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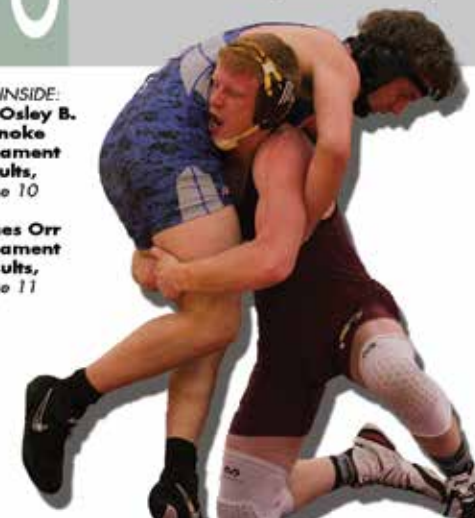


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Allegations of alcohol use at tournament being investigated

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Cherokee Braves and Lady Braves varsity basketball teams traveled to Landrum, SC the last week of 2016 to play in the 17th Annual Battle at the Border tournament. Various allegations of school staff wrongdoings during the trip have now surfaced.

"We are and will continue to fully investigate these allegations," said Scott Penland, Cherokee Central School superintendent. "We have found one incident of misconduct by a staff member and dealt with it swiftly and promptly. Everything past that point has been rumors and speculation! We investigate every lead. I got a lead last

night (Jan. 19) at 11:30pm and got on it first thing this morning."

Superintendent Penland said the Cherokee Indian Police Department and the school human resources office have both been involved in the investigation of allegations. "It really pains me that these rumors and accusations makes the school look bad. This school and these students have too many great things going for them on a daily basis to be tainted by this; however, I have never and will never make a knee-jerk decision without facts!"

Individual personnel issues are not discussed by the Cherokee School Board, but it was confirmed that the staff member was punished for admitted alcohol use during the trip.

One of the accusations was that staff provided alcohol to students, a claim Superintendent Penland says he heard for the first time while watching a WLOS-TV report. "We have not one shred of evidence of this. If any student tells us that this happened to them, the staff member will be suspended immediately until an investigation is completed and law enforcement will be notified!"

Birdtown School Board Rep. Gloria Griffin said, "It's an ongoing investigation. We are going to make stricter policies and stricter ethics policies for staff and students."

She said the allegations she has been privy to involve students being unsupervised and that there are allegations that some of the coaching staff were supposedly drinking, but these allegations have not been official or put into writing, something she is strongly advising parents and students to do. "If you have any information on this incident, please come forward and speak to Deb Toineeta or Craig Barker at the school. Follow the appropriate channels. If you could please put it into writing, it would give the administration what they need to take action. Until we get statements in writing, there is basically nothing that the administration can do. All that can be done is the investigation continues forward."

Superintendent Penland echoed her sentiment, "If you hear of anyone with relevant information,

please send them to us. My door is always open."

In a statement released over the weekend, Principal Chief Patrick Lambert weighed in on the subject, "Students deserve a safe learning environment and secure facilities when participating in school-sanctioned activities. The alleged misconduct by school personnel and other staff is beneath the good name of our community and Tribe. That is why I have advocated for a quick and thorough investigation of all the reports and accusations surrounding this event. I have contacted the Tribe's Department of Justice, Child Advocacy Team, and Cherokee Indian Police Department to provide necessary assistance to bring forth the truth and to provide a proper and full investigation."

Chief Lambert continued, "Cherokee Central Schools is a wonderful school with bright, intelligent children, and a staff who cares for them wholeheartedly. Every parent has a reasonable expectation that their children's school will provide a safe, appropriately chaperoned, and secure environment. The alleged actions of a few won't change that, and I, along with the whole community, look forward to learning the results and encouraging the school and the School Board to take any and all appropriate discipline measures. And, if any crimes have been committed you can expect appropriate law enforcement action to be taken."

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Issue of addicted newborns discussed in forum

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, every 25 minutes a baby is born in the United States suffering from opioid withdrawal. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has not been able to escape this problem.

Following an impassioned Facebook post by EBCI tribal member Mara Nelson, who discussed this issue last week, Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy thought it was time to bring community members and officials together for a frank discussion to find solutions.

Rep. McCoy organized a public forum which was held in the Cherokee Tribal Council chambers on the afternoon of Tuesday, Jan. 17. The event, attended by around 30 people, drew health officials, tribal leaders, and community members – some of which are caring for children born to mothers suffering from drug addiction.

“I think we had a very positive meeting on a situation that concerns every member of the Tribe and that is the safety, health, and welfare of our infants,” Rep. McCoy said after the meeting. “What we’re trying to do here is reduce or wipe out addiction completely when it comes to children being born addicted, and we also are going to look into getting some help and assistance to the mother, the grandparents, and everyone else.”

At the beginning of the meeting, a packet of information was distributed which included a possible amendment to Cherokee Code addressing the issue of babies born

addicted to drugs. The amendment, written by Tribal Council Attorney Carolyn West, proposed that a mother be charged with Assault on a Child (Class A penalty) “if her child is born addicted or harmed by the narcotic drug”.

After discussions, it was decided to put it on the back-burner. Rep. McCoy noted, “The law that we discussed today will be held. It is a last-ditch effort if nothing else works, but from what I am hearing and seeing today, we have a long-term plan in the start, and I am very grateful to the people that came today.”

Following the meeting, Mara Nelson, who brought the issue to the forefront with her Facebook post, commented, “I think that we had a really good turnout, and it shows that our community is really concerned about the problem that we’re having and we want something done. This was a start. They’ve already scheduled another meeting to keep things going so I’m really excited about it.”

Nelson’s daughter, Taylor, who serves as the chairperson for the Junaluska Leadership Council, served as the chair for Tuesday’s meeting. “A lot of people are really concerned with this problem and people are tired of it. So, finally people are realizing that we’re the voice of our community and those little babies because they don’t have it. Whether it’s a long process or it’s slow, we can do it. With the faith that we have right now, and if it keeps growing, we can do it in no time.”

During the meeting itself, numerous community members and tribal officials spoke on the issue.

Sunshine Parker, EBCI Public Health and Human Services, referenced a two-year Tennessee law (now gone due to a sunset clause) dealing with the issue that didn’t work. “Mothers stopped going to get any care at all...some pre-natal care is better than no pre-natal care.”

She said a total of 43 drug-exposed babies have been through the EBCI Family Safety Program in the first year of the program’s existence. “I think the punishment should be less of the focus and the prevention should be the focus. Simple punishment is not going to keep this from happening.”

Tina Saunooke, EBCI Safe Babies Program community coordinator, told of four mothers they have worked with recently who were successful in addiction treatment. “I have concerns if we just lock up moms. Punitive means is a means, but I don’t think it’s the best means.”

Hannah Smith, EBCI Attorney General’s Office, said a results-based accountability method would be best for the community in addressing the problem as a whole, together. “There is hope. We’ve never had an all-out, tribal-wide commitment to one goal before.”

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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SJ, a 20-week old Brussels Griffon pup, lives in the Yellowhill Community with Brandy Davis.



Is your pet your best friend?
If you’d like to have your pet (whatever that may be) featured as the **Cherokee Pet of the Week**, send a high resolution photo, type and name of pet to: scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com, or message us at the One Feather Facebook page.

CIPD Arrest Report Jan. 9-16

The following people were arrested by the Cherokee Indian Police Department and booked into the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center. It should be noted that the following defendants have only been charged with the crimes listed and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Bradley Jr., Walter Andrew – age 31

Arrested: Jan. 9 at 22:07

Released: Jan. 10

Charges: Public Nuisance, Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 2



Miller, Larry James – age 35

Arrested: Jan. 9 at 16:48

Released: Jan. 12

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 3



Panther, Jordan Phillip – age 27

Arrested: Jan. 9 at 18:09

Released: Jan. 9

Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 3



George, Elis Sanchez – age 22

Arrested: Jan. 10 at 02:26

Released: Jan. 10

Charges: Simple Possession Marijuana

Number of times in



CIPD Detention: 1

Sadongei, Xan D. – age 19

Arrested: Jan. 10 at 01:55

Released: Jan. 10

Charges: Simple Possession Marijuana

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 1



Smith, John Patrick – age 32

Arrested: Jan. 10 at 09:00

Not released as of press time

Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Probation Violation

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 10



Arch, Carl Alexander – age 34

Arrested: Jan. 11 at 17:30

Released: Jan. 11

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 1



Brady, Cammy Jo – age 30

Arrested: Jan. 11 at 16:23

Released: Jan. 13

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 3



Sequoyah, Tashina Pepion – age 34

Arrested: Jan. 12 at 14:57

Released: Jan. 12

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor



Number of times in CIPD Detention: 2

Bradley, Nichole Dominique – age 24

Arrested: Jan. 13 at 10:32

Released: Jan. 13

Charges: Failure to Appear

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 4



Calhoun, Jennifer Ann – age 52

Arrested: Jan. 13 at 13:26

Released: Jan. 13

Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 14



Crowe, Joshua Edward – age 28

Arrested: Jan. 13 at 22:35

Released: Jan. 14

Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance (10 counts), Manufacture Schedule II Controlled Substance, Traffic Offense

– Free Text, Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Dangerous Drugs – Free Text, Possession Schedule III Controlled Substance

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 1



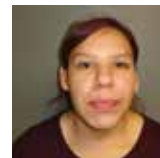
Crowe, Kendra Alyse – age 23

Arrested: Jan. 13 (no booking time given)

Released: Jan. 13

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 3



Green, Dolly – age 20

Arrested: Jan. 13 at 13:50

Released: Jan. 13

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 1



Larch IV, William Daniel – age 24

Arrested: Jan. 13 at 13:50

Released: Jan. 13

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 4



McCoy, Leighann Rose – age 37

Arrested: Jan. 13 at 12:40

Released: Jan. 13

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 2



Murphy, Reena Lashanda – age 25

Arrested: Jan. 13 at 12:15

Not released as of press time

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 3



Reed, Kerry Nathaniel – age 26

Arrested: Jan. 13 at 10:35

Released: Jan. 13

Charges: Simple Assault

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 2



Smith, Jaimee Lianne – age 24

Arrested: Jan. 13 at 14:00

Released: Jan. 13



Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 3

Smith, Mary Dalena – age 31



Arrested: Jan. 13 (no booking time given)

