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GOOD JOB LADIES!



The Lady Braves finish their season as 1A Western Region runner-up, Sectional Champions and Smoky Mountain Conference tournament champions and regular season champions. See pages 6-7 for coverage of Regional action.

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HOW WILL SEQUESTRATION
AFFECT THE EASTERN BAND
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FEMA meets with Tribal officials

Eastern Band works with FEMA in historic partnership under the Stafford Act

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**
ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians recently became the first federally recognized American Indian tribe to garner a Presidential disaster declaration, signed March 1, under the recently amended Stafford Act. FEMA officials are in Cherokee this week accessing damages relating to flooding that occurred Jan. 14-17 as a result of heavy rainfall.

Principal Chief Michell Hicks and Major Phillip May, FEMA Region 4 Administrator, signed documents detailing the agreement between the Tribe and FEMA in a historic ceremony in Chief Hicks' office on Friday, March 8.

"It's an historic event for Region 4, it's an historic event for the nation," said May. "We are privileged to be here to sign this agreement which outlines the relationship between the two entities."

Chief Hicks said to May, "You're right, this is an historic event. I was in D.C. this week and a lot of people are talking about the Stafford Act which was signed into law. Fortunately, we are the first one to receive monies, but unfortunately, we do have a lot of damage as a result of these floods."

"We do appreciate you guys coming to the table. We've always had a great relationship with our state and we've had a great relationship with you guys as well, but it does seem that this does make it a little easier to go directly to the potential funding opportunity. We're glad you're here, and we just hope we can get some of this damage cleaned up as quickly as possible."

Chief Hicks said that the Tribe is the benchmark in the relationship



Principal Chief Michell Hicks (seated, 2nd from right) and Major Phillip May (seated, 2nd from left), FEMA Region 4 administrator, sign documents detailing the relationship between FEMA and the Tribe due to a recent Presidential disaster declaration for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the first in the country under the recently passed Stafford Act. Shown (left-right) seated - Michael E. Bolch, CEM, FEMA federal coordinating officer; May; Chief Hicks; Mollie Grant, EBCI Emergency Management manager; back row - Elisa Roper, tribal liaison for FEMA Region 4; David Wachacha, EBCI Emergency Management assistant coordinator; Eddie Huskey, EBCI Deputy Operations Officer; Joe Stanton, North Carolina Emergency Management assistant director; Ray Stamper, EBCI Public Safety communications manager; and Vice Chief Larry Blythe.

with FEMA and that many eyes throughout Indian Country are on the Eastern Band right now.

"Since this is the first Presidential declaration, it's just really overwhelming," said Mollie Grant, EBCI Emergency Management manager who was instrumental in the effort to get the declaration. "A lot of other tribes are waiting to see how we handle the declaration and the policies that we have to set."

Grant said the entire process will be a great experience for the Tribe and Emergency Management. "I think it will help us more with our sovereignty issues because now we can go directly to FEMA to request for a declaration, and plus we'll al-

ready have our policies and procedures set up."

She said the Tribe will still partner with the state. "They've been a big help in getting the declaration. They helped us with writing up the documents and paperwork, and they are also helping us now with public assistance damage assessments and administrative assistance."

Grant related that the funds are only for damages incurred on tribal lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and are not for damages in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

"It's an honor for me to be the first federal coordinating officer to deal directly with a tribal nation,"

said Michael E. Bolch, CEM, FEMA federal coordinating officer. "It's going to be a learning experience. The federal team will have to learn the intricacies of working with a tribal government. We're used to working with state and county governments and other sub-grantees. It's also going to be a learning experience for the tribal government and the staff here to learn the federal ways and how we do things."

Bolch went on to say, "A lot of other people around the country are also interested in what we're doing here because there are a lot of other tribes who could come up with disas-

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Taking sovereignty to new heights

Cherokee High School students
release weather balloon



CHS students wait as their weather balloon inflates on Friday. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./ One Feather photos)



By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Five Cherokee High School students shot for the stars on Friday, March 8, and their weather balloon almost made it. The balloon, equipped with a camera, was launched from the Cherokee High School soccer field.

Five students in Nicole Jackson's Advanced Biology class assisted with the project and helped launch the balloon on Friday including seniors Bradley Welch, Gabby Thompson, Ryanne Oocumma and Cecilia Madana, and junior Tagan Crowe.

"Last week, they came and brought the kit and showed them (students) all the parts of it," said Jackson. "And, they got to weigh everything because there is a certain weight that must be on it. We've just been waiting for today to set it off."

Jackson said the balloon was set to

reach the "edge of space" right at the top of the Earth's atmosphere.

The students put several personal items into the cargo bay of the balloon including a pair of Cherokee silverwork earrings belonging to Welch and a Cherokee cornbead necklace belonging to Crowe.

"This is the first time a Native American tribe has set off a weather balloon," she commented, "It has three cameras attached to it so as it goes up, it will get the entire Qualla Boundary on film and we'll get the curvature of the Earth once it gets high enough. Then, it will come back, and we'll be able to take the footage from the cameras and the tourism department is going to put together a little video of it."

Jackson said she was very proud of her students for their involvement in the project. "They've been talking about it since we were asked to help. They're very excited."

Crowe said that he and his classmates

were asked to do calculations on wind direction and velocity for the launch. "We believe it will land near Knoxville, and it should reach between 110,000 to 120,000 feet. We're excited to get it going and look forward to seeing where it comes down."

"It's definitely a first for me, and I'm glad that the kids have discovered this opportunity to gather some information, and I'm hoping that this leads to bigger and better things as it leads to the weather and forecasting," said Principal Chief Michell Hicks. "This is exciting stuff."

Cherokee High School students spelled "GWY" (Tsalagi) on the field for the camera aboard the balloon to photograph. In addition to the balloon, a helicopter flew over the field to photograph the students, and that photograph will be used on the cover of the next Annual Report by Chief Hicks.

BASKETBALL

Lady Braves lose to Bishop in Regional Final



Cherokee fans filled the UNC-G Fleming Arena for Saturday's game.

GREENSBORO - For the third year in a row, seven-time defending state champions Bishop McGuinness (23-7) played the role of the villain and ended the Lady Braves season in the 1A Western Regional Final.

Cherokee (27-3) lost 58-56 to the Lady Villains on Saturday, March 9 at the Fleming Arena at UNC-G.

Avery Mintz led the Lady Braves with 30 points. She also had five assists and 13 rebounds and was named the Most Valuable Player for the 1A Western Regional Basketball Tournament.

Cherokee led 16-12 after the first period, but trailed at halftime 30-28. The second half was dead even at 28-28, and Bishop would take the two point win and advance to the state final.

Other Lady Braves scorers included: Deija Burgess 4, Brianna



Avery Mintz brings the ball up court against a Bishop McGuinness defender during the 1A Western Regional basketball tournament final at UNC-G on Saturday, March 7. The seven-time defending state champion Lady Villains barely squeaked by the Lady Braves 58-56. Mintz was named MVP of the Regional tournament.

Photos by Moses Walkingstick/For the One Feather

Jumper 2, Alexis Maney 6, Jordyn Thompson 8 and Kendall Toineeta 6. Toineeta was named to the All-Tournament team.

The Lady Villains were led by Julia Brown with 14 points and Tessa Johnston with 13.

Regional Semi-Final Cherokee 71 North Wilkes 38

The Lady Braves (28-2) ended

North Wilkes' (25-3) season at the 1A Western Regional semi-finals at UNC-Greensboro on Tuesday, March 5. Cherokee dominated the game en route to a 71-38 win.

Avery Mintz and Kendall Toineeta led the Lady Braves with 18 points each.

Cherokee led 21-11 after the first period and 40-22 at the half. They ran away with it in the third period

outscored North Wilkes 23-6 to essentially put the game away at that point.

Other Lady Braves scorers included: Deija Burgess 2, Alexis Maney 13, Miranda Smith 6, Bree Stamper 10, Tyra Standingdeer 1 and Jordyn Thompson 3.

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 Congratulations Lady Braves on a great season!

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How will sequestration affect Cherokee?

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Sequestration officially took effect on federal programs on Friday, March 1. Now, the big question...how will this affect Cherokee and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians?

EBCI Finance Deputy Kimberly Peone summed up sequestration, "It's trying to reduce the baseline of the federal government." She said it involves an across-the-board 5.1 percent cut to federal programs.

The four main programs that will be affected locally include Indian Health Service, Head Start, Cherokee Department of Transportation, and the Cherokee Diabetes Program – all of which receive some federal funding.

Peone said the total cuts in Cherokee could be as high as \$3.9

million, but she anticipates that gaming funds will offset any shortfalls in those programs.

"We're in such a strong position cash wise," she said. "We're \$11 million ahead of plan on the first four months (FY13 at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort). There will definitely be some tribal governments that are hit by this, but we should be fine. We have an enterprise that supports our tribal government."

Peone did add, "As a citizen, I'm very worried about the impact this will have on our economy. This will probably cost thousands of jobs and could throw us into another recession."

She said cuts on government contracts and possible layoffs and hiring freezes could have an adverse effect on the U.S. economy.

At the organization's Impact

Meeting in Washington in February, USET approved Res. No. 2013:025 which states in part, "Cherokee Central Schools, as well as other public schools, would be devastated by an estimated \$2.7 billion loss from just three programs alone – Title I grants, IDEA, special education state grants and Head Start – that serve a combined 30.7 million children."

Cherokee Central Schools superintendent Walter Swan said, "Sequestration would directly affect Cherokee Central Schools as we receive monies from several different sources of federal funding. Our school improvement dollars would be reduced. Our Special Needs programming and our teacher improvement dollars would all be affected by the proposed 5.1 percent cut to domestic program funding. In short, we would definitely be doing more with less funding."

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- EBCI Finance Deputy Kimberly Peone

Swan continued, "Our School Board has taken great steps to let our legislative bodies know what effects these cuts would have on Cherokee Central Schools. They have traveled to Washington, DC on two different occasions to help represent our school and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians."



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ter requests so a lot of people will want to know how we did things here – what lessons we learned and what good practices we had."

When asked if he thought this experience might provide a blueprint of how FEMA deals with other tribes in the future, he related, "That's correct. Right now, other than the law that was just passed, we have very little guidance. In this case, we'll be establishing a lot of precedents."

As of now, preliminary damage estimates are around \$3.5 million and Bolch related FEMA will pick up 75 percent (around \$2.7 million) of the total.

Jimmy Ramsey, North Carolina Emergency Management, commented, "We did the preliminary damage assessment because the State of North Carolina recognizes the Tribe as the 101st county. In Emergency Management, we treat the Tribe just like any other county in the State of North Carolina so we're in here helping with this damage assessment making sure that every 'i' is dotted and every 't' is crossed to make sure that the Tribe is getting everything they're supposed to get from FEMA just like we would with any other county when we have disaster affect."

Ramsey serves as area coordinator which includes the Tribe. "I'm here to serve as a liaison between the state, tribal and FEMA to make sure everyone is working on the same page of music."

The Navajo Nation became the second tribe to garner a Presidential disaster declaration when President Obama signed their order on March 5. They suffered from a severe freeze in December 2012.

Eight men charged in Swain County murder

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**
ONE FEATHER STAFF

A 27-year-old man was allegedly murdered Saturday, March 2 at the Old NC 288 Boat Ramp in Swain County, and now eight men have been arrested and charged with first-degree murder in his death.

Calup Joe Caston was allegedly killed at the boat ramp on Saturday night.

“A case like this is always under investigation until it goes to trial,” said Swain County Sheriff Curtis

Cochran.

The eight men charged include: Curtis Price, 17; Travor George, 17; Joshua Calhoun, 18; Joshua Price, 20; Corey Jenkins, 20; Marcos Cardonne, 22; Troy Boston, 24; and Correy Price, 24.

Sheriff Cochran said the men have an arraignment hearing set for Thursday, March 14 and all are currently being held at the Swain County Jail without bond.

“It’s a real tragedy,” said Sheriff Cochran.

March 1st - 15th Candidacy Filing for Tribal Council, Big Cove, Birdtown and Wolfetown School Board

Filing fees of \$500.00 for Council and \$350.00 for School Board payable at Tribal Finance Building beside Council House.

