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June	de ha lu yi
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August	ga lo ni
September	du li i sdi
October	du nin(i) di`
November	nv da de wa
December	v sgi yi



Photo by Kristy Maney Herron/EBCI Commerce

Snow covers the banks of the Oconaluftee River as more winter weather hit the area on Thursday, Jan. 23.

POPULAR LAST WEEK on theonefeather.com

1. Construction

Robins & Morton will manage the construction of the new Cherokee Indian Hospital. Read the full article on page 15.

2. Bridge

A bridge in the Yellowhill Community has been named in honor of Charles George. Read the full article on pages 4-6.

3. More bball

Cherokee Middle swept Rosman last week. See full stats and scores on page 10.

WORTH QUOTING

"We are not only honoring a national hero, but a tribal treasure."

- Warren Dupree at the bridge naming ceremony honoring Medal of Honor recipient Charles George



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Tribal member named GM of new casino

Lumpy Lambert has been named general manager of Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel, which is currently being built in Cherokee County, announced Brooks Robinson, senior vice president & general manager of Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, on Monday, Jan. 27.

Lambert, an EBCI tribal member, began his gaming career at Harrah's Cherokee Casino in October, 1997 as a Casino Operations Supervisor. He quickly rose through the ranks as Casino Manager, Director of Casino Marketing, Vice President of Casino Operations, and, since 2011, Assistant General Manager of Casino Operations.

"Lumpy is widely respected by his peers and Tribal leaders, and has proven his continuous commitment to ensuring the success of the gaming business on behalf of the Eastern Band," said Robinson.

Lambert stated, "I'm really grateful and looking forward to this opportunity. It's an exciting project building a new casino, a new team and creating even more great jobs in Western North Carolina. I'm also eager to begin building relationships within Cherokee County and becoming part of the community."

Building a new casino is nothing new to Lambert, who helped lead the Cherokee property through a six-year \$650 million dollar expansion project, which was completed in 2012. Lambert also led the implementation of traditional table games in 2012, and celebrated the record-breaking success of the resort's first-ever World Series of Poker Circuit event in 2013



Photo by Kristy Maney Herron/
EBCI Commerce

EBCI tribal member Lumpy Lambert has been named general manager of Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel.

"This is a really exciting time for the residents of Cherokee County and equally exciting for members of the Eastern Band," said Lambert.

The \$110 million dollar casino will create over 900+ jobs on-site, inject up to \$39 million dollars in wages into the surrounding area and will be a significant economic development project for Cherokee County and its residents. It will complement existing businesses, strengthen the local economy and create positive and sustainable change for the community. In addition to the 900+ on-site positions, the casino will bring hundreds of construction jobs to the community and is expected to spur additional retail and commercial growth.

- Harrah's Cherokee

ATTENTION EBCI HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

* MAKE UP MEETING *

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

ALL STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN

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

Due to inclement weather, the make-up meeting is scheduled as follows:

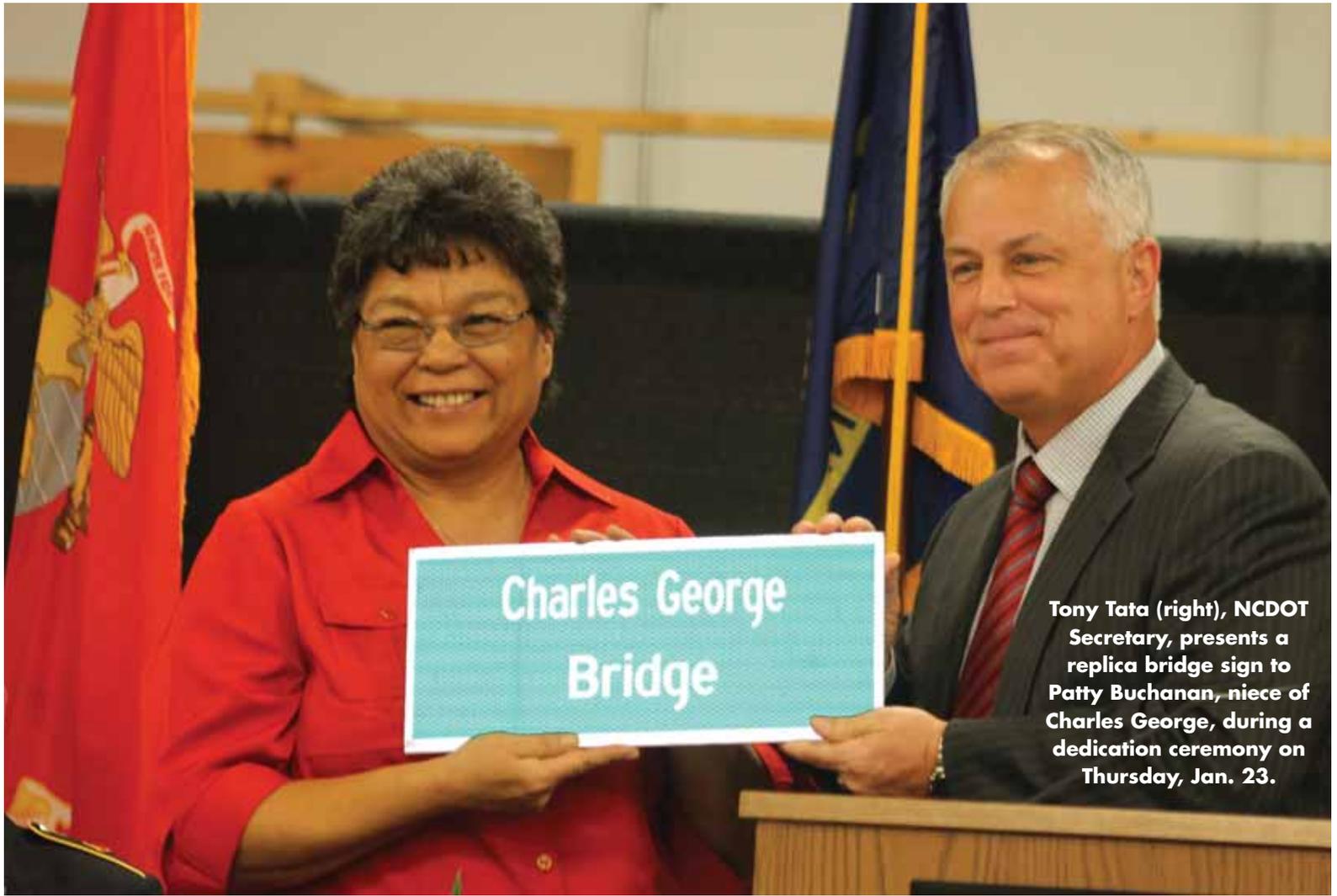
Saturday, FEBRUARY 8th
10-12 am, 1-3 pm, or 3-5 pm
(Large Conference Room in Ginger Lynn Welch Complex near Library)

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

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

The 3rd mandatory training session will focus on college requirements, college orientation and class schedules, and F.E.R.P.A. law.
(Dates and location to be announced)

Future training sessions will be announced in the One Feather.



Tony Tata (right), NCDOT Secretary, presents a replica bridge sign to Patty Buchanan, niece of Charles George, during a dedication ceremony on Thursday, Jan. 23.

HONORING A HERO

Bridge named in honor of Charles George

TEXT and PHOTOS By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

A local bridge has been named in honor of one of the greatest American Indian military heroes of all time. Pfc. Charles George, an EBCI tribal member from the Birdtown Community, gave his life on the night of Nov. 30, 1952 near Songnee-dong, Korea by jumping on a live grenade thereby saving several of his comrades at the expense of his own life. That heroic act earned him the Medal of Honor, the highest military honor bestowed upon soldiers in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The bridge, which crosses the Oconaluftee River in the Yellowhill Community and connects US 441N and Acquoni Road, was officially dedicated on Thursday, Jan. 23. Tribal Council approved a resolution several years ago that gave

approval to name the bridge after George. That legislation was submitted by kindergarten and first grade students at New Kituwah Language Academy.

A dedication ceremony was held at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds and subsequently the bridge itself on the chilly morning of Thursday, Jan. 23. The ceremony was hosted by New Kituwah Academy and the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143.

"This is an historic day," said Warren Dupree, Post 143 service officer. "We are not only honoring a national hero, but a tribal treasure."

Later in the program, Dupree read the Medal of Honor citation for George the full text of which can be found online at:

<http://www.history.army.mil/html/moh/koreawar.html>.

Renissa McLaughlin, Kituwah Preservation and Educa-



Students from New Kituwah Academy sing the Cherokee National Anthem prior to the unveiling of the new bridge sign.

tion Program manager, thanked everyone in attendance and said the students at New Kituwah were moved to honor George following a veteran's event at the school several years ago.

"We chose to honor a true Cherokee hero, Pfc. Charles George," she said. "Today, we commend the sacrifice and dedication of Charles George."

Vice Chief Larry Blythe said when thinking about George he thought about Bible Verse John 15:13 which states, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

He related that over 1.9 million Americans served in the Korean War and that almost 37,000 died with an additional 8,000 still missing in action.

"We certainly want to honor his valor and bravery," said Vice Chief Blythe, "but we also want to honor his love and compassion for people."

George, a member of U.S. Army Company C 179th Infantry Regiment, was one of 137 Medal of Honor recipients in the Korean War

according to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society (CMOHS).

Post 143 Commander Lew Harding stated, "We are deeply, deeply appreciative and honored by his service." He also thanked the New Kituwah Academy Parent Association and students, Tribal Council, the EBCI Executive Offices, and NCDOT for their help in the naming of the bridge.

Tony Tata, N.C. Department of Transportation Secretary, is a retired Brigadier General with the U.S. Army. "For me, as a soldier and a combat veteran and having had a soldier under my command in Afghanistan receive the Medal of Honor, I know what this means to this community and the George family."