Released: Jan. 13

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 5

Squirrel, Bryan Steven – age 33



Arrested: Jan. 13 at 12:15

Released: Jan. 13

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 3

Taylor, Carol Denise – age 45



Arrested: Jan. 13 at 13:57

Not released as of press time

Charges: Probation Violation

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 2

Teesateskie, Summer – age 21



Arrested: Jan. 13 at 21:58

Released: Jan. 13

Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 4

Thompson, Homer Lee – age 30



Arrested: Jan. 13 at 10:02

Released: Jan. 13

Charges: Failure to Appear

Number of times in

CIPD Detention: 2

Wachacha, Martisa Stephani – age 19



Arrested: Jan. 13 (no booking time given)

Released: Jan. 13

Charges: Simple Assault

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 2

Walker, James Gerald – age 41



Arrested: Jan. 13 at 12:10

Released: Jan. 13

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 1

White, Shannon Deann – age 39



Arrested: Jan. 13 (no booking time given)

Released: Jan. 13

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 3

Bird, Marcelena Leona – age 27



Arrested: Jan. 14 at 12:30

Released: Jan. 14

Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 1

George, Vincente Thomas – age 25



Arrested: Jan. 14 at 13:06

Not released as of press time

Charges: Assault on a Female (DV), Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 4

Jackson, Jerilyn – age 30



Arrested: Jan. 14 at 04:08

Released: Jan. 14

Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance (10 counts), Possession Schedule III Controlled Substance, Trafficking in Opium or Heroin (two counts), Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 1

Roach, William Preston – age 30



Arrested: Jan. 14 at 22:24

Not released as of press time

Charges: Probation Violation

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 4

Hornbuckle, Ernestine Roberta – age 23



Arrested: Jan. 15 at 15:52

Not released as of press time

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 3

Sequoyah, Danica J. – age 19



Arrested: Jan. 15 at 15:46

Released: Jan. 15

Charges: Reckless Endangerment

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 5

Wildcatt, Quincey Gvhe – age 25



Arrested: Jan. 15 at 03:54

Not released as of press time

Charges: Violate Domestic Violence

Protection Order, Assault on a Female, Domestic Criminal Trespass, Communicating Threats, Kidnapping (DV), Assault by Strangulation, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 5

Wilnoty, William Jarrett – age 35



Arrested: Jan. 15 at 09:27

Released: Jan. 17

Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Weapon Offense – Free Text

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 5

CIPD Arrest Report for Jan. 16-23

Jones, Stephanie Dawn – age 36



Arrested: Jan. 16 at 00:11

Not released as of press time

Charges: Simple Assault (DV), Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 8

Climbingbear, Henderson – age 68



Arrested: Jan. 17 at 09:48

Released: Jan. 17

Charges: Injuring Communication Equipment

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 4

Teesateskie Jr., Steve Allen – age 25



Arrested: Jan. 17 at 05:39

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Not released as of press time
Charges: Assault on a Female (five counts), Assault by Strangulation, Contributing to the Abuse of a Minor, Child Abuse in the Second Degree (two counts), Assault on a Child Under 12

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 1

Wilnoty, Kendall Luanne – age 22

Arrested: Jan. 17 at 15:55



Not released as of press time
Charges: Probation Violation; Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor; Fraudulent Use of Credit, Debit, or Bank Card; Obstructing Justice; Resisting Public Officer; Probation Violation

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 4

Armachain, Keith Little Wolfe – age 23

Arrested: Jan. 18 at 10:30



Not released as of press time
Charges: Probation Violation

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 8

Bradley, Cecilia Belle – age 25

Arrested: Jan. 18 at 14:30



Not released as of press time
Charges: Possession with intent Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance (two counts); Manufacture Schedule VI Controlled Substance; Possession Drug Paraphernalia; Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance; Conspire Traffic Opium/Heroin; Trafficking in Opium or Heroin;

Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance; Possession Schedule IV Controlled Substance
Number of times in CIPD Detention: 1

Hollifield, Nashayla Salena – age 24

Arrested: Jan. 18 at 16:50



Not released as of press time
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 2

Pete, Manus Clell – age 39

Arrested: Jan. 18 at 07:50



Not released as of press time
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Communicating Threats, Tampering with Witnesses, Assault by Pointing a Gun (four counts), Child Support Purge
Number of times in CIPD Detention: 4

Smith, Buford William – age 44

Arrested: Jan. 18 at 12:03



Not released as of press time
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance; Trafficking in Opium or Heroin; Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance; Trafficking in Opium or Heroin; Possession Schedule IV Controlled Substance; Possession with intent Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance (two counts); Possession with intent Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule VI Controlled Substance; Possession Drug Paraphernalia
Number of times in CIPD Detention: 2

Shelton Jr., Dennis Woodrow – age 28

Arrested: Jan. 19 at 15:16



Not released as of press time
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 4

Rattler, Jacob Hunter – age 24

Arrested: Jan. 20 at 10:00



Released: Jan. 20
Charges: Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 1

Sequoyah, Lewis Clinton – age 38

Arrested: Jan. 20 at 10:00



Released: Jan. 20
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor
Number of times in CIPD Detention: 2

Wahnetah, Dylan Keith – age 30

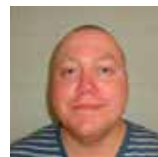
Arrested: Jan. 20 at 11:00



Not released as of press time
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor
Number of times in CIPD Detention: 7

Crowe, Chester Paul – age 44

Arrested: Jan. 21 at 00:30



Released: Jan. 21
Charges: Simple Possession of Marijuana, Second Degree Trespass
Number of times in CIPD Detention: 2

Burgess, Deija Breanne – age 21

Arrested: Jan. 22 (no booking time given)



Not released as of press time
Charges: Larceny, Obtain Property False Pretense

Number of times in CIPD Detention: 1

Wilnoty, Loranzo Daniel – age 30

Arrested: Jan. 22 at 17:44



Not released as of press time
Charges: Burglary, Larceny, Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property, Obtain Property False Pretense
Number of times in CIPD Detention: 3

Tribal Court Judgment Summary for Jan. 18

FRENCH, Samuel Walter

14-15.5 Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public – Guilty Plea, one day active jail time, credit for time served (one day)

GEORGE, Richard Gregory

20-141.5(b) Aggravated Speeding to Elude Arrest – Dismissed, Failure of CIPD to Provide Discovery
20-140(b) Reckless Driving – Dismissed, Failure of CIPD to Provide Discovery

GREGORY, Joyce Smoker

14-10.60 Larceny – Dismissed, Restitution Paid

GUNTER, Austin

14-70.19 Resisting Lawful Arrest – Dismissed on Plea
14-40.1(b)(5) Domestic Violence – Violation of Court Order – Guilty Plea, 24 days active jail time

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Harrah's Cherokee announces new expansion

Harrahs Cherokee Casino Resort announced on Tuesday, Jan. 17 that funding for construction of a convention center and fourth hotel tower was approved by Tribal Council.

"I'm extremely pleased that we were able to pass this through Council and continue to grow our enterprise," said Principal Chief Patrick Lambert. "The convention center and hotel is just a first step in completing our vision of making Cherokee a great place to visit, benefiting not only our casino but our Tribal businesses as well."

The project is expected to include approximately 100,000 square feet of convention meeting space, 600 to 800 hotel rooms, and a new parking deck, substantially increasing the resort's total convention meeting and hotel room inventory, solidifying Harrah's Cherokee as the largest hotel resort in North Carolina.



Harrah's Cherokee photo

EXPANDING: Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort will be expanding soon with a new convention center and a fourth hotel tower.

"We are excited to add yet another amenity to the Harrah's Cherokee brand and be able to offer accommodations and meeting space to the strong convention sales business that has taken root in North Carolina," said Brooks Robinson, regional senior vice president and general manager of

Harrah's Cherokee. "The addition of hotel rooms will also allow us to accommodate destination and leisure travelers as well, increasing tourism dollars to the Qualla Boundary and Western North Carolina. This project will employ numerous construction workers and ultimately allow us to contin-

ue to grow our employee base at Harrah's Cherokee."

The project will be constructed on the property of Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, which is currently undergoing construction for its bowling and entertainment complex, set to open in late 2017.

- Harrah's Cherokee

COURT: Judgment Summary from page 6

JOHNSON, Brandi Nichol

14-10.64 Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle – Dismissed on Plea
14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property – Guilty Plea, 10 days jail time suspended, six months probation, \$1,000 restitution ordered

14-10.60(c) Grand Larceny – Dismissed on Plea

JOHNSON, Emre Michel

14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass – Guilty Plea, Prayer for Judgment Continued, PJC – six months

LEDFOURD, Stanley Edward

20-138.1(a) Driving While Impaired – Dismissed With Leave to Refile
14-15.6(b) Purchasing, Attempt to Purchase, Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons under 21 – Dismissed With Leave to Refile

LITTLEJOHN, Shira Lynn

20-111(1) Vehicles Required to be Registered – Dismissed on Plea
20-313(a) No Insurance – Dismissed on Plea

SQUIRREL, Bryan Steven

20-28 Revoked License – Dismissed, Interest of Justice

TAYLOR, Netanya Lynn

14-95.5(c) Drugs: Simple Possession of Marijuana – Dismissed, Treatment Complete
14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Dismissed,

Treatment Complete

THOMPSON, Homer Lee

20-7(a) No Operator's License – Guilty/Responsible, \$50 fine, \$190 court costs
20-28(a) Restricted License – Dismissed on Plea

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WRESTLING

Braves gearing up for championships

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
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Eleven months ago, Cherokee's Anthony Toineeta defeated Princeton's Michael Daughtry to claim the 1A Wrestling State Championship in the 145lb. division. This year, Toineeta, now a senior and wrestling in the 160lb division, is working hard for another ring.

"It's been a pretty easy transition," he said of moving up several divisions. "I feel like I grew into 160 pretty well. I'm a lot bigger and a lot stronger, and my wrestling has improved a lot."

Toineeta is currently ranked number one in the state in the 160lb. division by Retro Rankings, and he said he owes a lot of this success to constant practice. "I've been doing a lot more wrestling. I wrestle every day of the week, even on Sundays...doing a lot more drilling. It's been pretty much the same strategy, just a lot more."

Joining Toineeta in the state rankings are teammates Lucas Woodard (#2 at 170lb.) and Seth Sneed (#8 at 132lb.). The Braves travel to Rosman on Saturday, Jan. 28 for the Smoky Mountain Conference Championship. A few weeks later, on Feb. 10-11 comes the 1A West Regional being hosted by Allegheny this year.

