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Will Poolaw wins Frell Owl Award at CBC Banquet

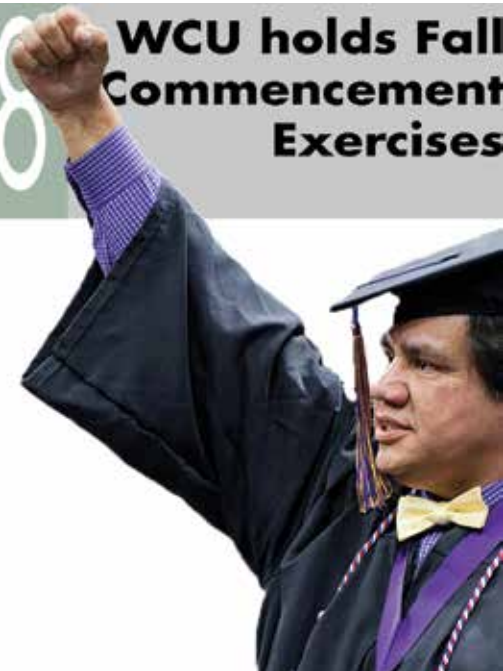
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Poolaw named Frell Owl Award winner



Will Poolaw (left) receives the 2015 Frell Owl Award from Scooter McCoy, Cherokee Boys Club general manager, during an award ceremony held on Tuesday, Dec. 15.

SCOTT MCKIE B.P. ONE FEATHER STAFF

Known for his constant smile, incredible knowledge of sports, and a work ethic that rivals anyone on the Qualla Boundary, Will Poolaw is a fixture in the Cherokee community. He was honored for his tireless commitment by being named the 2015 recipient of the Frell Owl Award at the 29th Annual Frell Owl Award Presentation held Tuesday, Dec. 15 at the Chestnut Tree Inn.

"I really appreciate receiving this award," Poolaw said during his acceptance speech. "Blessings to you all. I appreciate ya'll so much, I love ya'll so much."

Poolaw is a constant at Cherokee Central Schools sporting events and serves as the manager for several sports including football and basketball. In addition, he is an active member of the Qualla Boundary Special Olympics and competes at area competitions in several events.

"Will is a very special person," said Henryetta Gloyne, Poolaw's aunt, who read a

statement from the family. "We, as a family, have learned a great deal over the years from William. He reminds us on a daily basis the true meaning of thoughtfulness and love. He knows our likes, our dislikes, our teams, our team's scores, team rosters and much more. There is not a day that goes by that someone in the family does not receive a phone call or text asking how their day is..."

Vice Chief Richie Sneed commented, "You can tell someone that it's better to give than to receive. Unfortunately, until you take the plunge yourself and do it, you'll never really experience that and Will, you've just been a tremendous example to all of us that indeed, it is true, that it is more blessed to give than to receive."

"I think the thing that I appreciate the most about you is your passion. You're so passionate about the Braves. You're passionate about what you do. You mean so much to us and this community, and I just want to say thank you for all that you do for our community and for our teams."

Cherokee Central School Superintendent Scott Penland said of Poolaw, "I've been here three years, and I can honestly say he's been an inspiration to me just watching him work with the youth. He's always there. And, everything that's been said about him is right...he's there, he's early, he stays late, always smiling and always excited."

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



Harrah's Cherokee photo

Valley River has \$1 million winner

Darryl P. (last name not provided to One Feather), from Resaca, Ga., won \$1,000,000 in the 777 Spin to Win a Million Giveaway at Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel on Thursday, Dec. 31. He completed three spins on the Big Wheel landing on the number 7 on all three consecutive spins. Shown (left-right) are Lumpy Lambert, Harrah's Cherokee Valley River general manager; Leeann Bridges, regional vice president of marketing; Darryl P.; Brooks Robinson, regional general manager and senior vice president; and Heath Brown, events and promotions coordinator.



SALLY DAVIS/One Feather

Chief Lambert donates game

Principal Chief Patrick Lambert (2nd from left) donated a Pac-Man arcade game to the Cherokee Children's Home on Tuesday, Dec. 22. Shown (left-right) are First Lady Cyndi Lambert, Chief Lambert, Vice Chief Richie Sneed and Yellowhill Rep. Anita Lossiah.



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Leadership Award Program Fellows spread holiday cheer

For the Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Fellows, the holidays provided a time to make new traditions - giving their time to tribal elders.

"This holiday season, the Jones-Bowman Fellows spent time giving back to elders in the community for their group community service project," said

Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program Coordinator Alicia Jacobs. "On Dec. 21, the fellows went to Tsali Care Center and took Christmas coloring sheets, ornaments to decorate, and candy canes to the residents. They spent time making homemade ornaments with the residents and listening to their stories of Christmas past. The fellows loved hearing from the elders and seeing their faces light up."

The 2015/2016 Jones-Bowman Fellows are: Kayla Johnson, Joshua Gossett, Tim Swayney, Savannah Hicks, Amy West, Kate Cooper, Cree Rockwood, Noah Hicks, Chloe Blythe and Davan Raby.

The time spent with the residents of Tsali Care provided the fellows with joy as they shared in spreading holiday cheer. Kate Co-

per really enjoyed her time at Tsali Care Center and said, "Some of the residents are not able to spend the Holidays with their families like so many of us are fortunate enough to be able to, and the reality of it really makes you count your blessings. Seeing the looks on their faces was a blessing in itself."

Chloe Blythe stated, "It was really rewarding to see how happy all of the residents were just having someone new to talk to. You could tell they really enjoyed spending time with us."

Tim Swayney also had a humbling experience noting, "He enjoyed helping design ornaments for a residents' grand kids. She said I made her day as she wished me a Merry Christmas"

Savannah Hicks included, "this was a very humbling experience for all of the fellows and it was nice to get to talk to our elders and realize how important they are to us and our community."

For more information on the Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program, contact Alicia Jacobs at the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

- Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program



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- * Began taking credit/debit cards for payments



BASKETBALL

Lady Braves get big conference road win

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

HAYESVILLE - In a game that was close until late in the third period, the Cherokee Lady Braves (5-2) got a key road win

that may have big ramifications later on in the Smoky Mountain Conference. Led by Pooh King with 18 points, the Lady Braves won 56-42 over Hayesville who fell to 0-4 on the season.

"This is always a tough place to play," said Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach.

"We battled through some foul trouble and kept the game really slow in the first half. We couldn't really get our pace..but, we battled through it, and anytime you can win on the road in the conference you know you're doing something good."

He added, "I told our team that to win the conference you have to win most of them and to win one on the road is a feather in our cap."

As Coach Mintz stated, the game did start slow. Bree Stamper, Lady Braves senior forward, hit a three-point shot thirty seconds in to open the scoring in the game, but Hayesville didn't get on the board until the 6:02 mark. At the halfway point of the first period, Cherokee led 5-2, and they ended up leading 11-4 after the first eight minutes.

Both teams traded baskets in the first minutes of the second period and Cherokee led 18-12 with 4:42 left before the half. A minute later, King got a steal, drove the length of the court for a layup and was fouled. She hit her foul shot for the traditional three-point play to put Cherokee up 21-14.

Hayesville's Madison Douglas and Kimonta Lloyd both hit two free throws late in the period to bring the Lady Yellow Jackets to within three (21-18), but King nailed a three-point shot with 26 seconds left to give Cherokee a 24-18 lead at the half.

The teams traded baskets again for the first few minutes of the third period and Cherokee led 30-24 with just over four minutes left in the period. Several moments later, Carla Wolfe, Lady Braves freshman guard, drilled a three-point shot to put Cherokee up by nine points (33-24). She finished the game with 10 points.

Cherokee outscored Hayesville 10-9 for the remaining four minutes of the third period and led 43-33 going into the fourth.

The Lady Braves came out for the final period gunning and outscored Hayesville 6-2 in the first few minutes. Wolfe added another three-pointer with 4:44 left in the game to put Cherokee up by 15 (52-37), and the Lady Braves would hold on for the 56-42 win.

Other Lady Braves scorers included: Tori Teesateskie 6, Bree Stamper 3, Shelby Wolfe 8, Jamie Lossiah 2, Brionna Jumper 7 and Jordan Maney 2.

