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Tribal needle exchange program receives support



A new Teen Miss Cherokee has been crowned





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## **EBCI Primary Election Unofficial Results**

Note: These are the unofficial results of the EBCI Primary Election held on Thursday, June 1 per the Cherokee Election Board. Those in bold advance to the General Election. **Tribal Council** 

**Big Cove Community** Richard French 131 Perry Shell 124 Lori Taylor 68 Fred Penick 66 Damian Nicholas Solis 61 Lavita L. Hill 50 James Darren Panther 33 James (Chigger) Bradley 28 Sheila Standingdeer 23 Cody Swayney 10

**Birdtown Community** 

Albert Rose 231 Travis Smith 220 Boyd Owle 213 Ashley Sessions 206 Curtis Wildcat 130 Gary R. Ledford 121 Robert "Bob" Driver 119 Gilbert Crowe 94 Albert Crowe (write-in) 71 Michael J. Youngdeer 58

Cherokee County -Snowbird Community Janell Rattler 157 Bucky Brown 151 Adam Wachacha 149 Larry Blythe 127 Isaiah Chekelelee 65 Phillip Ellington 21

#### **Painttown Community**

Tommye Saunooke 156 Terri Henry 107 Lisa Taylor 106 Yona Wade 94 Mark Hicks 88 Marie Junaluska 78 Cherie Rose 45 Janet R. Arch 38

Wolftown Community

Bo Crowe - 391 Jeremy Wilson 301 Sam "Frell" Reed - 235 Dennis Edward (Bill) Taylor 173 James David Jumper - 171 Jarrett "Sheriff" Crowe - 49

**Yellowhill Community** David Wolfe 193 Tom Wahnetah 118 **Charles Penick 108 Anita Welch Lossiah 100** Mary "Missy" Crowe 80 Lloyd Arneach Jr. 50

### **School Board**

**Big Cove Karen "French" Browning 121 Tammy Bradley 105** Lori Blankenship 88

#### Birdtown

**Gloria "Punkin" Griffin 248 Sasha McCoy Watty 206** Melissa Smith 168 Ray Long 152

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# Tribal needle exchange program receives preliminary support

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4 Currently, there have been over 600 people diagnosed as positive with Hep C in our community," Vickie Bradley, EBCI Secretary of Public Health and Human Services (PHHS), told Tribal Council during discussion on a proposed needle exchange program during a regular session of Council on Thursday, June 1.

Legislation was passed to provide preliminary support for the development of a tribal needle exchange program that will be operated and supervised by PHHS.

"Talk is talk is talk," said Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy who submitted the legislation in an effort to curb the current Hep C epidemic in the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. "It's time for action."

While on a trip to Washington, DC for the recent Cherokee Days event, Rep. McCoy said she and her family ventured throughout the town and got to witness firsthand a needle exchange program in operation. "I was amazed at the acceptance by the community that was all around them."

She said community involvement and acceptance of such a program is vital. "We have not yet begun to hit the tip of the iceberg on the amount of Hepatitis C cases on this Boundary. We can't react every time. Sometimes, we have to be proactive. Sometimes, we have to step up and take control of our situation and be grown up about it and understand this isn't going away."

Rep. McCoy added that the program isn't about encouraging drug use, but about discouraging the spread of diseases such as Hep C. "I think this would curtail the spread of some of those diseases. You cannot keep putting an addict in jail hoping that will fix it."

Secretary Bradley said she was excited to see the legislation come to the forefront. "The World Health Organization (WHO), the American Medical Association (AMA), and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have proven, through empirical evidence, that a needle exchange program is the only program that will reduce the incidence and prevalence of Hep C."

She said that needle sticks occurring to public service personnel would be reduced by an average of 66 percent and stated, "An individual participating in a needle ex-

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A 2004 WHO report, entitled "Effectiveness of Sterile Needle and Syringe Programming in Reducing HIV/AIDs Among Injecting Drug Users", states in its recommendations portion, "The studies reviewed in this report present a compelling case that NSPs (needle and syringe programs) substantially and cost effectively reduce the spread of HIV among IDUs (intravenous drug users) and do so without evidence of exacerbating injecting drug use at either the individual or societal level."

During Thursday's discussion on the issue, several tribal leaders showed their support for the program.

Birdtown Rep. Travis Smith commented, "We've got to educate the community on what this is and what it's about. It's not that we're saying we're okay with drug use, but we're trying to prevent other things that are going along with it."



Stating that community education is a key component, he also pointed to the economic benefits of the program. "The cost of treating someone with Hepatitis C is around \$50,000 a treatment...if we can save that one person from catching Hepatitis C, that pays for a couple of months of the needle exchange. It pays off in the long run."

Vice Chairman Brandon Jones said the program is "desperately needed" and pointed to a recent news report that spoke to the Hepatitis C epidemic throughout western North Carolina. "Hep C is going to be our biggest battle and our biggest cost at the hospital. It's probably already right there with diabetes and heart disease, but it will take over, and it's something we can help."

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## "You cannot keep putting an addict in jail hoping that will fix it."

- Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy who submitted the legislation

Sneed noted, "The reality is what we are facing is a public health crisis. Nobody wants to be addicted. Nobody wants to live in that life. but we can't ignore the fact that we here, locally, have a public health crisis with Hep C already."

Like other, he praised Rep. McCoy for bringing for the legislation and stated it is a start to solving the problem, "We're not going to shame people to stopping by putting their picture in the One Feather. Look at the number of times these folks have been arrested, and almost all of them, 90 percent of what we see in the paper, they're addicted and we have to stop treating addiction as a criminal behavior and start treating it as a public health issue because that's what it is."

He added, "I can assure you that the point of this is public health, and we're trying to protect our children."

Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke said, "It's good legislation. Nobody wakes up one morning and says 'I want to be an addict'. They're still human. They should be treated as such. All of us have been affected in here by the drug addiction. If we pass this, it will begin the process."

During discussion on the issue, it was decided to bring this program idea back in an ordinance format for next month's Council so that it would be codified.

Secretary Bradley said her staff will present a full budget for the needle exchange program when PHHS budgets are presented during the Budget Hearings for FY2018. "What you are passing is a brand new program. It's not just a piece of a program. It's going to be an expensive program, but one that will ultimately save our community a lot of money, but more importantly, save a lot of lives."



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# **Embarking on their journey**

## Remember the Removal riders get send-off at Kituwah

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nnually, the Remember the Removal riders gather at the Kituwah Mound, the Mother Town of the Cherokee, prior to embarking on their 950-mile journey to Oklahoma. The group received a send-off during an event held at the Mound on Friday, June 2.

Representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians on the ride this year are: Renissa McLaughlin, Sheyahshe Littledave, Bo Taylor, Zane Wachacha, Israel Rodriguez, Chavella Taylor, and Taylor Wilnoty.

The Cherokee Nation cyclists this year include: Brian Barlow, Hunter Scott, Ellic Miller, Macie Sullateskee, Trey Pritchett, KenLea Henson, Susie Q. Means-Worley, Skylar Vann, Gaya Pickup, Breanna Anderson, Shelby Deal, and Raven Girty.

"It's fitting that the riders from the west and the Eastern Band meet



**RIDERS:** A group shot of this year's Remember the Removal riders representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Cherokee Nation.

here because this is our common ground," said Jack Baker, Cherokee Nation Tribal Council At-Large Representative and president of the National Trail of Tears Association. "This is our ancestral home. All of us here have ancestors that are buried in this area."