He went on to say, "There's no more act of selfless service than throwing yourself on a grenade. When I saw this come into the (State) Road Naming Committee, it was a very quick discussion and a very quick and unanimous vote. From now on, all who cross this bridge will be reminded of his sacri-



WWII veteran Reuben Taylor salutes during the singing of the National Anthem beside a photo of Pfc. Charles George that was on display at Thursday's event.

fice, selfless service and dedication."

During Thursday's event, the Post 143 Color Guard presented the colors at the opening followed by the National Anthem by Specialist Phylis Shell. EBCI Beloved Man Jerry Wolfe, a U.S. Navy WWII veteran, gave the opening prayer.

Following the main portion of

the event, all in attendance walked to the bridge for the official unveiling of the new sign which was done by Patty Buchanan, George's niece. Just prior to the unveiling, students from the New Kituwah Academy sang the Cherokee National Anthem.

By the numbers**3,465**

Total number of Medal of Honors awarded

2,404

Number of Medal of Honor awards given to members of the U.S. Army

618

Number of Medal of Honor awards given posthumously

137

Number of Medal of Honor awards given during the Korean War

8

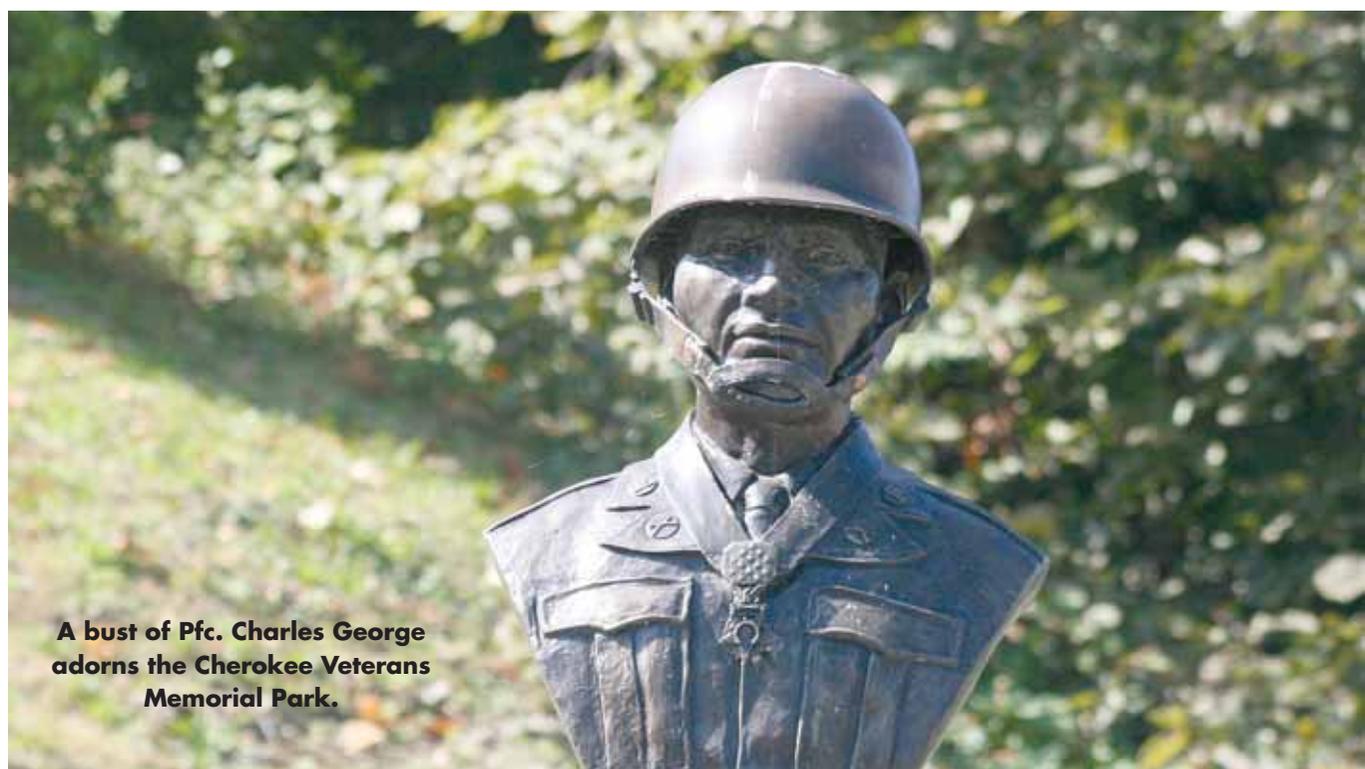
Number of American Indian soldiers to receive the Medal of Honor since the beginning of the 20th Century

- Source: U.S. Army**Pfc. Charles George Medal of Honor Citation**

The Medal of Honor was awarded on March 18, 1954.

Pfc. George, a member of Company C, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and outstanding courage above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy on the night of November 30, 1952. He was a member of a raiding party committed to engage the enemy and capture a prisoner for interrogation. Forging up the rugged slope of the key terrain feature, the group was subjected to intense mortar and machine gunfire and suffered several casualties. Throughout the advance, he fought valiantly and, upon reaching the crest of the hill, leaped into the trenches and closed with the enemy in hand-to-hand combat.

When friendly troops were ordered to move back upon completion of the assignment, he and 2 comrades remained to cover the withdrawal. While in the process of leaving the trenches, a hostile soldier hurled a grenade into their midst. Pfc. George shouted a warning to 1 comrade, pushed the other soldier out of danger, and, with full knowledge of the consequences, unhesitatingly threw himself upon the grenade, absorbing the full blast of the explosion. Although seriously wounded in this display of valor, he refrained from any outcry which would divulge the position of his companions. The 2 soldiers evacuated him to the forward aid station and shortly thereafter he succumbed to his wound. Pfc. George's indomitable courage, consummate devotion to duty, and willing self-sacrifice reflect the highest credit upon himself and uphold the finest traditions of the military service.



A bust of Pfc. Charles George adorns the Cherokee Veterans Memorial Park.

WRESTLING

Tribal members ranked in state

Several EBCI tribal members are listed in the Retrorankings.com 1A state rankings, updated on Wednesday, Jan. 22, including:

- Michael George, 5th at 106lb., sophomore, Cherokee
- Levi Swearingin, 2nd at 126lb., senior, Cherokee
- Jaron Bradley, 4th at 145lb., junior, Cherokee
- Nathan Craig, 1st at 170lb., senior, Robbinsville
- Spencer McCoy, 1st at 195lb., junior, Swain
- Raymond Taylor, 4th at 220lb., senior, Cherokee

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BASKETBALL

Tribal members leading stat boards

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

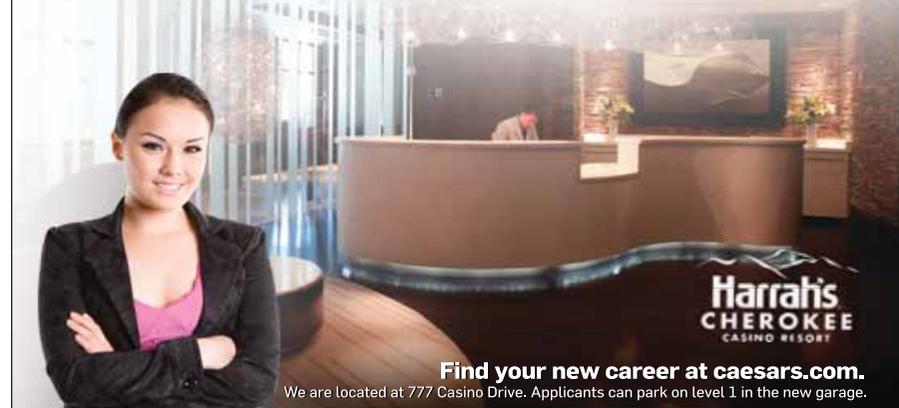
- **Kendall Toineeta, Cherokee**
- 2nd with 5.9 assists/gm, 2nd with 5.3 steals/gm, 3rd with 17.9pts/gm
- **Alea Tisho, Swain**
- 2nd with 20.8pts/gm
- **Cruz Galaviz, Robbinsville**
- 1st with 4.4 steals/gm, 4th with 6.2 assists/gm
- **Avery Mintz, Cherokee** (note: she is not an EBCI tribal member, but does play for Cherokee) - 4th with 17.2pts/gm

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The Smoky Mountain Roller Girls practice at the Swain County Rec. Center on Sunday, Jan. 26.

(SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

Smoky Mountain Roller Girls roll for fun and good causes

The *One Feather* last visited the Roller Girls in January 2012...we went to see what they're up to now

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Smoky Mountain Roller Girls, about to enter their third year of existence, is an organization on the move...literally. They have grown in size in the past several years and have taken on fundraising challenges for two good causes in the area.

They have also added a Junior League team, known as the Lil'Nemesisters, for girls age 12-17 who are interested in roller derby.

"Our first meeting happened in March 2011, and last year was our first full season as a team and we went 8-1 in our official season, and we're really excited about that," said Blythe S. Winchester, MD, who is an EBCI tribal member who works as a doctor at the Cherokee Indian Hospital by day and goes by the roller derby name of "Sesamean Streak".

"This year we are going to be playing even bigger and better teams from other states," she said. "We are growing our community involvement as well, and this year, at all of our home bouts, we will be raising money for the Cherokee Children's Home and Hawthorne Heights."

Winchester added, "Overall, with our juniors starting up, we are just really excited about expanding the opportunity for everyone to be involved in derby. We are looking for volunteers to referee, and there are always opportunities to be involved with the team."

The Roller Girls are based in Bryson City and practice at the

Roller Derby 101

Players

Blockers keep the pack formed and don't score points. They line up behind the pivot blockers and head of the jammers.

Pivot Blockers line up at the front of the pack and may take over the position of jammer by receiving the star pass.