Tavi Rivera, Cherokee's head wrestling coach and two-time state runner-up in the 160lb. division, is happy with where his team is at this season. "We've really improved



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

WORKING: Cherokee's Anthony Toineeta, currently ranked number one in the state in the 160lb. division, gets Asheville's Ben Pitrolo in a lock in the semifinals of the 160lb. division at the recent Chief Osley B. Saunooke Wrestling Tournament which he went on to win.

since last year. I've been blessed to have a couple of guys come back. We have four seniors who are leaving us this season, and I wish I had another three years with those guys."

The second-year coach went on to say, "God's really blessed us in these past two years especially in my first year having a state champion. I just have to thank God for everything."

He said his team is coming along in their technical wrestling skills. "We've been wrestling a lot better on our feet. We still have some improvement to do on top

and bottom, but overall, all of the guys are starting to buy in and starting to figure out their own styles of wrestling."

Coach Rivera said he's hoping to take at least three, possibly four, wrestlers to the state tournament scheduled for Feb. 16-18. "Hopefully, we can get them in the state tournament and see how far we go. We have tried to change the program up, here at Cherokee, and get it back to its roots. We've always been known to be rough wrestlers, skilled wrestlers, and always willing to work."



WATCHFUL EYE: Tavi Rivera, Cherokee's second-year head wrestling coach, gives instruction from the corner during a three-school meet between the Braves, Rosman, and Towns Co. (Ga.) at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Friday, Jan. 20.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

BLOCKED-IN: Cherokee's Raylen Bark and Tigger King (left) block in Robbinsville's Nadelle Beasley during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Thursday, Jan. 19. Bark scored 10 and King had 7 points as the Lady Braves cruised to an 84-59 win.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

COAST-TO-COAST: Following a steal, Cherokee's Blake Smith takes it in for a lay-up during a game against Robbinsville at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Thursday, Jan. 19. Smith finished the game with 12 points as the Braves defeated the Black Knights 85-63.

 Basketball Box Score					
Thursday, Jan. 19	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Lady Braves	19	24	22	19	84
Robbinsville	16	15	13	15	59

SCORING: Cherokee – Raylen Bark 10, Tigger King 7, Jamie Lossiah 2, Pooh King 17, Shelby Wolfe 10, Me-Li Jackson 6, Tori Teesateskie 16, Timiyah Brown 16; Robbinsville – Cambrie Lovin 16, Katie Walsh 3, Harleigh Lane 2, Erin Teesateskie 4, Abigail Knight 7, Maddie Garland 8, Mikayla Morgan 5, Paige Collins 13, Nadalle Beasley 1
No other statistics were available for this game.

 Basketball Box Score					
Thursday, Jan. 19	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Braves	22	18	14	31	85
Robbinsville	10	20	17	16	63

SCORING: Cherokee – Tye Mintz 14, Cade Mintz 9, Josiah Lossiah 2, Blake Smith 12, Holden Straughan 20, Isaiah Evans 12, Sterling Santa-Maria 16; Robbinsville – Tank Rattler 5, Reece Adams 10, Will Hooper 6, Bailey Hall 3, Tucker Price 6, Jacob Morgan 4, Tyler Long 18, Colby Hemphill 11
No other statistics were available for this game.



**You can't fix a pedestrian
at a body shop.**

Slow down and watch for pedestrians.

WRESTLING

Cherokee hosts Chief Osley B. Saunooke Tourney

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Cherokee High School hosted the annual Chief Osley B. Saunooke Memorial Invitational wrestling tournament at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Saturday, Jan. 14. The tournament, which drew 16 schools from three states, had been postponed from the week before due to inclement weather.

Anthony Toineeta, a senior who is the defending state champion, led the Braves with a win in the 160lb division. He won all of his matches on the day by fall (pinning his opponent). In the quarterfinals, Toineeta pinned Cody Long (Swain Co.), and he went on to pin Ben Pitrolo (Asheville) in the semifinals. Then, in the finals, he pinned Connor Good (McDowell) to take the tournament championship – his second in a row.

Other Cherokee wrestlers placing included:

- Seth Sneed, 126lb., third place
- Quarterfinals – won by fall over Hunter Hughes (Hayesville)
- Semifinals – lost in decision (10-3) to Carson Frizzell (Pisgah)
- Cons. Semis – won by major decision (14-0) over

Nick Ragusa (Walhalla)

- Jesse Queen, 138lb., second place
- Quarterfinals – won by fall over Ralph Pelletier (Hayesville)
- Semifinals – won by decision (12-6) over Gage Wiley (Murphy)
- Finals – lost by major decision (13-4) to Chandler Winebarger (Pisgah)
- Lucas Woodard, 170lb., third place
- Quarterfinals – won by forfeit
- Semifinals – lost by major decision (11-3) to Aaron Buchanon (McDowell)
- Cons. Semis – won by fall over Tyler Swanger (Hayesville)

The following teams competed in the event: Cherokee, Asheville, Swain Co., Christ School, East Henderson, Franklin, Hayesville, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Mountain Heritage, Murphy, Pisgah, Rosman, Science Hill (Tenn.), and Walhalla (SC).

The winners in each weight division are as follows:

- 106:** Zachary Morrow (Madison)
- 113:** Austin Dover (Mtn. Heritage)
- 120:** Zach Davis (Madison)
- 126:** Toney McGee (McDowell)
- 132:** Cody Gibson (Walhalla)
- 138:** Chandler Winebarger



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

CHAMP: Cherokee's Anthony Toineeta (right) gets Asheville's Ben Pitrolo in a lock in the semifinals of the 160lb. division at the Chief Osley B. Saunooke Wrestling Tournament at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Saturday, Jan. 14. Toineeta went on to pin Pitrolo and advance to the finals where he pinned McDowell's Connor Good to take the championship.

(Pisgah)

- 145:** Josey Ward (Pisgah)
- 152:** Chris Miller (Swain Co.)
- 160:** Anthony Toineeta (Cherokee)
- 170:** Cody Swangim (Rosman)
- 182:** Garrett Sanders (Franklin)
- 195:** Cory Farmer (Murphy)
- 220:** Luis Herrera (McDowell)
- 285:** Corbin Wildcatt (Swain Co.)



CHAMP: Corbin Wildcatt (right), an EBCI tribal member at Swain Co., works against Mountain Heritage's Sam Newman in the semifinals of the 285lb. division. Wildcatt ended up pinning Newman to advance to the finals where he pinned Pisgah's Terren Brown for the championship.

Facebook Sports Question Responses

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

What are some team sports and/or Olympic style individual sports that you would like to see offered to Cherokee kids that are currently not available in this area?

Tim Rattler: Gymnastics

Sheena Brings Plenty: Ice skating, speed skating, or roller derby

Neil Ferguson: Boxing

Michael Slee: Bobsled

Lauren Crowe: Girls and boys lacrosse, girls field hockey, tennis

Mike Santa Maria: Weightlifting

Teresa Santa Maria: Swimming

Driver Blythe: I'd like to see more of a push for baseball, soccer, and softball. Other sports that could be offered would be boxing, cycling, tennis, and possibly other individual sports.

Bailey Littlejohn: Hockey

Debbie-Jim Sexton: There has been a little bit of a boom in lacrosse interest, and it has been a huge game among many native peoples...(I) can't help but think it would be a natural fit here.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

Girls

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Cherokee 81 Highlands 45
Andrews 41 Hayesville 32
Swain Co. 64 Robbinsville 62 (OT)

Thursday, Jan. 19

Cherokee 84 Robbinsville 59

Friday, Jan. 20

Cherokee 58 Hayesville 34
Swain Co. 72 Rosman 56
Murphy 43 Andrews 39

Boys

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Cherokee 93 Highlands 66
Andrews 59 Hayesville 49
Swain Co. 85 Robbinsville 67

Thursday, Jan. 19

Cherokee 85 Robbinsville 63

Friday, Jan. 20

Cherokee 74 Hayesville 42
Swain Co. 109 Rosman 85
Murphy 60 Andrews 45

WRESTLING

Wednesday, Jan. 18

Hayesville 41 Andrews 33
Swain Co. 51 Murphy 21

Friday, Jan. 20

Rosman 38 Cherokee 30
Rosman 49 Towns Co. (Ga.) 33
Cherokee 48 Towns Co. 16

James Orr Tournament in Robbinsville, Saturday, Jan. 21

106: Championship Match - Evan Wagoner (Alleghany) fall over Nathan Brock (Swain Co.); Third Place Match - Jacob Norton (Cherokee) fall over Carson Coffey

113: Championship Match - Braden Millsaps (Robbinsville) major decision 13-2 over Keith Cook (Hayesville); Third Place Match - Brenton Lawing (Cherryville) decision 8-5 over Hunter Hicks (Avery)

120: Championship Match - Jake Blevins (Alleghany) decision 5-4 over Arlus Orr (Robbinsville); Third Place Match - River Griffith (Avery) major decision 10-0 over Joseph Helton (Murphy)

126: Championship Match - Kade

Millsaps (Robbinsville) fall over Alton Mull (Cherryville); Third Place Match - Seth Sneed (Cherokee) major decision 9-0 over Cameron Ponchot (Swain Co.)

132: Championship Match - Gage Wiley (Murphy) fall over Kollin Guffey (Robbinsville); Third Place Match - Lucas Brown (Swain Co.) decision 17-15 over Jaden Welch (Cherokee)

138: Championship Match - Braedon Riley Deaton (Avery) decision 12-9 over Jesse Queen (Cherokee); Third Place Match - Trent Miller (Rabun) decision 3-0 over Sam Everhardt (Swain Co.)

145: Championship Match - Britt Weaver (Alleghany) fall over William Ogle Smair (Swain Co.); Third Place Match - Kyle Thomas (Cherryville) fall over Tim Thiessen (Robbinsville)

152: Championship Match - Justin Riffle (Cherryville) fall over Chris Miller (Swain Co.); Third Place Match - Lucas Andrews (Avery) decision 6-0 over Dustin Rector (Alleghany)

160: Championship Match - Anthony Toineeta (Cherokee) fall over Austin Lovin (Robbinsville); Third Place Match - Cody Cantrell (Murphy) decision 4-3 over Jordan Mihalke (Alleghany)

170: Championship Match - Aaron Moran (Walhalla) fall over Tyler Swanger (Hayesville); Third Place Match - Issac Wilkinson (Robbinsville) fall over Sean Kostiuik (Cherryville)

182: Championship Match - Blake Williams (Avery) fall over Allen Alexander (Walhalla); Third Place Match - Alex Ortega (Rabun) fall over Wes Hooper (Robbinsville)

195: Championship Match - Cory Farmer (Murphy) decision 5-2 over Sam Butikofer (Rabun); Third Place Match - Fredy Romero (Robbins-



by Chris Richcreek

1. Name the last pitchers before the Los Angeles Dodgers' Clayton Kershaw in 2015 to record at least 300 strikeouts in a season.