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Tribal Council Results – Thursday, Feb. 14

Tabled Ord. No. 153 – Tribal Business Preference Law – Tabled for work session

Tabled Ord. No. 309 – Kituwah Holdings Enterprise – Tabled for work session

Tabled Ord. No. 407 – Land Surveys – Amended/Passed

Tabled Ord. No. 408 – Business Committee – Tabled for work session

Tabled Ord. No. 409 – Tribal Council voting procedures – Amended/Passed

Tabled Ord. No. 410 – Establishment of the Office of Legislative Counsel for Tribal Council – Tabled for work session

Tabled Res. No. 414 – Transfer to Ruby Lee Reagan Toineeta heirs be approved without signature of Samuel Emmett Walkingstick, Joel Danny Walkingstick and Omer Albert Buchanan Jr. – Amended/Passed

Tabled Res. No. 456 – Tribe to purchase Old Riverview Campground for \$958,725 and \$25,000 authorized for demolition, clearing and clean-up – Passed

Res. No. 469 – Owners of caged animals being held for public exhibit be required to remove animals from captivity and business license be revoked – Tabled for work session

Res. No. 470 – Recognize successors in interest to Ernest Bud Sneed Jr. possessory holdings in the Wolfetown Community – Passed

Res. No. 471 – Recognize successors in interest to Susan Irene Waidstutte Welch possessory holdings in the 3200 Acre Tract Community – Passed

Res. No. 472 – Barbara Roland Shook, first generation descendant, to transfer her interest in Birdtown Community to James A. Rowland – Passed

No # given – Recognize successors in interest to Curtis Jentley Cooper possessory holdings in the Birdtown Community – Withdrawn

Res. No. 473 – Recognize successors in interest to Lorraine Rattler Teesateskie possessory holdings in the Snowbird Community – Passed

Res. No. 474 – Confirm Ruth Helen Ledford Long's last will and testament – Passed

Res. No. 475 – Transfer to the Mary Lossiah Shell heirs for her undivided interest approved without signature

of Marella Louella Shell and Keith Salolaneeta Shell – Passed

No # given – Right-of-way granted to William Howard George Jr. to access his property in Big Cove without signatures of Lavinia West Hicks, Villareal Nika West, Shirley Jean West Welch, Oneva West Garcia, Nathan Faymer West, Villareal Abel West, Alexander Tommy West and Vivian West Solis – Withdrawn

Res. No. 476 – Confirm the last will and testament of James Irvin Welch – Passed

No # given – Tribe authorized to negotiate lease with Collette and Barry Coggins for development of a wildlife sanctuary and animal rehabilitation center – Held

Res. No. 477 – Jonah Wolfe request to trade property with Tribe – Tabled for work session

No # given – Approval of Smoky Mountain Regional Hazard Mitiga-

tion Plan – Held

Res. No. 478 – Re-appointment of William Boyum as Chief Justice, re-appointment of Brenda Toineeta-Pipestem as Associate Justice, appointment of Danny Davis as Associate Trial Judge and re-appointment of Steven Philo as Trial Judge – Amended/Passed

Ord. No. 479 – Amendments to Cherokee Code Section 16C-5 Distribution to members – Tabled

Ord. No. 480 – Criminal Discovery Ordinance – Tabled

Res. No. 481 – Bridge located at intersection of Museum of the Cherokee Indian, Qualla Arts & Crafts and Cherokee Historical building be named in honor of Charles George – Passed

Res. No. 482 – Budget amendment for CIP – Passed

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CLUB SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 13 – BOD Resolution Deadline – 8:30 a.m.
 Tuesday, March 19 – Health Screen – 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. (Lobby)
 Wednesday, March 20 – Board of Directors Meeting – 8:30 a.m.
 Thursday, March 21 – Safety Committee Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
 Friday, March 29 – School Furlough Day

IMPORTANT BOYS CLUB BOARD INFORMATION VACANT BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITION

Due to the resignation of a Cherokee Boys Club Board of Directors member, a vacancy has opened for a board member. The Boys Club's Bylaws provide that "If a Board Member resigns before the term expires, replacement will be made by

holding a special election. The Board Member elected in this special election would serve the remainder of the term until the next regular election" which will end Sept. 30, 2014. The next regular election will be held in August 2014 for the term of Oct. 1, 2014 through Sept. 30, 2016.

Nominations were taken the week of March 4 through March 8. The following people were nominated and have accepted the nomination: Helana Beth Bradley, Samuel Crowe, Jack Davis, Joseph Saunooke, Jr., Jimmy Smith, Jesse Sneed, David Stamper, Jeremy Swimmer and Nancy Taylor. The Special Election for this vacancy will be held on Thursday, March 28.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Lady

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Travis Hicks of the Club's Construction and Facilities Department for receiving the Jamy Lambert Scholarship Award for the 2013 Spring Semester. Travis is attending Southwestern Community College to receive his AAS degree in Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration.

The Jamy Lambert Scholarship was established by the Cherokee Boys Club in 1991 in memory of Club employee Jamy Lambert and is awarded to students that are Cherokee High School Graduates in good standing at a four-year college, technical school or junior college, who carry at least six credit hours per semester and who are assisting themselves by working at the Boys Club.

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Sequoyah Fund to offer free business development training

Thanks to a partnership between a national non-profit, a federal agency, a Native-owned business and Sequoyah Fund Inc., the Native American business community will be provided a free, two-day training on "Growing" a business in Indian Country. The training event will take place on Wednesday, March 27 and Thursday, March 28 from 9am - 4pm at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian.

The event will be presented by ONABEN-A Native American Business Network, RedWind Consulting and Sequoyah Fund, and is sponsored by the SBA's Office of Native American Affairs. The event is open to the public and there is no cost to attend. All materials will be provided. Lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is required.

The training will provide comprehensive information on topics important to aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners related to business planning, access to capital, basic bookkeeping, human resources, problem solving and marketing a small business.

According to Veronica Hix, ONABEN's Executive Director, the training is a great tool for the business community.

"ONABEN is excited to offer this event in Cherokee in conjunction with Sequoyah Fund. The partners involved in delivering this opportunity in Cherokee are looking forward to sharing their knowledge with Native Americans in business. This is the second year that ONABEN is in position to work with Native communities throughout the United

States and Indian Country. It is always inspiring to witness the innovation of Native peoples."

Hix also includes that the event is just one of the many ways that the Oregon based organization continuously reaches out to the Native business community and the resources that support the growth and establishment of Indian-owned enterprises.

The SBA's Office of Native American Affairs is located in the Small Business Administration's headquarters in Washington, DC. The department's goal is to promote and support Native American entrepreneurs and is dedicated to engage in numerous outreach initiatives including tribal consultations, the development and distribution of promotional materials, as well as at-

tendance and participation in national economic development conference.

ONABEN, a Native American Business Network, was founded in 1991 as a non-profit organization by four Oregon Tribes to enable Native Americans to realize their dreams of a better quality of life through owning and operating a successful business. The vision of the organization is of a healthy economy for the Pacific Northwest Native American community. For more information please visit www.onaben.org.

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Come on snow...

Mr. Frisky, of the Big Cove Community, was ready for the snow last week.



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Happy 99th!!

Sallie Smith Bradley, an EBCI tribal elder from the Big Cove Community, turned 99 and celebrated with family, friends and a new hat on Saturday, March 9.



Photo courtesy of Youngdeer Family

Chief and wife honored in Hawaii

During a trip with family, former Principal Chief Robert Youngdeer and his wife Alene were honored at Hale KOA Hotel Luau in Honolulu, Hawaii for their 69 years of marriage.



Photo courtesy of BabyFACE

BabyFACE hosts Building Block Extravaganza

Cherokee BabyFACE hosted a Building Block Extravaganza group night recently. BabyFACE families were able to enjoy a meal and several different types of blocks to play with. Children and families mingled well, and there were a lot of towers and roads built. Parent educators Alissa Lambert and Jessica Wheatley related they would like to thank everyone who came out to make the night a fun success.

Cherokee County Class III Gaming Public Work Session

Tribal Council and the TCGE Board of Advisors will be conducting a Public Work Session on Class III Gaming in Cherokee County at the following time and place:

Monday, March 18, 2013
Council Chambers
5:00p-6:30p

Jack Bradley,

I've really appreciated what you've done for me; getting me through college, loving me as much as you have. You need to be commended for your sincerity and your love for others. I will always remember you and I hope we can have 25 more years together. 2 months to go until your 80th birthday! God bless you and I feel for what you've done. God will reward you and others like you so hang in there.

And Happy Easter to you, dad,
and to all the EBCI members!

Love,
Danny Ellis



Congrats Nevayah Panther on third place in State. Good luck at Nationals. Love, Mom & Dad



Way to go, State Champ again Good luck at Nationals Kendra Panther Love, Mom & Dad

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EBCI Cooper Extension planning Pesticide Collection

Spring Clean-Up can include free disposal of farm, home and garden pesticides this year! Tuesday, April 2 is the day to drop off your unwanted pesticides, insecticides, and fungicides at the North Carolina Pesticide Disposal trailer that will be parked at the Acquoni Expo Center / Old Cherokee High School from 10 am - 2pm. The Expo Center is located at 1501 Acquoni Road in Cherokee.

EBCI Cooperative Extension Agriculture Program, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the EBCI Sanitation Department are working together to offer this free service. This is the first time Pesticide Collection Day has been offered in Cherokee. Similar events are planned for Graham and neighboring Counties, but April 2 from 10am - 2pm is the only time this service will be available in Cherokee this year.

Because pesticides are hazardous, it is important to handle them carefully and avoid spills that could occur during transport. Do not carry pesticides in the passenger compartment of a vehicle. The vapors can be poisonous and make the driver and passengers ill. It is recommended that you transport the pesticides securely in the trunk of a car or in the bed of a pick-up truck. When transporting pesticides take extra care to secure and brace them so they do not shift or fall over.

For the Pesticide Collection Day Event, pesticides must be clearly labeled in their original containers. Unknown products can not be accepted. Staff will be on hand to remove the pesticide containers from your vehicle. Info: Sarah 554-6935.

- Sarah McClellan-Welch, EBCI Cooperative Extension



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 **News Briefs**

Harrah's Cherokee to celebrate expansion completion

Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort is celebrating the completion of its spectacular \$650 million dollar expansion. The resort includes over 1,100 luxury guest rooms, 4,000 games including traditional slots and table games, 10 restaurants, shopping, entertainment venues, and the Mandara Spa.

To help celebrate the opening, sold out performances by Darius Rucker and Blake Shelton will take place on Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23 in the resort's state-of-the-art Events Center. Comedian Jon Reep of Last Comic Standing will perform at a private event on March 22. Superstar Alicia Keys will appear Wednesday, March 27. Tickets for the Keys performance are available at Ticketmaster.com.

The festivities will culminate Saturday, March 23 with free entertainment in the Grand Rotunda and Essence Lounge. DJ Aaron Michael of 104.3 FM will take the stage in the Rotunda from 8:00 pm to 2:00 am and live entertainment will be featured in the Essence Lounge during the same times.

Resort guests will also have a chance at winning a tax-free share of \$150,000 by participating in the \$150K Free Slot Play Giveaway. Playing with their Total Rewards card or swiping at a promotion kiosk between 10 am and 9 pm on March 23 will automatically enter guests into the 10 pm drawing.

"We're thrilled to unveil our \$650 million dollar expansion, and proud to be positioned as the premier resort destination in the Southeast. I hope everyone will come out and experience this phenomenal property that is now Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, our Masterpiece in the Mountains," said Brooks Robinson, Senior Vice President and General Manager of Harrah's Cherokee.

- Harrah's Cherokee

Cherokee Hardware Building to become new Yellowhill Community Building

The Yellowhill Community will soon have a new community building. Tribal Council approved a resolution on Thursday, March 7 to authorize the renovation of the old Cherokee Hardware building to be used as the new community building for Yellowhill.

"I think it's great that we can take that building and do something with it," said Principal Chief Michell Hicks.

The building renovations will be accomplished by the Cherokee Boys Club. The budget for the project is \$200,000 and will come from the Tribe's CIP Fund.

"We host over 120 fundraisers annually," Yellowhill Rep. B. Ensley told Council prior to the vote. He said the biggest expense of the project will be the installation of a commercial kitchen and a new heating and air system.

- News brief by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather

Tribal member named SoCon pitcher of the week

GREENVILLE, SC – Furman's Shelby Parker, an EBCI tribal member, has been named Southern Conference Pitcher of the Week after posting a 1-0 record and 0.91 earned run average in four appearances. It was announced on Monday, March 4 by the league office.

The sophomore righthander began the week by allowing just one earned run in one and 2/3 innings of relief while fanning four batters in a doubleheader at USC Upstate on Wednesday, Feb. 27. On Friday, March 1, at the Combat Invitational in Rock Hill, S.C., Parker tossed five innings of four-hit, shutout ball to guide the Paladins to a 4-0 victory over the Rhode Island Rams. She capped her week by tossing a perfect

inning with a strikeout versus Monmouth later in the day. Parker finished the week allowing just one earned run on seven hits while striking out 12 batters in seven and 2/3 innings of work.

- Furman University



We would like to thank everyone who helped us celebrate our sixteenth birthday. A big shout out to Music Innovators DJ John Ayers with his awesome set up of lights, fog machine and music. Thanks to everyone for their gifts and well wishes. Thanks to you all it was a great birthday. One we will always remember.

Love, Peri Arizona and Cate Turner

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EBCI Health & Medical Division Report

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Cherokee Community Health

The Mission of Community Health is to serve as a resource in coordinating health care, environmental, and social services by providing quality health care through various programs to the Cherokee communities; in a way that is individual to their needs and consistent with their culture.

Community Health is comprised of 14 staff. Six Registered Nurses (RN) and 7 Community Health Representatives (CHR) serve the Qualla Boundary, Snowbird and Cherokee County as the need arises. RN's provide skilled in-home and community visits for case management and medication management, with an em-

phasis on disease prevention and health promotion. Individualized services are available to community members who are eligible for services at Cherokee Indian Hospital. Community Health also has an administrative assistant who helps handle numerous patient requests and coordinate resources by phone for those in need.

Nursing Services offered to the public include:

- Job site and community health screenings
- Coordination of and participation in health fairs
- Communicable disease management (tracking and surveillance)
- Home visits
- Patient Education
- Liaison between doctors and patients

- Assessments and referrals for medical services
- Occupational Health services to various worksites for education and immunizations
- Vaccination clinics for communicable diseases

CHR Services include:

- Home visits in the community for assistance with medical and social needs
- Home Safety checks
- Explaining available resources/services
- Assisting with necessary paperwork to receive services
- Coordinate medical and social services appointments and transportation
- Medication/supply pickup and delivery to patient homes or clinics when no other resource is available

- Coordinate and assist with community based health fairs and prevention activities/ presentations
- Cherokee language interpreter available

Contact person

Vivian Solis, RN, Program Manager
Office Phone: (828) 554-6871
Email: vivisoli@nc-cherokee.com

Location:

Cherokee Community Health
93 Cherokee Boys Club Loop
Cherokee, NC 28719

Website:

<http://www.cherokeehmd.com>

Hours of services

Monday – Friday
7:45am – 4:30pm

- EBCI Health & Medical

EBCI Health & Medical to kick off Tribal Health Assessment

What is the EBCI Tribal Health Assessment?