Jammers line up at the rear of the pack and it is their role to score points. They are identified by their helmet which features a star on either side.

Scoring

Only jammers are eligible to score points. They do so by clearing the pack. Once going through their initial pass, jammers score by passing skaters on their next and each subsequent pass – known as “scoring passes”. Jammers can score a maximum of one point per blocker per pass.

Roughness

Roller derby can be a rough sport, but it does have rules of engagement and the following are not allowed: no blocking to the back or head, no tripping or falling intentionally in front of an opponent, elbows cannot be used in a moving moon (i.e. no elbows to the face), and no grabbing or pushing. For infractions of the rules, players can get a verbal warning from an official, move in the penalty box or possible expulsion from the bout.

- Source: WFTDA (Women's Flat Track Derby Association)

Swain County Recreation Center, but they have quite a few members from Cherokee. As a matter of fact, all of their 2014 Board of Directors are EBCI tribal members including Winchester, president; Sonya Arch, vice president; Gwynn Bird, league coordinator; and Morgan Owle-Crisp, treasurer.

“Downtown” Dakota Brown, an EBCI tribal member, commented, “Initially, I got involved in roller derby because I knew a girl that did it. I had wanted to do it for years, and I saw her in the grocery store, asked her about it, then I showed up



Roller Girls from Cherokee are shown (left-right) including: Sonya “Native Knockout” Arch (Birdtown), Morgan “So Mo’licious” Owle-Crisp (Birdtown), Terri “Slink Blade” Hogner (Wolfstown), Dakota “Downtown Kota Brown” Brown (Wolfstown), Blythe “Sesamean Streak” Winchester (Wolfstown); not pictured – Gwynn “Wildcatt Von G” Bird (Birdtown), Carrah “Shawnee Smasher” Shawnee-Swimmer (Birdtown) and Arla “The Hooch” Shawnee (Birdtown).

to a practice and have been doing it ever since. I love it. It's a great way to get out aggression. My teammates have become like family. We just have a really good time together, have fun, and we do it for a good cause.”

Mary “Natural Disaster” Smith is the coach of the Lil’Nemesisters junior team which started in August 2013. She said the team is for skaters of all levels, “Some of them we have taught to skate. We have gear that they can use until their parents are ready to buy their own.”

They will compete against other junior teams in the area including ones from Asheville and Balsam. “It takes a willingness to learn and work hard,” said Smith. “It takes being ok with falling.”

Maggie “Lil’ Miss Guided” Stephenson, a student at Mountain Discovery Charter School, “My mom rented a roller derby movie, and she

wanted to try it out. So, after coming to a few of her practices and after I turned 12, I was like ‘I’m going to join, I want to do this.’”

“It’s really fun. It’s hard sometimes, but I love it.”

Callie “Wuthering Frights” Hester, a student at Swain Middle School, said, “It’s really, really fun, and the team is really, really nice. We all get along very well.”

Laura “Shred Zeppelin” Booth, a student at Swain High, related, “I was begging Mary (Smith) to do a junior league for us, and here we are. I like it...it’s different. It’s just a different sport especially for here.”

Laura’s younger sister, Alana “Scarlet O’Scara” Booth, a student at Swain Middle, got involved with it through her sister and said she really enjoys it. “It’s wicked awesome. It’s just an incredible sport. I’m not exactly athletic. I can’t throw or catch or anything and here you don’t have



2014 BOUT SCHEDULE

FEB 15	Bad News Babes @ Greenville, SC
MAR 1	GFORCE @ HOME
MAY 17	URGE @ HOME
JUNE 7	Hard Knox Brawlers @ Knoxville, TN
JUNE 28	URGE @ Easley, SC
AUG 9	KANNAPOLIS ROLLER GIRLS @ HOME
AUG 23	Rome Rollergirls @ Rome, GA
SEPT 13	Little City Big Trouble @ Little City, TN
OCT 4	LITTLE CITY BIG TROUBLE @ HOME

to do that.”

Katy “Ann-E-Arkie” Shackelford, is a student at Mountain Discovery Charter School, and echoed Alana’s sentiments about it being a different type of sport opportunity. “I like doing sports, but just on my own time. One of the cool things is that it’s just once a week. It’s cool and fun.”

For more information on the Smoky Mountain Roller Girls, visit the team’s page on Facebook, email smokymountainrollergirls@gmail.com, or www.smokymountainrollergirls.com.

For more information on the junior team, contact Mary Smith (828) 371-6252.

MS BASKETBALL**Lady Braves win in first round of SMC tourney**

By **AMBLE SMOKER**
ONE FEATHER STAFF

MURPHY - Picking up where they left off in the regular season, the Cherokee Middle School Lady Braves overwhelmed the Murphy Bulldogs in the first round of the Smoky Mountain Conference tournament on Saturday, Jan. 25 by a score of 74-19.

The Lady Bulldogs initiated a strong game plan by putting points on the board first in the opening minutes. However, their success was short-lived as the offense from the Lady Braves came to life when three pointers rained from the sky and the young Braves built a monumental lead of 20-8 by the end of the first quarter.

As the game wore on, a clicking offense and a suffocating full court press proved to be too much as the Lady Braves denied the Bulldogs any second quarter points. The disciplined defense by the Braves allowed the team to take a 40-8 lead into halftime.

Led by Tori Teesateskie with 20 points and Timiyah Brown with 19, the Lady Braves demonstrated their ability to find the bottom of the net. Other scorers included: Macie Welch 6, Jordan Maney 5, Breece Saunooke 5, Jimiqua Driver 5, Shelby Wolfe 4, Jamie Lossiah 4, Carla Wolfe 3, and Riley Crowe 2.

Coach Peaches Squirrel leads the Lady Braves squad into the semi-finals of the Smoky Mountain Conference tournament on Saturday, Feb. 1 against the winner of the Hiwassee Dam vs. Robbinsville game that will be played on Thursday, Jan. 30.



AMBLE SMOKER/One Feather

Cherokee Middle School's Tori Teesateskie pulls up for a shot during a game against Murphy in the first round of the SMC tournament on Saturday, Jan. 25. She led the Lady Braves with 20pts in their big 74-19 win.

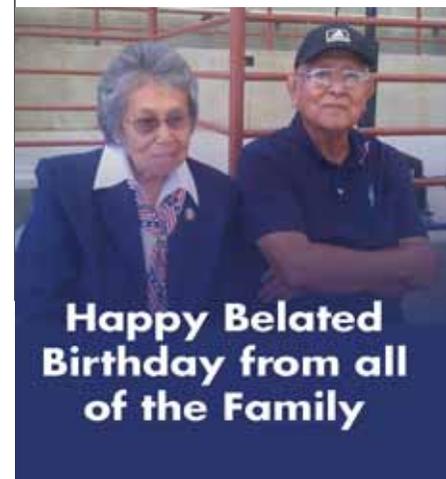
MS BASKETBALL**Cherokee sweeps Rosman**

LYNNE HARLAN/EBCI Public Relations

Carla Wolfe brings the ball up the court for the CMS Lady Braves during a game at Rosman on Thursday, Jan. 23.

ROSMAN - The Cherokee Middle School basketball teams traveled to Rosman on Thursday, Jan. 23 and came away with wins. The boys won 48-18 and the girls were victorious 65-51. Timiyah Browh led the Lady Braves with 14pts followed by Tori Teesateskie with 11. Other Lady Braves scorers included: Breece Saunooke 3, Kaylee Locust 3, Jamie Lossiah 2, Macie Welch 8, Jordan Maney 4 and Carla Wolfe 2.

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**Happy Belated
Birthday from all
of the Family**

BASKETBALL

Braves, Lady Braves top 90 points in wins

ROS MAN - The Cherokee Braves (7-9) and the Lady Braves (14-2) both topped 90pts in wins at Rosman on Friday, Jan. 17. The Braves won 95-76, and the Lady Braves won big over the Lady Tigers 92-52.

Lady Braves 92 Rosman 52

Avery Mintz shot an impressive 68 percent from the floor as she poured in 36pts to lead Cherokee. Overall, the team shot 51 percent compared to Rosman's 36 percent.

The Lady Braves also had 16 steals to the Lady Tigers' 1. Kendall Toineeta, who leads all of WNC in with 5.0 steals/gm, led with 9 steals with Mintz adding 4. Toineeta, who is also third in

WNC in assists with 5.2/gm, eclipsed her game average with 11 in this game.

Other Lady Braves scorers included: Le Le Lossiah 13, Kendall Toineeta 16, Bree Stamper 10, Miranda Smith 8, Brionna Jumper 6, and Peri Wildcatt 3.

Rosman scorers included: Callie Chappell 21, Bethany Green 2, Jenah McCall 4, Selina Hoxit 8, Lauren Mahoney 6, Candace Petit 9, and Rachel Owen 2.

Braves 95 Rosman 76

Dustin Johnson led the Braves with 21pts followed by Jesse Toineeta with 17. Overall, the Braves barely outshot the Tigers (42 percent to

41). But, Cherokee played the possession game better having 18 steals to Rosman's 0.

Kennan Panther led Cherokee with 5 steals with Johnson and Toineeta having 4 each.

Other Braves scorers included: Jason McMullan 9, Jayce Girty 2, Brandt Sutton 9, Simon Montelongo 1, Kennan Panther 4, Darius Thompson 10, Chris Queen 8, and Eli Littlejohn 14.

Rosman scorers included: Jacob Voris 3, Kaeagan Dalton 10, Ashe Bennett 10, Zac Stroup 21, Aaron Newman 1, Keen Jones 9, Tanner Green 16, and Chris Bennett 6.