2. Who was the last St. Louis Cardinal to lead the National League in RBIs for a season?

3. How many consecutive seasons have the Clemson Tigers football team won at least 10 games?

4. Dwane Casey is the Toronto Raptors' all-time leader in regular-season coaching victories (210 entering the 2016-17 season). Who is No. 2 on the team's list?

5. In 2016, Connor McDavid tallied five points in an NHL game, becoming the third rookie player in Edmonton Oilers history to do such. Name either of the other two.

6. Who was the last NASCAR Cup driver before Carl Edwards (2015) and Martin Truex Jr. (2016) to win the Charlotte 600 race and Darlington 500 race in the same year?

7. In 2016, Serena Williams set the record for most Grand Slam singles victories in the Open Era. Who had held the mark?

Answers

1. Randy Johnson (334 strikeouts) and Curt Schilling (316), teammates in Arizona in 2002.
2. Albert Pujols, with 118 RBIs in 2010.
3. Six seasons.
4. Sam Mitchell had 156 regular-season coaching victories (2004-08).
5. Dave Lumley (1980) and Ryan Nugent-Hopkins (2011).
6. Jimmie Johnson, in 2004.
7. Martina Navratilova, with 306 Grand Slam singles wins.

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ville) decision 3-1 over Jacob Hodge (Cherryville)

220: Championship Match - Vincent Vielandi (Alleghany) decision 4-2 over Craig Cutshaw (Swain Co.); Third Place Match - Jesus Merino (Rabun) fall over Gray Lusk (Walhalla)

285: Championship Match - Corbin Wildcatt (Swain Co.) decision 10-5 over Austin Hicks (Avery); Third Place Match - Ben Deviney (Cherryville) fall over Logan Odom (Robbinsville)

Dreams can come true

Cherokee Chamber Singers perform at Disney

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Members of the Cherokee (Central Schools) Chamber Singers group had their dreams come true by being able to perform at Disneyworld in Orlando, Fla. recently. Fourteen students and chaperones, including Michael Yannette, Cherokee High School and Middle School director of choir and musical theater, made the trip during the weekend of Jan. 13-15.

“Any quality program has to include amazing goals that kids get to go and do,” Yannette said of the first-year group, “and, this has really been our first opportunity to do something on a much bigger level than just Christmas caroling locally. The dream was really just to get them out singing for the first time and give us a performance goal.”

To become eligible to perform, the group had to undergo an audition process. “We sang a couple of songs, videoed it, and sent it down, and then they invited us to do a concert.”

The concert itself took place at the Waterside Stage at Disney Springs which is a dining, shopping, and entertainment area. “It turned out to be an awesome venue,” Yannette related. “There was a beautiful, covered stage right on the water at Disney Springs. It was pretty cool.”

Eason Esquivel, a junior at Cherokee High School, commented, “The singing part was kind of nerve-wracking. I was sort of terrified for it, but the whole experience can’t really be explained in words...it might sound cheesy, but it was magical. Everybody seemed so happy. People in the group that seemed sort of shy and shut-in seemed to come out and come alive.”

He said the entire trip was amazing. “I got to connect with everybody on a personal level, and I feel very appreciative of Mr. Yannette.”



Photo courtesy of Cherokee Central Schools

DREAMS: The Cherokee (Central Schools) Chamber Singers are shown performing recently at the Waterside Stage at Disney Springs in Orlando.

Cece Lambert, a freshman at Cherokee High School, said, “The trip overall was a huge success. Whenever we got to the Waterside Stage, you could just feel the atmosphere, and the atmosphere altogether was just happy. It was joyful. Everybody was so nervous about messing up, but our performance was a complete success.”

She also noted that the trip made the group tighter. “It brought us together as a family and closer as performers and made us better performers. It was just an amazing experience.”

The group sang a total of seven songs during their performance including a barber-shop quarter song, “Lida Rose” from “The Music Man”, several pop songs, and a song from the musical “Hamilton”.

Yannette said their performance started in a light drizzle, but the crowd’s spirits weren’t dampened. “When we started, there were 10-15 people watching us. When I turned around, I noticed there were 25 people, and I’d turn around again and there were 30 people. So, by the end there was like 50 people out there and they were incredibly supportive, cheering and just really into the concert.”

Jullian Rubio, a junior at Cherokee High

School, agreed with his classmates. “It was an awesome experience to be able to go down there and bond together and do a performance like this. Everything was so happy and energetic the whole weekend.”

It was the first time many of the students had ever visited Disney, and while there, the group went to the Magic Kingdom, Animal Kingdom, and the Epcot Center. They also took time to take in a production of the musical “Wicked” while in Orlando.

Yannette said the plan is to make a trip an annual event with the destination varying. “Every year, we want to have a different goal that is set a little higher. Next year, I would love for the kids to sing in Carnegie Hall in New York. So, we’re going to work really hard this next year to get our excellence level up to that par.”

The trip itself was funded by various tribal offices and entities. Yannette thanked Vice Chief Richard G. Sneed, Principal Chief Patrick Lambert, Tribal Council, Cherokee School Board and the staff at Cherokee Central Schools for their help and support. “It was an amazing contribution rally from the community,” said Yannette.

Esquivel summed up the entire experience, “Dreams can come true.”

Vendors sought for Spring Garden Fair

Vendor applications are now being accepted for the Spring Garden Fair scheduled for Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Vendors are being sought who sell garden items including: seeds, plants, seedlings, yard art, tools, bees, farm-related subjects, dried or canned products, or other food products. They are also seeking educators to share information about composting, recycling, mulches, beekeeping, etc. All are welcome. This event is being sponsored by Principal Chief Patrick Lambert. Info: Check Facebook – Spring Garden Fair or email legendweaverstudios@gmail.com

- Jody Bradley

HEALTH COLUMN

Dear Cherokee Choices,

I am trying to give up Coca-Cola's. Are there any diet sodas that are better than the others?

Sgi, sweet tooth

Dear sweet tooth,

Congrats on your efforts in cutting out sugary drinks. Eliminating calories from sweetened beverages is the number one way to improve your diet and shred some extra

pounds. Research shows that diet sodas sweetened with aspartame and regular sugar sweetened soft drinks are linked to weight gain and an increase in blood sugar. Healthier options include a sparkling water with natural flavoring such as Lacroix that has no sugar, calories or artificial sweetener. If you are craving something sweeter, Stevia makes a carbonated no calorie beverage that is healthy and tasty but hard on the wallet. Another way to add more flavor to sparkling water is by adding two ounces of 100 percent fruit juice or fresh fruit such as lemons, lime, orange slices, or berries.

Good luck,

Robin Callahan, RD, LDN, MHS

- Cherokee Choices

A Cherokee Gardener's Journal, Spring is coming

Spring is coming. I love that, especially considering that the cold sweetness of winter has not yet arrived. For gardeners, spring cannot come soon enough. I am sure many have already started thinking and hoping. Those of us who are truly dedicated and love the promise of growing know it's never too late, or too early to start.

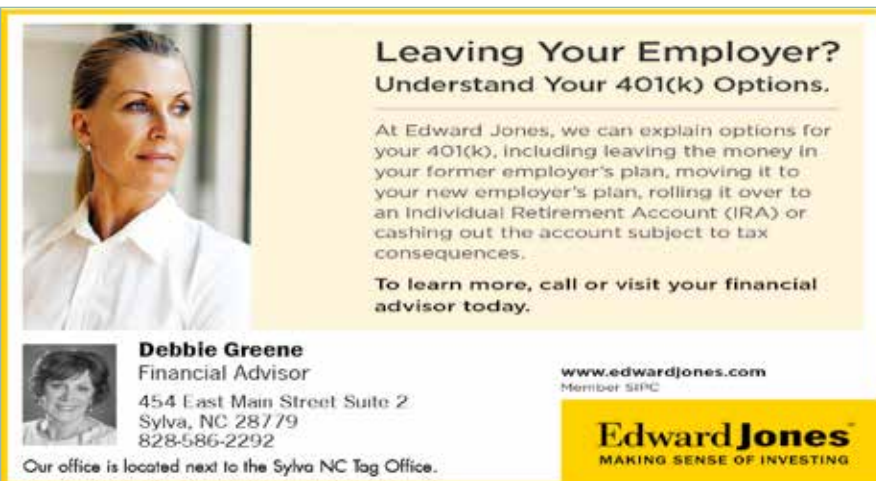
Here are seven things you can work on until Mother Nature allows us to play with her again.

1. **COMPOST.** If you are not composting already, you can start now. Composting can be as simple as you choose to make it. It is also a great family or community activity. The rewards of composting are free rich dirt, little cost, and playing your part in our green world.
2. **RESEARCH.** The cool thing about gardening today is the vast array of resources available from the internet, to mail catalogs and more. If you want it, you can find it. You may find information on anything from a pre-made raised bed to Cherokee Gem corn seeds. My favorites are Baby Bubba Dwarf Okra and Swiss chard. Choose wisely. If you get excited and order too many seeds, start a community seed bank in your neighborhood. Share the seeds and your knowledge.
3. **PLAN.** Plan wisely. Rotate crops no matter how small your planting area. Expand your plant area using containers. If your community has a garden plan to participate in it. Check out the Grow A Row Facebook page to learn how to share your crops. Plan to plant a little extra for those in need.
4. **FEED THE BIRDS.** This is a

great family activity that can last a life time. Bird feeders are relatively in-expensive. My favorite, and the birds favorite, costs \$10. Use a variety of food to attract a variety of birds. Water too! Yes, birds drink water and sometimes water sources freeze. Your local hardware store had heated water dishes that work well.