A community health assessment explores and describes the health of a community and changes needed to improve community health. It is the basis for a community health improvement process that includes listing community health challenges in order of importance, making plans for how to address them, and putting solutions in place. EBCI Health and Medical Division (HMD) is starting a community health assessment specifically for EBCI: a Tribal Health Assessment (THA). The EBCI THA will include putting together information on the health of the community, asking the community for input, and listing community health resources. Though health assessments have been done by North Carolina counties for years, this is the first time for EBCI as a Tribe. It is being done by the Tribe, for the Tribe, with the support of other EBCI partners, and will be used to define community health challenges in order of importance and help make sure our health resources work together well to meet them.

Who is doing the EBCI THA?

EBCI HMD is sponsoring the THA and working with partners across HMD and the Tribe, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA), WNC Healthy Impact, Indian Health Service (IHS)

Tribal Epidemiology Center (TEC) in Nashville, and Local Health Departments of counties that include Tribal lands. To do this work, HMD received a grant from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

When will the EBCI THA be done?

Planning for the THA has already started, and the target date to complete it is summer 2013. Then, HMD will bring partners together to put health challenges in order of importance, decide on actions to take, and begin them as part of a Tribal Health improvement plan (THIP).

How will the EBCI THA work?

A THA team led by HMD will collect information in a way that makes sure to address EBCI needs, respect each person's privacy, include community voices, and be as complete as possible. The THA will include a list of health resources EBCI has now, health information from a variety of sources, and input directly from the community through interviews and a survey. This is a community process, not a research project.

Where is the THA being done?

The THA centers on the Qualla Boundary. In addition to information from many sources, THA staff will ask Tribal members across the entire Boundary to assure that the whole EBCI community can give thoughts and opinions about health and health challenges in EBCI.

Why a THA? Why a THIP? Why now?

EBCI always works hard to protect the health of the Tribal community while giving the best possible health care and helping people make healthy choices. HMD is starting this process with all our partners to help make sure that all Tribal health programs use their resources to meet the most important health care needs, are worthy of trust by the EBCI community, and have the vision to meet health challenges in the best possible way. Also, the THA and THIP will help HMD become accredited as a Tribal Public Health provider through the Public Health Accreditation Board and National Indian Health Board. This will help show HMD's ongoing commitment to excellence.

How can YOU be part of the process?

Between March 15 and March 31, HMD will survey the community on how you see your health, the Tribe's health and health challenges, and how you think the community's health can improve. HMD's goal is to get at least 500 responses. Look for the survey starting March 15 in the *One Feather*, on Facebook, and all over the community, and please take part! Let your voice be heard!

Info: Vickie Bradley, Deputy Health Officer, EBCI Health & Medical Division, vickbrad@nc-cherokee.com.

- EBCI Health & Medical



Cherokee Center Report

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

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Western Carolina University is unique in that it offers Cherokee language. This program is in addition to Cherokee Studies, Culturally-Based Native Health and the Distinguished Sequoyah Chair in Arts and Sciences. The Cherokee Language Program is directed by Hartwell Francis, Ph.D. linguist and coordinated by Cherokee speaker, Tom Belt. In addition to courses for students, they provide resources to local schools. One such school is the New Kituwah Academy, the Cherokee Immersion school. They assist the teachers and administrators to enhance curriculum and to create posters, books and digital media and other educational tools written in the syllabary.

Recently, New Kituwah students participated in the Science Fair held at Western's Ramsey Center. The event was attended by Cherokee Central School and other regional public schools. This update is to offer appreciation for the achievement of the students at New Kituwah. The 3rd grade class, which is currently the highest grade level, entered six projects. Third grade teachers include: Sami, Samantha Crowe Hernandez, a 2010 graduate of WCU in Elementary Education, currently working on her master's degree in Special Education; Ayeni, Irene Smoker, fluent speaker from the Snow Bird community who travels daily from her community to work at the Academy. Agasga, Rainy Brake, 3rd grade science teacher and graduate of WCU and the first certified teacher to be hired at New Kituwah; and Yogisi (Louise Brown) fluent speaker who has been at New Kituwah from the beginning as well.

Two students received special recognition with their projects. Taliquo Walker's project (Heat and Evaporation) was selected to be presented at the state science fair and



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Shown (left-right) are front row – Taliquo (Joryn Walker), Salalisi (Abigail Taylor), Unole (Donnavin Groenewold), Qwana (Makala Washington), Nowkisi (Haley Smith) and Iwodi (Praire Toineeta); back row – teachers Sami (Samatha Crowe Hernandez), WCU class of 2010, and Ayeni (Irene Smoker), a fluent Cherokee speaker from Snowbird. Not pictured – science teacher Agasga (Rainy Brake), WCU alumni.

Qwana Washington (Germs) received the "alumni award." Other students and their project themes are Iwodi Toineeta (Owls), Salalisi Taylor (Electric Magnets), Nokwisi Smith (Sun), Unole Groenewald (Solar System).

Congratulations!

Taliquo (Joryn Walker) and Qwana (Makala Washington) received special recognition for their projects.
 (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather)





Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority Report



CIHA photo

Thanks to landscaping crew

“Cherokee Indian Hospital would like to express our sincere thanks to the landscaping crew at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino for their assistance with our MRI landscaping for our ribbon cutting,” said CIHA officials. “You wowed us with your expediency and skill. We appreciate you!” Shown (left-right) are Art Gomez, James McMahan, Des O’Sullivan, Jared Crawford, Rhonda Rose, Zeke Cooper, Shane Plott, Robert Reid, Mike Green, Mike Santa Maria, Loraine Grant and Brian Jones.

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Bill Taylor Scholarship available for business students

The Bill Taylor Scholarship is available and intended for students pursuing a degree in "Business Administration, or a business related area."

Applicants must be either EBCI tribal members or members of their immediate family. Applications and a sheet of "guidelines" are available at the Tribal Education and Training Office and must be returned by June 1 to: Frela Beck, 854 Big Cove Road, Cherokee, NC, 28719.

The Bill Taylor Scholarship was established by Harrah's Casino to pay tribute to William R. Taylor. Jerry Egelus, former Harrah's Cherokee Casino General Manager, said at the time of establishing the scholarship, "it's an honor to establish a scholarship in Bill Taylor's name. Bill played a pivotal role in bringing new revenues, new jobs and new opportunities for tribal members through his work in establishing gaming on the reservation."

The scholarship is administered as a permanent endowment of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Community Foundation, one of 60 affiliates of the statewide North Carolina Community Foundation. Currently, the local Foundation holds 11 endowment funds, four of which are scholarship or award programs for higher education.

To find out more information about the Bill Taylor Scholarship or the Eastern Band of Cherokee Community Foundation, call Frela Beck, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, 497-3671 or Sue Lelievre, NCCF Western Associate 1-800-210-9532.

- Bill Taylor Scholarship committee

Sequoyah Fund and Enterprise Dev. staff info

Sequoyah Fund and Enterprise Development have relocated within Ginger Lynn Welch. The Enterprise Development Center is now located within the Department of Commerce (in the old TERO office suite). Sequoyah Fund can be found in suite #500 (the old Marketing and Promotions office suite).

Sequoyah Fund and Enterprise Development work together to help you create and build your business in Cherokee. From business conception to retirement, our services are available, free of charge.

We can help:

- Writing a business plan
- Business related applications & forms
- Business coaching
- Property Bank
- Business financing
- Personal financial skills
- Architectural plan room
- Open office

Enterprise Development Staff

Gloria Griffin- 554-6718
Manager, Cherokee Enterprise Development Center

Jacob Reed- 554-6716
Jacob is the Enterprise Development Specialist.
Call Jacob for assistance writing a business plan, business financial assistance, information on business regulations and certifications, general small business questions, or large enterprise opportunities for the EBCI.

Kimberly Winchester- 554-6719
Kim is the Business Resource Coordinator
Call Kim if you would like to sign-up for Enterprise Development/Sequoyah Fund training, become a client of Enterprise Development or Sequoyah Fund, order bottled water,

or have general information questions about Enterprise Development and Cherokee Bottled Water.

Sequoyah Fund Staff

Nell Leatherwood- 359-5001
Executive Director, Sequoyah Fund

Russ Seagle- 359-5003
Russ is the Loan Office and Manager of Client Development
Call Russ for information on Sequoyah Fund loan products, how to get funding for your business, and consulting assistance for your business.

Sherrene Swayney- 359-5002
Sherrene is the Loan Portfolio and Finance Manager
Call Sherrene about housing rehab loans. Current Sequoyah Fund clients should contact Sherrene with any questions about their loan and to make payments.

Hope Huskey- 359-5005
Hope is the Director of Program Development.
Call Hope if you are interested in credit coaching, would like a copy of your credit report, want to develop a savings plan, or would like information on Sequoyah Fund's financial services.

John Ross- 359-5006
John is Special Projects Coordinator.
Call John for Open Office Business Services: reserving office space or a conference room, printing, faxing, copying, or scheduling a space in a Sequoyah Fund training, or call with other loan or training questions.

For up-to-date information, trainings, and business stuff check out our Facebook page or visit us on the web at www.sequoyahfund.org.
- Sequoyah Fund

Mentoring program to tackle a murder mystery

The 4-H Cherokee Youth Center National Mentoring Program will participate in a murder mystery program in March to solve "The Case of the Murdered Mayor". The activities for the program will take place March 14, 19, 21, 26 and 28.

In "The Case of the Murdered Mayor", students work in investigative teams and apply scientific principles in order to solve a fictional murder mystery. In the process, they perform simulations of forensic investigation techniques including fingerprint analysis, hair evidence analysis, blood typing, impression analysis, and entomological evidence analysis. Throughout the process, they are introduced to a number of important principles of forensic investigation. The activity culminates with students composing and submitting a written report of their findings, along with documentation supporting their reasoning.

The activities are designed so that teams working cooperatively rotate through various stations and perform five different types of investigations, each contributing specific information that may (or may not) be useful for narrowing down the suspects in the case.

A kit containing sufficient materials for 10 teams to conduct the hair analysis, blood typing, impression analysis, and entomological evidence analysis activities. Materials sufficient for two sets of fingerprint slides are provided.

The student guide lists important steps that must be followed including case background on the mayor and a list of the primary suspects. Students will conclude with an evidence report and a report to the District Attorney's office.

Info: 554-6279.

- Mary Thompson



Cherokee Happenings

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

Church Events

2nd Annual Community Family Bingo

Night. March 15 at 6pm at Living Waters Lutheran Church. It is free to play, and there will be prizes. There will also be food items for sale including: hot dogs, Frito pies, snacks, drinks and desserts. Everyone is welcome.

Gospel Meeting "Listen to the Animals".

March 15-17 at Cherokee Church of Christ. There will be a series of messages about what can be learned of the Creator based on lessons directly from the Bible. The speaker will be Bro. Ben Flatt, a pulpit minister from Henderson, Tenn. There will be a total of eight short lessons. The Friday and Saturday meetings will begin at 7pm. The Sunday morning Bible hour is set for 10am with a worship at 11am and a fellowship meal to follow. Info: 497-9414, 736-2287 or 736-0526

Solid Rock Outreach Food Box Distribution.

Wednesday- 9am-3pm, Thursday 9am - 3pm and Friday 9am - 3pm. Info: (828) 356-7312

General Events

Gallery dedication in Honor of Betty

Dupree. March 14 from 11am - 1pm at Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual, Inc. Everyone is invited to attend. Also, beginning Sunday, March 17, Qualla will be open on Sundays from 9am - 5pm.

Jackson County Genealogical Society

March program. March 14 at 7pm in the Community Room of the Historic Jackson County Courthouse in Sylva. Dr. Anne Rogers, WCU professor of anthropology, will speak on "The Structure of Traditional Cherokee Kinship (and why so many mountainfolk have Cherokee grandmothers)". This event is free, and the public is invited. Info: 631-2646

Scholastic Book Fair.

March 14-19 from 8:30am - 3:30pm in the Cherokee Elementary School Media Center. Family night will be March 18 from 3-6pm

Swain County Democratic Party meeting.

March 16 at 10am at the Birdtown Community Building. Hear legislative news from N.C. House Rep. Joe Sam Queen. Bring your questions and concerns. Refreshments will be served. Info: 736-3470

Tribal Council work sessions.

County Casino proposal. March 18 at 5pm. Bear zoo discussion. March 19 at 5pm. Both work sessions will be held at the Tribal Council House.

KPEP "Lunch and Learn" series.

- March 20 - History: The Trail of Tears - The Resistance: This program covers how around 1,000 Cherokees in North Carolina avoided the removal and remained in their homeland. More dates will be added later. Bring your own lunch. The program will be held from 12-12:30pm in the Community Room at the New Kituwah Academy. Info: B.J. Rich 554-6406 or bjrich@nc-chokeee.com.