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MS BASKETBALL

Lady Braves finish regular season undefeated

By **AMBLE SMOKER**
ONE FEATHER STAFF

ROS MAN - As the final buzzer echoed through the Rosman gymnasium on Thursday, Jan. 23, the spectators in attendance became witness to the remarkable 2013-14 run of the Cherokee Middle School Lady Braves basketball team. With the 48-18 victory over the Rosman Tigers, the Lady Braves cemented their place in history and accomplished something truly special. The decisive victory over the Rosman Tigers not only bequeathed the Smoky Mountain Conference championship but also capped off a historic undefeated regular season. Coach Peaches Squirrel stated,

"These girls were dedicated and worked really hard this year. They never complained about putting in the work. Even when we asked them to run twenty sprints, they were always willing to line up and do it."

The Lady Braves indomitably jumped out to a commanding 20-4

lead in the first quarter, a lead to never be in doubt and never relinquished. The young Braves continued to extend their lead while the well-disciplined defense remained resolute and stymied their opponent.

Timiyah Brown led the Lady Braves with 14 points, while Tori Teesateskie added 11 and Macie Welch with 8. Other scorers included: Jordan Maney 4, Kaylee Locust and Breece Saunooke both with 3, Jamie Lossiah and Carla Wolfe with 2.

After an impressive and successful season, the future looks bright for Lady Braves basketball. Coach Squirrel reiterated this sentiment when she stated, "hard work will take these girls far."

With a perfect regular season and their first win of the SMC tournament already in the bag, the CMS Lady Braves continue their quest for perfection as they take on the winner of the Hiawassee Dam vs. Robbinsville game on Saturday, Feb. 1.

A snow story

By JODY BRADLEY

When I was a little girl, the snows were bigger and the days seemed longer. Now that I'm older, I look back on some of those days and realize they made me who I am today.

One of my favorite things to do in the snow was to visit Aunt Mary and Uncle Jarrett. They weren't really our aunt and uncle, but it was a title of respect and everyone I knew called them that. Aunt Mary had a Pomeranian named "Babe". She was cute, but vicious. She always scared us to death when we went in the house to visit. She was Aunt Mary's dog, but she always guarded Uncle Jarrett.

So every snow, Susie, Sharon, Margie and I would don our warmest clothes and climb through the barbed wire fences. We trudged through snow-covered pastures to visit them. Aunt Mary would always have us hot chocolate and cookies to eat. For me, the biggest treat was sitting in a mighty fine kitchen. It always smelled of apple pie. Pots and pans hung from a rack in the center island, and we always sat in a booth like the ones in the old bus station and watched it snow outside the window.

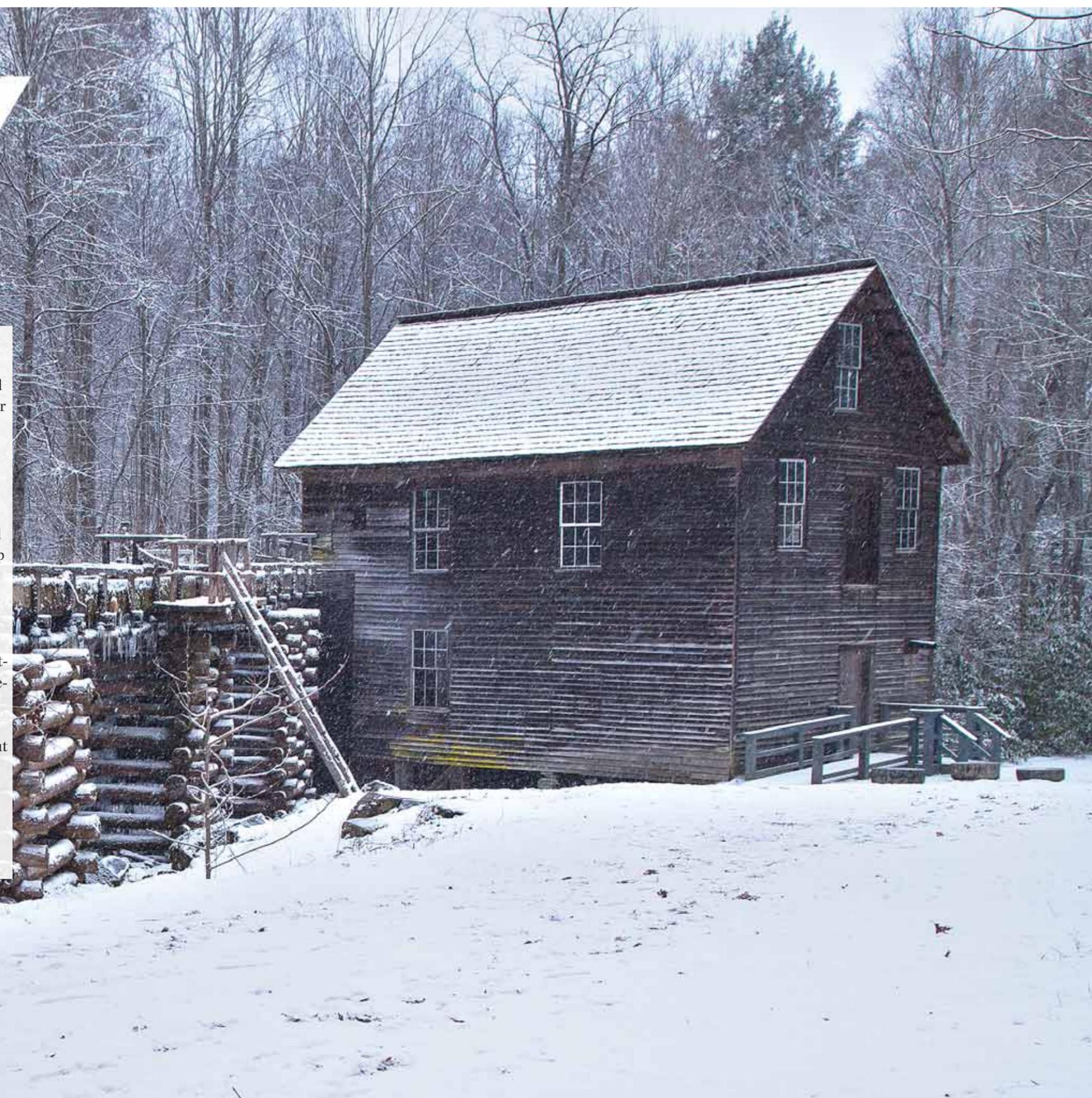
Aunt Mary always had a job for us, and she waited for us to come every snow. Our job was to fill the bird feeders, and she had several. We would carry the seeds from the

springhouse where she kept her canned foods and potatoes. It was heavy but the four of us managed somehow. Babe always went with us, guarding us I think, as we filled all the feeders. Sometimes, Aunt Mary would have toast or fruit for us to put out for the birds as a treat.

After we fed the birds, we would go back into the house to warm up. We would sit in the large window with Uncle Jarrett, and watch as the birds gathered. Uncle Jarrett taught us the birds' names and sometimes what they sounded like. It was a special time. After a while he would say, "It's time for you girls to go home," and we would wrap up and traipse back across the field again.

I look back fondly on this memory and others of Uncle Jarrett and Aunt Mary. We didn't know then that he was once the Principal Chief and Aunt Mary was the First Lady. They never mentioned it, not that it would have mattered to the four of us. What was important were the experiences we shared.

As I look out at my bird garden and watch the birds cover the ground and scratch away the snow, I think about those trips across the pastures and all they shared and taught us. I thank them for the gifts they gave us, especially for the one I receive each time I fill my bird feeders and watch it snow.





Obituaries

Christine Motola

Christine Motola, 62, of Cherokee, passed away on Jan. 15, 2014. She retired from DuPont and then worked at Gary's Service Center before moving to Cherokee where she worked for the Tribal Bingo. Christine is the daughter of the late Samuel Cannon and Gloria Cannon.

Christine is survived by her sons, Brain Motola of Cherokee, and Jeffery Motola of Charlotte; three grandchildren, Jalen, Alex and Alexis all of Cherokee. Christine also leaves behind friends who will miss her greatly.

A visitation was held on Jan. 18 at Long House Funeral Home. The funeral service followed with burial at the family cemetery. Pastor Betty Drake officiated.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Larry A. Bigwitch

Larry A. Bigwitch, 44, of Cherokee passed away on Jan. 16, 2014 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital following an unexpected illness. Larry is the son of Melinda Smoker Bigwitch and the late George W. Bigwitch.

Larry is survived by his brothers, Danny Bigwitch, Johnny Bigwitch and Bill Dehaven; sisters, Brenda Parker and Paula Young. Larry also leaves behind one grandson, Cole Shell, and several nieces and nephews.

Charles Steven Queen

Charles Steven Queen, 54, of Cherokee passed away on Jan. 18, 2014 following an extended illness.

Charles is the son of the late Bascom Queen and Martha Bird Queen. Charles retired from the Cherokee Postal Service and is a veteran of the United States Marine Corp.

Charles is preceded in death by brothers, John Henry Queen and James "Buggs" Queen; one sister, Nancy Queen.

Charles is survived by his wife Loretta Queen; children, Stephen S. Queen, Amber Sneed and Galvin Reed; sisters, Susie Long and Katie Cooper; 2 grandchildren.

A visitation was held on Monday, Jan. 20 at Long House Funeral Home. The funeral service followed at with Military Honors and James "Bo" Parris officiating.

Long House Funeral Home assisted family with arrangements.

Clarence "Britches" Cucumber

Clarence "Britches" Cucumber, 59, of Cherokee passed away on Jan. 23 at MedWest-Haywood. Clarence is the son of the late Charlie Ramsey and Ollie Cucumber Hornbuckle. Clarence is preceded in death by his brothers; David "Porky" Long and Jonathan Arch, sisters; Elizabeth Hornbuckle and Rita Ramsey Martinez.