Hayesville scorers included: Madison Douglas 10, Savannah Annis 7, Hailea Rickett 4, Hanna Long 2, Lauren Shively 2, Makayla Anderson 3, Cassidi Mirandi 2 and Kimonta Lloyd 12.



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Shelby Wolfe (#14), Lady Braves sophomore forward, goes for a shot over Hayesville's Savannah Annis in a conference matchup at Hayesville on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Wolfe finished the game with 8 points as the Lady Braves won 56-42.

BASKETBALL

Braves fall to undefeated Yellow Jackets on road

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

HAYESVILLE – The Cherokee Braves (5-2) had a tough road trip to Hayesville on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Two Yellow Jackets had over 20 points including Braxton Cox (21) and Zachary Cottrell (28) as Hayesville remained undefeated (4-0) with a 92-68 win.

Cherokee was led by Justus Day with 13 points and Jason McMillan with

12. Both Day and McMillan, along with Steven Straughan, fouled out in the second half. Kennan Panther led Cherokee with 6 rebounds followed by McMillan 5, Holden Straughan 5 and Day 4. Both McMillan and Day had two steals.

Willis Tullos, Braves head coach, didn't make any excuses, "We were against a better basketball team tonight. They were better than we were. It's just that simple. We didn't

do what we needed to do and they did."

The Braves started slowly in this game and Hayesville took an early 5-0 lead. Cherokee got on the board as Steven Straughan got a steal and layup to make it 5-2 at the 6:01 mark of the first period. Hayesville led 11-6 midway through the period, but Logan Teesateskie hit a three-point shot from the left side to make it 11-9.

Both teams traded baskets for the next minute, and then Hayesville knocked down three three-point shots in the last minute to take a 12-point (29-17) lead into the second period.

Cherokee came rolling back though and hit three three-point shots of their own at the start of the second to bring it to 34-28 with 4:24 left before the half.

From that point, Hayesville went on a 16-2 run and led 50-30 at halftime.

Both teams scored nine points to start the third period and it was 59-39 at the 5:33 mark. The Yellow Jackets extended their lead to 72-47 by the end of the period and ended up taking a 92-68 win.

Other Braves scorers included: Tye Mintz 7, Steven Straughan 5, Kennan Panther 2, Holden Straughan 9, Josiah Lossiah 8, Cory



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Steven Straughan (#12), Braves senior forward, goes for a shot over Hayesville's Tyler Leek (#4) in a game at Hayesville on Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Junaluska 4 and Logan Teesateskie 8.

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BASKETBALL

Stamper, King lead Lady Braves over Murphy

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Cherokee's point guards lit up the Charles George Memorial Arena against Murphy on Friday, Dec. 18. Bree Stamper, senior point guard, scored 24 points and Pooh King, junior point guard, had 20 as the Lady Braves (6-2) beat the visiting Lady Bulldogs 87-62.

The Lady Braves also got some big play from two freshmen guards, Tori Teesateskie and Carla Wolfe, who had 15 points apiece.

Teesateskie caught fire early and hit three shots, including one three-pointer, in the first 80 seconds of the game to help give Cherokee an 8-0 lead.

"Offensively, I think we've been about as unselfish as we've been all year long," said Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach. "We made some very good passes and put a lot of pressure on them offensively and scored a lot of points."

"Defensively, we weren't that good tonight," added Coach Mintz. "We gave them a lot of second-chance points, and our

rebounding was just terrible tonight. We're going to get better at rebounding. We're short anyways so it's something that we're going to have to focus on all year long. We just have to keep getting better at it."

After the early lead, Cherokee extended it to 14-4 at the 5:08 mark of the first period. After weathering the initial storm, Murphy settled in some and began to hit some shots and were within four (23-19) with a minute left in the period. Stamper hit a three-pointer followed by a short jump shot in the final minute and Murphy made two late baskets as the Lady Braves led 28-23 after the first.

The teams exchanged baskets in the first few minutes of the second period, but Cherokee began to slowly extend its lead again. The Lady Braves led by seven points (34-27) at the 6:18 mark, by eight points (40-32) at the 3:34 mark and ended up taking a 10-point lead (50-40) into the locker room.

The Lady Bulldogs came out gunning at the start of the third period and popped in five quick points to make it 50-45. From that point though, Cherokee settled back in and began to put pressure up the court and went on a 16-6 run in the next few minutes to lead 66-51 with two minutes left in the third. The Lady Braves kept plugging and led by 17 (70-53) going into the fourth period.

The last eight minutes were all Cherokee as they went on an 11-4 tear early and led 81-57 midway through the fourth. That lead would extend to 30 points (87-57) with two minutes left, and they would take the win by 25 points (87-62).

Other Lady Braves scorers included: Macie Welch 2, LeLe Lossiah 8, Shelby Wolfe 1 and Jamie Lossiah 2.

Murphy's scorers included: Hailey Thompson 6, Cameron Rice 2, Cassie Coker 11, Ellie Martin 1, Shelby Shore 12, Aubray Clapsaddle 13 and Emma Stroup 17.



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Bree Stamper (#12), Lady Braves senior point guard, takes the ball to the hoop past Murphy's Cassie Coker (#15) during a home game on Friday, Dec. 18. Stamper led Cherokee with 24 points as the Lady Braves won 87-62.

BASKETBALL

Braves spread ball around in big win over Bulldogs

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

ONE FEATHER STAFF

Four Cherokee (6-2) players were in double digits and a total of 12 players scored in a blowout 90-27 home win over the visiting Murphy Bulldogs on Friday, Dec. 8. Cherokee was led by Steven Straughan, senior forward, and Justus Day, sophomore forward, with

13 points apiece. Also in double digits were Jason McMillan, senior forward, and Josiah Lossiah, freshman point guard, with 11 each.

"The kids played good defense," Willis Tullos, Braves head coach, said after the game. "We didn't shoot the ball really well, but we shot it well enough to win. Murphy is weak, and I'm sure they'll get better. They'll be ready for us when we come down there,

and we'll be ready for them too."

Cherokee had 19 steals on the night including 5 by Day and 4 by Kennan Panther, senior forward. Isaiah Evans, freshman forward, led the team with 9 rebounds followed by Day with 5.

As a team, Cherokee shot 57 percent (27 of 47) on the night compared to Murphy's 28 percent (7 of 25).

Cherokee came out running on all cylinders and took an early 8-2 lead not even two minutes into the game. The Braves led 18-10 at the 2:03 mark of the first period and were able to extend it to 25-13 going into the second.

Cherokee's defense tightened up in the second period, and the Braves went on a 14-0 run in the first four minutes to take a 39-13 lead. The Bulldogs finally got on the board in the period with 3:27 left before the half as Hayden Hughes knocked down two free throws. From that point, Cherokee outscored Murphy 10-6 to take a 49-21 lead into the locker room.

Murphy only scored six points the remainder of the game. Cherokee held the Bulldogs to one point in the third period and five in the fourth. At the 5:37 mark of the third period, Isaiah Evans, Braves freshman forward, hit a three-point shot from the left corner. Lossiah stole the ensuing inbounds pass and put it back up for a quick two points to put Cherokee up by 40 (61-21) thereby invoking the NCHSAA mercy rule.

The Braves led 67-22 at the end of the third period and went on to the 90-27 victory.

Other Braves scorers included: Tye Mintz 7, Trace Lambert 6, Kennan Panther 4, Holden Straughan 9, Isaiah Evans 3, Cory Junaluska 4, Logan Teesateskie 7 and Menoch Grant 2.

Murphy was led by Hagan Newton with 9 points and Ethan Sneed and Thomas Day with 5 each.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

Cherokee's Kennan Panther (#15) goes up strong against two Murphy defenders including Hagan Newton (#4) during a home game on Friday, Dec. 18. On the night, Panther finished with 4 points, 4 rebounds and 4 steals.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

The Cherokee Lady Braves took second place at the Holidays on the Hardwood Tournament held Dec. 21-23 at the Charles George Memorial Arena.

BASKETBALL

Lady Braves take second at Holidays tournament

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Cherokee Lady Braves (8-3) took second place at the Holidays on the Hardwood Tournament held Dec. 21-23 at the Charles George Memorial Arena. After defeating Owen (85-58) and Asheville (75-51) in the first two rounds, Cherokee was defeated by the undefeated Erwin Lady Warriors 71-59 in the finals.