He went on to speak of the connection between the riders. "More

## "I hope to find a better connection to who I am and where I come from."

- Chavella Taylor, EBCI rider



**HISTORY:** Jack Baker, Cherokee Nation Tribal Council At-Large Representative and president of the National Trail of Tears Association, talks on the historical significance of the ride.

than half of our riders (Cherokee Nation) come from Delaware County (Okla.) whose ancestors actually came from North Carolina. So, it's fitting that we come together at this site."

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, a Remember the Removal alumni from 2014, told the riders, "You're about to embark on a journey that's going to forever change you."

He added, "It's going to change your perspective about what it means to be Cherokee. It's going to change your perspective about life because you're going to endure things along this journey. There will be days when that little voice in your head will tell you that you can't do it, that you need to give up. On those days, draw on each other's strength. Draw on the strength of our ancestors. Draw on the strength of the alumni that have gone before you. You will make it, and when you get to the end of this journey, you'll be forever changed."

Taylor Wilnoty, EBCI rider, said she is nervous going into the ride as it will be her first time away from home on her own. "I've always traveled with my mom or my family; so, definitely I'm really nervous about being on my own. I'm really excited though. I've never done anything like this, but when I started this, it was for myself. Through training, I've obtained a lot more of myself, and on the ride I really just want to get a better appreciation of my home and who I am and where



**ALUM:** Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, a Remember the Removal Ride 2014 alumni, addresses the crowd.

#### I come from."

Fellow EBCI rider Sheyahshe Littledave said she is both nervous and excited to start, but said their training has gone well. "I feel like I'm as prepared as I can be for the physical aspect. I'm excited about the cultural part of it because, I'm ashamed to say, there's a lot of stuff that I don't know about our history and our culture that I would like to learn."

She credited her family and the ride alumni for helping her get ready for the ride. "To think that I'm about to embark on a 900-mile journey is exciting and mind-blowing, but I really hope to gain a lot of memories, a lot of friends, and a new sense of self."

Chavella Taylor, EBCI rider, commented, "I hope to find a better connection to who I am and where I come from. I hope to learn all that I can on the way and be able to bring that back. I hope that I come back with a family, not only here, but there. And, I hope that by us riding, it shows our Tribe that we still care and that we're encouraging all of the tribal members that we're still here and we can do

#### anything."

The rider's schedule this year, according to information from the Cherokee Nation, is as follows:

#### Georgia

June 4 – New Echota, Ga. to Cleveland, Tenn.

#### Tennessee

June 5 – Cleveland to Dayton June 6 – Dayton to Spencer June 7 – Spencer to Murfreesboro June 8 – Murfreesboro to Goodlettsville June 9 – Goodlettsville to Hopkinsville, Ky.

#### Kentucky

June 10 – Hopkinsville to Paducah June 11 – Paducah to Cape Girardeau, Mo.

#### Missouri

- June 12 Rest Day June 13 – Cape Girardeau to Farmington June 14 – Farmington to Cuba June 15 – Cuba to St. Robert June 16 – St. Robert to Lebanon June 17 – Lebanon to Springfield
- une 17 Lebanon to Springhen
- June 18 Rest Day
- June 19 Springfield to Cassville June 20 – Cassville to Fayetteville, Ark.

#### Arkansas

June 21 – Fayetteville to Stilwell, Okla.

#### Oklahoma

June 22 – Stilwell to Tahlequah



# COMMUNITY

## Hospital's Diabetes Support Group helps family improve health

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he Cherokee Hospital Diabetes Support group, which was established by the hospital's Nutrition Department in January, has provided a way for three generations of the Lequire family to get together to prevent diabetes and improve their health. Bill and Sophia Lequire, who started out attending the Cherokee Hospital's six week Diabetes Education and Empowerment Program (DEEP) to help learn about managing their diabetes, graduated from the program and then used the hospital's diabetes support group to continue to stay engaged and motivated.

They even encouraged their daughter, Michelle, to attend the diabetes support group with her baby. Now, three generations of the family attend the support group and learn how to improve their diabetes or prevent it. Sophia says that the group helps her daughter eat better, but that she personally attends the program because she "wants to be around" for her granddaughter.



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**GROUP:** Members of the Lequire family, including (left-right) Michelle, Sophia, and Bill, have been attending the Cheroke Hospital Diabetes Support Group.

Sophia says that the group has given her new information on diabetes and has taught her how to prepare foods and make better choices when eating out. She has learnt to try new foods; for example, the time when she tried the hummus and vegetable dip snack offered at the group session. She says she liked it and now incorporates that as a snack for herself and her family.

Diabetes can be an overwhelming disease which creates stress related to caring for it, often called diabetes-related distress. This distress could come from having to eat "healthy", taking multiple medications, going to doctors' appointments, having to exercise and check blood sugars. All this creates psychological, emotional, social and biological challenges, which can make patients feel defeated and drained.

Approximately 33 percent of patients with type two diabetes reportedly suffer from diabetes distress, and since one of the most common coping strategies for diabetes distress is avoidance, the aim of the support group is to bring community members with diabetes and their families together to provide coping strategies that will help integrate diabetes into their lives.

The Nutrition Department invites you to join Sophia and families like her to the diabetes support group. The support group meets monthly, on the first Tuesday of the month in the hospital cafeteria from 4:30 - 5:30 pm. Snacks are provided and participants can win door prizes.

Couture, MPH, RD, LDN, CDE, is the Nutrition Dept. manager at Cherokee Indian Hospital.





Photo contributed

**LAW GRAD:** Brisha O. Gardner (middle), an EBCI tribal member, received her Juris Doctorate degree on Friday, May 12 from Texas A&M University School of Law. She is shown with her grandmother, Andrea (Andee) Ratzlaff (left) and her mother, Jolene Ratzlaff Oaten.



Photo courtesy of Kelly Murphy/New Kituwah **PERFECT:** The following students at New Kituwah Academy Early Childhood had perfect attendance for the month of May. Shown (left-right) front row – Jeff Toineeta, Penelope Stamper, Maddux Beck, Marijane Tafoya, Lindsey Reed, Aubree Reed, Sean Slee; back row – teachers Joni Hill, Rosie Sneed, and Jaidan Wolfe.







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**GRAD:** Blake Nathaniel French, an EBCI tribal member, is set to graduate from the North Carolina School for the Deaf in Morganton on Wednesday, June 7.



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**PINNED:** Southwestern Community College held a pinning ceremony on Friday, May 12 at the Jackson Campus to honor the recent graduates of the nursing program. Shown (left-right) front row - Sierra Byrum, Whittier; Emma Hope Cotes, Cherokee; Marcie Blythe, Cherokee; Ashley McLamb-Rogers, Sylva; and Madison Buchanan, Sylva. Back row, left to right: Jessica Brown, Sylva; Sarah Stallings, Cullowhee; Tracy Christina Brooks, Sylva; and Erin Watson, Cashiers.



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**ROYALTY:** Kimmemelah Perkins, a recent graduate of Cherokee High School, was crowned Teen Miss Cherokee during the regular session of Tribal Council on Thursday, June 1. Perkins, the first runner-up in the October 2016 pageant, was given the title following the recent resignation of former Teen Miss Cherokee.



**MORE ROYALTY:** The junior EBCI pageant ladies are shown (left-right) including Little Miss Cherokee Nevayah Panther, Junior Miss Cherokee Alitama Perkins, and Teen Miss Cherokee Kimmemelah Perkins.



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#### OBITUARIES



#### Sara Jane Wabagkeck

Sara Jane Wabagkeck, 78, of Cherokee, passed away Sunday, May 28, 2017 at her residence. She was born Jan. 8, 1939 in Cherokee to the late Jonah Washington and Luzene Crowe Washington. She loved her family and enjoyed life.