Clarence is survived by his wife Mattie "Penny" Cucumber, children; Ruth Ann Taylor of Cherokee, April Fisher of Robbinsville, Jennifer Thompson of Dublin, Ga., Charlie Cucumber of Cherokee, Tammy Duncan of Florida and Jenny Mashburn; brothers, Allan Ramsey and Larry Hornbuckle; sisters, Jean Sequoyah, Molly Bowman, Loretta Queen, Annie Young, Rosie Hornbuckle and Brenda Hernandez as well as several half brothers and sisters. Also surviving are close friends Jenny and Herb Mashburn. Clarence also leaves behind 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

A visitation was held on Jan. 26 at Long House Funeral Home. The funeral service followed with Pastor James "Bo" Parris officiating.

Mary Helen James

Mary Helen James, 41, of Cherokee, passed away on Jan. 22, 2014 at Mission Hospital. Mary is the daughter of Annie James and the late Calvin Truman James.

Mary is survived by her husband James Allen Tooni; daughter, Katherine Abra Armachain; special niece, Kailey James; brother, Clavin "Bugg" James Jr. and special cousin Joanna

Parris. Mary also leaves behind several other cousins as well as step sisters.

The funeral service was held on Jan. 25 at Long House Funeral Home. Burial followed at the Soggy Hill Cemetery located in the Big Cove Community. Pall bearers included: Rich Panther, Kenny Panther, Jim Panther, John "Dick" Crowe, Bo Crowe and Bentley Tahquette. Pastor Charles Ray Ball and Brother James "Bo" Parris officiated.

Robert Lee Wahnetah

Robert Lee Wahnetah, 30, of Cherokee, passed away on Jan. 23, 2014. Robert is the son of Russell Lee Wahnetah and the late Marie Anna Pensavalle.

Robert is preceded in death by a brother, Michael Austin Wahnetah and grandfather, Robert Johnson Wahnetah.

Robert is survived by his grandmothers, Frances Wahnetah and Lois "Babe" Wahnetah Pensavalle; one aunt, Roberta "Bobbi" Long; uncles, Howard Wahnetah, Ricky Wahnetah, Tony Modella, Frankie Pensavalle and Guy Pensavalle; one brother, Samuel Wahnetah; sisters, Carla Wahnetah and Ondrea Armachain.

The funeral service was held on Jan. 27 at 1pm. Burial followed at the Wahnetah Family Cemetery. Pall bearers will included: Juan Rincon, Kevin Ansley, Ian McCauley, Gil Crowe and Errol Long. Pastor James "Bo" Parris and Pastor Ed Kilgore officiated.

Energy Tip of the Week

Presented by Cameron Cooper,
Energy Program Coordinator
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VENTS...

Keep vents clear and open from obstruction. Keep furniture and drapes away from air vents. This allows the cool or warm air to move out into the rooms and keeps your heat pump from running more than necessary.

The Cherokee One Feather will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17 for President's Day. The deadline for the Feb. 20 issue will be Friday, Feb. 14 at 12noon.

Robins & Morton to manage construction of new Hospital

The new CIHA Cherokee Indian Hospital will be designed and constructed using the collaborative Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) approach. IPD brings together CIHA, subcontractors, construction manager Robins & Morton and design team Design Strategies early in the process. This encourages mutual respect, communication and the willingness to collaborate, and the mutual sharing of risks and rewards. Founded in 1946, Robins & Morton is a privately held construction and engineering company that consistently ranks among the 100 largest U.S. builders in Engineering News-Record Magazine and one of the best companies to work for in America. The company currently ranks number four in Modern Healthcare's list of Top 100 General Contractors, and they have been building hospitals in North Carolina for more than 36 years.

The on-site Robins & Morton team has unique recent experience using IPD methodologies to complete a large-scale hospital project. The same team just completed a 220-bed replacement hospital in rural Augusta, Maine that opened in the fall of 2013. The 640,000 square foot, \$220 million IPD project was completed 10 months ahead of schedule, and it realized budget savings that resulted in significant value-added features. This success was a result of the commitment and collaboration of all members of the team. The Robins & Morton team looks forward to emulating similar IPD success throughout planning, design and construction of the new Cherokee Indian Hospital, and will help lead the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority's new facility to be a true source of pride for the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians.

Bill Stevens, Robins & Morton senior superintendent for the project, will take a lead role in the management of the Cherokee Indian Hospital from early planning to final occupancy. Stevens has managed 16



CIHA photo

Robins & Morton employees are shown (left-right) including Austin McKinney, project engineer; Bill Stevens, senior superintendent for the project; Sara Crow, administrative; Marshall Scott, project manager; and Josh Young, superintendent.

major hospital projects totaling \$592 million with impressive results in safety, quality, schedule, budget and customer satisfaction.

"This success was a direct result of the early involvement of the construction manager and trade contractors," said Stevens. "My goal is to fully utilize our experience and capabilities to attain a cost effective and constructible design, while developing relationships and the necessary logistics to assure the project's success."

Stevens is joined onsite by several other Robins & Morton team members, all of whom have ample experience in collaborative health-care construction, and each of whom are excited to become part of the Cherokee community.

Marshall Scott, project manager, will work with the IPD team through to final occupancy to ensure the goals of the team are met. He will work directly with the hospital's staff to develop a design that is within budget and executing the plan

throughout the construction process.

"Robins & Morton has given me the opportunity to be a part of a diversity of projects including additions, multi-phase renovations, high-rise, and new construction," Scott said. "These projects have been located across the country giving me insight to different communities and cultures."

Josh Young is serving as Superintendent, supporting Bill Stevens in supervising field construction of the project. His focus is organization, planning and scheduling in order to complete the work on time and within budget. "There are many reasons I enjoy working on an IPD project," said Young. "In my opinion the best part about IPD is the collaborative effort between contractor, subcontractor, architect, and owner. When everyone works together as a team it creates an ideal environment to get done in a timely matter."

Austin McKinney will serve as project engineer for the hospital. "As Project Engineer, I provide support to the Superintendent and Project Manager to ensure all time, quality and customer satisfaction objectives are realized," he said. "My responsibilities include assisting with preconstruction, IT, buyout and purchasing, submittal process, close-out documents and managing/coordinating subcontractors."

Robert Grady, MEP (mechanical, electrical and plumbing) Superintendent is responsible for the MEP coordination of systems and check code requirements during design, managing the central energy plant and all the systems throughout the building. "A good portion of my 35-year career has been involved with building hospitals and semi-conductor facilities," Grady said. "I enjoy building hospitals the most. I really get a great feeling of satisfaction that I have done something good for a community and have impacted a lot of people for the better when I complete one."

Cherokee Announcements

TIDBITS AFFECTING EBCI TRIBAL MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY

Attention EBCI Pension/Retirement recipients

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

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

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

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

- EBCI Finance Dept.

Procedure for Exempt Status: Vehicle and Property Taxes

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

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

Once the Tax Office receives this information, you will be given tax exempt status which will be noted in the County Tax Office database. Once your tax exempt status is noted in that database, you should not receive additional tax notices. If you have additional questions, contact your local County Tax Office.

- EBCI Legal Division

Players are sought for the following Community Basketball teams:

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

All ages are by Dec. 31, 2013. All registrations must include a copy of the child's birth certificate or EBCI enrollment card and a copy of a current physical. Info: Jessica Daniels 554-6891

- Cherokee Recreation

Soccer Registrations for U5-U12 divisions

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

- Cherokee Recreation

DNA testing schedule

The last day to be DNA-tested in time for the

March 14 deadline is Friday, Feb. 28. Any DNA collected after this date is not guaranteed to be back in time for the deadline. The local collection site is at the EBCI Tribal Enrollment office located at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. Appointments will be scheduled by the staff of 1 Family Services from 9-11:30am and 1-3pm. To schedule an appointment at the local collection site, contact Michelle at Tribal Enrollment 554-6463. To schedule an out-of-town appointment, contact Amber Harrison (918) 685-0478. All DNA questions should be directed to the staff of 1 Family Services.

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

- Friday, Jan. 31
- Wednesday, Feb. 5
- Friday, Feb. 7
- Wednesday, Feb. 12
- Friday, Feb. 14
- Wednesday, Feb. 19
- Thursday, Feb. 20
- Friday, Feb. 21
- Wednesday, Feb. 26
- Thursday, Feb. 27
- Friday, Feb. 28
- Wednesday, March 5
- Friday, March 7
- Wednesday, March 12
- Friday, March 14
- Wednesday, March 19
- Friday, March 21
- Wednesday, March 26
- Friday, March 28

- EBCI Enrollment office

FEMA seeking applications for Youth Preparedness Council

The Youth Preparedness Council is a unique opportunity for youth leaders to serve on a highly distinguished national council and participate in



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828-554-5990 toll free 855-554-5990
1225 Tsalagi Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719



Tri-County Community College is currently accepting applications for the following position:

Cashier/Accounting Technician (Full-time)

Complete position announcement can be viewed on the college website: www.tricountycc.edu. For information on the application process and application deadline contact the Human Resources Office at Tri-County Community College, 21 Campus Circle, Murphy, NC 28906. Phone: (828) 835-4201 or e mail: humanresources@tricountycc.edu.

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the Youth Preparedness Council Summit. Additionally, the youth leaders have the opportunity to complete a self-selected youth preparedness project and to share their opinions, experiences, ideas, solutions and questions regarding youth disaster preparedness with the leadership of FEMA and national youth preparedness organizations. Once selected, members serve on the Council for one year, with the option to extend for an additional year, if formally requested by FEMA.

Council activities and projects center around five key areas of engagement: Programs, Partnerships, Events, Public Speaking/Outreach and Publishing. Members represent the youth perspective on emergency preparedness and share information with their communities. They also meet with FEMA on a regular basis to provide ongoing input on strategies, initiatives and projects throughout the duration of their term.

Any individual between the ages of 12-17 who is engaged in individual and community preparedness or who has experienced a disaster that has motivated him or her to make a positive difference in his or her community, may apply to serve on the Youth Preparedness Council. Individuals who applied last year are highly encouraged to apply again. Adults working with youth and/or community preparedness are encouraged to share the application with youth who might be interested in applying.