Qualla Housing Authority Auction. March

22 at QHA Warehouse at 2234 Old Mission Road in Cherokee. Two auctions will be held. The first will be for employees of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and tribal entities (must present employment ID card) and will be from 8am - 1pm with the following schedule: 8am - building materials, 9am - plumbing items, 10am - electrical materials, 11am - auto and equipment, 12pm - appliances and misc. items. The second will be for the general public and will be from 2-7pm with the following schedule: 2pm building materials, 3pm - plumbing items, 4pm - electrical items, 5pm - auto and equipment, 6pm - appliances and misc. items. Info: Bob Driver 554-6345

Soup Luncheon and Silent Auction. March

22 from 11am - 2pm at the Cherokee EMS Building. This is a fundraiser for the Right Path Adult Leadership Alumni. Money raised will be used for community projects such as purchasing needed items for Tsali Care patients and dialysis patients and helping the Cherokee community. Potato soup, taco soup, vegetable soup and more. \$5 for a bowl of soup, bread/crackers and drink. \$7 all you can eat soup, bread/crackers and drink.

2nd Annual Little Owl Music and Arts Festival.

March 23 at Audubon Acres in Chattanooga, Tenn. This event, hosted by The Audubon Society of Chattanooga, is to raise money for the Cherokee Arboretum and Bird Sanctuary. Organizers are looking for original Cherokee jewelry, arts and crafts vendors for the event. Info: Tim Anderson (423) 504-8408, LittleOwlFestival@chattaudubon.org or www.facebook.com/LittleOwlFest

Rainbows and Ramps Festival. March

30 from 10am - 2:30pm at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Meals are \$10 and include fried trout,

ramps and other vegetables. There will also be hot dogs, chips and drinks. Entertainment includes: Yellowhill Choir, Antioch Singers, J. Creek Cloggers, Ross Brothers, Warriors of Anikituwah, and bingo. Contact for vendors: Robert Jumper 554-6482, robejump@nc-chokeee.com. Info: Cherokee Welcome Center (800) 438-1601 or travel@nc-chokeee.com

Cherokee VFW Bingo,

located by the old race track, on Monday nights in Whittier. Early birds 6pm, regular program 7:10pm. Info: 488-1706 or 788-2176.

Health/Sports Events

Cornhole tournament. March

16 at the Birdtown Gym. Registration starts at 10am and bags fly at 11am. Entry fee: \$40/per team. Cash prizes: 1st - \$500, 2nd - \$300, 3rd - \$200. Double elimination with cancellation scoring. The first to 21 points. Bring your own bags or use bags provided. Bring your own chairs. Boards are 27' apart. Food and drinks will be for sale on location. All proceeds will help build a new Cherokee Children's Home. Info: 497-5539 or 497-9101

Adult Softball League meetings. March

18, 27 at 5pm at John A. Crowe Recreation Complex. This is for fast pitch, slow pitch, and co-ed. Anyone interested should attend one of the meetings.

Start Smart Baseball/Softball program.

Starts March 19 at 5:30pm at the Birdtown Gym. The program, open to children 3-5, will be held on six consecutive Tuesday nights. Session times will depend on the number of participants registered. Each child needs an adult who can attend and participate in each session along with them. The program prepares children for organized teeball, baseball or softball in a fun, non-threatening environment. Each parent-child group will be charged \$20 which includes a Start Smart manual and t-shirt for the child. A parent meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12 at 5:30pm at the Birdtown Gym. The deadline to register is March 12. Info: Jessica Daniels 554-6891

Hooping for a Cause! 18+ Open Men's

Basketball Tournament. March 22-23 at the Birdtown Gym. Entry fee is \$350 and must be paid one week before tournament, no exceptions. Teams will have a maximum 12-man roster, and a minimum of ten teams must enter to host. All pro-

ceeds will go to the Cherokee Cancer Support Group. Concessions will be for sale along with raffle tickets and t-shirts. Info: Keiah West 788-3345, keiahwest_44@yahoo.com or Michelle "Darci" Long waski08@gmail.com

Snowbird Health & Information Fair. March 26 from 10am – 2pm at the Snowbird Gym. This event is being hosted by Snowbird Community Health and the Snowbird Health Clinic. To reserve a table and chair or for information, contact Lisa Denzer (828) 479-3924, Jennifer Wachacha 554-6990 or Margie Wachacha 554-6992.

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event. April 19. Registration begins at 10:30am, and the walk begins at 11:30am. The walk will start at the Cherokee Bear Zoo in downtown Cherokee and will end at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. This event is hosted by the EBCI Domestic Violence Program in conjunction with the International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault and Gender Violence. High heels and t-shirts will be provided. Everyone is welcome. Registration for participating men is required by March 29 so heels can be ordered. Info: EBCI DV program 554-6830

The EBCI Recreation Dept. is looking for youth football and cheerleading coaches. Applicants will be subject to a background check and mandatory coaches training. Info: Pepper Taylor 554-6895 or Jessica Daniels 554-6891

Congressman Meadows will have office hours in Cherokee on Tuesday, March 26 from 10am – 12pm and 1-3 pm in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex.

*The Summer Repair program of Housing and Community Development is now taking applications for home repairs. The labor will be provided by church groups that volunteer their time each summer. Please note **ONLY** the following projects qualify. 1) A roof in need of new shingles. 2) Construction of a handicap ramp. 3) Construction of small decks (8X8). 4) Exterior and Interior painting. You may pick up your application starting Friday, March 1st at the Housing and Community Development office, located at 756 Acquoni Road. You may also contact us at 554-6900 for any questions.*

**No plumbing or electrical work will be done.*



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You may pick up an application at the Housing and Community Development offices, located at 756 Acquoni Road. Also you may contact us at 554-6900 for any questions.

Everyone must fill out and complete an application including referrals by Tribal Council representatives. 3/21



Cherokee Central Schools Report

Testing Information for Cherokee Elementary

By **PAULA COKER**
CES PRINCIPAL

Cherokee Elementary School's testing program for the 2012/2013 school year will change as a result of the adoption of the new Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for Mathematics and English Language Arts as well as the North Carolina Essential Standards (ES) for Science. Just as the previous testing program required, our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will take End of Grade (EOG) tests in Math and English Language Arts. Only 5th grade elementary students are required to take an End of Grade test in Science.

As with any new assessments, detailed analyses of the results will take place to ensure the test scores are valid and reliable. North Carolina's Department of Public Instruction will analyze the data from around the state during the summer of 2013. As a result of these factors, we will not receive our scores immediately as we have in the past. We anticipate receiving our scores in October, 2013 and will provide parents and guardians with each student's Individual Student Report as soon as we receive them. Because of the delayed testing results, no retesting will occur at our school.

Teachers are working hard to prepare our students for the new tests which will be given in May. Our goal is to help students demonstrate their talents and their limitless capabilities!

A snapshot of some of the assessments used

in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades to help prepare our students for success!

- Assessments are given to determine areas of strength as well as areas where students may need extra help and support. After analyzing assessment results, remediation is provided using small group instruction or to individual students.
- Benchmark assessments are given periodically using the ClassScape online assessment system which is also used in school systems throughout North Carolina. The results of benchmarks are clear indicators of how well students are progressing academically towards the End of Grade tests. Each grade level team spends a considerable amount of time analyzing the benchmark results to determine how to improve areas of instruction and provide additional support for students in specific areas.
- ClassScape is also used in formative assessments given in each classroom throughout the school year. These much shorter assessments give teachers additional information to help them focus instruction more precisely to meet student needs.

Some Parent and Guardian Test/Assessment Support Strategies to Use Now!

Students may experience some anxiety about the assessments and the tests. The following strategies may assist our students in reducing anxiety:

- Discuss the assessments and the tests openly and in a positive way.
- Encourage your child to do their best on all as-

sessments and tests.

- Emphasize that scores do not determine a person's worth.
- Emphasize the results are only one measure of academic performance.
- Praise your child on their work habits and preparation.

Preparing Your Children for the EOG

- Note test dates on your home calendar.
- Schedule non-emergency appointments before or after testing days.
- Encourage your child to take responsibility for homework and class study.
- Help your child learn how to find information independently.
- Praise your child for work well done.
- Encourage your child to ask questions at home and in class.
- Get to know your child's teacher.
- Attend parent-teacher conferences.
- Discuss your child's progress with the teachers on a regular basis.
- Assure your child that you value a good education.
- Gather any available test preparation materials.

Thank you for all the work you already do to support your child and our school! Please call your child's teacher if you want additional information or have further questions about our assessments or tests. We look forward to sharing tests results with you this fall.

CMS Testing information

By **CANCE CARNES**
CMS PRINCIPAL

We are currently at the end of our 3rd Quarter and using Classscape to administer our third and final Benchmark test for the year. Classscape is an online testing service that is aligned to the New North Carolina standards (also known as Common Core Standards). The data from each test is monitored to ensure that students are maintaining progress through each quarter. In addition to the Benchmarks, teachers also utilize Classscape as a resource to administer weekly and bi-weekly testing.

This year we are proud to report that from the first two benchmarks we were able to record an increase in student scores. We are currently awaiting results from the final benchmark. However, we are sure that students have continued and will continue to improve the scores throughout the remaining part of the year. As a result of the recorded improvements we offered a few incentives to students. One of those incentives was snow cones and popcorn. The other was for students who improved drastically by 15 or more points. This incentive was a movie in the Cultural Arts Center, for students who have continued to improve on their test.

The ACT Explore

This year we were able to administer the ACT Explore to our 8th grade students. The purpose of this test is to determine if students are on track to be ready to enter college or the workforce upon graduating. The data from this test is instrumental for a number of reasons. First, it provides information about the students' interest after graduating. For instance, suppose a student has an interest to be an engineer. Through the ACT Explore, the school can evaluate the students' readiness for this career by evaluating the results

see **TESTING** next page 26

Assessments for Cherokee High School

By **WOODREEN CALDWELL, EdS**
CHS PRINCIPAL

The North Carolina End-of-Course Tests are used to sample a student's knowledge of subject-related concepts as specified in the North Carolina Standard Course of Study and to provide a global estimate of the student's mastery of the material in a particular content area. The North Carolina End-of-Course tests were initiated in response to legislation passed by the North Carolina General Assembly – the North Carolina Elementary and Secondary Reform Act of 1984. In the 2011-12 school year, students enrolled in the following courses are required to take the North Carolina EOC tests: Algebra I, Biology, and English I.

Assessment items will be designed, developed, and classified to ensure that the cognitive rigor of the operational test forms align to the cognitive complexity and demands of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for Mathematics (READY EOC Algebra I. These items require students to not only recall information, but also apply concepts and skills and make decisions.

Essential Standards for Science NC Assessment Specification Summary for Biology include:

- Structure and Function of Living Organisms
- Ecosystems
- Evolution and Genetics, and
- Molecular Biology

Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for English Language Arts II include:

- Set of content standards
- CCSS are posted at: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/acre/standards/common-core/>
- Common Core State Standards are divided into strands which address a specific set of College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards. These strands are reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language.
- CHS will teach and assess a common set of standards for the second-year high school course of English language arts.

The Plan is a preliminary ACT test designed for sophomores as preparation for the full-length ACT college admission examination taken in the 11th grade. All colleges will accept the ACT or SAT college admission examination tests. Both tests possess different qualities in their content, presentation and scoring.

PLAN data will help your leadership team advance student achievement and improve instructional tools.

Using actionable data at the student, school, district, and state level, PLAN:

- Enables teachers and counselors to take a close look at students' skills and knowledge and design a college readiness plan to meet the needs of each student
- Helps educators identify gaps in the curriculum and assists with designing more rigorous courses
- When used with EXPLORE®, provides longitudinal data that help chart student growth and identify gaps in teaching and learning
- Offers important feedback for planning and allocating guidance resources

All of our 10th graders take PLAN and the school counselors share the personalized academic and career results with each student. PLAN results are used to more specifically pinpoint areas of additional skill building. For example, students who have anxiety about math—"I'm not good at math"—can use their PLAN results to see more specifically where they may need additional work in math. I think that takes some of the anxiety away and helps students understand that they can fill in the gaps now that they know where to start.

Why should my student take PLAN?

Taking PLAN is a great way to prepare for the ACT. In fact, students who take PLAN tend to score higher on the ACT than students who do not take PLAN.

It covers the same subjects—English, mathematics, reading, and science—and provides an estimated ACT score.

PLAN points out academic strengths and

areas where improvement is needed and lets students know if they're on track for college. PLAN helps them find careers that match their interests and even helps connect them with colleges interested in them.

What subjects does the PLAN test cover and how long does it take?

PLAN includes four multiple-choice tests covering English, mathematics, reading, and science:

- English – 50 questions, 30 minutes
- Math – 40 questions, 40 minutes
- Reading – 25 questions, 20 minutes
- Science – 30 questions, 25 minutes

PLAN also includes a 72-item interest inventory that asks questions about the types of work tasks students would or would not like to do.

The PLAN assessment marks another step forward in our efforts to better prepare all students for college or to enter the workforce. Teachers and school leaders can use test feedback to identify areas in which they need to improve instruction while students can use their results to help map out a plan for the future.

PLAN is the first of three assessments that will receive more focus in North Carolina in the coming years. The State Board of Education voted last week to include results from the ACT and WorkKeys in the new school accountability model that will be implemented beginning in 2012-2013. The ACT is a college readiness test which will be given to all high school juniors

The national assessment, which is administered by ACT, is designed to measure students' current academic development in English, mathematics, reading and science. Students can use results from the test to help them explore career/training options and make plans for the remaining years of high school and post-graduation years. The PLAN assessment is typically taken before students take the ACT as a junior or senior.

The guidance counselor will be happy to answer any questions you may have concerning assessments and their use. Please feel free to call us at 554 5030. Thank you!