"I thought we played well throughout the whole tournament," said Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach. "That team we played in the championship is a really, really good team. They had four starters back from a team that went

26-4 last year. They have three college-level players, and they looked like it. We played hard. We just made too many mistakes in the championship, and you can't beat good teams like that."

Erwin's Dalton Gossett, who scored 21 points in the final, was named the Tournament MVP. Other members of the All-Tournament team included: Pooh King, Cherokee; Shelby Wolfe, Cherokee; Bree Stamper, Cherokee; Kendra Griffin, Erwin; and Kasey Kidwell, Erwin.

For the tournament, King had 49 points including 24 in the final. Wolfe had 36 points and Stamper had 30.

The first period of the final was close with the game being tied in the early minutes. Erwin went on a run late in the first and led 25-17 after

the first eight. They extended their lead in the latter part of the second period as well and took a 42-31 lead into the locker room.

Erwin outscored the Lady Braves 9-2 in the first few minutes of the third period and led 55-36 after three. The fourth period was almost a dead heat, and the Lady Warriors took the championship 71-59.

Coach Mintz said he was happy with the experience his team got in the tournament. "It's always good to play teams like that that challenge us so we can find out what we're not very good at."

In their opener on Monday, Dec. 21, the Lady Braves had four players in double digits including Wolfe 19, King 18, Stamper 16 and LeLe Lossiah

“I thought we played well throughout the whole tournament.”

**Chris Mintz,
Lady Braves head coach**

11. Cherokee led by as many as 21 in the game and ended up with an 18-point victory (86-58).

The next night, Cherokee's shooting hands were still hot as they had three players in double digits including Tori Teesateskie 15, Stamper 10 and Wolfe 15. The Lady Braves led by 23 at one point in the second period and by as many as 29 in the third as they cruised to a 71-51 win.

Full tournament results by round:

First Round:

Cherokee 86 Owen 58
Erwin 57 Cosby (Tenn.) 39
Hayesville 36 N. Buncombe 25
Asheville 74 Cherokee JV 27

Day Two:

Cherokee 71 Asheville 51
Erwin 61 Hayesville 6
N. Buncombe 63 Cherokee JV 37
Owen 52 Cosby 34

Final Day:

Erwin 71 Cherokee 59 (Championship)
Asheville 51 Hayesville 34 (Third Place Game)
Owen 63 N. Buncombe 42
Cosby 67 Cherokee JV 29



The Holidays on the Hardwood All-Tournament Team poses with leaders from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Shown (left-right) are – Dalton Gossett, Tournament MVP from Erwin; Kasey Kidwell, Erwin; Kendra Griffin, Erwin; Wolfetown Rep. Bo Crowe, Yellowhill Rep. B. Ensley; Birdtown Rep. Travis Smith; Peanut Crowe, Cherokee High School athletic director; Shelby Wolfe, Cherokee; Bree Stamper, Cherokee; and Pooh King, Cherokee.



Cherokee's Pooh King goes up for a shot between two Asheville players in the second round of the Holidays on the Hardwood Tournament. King, who was named to the All-Tournament team, scored 49 points in the tournament including 24 in the finals.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

The Braves took second place in the Holidays on the Hardwood Tournament on Dec. 21-23 at the Charles George Memorial Arena.

BASKETBALL

Braves take second at Holidays tournament

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Cherokee Braves (8-3) averaged 94 points per game as they took second place at the Holidays on the Hardwood Tournament held Dec. 21-23 at the Charles George Memorial Arena. After defeating Cosby (Tenn.) 106-80 and Asheville 84-78 in the first two rounds, they lost to the Greenville (SC) Red Raiders 101-92 in a foul-ridden final.

"I thought we did a great job throughout the tournament," Willis Tullos, Braves head coach, said after the final game on Wednesday. "We played a really good basketball team tonight. A

lot of things happened, and the referees let it get out of hand. But, my kids didn't back down. We didn't run from nobody, and I'm proud of them."

Greenville's Charlie Francis was named the Tournament MVP and named to the All-Tournament Team along with: Jason McMillan, Cherokee; Justus Day, Cherokee; Tye Mintz, Cherokee; Mikell Jones, Greenville; Darius Johnson, Greenville; and Damon Scott, Asheville.

Day led Cherokee with 84 points in the tournament including a whopping 37 in the final. McMillan had 79 points in the tournament and Mintz had 31.

Coach Tullos said his team gained confidence in the tournament. "We beat a really good team

in Asheville, and Cosby wasn't a bad team either. We lost to a team tonight...our enrollment is 278 and theirs is 1,643 so we feel like we can play with anybody."

In the final, a total of five Braves fouled out in a game that wasn't decided until the final minute. After trailing by as many as 15 points in the second period, Cherokee came back and tied the game (51-51) a couple of minutes into the third. The score went back and forth and the Braves kept the game to within two or three points until late in the game when their starters began fouling out and the Red Raiders took the championship 101-92.

The night before, Cherokee played a strong

Asheville team in a game that also wasn't decided until the final minute. Day led the Braves with 27 points followed by McMillan 23 and Holden Straughan 11. The first two periods were just about even. Asheville led 18-16 after the first period, and after a tough second period for both squads, McMillan hit a three-point shot at the buzzer to tie the game at 39-39 at halftime.

Both teams lit it up in the third period, but the Braves outscored Asheville by four to take a 61-57 lead into the final eight minutes. It was back and forth for the final period, but Cherokee held its composure and Holden Straughan, Day and Mintz hit key free throws in the final 28 seconds to seal the 84-78 victory.

In this game, Cherokee shot 55 percent from the floor (21/38) Asheville shot 47 percent (21/45).

The Braves got a good start in this tournament with a big 106-80 win over the Cosby (Tenn.) Eagles) on Monday, Dec. 21. McMillan (31) and Day (20) combined for almost half of Cherokee's points as the Braves broke the century mark.

Cherokee never trailed in this game, and they shot 55 percent (28/51) from the floor and 68 percent (17/25) from the free throw line while holding Cosby to 45 percent (20/44) from the floor. The Braves had 14 steals in this game with McMillan and Mintz leading the way with 4 each followed by Day 2, Panther 2, Evans 1 and Junaluska 1.

Full tournament results by round:

First Round:

Cherokee 106 Cosby (Tenn.) 80
Hayesville 75 Owen 54
Greenville 77 N. Buncombe 72
Asheville 86 Polk Co. 61

Day Two:

Cherokee 84 Asheville 78
N. Buncombe 91 Owen 68
Cosby 88 Polk Co. 83
Greenville 70 Hayesville 61

Final Day:

Greenville 101 Cherokee 92 (Finals)
Asheville 80 Hayesville 69 (Third Place Game)
N. Buncombe 103 Cosby 74
Owen 78 Polk Co. 48



The members of the All-Tournament Team pose with leaders from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Shown (left-right) are – Mikell Jones, Greenville; Darius Johnson, Greenville; Charlie Francis, Tournament MVP from Greenville; Wolfetown Rep. Bo Crowe; Yellowhill Rep. B. Ensley; Birdtown Rep. Travis Smith; Peanut Crowe, Cherokee High School athletic director; Justus Day, Cherokee; Jason McMillan, Cherokee; Tye Mintz, Cherokee; and not pictured – Damon Scott, Asheville.



Cherokee's Justus Day goes for a shot against Asheville in the second round of the tournament. He led Cherokee with 84 points in the tournament and was named to the All-Tournament team.

Braves fall to Swain in Conference opener



AMBLE SMOKER/One Feather

Cherokee's Anthony Toineeta (top) works for a pin, which he got a few moments later, in a match against Swain's Dawson Lowe on Tuesday, Dec. 15.

AMBLE SMOKER ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Cherokee Braves wrestling team fell to the Swain County Maroon Devils by a team score of 54-22 in a home meet on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Cherokee's Anthony Toineeta, Luke Woodard, and Sam Sneed

won their match via pin while Seth Sneed won by decision 8-4. The Maroon Devils picked up five victories by pin fall and four matches by forfeit.