Youth interested in applying to the Council must submit a completed application form and two letters of recommendation. Specific information about completing and submitting the application and attachments can be found in the application instructions. All applications and supporting materials must be received no later than Feb. 24 at 11:59pm in order to be eligible. New Youth Preparedness Council members will be announced in May 2014.

Info: <http://www.ready.gov/youth-preparedness-council>
- FEMA

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance information

If your annual income is \$58,000 or less, you are eligible to have your taxes done at no cost at the EBCI Extension Center located at 876 Acquoni Road. . Married filing jointly also has a \$58,000

cap. They cannot do rental income (Sch E); Dividend and Investment income (Sch B) and complex Sch C.

List of items that client needs to bring to appointment:

1. Wage (W-2), Per capita (1099-M), Interest (1099-I), Social Security (SSA-1099), Pension or Retirement (1099-R) forms; if SSI (no form necessary)
2. Daycare provider statement including provider tax ID
3. Social Security Card and birth date of each individual listed on tax return
4. Enrolled member card for each individual eligible for NC Tax Exemption
5. Driver's license or other government picture id for proof of identification
6. Bank account full number (not just the 5 digit number from MCU) and routing number, if filing for electronic refund (can get this from bank)
7. Any other information income or expense information needed to prepare tax return
8. Last year's tax return (if possible)

If filing electronically, both signatures are needed during appointment.

Info: Lavita Lambert 554-6939, Janet Owle 554-6937 or Trish Calhoun 554-6933

- Janet Owle, EBCI Extension Center

Opt-in Workshops planned for western North Carolina

The Opt-In (Opportunity Initiative of Southwestern North Carolina) will be holding Regional Vision Workshops in the seven westernmost counties of North Carolina in the month of February. Each event is scheduled from 6-8pm. The schedule of these events is as follows:

- Graham County, Monday, Feb. 3 at the Graham County Community Center
- Macon County, Thursday, Feb. 6 in Tartan Hall of the First Presbyterian Church in Franklin
- Swain County, Monday, Feb. 17 at the Swain County Technology & Training Center in Bryson City
- Clay County, Tuesday, Feb. 18 at the Clay County Courthouse in Hayesville
- Jackson County, Thursday, Feb. 20 at Smoky Mountain High School in Sylva
- Cherokee County, Monday, Feb. 24 at the Andrews Ballroom in Andrews

• Haywood County, Thursday, Feb. 27 at Tuscola High School in Waynesville

Info: www.optinswnc.com

- Opt-In

Per Capita notice for EBCI tribal members

To be considered for the June 2014 per capita distribution, completed enrollment applications for new applicants must be submitted to the Enrollment Office by Friday, March 14 at 4:30pm. Enrollment applications received after this date will not be considered for the June 2014 distribution.

An application will only be considered complete with a country certified birth certificate, certified DNA results, and certification of any other Indian blood. To schedule an appointment at the local collection site, call Michelle 554-6463. Out-of-town applicants may contact Amber Harrison (918) 685-0478 to schedule an appointment in your area. The following dates are available at the local collection site at the Enrollment Office in February:

- Wednesday, Feb. 5
- Friday, Feb. 7
- Wednesday, Feb. 12
- Friday, Feb. 14
- Wednesday, Feb. 19
- Thursday, Feb. 20
- Friday, Feb. 21
- Wednesday, Feb. 26
- Thursday, Feb. 27
- Friday, Feb. 28

Friday, Feb. 28 is the last day to be DNA tested in time to meet March 14 deadline. Any DNA collected after this date is not guaranteed to be back in time for the deadline.

Because of the extended amount of time in receiving a social security number for a newborn, an application will be considered for enrollment without the social security number. However, an Enrollment Card will only be issued upon receipt of the social security card of the new enrollee.

Applications may be obtained from the Enrollment Office located in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex.

Info: Enrollment Office 554-6467, 554-6465 or 554-6466

- EBCI Enrollment Office





Cherokee Happenings

SUBMIT NEW LISTINGS OR CHANGES TO SCOTMCKIE@NC-CHEROKEE.COM.

General Events

Free showings of "The Cherokee Word for Water". The Cherokee Phoenix Theatres is planning three free showings of the movie on the following dates/times: Thursday, Jan. 30 at 7pm (special guests Charlie Soap – director/producer – and Kristina Kiehl – producer – will be in attendance); Sunday, Feb. 2 at 3pm (special guests present); and Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 7pm

Fundraiser for Kara Martin. Jan. 31 from 11am – 2pm at the EMS Building on Acquoni Road. Indian dinners \$7 or chili and frybread for \$6, drink included. Kara is raising money for her trip to Albuquerque, NM to run for Miss Indian World at the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow in April. Call 736-4027 or 736-5922 for early orders and deliveries.

Granny's Kitchen Fundraising Lunch. Feb. 6 from 11am – 3pm at Granny's Kitchen. Proceeds raised will fund an educational trip for Cole Saunooke, a 9th grader at Smoky Mountain High School, to attend the alumni session of the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Boston this summer. Lunch menu: turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, cream style corn, green beans, roll, banana pudding, drink. \$10

per meal (cash only and carryout only). If you'd like to pre-order dinners, call 736-0392

NAIWA Fundraiser. Feb. 7 from 11am – 1pm at the old Yellowhill Community Building. Meals will include drink and dessert for \$10. NAIWA will also have the following fundraisers: Feb. 14 – Indian Dinners, March 7 – Poor Man's Dinner, and March 21 – Indian Dinners.

Sylva Photo Club meeting. Feb. 8 from 1-4pm at 318 Skyland Drive, Suite 1-A, Coggins Office Park, Sylva. Info: sylvaphotclub@gmail.com, (828) 226-3840, or <http://sylvaphotclub.wordpress.com>

Sequoyah Fund Indianpreneurship Course. Mondays from Feb. 24 – March 10 in the large conference room in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. This five-week course will meet weekly to discuss the basics of starting a business. It is a requirement for new business owners seeking Sequoyah Fund loan. Anyone who wants to start or purchase a business may attend. The total cost is \$60 (the price of the book). Info: www.sequoyahfund.org, email johnross@sequoyahfund.org, (828) 359-5006

Health/Sports Events

Little League sign-ups

- Jan. 25 and Feb. 1, 8 and 15 at Swain Middle School Gym from 9am – 12pm
- Feb. 1 at old Cherokee High School gym from 9am – 2pm
- Bryson City Chamber of Commerce Monday – Friday from 10am – 4pm
Info: Karin Green 788-2835

Start Smart Soccer sign-ups.

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

Healthy Chocolate Extravaganza Cooking Demo. Feb. 10 from 4-6pm at the Cherokee Food Lion. This event, hosted by Cherokee Food Lion and the Community Wellness Team, is free and open to everyone. All attendees will receive a raffle ticket for

a chance to win one of two fruit baskets donated by Cherokee Food Lion. Taste yummy and healthy dark chocolate treats. Learn easy steps to a healthier heart. Receive a free Heart Healthy recipe packet. Info: Robin 554-6785 or robibail@nc-choerokee.com

Blood Drive. Feb. 14 from 8:30am – 4:30pm at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort. To schedule an appointment (800) 733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use keyword: Harrahs

Blood Drive. Feb. 19 from 10am – 2:30pm at Cherokee Indian Hospital. To schedule an appointment: Sally Penick 497-9163 ext. 6498

Cherokee Yoga classes. Tuesdays from 5-6pm on Feb. 18 and 25, March 4, 11 and 18 at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex Community Room. Classes are free and open to everyone. All props provided. Drop-ins are welcome, but attendance of full series is encouraged as classes will progress. This is sponsored by Cherokee Choices. Info: Robin 554-6785, (828) 342-3010 or robibail@nc-choerokee.com



Opinions and Letters

WORD LIMIT FOR LETTERS IS 250 WORDS

Thank you

The family of Doug Lambert would like to thank everyone who came by to offer prayers, kind words, singing and food during Doug's illness and passing. The family would like to give special thanks to our ministers: Percy Cunningham and Danny Sweet, and Teresa Cunningham for the beautiful song at the service.

Thank you to the many nurses and Doctors from Cherokee Indian Hospital and especially in the Cherokee Hospital Emergency Room, and Cherokee Home Health. Also thank you to the

nurses and Doctors from Mission Hospital, especially on the 4th Floor Heart Tower, where we spent 77 days. Thank you to Dr. Oliver Binns. Also thank you to the nurses at Cancer Care of WNC in Sylva. Thank you to the Cherokee Cancer Support Group and their staff.

Special thank you to Percy Cunningham and Joe Wolfe who visited often while Doug was in the hospital. Thank you to the staff of Tsali Manor and especially the HELP program where Doug worked for the last 17 years of his 33 year career with the Tribe. Also, thank you to the many family

members for all your prayers, calls and cards. A huge thank you to Loni Plummer, I would not have made it through this without you.

Finally, thank you to Long House Funeral home for assisting with the service.

We apologize if we left your name out. There were so many, but our family appreciated everything everyone has done.

Wife Kim Lambert and children Jessica, Jordan, and John and Parents Joe and Alice Lambert

Cherokee Boys Club Report

www.cherokeeboysclub.com (828) 497-9101

CLUB SCHEDULE:

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

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Our sincere sympathy goes to the friends and families of Clarence Cucumber, Robert Lee Wahnetah, and Michael Anthony Pheasant, all of Cherokee, who passed away last week. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

Our condolences also go to the friends and family of Joe L. Bradley

of the Wilmont Community who passed away on Friday. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers as well.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Charity Sampson who received her GED on Thursday, Jan. 16 at a ceremony at Southwestern Community College. Charity works with the Boys Club through the Tribe’s WIA program.

THANKS!

Our thanks go out to Cherokee DOT for their long hours and hard work during our recent inclement weather. They do a great job keeping our roadways clear and safe!