5. **OUTDOORS.** Protect containers if the temperature drops. I cover mine with a trash bag so no moisture can get in. While you are at it drain and store your hoses, water cans, and outside taps. Clean and store pots. Remove fallen leaves (compost if you can for free dirt). Plant a winter window box. Clean out your veggie beds and compost (never put tomatoes or tomato plants in the compost bin.) Rebuild fences. Mulch after you've cleaned. This will avoid popping of the soil when it freezes.
6. **INDOORS.** Check houseplants for pests. Water and mist houseplants cautiously and mist. This will help you and your plants with dry heat and humidity. You can also bring your garden tools in the house to clean and sharpen while you sit by the fire.
7. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR.** The Spring Garden Fair, sponsored by Principal Chief Patrick Lambert is scheduled for April 7-8 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Follow the Spring Garden Fair on Facebook.

- Jody Bradley



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Cherokee Elementary School 4th, 5th grade Honor Rolls – 2nd Nine Weeks Grading Period

4th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Dacia

Warrington, Falon Welch, Haylie Woodard, Kaniah Wolfe

A Honor Roll: Aaliyah Reed, Alysa Freeman, Corbin Freeman, Jessie Hernandez

B Honor Roll: Abbygail Wildcatt, Abreana Hornbuckle, Alexis Davis, Alvin Swayney, Amiya Lequire,

Ayosta Lossie, Briar Standingdeer, Chanttin Tramper, Eliana West, Elliot Shell Jr., Emery Driver, Isabella Jones, Joselyn Long, Kai Saunooke,

Kedrick Panther, Kieran Wolfe, Luke Smith, Malla Bradley, Neva-yah Panther, Sadie Rivera-Gomez, Savian Davis, Shawnee Bushyhead, Tricyus Calhoun, Vincent Owle

Merit Honor Roll: Brett Elders, Elijah Squirrel, Gideon Freeman, Jogeta Panther, Julian Wachacha, Noqwisi Crowe, Thomas Sequoyah, William Welch

5th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Ahanu

De Los Reyes, Ann Toineeta, Carys Holiday, George Saunooke, Isaac Welch, Jasmine Robertson, Jenna Cruz, Niya Mora, Sean Fitzgerald, Seshadri Pratama, Shelby Solis

A Honor Roll: Evonne Stamper, Kyria Swayney, Madison Ledford, Roxi Bark

B Honor Roll: Bayley Wright, Breydan Ensley, Dalaina Mills, Danica Hill, Dayvian Pheasant, Erik Fitzgerald, Gabe Crowe, Gabe Terrell, Hermione Ward, Ileyeni Wolfe, Kaden Blanton, Kyla Moore, Leondres Garcia, MacKenzie Rattler, Phillip Calhoun, Siddalee Thomason

Merit Honor Roll: Abigail Led-

ford, Adrian Armachain, Ashton Cucumber, Bud Mathis, Collin Ledford, Emily Swayney, Evie Nations, Javian Martin, Kenyon Martin, Lupita Toineeta, Olivia Swayney, Sunshine Rauch

New Kituwah Academy Honor Rolls – 2nd Nine Weeks Grading Period

Kindergarten

Perfect Attendance: Kodesgi Jackson, Hailey Winchester

2nd Grade

Perfect Attendance: Levi Oocuma, Kaden Stephens

3rd Grade

A/B Honor Roll: Jaime Panther, Ogana Swimmer, Moke Tafoya, Samuel Hernandez, Zakya Hogner, Alex Motola, Alexis Motola, Riley Lambert, David Thompson

4th Grade

A Honor Roll: Anasette Cooper, Tasia Naedeau, Addyson Welch

A/B Honor Roll: Cameron Jackson, Cecily Swimmer, Cohen Pheasant, Waushila Grant, Hailee Velazquez-Lossiah, Naomi Taylor, Marilyn Swayney

Perfect Attendance: Cameron Jackson, Hailee Velazquez-Lossiah

5th Grade

A/B Honor Roll: Champ Maney
Perfect Attendance: Mato Grant, Ezra McGaha

6th Grade

A Honor Roll: Milli Bryson

A/B Honor Roll: Tyce Neadeau, Andreea McCoy, Emma Taylor

Perfect Attendance: Denili Hill, Kenton Ledford, Tyce Neadeau, Emma Taylor

Cherokee High School Honor Rolls – 2nd Quarter

9th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Raylen Bark, Brandon Wolfe

Alpha Honor Roll: Tierney Bradley, Maiya Davis, Acecia Lambert, Alexa Ledford, Cade Mintz, Sterling Santa Maria, Macy Swayney, Anita Trantham

Beta Honor Roll: Johanna Bean, Destiny Bernhisel, Taylin Bowman, Bobby Crowe, Aiyana Cruz, Dominick Flying, Jacob Griffin, Kimberly Hendrix, Delaricka King, Austin Ledford, Christina Lee, Logan Lequire, Mykel Lossiah, Lauren Luther, Breanna Mangold, Jacob Norton, Marcus Owle, Cameron Reed, Samantha Salazar, Bessie Swayney, Jaden Welch

10th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Olivia Jackson, Joaquin Layno, Jarron Lossiah, Juanita Paz-Chalacha, Emma Stamper, Derek Torres

Alpha Honor Roll: Isaiah Evans, Shirley Peebles, Blake Smith, Seth Smith, Tori Teesateskie

Beta Honor Roll: Jalyn Albert, Logan Blankenship, Damian Blanton, Hailie Bradley, Syllas Davis, Marianna Hornbuckle, Darius Lambert, Dylan Penick-Hart, Niobie Redus, Ietan Reed-Littlejohn, Jacob Sneed, Lataya Taylor, Malakai Tooni, Kylee Tramper, Jaia Watty, Carla Wolfe, James Wolfe

11th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Chace Andrews, Raymond Bradley, Damian Esquivel, Scarlett Guy, Tye Mintz, Robin Reed, Ashley Schaal, Shelby Wolfe

Alpha Honor Roll: Samantha Lee, Kyra Sneed

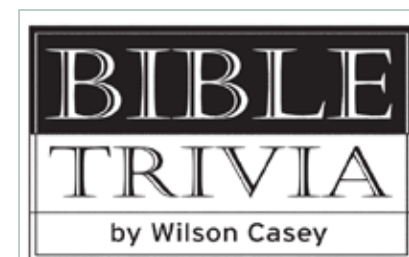
Beta Honor Roll: Shannon Albert, Antonio Bernhisel, Demetryus Bradley, Marley Bradley, Ayla Cruz, Brennen Foerst, Jordan Grant, Alexandria Keever, Kaley Locust, Jami Lossie, Zakarias Perez, Lidia Ramirez, Breece Saunooke, Jeremy Swayney, Jerome Thompson, Anya Walsh, Macie Welch

12th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Taylor Nelson, Kyla Taylor

Alpha Honor Roll: Trinity Bean, Livia Lambert, Kendra Panther

Beta Honor Roll: Sydney Bird, Jesse Crowe, Reilly George, Menoch Grant, David Griffin, Daniel Long, Madison McCoy, Austin Niccum, Lucy Reed, Richard Smith, Ethan Swearengin, Mikhail Swimmer, Naomi Swimmer, Anthony Toineeta, Blake Wachacha, Alex Walker, Kendric Watty



1. Is the book of Titus in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Hebrews 9 says that when Christ appears a second time, it will be to ...? *Awake the Heavens, Start anew, Save those who look for Him, Cease all evil*
3. Whose first chapter begins, "Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month"? *Ezra, Ezekiel, Micah, Malachi*
4. Which hour mentioned in the Bible means the last possible moment that something can be done? *First, Second, Eleventh, Twelfth*
5. From Revelation, the lion of the tribe of Judah will open which book? *Life, Everlasting torment, Death, Seven Seals*
6. What Philistine city was home to Goliath? *Jericho, Bethel, Gaza, Gath*
ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Save those who look for Him; 3) Ezekiel; 4) Eleventh; 5) Seven Seals; 6) Gath
Comments? More Trivia? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com

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OBITUARIES

Max Wayland Monteith Sr.

Max Wayland Monteith Sr., 83 of Forney Creek, passed away peacefully in his sleep while at home with his wife of 63 years, Jan. 18, 2017.

He was preceded in passing by his father, John Arthur Monteith Sr.; mother, Mary Gunter Monteith; sisters, Beatrice Douthit, and Gwendolyn DeHart. He is survived by his brothers, John Arthur (Buddy) Monteith Jr. and David Patrick Monteith; wife, Carmaleta Littlejohn Monteith; children, Max Wayland Monteith Jr. and Tracy Evans Monteith; and grandsons, Andrew Evans Monteith and Clay-

ton Jackson Monteith.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, Jan. 21 at Cherokee Baptist Church in Cherokee.

The private burial ceremony and his final resting place is at the Monteith-Littlejohn cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations should go to the Cherokee Children's Home. <http://cherokeechildrenshome.com/>

Edison Thompson

Edison Thompson, 75, of Cherokee, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Sherman and Martha Owle Thompson. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by six broth-

ers, Enos, Simon, Lawrence, Adam, Wilson, and Eugene Thompson; and one sister, Belma Jane Cubster.

He is survived by two sisters, Amanda Thompson of Cherokee, and Lucille Brendle of Marble; foster daughters, Rita Driver and husband Bob of Cherokee, Amanda Strohm and husband Rick of Cherokee, and Miranda Meyer and husband Darrin of Kansas; and many special nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held on Wednesday at Crisp Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. James "Bo" Parris officiated with burial in the Thompson Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cherokee Cancer

Support at 40 Goose Creek Rd. Cherokee, NC 28719.

Max Lambert

Max Lambert, age 65 of Whittier, passed away Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017. He is the son of the late Hoover and Maxine (Robinson) Lambert.

He is survived by a special friend, Pam Stroud; four children, Mark, Daniel, Rachel and Michael; one step son Aaron; several grandchildren; one sister Judy and one brother Ted.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Appalachian Funeral Services is in charge of arrangements.