Sara is survived by one daughter, Mary Swayney (husband Chad) of Cherokee; one son, Clarence Maney: grandchildren, Matthew Carey, Jonah Carey and Nicholas

Swayney all of Cherokee, Chanda Bird and Evan Maney of the Snowbird Community in Robbinsville; nine great grandchildren; three brothers, William Washington, Noah Washington (wife Eunice), and Sam Washington; four sisters, Mabel Parker (husband Carroll), Nora McCoy, Betty Washington, and Mary Saunooke (husband Solomon); special friend, Rebecca Bigwitch: her church family at Yellow Hill Baptist Church where she was a member; and several nieces and nephews and many other friends also survive.

In addition to her parents, Sara was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Wabagkeck; one son, William David Maney; one granddaughter, Tenilla Stamper; and two brothers, Robert Lee Washington and Allen Boyd Crowe.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, June 1 at Yellowhill Baptist Church. Pastor Foreman Bradley officiated. Burial followed at the Washington Cemetery. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Wabagkeck family.

#### **Billy Joe Swayney**

Billy Joe Swayney, 62, of the Big Cove Community in Cherokee, passed away Monday, May 29, 2017 at his residence with his loving family by his side.

He was born Jan. 9, 1955. He loved his family. He loved to play music and be with his friends.

Billy was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, and two granddaughters.

He is survived by his wife Norma (Corky) Swayney; two daughters, Stephanie and Lindsey; three sons, Jamie, Toby, and Bill; one brother, Floyd; one sister, Joyce; 16 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Funeral services were held on Friday, June 2 at Long House Funeral Home. Derek Frady officiated.

#### **Dennis Reagan**

Dennis Reagan, age 69 of Whittier, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, May 30, 2017. He is the son of the late Candler and Nellie Sue (Hipps) Reagan. He was married for 43 years to his wife, Michele Reagan.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and tending to his garden. He was an avid bird watcher and loved being out in nature. Dennis was a family man and enjoyed spending time with them and he never met a stranger.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Jessica Rowland and her husband Darrell of Asheville; three grandchildren, Dakota Johnston, Levi Rowland and Lexi Rowland; one sister, Karen Gibson and husband Claude of Whittier; many nieces and nephews; and a beloved cat, Gracie.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 3 at Olivet United Methodist Church with Rev. John Ferree officiating. Burial followed the service at Reagan Family Cemeterv.

**Appalachian Funeral Services** handled arrangements.



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SCOTT MCKIE B.P./ One Feather WRAP: One of the delivery vans for the Cherokee Bottled Water program got a new advertising wrap to include their updated phone numbers.

#### Cherokee Elementary School Honor Roll

#### Third Nine Weeks Grading Period Principal's Honor Roll

**4th Grade:** Aaliyah Reed, Alyssa Freeman, Dacia Warrington, Haylie Woodard, Kai Saunooke, Kaniah Wolfe, Vincent Owle

**5th Grade:** Ahanu De Los Reyes, Ann Toineeta, Carys Holiday, Creedon Arch, Dalaina Mills, Erik Fitzgerald, Evonne Stamper, George Saunooke, Isaac Welch, Jasmine Robertson, Jenna Cruz, Kyla Moore, Leondes Garcia, Miylaya Pratama, Roxi Bark, Sean Fitzgerald, Shelby Solis

**A Honor Roll 4th Grade:** Kieran Wolfe **5th Grade:** Dayvian Pheasant, Hermione Ward, Laura Martinez,

## Lupita Toineeta, Madison Ledford **B Honor Roll**

4th Grade: Abbygail Wildcatt, Alexis Davis, Amiya Lequire, Brandon Santiago, Chanttin Tramper, Corbin Freeman, Eliana West, Elliot Shell Jr., Falon Welch, Gideon Freeman, Isabella Jones, Jessie Hernandez, Joselyn Long, Josiah Sherrill, Julianne Smart, Kiri Hill, Malachi Driver, Malla Bradley, Nevayah Panther, Sadie Gomez, Samuel Welch, Sean Henderson, Shawnee Bushyhead, Tricyus Calhoun 5th Grade: Alitama Perkins, Bayley Wright, Breydan Ensley, Cassius Ross, Collin Ledford, Drevvon Taylor, Ezequiel Martinez, Gabriel Terrell, Ileyeni Wolfe, Janna Girty, Jayle Creson, Jimya Driver, Jonathan McCoy, Kayd-Lynn Bradley, Littlehawk Reed, Mason Salazar, Niyahi Mora, Ostani Youngdeer,



Samuel Postoak, Tahlaya Thompson, Triniti Littlejohn, Victoria Davis

#### Merit Honor Roll

**4th Grade:** Addi Taylor, Brett Elders, Elijah Squirrel, Jogeta Panther, Kendra Arch, Preston Rickman, Thomas Sequoyah, William Welch

**5th Grade:** Adrian Armachain, Aliah Locust, Bud Mathis, Danica Hill, Dillon Bigwitch, D.J. Hornbuckle, Emily Blankenship, Evie Nations, Gabriel Crowe, Hunter Hendrix, Jaylynn Brady, Kyria Swayney, Lily Bigmeat, Olivia Swayney, Phillip Calhoun

#### Fourth Nine Weeks Grading Period

**Principal's Honor Roll 4th Grade:** Alyssa Freeman, Dacia Warrington, Haylie Woodard, Jada Cruz, Joselyn Long, Kaniah Wolfe, Vincent Owle

5th Grade: Ann Toineeta, Bayley
Wright, Creedon Arch, Dalaina
Milla, D.J. Hornbuckle, Dreyvon
Taylor, Emily Blankenship, Evonne
Stamper, Isaac Welch, Jasminie
Robertson, Jenna Cruz, Kyla Moore,
Kyria Swayney, Miyalaya Pratama,
Niyahi Mora, Roxi Bark, Sean Fitzgerald, Shelby Solis
A Honor Roll
4th Grade: None
5th Grade: Danica Hill, Dayvian Pheasant, George Saunooke, Hermione Ward, Ileyeni Wolfe, Triniti Littlejohn, Victoria Cabrera-Davis **B Honor Roll** 

**4th Grade:** Aaliyah Reed, Abreana Hornbuckle, Alexis Davis, Amiya Lequire, Ayosta Lossie, Cameron Squirrell, Chanttin Tramper, Elliot Shell Jr., Falon Welch, Gideon Freeman, Jessie Hernandez, Kai Saunooke, Malla Bradley, Nevayah Panther, Sadie Gomez-Rivera, Samuel Welch, Savian Davis, Shalina Blanton, Shawnee Bushyhead, Tricyus Calhoun, Tyruss Thompson, Xain Maney

**5th Grade:** Aliah Locust, Boie Crowe, Dillon Bigwitch, Esiah Postoak, Ezequiel Martinez, Hawk Reed, Janna Girty, Jayle Creson, Jaylynn Brady, Jimya Driver, Kaesyn McCoy, Kayd-Lynn Bradley, Laura Martinez, Madison Ledford, Makenzie Rattler, Ostani Youngdeer, Phillip Garcia-Calhoun, Tahlaya Thompson

#### **Merit Honor Roll**

**4th Grade:** Brett Elders, Elijah Squirrel, Hannah Morgan, Jogeta Panther, Kendra Arch, Preston Rickman, Thomas Sequoyah, William Welch

**5th Grade:** Abigail Ledford, Adrian Armachain, Bud Mathis, Dyami Saunooke, Jamaya Balderas, Julia Gonzales, Mason Salazar



### THANK YOU LETTERS

#### With much appreciation

Dear Paint Town Citizens, I am humbled by your confidence in my candidacy for Tribal Council and grateful for your support. I'll be seeing you soon.

I am also grateful to folk in the other communities who expressed their confidence in and good wishes to me.

