember later that afternoon reporters stopping by the



Photo courtesy of Dr. Harry Roitman, MD  
**The late Dr. Beryl Blue Spruce, MD at work, circa 1967**

hospital to interview the proud, but exhausted parents of the New Year's Baby. The following morning Brooke's parents met their first grandchild, driving eighteen hours through a vicious cold snap along the way.

Nearly two weeks later and our young daughter is doing amazingly

well. She's breathing unassisted, taking more food each day, and we're hoping she'll be home in time for Valentine's Day. Doctors are also confident she will grow into a perfectly healthy and happy child. Moreover, Brooke is making a full recovery too. Meanwhile, it's interesting to note that Brooke herself was a preemie baby. A fact I'm reminded of every Nov. 17, World Prematurity Day, when Brooke makes sure I wear something purple. Born at 28 weeks, she weighed a mere one pound and eleven ounces. Even more ironic, she spent two and a half months in the very same Asheville NICU as our daughter. We even had the opportunity to meet one of the doctors who cared for her 30 years ago and still works at Mission today. I think I'll start wearing extra purple in November from now on.

In closing, Celeste, Brooke, and I would very much like to acknowledge all of our friends and family who have shown such a huge outpouring of love and support through our ordeal. The entire staff at Mission Hospital has been wonderful along with our primary care doctors at Smokey Mountain OB and of course the great people at Cherokee Indian Hospital. I'd also personally like to thank the entire community

of Cherokee, North Carolina. I first came here five years ago for my work, never imagining that Cherokee would become my home. Since that time, I've made countless friends, shared many priceless experiences, and been privileged to serve such a remarkable and outstanding nation of people. Brooke and I now look forward to raising a strong Native woman who will represent her Eastern Band people here and the Laguna Pueblo, where I am from, with dignity, self-respect, and character.

Celeste Shawna Spruce was born Jan. 1, 2014 to excited parents Ashley Brooke Brown and Shawn Spruce. She tipped the scales at a whopping three pounds and three ounces, stretching sixteen inches from head to toe. Her proud family includes Alisi Sandra and Ududu Diamond Brown Jr. of Snowbird Community; aunties Dakota Brown and Wahlah Brown, also of Snowbird; aunt and uncle Roxane and Raymond Bly, of Albuquerque, NM; adopted grandma, Magoo Shouderblade of Lame Deer, MT; and last, but not least, grandfather, the late Dr. Beryl Blue Spruce.

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# Keeping track in the Smokies

## Friends of the Smokies receives grant for tracking, monitoring elk

**F**riends of the Smokies has received a grant for \$13,720 from Charter Communications, Inc. for support of wildlife management in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The grant provides for the purchase of 15 radio collars and 2 receivers for tracking and monitoring elk throughout the Park.

Two hundred years ago, elk roamed the southern Appalachian mountains and elsewhere in the eastern United States. With the financial and in-kind support from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Friends of the Smokies, Great Smoky Mountains Association and the University of Tennessee; the Park began reintroducing elk in Cataloochee Valley in 2001. Initially, all elk were fitted with radio collars allowing biologists to efficiently monitor the growth, survival, and movements of the population. As the elk herd grows, today numbering at least 120 animals, biologists continue to monitor a subset of the herd annually to monitor population dynamics particularly focusing on newborn calves and females. This donation helps provide much needed collars to fit the calves and five adult females per year along with any nuisance animals.

"Charter is a communications and technology company," said Joe Pell, vice president and general manager for Charter's operations in Louisiana and Tennessee. "Funding the radio telemetry that Park biologists use to ensure the elk's success fits with our company's focus."

Radio-transmitters are one of the most useful instruments to help track animal locations and survival. This is true, not only for elk, but



Photo courtesy of the Friends of the Smokies

**Park biologists place a radio collar on a tranquilized elk in the Cataloochee Valley of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.**

other wildlife species as well. Information gained from the use of radio telemetry equipment has been vital in making short and long-term management decisions regarding bears, elk and bats within the Park, and continues to be an integral part of ongoing wildlife monitoring and management efforts.

"We find it very satisfying to

have a healthy elk herd. Our job is to help maintain that by giving them the supplies they need," says Jim Hart, Friends of the Smokies.

Mark Spilman, vice president and general manager for Charter's operations in the Carolinas and Virginia adds, "The Great Smoky Mountains is the country's most visited National Park. Many of our own

employees that live and work in the region have experienced seeing these majestic animals thrive in Cataloochee. And now, they are officially a "Friend of the Smokies."

Info: [www.nps.gov/grsm](http://www.nps.gov/grsm) or [www.friendsofthesmokies.org](http://www.friendsofthesmokies.org).

- Friends of the Smokies

# Cherokee Volunteer Fire Dept. helps during holidays

This Christmas holiday was different in many ways here in the Cherokee area and several peoples holiday grew brighter thanks to the Members of the Cherokee Volunteer Fire Department.

