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### EBCI tribal leadership explores retail development

### **ROBERT JUMPER** ONE FEATHER EDITOR

he Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians welcomed the Cordish Company, a retail development firm, to Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort on Tuesday, June 7. The visit was part of the ongoing efforts of the EBCI Executive Office, Tribal Council and Commerce Division to diversify the economy of the Tribe through retail development.

Principal Chief Patrick Lambert opened the meeting with a welcome to the Cordish Company, Tribal Council, members of the Harrah's management team, and Tribal Gaming Commission Enterprise. He talked briefly about the research and relationship building that has taken place over the past few months with this company.

Chief Lambert asked Jim Owle, TCGE Commission, to speak about one of the trips to Baltimore, the headquarters of the Cordish Company. Owle expressed gratitude for the hospitality provided by the Cordish group as they toured several of the properties constructed, some owned and operated, by the Cordish Company. He expressed great optimism for a relationship between the tribe and the firm.

Next, EBCI Secretary of Commerce Mickey Duvall spoke about his research into retail developers as part of the process of identifying future sources of revenue for the Tribe. As he looked at potential developers to partner with, the Cordish Company kept coming up as one of the largest and most influential in his list. Another positive



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David Cordish, The Cordish Company chief executive officer, speaks with EBCI tribal leaders about retail opportunities during a meeting at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort on Tuesday, June 7.

factor is the company's long-standing relationship with the Seminole Nation and other working relationships with Indian Country. David Cordish, the chief executive officer, has made other visits to Cherokee to discuss the potential for retail development on the Boundary.

Cordish presented two video and his own biography concerning the company's long history and connections.

Cordish spoke to the assembly on Tuesday about being impressed by the leadership of the tribe, saying that the tribe has an advantage in that they are more "sophisticated" than many other tribes with regard to casino operations and expansion.

He praised the Tribe for its drive to diversify and attempting to be proactive when it comes to potential threats like efforts to legalize gaming in the state of Georgia. "It is not a joke." stated Cordish. He talked about leveraging and enhancing the current traffic to the tribal casinos by building retail outlets that will compliment that current customers and attract new clients. He referred to this marriage of casino client and retail outlets as the "secret sauce" to successful retail development in communities with gaming as a primary source of revenue.

He emphasized that this is a time of learning for the tribe and for the company. Cordish state that he is interested in a working relationship with the tribe that he feels will be a "win-win" and there is still much to learn before the tribe and the company will have a comfort level with specifics of any retail development.

Tribal Council had questions for Cordish as he opened the floor for questions. Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke asked about clothing outlets to allow EBCI tribal members to shop on Boundary instead of travelling to Asheville. Cordish responded that he will continue to work with EBCI Commerce in getting a development plan together as the relationship moves forward that would include clothing outlets. Rep. Saunooke also asked whether the company is willing to invest financially in the project.

Cordish said that, while the relationship is not to the point of talking about financing, he doesn't have any problem putting "skin in the game".

Big Cove Rep. McCoy asked if the company "gives back" to the communities that they work in. Cordish said that a big part of his company's philosophy was about charitable giving to communities.

Yellowhill Rep. Ensley questioned Cordish about the potential for a large sporting goods outlet to be a part of the overall development plan and Cordish said that it would be possible to reach out to the retail owner to see if that could be made part of the plan.

Cordish, who had been taken on a tour of not only the Cherokee gaming operation, but several large municipal projects like the Cherokee Central Schools and Cherokee Indian Hospital, was very complimentary about the success and direction of the tribal construction efforts. "I was taken on a tour and saw your school and your hospital. It is amazing. There are very few Native American tribes, very few, who have a school like yours. It is just fantastic," he said.

Chief Lambert spoke to his desire to pursue diversification as quickly as is practical and emphasized that he is committed to the growth of the Cherokee economy. Chief Lambert stated that all aspects of growth and impact need to be addressed from the need for additional parking to residential expansion. In addition to tribal family homes, employee housing presents challenges and opportunities as EBCI considers expansions in operations. Harrah's Cherokee

Harrah's Cherokee General Manager Brooks Robinson expressed his agreement that any plan for growth needed to consider expanded opportunity for housing, "One of the major challenges that we find here, from an employee standpoint is the drive to work and having this western North Carolina market employee base. It is something that, as we intend to grow, especially as we add more retail and more jobs, that we need to be paying a lot of attention to".

After the meeting concluded, Chief Lambert shared his thoughts on the meeting.

"Revitalizing and diversifying our local economy is a major priority of my administration. Since cleaning up the streets in town and refocusing Tribal programs and working to repair our infrastructure, I have been hard at work recruiting new ventures to Cherokee. For the past several weeks, I have been in talks with David Cordish of the Cordish Company. Along with Tribal Council, we share a vision that Cherokee can and should grow its retail, food, and entertainment venues that serve not only tourist but locals as well.

"Working with David Cordish is refreshing because he has done business with other Indian tribes and understands the special character of our business environment when it comes to dealing with the BIA and our special land status. I believe that we can create new entertainment, retail and food venues that will not only help capture more revenue from our visiting public but will also create a shopping area that our local tribal members can visit for their shop-

#### The following is an excerpt from www.cordish.com

"The Cordish Companies' origins date back to 1910 and encompass four generations of privately-held, family ownership. During the past ten decades, The Cordish Companies has grown into a global leader with four major areas of expertise: (i.) Real Estate Development; (ii.) Gaming & Lodging; (iii.) Entertainment Management; and (iv.) Private Equity Holdings. Over the generations, The Cordish Companies has remained true to the family's core values of quality, entrepreneurial spirit, long-term personal relationships and integrity. As a testimony to the long-term vision of its family leadership, The Cordish Companies still owns and manages virtually every business it has created.

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"The Cordish Companies enters its eleventh decade well-capitalized and highly energized to continue its growth."

ping and entertainment needs. "Diversification and new ideas are propelling the conversation. We are on the cusp of doing something really great for our people. Our efforts will help ensure diversification of our economy to ensure that we don't have too many of the Tribe's eggs in one basket.

"I promised a program and administration that would 'jumpstart' Cherokee, and I'm working hard with Tribal Council to accomplish and secure new ventures for our tribal economy. I'll continue working towards moving our Tribe into a more secure and successful position than it is today."

Big Cove Rep. Richard French had a positive outlook after the meeting. "I think this is a great opportunity for the Tribe. If we can get these outlets here, it will only open up more opportunities to capture other types of businesses to come to Cherokee. It will create jobs for our enroll members. It makes us more of an anchor."

Contacted for his comments on the potential Cordish business relationship, Vice Chief Rich Sneed said, "I believe that it is imperative that we expand our retail options in Cherokee. The window of opportunity that is before us is one that we cannot afford to miss."

## Dismissal motions in pay raise lawsuit heard in Tribal Court

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otions to dismiss the lawsuit (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for Justice & Accountability v. Henry et. Al., Case No. CV 15-475) on the issue of the disputed pay raises approved by Tribal Council in October 2014 were heard in Cherokee Tribal Court on Wednesday, June 8.

The lawsuit was filed in October 2015 by a group known as the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for Justice & Accountability (EBCIJA). Resolution No. 261 (2014), passed on Oct. 14, 2014, is the main point of contention in the lawsuit. That legislation approved the FY2015 EBCI tribal budget and included pay raises for the members of Tribal Council which the EBCIJA alleges is in violation of Section 117-15(a) which states, "Pay increases for the Tribal Council members shall not exceed the amount appropriated in that fiscal year for Tribal employees. These pay increases shall not take effect until the next elected Tribal Council members are seated..."

In all, six Motions to Dismiss were discussed on Wednesday and listed various reasons for dismissal ranging from sovereign immunity to the plaintiffs lack of standing.

The six motions to dismiss, which were discussed during Wednesday's hearing, state: • First Motion to Dismiss: "Defendants move to dismiss Plaintiffs' claims on the grounds that Plaintiffs lack standing." (One Feather Note: The Legal Information Institute from the Cornell University Law School states, "Standing, or locus standi, is a capacity of a party to bring suit in court...only those with enough direct stake in an action or law have 'standing' to challenge it.")

• Second Motion to Dismiss: "...said claims are barred in whole or in part by sovereign immunity, public official immunity, absolute immunity, legislative immunity, and/or other immunity doctrines."

• Third Motion to Dismiss: "...Plaintiffs have failed to exhaust their administrative remedies, including by pursuing potentially available relief directly from the Tribal Council." • Fourth Motion to Dismiss: "Defendants move to dismiss Plaintiffs' claims against Defendants Brown. Owle, Parker, and James Taylor on the grounds that Plaintiffs' Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted against these Defendants." • Fifth Motion to Dismiss: "Defendants move to dismiss Plaintiffs' claim for civil conspiracy on the

grounds that it fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted as it is not recognized by Cherokee law."

• Sixth Motion to Dismiss: "...Plaintiffs have failed to join one or more necessary parties."

"These are issues that are really important to the Tribe," Meghann K. Burke, Asheville-based attorney for the plaintiffs in the case, said following Wednesday's hearing. "We are confident that Judge Barrett, who has said that she will take them under advisement, will issue a very thoughtful opinion. We are grateful to have had our day in court and look forward to continuing this case whether it's through the discovery phase or on appeal which is something that we might consider if we lose and something that we'd imagine the other side would like to have these issues resolved by the highest court."

Hearing the case on Wednesday was Judge Sharon Tracey Barrett who was sworn in earlier that morning by Cherokee Supreme Court Justice Bill Boyum as a Temporary Judge/Justice. The defendants, none of whom were present on Wednesday, were represented by Carleton Metcalf the Van Winkle Law Firm in Asheville.