CONGRATULATIONS BRAVES!

Congratulations to the CMS Girls’ Basketball Team on their undefeated season. Congratulations also

to the CMS Boys’ Basketball Team for their 12-2 season. The CMS Girls won their first game in the Smoky Mountain Conference Tournament by defeating Murphy 74-19. The CMS Boys’ game was cancelled due to the weather.

WNC Boys Basketball Statistical Leaders for Week No. 7:
 Scoring: Dustin Johnson (10) and Jesse Toineeta. Rebounding: Eli Littlejohn, Dustin Johnson and Jason McMillan. Assists: Dustin Johnson (#6). Steals: Dustin Johnson (#6), Jason McMillan and Darius Thompson

WNC Girls Basketball Statistical Leaders for Week No. 7:
 Scoring: Kendal Toineeta (#3) and Avery Mintz (#4). Rebounding: Avery Mintz, Kendall Toineeta and Peri Wildcatt. Assists: Kendall Toineeta (#2), Bree Stamper and Avery Mintz. Steals: Kendall Toineeta

(#2), Avery Mintz (#9), and Bree Stamper.

TRIP TO LOUISVILLE

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

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



Cherokee Center Report

Roseanna Belt, director | rbelt@wcu.edu | 828-497-7920
 cherokeecenter.wcu.edu

GWY JESCTOHY D&P

We are proud to announce the honor awarded to Jennifer Walkingstick (shown at right in WCU photo) as a recipient of the Nursing Network-Careers and Technology Mentoring Scholarship. NN-CAT Nurse Mentoring Program was established to provide individualized nursing mentors to guide students to success in their pursuit to enter nursing school. The program also provides a scholarship and stipend for tuition and monthly living expenses. Jennifer and other recipients were honored at the NN-CAT Program reception on Thursday, Jan. 16, hosted at the College of Health and Human Sciences, School of Nursing.

For more information about this you may contact the Cherokee Center, 497-7920, or Dianne Ferguson at drferguson@email.wcu.edu



FREE SYLLABARY CLASS

Learn the Syllabary in 10 weeks!

Dates: Every Monday March 10-May 19

Time: 7 pm - 8 pm

Place: Cherokee Choices Comm. Room

Limited Slots available.

Contact 828-554-6783 or 828-554-6489 to sign up.

Please bring a writing utensil and a pack of index cards to class.

EBCI MEMBERS ONLY AGES 10 AND UP.

****This is not a Cherokee Language Class****

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Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority Report

What is a medical home? Why is it important?

The Patient Centered Medical Home is a concept first introduced in 1967. In its initial version, a medical home is defined as the center of a patient's medical records. Over time, however, the definition of the medical home has evolved to reflect changing needs and perspectives in health care.

The modern patient centered medical home expands upon its original foundation, becoming a home base for a patient's medical and non-medical care. Today's medical home is a cultivated partnership between the patient, family, and primary provider in cooperation with specialists and support from the community. The patient/family is the focal point of this model, and the medical home is built around this center. Another key factor is that the focus of the medical home has shifted to include children and adults. Care under the medical home model must be accessible, family-centered, continuous, comprehensive, coordinated, compassionate, and culturally effective. The characteristics of the medical home have been defined within several principles:

1. Personal physician:

- Each patient has an ongoing relationship with a personal physician trained to provide first contact, continuous and comprehensive care.

2. Physician directed medical practice:

- The personal physician leads a team of individuals at the practice level who collectively take responsibility for the ongoing care of patients.

3. Whole person orientation:

- The personal physician and their team, is responsible for providing for all the patient's health care needs or taking responsibility for appropriately arranging care with other qualified professionals. This includes care for all stages of life; acute care; chronic care; preventive services; and end of life care.

4. Care is coordinated and/or integrated:

- Across all elements of the complex health care system (e.g., subspecialty care, hospitals, home health agencies, nursing homes) and the patient's community (e.g., family, public and private community-based services). Care is facilitated by registries, information technology, health information exchange and other means to assure that patients get the indicated care when and where they need and want it in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.

5. Quality and safety are hallmarks of the medical home:

- Practices advocate for their patients to support the attainment of optimal, patient-centered outcomes that are defined by a care planning process driven by a compassionate, robust partnership between physicians, patients, and the patient's family.
- Evidence-based medicine and clinical decision-support tools guide decision making.
- Physicians in the practice accept

accountability for continuous quality improvement through voluntary engagement in performance measurement and improvement.

- Patients actively participate in decision-making, and feedback is sought to ensure patients' expectations are being met.

- Information technology is utilized appropriately to support optimal patient care, performance measurement, patient education, and enhanced communication.

6. Enhanced access to care:

- Is available through systems such as open scheduling, expanded hours and new options for communication between patients, their personal physician, and practice staff.

There are identified specific criteria to establish whether a patient's health care meets the definition of a medical home. This criteria include:

- Whether the patient has at least one personal doctor or nurse who knows him or her well and a usual source of sick care;
- Whether the patient has no problems gaining referrals to specialty care and access to therapies or other

services or equipment;

- Whether the family is very satisfied with the level of communication among their patient's doctors and other programs;
- Whether the family usually or always gets sufficient help coordinating care when needed and receives effective care coordination;
- Whether the patient's doctors usually or always spend enough time with the family, listen carefully to their values and customs, provide any information they need, and make the family feel like a partner in the patient's care;
- Whether an interpreter is usually or always available when needed.

The Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) concept is a valuable tool for uniting the many segments of a patient's care. It improves patient care and access to services. Cherokee Indian Hospital has applied for Patient Centered Medical Home, Level 3 status and will be notified in the month of February.

Food Bytes

My Family Tree

Did you know that we get a lot more than our eye color and height from our parents? Other things like health conditions can be passed down through a family.

Know your family health history. Having a blood relative with certain health conditions, like heart disease, can increase our risk for getting these health conditions. Even though some health conditions can be passed down, we can make healthy choices to decrease our risk for getting some of these.

Map your tree. Map out a family tree with your blood relatives and health history. Talk to your parents, grandparents and other family members about their health and yours. Ask about heart disease, diabetes, cancer and other health conditions.

Make healthy choices. Make half your plates fruits and veggies and half your grains whole grains. Choose protein foods wisely—lean meat, poultry, seafood, and beans. Opt for water over sugar sweetened soda or tea. Get at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day.

Nutrilink: Go to www.hear.org. Search My Family Tree.

February

- American Heart Month
- National Cherry Month
- National Grapefruit Month
- National Sweet Potato Month

Source: www.cherokeehospital.com

Menus for February 2014

Monday, February 3	Tuesday, February 4	Wednesday, February 5	Thursday, February 6	Friday, February 7
Whole Grain Pancakes Sausage Patty Banana	Whole Grain Breakfast Bread Low Fat Yogurt Fruit	WG French Toast Sticks Fruit	WG Sausage Biscuit Fruit	Breakfast Pizza Fruit
Chicken Nuggets WG Roll California Veggies Roasted Potatoes Sliced Apples	BBQ Sandwich w/ slow Baked Beans Sweet Potato Fries Fruit	Salisbury Steak WG Biscuit Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Glazed Carrots Applesauce	Chicken Penne Pasta WG Roll Broccoli Florets Tomatoes & Cukes w/ Lite Ranch Orange	Pizza Quesadilla Garden Salad Whole Kernel Corn Mixed Fruit Early Release
Monday, February 10	Tuesday, February 11	Wednesday, February 12	Thursday, February 13	Friday, February 14
Scrambled Eggs Potato Rounds Toast & Fruit	WG Chicken Biscuit Fruit	Spiced Oatmeal Toast 100% Fruit Juice	Cinnamon Roll WG Blueberry Puffpastry Fruit	Biscuits and Gravy Fruit
Breaded Chick Fillet Sandwich Crispie Cut Fries Carrot Sticks w/ lite ranch Fruit	Pinto Beans Macaroni & Cheese Cherry Tomatoes Colard Greens Combred Applesauce	Chicken Fajitas w/ all of the fixings Black Beans Sliced Peaches	Hamburger/Cheeseburger Sweet Potato Fries Corn on the Cob Oranges	Corn Dog Potato Rounds Green Beans Garden Salad Apples
Monday, February 17	Tuesday, February 18	Wednesday, February 19	Thursday, February 20	Friday, February 21
NO SCHOOL	Whole Grain Waffles Sausage Patty Banana	Breakfast Pizza Fruit	Cinnamon Roll Low Fat Yogurt 100% Fruit Juice	Biscuits & Gravy Fruit
	Grilled Chicken Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries Green Beans Oranges	Taco Salad Steamed Corn Black Beans Pears	Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce WG Bread Stick Steamed Broccoli Garden salad Fruit	Pizza Wedge Garden Salad Whole Kernel Corn Mixed Fruit
Monday, February 24	Tuesday, February 25	Wednesday, February 26	Thursday, February 27	Friday, February 28
Whole Grain Pancakes Sausage Patty Banana	Whole Grain Breakfast Bread Low Fat Yogurt Fruit	WG French Toast Sticks Fruit	WG Sausage Biscuit Fruit	Breakfast Pizza Fruit
Chicken Nuggets WG Roll California Veggies Roasted Potatoes Sliced Apples	BBQ Sandwich w/ slow Baked Beans Sweet Potato Fries Fruit	Salisbury Steak WG Biscuit Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Glazed Carrots Applesauce	Chicken Penne Pasta WG Roll Broccoli Florets Tomatoes & Cukes w/ Lite Ranch Orange	Pizza Quesadilla Garden Salad Whole Kernel Corn Mixed Fruit
				A la Carte Sales Monday-Thursday—Snacks Friday—Ice Cream
				Meal Option 2 for all schools: PB & J, 4.5 oz. yogurt, and a fruit and vegetable on the menu
				Meal Option 3 for Middle & High: Chef Off Grilled Chicken Sandwich