THANK YOU LETTER


Sequoyah family thanks people for kindness

The family of Phyllis Smith Sequoyah would like to thank the numerous people who showed kindness and love to our family during her illness and passing. There are so many people who need to be thanked for your continued prayers and support for us. First, we thank God for giving us the strength to get us through this difficult time and for not allowing her to suffer for very long. Thanks to all the visitors who came and made her last days happier; Chief Patrick Lambert, Marilyn, Mandy, Don, and Flora Swimmer, Sharon French, Richard and Angie French, Pastor Charles Ray and Betty Ball, Rosie McCoy and Charlotte Saunooke, Regina and Karate Rosario, Susie Plummer and Juanita Wilson, her grandchildren Amy, Kerra, Emerson, Rena, Sunnie, Muffin, Natalie, Laurel, Kylee, Teja, Storm (and John) Em-

ery, Levi, Tyler and Rae. We would also like to thank the Big Cove Community for sending food, along with Tsali Manor via Katie Johnson and Butch Hill. Thanks to all the people who brought food to the hospital and the house; our Aunt Susie Chastain, Lillie Mae Smith, Buford Smith, Tina Swimmer, Craig Barker and Shay, Monika Toineeta, Susie and Eddie Welch, and again, Sharon, Karen, Richard, and Angie French. On a personal note, I, Trish Tramper, would like to thank my sister Annette for the many hours that she spent caring for mom while I worked. I know I couldn't have done it by myself and thanks to her, I didn't have to. I hope I didn't leave anyone out but if I did please know that it was not intentional and we did appreciate everything and everyone who remembered us. Thanks to the many churches that offered up prayers on our mom's behalf and our behalf as well. Thanks to the singers who

came and sang to her while she could still enjoy the company. A big thank you to all who attended the memorial service and brought food for everyone to enjoy. Thank you Bo Parris for your weekly visits and calls and your kind words at the memorial service. We thank the Hospice employees who came and cared for mom and saw that all her medical needs were met. You people are truly a God-send. Last but definitely not least, we then the Cherokee Cancer Support Group, "Betty's Place" for the many acts of kindness and the monetary assistance that they gave to mom during her illness. We will forever be grateful to your program and will encourage others to remember you when they have a little money left over. We truly are blessed and grateful for ALL of you.

Trish Tramper and family members
Cherokee



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Fundraisers/Benefits

Turkey Shoots. Jan. 28 at 3pm at Jess Welch's residence in the Big Cove Community. The Jan. 21 event is a fundraiser for the Cherokee High School Cheerleaders, and the Jan. 21 event is a fundraiser for the Cherokee Cancer Support Group. Good prizes, good food, good fun.

NAIWA Fundraiser Indian Dinners. Feb. 3 at 11am at Yellowhill Activity Center. Menu: Chicken, bean bread, hominy and beans, choice of cabbage or fried potatoes, drink, and dessert. \$8/plate

General Events

Lunchtime Crafts with the Cherokee Friends. Wednesdays from 12-12:45pm at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Jan. 25 – fire-making; Feb. 1 – twining; Feb. 8 – clay medallions. Info: 497-3481

Budgeting Class. Jan. 31 from 11am – 12pm in the Recovery Center at Analenisgi. Info: Dan Conseen, Analenisgi employment specialist, 497-9163, ext. 7530

Swain County Schools Faculty Showcase. Feb. 4 at 6pm at Swain Arts Center on the campus of Swain County High School. The program will feature current faculty and staff as well as Swain County High School graduates who are arts

educators. The event will feature a wide variety of performing and visual art. Performers will present Broadway show tunes, Opera, Dance, Prose Reading, and Piano solos. Visual artists will display painting, mixed media, and fine woodworking. A reception, prepared by Swain County students, will follow in the Lobby. Admission is \$5, students are free. Info: Rachel Lackey 488-7843 or rlackey@swainmail.org

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

Sweetheart Bingo. Feb. 16 at 1:30pm at Cherokee Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. Everyone will receive two bingo cards. Bring something for the pantry at the Cherokee Children's Home and receive an extra card (three-card limit). Items needed included: canned goods, toiletries, or other household items. This event is sponsored by Principal Chief Patrick Lambert and the EBCI Information Technology Dept.

Health/Sports

Tribal Wellness Calendar for January

Jan. 26: Strength Training for Women 12:05-4:5pm
Jan. 30: Gentle Yoga & Meditation with Rose 12-12:45pm
Jan. 31: Yoga All Levels with Robin 12-12:45pm; Yoga with Julie 5-6pm; Cooking Demo at Food Lion 3:30-5:30pm

All classes are free and open to everyone. Classes are held at the Ginger Lynn Welch Community Room. Info: Robin 359-6785 or robibail@nc-chokeee.com

Strength Training for Women Program. Thursdays from 12-12:45pm at the Ginger Lynn Welch Community Rooms on Feb. 2, 9, 16, and 23. Pre- and post-fitness testing with goal-setting. Learn benefits, proper alignment and skills in strength training using light weights and exercise bands. This is open to all women and no experience is needed. Space is limited. Info: Robin Callahan, RD, LDN, MHS, 359-6785, robibail@nc-chokeee.com

Cherokee Healing and Wellness

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WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT



JANUARY 23-29, 2017



WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckaseige River	* Stocking completed. * Check flow releases for rising water levels.	Good mid-day Single Hook Artificial Lure Catch and Release Only	Rainbow, Brook, and Brown Trout	Midges and Blue Wing Olives	Black Caddis, Midge Dry Flies, Soft Hackles, Woolly Buggers, Emergers, Pheasant Tails, Copper Johns, Girdle Bugs, Small Streamers Flashy nymphs, Tiny BWO,
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	Not stocking, all wild brown trout and catch and release	Good mid-day	Rainbow and Brown Trout	Midges and Blue Wing Olives and Black Winter	Midges and various colors, Prince Nymph, Black Elk Haired Caddis, Little Black Stone
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Follow posted regulations-wild trout	Good mid-day	Rainbow, Brown, and Brook Trout	Midges and Blue Wing Olives and Little Winter Stone	Streamers, Little Black Stone, Tiny Blue Wing Olives, Midges, Grey Body Dries, Prince Nymph, Zug Bug, Hare's Ear, Woolly Bugger, Partridge & Black Elk Hair Caddis

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MONDAY, JAN. 23	TUESDAY, JAN. 24	WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25	THURSDAY, JAN. 26	FRIDAY, JAN. 27	SATURDAY, JAN. 28	SUNDAY, JAN. 29
AVERAGE	GOOD	BETTER	BETTER	BEST	BEST+1	BETTER
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Coalition meeting. Jan. 26 at 12pm at Agelink Ernestine Walkingstick Conference Room. Everyone is welcome to bring your lunch and join the group in making plans for the year. Info: (828) 331-8688 or 497-9498

Kayaking Roll Clinic. Feb. 1 – March 8 on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30pm at Cherokee Life Center pool. This six-week clinic, sponsored by Cherokee Choices and the Nantahala Racing Club, will include the basics of white-water kayak roll. This is for ages 12-18. RSVP as space is limited. Info: (828) 342-9412, rosejame@nc-chokeee.com

3rd Annual Stress and Healing Arts Retreat. March 24-25 at Cherokee Central School. Learn about stress and healthy ways to manage it. Learn about grief and trauma and how to process it within your life. Experience massage, aromatherapy, healing touch, yoga, Tai Chi, and more. Must be 18 years of age or older. Info: Tara McCoy 359-6783, taramcc@nc-chokeee.com; Robin Callahan 359-6785, robibail@nc-chokeee.com; Rose James 359-6787, rosejame@nc-chokeee.com

Community Club Meetings

Big Y Community Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Big Y Community Building. For information on renting the building for your special occasion, call Bunsey Crowe, president, 497-6339 or 788-4879. Rent is \$60/day for gym and community room with \$25 returnable clean-up fee.

Big Cove Community Club meets the first Tuesday of every

month at 7pm at the Big Cove Rec. Center. Info: Chairman Butch Hill 497-7309, Vice Chairman Joe Red Cloud 269-6130, Secretary Lavita Hill 736-3126, or Treasurer Lisa Hardesty 788-1646

Birdtown Community Club meets the last Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Community Building. Potluck starts at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6pm. To reserve the building for your special occasion, call Faye McCoy, treasurer, 226-5194 (\$50 fee with \$20 key deposit).

Paint Town Community Club meets the last Monday of each month at 5:30pm at the new Painttown Gym. Info: Lula Jackson 736-1511, Lois Dunston 736-3230, Abe Queen (Free Labor) 269-8110, Jennifer Jackson (building rental) 269-7702

Snowbird Community Club meets the first Tuesday of each month or the Tuesday before the Tribal Council meeting. Info: Roger Smoker, chairman, (828) 479-8678 or (828) 361-3278, rogersmoker@yahoo.com

Wolfstown Community Club meets the first Monday of each month at 7pm at the Wolfstown Community Club Building. Info: Tuff Jackson, chairman, 788-4088

Yellowhill Community Club meets the first Tuesday of every month unless it's a holiday. If anybody would like to teach an art or craft call Reuben 497-2043 to be scheduled.

Community Groups

Big Y Archery Club meets every

Tuesday at 7:30pm at the Big Y Community Club Building. Indoor targets and 3D game targets available. This is free of charge to all and everyone is welcome. Instruction is available.

Support Groups/Meetings

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

AA and NA meetings in Cherokee. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): Tuesdays at 7pm at Cherokee Indian Hospital (CIH), Saturdays at 10am at CIH conference room
Narcotics Anonymous (NA): Mondays at 8pm at CIH, Thursdays at 8pm at CIH, Fridays at 7pm at CIH conference room

Life Recovery 12-step Groups meeting information. Tsalagi Life Recovery Group meets Mondays from 6-7:15pm at Macedonia Church Fellowship Hall at 1182 Wolfstown Road in Cherokee. Analenisgi Life Recovery Group meets Thursdays at 8:45-9:45am at Analenisgi Recovery Center. Info: Text or call Deb Conseen-Bradley 226-8498 or Bro. Dan Conseen

508-2629

Analenisgi Recovery Center weekly class schedule

Monday: Community Culture 11:15am – 12:30pm; Stressed No More 2-3pm; Nar-Anon 6-7pm (1st and 3rd Mondays); CoDA 6-7pm (2nd and 4th Mondays)

Tuesday: Recovery Thru Art 8:45-9:45am; Healthy Relationships 11am – 12pm; Employment Workshop Series 11am – 12pm (2nd Tuesday); Family Support Skills 1-2pm; Surviving Emotions 2-3pm

Wednesday: Managing "Monkey Mind" 10-11am; Recovery is Happening Now 11am – 12pm; My Self, My Boundaries 2-3:30pm; Family Support Skills 5-6pm; HIV/AIDS/Hep C Support Group 5:45-6:45pm (2nd and 4th Wednesdays)

Thursday: Life Recovery Bible Class 9-10am; Connections with Brene' Brown 10-11am; Managing "Monkey Mind" 11am – 12pm; Improve Self-Esteem 1-2:30pm

Friday: Recovery Thur Art 9:30-11am and 11am – 12pm; Cherokee Language Class 1-2:30pm
Info: 497-9163 ext. 7550

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

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COMMENTARY

Observations and random thoughts Vol. 15.1 - Trump and nothing but Trump issue

WILLIAM LEDFORD

This is the first issue of 2017 and Trump has finally been sworn in, it's now been some time now since the election was decided and the reality show that is President-elect Trump with his "victory tour", transition team, cabinet selections and non-stop "tweets" is still churning on ad nauseam in the broadcast and cable news outlets, especially Fox News. It's kinda disgusting to see Sean Hannity all giddy like a schoolboy with a fierce crush. The only Fox News talking head to keep it real when Trump is being discussed was Megan Kelly and even she's getting the heck out of the company of them good ol' boys. The rest of the bunch on ABC, CBS, NBC, MSNBC and CNN seem to be glued to the coming and goings at Trump Plaza like rubberneckers at a car crash. After the first minority President is this guy the answer? What was the question anyway? Anybody else sick of Kellyanne Conway yet?