Opinions and Letters

WORD LIMIT FOR LETTERS IS 250 WORDS

Thank you

We would like to thank the E.M.S. of Cherokee, the paramedics and the doctors and nurses of Mission Hospital. They all worked together and saved our daughter when she was at work and had a major heart attack. She wouldn't be here if it wasn't for their professionalism.

We know God has the upper hand and had a fellow worker there to call for the E.M.S. worker also. Thank you. Thanks to all her friends, the prayer groups and the family for being there for her.

She's coming home and doing well. Please keep praying for her.

Again, to the professionals for taking such good care of Beatrice. We will be eternally grateful.

The Family of Beatrice Fish Locust

Thank you

The family of Stephanie A. Wildcatt would like to thank everyone for the kind thoughts, phone calls and prayers during Stephanie's recent illness. Stephanie stayed in ICU in Mission Hospital while fighting a serious illness. We appreciate all the family members and friends for their support during this tough time. Special thanks to the

Staff at Cherokee Hospital ER, the Staff at Mission Hospital, Ronnie, Qiana, Shog, John, Maggie, Dorothy, Sarah, Kim, Monica, Michelle, Agnes, Perry Shell, Bo Taylor and everyone who continuously prayed for Stephanie. She is home and getting better each day. God bless everyone and keep praying for the family. Thanks.

Thank you

The Robert and Joyce Taylor family would like to thank everyone that participated in the fundraising for Mathew. We apologize for those who were left out because we ran out of food. We will know next time, make more. Thanks again for all your support. We are blessed to have wonderful friends and family.

Thank you

The Panther family from the Big Cove Community (Ko La Nv Yi) want to express our belated but sincere "thanks" to everyone for supporting the fundraiser held on Feb. 28.

We want to thank family and community members who donated food and their time to make this fundraiser a success! Special thanks to Ms. Yvonne Bushyhead and Mrs. Margaret French

for heading up this project. We also extend special thanks to the American Legion members who came to assist; Pastor Foreman Bradley; Yellowhill Baptist Church members for use of their Fellowship Hall; last but not least the medical staff and caregivers at Mission Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital and Cherokee Indian Hospital for their services.

At present our brother Floyd is at Mountain View for physical therapy and recovering from a leg amputation. Brother Snake has begun his chemo treatment; our sister Nita is at Tsali Care undergoing physical therapy. Again, we thank all of you for your contributions and for remembering our family in your prayers.

God bless each and every one,
The Panther Family

Thank you

Thank you from Chris and Matthew Littlejohn to all family members and friends that supported the benefit dinner and the donations. We gladly appreciated it.

Thank you,
Chris and Matthew Littlejohn

TESTING: Cherokee Middle School principal gives testing info, from page 24

for the test. This test revolutionizes the ability to align the student's schedule with courses that are pertinent to the student to be accepted into a solid engineering program at college.

Second, this information can also be relevant in the lowering the dropout rate. Results to survey questions at the beginning of the test help educators to evaluate the student's plans for finishing high school. When results show a need for concern due to the student's plan being not to finish high school, this offers the immediate opportunity for intervention.

The End-Of-Grade Test

As we close out the 3rd Quarter and begin the 4th and final Quarter, we are diligently preparing for the End-of-Grade test. This year students and teachers will experience some changes in testing. First, NCEExtend 2 test will be given online. Second, students will also take a Measure in Student Learning test in Science and Social Studies directly following the ELA, and Math test. Thirdly, the Science test will also be administered online this year.

There are a couple of things that students can do to help them perform their best on these test(s). First, go to bed early so that they are rested. Second, eat breakfast the morning of the test. Thirdly, practice test taking strategies learned in the class-

room, as well, as studying the content that their teachers covered in class.

Finally, to determine whether a student will pass or be retained teachers will look at multiple areas this year. First, attendance record will be reviewed to determine if the student needs a referral to the Attendance Review Committee. Second, classroom grades will also be reviewed to ensure that the student has met or exceeded the minimum class average of 70. Finally, the data that is compiled from Benchmarks and the weekly and bi-weekly formative assessments will also be reviewed. From there based on the information found from each area a decision will be made.

Info: Principal Cance Carnes 554-5022

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Wednesday, March 20 10am - 2pm

Food Lion Shopping Center

Saturday, March 23 10am - 2pm

Contact: Alica Wildcatt 554-6605

Cherokee Churches

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

Acquoni Baptist Church. 722 Acquoni Road. 497-7106. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Morning Worship 11am. Sunday Choir Practice 6pm. Sunday Evening Worship 7pm. Monday Visitation and Singing 6pm. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6pm.

Pastor Ed Kilgore 497-6521 (h)

Antioch Baptist Church. Coopers Creek Road. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Service 11am. Sunday Night Service 6pm. Wednesday Night Bible Study 7pm. Pastor Danny Lambert

Beacon of Hope Baptist Church. Sunday Worship 11am. Wednesday Service 7pm. Pastor Wesley Stephens (828) 226-4491

Bethabara Baptist Church. 1088 Birdtown Road. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Service 11am and 7pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Youth Meeting Wednesday 7pm. Pastor Eddie Sherrill 497-7770

Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church. 6183 Big Cove Road. Sunday School 10am with a Cherokee Language class for adults. Sunday

Morning Worship 11am. Sunday Evening Worship 6pm. Wednesday Prayer Service 7pm. Monthly Business Meeting is first Wednesday 7pm. Pastor James "Bo" Parris 497-4141

Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church.

7710 Big Cove Road. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Worship Service 11am. Wednesday Night Service 7pm. Pastor Doris McMillan 497-4220

Calico Church of Christ. Big Cove Community. Contact information Sallie Bradley 497-6549

Cherokee Baptist Church. 812 Tsalagi Road. Sunday School 9:45am. Sunday Worship 11am. Sunday Evening Worship 6pm. Youth Classes Wednesday 6:30pm. Wednesday Worship 6:30pm. Supper is provided at 5:30 each Wednesday evening in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Percy Cunningham 497-2761, 497-3799 (fax)

Cherokee Bible Church. Olivet Church Road. Sunday Service 10am. Wednesday Service 7pm. Pastor Randy Miller 497-2286

Cherokee Church of Christ. 2350 Old Mission Road and Hwy. 19. Sunday Bible Study 10am. Sunday Worship 11am. Sunday Evening Worship 6pm. Wednesday Bible Study 6pm. Minister Jim Sexton 497-3334

Cherokee Church of God. 21 Church of God Drive. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Worship Service 11am. Sunday Night Service 6pm. Wednesday Night Service 7pm. Pastor Charles Griffin (828) 400-9753

Cherokee Church of the Nazarene. 72 Old School Loop off Big Cove Road. Sunday Morning Service 11am. Continental Breakfast served Sunday 10:30am. Sunday Evening Prayer Service 6pm. Wednesday Bible Study 7pm. Food and Clothing Ministry M-Th 4-8pm. Pastors Lester and Lisa Hardesty 497-2819

Cherokee Healing Waters Mission. New Hours Tuesday night Bible Study 7pm, Pastor Tony Bernhisel 497-2122, Tony11110@frontier.com

Cherokee Central Schools

Pre-K Classrooms Application has begun



Must be 4 years old by August 31, 2013

and meet the service priority guidelines.

Accepting applications from April 8 to April 30

at the Hope center.

Contact the Hope Center for more Information: 554-5101

Walk A Mile in HER Shoes

"ARE YOU MAN ENOUGH"

WHEN?

Friday April 19th
Registration begins at
10:30am
Walk begins at 11:30am

Where?

Walk starts at Bear Zoo in
Downtown Cherokee and
ends at the Fair Grounds
entrance. Snacks, water
and souvenirs provided.

How Much?

Costs nothing for all
participants!
Registration is required before
March 29th to order heels!

The EBCI Domestic Violence Program is hosting the 2nd Annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event, the International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault and Gender Violence.

Join men in the Cherokee and surrounding communities as they walk in high heels to show their support in speaking out against rape and gender violence.

High heels and t-shirts will be provided.

This is a fun entertaining way to address and support a serious issue that affects us all

To register or for more information
please contact the EBCI Domestic
Violence Program at 554-6830



Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church. 135 Long Branch Road. Wednesday night, 7pm; Sunday school, 10am; Sunday worship service, 11am; Sunday night service, 6pm., Pastor Donald Ensley 497-5829

Cherokee United Methodist Church. Hwy 19 – Soco Road. Sunday Worship Service 11am. Wednesday night family night starting with dinner at 6pm then Bible classes for all ages. Pastor John Ferree (336) 309-1016, www.cherokeemission.org

Cherokee Wesleyan Church. Hwy 19 across from Happy Holiday Campground. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Worship 11am, followed by Fellowship Dinner second Sunday of each month. Sunday Evening Kids Club 5pm. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm (except third Wednesday of Month at Tsali Care 6:30pm). Rev. Patricia Crockett 586-5453

Christ Fellowship Church. Great Smokies Center. Sunday Service 11am. Wednesday Service 6:30pm. Pastor Richard Sneed 736-8912

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Hwy 441S. Sacrament Service 10am. Wednesday Meetings 6:30pm. 497-7651

Ela Missionary Baptist Church. Hwy 19 South. Sunday school 10am, Sunday worship 11am, Sunday evening worship 7pm, Wednesday evening worship 7pm. All visitors welcome. Pastor Larry W. Foster

Goose Creek Baptist Church. Sunday School – 10am, Sunday Worship Service 11am, Sunday Evening Services 6pm. Pastor – Bro. James Gunter

Living Waters Lutheran Church. 30 Locust Road. Sunday Service 11am. Pastor Jack Russell

497-3730, prjack@frontier.com, lwcherokee@frontier.com

Macedonia Baptist Church. 1181 Wolfstown Rd. Sunday School 10am, Sunday Morning Worship 11am, Sunday Evening Worship 6pm, Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7pm. Pastor Bro. Dan Conseen, 828-508-2629 dconseen@gmail.com

Olivet United Methodist Church. 811 Olivet Church Road. Sunday School 9am. Sunday Service 9:45am. Rev. John Ferree, www.gbgm-umc.org/olivatumnc-whittier/

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. 82 Lambert Branch Road. Sunday Mass 9am. Sunday Spanish Mass 4pm. Pastor Shawn O’Neal 497-9755 or 497-9498

Piney Grove Baptist Church. Grassy Branch Road. 736-7850. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening Service 6pm. Wednesday Worship 6pm.

Potter’s House of Prayer. Inez Welch Residence on Adams Creek. Sundays at 9:30am and 6pm, Wednesdays at 6pm. Preacher: William Cornwell. Everyone welcome. Come as you are. Info: William 736-6925, Charlene Cornwell 736-2232 or Deacon John Biddix

Rock Hill Baptist Church. 736-6334. Sunday Services 11am. Thursday Bible Study 7pm. Pastor Red Woodard (828) 356-7312

Rock Springs Baptist Church. 129 Old Gap Road. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Service 11am and 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 6:30pm. Pastor Greg Morgan 497-6258, 736-1245 (cell)

Sequoyah Sovereign Grace Church. 3755 Big Cove Road. Sunday School 10:15am. Sunday Service 11am. Sunday Evening Service 1pm. Wednesday Night Bible Study 7pm. Pastor Tim James 497-7644

St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church of Cherokee. 82 Old River Road. Holy Communion Sunday 9:30am. Rev. Dr. Norma H. Hanson (828) 277-7399

Straight Fork Baptist Church. Big Cove Loop. Sunday school 10am. Sunday morning worship 11am. Sunday evening worship 6pm. Wednesday night prayer service 7pm. Youth group meetings also. Pastor Charles Ray Ball 488-3974

Waterfalls Baptist Church. Wrights Creek Road. Sunday Morning 10am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6:30pm. Pastor James “Red” Bradley

Wilmot Baptist Church. Thomas Valley Road. Sunday school: 10am, Worship: 11am, Sunday night worship: 6pm, Wednesday prayer service: 7pm, every other Thursday night (Youth night) singing, bible study and crafts: 6pm. Pastor: Johnny Ray Davis

Wrights Creek Baptist Church. Wrights Creek Rd. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening Service 6pm. Wednesday Night Bible Study 6pm. Visitors welcome. Pastor Dan Lambert.

Yellowhill Baptist Church. Sunday School 9:45am. Sunday Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening Service 6pm. Wednesday Night Service 7pm. Pastor Foreman Bradley 506-0123 or 736-4872

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Clubs/Organizations

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Big Y Community Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Big Y Community Building.

Birdtown Community Club meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Community Building. To reserve the building for your special occasion, call Charlene Owle, secretary, 788-3723 (\$50 fee with \$20 key deposit). Info: Jeanne Crowe Lira, chairwoman, 736-2017

The Cherokee Cancer Support Group is a non-profit organization assisting cancer patients and care-givers on the Boundary, indiscriminately. Their objective is to support, educate and provide individual services as needed. The support group meets the first Thursday of each month at 5:30pm at SAFE HAVEN, 40 Goose Creek Rd. SAFE HAVEN is staffed from 10am – 2pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Appointments can be made for additional assistance. Personal fittings can be arranged during these times as well. Info: 497-0788, email: cherokeeCSG@gmail.com, P.O. Box 22220, Cherokee.

Cherokee Children's Coalition meets the last Thursday of each month at 11am at the Agelink School Age Conference Room.