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FOR SALE

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

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

2007 Suzuki Hayabusa SX1300RZZ GSX-R Sport Bike, It is in excellent condition with no dents or dings, 100% mechanically okay. If interested please contact me for pictures, I bought the Motorcycle for my grandson as his birthday gift last year august and am giving it out to a good home. Contact me at johnstark227@yahoo.com **2/26pd**

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

For sale – 2/3 bdrm home in Birdtown. ½+ acre w/fenced-in yard. \$64,000. Call (828) 507-7306. **2/6pd**

WANTED

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

REWARD

Reward Lost phone Samsung III at old High School Gym January 18, 2014, white with pink case. Please call 497-6672. **1/30pd**

FOR RENT

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

Three BR, two bath double wide for rent, unfurnished, recently remodeled, includes appliances, all electric. Located on Adam's Creek, Mt. Noble Section. Rent is \$675.00 per month, \$600 deposit, includes water only. Deposit and first month's rent in advance. No pets, no smoking. Must have three references and full-time permanent employment. Contact Kim at 497-5355. No calls after 9:00pm. **2/6pd**

SERVICES

Tax Preparation by Sandi – Can save you time and money. Monday thru Saturday 9am – 7pm. Located on Olivet Church Road. 828-497-4128. **4/10pd**

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

Huge Valentine Day Sale At D and C Native Crafts, Location 1679 Paintown Road, Cherokee NC 28719 15% off on all fine Gold and Sterling Jewelry. Free gift boxes, bags and bows. We carry a variety of beads hides, and many other craft supplies. Come check us out, ask for your 10% off. Sales starts now goes through February 16. **2/6pd**

EMPLOYMENT

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



For deadlines and applications call 497-8131. Indian Preference does apply. A current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a Tribal application.

Positions Open

Please attach all required documents
eg: Driver's license, Enrollment, Diplomas, Certificates

Closing February 7, 2014 @ 4 pm

1. Archaeological Technician- THPO (\$36,560-\$45,700)
2. Editor- One Feather (\$43,920-\$54,900)

Open Until Filled

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

Health & Medical Positions

Open Until Filled

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

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

THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following job available:

FT LPN / CMA – Diabetes
FT Exercise Physiologist / Diabetes
FT LPN Wound Care / Diabetes

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

EMPLOYMENT

THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following job available:

Emergency Hire Cook (temporary)

FT RN / ER

FT Dentist / Cherokee County Clinic

PTI Hygienist / Cherokee County Clinic

FT Certified Billing Tech III

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description from Teresa Carvalho at the Cherokee Indian hospital Human Resources Office between the hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm Monday – Friday. These positions will close February 7 @ 4pm. Indian preference does apply and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **2/6**

Temporary Child Nutrition Assistant at Smokey Mountain Elementary Employee will work in all areas: food preparation, customer service, computer cash register, dish room, and clean-up. If you are interested please email Lavonda

Woodring at lwoodring@jcpsmail.org or call 828-586-2311. **2/6pd**

LEGALS

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Mitchell StandingWater Crowe

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudiciary (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 fudiciary (s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: April 23, 2014

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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 14-007

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of: Douglas Allen Lambert

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudiciary(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 fudiciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: March 12, 2014

Kimlyn S. Lambert
PO Box 253
Cherokee, NC 28719

2/13pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee
Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 14-005

Notice to Creditors and Debtors of:

Tony Earl Taylor

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fudiciary(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 fudiciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: April 23, 2014

Barbara Riley
5760 Poovey Drive
Granite Falls, NC 28630

2/6pd

RFPs, BIDs, etc.

Sign Ordinance Enforcement

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

Beginning on February 1st, 2014, all businesses are required to meet with the Planning Office to get their personal assessment of their business

signage. Each business's signage and building requirements are listed under the Cherokee Code's Sign Ordinance #310, dated 9/16/12, and the Cherokee Business District Master Plan, Resolution #104, dated 12/6/01.

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

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

Advertisement for Bids

Cherokee Enterprises, Inc., an Equal Opportunity Employer, is soliciting subcontractor and material proposals for the Proposed Site Improvements for the Harrahs Cherokee Valley River Casino and Hotel Project from TERO vendors. This phase of work generally consists of survey, grading, excavating, trucking and site utilities. All proposals should be in our office by Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 1 p.m.. Proposals can be mailed or faxed to our office, 828-497-5566. Project plans and specifications can be viewed at our office located at 1371 Acquoni Road in Cherokee, N.C. with prior appointment. Workers compensation, auto, and general liability insurance are required from all subcontractors. Project bonding may be required dependent upon scope. Please contact our office at 828-497-5617 with questions or for additional information. **2/6**

REALTY

Proposed Land Transfers

David Dennis Taylor, Sr. to David Dennis Taylor, Jr. for Upper Cherokee Community Parcel No. 75-F (Part of Parcel No. 75-B), containing 0.870 Acre, more or less.

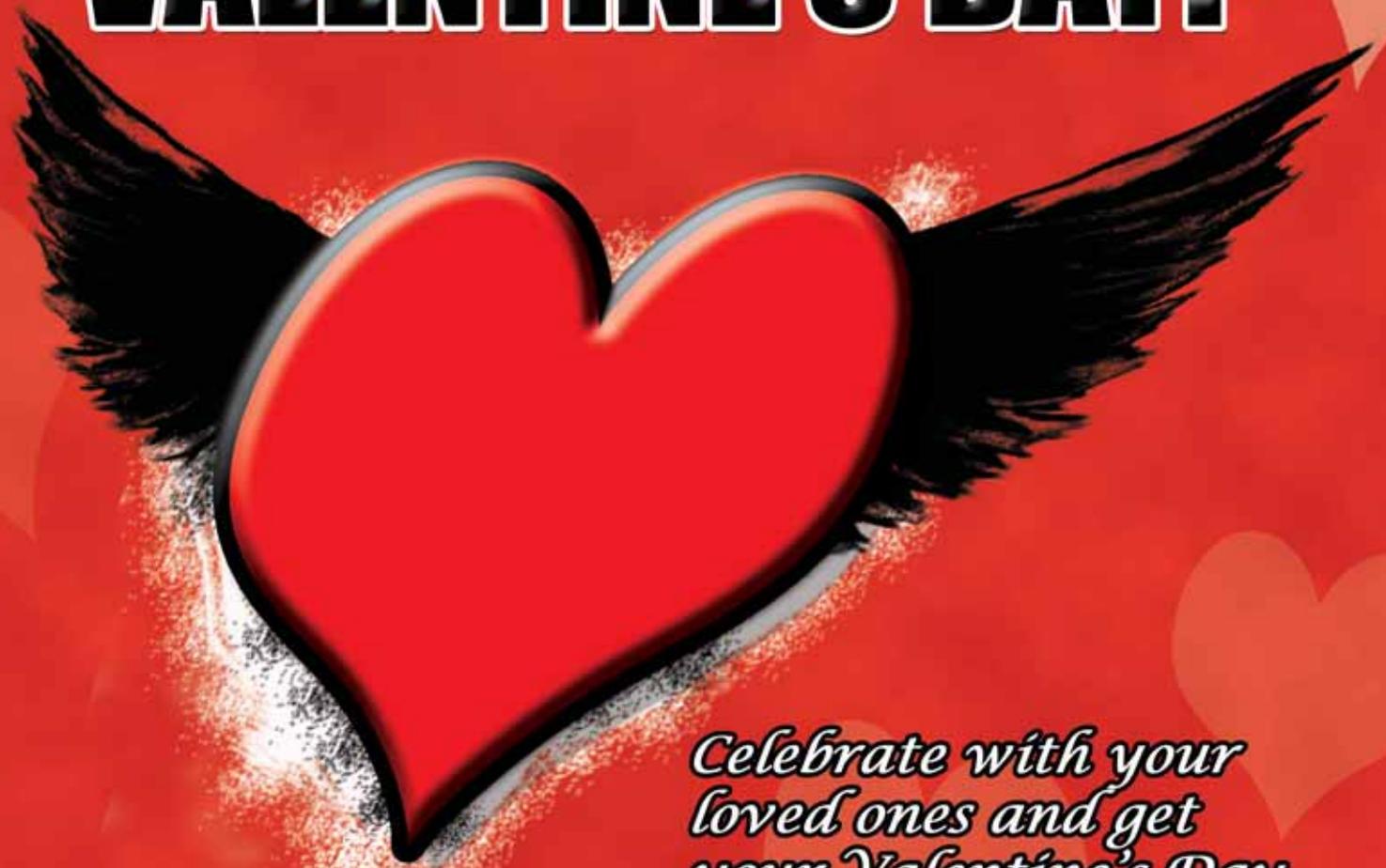
Patricia Josephine Bigmeat Brown to Darrell Allen Brown for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 157-C (Remainder of Parcel No. 157-A), containing 2.707 Acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Kaitlyn Brooke Price to Arie James William Bird for 3200 Acre Tract Parcel No. 212-C (Remainder of Parcel No. 212), containing 0.772 Acre, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Wanda Sue Whitetree Bruce to Laura Nikeya Blythe for Painttown Community Parcel No. 767 (Part of Parcel No. 534), containing 0.501 Acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon and Parcel No. 534-D (Part of Parcel No. 534-C), containing 0.131 Acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

The Cherokee One Feather will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17 for President's Day. The deadline for the Feb. 20 paper will be Friday, Feb. 14.

ARE YOU READY FOR VALENTINE'S DAY?



*Celebrate with your
loved ones and get
your Valentine's Day
ad in Today!*

The One Feather is currently taking orders for Valentine's Day ads to be run in the February 13th edition. At \$6.50, these ads are an affordable way to celebrate the occasion with your loved ones.. For more information stop by the One Feather Office or Call 554-6264.

**DEADLINE FOR VALENTINE'S DAY AD'S
IS MONDAY FEBRUARY 10th at 12PM**