With heartfelt thanks to you all, **Terri Henry** Candidate for Paint Town Tribal Council

#### Thank you from family of Luzene Thompson

The family of Luzene L. Thompson would like to thank everyone that was there in our time of need. Thanks to everyone that sent food, flowers, and said a prayer for our family.

Thank you to Crisp Funeral Home for everything you did. Thank you Rock Springs Church, Zena Wolfe, Jimbo Sneed, Bo Parris, and Denny Crowe for everything you all did. Also, a special thank you to all the singers who came out during our time of need.

Thank you, **The Lossiah/Thompson family** 

#### Thank you from the family of Mary Hazel Lambert

I would like to say thank you to the following individuals. My brother Albert Rose, for helping me when my mom passed away and for being there when I needed you most. Also, thank you to the church groups for the beautiful singing at mom's viewing. Also, thank you to family services for the food voucher, Harrah's Casino for the meat tray, Lorene and Nicki Bradley for your donation. Without the above donations, there would have been no food to feed the family. Thank you to Wanda, Delores, Kathie & Melissa for your food donation before mom passed away.

A big thank you to my aunt Bernice for feeding us dinner after the services. Also thank you to our family and friends for the beautiful flowers that mom received. A special thank you to my aunt Linda Carter and my Uncle Don Rose for the beautiful keepsake quilt. A big Shank Herb, Phillip, Bubba and Emmett, for helping me with mom no matter what time of day or night it was or what the issues were that I needed help with. Thank you to my friend Sarah Toineeta, for coming to visit with mom and keeping me company. Also thanks to my brother Steven Lambert and Kristi, for helping with mom during her final days. Last, but not least, thank you to Four Season Hospice and Long House funeral home for the terrific care you provided for Mom.

#### Birdtown candidate says thank you

I would like to say thank you to all those residents of the Birdtown Community who had the confidence to cast your vote for me in the June 1 primary election. Also, a huge thank you to my wife for all the moral and financial support you gave to my campaign.

**Robert "Bob" Driver** 



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## The drug problem what are we going to do?

**ROBERT JUMPER** ONE FEATHER EDITOR

ast week, I witnessed a sad scene at the Cherokee Welcome Center. Part of my responsibility these days is to frequent the Center, primarily to see if there is anything Josie and her staff needs to perform their duties of greeting visitors to the area and providing information to those traveling on and through the Qualla Boundary. I am a coffee hound and they always have fresh coffee in the Center, so it is a treat to go spend time with them and have a cup.

The events outside the Center were less pleasant. It seems that several people involved in drug transactions had decided that the Welcome Center parking lot was a good location to set up shop. The Cherokee Police Department disagreed and I, along with several other staff members and visitors to our lands, watched as officers took people into custody who were suspected of dealing drugs; several police cars with blue lights flashing, four or five young people sitting at picnic tables in handcuffs, and an officer with a drug sniffing dog going through a vehicle, all under a sign that reads, "Welcome to Cherokee".

We have a drug problem on the Boundary. We all know that. Like many parts of America, our community is fighting for the minds and bodies of our children. It has been called a war and it has been called an epidemic. Some say that drug abuse is a sickness. Other people say that drug abuse is a crime. For still other community members, drug abuse defies any definition other than heartbreaking. From the dealers who poison people to the suicidal, sociopathic tendencies of those who are hooked on drugs, we have been very much at a loss on how to handle an ever-growing population of a new drug-dependent community.

Lacking a legitimate, one-size-fits-all solution to the cause and cure for the disease/crime, we build "rehab" centers. It seems to be a "finger-in-

the-dyke" measure. The rehab centers currently available on the Boundary have so few beds compared to the need that, even if they are100 percent effective, tens, if not hundreds, of people go without treatment or reduced treatment until space becomes available. And, if you doubt the enormity of the problem, look at the tribal arrest reports. Within that report, you will find, on a weekly basis, on average, 15 to 30 people. Of those, most arrests will have something to do with drugs. The charges will run the range of drug related domestic violence, robbery, and embezzlement, in addition to direct selling and consumption. Many of the people who appear on those pages are repeat offenders; many of them showing up five or more times in the report. One educator reportedly said that they had to stop letting the children at the school read the One Feather for fear of some children seeing their parents in the arrest report.

As to the criminal element of drug abuse and trafficking, we continue to see drug charges "dismissed on plea". One can only speculate that the courts are so overwhelmed with the volume of cases that they opt to negotiate with the dealers to get an easier, less time consuming, and less costly conviction by allowing the offender a pass on "less serious" offenses, bargaining for surer convictions. The Attorney General once indicated at a public meeting on the drug problem in Cherokee that incarceration was an effective deterrent to drug abuse. I think it could be argued that plea bargaining would be a hindrance to that deterrent effect.

The problem of drug abuse has been going on so long that it has become a source of jokes and means of ridicule. When someone has an idea, or says something thought to be strange or unusual, it is common to hear someone say, "you must be high" or "are you smoking crack?"

If you have ever had a loved one, family or friend, that you have watched deteriorate to the point of death, it is no joking matter to you. If you have had a family member who has stolen from their parents or beaten their grandparents to get "stuff" or money that they can turn into their drug of choice, mindless jokes about drug abuse are a source of pain, not pleasure.

Those folks that chose the Welcome Center parking lot for their drug deal saw a quick response from the Cherokee Police Department, and I am thankful for the men and women who do that work. Many times, they are putting handcuffs on people they know from the community, sometimes their own kin. Talk to the local folks and you will quickly hear that the Welcome Center is not the only favorite drug transaction location in town. The downtown visitor center kiosk and our local grocery store parking lots are mentioned as prime locations for illegal drug transactions. And, if it is happening in those places, you know that there are many more in private residences and back roads near you.

We, as a community, must decide how we will address the problem of drug abuse on our lands. One study suggests that drug abuse stems from a disconnect from family and society, that over time, somehow the abuser has not been nurtured or perceives that they are outcasts. Drug dealers and abusers have their own culture and, to some extend, they feel that they are part of a family. They substitute that relationship for the lack of a real relationship with people that they love and that love them.

Whatever the cause, the effect is broken hearts and lives. We worry about financial and political threats to the fabric of our community. These issues, while important, do not nearly have the destructive power of drug abuse on the Boundary. Law enforcement and leading medical experts need to continue to work together to formulate real strategies for stopping this epidemic. If the Tribe were facing an outbreak of a medical disease that could wipe out a generation of our children, every member of government, our medical experts, our police and emergency services leaders, would be in "contain and destroy" mode. Well, it is here and it is now.

It saddened me to see people,

some our own tribal members, sitting in cuffs in front of our Welcome Center. Was it embarrassing to have visitors from all over the region and different states witnessing our people being taking into custody for drugs? Sure, it was. But, the thing that hurt my heart is knowing that if we don't find an answer to this problem and it continues to grow, instead of police cars in front of the Center, it will be a coroner's wagon; and instead being in handcuffs, our children will be in body bags.

The police were outside the Welcome Center for over an hour and several people were detained that morning. The staff said that the parking lot was free from drug activity...until the next day.

# ATTENTION! TRIBAL COUNCIL AND SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES...

Thank you for your willingness to serve your community. Now that the primary election has concluded, please continue to be good stewards of your communities. If you will not be participating in the general election for Tribal Council or School Board seats, <u>please pick</u> <u>up your signs from the public areas you placed them</u>.