The Cherokee Runners meet on the 1st and 15th of each month at 7pm at the Age Link Con-

ference Room. If those dates happen to fall on a Sunday, they will meet the following day. Info: Gerri Grady gerrgrady@yahoo.com or visit www.cherokeerunners.com

Cherokee Speakers Gathering is normally held on the fourth Thursday of every month. All Cherokee speakers and Cherokee language learners are welcome to enjoy a potluck dinner and an evening of fellowship in the Cherokee language. These events are sponsored by the Kituwah Preservation & Education Program and, in part, by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. Info: Billie Jo Rich 554-6404 or bjrigh@nc-chokeee.com

Girl Scout Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont. Serving girls in Clay, Cherokee, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Swain Counties and the Qualla Boundary. This program is for girls in grades K-12. Info: Karen Bartlett, membership manager, 488-6537 or KBartlett@GirlScoutsP2P.org

The North American Indian Women's Association (NAIWA) Cherokee Chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Recreation Center. Info: Carmaleta Monteith, chapter treasurer, Carmaleta@msn.com

Paint Town Community Club meets the last Monday of each month at 5:30pm at the Commu-

nity Building. Info: 497-3731, ChairPTCC@gmail.com

Solid Rock Outreach. Monday -Closed; Tuesday - 9am-3pm Food Boxes Available; Wednesday - 9am-3pm Food Boxes Available; Thursday - 9am-3pm Food Boxes Available; Saturday - 9am-1pm Food Distribution

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) 735-2533, smoker7@frontier.com

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

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

Yellowhill Judo Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-8pm at the old Cherokee High School weight room. Classes are free. Info: Will Lambert 736-1600



WIPE

Before teeth come in, wipe baby's mouth with a moist cloth or special baby "gum" brush.



SMEAR

When teeth start to come in, around 4-8 months, start using a small "smear" of toothpaste. This is easy if you wipe toothpaste across the brush. Use this amount until your child's second birthday.



BRUSH

After your child reaches age 3, use a "pea size dab" of toothpaste. Use fluoride toothpaste every morning and night. Check after your child brushes to make sure teeth are clean!

**Tips for healthy teeth from
EBCI Children's Dental Program 554-6197**



Obituaries

Wesley Driver

Wesley Driver, 72, of the Big Cove Community in Cherokee, passed away on March 7, 2013 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital following a brief illness with a loving family by his side.

Wesley was the son of the late George and Annie Bird Driver of the Big Cove Community and was skilled in Cherokee craft as a wood carver. He was member of Straightfork Baptist Church.

Regardless of never having children of his own Wesley is survived by many nieces and nephews who loved him as you would a parent or the closest of relatives.

Wesley is preceded in death by brothers, John G. Driver and Wade Driver; Sisters, Savannah Calhoun, Alyne Driver and Lydia Littlejohn.

A funeral service was held at Straightfork Baptist Church on Sunday, March 10 officiated by Pastor Charles Ray Ball and the Rev. James "Bo" Parris. An immediate burial followed the service at Calhoun Cemetery with Will Driver, John Tooni, Bear Driver, Frank Driver, Matthew Tooni, Oscar Silva, Kevin Blackfox and Charlie Blackfox acting as Pall Bearers.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Anthony Paul Kekahbah

Anthony Paul Kekahbah went to be with to his Heavenly home on Sunday evening March 3, 2013. He was born on Feb. 13, 1965 and was 48 years old living in Washington, DC his entire life.

He was preceded in death by his dad Gerald Patrick Kekahbah; paternal grandparents Francis Kekahbah and Angeline Toomey Kekahbah; maternal grandparents, Samuel Panther and Emma-line Sequoyah Driver; aunt Janice Joy Kekahbah; uncles Thomas Richard Driver and Nicky Sylvester Driver.

He is survived by his mother Alice Panther Kekahbah; sister Janice Kekahbah and husband James Wildcatt; nephews James Seven Kekahbah and Gerald Patrick Kekahbah II; niece Toni Pauline Kekahbah; uncles, Ernest Panther, Sam "Snake" and wife Carolyn Panther, Floyd and wife

Freida Panther, Sam "Sonny" and Sharon Panther, Rick Panther, Kenny and wife Diane Panther, Jim Panther, Frank and wife Liz Kekahbah, Rollin and wife Twila Kekahbah, Curtis and wife Mary Kekahbah and Paul Samuel and wife Sue Kekahbah; aunts Wilma Pheasant, Katherine Panther, Alma Johns, Hattie Panther, Anita E. Ellwood, Nelma Jean Bradley, Loretta and husband Morgan Bradley, Pat Panther, Gloria Panther, Debbie Panther; one great aunt Amanda Sequoyah Swimmer and 100 plus cousins in Cherokee, Oklahoma, Kansas, Oregon and North Dakota.

Funeral services are still pending Anthony's arrival to North Carolina and may fall in to the coming week. Please check back for an update on services in the next couple of days.

Jim Driver Jr.

Jim Driver Jr. 69, of the Birdtown Community, went home to be with the Lord Saturday, March 9, 2013 in a Buncombe County Hospital. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late James and Ina Wolfe Driver. He was a craftsman at The Cherokee's for 33 years and retired with the Cherokee Boys Club. He was a member of Big Cove Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Arbara Teesateskie Driver; two grandchildren, Lloyd Teesateskie III, Joyce Arbara Teesateskie; two brothers, John Ed Driver, West Driver; and two sisters, Elsie Locust and Ollie Sequoyah.

He is survived by two children, Joseph Driver and wife Janice of Cherokee, daughter, Josephine Teesateskie of Cherokee; five grandchildren, Joshua, A.J., Melvin, Junior, Shana; four brothers, William Driver, Frank Driver, James Driver, Jerry Driver all of Cherokee; three sisters, Betty Morales, Nancy Cox, Melinda Mahan all of Cherokee.

Funeral services will be held at 2p.m. on Tuesday, March 12 at Straight Fork Baptist Church. Revs. Charles Ray Ball, James (Bo) Parris, and Jack Russell will officiate with burial in the Driver Family Cemetery.

The body will be taken to the church at 4p.m. on Monday, March 11 by Crisp Funeral Home to await the hour of service.

Pallbearers will be the nephews.

Tyler Shane Bowman

BRYSON CITY - Tyler Shane Bowman, 19, of Bryson City, went home to be with the Lord unexpectedly, Saturday, March 9, 2013. A native of Swain County, he was the son of Kevin Jackson Bowman of Bryson City and Denise Myers Walkingstick of Cherokee. A Swain County High School Graduate in 2012, he was attending High Point University. He loved to run track and cross country, and hang out with his brother, Bo.

He was preceded in death by great grandparents, Carl Myers, Sr. and Raymond Howard.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his fiancée, Keyonah Lambert of Smyrna, Ga.; step father, Chris Walkingstick of Cherokee; two brothers, Brodie Bowman of Bryson City, Trey Bowman of Bryson City; maternal grandparents, Jim and Judy Blevins of Bryson City, and Carl and Mary Myers of Maryville, Tenn.; paternal grandparents, Jack Bowman of Robbinsville and Barbara Bowman of Whittier; paternal great grandmother, Lois Myers of Bryson City; maternal great grandmother, Jessie Howard of Bryson City; one uncle, David Myers of Maryville, Tenn.; and lots of family and friends.

Funeral services were held at 2p.m. on Wednesday, March 13 at The Grove Church. Rev. Eddie Deitz and Jeff Helpman will officiate with burial in Holly Springs Cemetery # 2.

Lucinda George McCoy

Lucinda George McCoy, 64, of the Birdtown Community went home to be with the Lord Sunday, March 10, 2013 at her home. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late Guy George Sr. and Sally Tramper George; also wife of the late William McCoy. She also was preceded in death by a brother, Guy George, Jr. and sister, Martha Swilling. She was a retired housekeeper for the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians.

She is survived by three sisters, Eloise Maney and husband Harley of Cherokee, Roberta Walkingstick and husband Daniel of Cherokee, Sally Ann Shehan and husband James of Cherokee; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2p.m. on Wednesday, March 13 at Rock Springs Baptist Church of which she was a member. Rev. Greg Morgan officiated with burial in the Birdtown Cemetery.

Cherokee Trading Post

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\$39,995! New 3-bedroom, 2-bath doublewide home. Great floor plan. Huge rooms! Call 456-2822. **3/21**

Repo doublewide home! Only \$39,995. 3-bedroom, 2-bath, 1,500 sq. ft. Don't miss this one! Call 456-2822. **3/21**

\$54,995. New doublewide den model with 3-bedroom and two baths. 1,700 sq. ft. Wow! Call 456-2822. **3/21**

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FOR RENT

For rent. Doublewide and singlewide mobile homes. All appliances. 5 minutes from Harrah's. \$650/month, \$500/deposit. Call (828)736-1183 for more information. **3/28pd**

2br, 1 bath, mobile home. Quiet park in Ela. No pets. References/background check required. \$400/month, \$300/deposit. Call 488-8752 for more information. **4/4pd**

House for rent. 3 bedroom/2 full bath house; gas fireplace and furnace; dishwasher, fridge and stove included; paved driveway, w/d connection. Birdtown area. \$650/month plus deposit, \$25 application fee and references. Call 778-2959 for more information. **3/21pd**

2br trailer for rent. If interested call 828-736-8435 or 828-736-1795. **3/21pd**

SERVICES

Tax Preparation by Sandi – Can save you time and money. Monday thru Saturday 9am – 7pm. Located on Olivet Church Road. 828-497-4128. **4/11pd**

Babysitting. Every day, nights and weekends included. Includes meals, snacks and crafts. Will work with casino schedules. References available. Call Marianne at 828-736-1089 for more information. **3/21pd**

New thrift store opening at 190 Everett Street, located behind Mountain Treasures. For more information call 508-9864. **3/21pd**

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AVENUES COUNSELING. w/ Beth Farris, Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist addressing Depression, Anxiety, Trauma, Addiction and Relationship issues. Welcomes discussing her holistic approach to finding truth and joy. Call 1-421-9855. **3/14pd**

Grab a One Feather for your job search

The collage displays several job listings from the Cherokee One Feather newspaper. Visible titles and details include:

- Assistant Teacher:** Cherokee Indian Hospital, 190 Everett Street, Otto, NC. Opening Date: Thursday, March 14, 2013. Requirements: Must possess a C.E.D. or 10 training hours a year. Must be knowledgeable in I and II work book.
- Program Director for ARJN:** Cherokee Indian Hospital. Responsibilities include: Director of Major Gifts (1987), Dir. Appl & Systems, Assoc. Director, College of Business (1988), BHAT Distinguished Professor, Distinguished Prof. of Leadership, Assoc. Prof. (Dept. Head), Asst. Prof. Counseling (9132), Asst. Prof. Technical Writing, Asst./Assoc. Prof. Eng & Tech, Asst. Prof. Insp & Training, Asst./Assoc. Prof., Business Services, Asst. Prof. Public Administration, Asst. Prof. Math & Comp Sci (1313), Asst. Prof. Criminology (2525), Assistant Prof. Human Resources (1994 & 1304), Asst./Assoc. Prof. Human Resources (1793), Asst./Assoc. Prof. Physical Therapy (11270), Asst. Director Admissions (9227), Academic Advisor (112705), Professional Nurse (202822), Counselor, Pre-Doc Intern (1375 & 3301), Resident Director (3571), Transfer Coordinator (9222).
- Cherokee Indian Hospital:** Various positions including Emergency Positions, Cherokee Indian Hospital Human Resources, and Cherokee Indian Hospital. The hospital is located at 190 Everett Street, Otto, NC. The hospital is a 100-bed hospital and is a part of the Cherokee Indian Hospital system. The hospital is a part of the Cherokee Indian Hospital system. The hospital is a part of the Cherokee Indian Hospital system.

Read the *Cherokee One Feather* each week for full job listings on the Cherokee Indian Reservation.

EMPLOYMENT

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



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

Positions Open

Closing March 15, 2013 @ 4 pm

- 1. Billing & Collections Specialist-Finance (\$34,900-\$44,500)

Closing March 22, 2013 @ 4 pm

- 1. Admin Assistant/Assistant Project Coord- DV (\$18,140-\$22,680)
- 2. Driver- Transit (\$19,980-\$24,980)
- 3. Temp Utility Worker- Tribal Construction (\$18,140-\$22,680)

Open Until Filled

- 1. EMT-P (Part-time) – EMS
- 2. Teacher- Tribal Child Care
- 3. Teacher Assistant- Tribal Child Care
- 4. Academy Teacher- KPEP
- 5. Language Specialist- KPEP

Health & Medical Positions

- 1. C.N.A-Tsali Care Center
- 2. RN-Tsali Care Center
- 3. LPN-Tsali Care Center
- 4. Cook Supervisor-Tsali Care Center
- 5. Assistant Cook-Tsali Care Center
- 6. Housekeeper-Tsali Care Center
- 7. C.N.A- Home Health

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

**RESIDENT COUNSELOR
(3rd SHIFT and PART TIME)**

Organization: Cherokee Boys Club, P. O. Box 507, Cherokee, NC 28719; (52 Boys Club Loop)

Department: CHEROKEE CHILDREN’S HOME

Opening Date: March 11, 2013

Closing Date: March 22, 2013

REQUIREMENTS: Must have a valid North Carolina Driver’s License with a verifiable driving record. Must have a High School diploma or GED. Experience in a residential care setting preferred. Must be able to relate well to children, youth and their family members. Must have good writing and verbal communication skills and be able to complete daily reporting requirements. Must have the ability to lift 50 pounds and be physically mobile to conduct required physical demands of the job. Must be 21 years of age.