Through the months of November and December, donations were being collected of toys, food and clothing by the Cherokee Vol. Fire Dept. members. Four families received food, clothes, and toys that were collected and delivered on both Christmas Eve and Christmas day. On Christmas Eve, the items were delivered to the families with a special guest of the Volunteers...Santa Claus.

Along with the families, toys were delivered to the Cherokee Children's Home for the children spending their holiday season with us.

"The objective was for us to assist families to have a very Merry Christmas, that were experiencing difficulties this year under the cur-



Photo courtesy of Cherokee Volunteer Fire Dept.

**Four families received food, clothes, and toys that were collected and delivered by the Cherokee Volunteer Fire Department and Santa Claus on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.**

rent economic conditions many are faced with," stated Volunteer Fire Dept. Captain William Roberts

"We received so much clothing we were also able to assist a family in the Qualla fire district, which we were called to that lost everything on Dec. 27. The remaining clothes were donated to a church in the Goose

Creek area that provides assistance to needing families.

"Our goal for next year is to collect enough toys and food to assist ten families," said Capt. Roberts.

The families this year and the Volunteer Fire Department related they would like to thank all of those individuals and families that donated

the toys, food, clothing, and bicycles.

The officers of the Cherokee Volunteer Fire Department include: Jonah Teesatuskie, Chief; Tyler Taylor, Asst. Chief; and Captains Chris Farmer, William Roberts, and James Armachain.

The Members of the Cherokee Volunteer Fire Department include: Sam Bird, Greg Church, Dereck Driver, Chris Fuller, Dylan Saunooke, Chebon Postoak, Anthony Lee, Zack Winchester, and Reed Maddox.

Cherokee Volunteer Fire Department also announces the death of former member Robert Bigmeat who passed away Jan. 4 at his home in the Wrights Creek community of Cherokee. Robert served several years with the Volunteer department and our Condolences and Prayers go out to his family to comfort them with their loss.

- Cherokee Volunteer Fire Department

*Saturday January 25, 2014*

## Hominy-Making Workshop

**WOLFETOWN  
COMMUNITY CENTER**

**11-12:30 First batch  
1:30-3:00 Second batch  
(No registration necessary)**

**Coffee | Speakers (Jonah Wolfe) | Displays | Fire | Soup**

*Coordinated by Cherokee Choices Healthy Roots 554-6786*

**The Cherokee Cancer Support Group is available to assist any individual coping with cancer whether as a patient or as a caregiver.**

Monthly support group meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 5:30pm at Betty's Place, 40 Goose Creek Rd. Potluck is enjoyed at each meeting. Betty's Place office hours are Mon. 1-3pm, Tues., Wed. 10am-2pm, Thurs 8am-2pm and Fri. 8am-3pm.

**For additional assistance call 497-0788.**

**Betty's Place**  
**Cherokee Cancer Support Group**

**40 Goose Creek Road**



# Cherokee Happenings

SUBMIT NEW LISTINGS OR CHANGES TO [SCOTMCKIE@NC-CHEROKEE.COM](mailto:SCOTMCKIE@NC-CHEROKEE.COM).

## General Events

**NAIWA Fundraiser. Jan. 24** from 11am – 1pm at the old Yellowhill Community Building. Meals include drink and dessert for \$10. NAIWA will also be selling dinners on the following dates: Feb. 7 – ham dinners, Feb. 14 – Indian dinners, March 7 – Poor Man's dinner, and March 21 – Indian dinners

**Indoor Flea Market. Jan. 24-25** starting at 8am at the Birdtown Community Club Building. Will cancel if weather is bad. Info: Jody Taylor 736-7509

**Granny's Kitchen Fundraising Lunch. Feb. 6** from 11am – 3pm at Granny's Kitchen. Proceeds raised will fund an educational trip for Cole Saunooke, a 9th grader at Smoky Mountain High School, to attend the alumni session of the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Boston this summer. Lunch menu: turkey and dressing, mashed pota-

toes, cream style corn, green beans, roll, banana pudding, drink. \$10 per meal (cash only and carryout only). If you'd like to pre-order dinners, call 736-0392

**Indianpreneurship sessions. Mondays from Feb. 24 – March 24** from 6-9pm in the Sequoyah Fund conference room. This is a prerequisite for anyone who has never been in business and is interested in a Sequoyah Fund loan. The class is \$60 and covers the cost of the book. You must attend all classes to graduate. Info: [www.sequoyahfund.org](http://www.sequoyahfund.org) or Kimberly Winchester (828) 359-5005

## Health/Sports Events

**Prenatal Yoga and Relaxation. Jan. 23** at 5pm in the GLW Community Room. Prenatal yoga, paraffin hand treatments, skin care analysis and make-and-take massage sock. Supper will be served from 6:30-7pm

at Dora Reed. Enjoy an evening of pampering and stress relief. Fathers and family members are always welcome. This is sponsored by the Dora Reed Center Prenatal Program. Yoga will be provided by certified yoga instructor Robin Bailey-Callahan, RD, LDN, MHS. Info: Amanda Bradley 497-9008 ext. 2004 to RSVP