EBCI Planning Office/Commerce Division

# What tha?...issue.

### Observations and random thoughts Volume 21.1

### WILLIAM LEDFORD

T's been an interesting few weeks in Washington, DC. Every time I think that maybe, finally, the Prez will start acting like an adult instead of a big ol' man-baby who has had everything handed to him all of his life, he says or does something new. He continues to amaze with the "bigly" extent of his propensity to blunder magnificently. At least when the guy flames out he crashes and burns spectacularly. Very entertaining. Don't get me wrong, I truly want him to succeed because he is the Prez, our Prez, if he succeeds, the country is in good hands. But the situation is a marvelous conundrum, a perfect example of schadenfreude, like a train wreck where you want to look away but can't and derive secret joy from this because it didn't happen to you.

Sean Spicer. The White House Press Secretary was in the news recently and not in a good light. It seems that reporters had questions regarding another of Trump's bad decisions (he fired the FBI Director to derail the Russia investigation) and Spicer actually hid behind some bushes to avoid them. You can't make this stuff up. Other news suggests that he might get fired if he doesn't do better and become proactive, in other words,



learn to anticipate what his boss is going to say at any given time because according to Trump, Trump is the most active President ever... according to Trump. My guess? Spicer is toast.

Reporters. Trump continues to harp that the media is on a witchhunt with the Russia meddling investigation and that he is the most persecuted and mistreated politician in history. I'll agree that the media has fixated upon the White House but that's only because you never know what will come out of there at any given time, gotta be ready. His diehard supporters say that they've never seen anything on TV news about the Russia investigation so it must be fake news. I actually try watching Fox News along with CNN and MSNBC and its true, Fox News never mentions anything about Russia and when they do they try to compare made up scandals to election tampering by a foreign country. I really think that Sean Hannity has collected himself a worn pair of Trump's boxers or tighty whities and puts them under his pillow at night. Helps him sleep.

Family tree. There's a lady on a commercial for the genealogy research site Ancestry.com that postulates that by using the service she discovered that she is 26 percent Native. Two things strike me here. One, usually, always, Native blood is passed down using division by two. As in, one parent is 100 percent Native the other is not so, 50 percent, the next generation divides again and thus 25 percent, using that logic she should have already known that someone, grandfather or grandmother, was a fullblood Skin. That'd be like someone from the Rez saying that they need to use Ancestry.com because, even though Enrollment has our records they just feel better using the service. But, on the other hand I think that maybe she is Native based upon the more compelling visual evidence i.e., the skinny legs and larger upper body that suggests she is what we Natives call a deer woman. And like a buffalo babe, that's not always a positive thing.

Lumbees. The Lumbee are still trying to become recognized as a tribal nation by the Feds. They throw money and votes towards some clueless candidate running for a seat in the US House or Senate who then jumps onboard this crusade in order to retain those votes. I look at the situation this way. If the Lumbee truly are Native how did they escape the attentions of one particular racist sociopathic slave owner who just happened to be POTUS at the time? Yes, I refer to Trump's idol Andrew Jackson. Jackson's intent was to ethnically cleanse the Southeast of all Indians. Somehow this "tribe" called Lumbee escaped his intentions and efforts. They weren't looked at as Indians then, to me that's the true test of their recognition.

It's almost election time again. Hey Birdtowners, you know who you need to vote for. And I ain't sayin', I'm just sayin'. So, until next time, sayonara, hasta la vista, denadagohvyu...man I been gone too long, hope that was right. Later!

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



1. Indira Gandhi; 2. Six states and two territories; 3. Demi Moore; 4. Genesis; Trivia Test Answers

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#### EBCI Garden Judging Contest information

The EBCI Garden Judging will begin Monday, June 19. You must register between now and June 9 to be eligible for competition. Come by the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office at 876 Acquoni Rd or call 359-6939.

Judging will be done as follows: June 19 – Wolfetown, Big Y, Birdtown and 3200 Acre Tract June 20 – Big Cove, Towstring, Yellowhill, and Painttown June 21 – Cherokee County and Snowbird

Youth Gardeners (up to age 18) and Community Gardens judging dates will depend on the number of entries. \*Most likely done along with the main judging dates.

Please 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

• 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, EBCI Cooperative Extension director

#### 105th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair Food Vendor Information

The Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds is taking names for the food vendor drawing for this year's Cherokee Indian Fair until Friday. June 9 at 4pm. Food vendors must be 18-years-old to qualify for spaces or booths. Submit your food vendor application and menu to Lisa Frady, lisafrad@nc-cherokee.com, 359-6471 by the deadline above. No exceptions will be made. The drawing for booth space will be held on Tuesday, June 20 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 the time of payment. The fee for the food vendor spaces are the total amount for the five-day event. Preference will be given to EBCI tribal members for the food booths; there is an exception for spaces 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. The deposit is required with the payment on the day of the drawing. The prices for the spaces are below: • Food vendor space outside of the booths 10' x 20' = \$250.00 • Booth without fryer = \$300.00plus \$125.00 deposit = \$425.00 • Booth with fryer = 400.00 plus \$125.00 deposit = \$525.00 - Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds

#### Important dates for SSI Recipients

If you are an EBCI tribal member and you received a per capita check, June 16 is the deadline for your per capita receipts to be turned in to the Franklin Social Security Office. This deadline has been set in order to avoid a lapse in benefits.

The EBCI SHIP office is currently available to accept your receipts. Their location is 43 John Crowe Hill Road (across from Cherokee Cablevision), and their office hours are Monday – Friday from 7:45am – 4:30pm.

Regina Wood, Social Security Representative and EBCI SHIP staff, will set up in the EBCI Public Health & Human Services Administration Building Large Conference Room on Tuesday, June 13 from 8am – 4pm to receive your per capita spend down receipts.

It is also receipt time again. This is a reminder to save all your receipts. Wood will be in Cherokee to pick receipts up on Friday June 16. All receipts will be accepted at the EBCI Public Health & Human Services SHIP Office.

All receipts must be dated for June 2017 to be counted toward your June 2017 spend down. Info: 359-6183

- EBCI SHIP Office

#### SBA offering working capital loans due to October 2016 drought

The U.S. Small Business Administration is reminding small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations that Monday, June 26 is the filing deadline for federal economic injury disaster loans in North Carolina as a result of the drought that began on Oct. 18, 2016.

This disaster declaration includes the following counties: Cherokee, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain and Transylvania in North Carolina.

Under this declaration, the

SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program is available to eligible farm-related and nonfarm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this disaster. With the exception of aquaculture enterprises, SBA cannot provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, or ranchers. Nurseries are eligible to apply for economic injury disaster loans for losses caused by drought conditions.

The loans are for working capital and can be up to \$2 million with interest rates of 4 percent for eligible small businesses and 2.625 percent for nonprofit organizations, and terms up to 30 years. Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela.

Info: SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hardof-hearing) or disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

- SBA

#### Swain Arts Center hosting Juried Photo Competition

The Swain Arts Center will host its first Open Juried Photography Competition on Saturday, Aug. 19. The theme is Nature Photography. Submissions should be made online no later than July 17 (jpg format). Participants will be notified on July 22 if their submissions have been accepted for the competition.

The submission fee is \$15 per single entry. If you submit four or more images, the fee is \$60. The application is available at swainartscenter.com.

- Swain Arts Center



Event listings are free of charge. Send your event name, date and time, location, and contact info to scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com

#### Cultural Events

Cherokee History Talk. June

**8** from 11am – 1:30pm at Cowee Mound in Macon County. Cherokee Nation citizen Tom Belt will lead a walk lecture to the Mound entitled "A Walk Back in Time: Cherokee History in the Southern Blue Ridge". Tickets are \$5/ person. An optional lunch can be purchased for an additional \$10. Info: Sharon Burdette (828) 524-2711, ext. 301

Folkmoot Cherokee Ambassador's Day. July 25 at 10am.