Realities: I was bummed out when Trump won and more bummed when the Democrats didn't pick up enough seats in Congress to make the first two years of the Great Trumpkin a little tougher. I'm hoping that since many of the mainstream GOP leaders are very wary of and do not seem to like Trump,

hopefully they'll put him in check to keep him from embarrassing the GOP and the country. It'll be a tough job because to do the right thing for the majority of Americans they run the risk of alienating his very vocal basket of deplorable voters. But I've suffered through Nixon, Reagan, two George Bushes plus a dash of Gerald Ford I can probably stomach this guy for four years, maybe two years if the Democrats re-group and take back the Senate and tighten up the House. An absolute reality is, this guy is nuttier than squirrel crap and his sad bunch of glow-in-the-dark KKK-type followers are as bad if not worse. We Native people need to stay alert to the realities of this President, he is an insecure, vindictive, petty, spiteful jerk and he doesn't like us. That's the reality for Indian Country.

Tweets: A line from one of my favorite films goes, "I don't think he's gonna stop!" The words described a guy that could puff up, expand and expand and finally exploded. And seems to describe our new President and his Twitter account to a tee.

Psychology: I'm no psychologist but I understand the classic narcissist description that fits Mr. Trump to a tee. "Narcissistic personality disorder is a long-term pattern of abnormal behavior characterized by exaggerated feelings of self-importance,

an excessive need for admiration, and a lack of understanding of others' feelings. People affected by it often spend a lot of time thinking about achieving power or success or about their appearance". Sound familiar? Kinda explains the tweets, the "grabbing" comments, the labeling of the media, the pathological need to respond to criticism, the need the need to base all pre-swearing-in activities in the familiar setting of Trump Tower, the need to have a building named Trump Tower... Tired of Trump? How about some news about the Dakota Access Pipeline. I'm amazed. There are some very tough, very resilient people up in North Dakota, still camped in place, waiting for spring to come so they can get back to the business at hand which is stopping Energy Transfer Partners from installing an oil pipeline under a very crucial water system. The water protectors are continuing to stand their ground, even in the face of northern blizzards and sub-freezing temperatures. Man, I thought North Dakota was cold in October with 46 degree temps and 45 mph winds blowing south out of Canada but this is unreal. I'm never gonna moan about cold weather again. But, there's good news. The word has spread. Water protectors are

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Facebook Question Responses

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

Who is your digital provider (phone, television, internet)? If you live on trust lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, which provider do you recommend? Also, if you are within EBCI lands, in which community do you reside?

Tim Rattler: Verizon, need the Council channel put on DirecTV

Connie Welch: Verizon for phone, DirecTV, and Cherokee Cablevision for internet...I live in Yellowhill.

Evan Watty: Verizon for phone, DirecTV, and Frontier is the best for internet...unlimited plans for \$40 a month with a home phone, can't beat it.

Lauren Crowe: Frontier phone, DirecTV, Cherokee Broadband internet...we dropped Frontier internet because it was terrible and slow. Cherokee Broadband got us a fast, unlimited connection for \$49.95...can stream more than one TV/device without buffering...I live in Wolfetown.

Joey Owle: Phone: Verizon, Television: DirecTV, Internet: Frontier...originally started with Hughes Net for Internet. (It) started out great for about a week, then the speed decreased dramatically. Con: limited data. TV programming provider: We went with DirecTV because Cherokee Cablevision is subpar for the price. Verizon: Monopolized coverage in this area, but still not

fast enough for my liking.

Monique Lambert: Phone: Verizon, DirecTV...we bundle with Frontier for internet...never had any problems with the internet. I live in Birdtown.

Stephanie Welch: Phones: VZW, Satellite: DirecTV but prefer Dish Network since we weren't allowed Cherokee Cablevision in our housing project upon moving in...not sure if that's still true now. Internet: Frontier, wanted to go with Cherokee Broadband, but Mt. Noble blocks signal according to them. Community: Birdtown

Sheena Brings Plenty: Cell phone is Verizon, home phone/internet is Frontier and TV is Dish Network. We are in Yellowhill, and I would recommend all of them.

Utsilugi Galanvdy: Phone: Verizon, TV: DirecTV, Internet: Frontier...live in 3200 Acre Tract...still would like for the Tribe to get serious about laying fiber. I've heard it bounced back and forth in Council, but still we've seen nothing done.

James Russell: I do not recommend Cherokee Cablevision! The price for internet is ridiculous. The speed is inconsistent, and the internet drops frequently. And, from past experiences, it seems like they don't want to do anything about it either.

Carolyn Panther: U.S. Cellular...I live in Big Cove. I would love to have unlimited for all.

Wayne Kalonaheskie: Tribal land needs more towers...too many dead spots...more maintenance crews to clear dangerous timber. I

was down there recently, and cable was down because it happened...a 24hour on-call service for the Rez is needed...maybe you don't have qualified people for it...if not, outside on-call technicians needed

Joan Mourglea Reed: Up on Soco...more Verizon towers, broadband of any Cherokee Cable or Frontier much needed!

Michael Zepeda: I have Frontier for my internet because nothing else is available on Wrights Creek. I hate even being on my computer it's so slow. My internet from my cell phone is faster and I pay for two lines. Dish Network for TV...Verizon Wireless for my cell phone...and, I've noticed through the years that it's gotten very spotty where it works.

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now defying the Energy Transfer Partners, yep, same people, pipeline build under the Rio Grande River in Texas. Unfortunately you won't get any of this news on TV unless you watch the Democracy Now! show on PBS. Check out their website or listen to NPR. Stay informed! And, stay tuned.

I'll close for now with a quote attributed to many. It fits with Melania Trump's GOP Convention speech and Trump's choice for communications direction for the NSA. "To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research". See ya!



Cherokee Central School Board report for Jan.

The School Board is beginning a complete, comprehensive study of the entire Cherokee Central Schools Campus. Additional classroom space is needed and the Board wanted to have all options and feasible solutions on the table before proceeding. They are contracting with PFA Architects to conduct the comprehensive study.

The Board approved the following personnel:

- * ELA teacher for Cherokee Middle
- * 1st grade teacher for Cherokee Elementary
- * Custodial Supervisor
- * 3 Substitute teachers
- * 1 Substitute security
- * 2 Employees increase in pay for obtaining Master's Degree

The Board looked at an artist

rendering for a new wrestling mat. It included pictures of the 7 Clans. The Board instructed Michael Bruce to obtain 3 more drawings before making the final selection.

The Board and the Administration are looking to revise and strengthen the "Code of Conduct" and Ethics Policy for all school employees and/or coaches.

Mr. Penland has contacted the State Alcohol Beverage Commission (ABC Board), and they are going to send an employee who travels around the state to talk with students about what alcohol does to teenagers/young adult's brain.

The Board discussed the additional netting/fencing needed at the softball/baseball fields to protect the fans and players. They also discussed fixing the drainage problem behind the softball field.

Mr. Penland informed the Board that the BIE would be spending two days on campus, Jan. 18 and 19 to get an indepth view of our school system.

Mr. Penland informed the board about the Cherokee Chamber Singers singing at DisneyWorld.

The Board went into closed session to discuss personnel matters and hear an appeal.

- Cherokee Central School Board

Story Contest winners

The first "Spooky Stories Contest" held by the Cherokee One Feather resulted in some great Halloween fun and allowed the readership to test their skills in a creative writing challenge. Several great stories were received and the staff would like to thank all those who participated. The stories were judged by staff members from the Cherokee High School and the EBCI Education Program. No Cherokee One Feather staff member or editorial board member had any input in the outcome of the judging. Judges were given the stories without the names of the authors and their community location. Judges were instructed to look at grammar, spelling and creativity, and give their opinion as to which story was best in each category. Their findings were final and as follows:

In the adult division, the winner of best story and the \$100 prize is Cathy Bowen and her story "Too Late".

In the middle and high school division, the winner of best story and the \$50 prize is Maleaha B.P. and her story "My Dearest Friend". In the elementary school division, the winner of best story and the \$25 prize is Briar S. and his story "Fallen Rock".

Winners may come by the

Cherokee One Feather office during normal business hours to complete paperwork to receive your check. Winners of the middle/high school and elementary school division will need to have a parent or guardian fill out the paperwork and accept the prize for them. For questions or information concerning the contest, please contact the Cherokee One Feather at 828-359-6261 or email robejump@nc-chokeee.com.

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) available in Cherokee

The 2017 offering of Tax Assistance begins Thursday, Feb. 2. If your annual income is \$54,000 or less, you are eligible to have your taxes prepared at no cost at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office at 876 Acquoni Rd, located next to the Yellowhill Community Building and covered basketball court. Please bring with you the following items to your appointment:

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

To schedule an appointment, 359-6930 or 359-6933 and speak to any staff person.

- EBCI Cooperative Extension

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CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

- Master Level Therapist – Juvenile Justice
- Part Time Intermittent Registered Nurse – Inpatient

Applications and job descriptions are available at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Human Resources Office, Monday – Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm. For more information please call (828) 497-9163 and ask for Teresa Carvalho, Sheila Brown, Sarella Jackson or Sherrene Swayney. These positions will close on January 27, 2017 @ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and the original CIHA job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application.

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CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

- Director of Engineering
- HR Generalist

Applications and job descriptions are available at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Human Resources Office, Monday – Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm. For more information please call (828) 497-9163 and ask for Teresa Carvalho, Sheila Brown, Sarella Jackson or Sherrene Swayney. These positions will close on February 03, 2017 @ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and the original CIHA job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File Nos.: EST 10-039; EST 10-042; EST 10-048; EST 10-055; EST 10-059; EST 10-061; EST 10-062.