"Everybody's improving every day," said Cherokee Head Coach Tavi Rivera. "I'm proud of them, and I wish the score was a little different, but we're missing a lot of weight classes. Anthony (Toineeta) did real well. He's getting a lot

better. Luke (Woodard) is doing real well. He's a really competitive wrestler. He helps us out a lot when it comes to points for the team. Both are real good guys, and that's why I chose them to be our captains because they both know how to lead the team."

The following is a rundown of the matches from the evening:

106 – Sam Green (SW) won by forfeit

120 – Jonah Burnhisel (SW) pinned Jake Radford (CH)

126 – Seth Sneed (CH) won by decision over Dylan McCleod (SW) 8-4

132 – Sam Sneed (CH) pinned Jarrod Southards (SW)

138 – Cayden Cacciotti (SW) pinned Kevin Jackson (CH)

145 – William Ogle Smair (SW) pinned Scarlett Guy (CH)

152 – Anthony Toineeta (CH) pinned Dawson Lowe (SW)

160 – Luke Woodard (CH) pinned Dewight Winchester (SW)

170 – Ross Ensley (SW) pinned Andrew Griffin (CH)

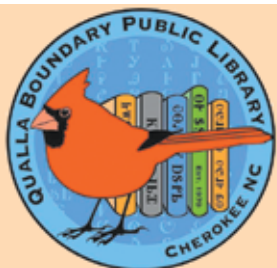
182 – William Lay (SW) won by forfeit

195 – William Paul (SW) won by forfeit

220 – Craig Cutshaw (SW) won by forfeit

285 – Corbin Wildcatt (SW) pinned Dakota Ward (CH)

After the match, Coach Rivera said, "Anybody out there looking to better themselves and get in better shape, just become all around better, come out and wrestle. Give it a try. Even if they don't play sports, we're always looking somebody that's ready to work, ready to learn, and ready to win."



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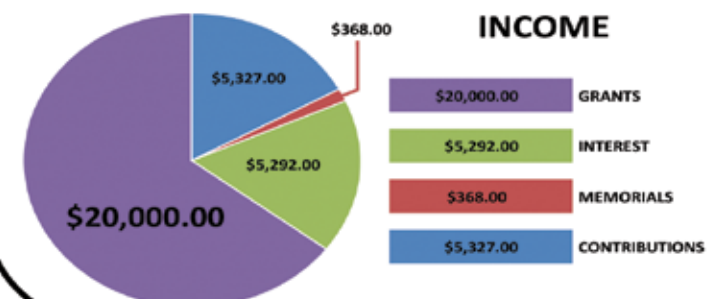
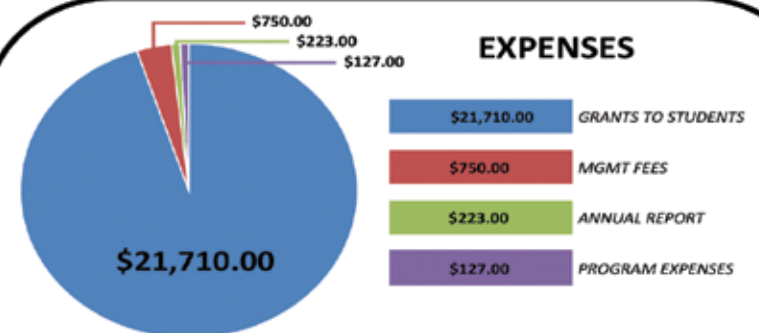
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2014-2015 Scholarship Recipients

A total of 95 Eastern Band of Cherokee Tribal Members have received the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship since 1986. From December 2014 through July 2015, eight recipients received a total of \$21,710, raising the total grants given to students over the years to \$261,004. Here are the following scholarship grantees:

Beau Carroll – Masters Degree in Anthropology with a concentration in Archaeology, University of Tennessee
Tishina Carroll – Social Work, Western Carolina University
Randall Crowe – Juris Doctorate Degree, Charlotte School of Law
Nelson Lambert – Juris Doctorate Degree, Employment Law Certificate, Charlotte School of Law
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Congratulations to Barbara "Sunshine" Parker for being sworn in as a licensed NC attorney. She was a grant recipient when she was in law school and is now working for the Tribal Legal Division.



*Jennifer Thompson with her daughter Jordyn while being sworn in as a School Board member. **Congratulations Jennifer!***



*Anita Lossiah along with her husband Bo after being sworn in as a Tribal Council member. **Congratulations Anita!***

Sunshine, Jennifer and Anita were all past grant recipients of the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund.

For more information about Yogi Crowe and the Scholarship Fund, go to "[Http://www.yogicrowescholarship.org](http://www.yogicrowescholarship.org)".

Who was Yogi Crowe?

Richard (Yogi) Crowe was an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the driving force behind many Eastern Cherokees going to graduate school. His encouragement at many times kept students in school. He graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1982 with a Master's degree in Public Health and shortly thereafter became the Director of the American Indian Recruiting Program for the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. This job gave Yogi the opportunity to do what he wanted to do – encourage more Native Americans and especially Eastern Cherokees to attend graduate school.

Yogi, as he was known to all his friends, was killed in an automobile accident on May 25, 1983. After Yogi's death, some of his friends wanted to honor him and continue the work he had started with encouraging tribal members to attend graduate and post-graduate school. The idea for the Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund came into being in 1985. The Board of Directors believes that Yogi would be proud of the 95 graduate students who have been helped to attain graduate degrees and success as lawyers, social workers, teachers, psychologists, doctors, physical therapists, and other professionals.

Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund Pledge Card

In Memory of Richard (Yogi) Crowe, I wish to be an annual contributor to his Memorial Scholarship Fund to help more Eastern Cherokees attend graduate and post graduate school. I hereby designate that I will be a:

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WCU holds fall commencement

CULLOWHEE - Members of Western Carolina University's fall graduating class who already have done what it

fall commencement on Saturday, Dec. 12.

"Time management will save you. It's very important," said Barnes, an undergraduate

he said. "Nobody can tell you how much you need to study. You have to decide for yourself."

Scarlett also recommends students pursue grants and

ments to receive their degrees, and many of them took part in commencement. Another group of graduates who completed degree requirements during summer school and who already have been conferred degrees also joined in the ceremony. Commencement activities included an address by graduating student Julian Daron Jones, a Richmond, Va. native who was chosen to deliver the primary commencement speech through a selection process open to all members of the graduating class.

On campus, Jones is a member of the Honors College and serves on the student board of directors for that program for high-achieving students. A chancellor's list student, he has been honored with the Lily Community Engagement Award for his community service work. With a major in business administration and law, and finance, Jones plan to pursue to master's degree in business administration and hopes to eventually work in the area of public policy.

Those are the current details of his accomplishments at WCU, but in his speech, Jones told the graduating students and new WCU alumni that he barely graduated from high school and he dropped out of college twice before coming to WCU. At that time, "I could only envision what it would be like to one day hear my name called and



WCU photos

Sabrina Sue Arch (center), an EBCI tribal member, was among graduating students taking part in WCU's fall commencement on Saturday, Dec. 12. She has been working toward her bachelor's degree in entrepreneurship at the university.

takes to earn degrees have some advice for younger students who are still looking to begin their college careers.

"Try to balance having fun and school work, and make sure you do the work first," said Leslie Barnes, who was minutes away from lining up with other graduating students to march into Ramsey Regional Activity Center for the start of WCU's

fine arts major from Clayton who plans on working for a while and then pursuing her master's degree in fine arts.

Balancing school work and leisure time as critical to college success was a theme echoed by other graduating students, including Ryan Scarlett, an undergraduate anthropology major from Mebane. "You have to be able to delegate your time,"

scholarships as much as possible to help them deal with the financial requirements of college.

Family members and friends of the graduating students gathered at the Ramsey Center to help them celebrate their accomplishments. WCU's fall class includes about 800 students who recently have been completing academic require-

walk across the stage to receive my bachelor's degree," he said. "It was so far-fetched that I could not quite wrap my brain around it. Today, I am overwhelmed with joy and passion and a desire to help the next generation of students succeed."

Also during WCU's commencement, recognition was given to all those wearing caps and gowns who are active duty members of the military, veterans, or members of the National Guard and Reserves. Those students were distinguished by red, white and blue honor cords. WCU Chancellor David O. Belcher presided over commencement and delivered the charge to the fall semester degree candidates and summer graduates. In his charge, Belcher told the graduat-

ing students and new alumni that regardless of whether they have their futures mapped out, or they are uncertain what is coming next, they have the minds and skills to chart their own courses in life.