The day includes visiting the Oconaluftee Indian Village, Qualla Arts & Crafts, and the Museum of the Cherokee Indians, as well as a catered lunch at the Cherokee

Indian Fairgrounds. This will be followed by an all-group performance and cultural exchange at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Festival. The cost of this event is \$35-65. Groups of 20 or more receive a 20 percent discount. EBCI tribal members are admitted free. Info: Lisa Spring Wilnoty, Folkmoot Cherokee Programs coordinator, (828) 452-2997

#### **Church Events**

Vacation Bible School. June 11-14 at 5pm nightly at Acquoni Baptist Chapel. Info: Victor and Penny Betts 788-2149

Vacation Bible School. June 11-15 from 6-8pm nightly at Straight Fork Baptist Church. Everyone is

invited to attend and fellowship with the church and friends from Big Cypress First Baptist Church in Florida including Brother Salaw Hummingbird. There will be an adult class also.

#### Vacation Bible School. June

12-18 from 6-8pm nightly at Waterfalls Baptist Church. Everyone is welcome. The theme is "Dr. Vanguard's Voyages: The Redeemer".

#### **Fundraisers/Benefits**

Frybread Benefit. June 9 from 11am – 1pm at Yellowhill Community Building. Frybread with chili or Indian taco with drink for \$7. There will be a 50/50 raffle table at the benefit. No deliveries. Info: (828) 507-1520



#### **3rd Annual Cherokee Cancer** Support Prime Rib Dinner.

**June 10** from 5-7pm at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Menu: Prime Rib, salad, baked potato, vegetable, rolls, tea, coffee and water for \$15. Cancer Support group members are asked to return their tickets (both sold and unsold) to the office at Betty's Place by Monday, June 5 so that the number of people attending can be determined. Info: 497-0788

#### Show & Shine event. June 23-

**24** from 10am – 3pm daily at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Car show, car wash, and silent auction all benefiting the Speak to the Mountain 2017 Divine Healing Crusade. Info: (727) 439-8010, www.speaktothemountain.net

#### **General Events**

#### **Big Y upcoming events**

• Regular monthly meeting. June 9. All 2017 Big Y residents who graduated need to attend to be recognized by your community with a gift. Big Y students of all grade levels, bring in your final report card if you had at least three As for the semester to get your grade incentive. All students and graduates must be present in person.

• Community-wide litter pick-up. June 17. Build your own ice cream sundaes social from 9:30am -12:30pm

• Pucker-toe moccasin class. June 24 from 11am – 4pm. This class is currently full, and a list has been started for July. Get your supply list for this class from Brianna Lambert or check the Big Y Facebook page. • Big Y's 2nd Annual Fourth of

July Celebration. July 1. BBQ and fireworks.

Indivisible Swain County NC meeting. June 8 at 6pm at Bryson City Senior Center at 125 Brendle Street in Bryson City. All are welcome. Topics being discussed include environmental and health care issues. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118

**Cherokee Bluegrass Festival. June 8-10** at Happy Holiday RV Village and Campground. Numerous acts all three days including: The Crowe Brothers, Breaking Glass, VW Boys, Deeper Shade of Blue, The Harris Brothers, and more. Info and for tickets: Adams Bluegrass, LLC (706) 864-7203 or www.adamsbluegrass.com

Dance. June 17 at 7pm at Yel-

lowhill Activity Center. Admission is \$6 per person. All proceeds benefit the Appalachian Community Dance Association. Free line dance lessons will be provided early at 6:30pm. Info: 788-0502

#### **Health and Sports Events**

**Elder Abuse Awareness Walk on the Qualla Boundary. June 15** from 6-7pm at Tsali Manor Senior Citizen Center. Registration starts at 5pm. Info: Sherry Welch 359-6290

## Upcoming Pow Wows for June 9-11

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.

**6th Annual Traditional Pow Wow. June 10** at Kiwanis River Park in Moose Jaw, SK. Info: Christopher Caplette (306) 694-4820, christophercaplette@gmail.com

**9th Annual Colorado Springs Powwow. June 10** at the Mortgage Solutions Financial Expo Center in Colorado Springs, CO. Info: Al or Rhetta Walter, (719) 559-0525, rhetta\_walter@hotmail.com, www. coloradospringspowwow.org

#### Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape 38th Annual Pow-Wow. June 10-11

at the Salem County Fair Grounds in Woodstown, NJ. Host Drum: Woodland Society. MC: Keith Colston. Info: Ty Ellis (856) 651-7335, Tywolf23@hotmail.com Intertribal Children's Pow Wow. June 10 at the Ottawa Pow Wow Grounds in Miami, Okla. MC: Choogie Kingfisher. AD: Dude Blalock. Info: Tena Booth (918) 542-7232, shawneechild@shawnee-tribe.com

San Luis Rey Inter Tribal Pow Wow. June 11 at the Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside, Calif. Info: Carmen Mojado (760) 724-8505, cjmojado@mac.com

#### **Community Club Meetings**

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

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## **ELECTION!**

I am very grateful and honored for all the support I have been blessed with. I pledge to continue to serve as your School Board Representative in the best interest of the Cherokee Central School system for the remainder of my current term and for the next term if re-elected. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for any questions or concerns that you may have. I will be glad to return your call or setup a time to meet with you in person. Hope everyone has a wonderful and safe summer!

God Bless, Chelsea Taylor Saunooke 828-507-7848 Csaunooke.ccsb@gmail.com

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#### Big Cove Community Club

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

#### Birdtown Community Club

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

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

#### **Snowbird Community Club**

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

#### Wolftown Community Club

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

**Yellowhill Community Club** meets the first Tuesday of every



month unless it's a holiday. If anybody would like to teach an art or craft call Reuben 497-2043 to be scheduled.

#### **Community Groups**

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

#### Support Groups/Meetings

### Cherokee Diabetes Support

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

#### AA and NA meetings in

**Cherokee.** Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): Tuesdays at 7pm at Cherokee Indian Hospital (CIH), Saturdays at 10am at CIH conference room

Narcotics Anonymous (NA): Mondays at 8pm at CIH, Thursdays at 8pm at CIH, Fridays at 7pm at CIH ence room

#### Analenisgi Recovery Center weekly class schedule

*Monday:* Community Culture 11:15am – 12:30pm; Stressed No More 2-3pm; Nar-Anon 6-7pm (1st and 3rd Mondays); CoDA 6-7pm (2nd and 4th Mondays) *Tuesday:* Recovery Thru Art 8:45-9:45am; Healthy Relationships 11am – 12pm; Employment Work-

shop Series 11am - 12pm (2nd Tuesday); Family Support Skills 1-2pm; Surviving Emotions 2-3pm Wednesday: Managing "Monkey Mind" 10-11am; Recovery is Happening Now 11am – 12pm; My Self, My Boundaries 2-3:30pm; Family Support Skills 5-6pm; HIV/ AIDS/Hep C Support Group 5:45-6:45pm (2nd and 4th Wednesdays) Thursday: Life Recovery Bible Class 9-10am: Connections with Brene' Brown 10-11am; Managing "Monkey Mind" 11am – 12pm; Improve Self-Esteem 1-2:30pm Friday: Recovery Thur Art 9:30-11am and 11am – 12pm; Cherokee Language Class 1-2:30pm Info: 497-9163 ext. 7550

#### **CIHA Bariatric Support Groups**

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

#### **Cherokee Cancer Support**

**Group** meets the first Thursday of each month at Betty's Place at 40 Goose Creek Road. A pot luck is held at 5:30pm, and the meeting is open to all. Betty's Place is also open Monday – Friday 10am – 2pm and provides counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals. Info: 497-0788

Listings in the Happenings section are free of charge. Send your event flyers and/or info to Scott at scotmckie@nc-cherokee. com or message it to us on our Facebook page.