During Wednesday's hearing, Metcalf stated "the plaintiff in this suit lacks standing to proceed". Citing Hunt v. Washington State Apple Advertising Commission (1977 Supreme Court case), he argued that the plaintiffs did not meet the requirements of standing. (Note: According to the Cornell University Law School, "Standing, or locus standi, is capacity of a party to bring suit in court. State laws define standing. At the heart of these statutes is the requirement that plaintiffs have sustained or will sustain direct injury or harm and that this harm is redressable.")

Burke countered by citing

NAACP v. Alabama (1958) in which the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the organization and found that the state had acted improperly and had violated the 14th Amendment when forcing the organization to divulge its membership lists. "We argue that all members of the Tribe are affected when members of Tribal Council break the law for personal gain."

Judge Barrett did ask for some clarification on the EBCIJA group itself. "What is the association?" she asked. "I think that in order to have standing that we have to have more clarity on what it is."

Burke stated that the organization has been around for decades and there is a broader range of issues and activities that the group is concerned about but that it has been "razor-beamed" focused on the pay raise issue for this lawsuit. She said that many members of the organization were willing to take the stand if necessary to prove that it was a true association of EBCI tribal members.

Another issue discussed at length during Wednesday's hearing was sovereign immunity. Metcalf cited a recent case in Cherokee Tribal Court (Teesateskie v. EBCI et al.) and commented that it applies to this lawsuit, "Sovereign immunity has not been waived here. It has been in effect and continues to be in effect."

He also argued that the actions of Tribal Council regarding the pay raises would be covered under legislative immunity. "All of that is quintessential legislative action which would be considered legislative immunity."

Burke countered that Tribal Council did not qualify for either sovereign immunity nor legislative immunity because of the alleged illegality of their actions. "The defense lacked the authority to do what they did. We contend that an illegal act is not acting in their official capacity...we don't argue that sovereign immunity was waived. We argue that it doesn't apply."

Judge Barrett asked, "Is there not a political remedy that is not a better remedy than a judicial remedy?" She then inquired about the possibility of impeachment hearings.

Burke responded, "They would have to impeach themselves, and we just don't think that would

#### happen."

She said the heart of the case lies with, "Is Res. 261 lawful or not? What we're trying to do here is to right a wrong." Burke said the relief sought by her clients is "declaratory and injunctive" and only seeks to return funds to the Tribe itself and not to the organization itself or to any individuals.

Metcalf related during the hearing that the defense was not proceeding with the third motion to dismiss.

Judge Barrett concluded the proceedings by thanking both parties and informing them she would take their arguments under advisement and render her decision soon.

#### Background

Named in the original lawsuit are former Principal Chief Michell

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

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Peone was named in the original lawsuit but has been substituted for Eric Sneed, current EBCI Secretary of Finance, who is now in that position.

Wolftown Rep. Bo Crowe was the only one to vote against Res. No. 261 with Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy and Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Brandon Jones both being absent. None of those three representatives are named in the suit.

According to records from the EBCI Office of Budget and Finance that were attached to the official court documents filed in the original suit, the pay for the Tribal Council Chairman increased from \$75,000 to \$86,400. The pay for the Vice Chairman increased from

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> "He was a kind and gentle man who deeply loved his family and his Tribe. He was a man who I counted as a great friend and who I know will be missed by all that knew him." - Principal Chief Patrick Lambert (see Crowe's full obituary page 18)

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### N.C. Boxing Authority members visit Cherokee

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oxing and mixed martial arts events are growing in popularity, and in 2014/15, the North Carolina Boxing Authority issued more than 1,800 licenses to promoters, managers, fighters, cornermen and others associated with the sports. That number is up from 1,400 the year before and shows the growth in the sport says N.C. Boxing Authority officials who visited Cherokee on Friday, June 10 at the invitation of Cameron Cooper, an EBCI tribal member who joined the organization as a commissioner in November 2014.

"I think bringing them here shows the way that we can potentially grow North Carolina venues because we do have a casino, and as we all know MMA is growing... and one of the places they like to be around is casino towns," said Cooper of the Authority members' visit to Cherokee. "If we could potentially figure out ways to bring them more into western North Carolina and utilize our casino, that's more tourism dollars, that's more casino dollars, that's everything that's going to the state and to us as well."

Cooper said he would like the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to look into possibly building a major event center to host such events as the venue at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort is fine for concerts but is not laid out well for boxing and MMA events. "We don't have that type of building west of Asheville and in this region that is close to the casino. If we do, then, that's



Cameron Cooper (left), an EBCI tribal member and member of the N.C. Boxing Authority, and Cherokee County –Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha (2nd from left), speak with members of the N.C. Boxing Authority in the Tribal Council Chambers on Friday, June 10.

potentially a way to bring these types of events here to the reservation but also to western North Carolina as an economic driver."

He said the Authority is hoping to be able to go out to actively promote North Carolina as a spot for larger fights and events. "At the end-of-the-day, if you get a larger event like the UFC, you're talking 20,000 people just in attendance. That doesn't count the people that are going to be here that can't get tickets, but just want to be in the area for the weekend. So, there's a lot of money and missed opportunities."

William A. Dudley, N.C. Boxing Authority chairman, commented, "It is a great trip because it has helped us to understand what is going on here in this part of the state and forge the kind of relationship that is going to allow great and greater things to happen for boxing in the state of North Carolina. It is an evolving sport and every area of the state needs to be involved in that process."

He praised Cooper's work so far on the Authority. "He brings a new, different, and exciting dimension to us as we plan and think about moving forward. It's about economic development. It's about participation for our citizens of this great state, and it's about understanding as we develop so we're excited about it. This has been one of the healthiest opportunities we've had as part of this Commission."

Mickey Duvall, EBCI Secretary of Commerce, related, "This could be a very great thing if we could get a convention center or sports complex that we could host boxing. It would bring people here. It goes good with casinos so I think it would feed our casino. It would feed our economic development "This has been one of the healthiest opportunities we've had..."

- William A. Dudley, N.C. Boxing Authority chairman, on his visit to Cherokee on Friday, June 10

and commerce."

Cherokee County - Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha met with the Boxing Authority members while they were in Cherokee and said he was very pleased with the possibilities that arose. "I know in the past they used to have Tuesday Night Fights at the casino, and that's a part that I would like to see brought back to this area due to the fact that the local people here really enjoy boxing and UFC fighting. I think it would be something that could draw different interests besides just gaming into the town, and that could also pass over into our gaming industry as well."

He added that it could lead to another opportunity for the Tribe. "We don't have sports booking currently at the casino and that may be an opportunity here with the Commission that we could possibly get that."

# Keeping it shipshape

### Long overdue facelift coming for Veterans Memorial Park

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rincipal Chief Patrick Lambert and the Cherokee veterans had a meeting last week to discuss the location of the PFC Charles George bronze that has been commissioned in honor of George's heroic service in the military. All agreed that the bronze will be placed adjacent to the current memorial park at intersection of Tsali Boulevard and Council House Loop. As they discussed the location, many areas of concern had arisen about the current state of the memorial park. There are several landscape and esthetic issues that detract from the purpose of the memorial park, which is to show respect and honor those who have served in the armed forces.

"With both our Principal Chief and Vice Chief being veterans in service to our country and our Tribe, along with the many tribal members and their families who have given so much in sacrifice to our protection, it is high time we show this memorial area the attention it needs", said Sage Dunston, Chief of Staff for Principal Chief Lambert.

There is a laundry list of



ROBERT JUMPER/One Feather photos

Plans are underway for a complete facelift of the Cherokee Veterans Memorial Park. changes that the Executive Office is taking on with the help of local veterans. The plan calls for a professional cleanup of the granite slabs containing the names of deceased veterans. Currently, some of those slabs have mold and detritus to the point of obscuring names. The granite will be carefully cleaned so as to restore the view of each name.

One of the items brought to Chief Lambert's attention was the fact that the flag that sits on the hill above the memorial is unlit. The veterans advised that if a flag is to be displayed around-the-clock, then protocol demands that it be lit during the night hours. So, there will be lights installed at the flag pole. Plans include extending the rock walkway from the granite slabs memorial display to the base of the flag and provide bench seating for those who would like to sit and reflect near the memorial.

There is also discussion of renovation of the two artillery cannons and the tank that the Tribe owns. Over the years, they have fallen into serious disrepair due to neglect. Some suggestions for cleaning them up included enlisting the JROTC to clean and paint the artillery cannons, and the veterans are in contact with a military hardware restoration expert who offers the potential of bringing the tank back to its full glory at no charge to the Tribe. There will be a covered area built for picnicking and special events at the park. Even the memorial art bear will receive a cleaning and touch up.

The Executive Office also wants to protect the park from any vandalism or other mischief that could detract from the reverence of the location. So, security cameras will be installed to ensure the safety of the memorial and the people who visit.

Facilities management was on site Friday, June 10 trimming down the hedge surrounding the slab statuary so that memorial may once again be seen from the roadside and doing a general cleaning up of the area. No clear timeline has been set for the implementation of the other renovations and the arrival of the Charles George bronze.



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## COMMUNITY

### Museum membership manager retires

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oyce Cooper is leaving as the membership manager for the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. She expanded a very basic membership program that had existed for four or five years and, as a result of a complete business assessment the Museum went through, began a process of revamping membership acquisition to 21st century techniques.

When she came on board, there were approximately 100 members. Members are like donors with benefits. A person may contribute monetarily to the operations of the Museum, which makes them "members" of the Museum. In this way, anyone may help in preserving the history of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Cooper took the role of finding best practices to increase the number of people aware of and interested in becoming members. A grant was obtained to pay for this work to be done, basically a six-month project.