**Cherokee Lifestyle Balance program. Jan. 27** from 12-1:15pm in the GLW Complex Community Rooms. This program, sponsored by Cherokee Choices, will be held every Monday for 10 weeks. The program is based on the national Diabetes Prevention Program which is proven to decrease the risk of type 2 diabetes by 58 percent. Classes include a free healthy lunch, physical activity, and interactive learning on nutrition, fitness and stress management. Each participant will have a lifestyle coach to offer ongoing support to their journey towards a healthy lifestyle. You must attend a mini-

mum of eight out of 10 classes. Space is limited and first-time participants have priority with availability. Info: Robin Callahan, RD, MHS, LDN, 554-6785, (828) 342-3010, or [robibail@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:robibail@nc-chokeee.com) or Rose James, RN, 554-6787, (828) 342-9412, or [rosejame@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:rosejame@nc-chokeee.com)

**Start Smart Soccer sign-ups. The Recreation Dept. is now taking sign-ups for Start Smart Soccer which will be held through Sunday, Feb. 9.** Start Smart soccer will introduce children, ages 3-7, to the sport of soccer in a fun, non-threatening environment focusing on fundamental skill drills. Each child will need a parent or adult partner to attend each session. The cost of the program is \$36, which includes all necessary equipment for your child. Info or to register: Birdtown Gym 554-6890 or 554-6891



## Cherokee Boys Club Report

[www.cherokeeboysclub.com](http://www.cherokeeboysclub.com) (828) 497-9101

### CLUB SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, Feb. 5 – Managers' Meeting – 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, Feb. 12 – BOD Resolution Deadline – 8:30 a.m.  
Monday, Feb. 17 – Presidents' Day (Club, School and Tribal Holiday)  
Tuesday, Feb. 18 – Health Screen – 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, Feb. 19 – Board of Directors Meeting – 8:30 a.m.  
Thursday, Feb. 27 – Safety Committee – 11:30 a.m.

### THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Our sincere sympathy goes to the friends and family of Steve "Frog" George who passed Monday, Jan. 13. Frog worked at the Boys

Club during his High School years and continued to work with the Club after he graduated in 1965. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

### TRIP TO LOUISVILLE

Anyone interested in taking a Boys Club bus to Louisville to watch the Lady Cardinals play a game? If so, please contact Allan Oocumma or Albert Arch at 497-9101. If enough interest is generated, efforts will be made to put a trip together. The tentative game date is Sunday, Feb. 23. The game begins at 3p.m. against Rutgers. This would be an excellent opportunity to support our fellow native students (the Schimmel

sisters) who play for Louisville.

This date was changed from Feb. 2 to Feb. 23 due to the 2nd being Super Bowl Sunday!

### CONGRATULATIONS BRAVES!

Congratulations to the CMS Wrestlers for defeating Andrews 36-18; and to the CHS Wrestlers for defeating Robbinsville 54-12.

Congratulations to the Lady Braves for defeating Robbinsville 63-53 on Tuesday, January 14. The Robbinsville Black Knights narrowly defeated the Braves 61-58.

WNC Boys Basketball Statistical Leaders for Week No. 6:  
Scoring: Dustin Johnson and Jesse Toineeta. Rebounding: Dustin John-

son. Assists: Dustin Johnson. Steals: Dustin Johnson, Jason McMillan and Darius Thompson

WNC Girls Basketball Statistical Leaders for Week No. 6:

Scoring: Kendal Toineeta (#3) and Avery Mintz (#8). Rebounding: Avery Mintz, Kendall Toineeta and Peri Wildcatt. Assists: Kendall Toineeta, Bree Stamper and Avery Mintz. Steals: Kendall Toineeta (#1), Avery Mintz (#7), Bree Stamper and Peri Wildcatt.

Congratulations to the Lady Braves' Avery Mintz for being named WNC Basketball Player of the Week!

# Cherokee Announcements

TIDBITS AFFECTING EBCI TRIBAL MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY

## Tribal Council date changes

Due to USET's Impact Week, February's Budget Council session will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 11 and Tribal Council will be held on Thursday, Feb. 13. The deadline to submit resolutions, ordinances and requests for time for these sessions will be Thursday, Jan. 30. You will need to have all requests signed-in at the TOP office by 4pm on Jan. 30. Any items which do not have proper documentation attached by this date will not be placed on the agenda.

- TOP Office

## Things to know about the Affordable Care Act

From Tribal Supplemental Health Insurance Program and Cherokee Indian Hospital Contract Health Services

- If you are over 65 years old and/or disabled and covered by Medicare, you will not be subject to penalties if you do not enroll in a federal insurance plan.
- If you are an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe, you will not be subject to penalties if you do not enroll in a federal insurance plan.

- But, if you would like to enroll in an insurance plan and need assistance there is a certified navigator at the Legal Aid office of NC (586-8931) to help walk you through the process.  
- Appointments can be arranged to meet locally here in Cherokee.