In the Matter of the Estates of: Steven Joseph Catolster (d. 5/28/2010); Frances Juanita Ross Gonzalez (d. 10/10/2009); Johnson Lee Wildcatt (d. 8/20/2010); Aaron Clifford Gloyne (d. 10/1/2010); Marion Dillard Cucumber (d. 8/13/2010); William Curtis West (d. 10/3/2010); John Norman George (d. 10/29/2010).

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

Courtroom 1, EBCI Justice Center
February 9th, 2017 at 1:30pm

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Clyde Douglas Toineeta

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Linda Gail Parker, Big Cove Road,
Cherokee, NC 28719. **2/2pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 16-077

In the Matter of the Estate of JEREMIAH LITTLEJOHN, JR.

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Rhonda Beth McCoy, PO Box 1077,
Cherokee, NC 28719. **1/26pd**

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Mildred Lossiah Bradley

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Nakesha Bradley, 238 Fisher Branch,
Cherokee, NC 28719. **2/2pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-003

In the Matter of the Estate of Bettie W. Taylor

All persons, firms and corpo-

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

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Rosezena Littlejohn

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Evelyn Locust, 427 Locust Road,
Cherokee, NC 28719. **2/2pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 16-078

In the Matter of the Estate of RITA ANN SNEED

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the

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appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

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

Mary Gean Littledave, P.O. Box 772,
Cherokee, NC 28719. **2/15pd**

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

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Nancy Bigmeat**

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

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

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

Noel Bigmeat, 601 Wrights Creek
Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719, **2/16pd**

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

Requests for Proposal

For: Electric Utility Feasibility Study
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Commerce Division
Proposals may be emailed, hand
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At EBCI Commerce Division
ATTN: Cameron Cooper, 810 Ac-
quoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719
ccooper@nc-chokeee.com
828-359-6713

Until February 2, 2017 at 3:00pm
Eastern Time

The Eastern Band of Cherokee
Indians (EBCI) is requesting propos-
als from qualified firms for a Tribal
Electric Utility Feasibility Study.

The EBCI's energy provider is Duke
Energy, they provide energy for the
tribe's 180 municipal buildings, the
Harrah's Cherokee Casino, and res-
idential sector. With the expansion
of North Carolina's economies and
residential sector, energy rates have
steadily risen. The EBCI are looking
for long term solutions to alleviate or
curtail those rising costs.

The EBCI have recently created
an agricultural division which also
houses an energy department. The
past few years the EBCI has worked
on a few energy initiatives which
include solar and energy retrofits to
municipal buildings. Through those
continued efforts the EBCI have
seen the need to develop a utility.
With major energy projects such as
solar farms, creating and dispersing
energy production becomes priority.
Having a utility not only a creates
the benefits of a new revenue source
and job creation, it also gives the
ability to use energy produced by
energy initiatives.

The ECBI is interested in the
potential benefits of forming and
managing a Tribal Electric Utility.
Please contact Cameron Cooper for a
full RFP packet. **1/26**

Requests for Proposal

For: Maintenance and Repair of
Building Rental facilities.
EBCI Building Rental Program
At EBCI Commerce Division
ATTN: Cameron Cooper, 810 Ac-
quoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719
ccooper@nc-chokeee.com,
828-359-6713

Until February 2, 2017 at 1:00 PM
local time

The EBCI Building Rental
program oversees several facilities
that the tribe advertises for lease or
currently have leased to the public.
From time to time there are mainte-
nance issues with said facilities, that

need to be addressed and handled in
and expeditious manner. These types
of request are as follows but not
limited to; electricity work, carpen-
try, plumbing, and minor landscap-
ing. In addition to these requests
the contractor may also be asked on
occasion to work after hours on an
emergency case situations, con-
tractor will be required to be on call
24/7.

Building Rental is asking for
firms to submit the following rates
for the proposal (please include help-
er rates and after hours rates).

- NC Licensed Electrician Rate
- Master Carpenter Rate
- NC Licensed Plumber
- General Maintenance Rate (land-
scaping)
- Percent Markup on Subcontractors

For full RFP please contact Cam-
eron Cooper. **1/26**

**Bids are being accepted for 2017
pageant crowns**

2017 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.

2017 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.

2017 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 pres-
ent designs to the Board on Monday,
Feb. 27 at 5pm at the Chief Joyce Du-
gan Cultural Arts Center. Info: Yona
Wade 554-5032 or email cherokeep-
ageantboard@gmail.com . **2/23**

**Request for Proposals for a
Market Study for Lodging and
Clubhouse Facilities at Sequoyah
National Golf Course**

The Sequoyah National Golf Club
LLC is seeking Requests for Proposals
for a hospitality research study to
evaluate market demand for lodg-
ing and specific clubhouse needs.
Sequoyah National is wholly owned
by The Eastern Band of Cherokee In-
dians, a federally recognized Indian
tribe whose home is the 56,000-acre
Qualla Boundary, plus additional
Tribal lands in Graham and Cher-
okee Counties. The golf course is
not on Tribal lands. It is located just
off Tribal lands in Jackson County,
North Carolina.

The complete scope of work to
be provided by the firm to be hired as
consultant is part of a complete RFP
document which may be obtained
by contacting Doug Cole, Strategic
Planner, at the EBCI Tribal Planning
Office, at 828-359-6709. doug-
cole@nc-chokeee.com.

Responders to this RFP must sub-
mit proposals not later than 4:00 PM
EST March 3, 2017 to Doug Cole,
Strategic Planner – Tribal Planning
Office, 810 Acquoni Rd., Suite 132,
Cherokee, NC 28719. Proposals
must be submitted as required in the
RFP.

First preference will be given to
qualified TERO vendors. **2/2**



Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

- **High School Social Worker**- Must possess a degree in social work and meet the North Carolina education standards for licensure in social work.
- **Elementary Receptionist** -Requires HS Diploma or GED.
- **Special Education Teacher (3rd Grade)** - NC Teaching license required.
- **Full Time Custodian** - Requires HS Diploma or GED.

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

APPLY ONLINE at:

<https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/>
or visit www.ccs-nc.org for more information.

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Surveillance Officer
Table Games Dealer - Experienced (PT)
Table Games Dealer Training School (PT)

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*Eligibility restrictions do apply for hiring bonus positions. Please see Talent Acquisition Department for details.

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

Scan this code to connect with us instantly by using Facebook Messenger!

EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS



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

POSITIONS OPEN

Please attach all required documents

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

Closing Friday February 3, 2017 at 4:00pm

1. Administrative Specialist- KPEP (\$37,474-\$46,843)
2. Maintenance Utility Worker- QHA (\$23,616-\$29,520)
3. WTP Operator- Water Treatment Plant (\$31,078-\$38,848)
4. Youth Development Professional- CYC (\$21,484-\$26,855)
5. Maintenance Tech- Help (\$31,078-\$38,848)
6. Office Administrator- HCD (\$28,372-\$35,465)
7. Supervisor- Help (\$41,082-\$51,353)
8. Job Bank Coordinator- TERO (\$37,474-\$46,843)
9. Compliance Officer- TERO (\$41,082-\$51,353)
10. Accounts Receivable Specialist- QHA (\$28,372-\$35,465)
11. C.N.A- Home Health- (\$23,616-\$29,520)
12. Infrastructure Services Manager- IT (\$49,200-\$61,500)
13. Telecommunications Manager- IT (\$49,200-\$61,500)
14. Computer Specialist- IT (\$41,082-\$51,353)
15. Early Childhood Immersion Instructor (Re-Advertisement)- KPEP (\$31,078-\$38,848)
16. Supportive Housing Case Coordinator (Re-Advertisement)- Family Safety (\$37,474-\$46,843)

9. Teacher Assistant- Dora Reed Center/QBHS/EHS (\$21,484-\$26,855)
10. Full Time Paramedic (4 positions)- Tribal EMS (\$34,112-\$42,640)
11. Civil Engineering Inspector- CDOT (\$41,082-\$51,353)
12. Non-Emergency Medical Transport Coordinator (Re-advertisement)- Adult Eligibility Services (\$31,078-\$38,848)
13. C.N.A (Re-Advertisement)- Home Health (\$23,616-\$29,520)
14. Homeownership/Rental Occupancy Specialist (Re-advertisement)- QHA (\$34,112-\$42,640)
15. OSP Lineman Installer (Re-advertisement)- Broadband (\$41,082-\$51,353)
16. Housekeeper (Re-advertisement)- Tsali Care Center (\$21,484-\$26,855)
17. Eligibility Service Manager- Adult Eligibility Services (\$53,792-\$67,240)
18. Eligibility Services Supervisor- Adult Eligibility Services (\$45,018-\$56,273)

Open Until Filled

1. Detention Officer - Detention Services (\$31,078-\$38,848)
2. Part Time- Paramedic - Tribal EMS (\$34,112-\$42,640)
3. RN Supervisor - Tsali Care Center (\$49,200-\$61,500)
4. Cook Aide - Tsali Care Center (\$19,598-\$24,498)
5. RN - Tsali Care Center (\$45,018-\$56,273)
6. C.N.A. - Tsali Care Center (\$23,616-\$29,520)
7. Accounting Coordinator II - Finance (\$41,082-\$51,353)
8. Associate Attorney General IV- Civil Law (\$91,348-\$114,185)
9. Tribal Prosecutor II- Criminal Law (\$83,722-\$104,653)
10. Teacher - Dora Reed Center/QBHS/EHS (\$28,372-\$35,465)
11. Associate Attorney General III- Civil Law (\$76,670-\$95,838)
12. Network Administrator- Broadband (\$41,082-\$51,353)

Closing, Monday, January 30, 2017 at 4:00pm due to the upcoming Holiday

1. Alcohol Law Enforcement Agent- CIPD (\$45,018-\$56,273)
2. Evidence Control Clerk- CIPD (\$31,078-\$38,848)
3. Food Supervisor- Senior Citizens (\$34,112-\$42,640)
4. Environmental Horticulture Specialist- Environmental & Natural Resources (\$37,474-\$46,843)
5. Environmental Aquatic Specialist- Environmental & Natural Resources (\$37,474-\$46,843)
6. Carpenter- Facility Management (\$31,078-\$38,848)
7. Housekeeper I (5 positions)- Housekeeping (\$21,484-\$26,855)
8. Housekeeper II (2 positions)- Housekeeping (\$23,616-\$29,520)

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