As then-Executive Director Ken Blankenship became aware of her capabilities, especially with computers, Cooper's



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Joyce Cooper, recently retired from the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, holds a copy of the revised Cherokee Hymnbook, a project she was proud to have worked on.

role expanded, including computer digitization, scanning, working with archives, artifacts and Timberlake exhibit. A sixmonth trial turned into an 11-year job.

In 2002, Joyce had retired after putting in 30 years with Haywood Community College. So, her retirement plans got sidetracked a bit with this new opportunity. She enjoyed working with the Museum members and recruiting new ones. Over the years, she has been able to grow the base to over 1,200. Cooper enjoyed computer challenges and said that one of the fun things working with the Museum was all the computer challenges, particularly with the creation of the Timberlake exhibit. In addition, she learned to host a website and work with the Museum's online store.

She learned a great deal about the Cherokee culture and history that she would have never had known without her work experience at the Museum. "It is such a good museum," she said, "and, I have been in museums all over the United States and I would love to see more local people take advantage of it."

Dan Dills, who sang with the Robbinsville/ Snowbird choir, came to the Museum a while ago to propose an update to the old Cherokee Hymnbook from the early 1800s. He wanted to expand it to include music, phonetics and syllabary. Cooper took the hymns, removed all the words, took the phonetics prepared by Dills, "slide it into the music, lined them up, sized everything, and that was my part" she said.

For the new Cherokee Hymnbook, Cooper worked approximately 600 hours making sure that the parts were inserted and lined up. All of the work was done via computer using Photoshop, a graphics program. Her hopes are that choirs will use it forever. She says that she was "thrilled to death" to be part of that particular project.

"My mom and dad taught me it was all about giving back. After my first retirement from Haywood Community College at age 52, my daddy (who lived with Joyce for ten years) said, 'Now what are you going to do? It is time to give back'."

So, she busied herself in the Cherokee community, mowing and weed-eating the cemetery and churchyard, worked with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to re-introduce elk in western North Carolina and volunteered at the Talking Trees Children's Trout Derby in order to give back.

Cooper plans to visit many friends that she has not had the time to keep up with as she would have liked to during her careers. A glimpse at a 2014 adventure she took might give some idea of what her upcoming years hold.

"I went out to Missoula, Montana on a business trip for the Elk Foundation." She has been the state chairperson for North Carolina of the Elk Foundation for the past six years. She went with friends from Sylva, who had purchased a mule pack trip in the Shoshoni National Forest and invited Joyce along. "They talked me into going camping with them and riding that mule. So I did. It was 11 miles into the forest and all I did productive was throw logs on the fire". She quickly adds that she did some reading and communed with nature along the way as well.

She thanked Ken Blankenship for the opportunity to have worked at the Museum. "I have learned so much."

### **Cherokee Voices Festival**

The 19th Annual Cherokee Voices Festival was hosted by the Museum of the Cherokee Indian on Saturday, June 11. It featured EBCI artists, crafters, dancers, singers, and more.

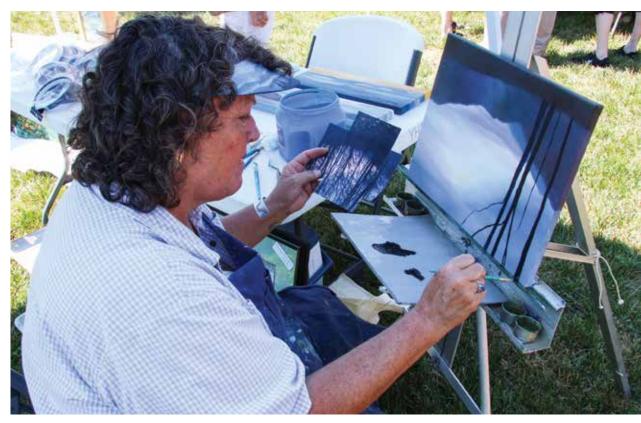
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This photo shows miniature river cane baskets made by Ramona Lossie.



Sonny Ledford, Museum of the Cherokee Indians, speaks to visitors.



Janean Hornbuckle works on a painting during Saturday's event. Sometimes, when paiting trees, she will use a unique technique of paiting upside-down to help with the fluidity of the branches.



EBCI Beloved Man Jerry Wolfe works on a pair of Cherokee Indian Ballsticks.



Amanda Swimmer, an EBCI tribal elder from the Big Cove Community, works on a clay pot.

### Cherokee Days in D.C.

The National Museum of the American Indian hosted its annual Cherokee Days, featuring members of the three federally recognized Cherokee tribes, on June 10-12 in Washington, D.C.

(Photos by Kristy M. Herron/EBCI Commerce)



EBCI potter Jarrett Wildcatt demonstrates his art during the event.



Principal Chief Patrick Lambert gives remarks during the opening ceremonies for the event on Friday, June 10.



Shown (left-right) are Kevin Gover, National Museum of the American Indian director; Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Bill John Baker; Principal Chief Patrick Lambert; and Joe Byrd, speaker of the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council.



EBCI representatives are shown (left-right) including: Junior Miss Cherokee Abigail Taylor, Miss Cherokee Taran Swimmer, Wolfetown Rep. Bo Crowe, Little Miss Cherokee Madison Ledford, Principal Chief Patrick Lambert, Teen Miss Cherokee Blake Wachacha, and Miss Native American USA Kristina Hyatt.

### THANK YOU LETTERS

### Family appreciates love and support

As we go through this walk of life, another limb has fallen from our family tree. We come thanking our Lord God for the precious time he gave us with Beth Charlene Cabe, our daughter, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, niece and friend. We thank our family for all the love and support, and those that came by our home. Thanks to the singers, the Locust Family, Macedonia Choir, Rock Springs Baptist Church, Yellow Hill Baptist Church, the Mable Hornbuckle Family, and Dexter Smith. The songs were beautiful and a

#### blessing.

Thanks to everyone for the food, the beautiful flowers, the cards, the monetary gifts, the visits, the phone calls, and for every prayer.

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Respectfully, **The Beth Cabe Family** 

### Thank you from Debra Locust

I would like to thank the Cherokee Tribal EMS, the Cherokee Hospital, and the staff at Mission St. Joe's. I would also like to thank all of the people who prayed for us. I would also like to thank members of Goose Creek Baptist Church for the food that was brought and the use of the Church, all of the singers, everyone who sent flowers, Big Cove Free Labor for digging the grave, and Rev. James Gunter for the service. I hope I didn't forget anyone.

A special thanks to Linda George for all her help with the funeral arrangements and support through all of this.

A very special thanks to Sheila and Bud Lambert for their prayers and emotional support through my loss.

And, I cannot forget all of the family and friends for all their prayers and support through the loss of the love of my life, Ernest Locust, Jr.

> Thank you, **Debra Locust**



### Cherokee Life Center



NAYO Baseball/Softball/Coach Pitch will be held in Choctaw, MS July 21-23. Deadline to submit teams looking for sponsorship from Cherokee Life is Friday, June 17. Any team looking to go on their own, deadline is Thursday, June 23.

Cherokee Youth Football will begin taking sign-ups for Players, Coaches & Cheerleaders for the upcoming Football Season on Monday June 13. Call Birdtown Gym (359-6890), Wolftown Gym (359-4728), or the Big Y Gym (497-9649) to sign-up.

Parents who still have Football equipment from the 2015 season need to turn it in at the Birdtown Gym by Friday June 17. Contact Tim Smith at 359-6891 with any questions.

Cherokee Life Recreation & Mission to the World will be hosting a Wrestling Camp for grades K-12 at the Wolftown Gym July 11-15. Contact the Wolftown Gym staff at 359 4728/4822 to sign-up. Deadline to sign-up is July 9.

Cherokee Life Recreation & Georgia Swarm Lacrosse Team will be hosting a Lacrosse Camp at the Acquoni Expo Center July 5-6. Call the Birdtown Gym at 828-359-6891 to sign-up. Deadline to sign-up is Friday July 1, 2016.



It's hard to say what's more explosive: The dancing, the regalia, or the fireworks.



Photo courtesy of Cherokee Tribal Court

Judge Barrett sworn in as Temp Judge/Justice Judge Sharon Tracey Barrett was sworn in as a Temporary Judge/ Justice for the Cherokee Courts on Wednesday, June 8 by Cherokee Supreme Court Chief Justice William Boyum. She is a retired Superior Court Judge and former Buncombe County District Court Judge. She graduated cum laude from Boston College in 1983 and received her J.D. degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1986. Barrett practiced law in Asheville with the firm of Patla, Straus, Robinson & Moore for 19 years, focusing primarily on civil litigation, until she became a judge in 2005. Judge Barrett will serve on a contract basis with the Cherokee Courts, primarily focusing on civil litigation and appellate work.



### Seay turns 101

Winona Seay celebrated her 101st birthday with a dinner at Granny's Kitchen over the weekend with friends and family.

<sup>41st</sup> Annual **4th of July Powwow** July 1–3

This action-packed weekend includes colorful regalia, jaw-dropping dances, and music made to move you. We'll have authentic food, Indian crafts, and plenty of native culture. Please note that tickets are cash only and can be purchased at the event, held at the Acquoni Expo Center in Cherokee.

Check out VisitCherokeeNC.com 800.438.1601





Photo by Yona Wade/Cherokee Central Schools

### **Cultural Summer fun**

Ivan Morales plays the Cherokee Basket Game during this year's Cherokee Cultural Summer School. Students will have their annual art show on Thursday, June 16. The drama class will start their presentation at 6pm in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. Following the drama presentation, the student's art and crafts will be on display in the gym and cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**PAY RAISE:** Dismissals heard in Tribal Court, from page 5

\$72,500 to \$83,500, and the pay for the other Tribal Council representatives increased from \$70,000 to \$80,600. The court document alleges that defendants Taylor, Brown, Owle and Parker all received "one-time lumpsum payments".