- If you are not an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe, but are eligible for services through the Cherokee Health System and - if you want insurance, you will need to start the enrollment process and be finished by March.
- If you would like more information about your requirements, contact Angie Bradley 497-9163 ext 6248.

## Wolftown date change

Wolftown Community Club meetings will be changed to the first Monday of each month beginning at 7pm. Wolftown Rep. Bo Crowe requested the change so items can be addressed before Tribal Council meetings, as needed. The next Community Club meeting will be Monday, Feb. 3.

- Polly Jo Castorena

## Attention EBCI Pension/Retirement recipients

You have likely received a notice in the mail and a copy of the North Carolina NC-4P Form, with instructions to complete and return to Sun Trust, First Citizens and/or Key Bank. Individuals meeting certain criteria are exempt from North Carolina State Income Taxes:

1. Are an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe
2. Reside on a federally recognized Indian Reservation (trust lands) at the time the income is derived

If you meet both of the criteria out-

lined above, you are likely exempt from North Carolina State Income Tax. If you meet both of the criteria outlined above, please complete the form with your personal information and write clearly on the body of the form "EXEMPT". Writing "EXEMPT" on the form will give the bank instruction to not withhold North Carolina State Income Tax from your benefit payments.

Info: Kristin Smith, EBCI Benefits Department, 554-6391

- EBCI Finance Dept.

## Procedure for Exempt Status: Vehicle and Property Taxes

In cases where enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who live on the reservation (Qualla Boundary) receive billing notices from the County Tax Office stating they owe property and/or vehicle tax, you must present to the County Tax Office the following information:

1. A copy of the billing notice/invoice;
2. Valid identification;
3. Your EBCI enrollment card; and
4. An official letter from the 911 Office (Emergency Management 554-6433 or 554-6434) confirming your official address.

Once the Tax Office receives this information, you will be given tax exempt status which will be noted in the County Tax Office database. Once your tax exempt status is noted

in that database, you should not receive additional tax notices. If you have additional questions, contact your local County Tax Office.

- EBCI Legal Division

## Players are sought for the following Community Basketball teams:

- Birdtown Mite Boys (ages 9-10)
- Painttown Termite Boys (6-8)
- Painttown Midget Girls (11-12)
- Painttown Midget Boys (11-12)
- Wolftown Termite Boys B (6-8)

All ages are by Dec. 31, 2013.

All registrations must include a copy of the child's birth certificate or EBCI enrollment card and a copy of a current physical. Info: Jessica Daniels 554-6891

- Cherokee Recreation

## Soccer Registrations for U5-U12 divisions

Ages are by Aug. 1, 2013. Cherokee Recreation states, "We hope to have our own league this fall, but in order to do that, we need to generate higher player numbers! If you'd like your child to participate in a youth soccer league this spring, please call Jessica at Birdtown Gym (554-6891) as soon as possible! All registrations for league play must include a copy of the child's birth certificate or EBCI enrollment card and a copy of the child's current physical.

- Cherokee Recreation

## Obituaries

### Steve "Frog" George

Steve "Frog" George, 67 of 9 Blue Wing Church Road, Cherokee, North Carolina went home to be with the Lord on Monday, Jan. 13. Steve was a Tribal Council Representative for the Wolefetown Community and self-employed in paint and body and food service business. Steve was known for sharing his tes-

timony thru music and fellowship with all. Steve was a member of the Towstring Baptist Church.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, Steve Long and Lucy George Long; brothers Robert "Humpty" Long and Russell Long; and grandchildren Ryan George, Kyle Davis, and Lyric Rogers.

Steve is survived by his son, Steven "Tad" George of Cherokee; two daughters, Marsha Ensley and her husband Denny Ensley of Cherokee and Tina George of Cherokee;

two grandchildren Cody and Shelby George of Bryson City; two sisters Nonnie Crowe of Cherokee and Zena Wolfe and husband Melvin Wolfe of Cherokee, two brothers Jeremiah Long of Cherokee and Jim Long and companion Kissi Hornbuckle of Cherokee; several nieces and nephews; and two special friends Frank Ross and Christopher Crutchfield.

Funeral services were held at 11am on Thursday, Jan. 16 at Towstring Baptist Church with an hon-

orary Tribal recognition. Pastor JT Lambert, Danny Lambert and Rex Morelock officiated with burial in the Towstring Cemetery.

Paul bearers were Ervin Crowe, Brian Parker, Jason Parker, Matthew Smith, Paul Smith, Waylon Long, and Christopher Crutchfield.



# Opinions and Letters

WORD LIMIT FOR LETTERS IS 250 WORDS

## Thank you

The Cherokee Cancer Support Group would like to thank JT Lambert and the singers from the Townstring Baptist Church who graced our meeting last Thursday with songs and devotion that uplifted our spirits. Thank you too for the generous financial contribution to the Group's work. Without the love and support of people in the community like you, we could not continue to provide the assistance that is so needed.