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

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

Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. **3/21**

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT CHEROKEE BOYS CLUB

TEMPORARY HEAD PARKER

UNTO THESE HILLS - SHUTTLE/PARKING SERVICE

ORGANIZATION: Cherokee Boys Club, P. O. Box 507, Cherokee, NC 28719; (52 Boys Club Loop)

Department: Bus and Truck Department

Opening Date: March 4, 2013

Closing Date: March 18, 2013

REQUIREMENTS:

Education: High School diploma or GED; related experience or training is necessary

Other: Must possess a valid North Carolina Driver’s License; must have good supervisory skills

A job description and application can be picked up from Receptionist at the Information Window of the 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 (if required).

Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. **3/14**

THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following job available: FT Billing Tech. Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description from Teresa Carvalho at the Cherokee Indian hospital Human Resources Office between the hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm Monday –Friday. This position will March 22, 2013 @ 4pm. Indian preference does apply and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **3/21**



EMPLOYMENT

Oconaluftee Indian Village

Positions available: Tour Guides-Greeters/Craft Workers/ Historical Reenactors

The Oconaluftee Indian Village is seeking workers for the 2013 season (May 1-October 19). We are looking for people willing to educate the public about Cherokee history and culture in fun, exciting ways. We need applicants who take pride in Cherokee culture and possess good work ethics. Applications and job descriptions can be picked at the front office. For information please call Michael Lambert at 497-2111 ext. 215.

Guidelines:

- Be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe (Except specific historical reenactment roles).
- Must be able to show up at 8:45am and work until 5:00pm when required.
- Needs to be dressed in OIV clothing and ready to go at 9am.
- Age requirement: 16yrs or older (except for Mentoring Program).
- Be willing to work weekends and holidays.
- Must make it through the interview process if selected.

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Seasonal Grounds / Maintenance Workers Needed

We are looking for seasonal workers to assist with the upkeep and maintenance of our facilities from April through October. Duties include grass and trail maintenance, some janitorial, as well as regular labor as needed. Employees should be prepared to work from 8am-5pm, and on Weekends. These are seasonal full-time positions. Pay range is \$8.00-\$8.50/hr. For an application or answers to questions please visit the Cherokee Historical Association at 564 Tsali Boulevard (beside Museum) or call Chris at 828.497.2111 ext. 213. **3/14**

Seasonal Janitorial Worker Needed

We are looking for a seasonal worker to assist with the upkeep and maintenance of our facilities from April through October. Duties include cleaning facilities and managing disposal of materials, as well as regular labor as needed. Employees should be prepared to work from 8am-5pm, and on Weekends. This is a seasonal full-time position. Pay range is \$8.00-\$8.50/hr. For an application or answers to questions please visit the Cherokee Historical Association at 564 Tsali Boulevard (beside Museum) or call Chris at 828.497.2111 ext. 213. **3/14**

Seasonal Concession/Retail/Box Office Workers Needed

We are looking for seasonal workers to assist with the sales and operations of our Oconaluftee Indian Village from April through October. Duties include ticket sales, retail craft shop sales, and concession cooking and sales. Employees should be prepared to work from 8am-5pm, and on Saturdays. These are seasonal full-time positions. Pay range is \$8.00-\$8.50/hr. For an application or answers to questions please visit the Cherokee Historical Association at 564 Tsali Boulevard (beside Museum) or call Chris at 828.497.2111 ext. 213. **3/14**

Western Carolina University is seeking qualified individuals for the following positions:

- Adjuncts & Instructors – various depts.
- Distinguished Professor Entrepreneurship (132736)
- Distinguished Professor Ed Leadership (0478)
- Distinguished Professor Human Services (1703)
- Distinguished Professor Social Work (130241)
- Chemistry & Physics (120572)
- Lecturer, Forensic Anthropology (0548)
- Lecturer, Chemistry & Physics (120572)

Asst or Assoc Professor for the following:

- Anthropology & Sociology (1353)
- Chemistry & Physics (1006)
- Comm Sci (131841)(131843)
- English (0497)
- Engineering & Tech (0607)(0164)
- Entrepreneurship (132737)
- Health, P.E. & Rec (131845)
- Human Resources (1508)
- Human Services/MSA & PMC-PSL (1384)
- Librarian – Metadata (2949)
- Management (1434)
- Modern Foreign Languages (0171)
- Natural Resource Conservation (0723)
- Nursing (4285) (4760)
- Physical Therapy (131840)
- Public Relations (1725)
- Psychology (1180)
- Reference Librarian (2952)
- Social Work (131839)
- TESOL (4757)
- Vice Chancellor for Intn'l & Ext Programs (2425)
- Vice Chancellor for Student Success (0313)

Admin Support Assoc (TEMP)

Assoc Dir. Intercultural Affairs (0417)

Chief of Staff (0002)

Counselor/Psychologist (5300)

Dean of Health & Human Sciences (1891)

Dir, Academic Resources (0414)

Dir, Counseling & Psych Svc (0279)

Facility Maint Tech (4340)

Please go to jobs.wcu.edu for details and to apply online. AA/EOE. **3/14**

Upcoming Council Work Sessions

Cherokee County Casino Proposal
Monday, March 18 at 5pm, Council House

Bear Zoos
Tuesday, March 19 at 5pm, Council House

REALTY

Cherokee County

David Allen Coffey, Debbie Coffey, Jerry Wayne Coffey, John Timothy Coffey, Kay L. Coffey, Debra Patricia Murphy Gibby, Lonnie Earl Murphy, Allen James Rattler, Joshua Bryant Rattler, David Eric Rogers, Nathan Scott Rogers, Maria Queen Smith, Keri Philana Smoker

Divisions

Jerry Wayne Coffey, Debbie Coffey, David Allen Coffey, John Timothy Coffey

3200 Acre Tract

Jason Robert Roost Beck, Robert Everett Beck, Robert Everett Beck, Jr., Skyler Lee Beck, Julie Angline Wade Frady, Carolyn Ann Murphy, Sally Anita Rogers, Sandra Leigh Ledford Robbins, Sonya Rena Ledford, Stanley Ray Ledford, James Raymond Owl, Erin Desert Wind Taylor, Christine Ledford Walkingstick, Sheena Roxana Walkingstick, Glenn Gilbert Wolfe

Divisions

Joseph Lloyd White

Proposed Land Transfers

Loretta Ann Hornbuckle Queen and Larry Lee Hornbuckle to Rosie Marie Hornbuckle, Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 1195-B (Remainder of Parcel No. 1195), containing .452 acres, more or less.

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BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Advertisement for Bids

Flinto, LLC has been selected as Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) for the following project:
Cherokee Justice Facility
Eastern Band Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, NC

Bid manuals and CDs (containing drawings and specifications) will be made available to all prequalified subcontractors for the following bid items. Bid packets are available by contacting Griffin Hall. Potential subcontractors will be required to have completed and returned prequalification packets prior to any bids being received from that contractor. Other bid items will be prequalified/bid at a later date.

- Package "A": Bid Item #1-Masonry
Bid Item #2-Structural Steel
Bid Item #3-Fire Protection
Bid Item #4-Mechanical
Bid Item #5-Plumbing
Bid Item #6-Electrical
Bid Item #7-Detention Equipment
Bid Item #8-Security Electronics Integrators/Installers
Bid Item #9-Cast in Place Concrete/Site Concrete

Bids Will Be Received At:Flintco, LLC
91 Oliver Smith Place, Cherokee, NC 28719

Bids Due: 4:00PM EST

On: Thursday, March 14, 2013

Construction Manager: Flintco, LLC, 2179 Hillshire Circle, Memphis, TN 38133, Contact: Griffin Hall

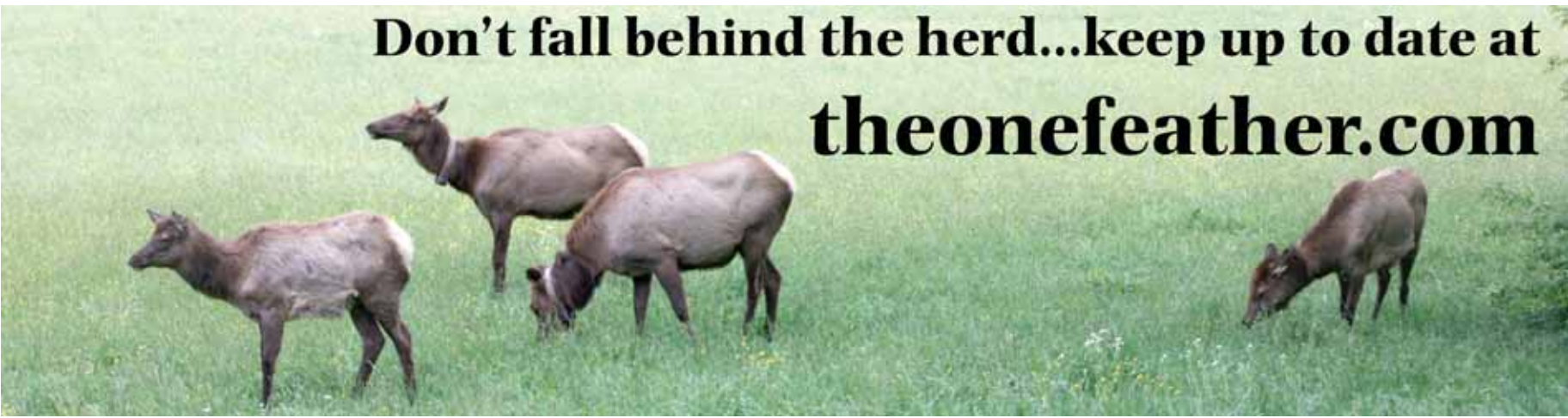
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Advertisement for Bids

Haynes Electric Construction Co., Haynes Heating & Cooling and Haynes Plumbing Systems are requesting bids from TERO Certified Firms, Certified Disadvantaged Suppliers/Subcontractors, Female Suppliers/Subcontractors and Certified Minority Suppliers/Subcontractors for the EBCI Justice Facility Work Package A at 7 Clans Road Hwy. 441 North, Cherokee, NC 28719. Bids are requested by 9am on March 14, 2014. Plans are available for review at: 187 Deaverview Road, Asheville, NC 28806, (828) 254-6141 (phone), HECC fax (828) 254-1254, HHC and HPS fax (828) 254-7392.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 JACKSON COUNTY
 IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
 DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
 IN THE MATTER OF AHNIAH KAWONI DALEANA BIRD
 FILE NO. 11-JT-65

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:

TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE JUVENILE, AHNIAH KAWONI DALEANA BIRD

Filed December 19, 2012 in the District Court in Jackson County, North Carolina

TO: APRIL NATIONS AND NICHOLAS DANIEL BIRD, PARENTS OF A FEMALE JUVENILE, AHNIAH KAWONI DALEANA BIRD, BORN DECEMBER 24, 2011 IN JACKSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, RESPONDENTS.

You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than April 9, 2013 and upon your failure to do so, the Petitioner, the Jackson County Department of Social Services, seeking service against you, will apply to the Court for an order terminating your parental rights. Your parental rights to the Juvenile will be terminated if you fail to make a defense.

You are summoned and notified to answer the petition filed herein to terminate your parental rights to the child named above. Any written answer to the petition must be filed within forty (40) days after the first date this notice is published. A copy of your answer must be served on the Petitioner, the Jackson County Department of Social Services, or their attorney named below.

The Court will conduct a hearing to determine whether one or more of the grounds alleged in the petition for terminating parental rights exist. If the Court finds that one or more grounds exist, the Court will proceed at that hearing or at a later hearing to determine whether parental rights should be terminated. Notice of the date, time and location of the hearing will be mailed to you by the Petitioner after you file an answer or after service of the petition by legal publication, if your mailing address is known to the Petitioner.

If you do not file a written answer to the petition filed herein, with the Clerk of Superior Court within 40 days after the first date this notice is published, the Court may terminate your parental rights.

You have the right to be represented by a lawyer in this case. If you want a lawyer and cannot afford one, the Court will appoint a lawyer for you. If you are represented by a lawyer appointed previously in an abuse, neglect or dependency case, that lawyer will continue to represent you unless the Court orders otherwise. If you are not represented by a lawyer and want a court appointed lawyer, you are encouraged to contact immediately the following lawyer, who has been temporarily assigned to represent you. At the first hearing, the Court will determine whether you qualify for a court-appointed lawyer. If you do not qualify, the lawyer named below will be released. (NOTE: If a lawyer is appointed for you and if the Court terminates your parental rights, you may become liable for repayment of the lawyer's fees, and a judgment in the amount of the fees may be entered against you.)

You are entitled to attend any hearing affecting your parental rights. As described above, the Petitioner will mail you notice of the date, time and loca-

tion of the hearing, if your mailing address is known to the Petitioner.

Name and Address of April Nations' Lawyer: Graham Duls, PO Box 187, Sylva, NC 28778, Telephone: 828-586-4010

Name and Address of Nicholas Daniel Bird's Lawyer: Jeff Goss, PO Box 965, Sylva, NC 28779, Telephone: 828-586-3131

This the 28th day of February, 2013.