The EBCIJA sought a waiver of sovereign immunity through Res. No. 47 (2015) to pursue this lawsuit, but that measure was killed by Tribal Council on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2015.



# Even our storytelling is an outdoor adventure.

The outdoor drama "Unto These Hills" is the Cherokee story told as completely as we can pack into just two hours. It's performed at 8 p.m. nightly, except Sundays, at the Mountainside Theatre in Cherokee, NC. Make it the centerpiece of your vacation at VisitCherokeeNC.com.



## Third Coulter group introduced

he Western North Carolina Leadership Initiative (WNCLI) is thrilled to introduce the third cohort of the Coulter Regional Leadership Program. The purpose of the Coulter Program is to gather groups of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian (EBCI) members and people from western North Carolina (WNC) counties, who together will identify and pursue ways to tackle social, cultural, and economic challenges in the region. Twelve participants were selected out of an impressive field of thirty-four nominees. The group represented the seven counties of Region A and the Qualla Boundary of the Cherokee Nation.

During the initial retreat, Nan Coulter, daughter of Myron "Barney" Coulter for whom the program is named, shared fond memories of her father. Barney Coulter believed in the power of unified communities, and in the idea that one's attitude is the lynchpin of being successful. "Dad would say, control your ego; none are gifted enough to go it alone." He also believed in being confident. A small, but powerful indicator of that was that he did crossword puzzles in ink, a practice that Nan admired and continues today.

Another highlight of the retreat was when Tom Belt, fluent Cherokee speaker and coordinator of the WCU Cherokee Studies program, spoke about "selfless leaders," and the importance of "place." he said, "We (Cherokees) believe in the reality that everyone lives downstream and downslope, so you must take care of your part." All of the participants presented reports on their home counties. Concerns agreed upon by participants centered on topics such as brain drain, lack of affordable housing, land use planning, and broadband connectivity. A common conclusion among the group was that money, in itself, will not solve the problems of western North Carolina.

The group, who will develop regional projects as part of the program, visited with Mountain Partners, a cooperative group consisting of members of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians, the Town of Franklin, and Macon County. Mountain Partners is currently investigating the cultural, educational, and economic development potential of a heritage corridor project that would span several counties in Region A and the Qualla Boundary.



Photo courtesy of Juanita Wilson Shown (left-right) - bottom row: Kim Winters, Nan Coulter; second row - Candice Craig, Sarah R. Posey, Molly Phillips; third row - Judy Carpenter, Lisa Weeks, Jessica Metz-Bugg, Sharon Robertson, JD Arch, Jon Feichter; and top row - Nick Breedlove, Jeremy Wilson

## **OH LOOK!** That's something new!



## **Digging up history in Georgia**

### Archaeological discoveries at rare 400-year-old American Indian home stead site

AINESVILLE, Ga. – With each gentle scrape of the trowel, the underside of a large broken pottery vessel emerges from the dirt in a peaceful river valley in the Chattahoochee National Forest. Artful coils and swirls are stamped on the fired clay. A few feet to the left, the remains of a clay wall and burned wood help paint the story of what might have happened at this family farmstead 400 years ago.

"The extended family that occupied this site were likely forerunners of the Tribe we know today as the Cherokee," said Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests archeologist James Wettstead. "Each pottery piece helps us determine how these people lived in the early 1600s and why they were here."

And why they were here is a very important question. As disease and warfare introduced by Spanish explorers tore apart the region in the 1540s, native people coped however they could. By approximately A.D. 1550, Native Amer-



Photo by Holly Krake/USFS

The photo shows a piece of fired clay, with artful coils and swirls, that was found during an excavation on March 10.

ican mound building across the southeast had all but ceased, and it would not be until approximately A.D. 1670 that English explorers arrived and documented the Cherokee in northern Georgia. Now in the third year of excavations, more details from this site -- radio-carbon dated to A.D. 1600-1615 -- are being revealed.

"This year, we are able to confirm a square house roughly 600

square feet in size with a well-developed center hearth," said Dean Wood, principal investigator from the firm Southern Research. "But questions still remain. Were they farmers? Refugees from regional warfare? What brought them to this valley?"

As the National Historic Preservation Act celebrates 50 years, local volunteers are gaining the experience to become leaders in

preservation and cultural heritage for future generations. Working in small groups, local volunteers with the Passport in Time program are helping answer these questions. Volunteers helped recover more than 1,000 pottery sherds using large wooden shakers to separate the dirt from the artifacts. Several test pits were also excavated looking for pottery, stone tools, and additional outbuildings used by the family.

"The value of this site is not in the artifacts themselves -- those have little monetary value," added Wettstaed. "Rather like a page in a book, each artifact is valuable because it helps tell the full story of what happened here -- our story, the human story."

A complete photo album of the excavation is available at tinyurl. com/n6czybf as well as a YouTube video at tinyurl.com/z9m9pnp. Work at the site is carried out each year in partnership with the University of Georgia, Southern Research, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Historic Preservation Office and volunteers from the Passport in Time program.

- USFS



### **OBITUARIES**



### Tommy Littlejohn

Tommy Littlejohn, 82, of Cherokee passed away Monday, June 6, 2016 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital with his loving family by his side.

He was born Feb. 10, 1934 in Cherokee to the late Henson Littlejohn and Leewee Crowe Littlejohn.

Tommy is survived by his wife, Rachel Johnson Littlejohn; three daughters, Brenda Johnson, Lynn Littlejohn, and Lana Littlejohn; three grandchildren, Marci Johnson, Chebon Postoak, and Esiah Postoak; one great grandson, Michael Reed; one sister, Sallie Reed; special friends, Brother Wayne Carson and Peggy Carson, and Leroy and Cheryl Denison.

In addition to his parents, Tommy was preceded in death by one son, Charles (Chuck) Johnson; four brothers, Boyd Littlejohn, Thomas (Maygo) Littlejohn, Henson Littlejohn Jr., and Jess Littlejohn; four sisters, Alice Oocumma, Agnes Castorena, Amanda Blackfox, and Mabel Littlejohn.

Funeral services were held at the Macedonia Baptist Church on Thursday, June 9 with Pastor Dan Conseen and Brother Wayne Carson officiating. Burial followed at the Lower Littlejohn Cemetery. Pallbearers were nephews.

Long House Funeral Home served the Littlejohn family.

### Carroll "Pwe" Crowe

Carroll "Pwe" Crowe, 63, of Cherokee and the Big Y community went home to be with the Lord Friday, June 10, 2016 at his residence. A native of Cherokee and proud

In loving memory of my beautiful blessed Mom, Gracia Wilnoty, on her birthday, June 18th. I love you and miss you mom. Happy second birthday in Heaven. Just wanted to say happy birthday and I miss taking you riding on the days you felt like riding but I know you're feeling food everyday now. I thank God for giving me to you. You were a beautiful woman inside and out. Thank you mom for always being a great mom. God knew you would be a great mom so he blessed you with five children. Can't wait to hug and kiss you again. Happy Birthday my beautiful mom.

Lots of love, Your Daughter Faye member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, he was the son of the late Chief John A. Crowe and Ollie Wolfe Crowe. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by one brother, Charles "Hump" Crowe; mother and fatherin-law, Bud and Winona McCoy.

He was a member of Wolf Clan. He was former Vice Chief and Council Member for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. He was a devoted Christian and strong believer in Jesus, who loved to share his testimony of what the Lord had done for him throughout the Cherokee Community. Pwe was an active member of the Cherokee Police Commission.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Mickie McCoy Crowe. He was the very proud father of three sons, Peanut Crowe and wife Radonna. Dick Crowe and wife Ellen, and Bo Crowe and wife Kim all of Cherokee; 11 grandchildren whom he adored, Madison, Tagan, Dre, Riley, Ian, Dali, Boie, Livi, Kinley, Baby Jo, and Kimbo Crowe: two brothers. Bob Reed and Albert Sluder both of Cherokee; nieces and nephews, Skooter, Sasha, Taz, Donovan, Dallas, Daisy, Chrissy, Dorine, Two Leaf, Brittany, and Billy; and the best friends a man could ever have. Buford and Jessie Smith.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 13 at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center at the Cherokee Central School. Rev. Greg Morgan and Mark Crowe officiated with burial in the Crowe Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Buford Smith, Lil Bu Smith, Tim Smith, Skooter McCoy, Taz McCoy, R.D. Allison, Eddie Crowe, Chester Crowe, Jr. Crowe, Carr Crowe, Dallas Crowe, Donovan Crowe and Sean Ross.

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### 104th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair Vendor information

#### Food Vendors

The Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds is taking names for the food vendor drawing until Friday, June 17 at 4pm. Food vendors must be 18-years-old to qualify for spaces or booth. Submit your name and menu to Lisa Frady (lisafrad@ nc-cherokee.com, 359-6471) by the deadline above. No exceptions will be made. The drawing will be held on Monday, June 27 at 5:30pm. You must be present at the drawing and pay in cash for your booth on the spot if one is awarded. A receipt will be issued at time of payment.