*Thank you again,  
CCSG*

## Thank you to Richard Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship

Thank you again to the Richard Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship committee for choosing to fund my law school education. They have supported me through all three years of my education and it has been a great honor to receive this funding.

As I enter my final semester of law school my workload only increases more with the addition of the upcoming bar exam. With the support of the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship I can focus fully on my studies and my preparations for the bar exam. Your support in the past and your continued support have shown me that you believe I can achieve this goal and it is almost complete. Thanks to this funding I have been able to practice as a student attorney since August and have been able to dedicate myself to the zealous advocacy of my clients interests and develop my skills as a lawyer. Thank you again for your continued support and your help in my completion of law school.

*Sincerely,  
Sunshine Parker*

## Letter of appreciation

My name is Megan Smith, and I am in my second semester of Graduate Studies at Middle Tennessee State University. While here, I have had the privilege of working with great professors and meeting wonderful people. My previous semester (fall 2013) was a great success, and I could not have done it without the support I have received. The board members of the Richard Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund have been very helpful and easily accessible, and I would like to thank you for this relationship.

I am very grateful that the Richard Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund has given me another opportunity to be a recipient of this scholarship for Spring 2014. With the funds that I have received, I have been able to take care of many bills and necessities for this semester. So, thank you for alleviating some of the financial stress that is incurred as a graduate student, and I look forward to our continuing relationship.

*Thank you,  
Megan Smith*

## Grandma's bragging rights

My family and I were blessed over the holiday to make a surprise visit to see my grandson Dustin Johnson, a junior at Cherokee High School. Only his mother Winona Johnson, grandma Sally Durant and Coach Tullos knew we were coming. When I walked in the house, followed by his dad Billy, grandpa Frank and uncle Michael, the look on Dustin's face was priceless. What a moment to remember.

We got to watch two of Dustin's basketball games, one in which we got to see him receive his trophy for the All-Tournament Team. The games were so exciting, nail biting, I was jumping up out of my seat. Finally got to see in person the Cherokee Braves in action...what a talented bunch of young men. We

had awesome Cherokee Braves t-Shirts that were made for us with #22 and our names on the back. We know Dustin can play basketball, but wow! He made shots and passes that were amazing. He made a bounce pass with a curve, something we've never seen before. We're still talking about it to everyone here at home. I believe it takes a great coach to get the full potential from a player, and I had the pleasure of meeting Coach Tullos.

I'm so proud of my grandson Dustin, an amazing young man on and off the basketball court. We love him dearly.

Loved Cherokee, a wonderful experience that we will never forget. Sincerely,

*#22's Grandma Reba  
from Tahlequah, Okla.*

## Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls, and generous love at the passing of our son, Michael Delaine Hazelwood. Thanks to everyone who made the trip to Cherokee, NC for his funeral and for all the kindness shown to our family during this time of grieving.

A special thanks to Rev. "Bo" Parris, Rev. Dee Hazelwood and the staff of Long House Funeral Home in Cherokee for making this time as easy as possible for our family.

We ask for God's blessing on you all.

*His parents, Phillip Hazelwood and  
Melody Clark and, his children,  
grandchildren, brothers and sisters*

## ONE FEATHER PHONE LIST

**For all of your questions, comments,  
concerns, and compliments:**

**Scott (828) 554-6263**  
scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com

**Sally (828) 554-6262**  
salldavi@nc-chokeee.com

**Amble (828) 554-6264**  
amblsmok@nc-chokeee.com

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# Cherokee Trading Post

Classified ads are \$5 for 30 words

## FOR SALE

**Truck Accessories.** Big Rims, Oversize Tires. Off Road Products, Leveling Kits, Diesel Upgrades. Huge Showroom! Anglin's in Otto (828) 349-4500 **UFN**

**Bearmeats Indian Den**-Now has Premier carving stone-Pink Alabaster, Black Pipestone, Purple Wave and more. Hwy US 19 Wolfstown Rd. 828-497-4052 **2/6pd**

**The Lambert Tapes – Volume Two.** This second volume contains the transcription of tape conversations with the late Cherokee historian, Carl Glenn Lambert. The book is a unique collection and presentation of Carl's personal stories and historical accounts of Cherokee history. The book is available in e-book and hardback copies from Lulu.com and other leading book sellers. Autographed copies (hardback only) are available for less cost directly from the author, Barnett Ronald Wilson, 6536 Dwightware Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28227. \$36 includes mailing. **1/23pd**

**Wood Chipper**-works great, 4 cyl, gas burning, Horse trailer dbl axle, needs tire, hauls 2 horses, 1960 Ford Falcon, 2 door, no rust, 1971 Torino-yellow, 2 door, no rust, all glass is good, utility trailers, 28' camper dual axle, 2 boats-828-371-4323, 828-736-6823 **1/16pd**

**1 acre in Wolfetown Community for sale.** On road off old Soco Rd. Has right-of-way, survey and passed site inspection for a house \$30,000. 828-371-2998. **1/30pd**