"As you look toward your future, I charge you to hold tight to your grounding at Western Carolina University and the values for which it stands, to remain firm in your commitment to excellence and high standards, and to continue learning, whether in formal settings or on your own," Belcher said.

A complete list of WCU's new graduates will be announced following the posting of grades from final examinations.

- WCU



John David Arch Jr., an EBCI tribal member and Navy veteran, is shown standing as the commencement audience recognized graduating students who are active duty members of the military or veterans.

SCC launches Minority Male Mentoring Program

SYLVA – Among Native American males enrolled at Southwestern Community College during the 2012-13 academic year, 40 percent left the college without graduating.

That's just one of many trends Earle Dixon, an EBCI tribal member, hopes to reverse as Southwestern's new Minority Male Mentoring Program assistant coordinator and coach.

A former SCC student who dropped out but later went on to get his bachelor's degree from Appalachian State, Dixon plans to draw on his own experiences to encourage current students to avoid the same pitfalls that befell his own educational journey.

"I'm a statistic," said Dixon. "I was here from 1974-75, but I left



SCC photo

Earle Dixon, an EBCI tribal member, is the assistant coordinator and coach for the new Minority Male Mentoring program at SCC.

and joined the service When I got to Appalachian years later, I had to take developmental math to pull myself up. I had to work on my

study habits."

The Minority Male Mentoring program was established through a grant from the N.C. Community College System, and it includes ambitious goals like increasing the retention of minority male students by five percent within 24 months and also increasing the graduation rate of minority male students by 10 percent in 24 months.

"We looked at outcome data for our students over a three year period and found that minority men, and Native American men in particular had lower retention, graduation and transfer rates than non-minority men," said Dr. Mark Ellison, director of Student Support Services and coordinator for the grant. "Southwestern enrolls more Native American men than any other minority male population,

and we want to provide support that will help them succeed."

Dixon joined the college on Dec. 1 and is already working on strategies to help more minority males succeed which will included faculty/staff mentors for students, connecting students with the many support resources on campus, cultural enrichment trips, visitations to colleges and universities, and volunteer enrichment programs.

"I live on the (EBCI) Reservation, and I hope to make inroads there," he said. "I've worked for tribal nations in the western U.S. in the past, so I can relate to the tribal world."

Info: Dixon (828) 339-4479 or e_dixon@southwesterncc.edu, or Ellison (828) 339-4229 or m_ellison@southwesterncc.edu

- SCC

OBITUARIES



Louisa Wachacha Grindstaff

Louisa Wachacha Grindstaff, 69, of the Little Snowbird Community of Graham County, passed away Monday, Dec. 14, 2015 at her home with her loving family by her side.

She was born May 2, 1946 in Graham County to the late Henry Wachacha and Dinah Teesateskie Wachacha.

Louisa worked for over 20 years at Stanley Furniture Company as a detail sander to support herself and her family. She loved watching birds and other wildlife from her window even until her final moments here on Earth. We can only imagine what she is seeing now.

She is survived by one son, D.J. Grindstaff and companion Lacy Yeargin of Robbinsville; five daughters, Sandra Teesateskie and husband Ronnie, Maureen Jackson and husband Clarence Jackson Jr., Mary Fortenberry, Marennia Jumper, Terry Grindstaff and companion Buddy Hornbuckle, all of Robbinsville; five step-children, Debbie Bird, Greg Grindstaff, Jeff Grindstaff, Telaka Holbrook, Rhonda Garrett, and Ryan Grindstaff; three brothers, Herman Wachacha, Leroy Jumper, and Phillip Wachacha; one sister, Lucinda Wachacha; one aunt, Amy Smoker; 12 grandchildren, Rocanne Teesateskie, Holly Swimmer, Joe Jumper, Will Wolfe, Dara Wolfe, Sasha Sampson, Brett Crowe, Hanna Crowe, Riley Crowe, Elijah Wachacha, Seneca Fortenberry, and Haley Grindstaff; 14 great grandchildren; and several special nieces and nephews also survive.

In addition to her parents, Louisa was preceded in death by three brothers, Andy, Josh, and Reno Wachacha; and three sisters, Lawanda Shurtleff, Marennia Locklear, and Dempsey Jumper.

Services were held on Thursday, Dec. 17 at the Zion Hill Baptist Church in the Snowbird Community of Graham County. Rev. Michael Rattler and Rev. Noah Crowe officiated with burial in the Ledford Cemetery on Little Snowbird. Pall-

bearers were Jeremiah Bird, Reno Wachacha, Levi Wachacha, Darrell Fortenberry, Greg Grindstaff, and Joe Jumper.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Grindstaff family.

Mark Robert Holt

Mark Robert Holt, 58, of Cherokee, passed away Thursday evening, Dec. 31, 2015 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Hospice Unit surrounded by his loving family and friends.

Mark was born March 2, 1957 in Miami, Fla., but he lived most of his life in Cherokee. He was a graduate of Sylva-Webster High School and was a retired hard rock miner. After returning to Cherokee, Mark worked for the Cherokee Boys Club for several years and Harrah's Cherokee Casino.

He is the son of Jean Craig Holt of Cherokee and the late Norman Holt. He is survived by two daugh-

ters, Jennifer and Samantha of Chicago, Ill. and two grandchildren, Veronica and Richie which he loved and adored. Also surviving is one sister, Norma Moss and husband Ted and one brother, Mike Holt, all of Whittier; one aunt, Peggy Angel of Rock Hill, SC and one uncle, Jan Springer of Sacramento, Calif. and many cousins.

Mark was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Hazel Bradley King and grandfather, Tom King, and paternal grandparents Robert and Mary Holt of Cartersville, Georgia.

Honorary pall bearers were Ben Parker, Rick Webb, Claude Ward, Sam Evans, Tyler Blankenship, Curt Millsaps, Travis Smith, Mitch Woods and Russell Gibby.

Services were held at the Long House Funeral Home on Sunday, Jan. 3.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements.

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- Acting Class – 6-7pm every Tuesday evening for ages 8 and up
- Musical Theatre – 6-7pm every Thursday evening for ages 5 and up
- Community Theatre – 7-8pm every Tuesday and Thursday for anyone 14 and up

The school is open to all and can be found at the office of the Cherokee Historical Association, 564 Tsali Blvd., across the street from the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Info: Marina Hunley-Graham, school instructor, 497-3652
- Cherokee Historical Association

H.E.L.P. Program new location

The H.E.L.P. Program has been physically relocated within the Housing & Community Division building located between the Ginger Lynn Welch and the A.L.E. Offices. The program is now housed in the Rock building directly in the middle. All Clients must check in at the front window and ask to speak to John Bryson, HELP Home Inspector, and/or Stephanie Welch, HELP Office Coordinator. The new HELP Office number is 359-6908.
- H.E.L.P. Program

Reed graduates from Montreat College

Montreat College graduated 97 students during its Winter Commencement Ceremony in Montreat on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2015. Among those was Mark Reed, a 1994 graduate of Cherokee High School. He is the son of John Reed and Carolyn Junaluska, spouse



SCC photo

Bird, Cucumber honored by SCC

Sixty-five Southwestern Community College (SCC) students were inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) on Dec. 10, 2015 at the college's Jackson Campus. Gwynneth Bird and Angela Cucumber, both EBCI tribal members, were among those students. To become inducted, each student must hold a 3.00 GPA and participate in leadership training, work with fellow members and attend at least three speaking events. "These are our college's student leaders, and they are poised to become leaders in our communities as well," said Dr. Belinda Petricek, who coordinates SCC's NSLS chapter. "I look forward to working with them over the next few semesters of their college career."

of Jennifer Reed and father of Devona Reed. He graduated from Montreat's School of Adult and Graduate Studies with a master's of science degree in management and leadership.

- Montreat College

THANK YOU LETTER Wolftown Community thanks decorating contest volunteers

Congratulations to the Wolftown Community Club for retaining first place in the 2nd Annual Community Building Decorating Contest with "A Charlie Brown Christmas" as the theme! Thank you to all the volunteers who came

out to help. We couldn't have done it without you! A special thank you to Chelsea Saunooke and Leroy Littlejohn for getting us out of a bind when we needed you and to all who stayed late to help cover the building! We have an awesome group of volunteers who unselfishly donate their time and anything else we may need and we truly appreciate you!