## 1 0 산 Annual Housing Fair Wednesday, June 14th from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds

## Services provided by vendors attending:

Mortgage Financing New Home Construction Security Systems Home Repair/Renovation Flooring Roofing Home Insurance Electrical Heating & Air Home Safety & More!

Information will be available regarding HCD's HELP, Homebuyer Services, Rental,



For more information:

Leigh-Anne Ledford 828-359-6916 or via email at

autuledf@nc-cherokee.com

& Paving Programs!

affle for 8

Raffle proceeds will be donated to the Cherokee Children's Home & Cherokee Foster Care Program



#### FOR RENT

Rentals Units Available: Qualla Housing Authority currently has two bedroom rental units available. Applications are available at the main office located at 687 Acquoni Road. Office hours are 7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Once qualified and selected, please be advised that there is a \$200 cash deposit due at lease signing. Additionally, the tenant is responsible for Duke Energy and Tribal Water & Sewer accounts placed in their names. You may have a co-signer, but the account must be in the tenant's name. QHA adheres to HUD standards & regulations in selection/qualifying potential customers. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call 828-359-6320. Please make sure that you have completed the checklist on the front page of the application that pertain to your needs. QHA is taking applications for our TSALAGI Program. Do you have your own land and an approved site form, and you meet the income guidelines? Give Jonathan Rattler, QHA Housing Services Manager a call for more information at 828-359-6320. UFN

Apartment For Rent. Studio appt. 14 miles from Cherokee. Sewer, water, heat, electric, laundry, trash pickup all furnished. Located in a good neighborhood. Singles only. No HUD. Contact 226-1231, 736-8344, 586-6097.

#### FOR SALE

2010 Silver Ford Focus SES, interior in great shape, leather, 74,000 miles, some minor scratches. Brand new tires, car runs great. \$8,000 O.B.O. 828-508-1629 text or call. 6/15

Hotel Furniture Sale: Dressers, night

stands, headboards, desk and chair, lamps, pictures, etc. Holiday Inn Express. 497-3113. 6/15

House for Sale - 3 Bedroom, 1½ bath, at 174 Stillwell Branch. 788-0730. 6/8

For Sale - Red Catlinite Pipe Stone Knife making supplies, Antique Beads, Case XX, Bear Fighting Blakely 35-1 Big Cove Rd. (828)497-5522. 6/15

#### YARD SALES

Yard Sale – Saturday, June 10 from 9am – 12pm at Tsali Care Center, 55 Echota Church Road. Children's clothing, children's toys, adult clothing, knick-knacks, accessories, sno-cones.

#### REALTY

#### **Snowbird Community**

The following is a list of tribal members that have documents to sign in the Tribal Realty Services Office. These are land transfers from both Tribal Members and the Eastern Band by Resolutions Alan Chekelelee, Allen Dale Lane, Annie Belle Jumper Welch, Denise Rayline Smoker Sanchez, Donnie Edward Jackson, Eve Wynelle Wachacha Chekelelee, Florence Ethelyn Jackson Moose, Janie Mae Conseen Brown, Jessica Leigh Cogdill Smith, Jewelia Jean Crowe, Kennedy Lea Wachacha, Kenneth W. James Garrett, Kristie Ann Welch Hernandez-Ramirez, Mitchell David Crowe, Randy Mancini Wachacha, Ricky



Benny Jumper, Samantha Leigh Pallares, Sandra Leigh Ledford Robbins, Sasha Darlene Jumper Castillo, Shane George Welch, Sheena Roxana Walkingstick, Shirley Jean Lambert Reagan, Stephanie Breanne Key, Teddy Dwayne Wachacha

#### **Agreement to Divisions**

Carla Marie Sneed Ballew, Denise Rayline Smoker Sanchez, Dennis Ray James, Doris Earlene Lambert, Eric Thomas Lambert, Frankie Nelle James Patencio, George Milton James, Howard Vincent Sneed, Jackie Lee Johnson, James Dwayne Lambert, Lita Raylene Calhoun, Mary Edith Reed Smith, Mary Louise Sneed Welch, Patricia Eldean Sneed Lambert, Rena Janet Johnson Wachacha

If you've submitted a survey application that is over a year old and the survey is not complete, please visit the Tribal Realty Office to update your survey application.

#### **Proposed Land Transfers**

Gussy Robin Malee Shell Zepeda to Walania Malvinia Shell for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 321-E (2nd Remainder of Parcel No. 321-B), containing 0.642 acres, more or less.

Wesley Queen to William Lawson Smith for Painttown Community Parcel No. 255-A (Part of Parcel No. 255)

#### WANTED

Bearmeat's Indian Den - I am needing wood carving of animals and masks. They have to be of good quality. Bring them by and let me see what you have carved. Call first 497-4052 or if you have any older masks, I'd like to see them also. 6/15





Cherokee Boys Club P.O. Box 507 Cherokee, NC 28719

**Grants Coordinator** Administration Opens: May 18, 2017 Closes: June 8, 2017

**Teacher's Aide** Agelink Opens: May 24, 2017 Closes: June 8, 2017

**Right Path Leadership Specialist** Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute and cover letter required Opens: May 25, 2017 Closes: June 8, 2017

Application and job description can be picked up from the Receptionist at the Boys Club Information window between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (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. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory. Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates or readvertise positions without notice



## TWO DECADES OF TURNING JOBS

Working with so many different people & getting to do a job I love makes the years fly by! Has it really been 20?! Dawma (Employed by Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort for 20 years)

> Games Dealer - Experienced (FT & PT Table Games Dealer Training School (PT) ble Games Service Supervisor -Experienced (FT) t Parker (PT Valet Parking Clerk AH'S CHEROKEE VALLEY RIVER CASINO Bar Porter (PT) Barista (PT) Bartender (PT) Casino Cocktail Servers (PT) Casino Services Representative (PT) Cleaning Specialist (PT) Cook LIPTI Diamond Lounge Cook (PT) nd Lounge Host (PT) d Market Cashier (PT) Room Attendants (PT) Stewards (PT) Table Games Dealer Training School (PT) Table Games Dealers (FT)

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Visit HARRAHSCHEROKEEJOBS.COM or call 828.497.8778 for a complete listing of jobs. vis. Please see Talent Accusition Department for detail



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Celebrating milestones and Acknowledging the little things Keaffirming the value of every child.

The Family Safety Program is in need of caring people like you to become foster parents. Please contact Nikki Toineeta at (828) 359 1520.

#### EMPLOYMENT

For Hire - B&S Crafts needs seasonal & part time help, clerks, people friendly, (828) 497-9315 6/8

#### ATTENTION: EBCI Natural Resources Intern position open for applicants

The EBCI Natural Resources program is seeking applicants for a paid youth internhsip (18 to 25 years old) to assist with trout propagation and stocking duties at the EBCI Trout Hatchery. Please contact Mike La-Voie at (828) 359-6113 or michlavo@nc-cherokee.com for additional information. **6/8pd** 

#### CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

- Child Services Manager Analenisgi Registration Receptionist Clerk – 30 hr
- Registered Nurse Inpatient
- Registered Nurse Night Weekend Float - Inpatient
- Targeted Case Manager Behavioral Health

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 Sheila Brown, Sarella Jackson, Chantelle Smith or Elle Bradley. These positions will close on June 8, 2017@ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and the original CIHA job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **6/8pd** 

#### CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

#### Housekeeper

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 Sheila Brown, Sarella Jackson, Chantelle Smith or Elle Bradley. These positions will close on June 15, 2017@ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and the original CIHA job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **6/15pd** 

#### LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 11-033 In the Matter of the Estate of Mary Hazel Lambert 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 FROMDATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION Pamela Lambert, P.O. Box 433, Whittier, NC 28789. **6/15pd** 

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 11-032 In the Matter of the Estate of Thomas Jay McCoy All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before



https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/ or visit www.ccs-nc.org for more information. 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 FROMDATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION Jayson Crusenberry, P.O. Box 394, Cherokee, NC 28719. **6/15pd** 

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 11-030 In the Matter of the Estate of Wilbur Long

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.