**Mobile Home, 3 bedroom, 1 full bath,** central heating and air with washer and dryer, minutes from Casino, nice quiet neighborhood, If interested call 828-736-2262. **1/23pd**

## FOR RENT

**2br. 1 bath, mobile home.** Quiet park in Ela. No pets. References/background check required. \$400/month, \$300 deposit. Call 488-8752 for more information. **1/23pd**

**For Rent: Mobile Home, 3 bedroom** in Bryson in town. \$550.00 month. 2 Bedroom 5 minutes from Harrah's \$425.00 includes water. 828-736-1183 **1/30pd**

## SERVICES

**Cherokee (Tsalagi) Handyman**  
We offer Free Estimates, Demolition, Drywall, Remodeling, Painting, Basement Refinishing, Snow removal, call John Huskey 856-630-5910. **1/23pd**

**Need any repairs?** Need any repairs, or rehabs, or have a honey do list? We can help, do you need Your home winter proffed? Need window repaired, or bathroom repairs? No job to small. Just call us at 828-497-2122. **1/23pd**

**H&R Block Tax Service** - 497-4077. Tepee Village, Big Cove Rd. M-F 9 am to 6 pm. Sat. 9 am to 5 pm. Closed Sun. This year, the Cherokee H&R Tax office will be open until APRIL 15! **4/10pd**

## WANTED

**Buying scrap metal & junk cars.** Will come to you. Call Nelson (828)488-9848 or (828)269-3292 **3/13pd**

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## EMPLOYMENT

### Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



For deadlines and applications call 497-8131. 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 27, 2014 @ 4 pm**

1. Utility Worker- Sanitation (\$20,960-\$26,200)
2. Telecommunicator- Public Safety (\$27,680-\$34,600)

#### **Open Until Filled**

1. EMT-P (Part-time) – EMS
2. Teacher- Tribal Child Care
3. Teacher Assistant- Tribal Child Care
4. Manager- Internal Audit
5. Attorney General- Legal

### Health & Medical Positions

#### **Open Until Filled**

1. C.N.A-Tsali Center
2. RN-Tsali Care Center
3. Cook Supervisor-Tsali Care Center
4. Cook- Tsali Care Center
5. LPN- Tsali Care Center
6. Director- Human Services
7. CHR- Community Health

Download Applications/Job Descriptions at the following website!  
<http://www.nc-cherokee.com/humanresources/employment/jobopportunities>

**THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following job available:**

**FT Phlebotomist / Diabetes**

**FT Exercise Physiologist / Diabetes**

**FT LPN Wound Care / Diabetes**

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description from Teresa Carvalho at the Cherokee Indian hospital Human Resources Office between the hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm Monday –Friday. These positions will close January 31 @ 4pm. Indian preference does apply and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **1/30**

## EMPLOYMENT

### THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS KITUWAH PRESESRVATION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

Is seeking a resume for the following: Cherokee Language Consultant and Electronic Media Specialist (one position)

Applicant must have a strong background in Cherokee Language.

Applicant must be able to read and write documents in Cherokee Syllabary and phonetics

Applicant must have excellent computer skills

It is paramount that the applicant must be up to date with the most current Apple and PC products regarding database programming as well as Adobe, Publisher and Indesign programs.

Applicant must be able to work independently at a fast pace.

Applicant must have experience with children 1-10 years of age.

A positive rapport with administration, faculty and students of The New Kituwah Academy is essential. Deadline for submission is January 30TH, 2014

INTERESTED CANDIDATES PLEASE SEND RESUMES TO:

Bo Lossiah Curriculum and Instruction Supervisor

Kituwah Preservation and Education Program

PO Box 486—Cherokee, NC 28719  
Email-- bolossi@nc-cherokee.com or fax 828-497-0328

**1/23**

### THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following job available:

#### FT Billing Tech III

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### Job Announcement Family & Consumer Sciences Agent

North Carolina Cooperative Extension is seeking a person who wants to provide quality educational programs that address high priority needs and issues in family and consumer sciences (FCS). The agent will plan, develop, market, implement, and evaluate a program that is directed at improving the quality of life of local residents.

This position will be located in Cherokee, NC, with an emphasis on serving the Eastern Band of Cherokee community, some of whom live in nearby counties. The agent will coordinate with the Qualla Financial Freedom educator, other EBCI educational programs, and other FCS Agents in western NC.

A Bachelor's degree appropriate to family and consumer sciences is required. Experience working with Native American communities is preferred.

Applicants should have experience working in diverse communities, and an ability to work with people in an educational organization. Must possess a high degree of subject matter competence, effective oral and written communication skills, computer proficiency, ability to manage time, a flexible work schedule, a valid driver's license, and reliable transportation.

The Agent will be an employee of North Carolina A&T State University. To view the job announcement and apply, go to [www.ag.ncat.edu](http://www.ag.ncat.edu). Click on "Position Announcements" in the green box. Position No. 9617. This opportunity is open through Feb. 10, 2014 or until filled. All required documents must be attached for applicant to be considered.