We were hoping to leave the display up through Christmas but unfortunately, the strong wind that came through on Sunday night destroyed the decorations so we had to take what was left down.

Just a reminder - if you would still like to participate in decorating

a Memory Tree/Wreath, please contact Mary Jackson 736-4557 or Tuff Jackson 788-4088. We would like to come and take pictures of them for our scrapbook. Our first regular Community Club meeting for 2016 will be on Mon., Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. Hope to see more you there!

Thank you again and we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Submitted by

Tammy Jackson, Secretary
Wolftown Community Club

New check-in procedure at Harris

SYLVA - Visitors to Harris Regional Hospital's New Generations Family Birthing Center, on the facility's third floor, are now asked to check-in at the nursing station through an Ident-a-Kid kiosk. The process is similar to how school systems manage guests by requiring visitors to input their names when visiting an infant or child. Harris Regional Hospital joins medical centers across the country in implementing additional security measures to ensure the safety of children and families.

"The process is simple and only takes a few seconds," said Autumn Neesam, director of comprehensive family services at Harris Regional Hospital.

The kiosk is located immediately off the elevators on Harris Regional Hospital's third floor. The physicians and staff of the New Generations Family Birthing Center are honored to deliver and care for nearly 600 babies from around the region each year. The unit is slated to complete a \$7 million renovation in 2016.

- Harris Regional Hospital





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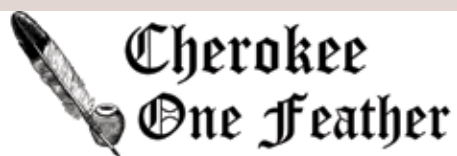
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Observations and random thoughts Vol. 6: Liberal and conservative philosophies

WILLIAM LEDFORD

PART ONE

It's 2016 and if you're reading this, congratulations, you survived the Christmas dinner and the New Year's Eve parties. And...you're back at work. And...you're looking at your bank statement in disbelief because no way did you really spend that much money in a month.

Two important things happened in December of 1965. The One Feather was born and I became a lifelong Green Bay Packer fan. For all you Squealer, I mean Steeler fans out there who like to, well, squeal, about 6 Super Bowls, the Packers own 13 NFL Championships. Maybe one day they'll catch up.

I was recently chided by a female relative for failing to properly reference a funny remark to its originator, I'll endeavor to not do that in the future. So, with that in mind, a comedian named Bob Monkhouse said something years ago that I've liked and carried with me..."When I die I want to go peacefully in my sleep, like my grandfather...not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car."

I want to congratulate my cousin Taran Swimmer for winning the title of Miss Cherokee. I hope to see her in April at the Gathering of Nations Powwow here in Albuquerque. Time to get your outfit done and learn some

Traditional moves.

I'm sorry that I missed the Rez ComicCon, it sounded like fun. Maybe next year. I have some different memories of the comics I owned that inspired my brother to stage this event. My grandmother used to call my comic books "tools of the devil" or "devil's playthings" or some such and I was banned from reading those at her house. On the other hand Marvel Comics were some of the most fascinating and educational reading material I ever laid my hands on and devoured them eagerly. I stopped buying comics years ago but still have 12 long boxes of comic stored away. All bagged and boarded.

In the last part of 2015 Indian Country lost a tireless fighter and I want to say, "Rest in Peace John Trudell, good Native brother you fought the noble fight for many, many years against the dishonorable enemy". For those of us in Indian Country who still remember AIM and what it really stood for, for your never-ending battle for the self-respect and pride of our people, we will miss you. All you Native youngsters out there, put down your American History books, pick up some books that detail the struggle in the 60's and 70's to escape the abyss brought on by self-determination, relocation and termination and regain our Native pride. Yes, mistakes were made in the struggle but J. Edgar Hoover and

his FBI thugs tried their best to keep "Indians" in their place as second or third class citizens and failed. Unfortunately there's still much work to be done as that place in society still rears its ugly head in the guise of something as disrespectful as the mascot for an NFL team but that's fodder for another time.

After my last piece I was called out by a reader who disagreed with my point of view concerning American politics and I wanted to take a small amount of my busy day to respond to Mr. Jimmy Yarborough. I feel that communication between people with opposing political and world viewpoints is a positive indication that we're civilized humans, not simply Red and Blue Staters and cheap insults like insinuating that my "liberal" head was "buried in the sand" simply because he disagreed with my point of view was unnecessary. I suppose my opinion that conservatives have their heads buried in a nether orifice is also possibly unnecessary. Ahh...political discourse.

I don't know what that particular phrase means, "well located in New Mexico" but I think that I can figure it out. Yes, I live in Albuquerque, NM, called the Land of Enchantment, yes it's somewhere near Nevada and California, yes its home base to three Congressional Democrats

see **THOUGHTS** next page

THOUGHTS: Ledford commentary from page 24

and one Republican. And to continue the geography review, NM is also nestled between Arizona and Texas who harbor within their borders some of the more obtuse and bizarre individuals that I have ever met and conversed with. Ultra weirdos.

The United States a third World country? Really. I've heard that Anne Coulter or Rush Limbaugh or someone of that ilk originally made that statement as a joke. Well, I laughed when I heard it so it must have been a joke. But, instead of bad jokes let's discuss facts. Fact: President Obama has steered America through the deep recession left to him by the dangerous actions of his predecessor, it's taken a long seven years for

us to get where we are now but that's how bad the country's economic predicament was when he took office. America's economy is once again the standard bearer of the free world. The world's currencies are again based upon the dollar. He has extricated America from the costly war and occupation of Iraq and his practice of taking out terrorist leaders with drone fired missiles are doing a damn fine job. And one other item, while Trump was making a fool of himself with that birth certificate BS the President was monitoring a team of Navy SEALs as they eliminated Osama Bin Laden. All business while the clowns dance around and make absurd statements.

Ledford is an EBCI tribal member currently living in Albuquerque, NM.



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General Events

Cherokee Language Class. Jan. 11, 18 and 25 from 6:30-9pm at Sequoyah Birthplace Museum. The cost of the class is \$40. The class will be taught by EBCI tribal members Shirley Oswalt and Mary Brown. Info: (423) 884-6246 to reserve your space. In case of inclement weather, please be sure to call ahead first.

Indianpreneurship Business Course. Jan. 12 – Feb. 9 from 6-9pm every Tuesday evening in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. This five-session course covers business essentials to business start-up. Participants will learn marketing research, finances, tax

information, and much more. Upon completion, participants will have written a complete Business Plan, Marketing Plan, and a Cash Flow to help you start your business. If you need a loan for startup monies, you may be able to obtain a business loan from The Sequoyah Fund. There is a \$60 non-refundable fee to purchase the Indianpreneurship Book. Info: Kimberly W. Rosario 359-6719 or kimbwinc@nc-chokeee.com

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

19th Annual Greening Up the Mountains Festival. April 23

from 10am – 4pm in Sylva. Applications are now being accepted for artists, mountain crafters, environmental and food vendors. The applications, which will be accepted through April 1, can be downloaded at www.greeningupthemountains.com or picked up at Sylva's Town Hall at 83 Allen Street. Info: 631-4587

Upcoming Pow Wows for Jan. 8-10

Note: This list of pow wows was compiled by One Feather staff. The One Feather does not endorse any of these dances. It is simply a listing of ones occurring throughout the continent. Please call before traveling.

American Indian Pow Wow Morning Star Celebration. Jan. 9 at John Carroll School in Bel Air, Md. MC: Dennis Zotigh. Head Southern Singer: Jon Orens. Invited Drums: Youghtanund, Black Horse Butte, White Buffalo, Southern Heart, Medicine Horse. Info: Linda Coates (410) 885-2800

Birthday Dance for 2015-16 Ponca Tribal Princess Lexia Leney Kent. Jan. 9 at White Eagle Cultural Center in White Eagle, Okla. MC: Kinsel Lieb. Head Southern Singer: Anthony Kemble. Info: Francis Primeaux (580) 716-7342 or Jr. Kent (580) 401-3352



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REALTY

Birdtown Community

The following is a list of tribal
members that have documents to
sign in the BIA Realty Office. These
are land transfers from both Tribal
Members and the Eastern Band by
Resolution.