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appointed fiduciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROMDATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION Garfield Long Sr., 506 Long Branch Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719. **6/15pd** 

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 11-031 In the Matter of the Estate of Waneema Littlejohn Driver

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 FROMDATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION Eugenie Saunooke, P.O. Box 2415,

#### Cherokee, NC 28719. 6/15pd

In the Cherokee Court Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, Qualla Boundary, North Carolina

#### Notice of Service of Process by Publication CV-16-368

Tribal Child Support Enforcement; o/b/o Muriel M. Morgan, plaintiff Vs Rebecca Lynn Jenkins, defendant TO: Rebecca Lynn Jenkins, 59 Rock Hill Church Road, Whittier, North Carolina 28789 (last known address)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Establishment of child support

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than 10



July 2017, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This the 31st day of May 2017. COLLINS & HENRY, P.A., JOSPEPH M. COLLINS, Attorney for the Plaintiff, 217 Iotla Street, Franklin, North Carolina 28734. (828) 524-0017. **6/15pd** 

In the Cherokee Court Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, Qualla Boundary, North Carolina Notice of Service of Process by Publication CV-16-404

Tribal Child Support Enforcement; o/b/o Antonio Sanchez, plaintiff Vs Rebecca Lynn Jenkins, defendant TO: Rebecca Lynn Jenkins, 59 Rock Hill Church Road, Whittier, North Carolina 28789 (last known address)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Establishment of child support

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than 10 July 2017, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 31st day of May 2017. COLLINS & HENRY, P.A., JOSPEPH M. COLLINS, Attorney for the Plaintiff, 217 Iotla Street, Franklin, North Carolina 28734. (828) 524-0017. **6/15pd** 

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 17-021 In the Matter of the Estate of Priscilla S Cooper

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 FROMDATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION Lawana Cooper Almond, P.O. Box 546, Cherokee, NC 28719. **6/22pd** 

There are personal items that are currently being held in the property room at the Cherokee Indian Police Department. As of today, May 10, 2017 you have 60 days to contact our evidence personnel at 828-359-6609 or 828-359-6618. After July 12, 2017 any property not picked up will be destroyed or turned over to the Cherokee Indian Police Department.

Evidence personnel will arrange a date and time with you to collect your property. They will also instruct you on necessary documents to bring in order for the property to be turned over to you.

The following need to contact our evidence personnel: Bryan E. Shell, Azrael Watty, Bradley Dale Waycaster, Charlie Reed, Jose Morales, Jody Brown, Cynthia Dianee McSparan, Dennie Ervin Jackson, Candido Martinez, Ryan N. Smith, Brandon Waldroup, Owen Randall Pheasant, Larry Ward, Dawn Dee Davis, Ursula Huskey, Tracy Weir, Sarah Marie Thompson, Dwanna Parker, Joel Daniel Toineeta, Ben Swimmer, William Joseph Brady, Reggie Queen, Zachariah Lightening Rattler Jr., Cory Matthew Davis, Justin M. Arch, David Hornbuckle, Allen E. McCoy, Dusty Lyn Jones, Adam Chris Lambert, Kenneth Lee Brooks, Steven Daniel Bird, Joseph William Leavell,

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Jeffery D. Catt, Jacob Jackson Ivey, Nikki Lambert, Benny Lee Welch, Moses Lossiah, Dustin Tramper, Shira McCoy, Zachariah Gale Rattler, Angelic Isom, Brian William Armachain, Franklin George Sanger, Callie May Biddix, Leanna Marie, Winchester, Vicky Jo Channell, Annie Young, Brandy Sherrie Dupuis, Moses Reed, Elbert Parris, Calvin Murphy, Jason Smith's (Mary Jackson Smith), Rueben Teesatuskie, Hunter Rattler, Doris Ann Snow, Tessa Dawn Jagnandn, Julie A. Smith, Keonta Ardrey, Megan Wilnoty, Raymond Joseph Burle III, Dazi Buchanan, Angelica L. Lumpkins, Eddie Bird, Kenneth James Huffstetler, Amy Matthews, Terrie Fuller, John Taylor



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Recently obtained information could open a new opportunity for a career change. But temper that Arian impatience and act on it only when all the facts are made available.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You're moving into a more active cycle. So put your ideas back on the table, where they'll be given the attention they deserve. Expect a favorable change in your love life.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A friend might ask for a favor that you feel would compromise your values. Best advice: Confront him or her and explain why you must say no. A true friend will understand.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A relationship continues to develop along positive lines. Meanwhile, a brewing job situation could create complications for one of your pet projects. Look into it right away.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your interest in a co-worker's project could lead to a profitable experience for you both. But before you agree to anything, be sure to get all your legal I's dotted and T's crossed.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Be careful whose counsel you take about a possible long-distance move. Some advice might not necessarily be in your best interest. Stay focused on your goals.

Sr., Christina Yvonne Davis, Robin or Jimmy Locust, Bryan James Lilly, Jerry Donald Justice, Keith Martinez Jr., Furman Jason Roberts, Matthew Watty, Cecelia Bigwitch, Amanda Ray Thompson, Charles Shippe, Hannah Roxanne Johnson/Reed, Marilyn Swimmer, Joshua Waren McDowell, B. Jay Bigwitch, Tracy Parker, Tracy Parker or Jason Dyer. **7/6** 

#### BIDs, RFPs, etc.

#### **Request for Proposals**

The Cherokee Tribal Court seeks competitive proposals for a Certified Transcriptionist on an as-needed basis. These services will be paid on a contractual basis as needed by the

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Someone might try to complicate efforts in an attempt to work out that confusing job situation. But don't let that keep you from sticking with your decision to push for a resolution.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A disagreement on how to handle a family problem could create more trouble for all concerned. Look for ways to cool things down before they boil over.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) An unexpected change in long-standing workplace procedure and policy could provide a new career target for the Archer to aim at. Start making inquires.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You're finally able to get back into the swing of things, as those temporary doldrums begin to lift. Expect some surprising disclosures from a new colleague.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Rely on your innate sense of justice to see you through a dilemma involving a family member. Other relatives who've stood back soon will come forward as well.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A new friend seems to be pushing you to take risks — financial or otherwise. Best advice: Don't do it. They might have a hidden agenda that hasn't surfaced yet.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You love to see new places and meet new people. Have you considered working for an airline or cruise-ship company?

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Cherokee Tribal Court.

Interested individuals should submit a brief proposal including the following:

- Name and contact information.
- Copies of certificates.
- Relevant work experience.

• The amount the individual proposes to charge the Cherokee Tribal Court per page or any other charges the individual may foresee charging.

Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or

before June 30, 2017 will receive priority over later submissions. Please email, mail or fax to: Amber Shuler, Court Administrator ambeshul@nc-cherokee.com PO Box 1629 Cherokee, NC 28719 (828)359-0012 (fax)

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The Cherokee Tribal Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **6/29pd** 

## One Feather deadline Friday at 12noon

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida SOUI DD RVLI DE DYL



Fuzzy, an Airedale, lives in the Wolftown Community with Bruce Toineeta.

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



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Catman 2 Cullowhee 828-293-0892 catman2.org

### <u>Charlie's Angels</u> <u>Animal Rescue</u>

Fletcher 828-855-3647

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