For more info call Lavita Lambert at 828-554-6931 or Rick DeLoughery at 554-6930, or stop at the EBCI Cooperative Extension office at 876 Acquoni Rd, or see <http://ebci.ces.ncsu.edu/>

**1/23**

### THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following job available:

#### FT Mid-Level Practitioner/Cherokee County Clinic

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description from Teresa Carvalho at the Cherokee Indian hospital Human Resources Office between the hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm Monday – Friday. These positions will close January 27 @ 4pm. Indian preference does apply and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **1/23**

## REALTY

### Big Cove 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.

Clarence Steven Arch, Noah Allen Arch, Shawn David Calhoun, William Dennis Calhoun, Cora Lynn Sanders Crowe, Kimberly Dawn Crowe, Susanna Calhoun Finger, Edmond Merony French, Kathy Linda Ross Galanick, Viola Yvonne Shell Garnett, Jennifer Dawn West George, Yonnie Watty Hill, Kara Shae Howard, Gloria Etta Eve West Hyatt, Annie Wolfe James, Jackie Lee Johnson, Ernest Locust Jr., Jeremiah Locust Sr., Sadie Faye Wolfe Locust, Frances Ann Wolfe Maney, Ellie Mae Locust Maney, Cleto Alfonso Montelongo, Deborah Sue Panther, Samuel Patrick Panther, Sharon Lenell Welch Panther, Robert Lee Queen, Wendy Wynne West Ricks, Ernest Lynn Ross, Letina Renee Saunooke, Rynda Lynn Marie Saunooke, Elliott Clark Shell, Meroney George Shell, Michael Jay Shell, Flora Mae Calhoun Shelton, Annabelle Calhoun Shuler, Sheila Kay Standingdeer, James Allan Tooni, Brandy Nicole Watty, David Norman Watty, Quincy Watty Sr., Rebecca Lynn Watty, Regina Watty, Samuel Watty, Alexander Tommy West, Caren S.

West, Donovan Phillip Woodard West, Villareal Abel West, Villareal Nika West, Abel Wolfe, Deweese Wolfe, Donna Sue Wolfe, Edwin Wolfe, Jane Wolfe, Kerri Lynn Wolfe, Lloyd Edward Wolfe, Samantha Nicole Wolfe

### Proposed Land Transfers

Wanda Sue Whitetree Bruce to Laura Nikeya Blythe for Painttown Community Parcel No. 767 (Part of Parcel No. 534), containing 0.501 Acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Wanda Sue Whitetree Bruce to Laura Nikeya Blythe for Painttown Community Parcel No. 434-D (Part of Parcel No. 534-C), containing 0.131 Acre, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

William Richard Hornbuckle to Philip Sampson Armachian for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 1361-O (Part of Parcel No. 1361-E), containing 9.663 Acres, more or less.

## LEGALS

Eastern Band of Cherokee  
Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 14-005

**Notice to Creditors and  
Debtors of:  
Tony Earl 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: April 23, 2014  
Barbara Riley  
5760 Poovey Drive  
Granite Falls, NC 28630

**2/6pd**

## LEGALS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 13-087

### In the Matter of the Estate of: Bill J. Ledford

The Court in the exercise of its jurisdiction of the probate of wills and the administration of estates, and upon application of the fiduciary, has adjudged legally sufficient the qualification of the fiduciary named below and orders that Letters be issued in the above estate. The fiduciary is fully authorized by the laws of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to receive and administer all of the assets belonging to the estate and these letters are issued to attest to that authority and to certify that it is now in full force and effect.

April Christian Zotecan Ledford  
PO Box 503  
Carrboro, NC 27510

1/23pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 14-004

### In the Matter of the Estate of Mitchell StandingWater Crowe

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 23, 2014

Elizabeth Michelle Trevino  
7670 S. Wapato Road  
Toppenish, WA 989498  
2/6pd

## RFPs, BIDs, etc.

### Sign Ordinance Enforcement

In October of 2012, Tribal Ordinance no. 310 was passed in an effort to maintain sign consistency and keep Cherokee as beautiful and inviting as possible. This ordinance is in the process of being implemented. All businesses have the responsibility of complying with the Sign Ordinance in order to hold a business license.

Beginning on February 1st, 2014, all businesses are required to meet with the Planning Office to get their personal assessment of their business signage. Each business's signage and building requirements are listed under the Cherokee Code's Sign Ordinance #310, dated 9/16/12, and the Cherokee Business District Master Plan, Resolution #104, dated 12/6/01.

You may contact Planning Coordinator, Kim Deas, at 828-554-6707, or by email at kimdeas@nc-cherokee.com, to schedule your personal assessment meeting and consultation for the month of February. The Planning Office will be using a phased approach to tackle the different sections of downtown and bringing them up to compliance. Once all consultations are complete in February, a final date for compliance will be published in the One Feather. This date is to be expected before the new tourist season.