The fee for the food vendor spaces are the total amount for the fiveday event. Preference will be given to EBCI tribal members for the food booths. There is an exception for space outside of the booths for first-come, first-serve basis. There is also a deposit of \$125 for booth key return and booth clean-up. Deposit will be returned upon key return and clean-up. Payment is required with the payment on the day of drawing. The prices for the spaces are as follows:

Food Vendor space outside of the booths 10'x20' = \$250 Booth without fryer = \$300 Booth with fryer = \$400

### Arts and Crafts Vendors

The Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds is also taking names for arts and crafts vendor spaces at the 104th Cherokee Indian Fair. There are a limited number of spaces. Arts & Crafts vendors must be 18-years-old to qualify for a space. Submit your name and contact information to Lisa Frady (lisafrad@ nc-cherokee.com, 359-6471) by Friday, June 17 at 4pm. You will be contacted by Monday, June 27 as to whether you receive a space or not. Payment will be expected in cash by 4pm on June 27 or your space will be forfeited to another vendor. No exceptions will be made. Spaces are 10'x10' and will be located on the Exhibit Hall porch at the Cherokee Fairgrounds. The fee is \$200 total for each space for the entire fiveday event.

If food or craft spaces are available after the deadline, the remaining spaces will be first-come, first-served until they are gone.

- Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds

### Cherokee Bottled Water donation requests

All Cherokee Bottled Water donation requests need to be submitted 10-12 days in advance, due to the heavy customer demand for Cherokee Bottled Water. All requests for donations/sponsorships must have a letter, email, or written request attached to indicate the need and purpose for what the water donation will be used for.

Forward your request to Kim Winchester-Rosario at kimbrosa@ nc-cherokee.com. Also, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your Cherokee Bottled Water Account, contact Kim 359-6719. - Cherokee Bottled Water

### EBCI Garden Judging schedule

The EBCI Garden Judging will be the end of this month. You must register between June 13-24 to be eligible for competition. Come by the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office at 876 Acquoni Road or call 359-6930.

Judging will be done as follows:

June 27 – Wolfetown, Big Y, Birdtown and 3200 Acre Tract June 28 – Big Cove, Towstring, Yellowhill, and Painttown June 29 – Cherokee County and Snowbird

June 30 and July 1 – Youth Gardeners (up to age 18) and Community Gardens and any makeup days Provide clear driving directions to the garden. Other questions: age of the gardener and if the garden is organic or conventional. A team from the EBCI Cooperative Extension office will bring judges to visit the gardens. Judges are Master Gardeners from surrounding counties. They will score the gardens in the following areas: General appearance; planning for season-long food production; evidence of exceptional gardening practices such as soil preparation; plant selection; pest control and season-extending techniques; and creativity such as creative design, unique plants or other features.

Winners will be announced at the EBCI Cooperative Extension's Community Awards Program in September.

- Ronald "Chumper" Walker, Director of EBCI Cooperative Extension

### Yogi Crowe Scholarship deadline approaching

The Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund has announced that an offer of free tuition from the University of Tennessee Graduate School at Knoxville is available to one student per academic year working on a master's degree or doctorate. Applicants must make a request in writing to the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund Board of Directors, P. O. Box 892, Cherokee, NC 28719 by Friday, July 1 to be considered for this waiver. If more than one application is received, the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund Board of Directors will make a recommendation to UT Graduate School as to who should receive the tuition waiver based upon need.

The Board of Directors of the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund reminds graduate and post-graduate students that July 1 is also the deadline for requesting financial assistance from the Fund for fall semester. Applications and eligibility guidelines are available from any of the board members, from Tribal Education or from the Website www.yogicrowescholarship.org.

Info: Scholarship Fund board members: Dr. Reva Ballew, president 631-1350; Dr.Jennifer Thompson, vice president 507-5997; Mary Herr, secretary 497-9498; Tamitha Fourkiller, treasurer 497-7034; Dr. Carmaleta Monteith 497-2717; Sunshine Parker 506-1952, Jan Smith 507-1519 or Shannon Swimmer 736-3191 *- Yogi Crowe Memorial* 

Scholarship Fund

### Football equipment

Parents who still have football equipment from last season (2015) need to turn that in at the Birdtown Gym by Friday, June 17. Info: Tim Smith 359-6891

- Cherokee Life

### One Feather office closing

The Cherokee One Feather office will be closed for public business access on Monday, July 4 in recognition of Independence Day. The closure will not affect any deadlines, and the office will re-open for public business on Tuesday, July 5.





Graduated May 14, 2016



Bachelor of Design Arts in Architecture

She begins her GRADUATE DEGREE in Architecture at Cornell University this fall.

### **MISSING CHILDREN**



### MISSING SINCE NOVEMBER 2014

James Paul Owle 8 years old / M / Brown Hair / Brown Eyes / 4'7" / 75 pds Native American from Cherokee, NC

### Samuel George Owle

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



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

**Evelyn Grace Arneach** 3 months old / F / Brown Hair / Brown Eyes

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





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The Cherokee One Feather is available as a forum for any opinion or point of view concerning issues of general interest. Letters should be typed, exclusive to the One Feather. Letters must be signed and should include a name, address and phone number. Letters may not exceed 250 words. Letters exceeding the word limit will not be accepted for publication. The name and town or community of the writer will be printed. Letters critical of specifically-named minor children will not be published.

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### **Rest in Peace Vice Chief Crowe**

Note: There was an outpouring of emotions from tribal members and others following the passing of former Vice Chief Carroll "Pwe" Crowe. We decided to post some of the numerous comments that were left on our Facebook page here. There were many more than these, but here are a few.

**Tyler Hill:** Many prayers to family

**Bernice Taylor:** Aww...prayers to the family

**Brian Parker:** Our deepest thoughts and prayers for the family

**Punkin N Billy Hicks:** Was one of the best coaches I ever had...we will be praying for you all Mick, Nut, Dick and Bo...love you guys, be strong.

Vivian Cleaveland: Prayers for the family! Wonderful man!

**Kim S. Lambert:** Sorry to hear...prayers for the family.

**Tinker Sampson:** Many prayers for the families...sorry for your loss.

**Cindi Cloer Woodard:** He was such a blessing to our family.

**John Hornbuckle:** Sending prayers for the family. He will be greatly missed.

**Mary Long:** So very sorry for the loss and sending prayers



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

The photo shows former Vice Chief Crowe raising the flag of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians at the 2015 Tri-Council meeting at Red Clay State Park in Tennessee.

with love.

**Jack Christie:** Prayers from Oklahoma...I got acquainted with him on one of my visits... RIP.

Debi Lee: Go needed a great angel to be with him. Now, he has the best. I'm glad I got to know him a lot more. I'm thankful for him being such a great role model to my son, William Locust. He has done so many wonderful things for people and families. He is truly going to be missed. Thanks for letting our family love the Crowe family...

**Neil Ferguson:** He was a true class act. I respect him immensely.

**Cynthia Grant:** Our deepest condolences to the family...

### **Gloria Punkin Griffin:**

Prayers to my Crowe friends. Thank you for sharing him with us as a Tribe. He will be greatly missed.

**Joyce Dugan:** So sorry to hear this...he loved his family and they loved him more. Prayers for them.

**Christie Cabe:** This breaks my heart. Such a good man. (He) was a good friend to myself and my ex-husband for many years. Loved riding bikes with him and Mickey.

### Poll Responses

Note: The following comments were made on the Cherokee One Feather Facebook page and website to our weekly poll question: **What do you think the official name of the Tribe is (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians or Eastern Band of Cherokee Nation)** 

**Danny Owl:** I think we should be called Cherokee Nation since we live in the homeland.

**Candy Johnson:** Some don't like the "Indian" name given to us and all other Native Americans, and we are part of the Cherokee Nation. vote for Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation.

Janett Swisher Owens: Cherokee Nation

**Joseph Beau Holland:** Eastern Band of the Cherokee

**Yona Sequoyah:** Take the Indian word out of it...not nation either because we have ties to government and allow outside officials to execute the law and we are divided by county lines. Eastern Band of Cherokee Natives is more fitting.

**Jamile Shaneen:** Our Tribe name will be Cherokee Nation of the EastCherokee One Feather Poll of the Week Results

What do	you	think	the	official	name	of the	Tribe	is?

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians	
Eastern Band of Cherokee Nation	

Questions of the week now up on theonefeather.com: Who is the greatest boxer of all-time?

ern Band. We were a nation before we were a Tribe. Let's stand up together; delete Indian and make it Indigenous. Stop labeling us as someone not from this land and the brainwashing of our youth.

**Micah Swimmer:** Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation

**Sheree D. Peters:** I think the Eastern Band of Cherokee as we were the ones who stayed here or came back when the Cherokee Nation was sent west.

Michael Slee: Aniyuwiya

Lois Dunston: Our name is Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. I'm not ashamed to be an Indian. We are not heirs of the Cherokee Nation. They heir from us, the original Cherokees. David Cornsilk: The Eastern Cherokees abandones their relationship with the Cherokee Nation long before the Trail of Tears. Those who joined them as the forced removal was taking place abandoned the Cherokee Nation. The Cherokee Nation is not an heir of the Eastern Band. They left the main body of the Tribe we know as Cherokee Nation, and they therefore emerged from us, not the other way around. There is only one Cherokee Nation, and it was removed to Oklahoma. The Eastern Band is just a hodge podge of Cherokees who didn't want to go west and gave up their tribal citizenship to become U.S. citzizens. They are the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and in no way, shape or form are they Cherokee Nation.

66%

34%

**Pam Henderson:** The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians...that's what it is to me, not Cherokee Nation. Cherokee Nation is Oklahoma.

### Beth Calhoun: EBCI

Jimmie Poindexter: EB CI

Lewis Dunn: See someone found that 1818 path again...history does repeat itself. That is what started the division the first time and led to the Trail of Tears. EBCI is the name officially. Please don't fall in that Washington Whiteman's trap again!