Troy Douglas Anthony, Philip
Sampson Armachain, Sarah Allen
Ben, Jerry Russell Blankenship, David
Shawn Blanton, Jesse James Blanton,
Frank William Bradley, Jr., Roland
Nathaniel Bradley, Tashina Nicole
Parker Bradley, Donald Carl Cline,
Lillie Marlene Tolley Cline, Melissa
Renee Cline, Margaret Ethel McCoy
Crowe, Gail Lynn Crisp DeHart,

Victoria Anne Frankiewicz, Edith
Paulie Cooper Fisher, Kandace Rhean
Griffin, David Lawrence Jay Huskey,
Sheila Naomi Haigler Hyatt, Corey
Michael Jenkins, Freida Louise Otter
Jenkins, Jerry Michael Jenkins, Gen-
evieve Reed Lambert, Patricia Ann
Lambert, Sarah Rosalie Cabe Lewis,
John Dewitt Long, James Myron
Long, David Eugene McCoy, Joseph
Curtis McCoy, Ray Anthony McCoy,
Thomas Jay McCoy, Reena Lashanda
Murphy, Rynne Kariene Oocumma,
Donna Lee Queen Owl, Cherylene
Rattler Owle, Joey Thomas Owle,
Phillip Charles Pheasant, Shirley
Jean Lambert Reagan, William Pres-
ton Roach, Dennis Brandon Shuler
Bobbi Lynn Smith, William Lawson
Smith, Zachary Alexander Smith,
Reggie Scott Stanberry, Angie Chris-
tine Owle Swayney, Angela Lynn
McCoy Taylor, Franklin Terry Taylor,
Eugene Thompson, Raymond Jesse
Taylor, William Thomas Thompson,
Wilson Thompson, Jr., Kathleen
Wildcatt, Curtis Lee Wildcatt, Edison
Wildcatt, Bernard David Wilnoty, Mi-
chele Annette Mathis Wilnoty, Mary
Winona Wolfe Youngbird, Parent or
Guardian of Leslie Lee Taylor

Agreement to Divisions

Carla Marie Sneed Ballew, Megan

Michelle Cunningham, Dennis Ray
James, George Milton James, Jacob
Pete Johnson, Jackie Lee Johnson,
Buddy Thomas Lambert, Doris Ear-
lene Lambert, Eric Thomas Lambert,
James Dewayne Lambert, Patricia
Eldean Sneed Lambert, Peggy Rosalie
Lambert, Melissa Ann Maney, Frank-
ie Nelle James Patencio, Mary Edith
Reed Smith, Howard Vincent Sneed,
Rena Janet Johnson Wachacha,
Mary Louise Sneed Welch, Joseph
Lloyd White

If you’ve submitted a survey
application that is over a year old and

the survey is not complete, please
visit the BIA Realty Office to update
your survey application.
Proposed Land Transfers

Proposed Land Transfers

Tansi Elaine Young to Philip
Sampson Armachain for Wolfetown
Community Parcel No. 433-A (Being
a Portion of Parcel No. 433), con-
taining 0.408 acres, more or less.

Tansi Elaine Young to Philip
Sampson Armachain for Wolfetown
Community Parcel No. 433-B (Re-
mainder of Parcel No. 433), contain-
ing 0.668 acres, more or less.

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137 Seven Clans Ln., Cherokee, NC 28719
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 Casino Cocktail Server (sunrise shift) \$10.00
 Cook I (shift varies) \$10.00
 D/R Front Desk Clerk (shift varies) \$10.51/\$15.69-\$24.07
 Diamond Lounge Host (shift varies) \$11.74
 Drop Count Staff (sunrise shift) \$10.67
 Engineering Technician Level II - HVAC (day shift) \$15.69 - \$24.07
 Experienced Poker Dealer part time (shift varies) \$5.25 + Tokes
 Food & Beverage Cashier (shift varies) full time & part time \$10.00
 D/R Front Desk Clerk (shift varies) \$10.51/\$15.69-\$24.07

Gaming Host (shift varies) \$5.25 + Tips
 Income Control Auditor (day shift) \$11.74
 Room Attendant days \$10.00
 Security Officer full time \$11.00
 Sous Chef (shift varies)
 Steward (shift varies) \$10.00
 Table Games Dealer Training School (shift varies) \$7.25
 Valet Parker (swing shift) part time \$7.00 + Tips

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\$500 Cocktail Servers
\$500 Food & Beverage Cashier
\$1,000 Sous Chef



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 359-6153 or 359-6584
charbrys@nc-choerokee.com

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 January 8, 2016 @ 4 pm

1. Financial Skills Educator- Cooperative Extension (\$33,280-\$41,600)
2. Program Assistant- Cherokee Choices (\$27,680-\$34,600)
3. Nurse Supervisor (NFP) - Cherokee Choices (\$48,000-\$60,000)
4. Nurse Home Visitor (NFP)- Cherokee Choices (\$43,920-\$54,900)
5. Administrative Assistant- Legal (\$25,200-\$31,500)
6. Tribal Prosecutor II- Prosecutor's Office (\$81,680-\$102,100)
7. Fiscal Grant Manager- Tribal Child Care (\$40,080-\$50,100)
8. Teacher (12 positions)- Tribal Child Care (\$27,680-\$34,600)
9. Teacher Assistant (3 positions)- Tribal Child Care (\$20,960-\$26,200)

Closing January 15, 2016 @ 4 pm

1. Driver- Transit (2 positions) (\$23,040-\$28,800)
2. Transportation Coordinator- Transit (\$30,320-\$37,900)
3. Assistant Manager- Transit (\$43,920-\$54,900)
4. Equipment Operator- CDOT (\$33,280-\$41,600)
5. Housekeeper I- Tribal Housekeeping (\$20,960-\$26,200)
6. Housekeeper II- Tribal Housekeeping-(2 positions) (\$23,040-\$28,800)
7. Interactive Media Designer- IT (\$36,560-\$45,700)
8. Accounting Coordinator II- Budget & Finance (\$40,080-\$50,100)
9. Certified Medication Aide (2 positions)- Cherokee Home Health (\$25,200-\$31,500)
10. Certified Nursing Assistant- Cherokee Home Health (\$23,040-\$28,800)
11. Fiscal Coordinator- Tsali Care- (\$40,080-\$50,100)
12. Rehab Director- Tsali Care- (\$48,000-\$60,000)
13. Foster Care Licensure & Appeals Manager- Reg & Compliance (\$57,360-\$71,700)
14. Quality Improvement Coordinator- Reg & Compliance (\$48,000-\$60,000)

Download Applications & Job Descriptions
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Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings (open until filled):

- SPED Teacher –NC Teaching License Required. Full-Time.
 - OCS Teacher–NC Teaching License Required. Full-Time.
 - High School Teacher Assistant- Must meet the provisions of the No Child Left Behind law; AA degree or two years (48 semester hrs.) of study required.
 - Middle School Teacher Assistant- Must meet the provisions of the No Child Left Behind law; AA degree or two years (48 semester hrs.) of study required.
 - Social Worker - Must possess a degree in social work and meet the North Carolina Education Standards for licensure in School Social Work.
- CCS Human Resources: http://cherokeecentral.sharpschool.com/central_office/human_resources/

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JOB ANOUNCEMENTS

**PART-TIME RESIDENT COUNSELORS AND
FULL-TIME RESIDENT COUNSELORS**

Organization: Cherokee Boys Club, P. O. Box 507, Cherokee, NC 28719
Department: Cherokee Children’s Home (508 Goose Creek Road)
Opening Date: January 7, 2016
Closing Date: January 21, 2016
REQUIREMENTS: Must have a valid North Carolina Driver’s License with a verifiable driving record. Must have a High School Diploma or GED. Experience in a residential care setting preferred. Must be able to relate well to children, youth and their family members. Must have good writing and verbal communication skills and be able to complete daily reporting requirements. Must have the ability to lift 50 pounds and be physically mobile to conduct required physical demands of the job. Must be 21 years of age.

Applications and job descriptions can be picked up at the Information Desk of the Cherokee Boys Club between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or call 828-497-9101 for more information.

The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens.

Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate.

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Mandara Spa at Harrah’s Cherokee is seeking energetic, career-minded individuals for a Female Spa Host position. Applications available at the Spa front desk or by email. Candidate must be able to pass pre-employment drug test. Contact Lauren Crowe, 828-497-8550, laurenw@mandaraspa.com **1/7**

TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 06, 2016
CLOSING DATE: January 13, 2016 at 4:00pm
NAME OF POSITION: FT Concession Attendant
NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 1
SHIFT: Evening
SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Must be able to oversee concession area. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Most importantly, demonstrate confidentiality. One year experience preferred. Must obtain a valid NC Drivers License and High School Diploma or GED. Application and a complete job description may be picked up at the Tribal Bingo Hall and returned to April Littlejohn.

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TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 6, 2016
CLOSING DATE: January 13, 2016 at 4:00pm
NAME OF POSITION: Full Time Floor Attendant
NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 1
SHIFT: Evening
SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Most importantly, demonstrate confidentiality. One year experience preferred. Must obtain a valid NC Drivers License and High School Diploma or GED. Application and a complete job description may be picked up at the Tribal Bingo Hall and returned to April Littlejohn.

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**One Feather deadline
Friday at 12noon**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 15-070
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Charles E, Buchanan**
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: March 7, 2016
Hollis Bird, 14 Wayneview Drive,
Waynesville, NC 28786. **1/7pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 15-071
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Manuel H. Watty, Sr.**
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.
Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM FIRST PUBLICATION
Manuel H. Watty, Jr., PO Box 1388,
Cherokee, NC 28719. **1/7pd**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SWAIN
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
FILE NO. 13 JT 54-56
**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS
BY PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF
PENDING JUVENILE PROCEED-
ING & RIGHT TO INTERVENE**
IN THE MATTER OF:
S.K., d.o.b. 9/19/2010
S.K., d.o.b. 12/11/2008

J.K., d.o.b. 6/30/2007, juveniles
TO: Ms. MICHAELLA KOMENDA,
respondent mother of the juvenile(s)
born on the above date(s).
The Unknown Legal Father of the
juvenile(s) born on the above date(s)
to Michaella Komenda.
The Unknown Biological Father
of the juvenile(s) born on the above
date(s) to Michaella Komenda.
TAKE NOTICE that a pleading
seeking relief against you has been
filed in the above-entitled action.
The nature of the relief sought is to
determine whether grounds exist
for the termination of your parental
rights pursuant to N.C.G.S. 7B-1111,
and if so, to determine whether it is in
the best interests of the above-named
Juveniles for your parental rights to be
terminated.
You are required to make defense
to such pleading not later than Janu-
ary 20, 2016
TO: Ms. MICHAELLA KOMENDA
UNKNOWN LEGAL FATHER of the
above juvenile(s)
UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER of
the above juvenile(s)
You are required to make a de-
fense to such pleading no later than
January 20, 2016, said date being 40
days from the first publication of this
notice, or from the date the Petition
is filed, whichever is later; and upon
your failure to do so the party seeking
service against you will apply to the
Court for the relief sought.
You have the right to be repre-
sented by a lawyer at all stages of the
proceeding. If you want a lawyer and
cannot afford to hire one, the Court
will appoint a lawyer to represent
you. You may hire a lawyer of your
choice at any time, or you may waive
your right to a lawyer and represent
yourself.
Attorney Zev Haselkorn, PO Box
1350, Waynesville, NC 28786, (828)

452-9294, has been provisionally
assigned to represent you Michaella
Komenda. You are encouraged to
contact him immediately. If you do
not qualify for a court-appointed law-
yer, he will be released.
That upon service, jurisdiction
over you is obtained and your failure
to comply with any Order of the Court
pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7B-904
may cause the Court to issue a show-
cause Order for contempt.
If you are an enrolled member of
an Indian Tribe, your Tribe has a right
to intervene in this Juvenile proceed-
ing. You have a right to petition that
this matter be transferred to the Tribal
Court of your Tribe.
This matter is calendared for
hearing at the February 25, 2016
session of District Court for Swain
County, 101 Mitchell St., Bryson City,
NC 28713.
You have the right to be granted
upon request a 20 day postponement
to prepare for the proceedings.
This the 4th day of December, 2015.
Justin B. Greene ,
Justin B. Greene, Attorney for Peti-
tioner
Sheila Sutton, Director of the Swain
County
Department of Social Services
Justin B. Greene
Swain County Dept. of Social Services
P.O. Box 610
Bryson City, NC 28713
Tel. (828) 488-2147
1/7pd
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY
PUBLICATION
THE CHEROKEE COURT
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE
INDIANS
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA
CASE NO.: CV 14-610
**PETITION FOR TERMINATION
OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO**

DANIEL MYERS:
Take notice that a pleading seek-
ing relief against you has been filed in
the above-entitled action. The nature
of the relief being sought is as follows:
COMES NOW THE MOTHER of
the two minor children in this action,
Amanda Strohm, by and through
her attorney of record, and files this
Petition for Termination of Paren-
tal Rights pursuant to Article 11 of
Chapter 7B of the North Carolina
Statutes, as adopted by the Eastern
Band of Cherokee Indians.
You are required to make defense
to such pleading not later than Feb-
ruary 1, 2016 and upon your failure
to do so, the party seeking service
against you will apply to the court for
the relief sought.
This the 17th day of December,
2015.
Jonathan A. Hornbuckle, Attorney
for Plaintiff, P.O. Box 1351, Cherokee,
NC 28719, 828-497-9959, 828-497-
9959 Fax, hornbucklelaw@gmail.
com. **1/21pd**
**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS
BY PUBLICATION**
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF JACKSON
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
15 SP 120
JACK EDWARD DAVIS, Petitioning
Father,
CARMEN TOONI DAVIS, Petitioning
Mother,
IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF
C.J.S., d.o.b. 10/4/2012
TO: JUSTINA MEREDITH BIGWITCH
AND BRYAN EDWARD SHELL
TAKE NOTICE that an Adoption
Petition has been filed in the above-en-
titled special proceeding. The na-
ture of the relief being sought is the
adoption of the minor child, C.J.S., a

male child born on October 4, 2012, to Justina Meredith Bigwitch in Buncombe County, North Carolina.

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

TAKE NOTICE that any parental rights will be terminated upon entry of the order of adoption. This the 28th day of December, 2015. Michele D. Smith, Attorney and Counselor at Law, P.A.

Attorney for Petitioners
76 New Dawn Lane
P.O. Box 1905

Sylva, North Carolina, 28779
828-587-7000

1/21pd

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Requests for Proposals

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Department of
Transportation
680 Acquoni Road
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
Phone: (828) 359-6530

Curb and Gutter, Sidewalk Pavement Marking and Streetlights

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting sealed proposals (NCDOT Qualified Contractors) for construction services. The deadline for submitting proposals will be January 15th, 2016 at 3:00p.m.

Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement.

You may request the full request for qualifications and proposal requirements for proposals through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact CDOT at (828)-554-6530.
1/14pd

Requests for Proposals

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Department of
Transportation
680 Acquoni Road
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
Phone: (828) 359-6530

US 19 Downtown Traffic and Feasibility Study Cherokee Department of Transportation

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting sealed proposals (NCDOT Qualified Engineering Firms) for traffic/pedestrian analysis and feasibility services. The deadline for submitting proposals will be January 14th, 2016 at 3:00p.m.

Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement.

You may request the full request for qualifications and proposal requirements for proposals through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact CDOT at (828)-554-6530.
1/14pd

Requests for Qualifications

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Economic & Community
Development
**Project: Architecture &
Engineering, Estimating and**

Planning Services

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is requesting qualifications for the above services on a retainer basis. The deadline for submitting a letter of intent will be January 8, 2016.

You may request the full RFQ through the Economic & Community Development Office, or TERO. If you have any questions or comments, please contact E&CD at (828)-359-6702 or tonyjenk@nc-chokeee.com. **1/7pd**



KNOW THE LAWS ON LIGHTS

Per NC GENERAL STATUTE:

§ 20-130.1. Use of red or blue lights on vehicles prohibited; exceptions.

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

§ 20-130.3. Use of white or clear lights on rear of vehicles prohibited; exceptions.

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

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