If you have any further questions or concerns that are not clearly addressed and/or defined above, you may contact Mrs. Deas. You may also find the Sign Ordinance, Master Plan, and other related information for use at <http://theonefeather.com/businessoperatinginfo>. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping Cherokee beautiful!  
1/30PSA

# CHEROKEE one feather



G W Y + V O Y L P

You may pick up a One Feather at any of these fine locations:

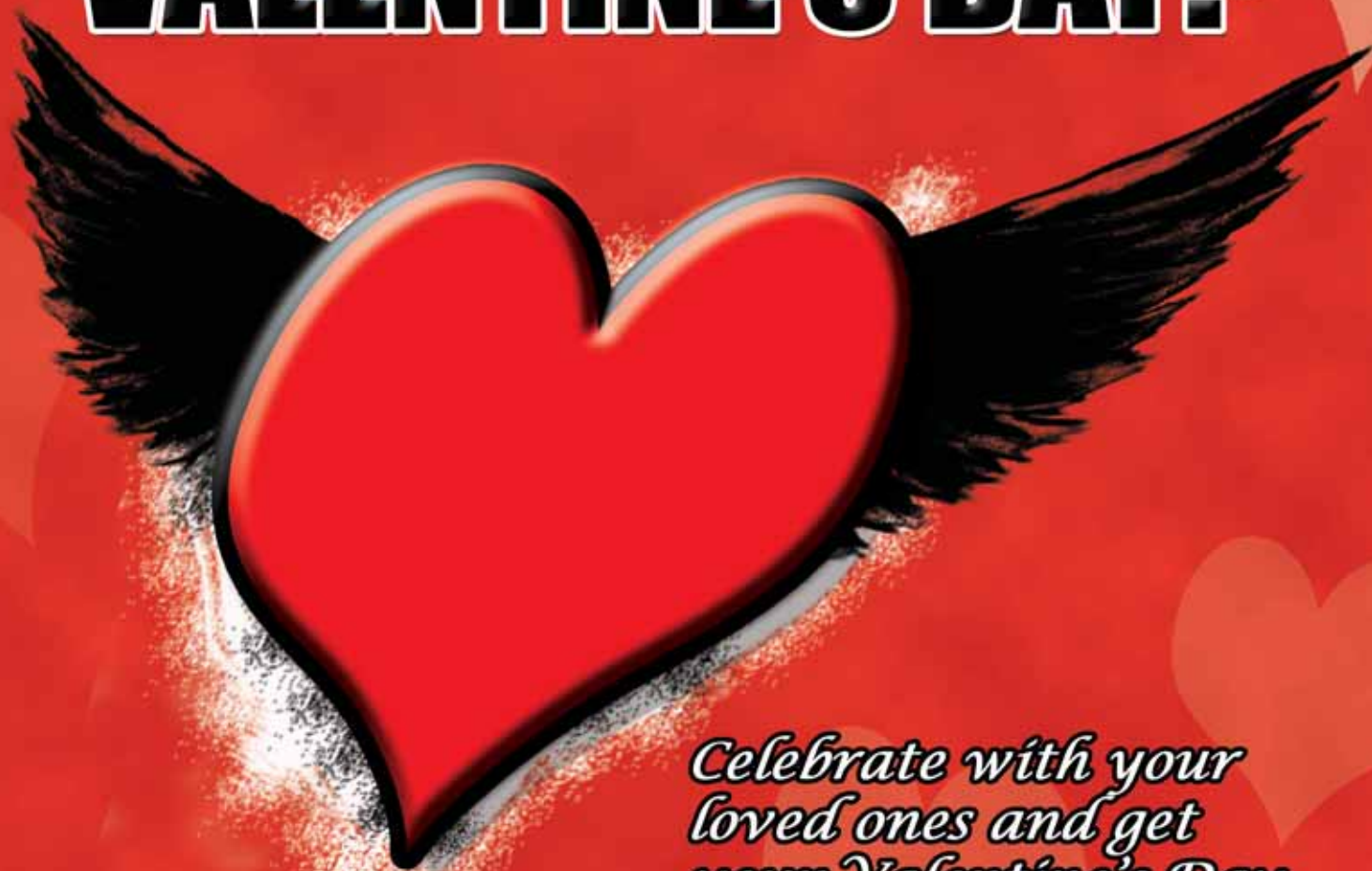
Braves Quickstop  
Big Bear Exxon  
Foodlion  
Casino Mart  
CTC Catamount  
Happy Holiday Campground  
Bradley's Grocery  
Harrah's Cherokee Casino EDR  
Mountain Energy  
Youngblood Smokeshop I & II  
Cherokee Boys Club  
Cherokee Welcome Center  
Peter's Pancake  
Tsali Manor  
River Valley Store  
Big Cove Grocery  
Jenkins  
Coopers Creek Store  
Crown Food Mart in Robbinsville

# Western Carolina UNIVERSITY

WCU alumni are asked to contact Roseanna Belt or Jane Kneller at the Cherokee Center so they can check the list for your name and information.

Roseanna S. Belt, WCU Cherokee Center Director  
1594 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719  
Work: 497-7920, Fax: 497-0469

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