April Skinas: Ani Yunwiya

**Janis Delong:** Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

**Tammie Chekelelee:** I'm kind of old school I guess, but I was an Indian when I was young, and now that I'm older I'm still an Indian. So, I say Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Obviously, other people were Indians too!

William Ledford: I was born in the old stone Cherokee Hospital in 1956. We have always been the EBCI. Unless we've changed while I slept, happens. If we were to change our name to please those who don't like the Indians label, I suggest simply EBC.

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### **Hours of Operation**

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

### commentary Observations and random thoughts Vol. 9: Redskins is a racist slur issue

### WILLIAM LEDFORD

### PART TWO OF TWO

he White man, the label for descendants of the European visitors, colonists, conquerors of the Indians, were, in their eyes anyway, voyagers, travelers or explorers. The first expedition, led by a Viking named Leif Ericsson landed and built a settlement in the land

called Greenland, encountered the Native population and engaged in hostilities with them. That seems to have always been the European way of dealing with "first contact". Another notable example of Europeans landing was an ill-fated voyage west to the East Indies by an "explorer" and "navigator" named **Christopher Columbus** who got a little lost, slightly missed his mark and landed in what is now San Salvador. He wasn't much of an explorer but he did prove that the world wasn't flat and opened this continent up for invasion and infestation. Besides introducing this "New World" to slavery, he also brought some lovely venereal and other diseases to the Americas and killed a vast portion of the people he made contact with. Some explorer, right?

Back to the subject. We have been looked at mostly in the frame of stereotype



"noble savage" among others. Funny stuff really, because I have seen a few drunk Indians on the streets of Albuquerque, standing with drunk Chicanos, drunk Whites and drunk Blacks but for unexplained reasons, those others were invisible to onlookers. Yes, many Indians do leave the reservation. their spirit sucked out them by their particular circumstances and end up on the streets of American cities. Many are ex-military veterans that fell through the cracks in the V.A. system, numbing the pain and the brain with cheap fortified wine or some ungodly concoction of high alcohol content mouthwash and hairspray when they can't. But they aren't alone. The economic policies of the **Reagan Administration** created an extremely poor class of people of all races that moved to the streets simply to survive. Only Indians seem to be noticed. The savage label I know was from our initial inability to grasp the notion of property ownership and the fact that we didn't lie and therefore needed no signed documents. But as we have moved into the present, surprise! Many

as "drunken Indian" and

Indians have now learned how to lie as good as any white man. Indians have also become lawyers which mean they learned how to screw somebody over using an obscure language. We've become hated in the eves of many people because we played the game according to the rules and opened casinos on our reservations. And since we reside and do business on Federal land, we don't pay any property taxes to the state. That's the main complaint, forget the fact that we pay a high percentage of our income to the state through the gaming compact, we're "using our status to our advantage." I'm confused, if a company negotiates a low or zero lease or property tax rates, which many such as Intel or Wal-Mart do. they are shrewd businessmen, but Indians are consider conniving for taking advantage of an unfair situation. Oh yeah, we are also evil because degenerate gamblers spend some of their money at our casinos instead of going to Las Vegas and spending all of their money there.

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

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR Where is the return from fiber optic investment?

S everal years back, as most tribal members remember, our Tribe, along with the approval of the Investment Committee, decided it would be a good thing to invest millions in a fiber optic network. We did! As a little memory refresher, I'll add, this investment was to be a sure "money maker" for the Tribe.

Well, several years later, as the debate of diversification issues still wages as to what would be best for our people shouldn't we also be keeping tabs on past investments especially when that investment cost millions?

The reason behind the "call to attention" of this investment was brought about by two separate articles in the June 1-7 issue of a regional newspaper. Whereas, these articles tell of several of the surrounding communities search for answers to their need for high speed broadband.

Wasn't the reasoning behind our investment of millions being that in doing so, we would be looking at a pretty nice return on our monies?

Then, why are all these surrounding communities mentioned in the aforementioned articles searching for solutions to their high speed broadband problems? Smart investments make money, right? Then, shouldn't our investment be providing solutions to these problems?

Perhaps "report cards" just like in the private sector would be a good idea to keep tribal members informed. After all, it is our money.

> Harold R. Rattler Bryson City

### BURN PERMITS ARE NOW ONLINE

### https://cherokeegis.com/ Burn Permit/

If you need additional information: 359-6153 or 359-6584 charbrys@nc-cherokee.com

### Cherokee Day at the Asheville Tourists Fri, June 17, 7:05 PM @ McCormick Field

### **Discounted tickets for \$7**

are available for purchase at:

### Cherokee Chamber of Commerce 516 Tsali Blvd, Cherokee, NC 28719 (Between the Welcome Center and Cherokee Historical)

\*Tickets can also be purchased at the game for \$9

Before the game Cherokee representation will be present to answer questions about Cherokee.

### **Asheville** Tourists

vs. Columbia Fireflies





### Church Events

### Brush Arbor Gospel Singing in the Spring. June 17-18 at

Jacob Cornsilk Community Center at the Singing Grounds in Snowbird. Over 15 performing artists are expected. Everyone is welcome, bring a lawn chair. Info: (828) 713-2875

Vacation Bible School. June 19-23 from 6-8pm nightly at Straight Fork Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome. There will also be an adult class.

SonShine Bible Days. June 27-July 1 at Goose Creek Campground from 1:30-4:30pm (ages 5-13) and 1:30-8pm (ages 14 and up). Info: 497-1222

### **General Events**

Swain County Democratic Party meeting. June 18 at 10am at Swain County Chamber of Commerce located on the Bryson City town square. Info: Rocky Sampson 736-1050, Gwen Bushyhead 736-3043

### 3200 Acre Tract Community Monthly Meeting. June

**20** from 6-7pm at Community Center at 1000 Old Bryson City Road. Info: https://www.facebook. com/3200-Acre-Tract-Community-Center-1592384261037524/

**Jackson County Democrat**ic Party meeting. June 21 at

6:30pm at party headquarters on Mill St. in Sylva. The agenda will include discussion of the outcome of the June 7 election, reports on the N. C. Democratic State Con-

vention, and plans for the November general election. Later in the week, on Saturday, June 25, the precincts of Greens Creek, Savannah, Webster, and Barkers Creek will host a Meet & Greet Fundraiser featuring Vicki Greene and Mark Jones, candidates for re-election to the Jackson County Board of Commissioners. This event, plus hot dogs with all the fixings, will be at the Savannah Community Center (Hwy. 441S) from 12-3pm. Info: www.jacksondems.com

Whittier-Cherokee Democrat Precinct meeting. June 21 at 5:30pm at Birdtown Gym. Candidates are invited to attend. Everyone is welcome.

**Cherokee Healing and Well**ness Coalition meeting. June 21 at 12pm at Agelink Ernestine Walkingstick Conference Room. New members are invited. Bring your lunch. The group promotes "wellness recovery for adults and substance abuse prevention programs focused on youth".

Public Hearing on 2016-19 **Child Care Development Fund** Plan. June 23 from 6-7pm in the Agelink Conference Room. The plan will be available for review and comment. The draft plan will be available for review prior to the public hearing at the Agelink office between 9am and 4:30pm the week of June 20.

2nd Annual Epilepsy Awareness Walk. June 24 at 5pm. Starts at Oconaluftee Island Park Artist Row parking lot. BBQ plates \$8, CEA adult shirts \$10, children's shirts \$7. Stickball game at 6pm – Big Cove vs Hummingbirds.

Father's Day Festivities. June **25** from 11am – 3pm at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Father's Day event sponsored by Principal Chief Patrick Lambert. Food, Corn Hole, men's health information, games, and more.

### **Sports Events**

**Cherokee Youth Football sign**ups. Registration has started for players, coaches, and cheerleaders for the upcoming 2016 football season. Call any of the three gyms to sign up: Birdtown Gym 359-6890, 359-3891, 359-6892. Wolfetown Gym 359-4728, 359-4822. Big Y Gym 497-9649

Lacrosse Camp. July 5-6 at Acquoni Expo Center. Cherokee Life Recreation Center and Georgia Swarm Professional Lacrosse Team will be hosting the camp. The dealine to sign-up is Friday, July 1. Info: Birdtown Gym 359-6981

Wrestling Camp. July 11-15 at Wolftown Gym. Cherokee Life Recreation and Mission to the World will be hosting the camp for grades K-12. The deadline to sign-up is Thursday, July 9. Info: Wolftown Gym 359-4728 or 359-4822

NAYO Baseball, Softball, Coach Pitch tournaments. July 21-23 in Choctaw, Miss. The deadline to submit teams looking for sponsorship from Cherokee Life is Friday, June 17. If any team is looking to go on their own, the deadline is Thursday, June 23. Info: Tim Smith 359-6891

### **Upcoming Pow Wows** for June 17-19

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.

**Twin Buttes Pow Wow Cel**ebration. June 17-19 at Pow Wow Grounds in Twin Buttes, ND. Emcees: Lawrence Baker, Charlie Moran. Host Drum: Mandaree. Info: Russell Gillette (701) 421-7670 or Jessica Howling Wolf (701) 421-6173

**25th Annual Mille Lacs Band** of Ojibwe Grand Celebration. June 17-19 at Grand Casino in Hinckley, Minn. Emcees: Terry Fiddler, Edmund Nevaguaya. Invited Drums: Black Lodge, Young Bear, Southern Boyz. Info: John (800) 472-6321 ext. 4574

**31st Annual Iowa Tribal Pow** Wow. June 17-19 at Chena Building Pow Wow Grounds in Perkins, Okla. Emcees: Michael Burgess, Kinsel Lieb. Head Southern Singer: Jimmy Kemble. Info: Linda Big Soldier (405) 614-5547

**46th Annual Delta Park Pow** Wow and Encampment. June 17-19 at Delta Park in Portland. Ore. MC: Gilbert Brown. Info: (503) 984-7303

**Great Lakes Area 40th Annual Traditional Pow Wow.** June 17-19 at Woodland Gathering Grounds in Harris, Mich. Emcees: Joey Besaw, John Teller Jr. Host Drum: Northern Cree. Info: (906) 723-2612

Honoring Our Ancestors 12th Annual Intertribal Pow Wow. June 17-19 at Antique Engine Club in Wayne, Ohio. Info: (440) 536-2213, watchful.lynx@yahoo. com

Muckleshoot 15th Annual Veteran's Pow Wow. June 17-19 in Auburn, Wash. Info: (253) 876-3327, wendy.lloyd@Muckleshoot-Health.com

**Osage River Pow Wow. June 17-19** at Tuscumbia Riverside Park in Tuscumbia, Mo. MC: Bob Woolery. Host Drum: Thunderheart. Info: Janet Dudley (573) 369-2710, oldjed@hughes.net **Stephenson 4th Annual Family Pow Wow. June 18-19** at Wichita Tribal Dance Grounds in Anadarko, Okla. Emcees: Cy Ahtone, R.G. Harris. Head Southern Singer: Lloyd Hunter. Info: Punkin Stephenson (405) 933-0334 or Goatie Nelson (605) 200-0219

Mattaponi 21st Annual Pow Wow. June 18 in West Point, Va. Info: (804) 769-8783, mcustalow@gcaservices.com

**Raritan Pow Wow. June 18-19** at Middlesex County Fairgrounds in East Brunswick, NJ. Info: (718) 686-9297, native@redhawkcouncil.org

**34th Annual Plains Indian Museum Pow Wow. June 18** at Center of the West's Robbie Pow Wow Garden in Cody, Wyo. Info: Nancy McClure (307) 578-4102 or Rebecca West (307) 578-4049, rebecca@centerofthewest.org

### **Ongoing Events**

**VFW Bingo. Every Tuesday at the Governor's Island VFW.** Early bird at 5:30pm, regular games at 7pm. Info: Billy Whitt 736-4146

**AA and NA meetings in Cherokee.** Nar-Anon (family support): Mondays at 6pm at Church



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

Analenisgi, Recovery Center's June Class Schedule Monday:

11:15am Community Culture: 2:00pm Creative Recovery; 6:00pm NarAnon (1st & 3rd Mondays), 6:00pm Family Support Skills (2nd & 4th Mondays). Tuesday: 10:00am Rekindle the Flame: 1:00pm Hope (Udugi); 2:00pm Wellness Recovery Action Plan. Wednesday: 11:15am Improve Self Esteem; 1:30pm Mindfulness Skills; 5:00pm Talking Circle for Recovery. Thursday: 10:00am Let's Make Some Money!; 11:00am Emotions 101; 2:30pm Recovery Is Happening NOW! Friday: 11:15am My Self, My Boundaries; 1:00pm Cherokee Language/Syllabary Class. Classes are for anyone interested in recovery from mental health issues &/or substance use. Info: 497-6892

### One Feather deadline Friday at 12noon



## TRADING POST

### FOR RENT

Studio Apartment for Rent. Quiet neighborhood outside of city limits. Located 13 miles from Cherokee. Electric heat, water, sewer and Direct TV included. Furnished. Singles only. No pets. 828-226-1231 or 828-736-4388.

3 Bedroom Farmhouse for Rent. 13 miles from Cherokee. Fully furnished. Water and sewer furnished. Close to hospital, shopping, city limits. Located in good neighborhood, very private. Married couples and singles only. 828-226-1231 or 828-736-4388.

Best lower Oconaluftee waterfront or view improved building sites, well, 3BR septics, sites cut, temp. elect service, ready to build, gated, private southern exposure. 828-788-6879.

### FOR SALE

### The Oconaluftee Indian Village has carved basket handles for sale. If anyone is interested come on by the village. We are open from 9am – 4pm.

Laptops Windows 7, 3 flat screen televisions: 293-3628

6' Artificial Weeping Willow \$30, Mossy oak chest \$45, Wheelchair tri-fold ramp \$45: 226-0771

Pop Up Camper: 488-3857

EZ Motorcycle trailer with ramps enclosed \$1850: 399-0921

1990 Chevy truck 3/4 ton 4×4 new motor/transmission \$2000:

### 399-0380

Tuckaseegee gravel yard 8:30am-3:00pm Saturday: 293-3700

Shed sale, 38"cut 13.5 HP riding mower \$400. Bicycle repair and small engine tune up: 331-9848

4 Lionhead rabbits \$25 each: 506-8134

Table with 6 chairs, 6 drawer dresser: 736-9690

### REALTY

The following names are clients who have transfers from the Tribe that need to be signed, either from an estate, or per Resolution. If your name is listed below, please come into Realty Office to sign and complete your transaction as soon as you are able. If you have any questions regarding these transactions, please feel free to call the Realty Office at (828)359-7442 or (828)359-7443.

Cherokee Community

Ireta Lynn Thacker Arkansas, April Dawn Huskey Fisher, Mark Howard Jackson, Doris Lee Johnson, Larry Leland Miller, Vera Lynn Davis Rickman, Letina Renee Saunooke, Tennie Mae Standingdeer Sequoyah, Henry Dean Standingdeer, Ken Lumar Standingdeer, Rickey Lee Standingdeer, Martha C. Elizabeth Jackson St. Clair, Michael Thompson,

#### **Painttown Community**

Aubry Anne George Bigmeat, Wesley Goines Bigmeat, Letisha Nicole Bird, Michael Dock Lambert, Samuel John Lambert, Ted Major Lambert, Jeffrey Lossiah, Jr., Eloise George Maney, Madge Elizabeth Lambert Owle

#### **3200 Acre Tract Community**

Stanley Ray Ledford, Sonya Rena Ledford, Sandra Leigh Ledford Robbins, Christine Ledford Walkingstick, Sheena Roxana Walkingstick **Cherokee County** 

Robert Terry Gilmor, Thomas Winkler Gilmor, Denise Winkler Hall, Kathryn Susan Jasper, Elizabeth Jo Poscich, David Erik Rogers, Kathryn Winkler Rogers, Nathan Scott Rogers, Henry Larkin Wright, Jr., William Edward Wright, Lois Winkler Wyatt

#### **Wolfetown Community**

Mia Xan Younce Aldridge, Sara Mozelle Arch, Tennie Marie Arch, Douglas Robert Arneach, Richard Earl Arneach, Jr., Goodlow Bark, Russell Bigmeat, Jr., Charles William Bigwitch, William Allen Bird, Ronald Sequoyah Bowman, Christopher Adrian Clark, Ethan Andre Clark, Henderson Junior Climbingbear, Mary Elizabeth Thompson Climbingbear, Jacquelyn M. Lossiah Corral, Carlotta Linette Crowe, Edith Inez Crowe, Enoch Sampson Crow, Jr., Jason Daniel Cucumber, Nancy Marie Trull Driver, Dinah Ann Catolster Grant, Mark Montgomery Grant, Sherry Darlene Trull Lambert, Lea Jo Cucumber Ledford, Anthony Kirk Locust, Bo Soap Lossiah, John Lossiah, Tina Marlene Lossiah, Justin John Matthews, Juana Maria Martinez, Jose Guadalupe Martinez, Jr., Charlene Lee Roland Mull, Shannon Alaine Johnson Parris, Paul Jordan Lee Puckett, Paul Puckett, Jr., Andrea Danielle Rattler, Douglas Leander Rattler, Temot Zena Rattler, Robert Bruce Reed, Jackson Dale Rickman, Jr., James Michael Roland, Kerry Neal Roland, Sandra Gail Roland, Mistie Rae Johnson Scott. Linda Norene Roland Sutton, Martha Lou Talalah, Harold Dennis Trull, Janet

Jessie Walkingstick, Sara Margaret Arneach Watson

#### Snowbird Community

Nicholas Cordelle Brown, Alan Chekelelee, Carolyn Reed Chekelelee, Don Edward Chekelelee, Eve Wynelle Wachacha Chikelelee, Allen Dale Lane, Sonya Rena Ledford, Stanley Ray Ledford, Sandra Leigh Ledford Robbins, Dennis Frederick Teesateskie, Christine Ledford Walkingstick, Sheena Roxana Walkingstick, Shane George Welch **Birdtown Community** 

Margaret Ethel McCoy Crowe, Gail Lynn Crisp DeHart, Christopher Dean Dugan, Edith Pauline Cooper Fisher, Victoria Frankiewicz, Frieda Louise Otter Jenkins, Patricia Ann Lambert, David Eugene McCoy, Ray Anthony McCoy, William Preston Roach, Angela Lynn McCoy Taylor, Eugene Thompson, Wilson Thompson, Jr., Reggie Scott Stanberry, Edison Wildcat

#### **Big Cove Community**

Noah Allen Arch, Shawn David Calhoun, William Dennis Calhoun, Roberta Ann Davis. Susanna Calhoun Finger, Viola Yvonne Shell Garnett, Yonnie Watty Hill, Mark Howard Johnson, Jackie Lee Johnson, Frances Ann Wolfe Maney, Samuel Patrick Panther. Sharon Lenell Welch Panther, Robert Lee Queen, Harold Wanzel Reagan, James Martin Saunooke, Laura Mae Saunooke. Elliott Clark Shell. Michael Jay Shell, Meroney George Shell, Flora Mae Calhoun Shelton, Anna Belle Calhoun Shuler, Carolyn Rae West, Donovan Phillip Woodard West, Villareal Abel West. Villareal Nika West, Abel Wolfe, Deweese Wolfe, Edwin Wolfe, Jane Wolfe



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Surveillance Officer Table Games Dealer Training School (PT) Valet Parker (PT)

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On the Spot Interviews Friday June 17th 10am-4pm oyment Office located on the 1st floo Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort for the following positions: curity Officer, Food & Beverage Cashier to Cocktail Server & Sales Assoc ocial security card and

Visit HarrahsCherokeeJobs.com or call 828.497.8778 for a complete listing of jobs. are located at 777 Casino Drive. Applicants can park on level 1 in the

pass an RIAH This property is ee. NC 28719 or fax (

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 Water Protection Division NPDES Permitting and Enforcement Branch 61 Forsyth Street, SW Atlanta, GA 30303-8960 (404) 562-9229

Public Notice: 16NC00002

Date: June 16, 2016

#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED REISSUANCE OF A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency intends to modify the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit number NC0052469 to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). The draft modified NPDES permit authorizes an increase in the discharge of wastewater from the current permitted flow of 2.75 MGD to a design flow of 6.0 MGD wastewater treatment plant located in the Qualla Boundary in western North Carolina. The discharges from the wastewater treatment plant would flow into the Oconaluftee River.

Pursuant to 40 CFR § 124.13, any person who believes that any proposed permit condition is inappropriate must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments in full, supporting his/her position, by the close of the comment period. The public notice number and NPDES number should be included in the first page of comments. Persons wishing to comment upon or object to any aspects of the permit issuance or wishing to request a public hearing are invited to submit in writing within thirty (30) days of this notice to Mr. Sam Sampath. NPDES Permitting Section, Water Protection Division, Environmental Protection Agency, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30303-8960.

All comments received within the 30-day period will be considered in the formulation of a final determination regarding the permit issuance. Also, within the 30-day period, any interested person may request a public hearing. Where there is a significant degree of public interest in a proposed permit issuance, the EPA Regional Administrator will schedule and hold a public hearing which would be formally announced in accordance with 40 CFR §§ 124.10 and 124.12.

After consideration of all written comments and the requirements and policies and appropriate regulations, the EPA Regional Administrator will make a determination regarding the permit issuance. If the determination is substantially unchanged from that announced by this notice, the EPA Regional Administrator will notify all persons submitting written comments. If the determination is substantially changed, the EPA Regional Administrator will issue a public notice indicating the revised determination. Appeal of NPDES permits may be filed after the Regional Administrator makes the above-described determination. Additional information regarding appeal of NPDES permits is available in 40 CFR § 124.19, or by contacting Paul Schwartz of the Environmental Accountability Division at the address above or at (404) 562-9576.

The administrative record that includes the draft permit, statement of basis, comments received, and additional information on hearing procedures is available by writing or for review at the EPA address above between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies will be provided at a minimal cost per page. All documents are also available at http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/about-epa-region-4-southeast.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom will be interested in this matter. If you would like to be added to our public notice mailing list, submit your name and mailing address to the EPA's address given above.

### LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-031 In the Matter of the Estate of Nickyjack David Walkingstick

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

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

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

Barbara George, 1005 Swimmer Branch Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **6/16pd** 

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-032

### In the Matter of the Estate of Sallie Smith Bradley

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

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

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

Vita Nations, PO Box 1378, Cherokee, NC 28719. **6/16pd** 

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-037 In the Matter of the Estate of

Darrell Dwight Ross

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

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

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

Delbert Ross, PO Box 154, Cherokee, NC 28719. **6/22 pd** 

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-030 In the Matter of the Estate of Teresa Walkingstick Rivera

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: September 14, 2016

Octavio Rivera, PO Box 1626, Cherokee, NC 28719. **7/7pd** 

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-034

### In the Matter of the Estate of Ernest Locust Jr.

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

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

#### below.

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

Debra Locust, P. O. Box 1106, Cherokee, NC 28719. **7/7 pd** 

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-039 In the Matter of the Estate of

#### Katie Panther

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

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

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

Kenneth Panther, PO Box 1621, Cherokee, NC 28719. **7/6pd** 

### BIDS, RFPs, etc.

#### **Request for Proposals**

The Cherokee Tribal Court seeks competitive proposals for a Public Defender on a contractual basis. The Public Defender will represent indigent persons in cases assigned to him/her by the Court, including criminal, domestic violence, traffic, jury trials and appeals as required. Qualifications include:

1. Applicant must possess good trial skills, a good record of court attendance and references indicating an efficient court practice in whatever court he or she practices in. Applicant must have litigated multiple jury trials.

2. Applicant must be currently licensed to practice in North Carolina State and Federal Courts. Applicant must have at least five (5) years of litigation experience preceding this contract.

3. Applicant must be a member or be willing to become a member of our Cherokee Bar.

Interested individuals should submit a brief letter proposal including the following information: • Name and contact information

- Copies of certifications
- Relevant work experience

Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before June 24, 2016 will receive priority over later submissions. Please mail or fax proposals to Donna Toineeta-Lossiah, Court Administrator, P.O. Box 1629, Cherokee, NC 28719. Fax # 828-359-0012 or email to donnloss@nc-cherokee. com

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The Cherokee Tribal Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **6/23pd** 

#### **Requests for Proposals**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee Department of Transportation (CDOT) 680 Acquoni Road Cherokee, North Carolina 28719 Phone: (828) 359-6530 Big Cove Road, Milling and Overlay The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' CDOT Office is requesting separate sealed bids for milling and pavement overlay on Big Cove Rd from 600 feet north of Acquoni Road to 1000 feet north of the Blue Ridge Parkway overpass in Swain County. Contractors wishing to bid should contact Manuel Maples at (828) 359-6532 or by email at manumapl@nc-cherokee.com to

see BIDS next page

### **BIDS:** Notices from page 30

request a copy of the Request for Proposal.

Bid packages should be addressed to Manuel Maples, CDOT Planner, CDOT, 680 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. Bids must be received by 4:00 PM, June 17, 2016. Bids shall be opened in accordance with TERO procedures. Any bid received after this time will not be considered. Please be advised that all TERO regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal 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 RFP through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact CDOT at (828)-359-6530. **6/16pd** 

### EMPLOYMENT

Now hiring for a full time position at Bearmeat's Indian Den. Applicants must be able to pass a drug test. Serious applicants should apply in person. 6/16pd

Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort is seeking (4) Licensed Massage Therapists, (3) Licensed Cosmetologists to meet our growing business demand! Also seeking energetic individuals for the following hourly positions: Senior Concierge, Male Host, and Female Host. Candidates must pass background check and drug test. Please contact Spa at 828-497-8550 or email resume to laurenw@mandaraspa. com for consideration. 6/16pd

### Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings (open until filled):

Pre-K Teacher - NC Teaching license required.
High School English Teacher/ Reading Interventionist - NC Teaching license required.
Middle School Math Teacher - NC Teaching license required.
Elementary School Nurse Assistant - Must be a registered CNA or LPN.

•Summer Intern - Seeking a highly motivated college student to intern at the Central Office, who is going into one of the following fields: Business, Education, Management, or other related field. Must be 18 or older, enrolled in a college or university program, and have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better. Position paid hourly; last approximately 4 weeks.

High School Arts & Crafts Instructor - Must have Associates Degree or 48 semester hours of study at an institute of higher education.
Athletic Trainer - Must have a Bachelor's Degree in health related field. Must be a National Athletic Trainers' Association BOC certified and posses or be in the process of acquiring a license, certification, or registration from the state of North Carolina.

High School Math Teacher - NC Teaching license required.
Elementary School Nurse - Must be a registered RN or LPN.
High School SPED Teacher Assistant-NC Teaching license required.
Special Education First Grade Teacher-NC Teaching license required.

Elementary Teacher - NC Teaching license required.Volleyball Coach - Previous suc-

•Elementary Teacher Assistant -

Multiple positions available. Must have Associates Degree or 48 semester hours of study at an institute of higher education. For complete job descriptions please visit CCS Human Resources at www.ccs-nc.org **6/19pd** 

### JOB ANNOUNCEMENT Accounts Payable Clerk

Administration Department Organization: Cherokee Boys Club, PO Box 507, 52 Boys Club Loop, Cherokee, NC 28719 Department: Administration Department

Opening Date: June 16, 2016 Closing Date: June 30, 2016 REQUIREMENTS:

Education: Associates Degree in Finance, Accounting or related field is preferred. High School Diploma or GED with a minimum of 4 years of related work experience. Other: Valid NC Driver's License

required

Experience: Four years of related work/educational experience in finance or accounting including accounts payable functions is required.

A job description and application can be picked up from the Receptionist at the Information Window of the Cherokee Boys Club between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information call 828-497-9101.

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. **6/23pd** 

### THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOS-PITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available: FT HOUSEKEEPER FT PERFORMANCE IMPROVE-MENT SPECIALIST FT RN EVENING FLOAT / IN PA-TIENT EMERGENCY HIRE RN / ER 7:30AM-8:00PM EMERGENCY HIRE RN / ER EVENING SHIFT CLOSE: 6/24/2016 @ 4PM

Applications and job descriptions are available at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Human Resources Office, Monday – Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm. For more information please call 828 497-9163 and ask for Teresa Carvalho or Deb Toineeta. These positions will close on April 29, 2016 @ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and the original CIHA job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **6/23pd** 



foster parents. Please contact Nikki Toineeta at (828) 359 1520.



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