Mary G. Holliday
 Attorney for Petitioner
 Jackson County Department of Social Services
 PO Box 597
 Webster, North Carolina 28788
 (828) 631-0346
 NC Bar No. 14004
3/21pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
 Cherokee, North Carolina
 Estate File No. 13-014
 In the Matter of the Estate of
Randolph Scott Pheasant

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the fate 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: May 28, 2013
 Randalena Pheasant
 PO BOX 604
 Cherokee, NC 28719
3/21pd

ONE FEATHER PHONE LIST

For all of your questions, comments,
 concerns, and compliments:

Jean 554-6264
jeanjone@nc-chokeee.com

Scott 554-6263
scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com

Elvia 554-6262
elviwalk@nc-chokeee.com

LEGALS

CHEROKEE COURT
 EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS
 CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA
 FILE NO: CW 13-114

Tina Marie McMinn Davis
 Plaintiff,
 VS

Waylon Dewight Davis AKA Bud Davis
 Defendant

COMPLAINT FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE

Comes Now the Plaintiff, complaining of the Defendant, by alleging and saying:

1. The Plaintiff is a resident of Jackson County, North Carolina and is a first descendant of The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. She has resided on the Qualla Boundary for at least thirty days prior to this action.
2. The Defendant is an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.
3. The Defendant has a residence, in the Big Cove area, on the Qualla Boundary.
4. The parties were duly married in Jackson County on June 2, 2007 and did live together as man and wife until on or about November 1, 2010; at which time the parties separated and have since that time; continued to live separate and apart. Never having resumed the marital relationship which formerly existed between them.
5. The Plaintiff believes the bonds of marriage are Irretrievable Broken with NO reasonable prospect of reconciliation.
6. The parties have no children born of this union.
7. The parties have no issues of marital property to be addressed by the court.
8. That this court has jurisdiction pursuant to the Cherokee Code 50-10 (a), (b), (c); whereas the Plaintiff has resided within the Qualla Boundary for at least thirty (30) days preceding this action and the Plaintiff believes that bonds of marriage are irretrievably broke.

WHEREFORE, THE PLAINTIFF RESPECTFULLY PRAYS THE COURT FOR THE FOLLOWING RELIEF:

1. That the Plaintiff be granted an Absolute Divorce, based upon separation of at least thirty days and the Plaintiff's belief that the bonds of marriage are irretrievably broken.
2. That the plaintiff be granted her name changed back to her maiden name of McMinn.

Tina Marie McMinn Davis
 Plaintiff, PRO SE
 PO BOX 1608
 Whittier, NC 28789
3/28pd

One Feather deadline
Monday at 12noon

**THE EBCI HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
 BIG COVE HIP PROJECT**

Is seeking proposals from qualified contractors to construct a multiple home development that will be known as the Big Cove HIP Project. This site development contract will include: Clearing and Grubbing, Removal and storage of topsoil, excavation of an area of approximately 10 acres with 10 home sites, one main street with 2 lanes approximately 900 feet and one secondary one way street approximately 700 feet. Approximately 800 feet of 8 inch gravity sewer line and 800 feet of 2 inch water line to include any taps or manholes, all erosion control and seeding. Contractor must provide all equipment to meet the following minimum sizes: Dozer 30K pound, Excavator 30K pound, Vibratory Roller 10K pound, Dump trucks and smaller equipment as needed, will be included in the proposal. The contractor shall install steel staked, wire backed silt fence under the fill slope of all disturbed areas. Ditch lines shall be Curlex lined with rip rap check dams every ten feet up to 10% slope and full rip rap on any ditches above 10%. All cut and fill slopes will be hay matted and seeded with seed mixtures specified in the erosion control plan. The Main Road bed must be a minimum of 20 feet wide including a 2 foot ditch line with an ABC gravel base 18 feet wide and 8 inches deep. The secondary single lane roads must be a minimum of 14 feet wide with a 2 foot ditch line, with an ABC base 10 feet wide and 8 inches deep. All CMP locations, size specifications and installation instructions will be according to the erosion control plan minimum size 18 inches. HCD shall supply an Erosion Control Plan drawn and sealed by a Licensed and insured Engineer as well as any Environmental Permits with the fees to be paid by HCD. The Erosion Control Plan must be approved by the Tribal Environmental Department. All brush, stumps and debris must be removed from the site and properly disposed of at the contractor's expense. Contractor shall supply all materials, labor, equipment and road signage necessary to complete required work within 60 calendar days. Contractor must provide proof of insurance with the proposal to include: One Million dollars of General Commercial liability insurance as well as State of North Carolina Requirements for Automobile and Workers Compensation insurance. This request for proposals will be awarded according to qualifications and price. The EBCI Housing and Community Development office, working with the Tribal Enrollment Rights Office, has the right to reject any and all submissions based on lack of required qualifications or the bids exceed the funding cap.

All bid documents must be received as sealed bids at the EBCI Housing Division office at 756 Acquoni Road, Cherokee NC 28719 by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 25th 2013. Selection will be made based on qualifications and price at a sealed bid opening in the Housing Division conference room at 10 a.m. on March 29th 2013. Their will be a required site visit at 2 PM. on Friday, March 15th 2013 at the worksite on the left of Big Cove road 300 yards south of the Galimore Bridge in Cherokee NC. The work to be performed under this request is subject to Tribal Ordinance 280, Chapter 92 Tribal Business preference law. TERO certified and qualified vendors will be given preference.

Submit proposal in person to: Mark Kephart, Housing Services Manager, at EBCI Housing & Community Development Division, 756 Acquoni Road, Cherokee NC 28719. For more information call: 828-557-4397 or Email: markkeph@nc-chokeee.com Deadline is Monday, March 25th, 2013. **3/21**

**THE EBCI HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
 SNOWBIRD HIP/QUALLA PROJECT**

Is seeking proposals from qualified contractors to construct a multiple home development that will be known as the Snowbird HIP/Qualla Project. This site development contract will include: Clearing and Grubbing, Removal and storage of topsoil, excavation of an area of approximately 9 acres with 9 home sites, two main roads with single lanes approximately 1200 feet total length. Approximately 1200 feet of 2 inch water line to include any taps or manholes, all erosion control and seeding. Contractor must provide all equipment to meet the following minimum sizes: Dozer 30K pound, Excavator 30K pound, Vibratory Roller 10K pound, Dump trucks and smaller equipment as needed, will be included in the proposal. The contractor shall install steel staked, wire backed silt fence under the fill slope of all disturbed areas. Ditch lines shall be Curlex lined with rip rap check dams every ten feet up to 10% slope and full rip rap on any ditches above 10%. All cut and fill slopes will be hay matted and seeded with seed mixtures specified in the erosion control plan. The secondary single lane roads must be a minimum of 14 feet wide with a 2 foot ditch line, with an ABC base 10 feet wide and 8 inches deep. All CMP locations, size specifications and installation instructions will be according to the erosion control plan minimum size 18 inches. HCD shall supply an Erosion Control Plan drawn and sealed by a Licensed and insured Engineer as well as any Environmental Permits with the fees to be paid by HCD. The Erosion Control Plan must be approved by the Tribal Environmental Department. All brush, stumps and debris must be removed from the site and properly disposed of at the contractor's expense. Contractor shall supply all materials, labor, equipment and road signage necessary to complete required work within 60 calendar days. Contractor must provide proof of insurance with the proposal to include: One Million dollars of General Commercial liability insurance as well as State of North Carolina Requirements for Automobile and Workers Compensation insurance. This request for proposals will be awarded according to qualifications and price. The EBCI Housing and Community Development office, working with the Tribal Enrollment Rights Office, has the right to reject any and all submissions based on lack of required qualifications or the bids exceed the funding cap.

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Submit proposal in person to: Mark Kephart, Housing Services Manager, at EBCI Housing & Community Development Division, 756 Acquoni Road, Cherokee NC 28719. For more information call: 828-557-4397 or Email: markkeph@nc-chokeee.com Deadline is Monday, March 25th, 2013. **3/21**

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TIDBITS AFFECTING EBCI TRIBAL MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY

Cash for ramps

EBCI Fairgrounds will buy 70 gallons of ramps for the Rainbows and Ramps Festival in March. EBCI tribal members are invited to sell your ramps on Monday, March 25 at 9am at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall (enter at side door). There is a three-gallon limit per adult (must be 18+ years of age). \$40 per "packed" gallon for all white and \$30 per "packed" gallon for green (no more than 2" of green). After the quota is met, the Exhibit Hall porch will be available to sellers until 12pm to sell any remaining ramps. No frozen ramps will be accepted. Info: Frieda Huskey 554-6492 or Josie Long 554-6491.

- EBCI Fairgrounds

Per capita notice

To be considered for the June 2013 per capita distribution, completed enrollment applications for NEW APPLICANTS must be submitted to the Enrollment Office by 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 15. Enrollment applications received after this date will not be considered for the June 2013 distribution.

An application will only be considered complete with a COUNTY certified birth certificate, certified DNA results, and certification of any other Indian blood. To schedule an appointment for DNA collection, please call Michelle Maness at 828-554-6463. Out-of-town applicants may contact Amber Wilson at (855) 295-4372 to schedule an appointment in your area. The following dates are available at the Enrollment Office in February: Friday, Feb. 15; Tuesday, Feb. 19; Friday, Feb. 22; Tuesday, Feb. 26; Friday, March 1 – Last day to meet March 15 deadline.

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

Applications may be obtained from the Enrollment Office located in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. Please call the Enrollment Office at (828) 554-6467, 554-6465 or 554-6466 if you have any questions.

- EBCI Enrollment Office

Prenatal program taking applications

The Dora Reed Tribal Child Care is currently taking applications for their prenatal program. The prenatal program is available to pregnant

teens, first time parents and low income expectant mothers. This service uses a curriculum that is geared toward first time pregnancies and taught on a monthly basis. Second time mothers will be re-evaluated according to the need/risk. If you are interested you can pick up an application at the Dora Reed Center. Info: Raquel Youngbird, prenatal coordinator, 554-6592

- Dora Reed Tribal Child Care Center

Supplies needed for Cherokee Historical Association

Cherokee Historical Association (CHA) is in need of mulch or wood chips for their garden trails as well as locust poles or trees for handrails and stockade. They need 6-8" poles and can cut them if necessary. If you know of anyone or a company that may have these materials, please contact Chris 497-2111. "Your donation is great appreciated," CHA officials stated.

- CHA

Lawn Maintenance guidelines have changed

Lawn Maintenance applications and guidelines are now available at Tsali Manor, Snowbird Senior Center and the John Welch Senior Center. To qualify, you must be a senior citizen age 70 and above (and spouse) living alone or with anyone under the age of 18. You must turn 70 by April 1. Or, you can be age 60-70 and must be immobile and/or disabled; incapable without use of wheelchair, walker, cane or other device.

The client is responsible for getting the yard clear of any trash/debris. The residence must be on tribal lands within the five-county service area including: Swain, Jackson, Graham, Cherokee and Haywood. Lawn maintenance is seasonal (April 1 – Sept. 27). Mowing and weed eating will include a 50 foot perimeter around the home including carports. Lawns mowed outside the 50 foot perimeter will be the homeowner's responsibility.

The deadline for applications is Friday, March 26.

- Tsali Manor HELP Program

4-H Tribal Youth and Families with Promise program

The 4-H Tribal Youth and Families with Promise program is starting at the Cherokee Youth Center for any youth in Cherokee between the ages of 10-14. Youth and family participate in family activities throughout the year, and youth attend afterschool activities throughout the

school year. Info: Matt Hollifield or Mary Thompson 554-6279

- Mary Thompson

It's Plowing Time Again!

Do you need your garden plowed? Plowing will begin on March 25 and continue through May 31. Plowing is free to all senior citizens and persons with disabilities that are EBCI tribal members. All others must pay \$50 per garden space, and the fee must be paid prior to the garden being plowed. All fees must be paid at Tsali Manor. Garden spaces cannot be any larger than 70' x 100' and must be cleared of all debris. Info: 554-6860

- Tsali Manor

Cherokee bat box giveaway

Bats play a critical role in the natural world and deserve our respect and protection. Each of these winged eating machines can consume up to 1,000 mosquito-sized insects in just one hour. There are many things you can do to help bat populations including reporting observations of sick bats, putting up a bat box on your property, and spreading the word on the importance of bats and the problems they face. The Cherokee Fisheries and Wildlife Management program is currently working with EBCI tribal members to help bats by giving away limited number of free bat boxes. Info: Mike LaVoie 497-1802

- Cherokee Fisheries and Wildlife Management

New youth program at CYC seeking volunteers

A new mentoring program at the Cherokee Youth Center known as Youth & Families with Promise is seeking volunteers. The program is a collaboration of North Carolina A&T State University Cooperative Extension and the Youth Center.

This is a youth development opportunity for youth ages 10-14 to be engaged in afterschool enrichment learning activities that includes a special family night out component. Planning is underway for this new program to extend into summer 2013.

To participate, volunteer mentors are asked to: complete volunteer application, attend mentor trainings once per month, interact with youth during afterschool activities four times per month, participate in scheduled family activities once per month

Info: Matt Hollifield or Mary Thompson 554-6279

- Mary Thompson



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Board of Elections 2013 Election Notice of Changes & Dates

Filing for Candidacy March 1-15*, 2013 all Tribal Council Positions open as well as Big Cove, Birdtown, and Wolfetown School Board Representatives. Filing fees: Tribal Council \$500.00, School Board \$350.00.

Primary Election THURSDAY JUNE 6, 2013

EBCI Enrolled members who will be 18 years of age on or by this date may register to vote. Voter registration/community changes will CLOSE May 7th at 4:30 PM.

General Election THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5, 2013

EBCI Enrolled members who did not turn 18 years of age by the Primary Election date but will be 18 years of age on or before 9.5.13 should register to vote after the voter logs are re-opened. This occurs the Monday after the next regularly occurring council session certifying the PRIMARY ELECTION. Voter registration/community changes for the GENERAL ELECTION will CLOSE July 31 at 4:30 PM.

Deadline for Absentee Ballot application for Primary Election: April 1st -May 15th 2013.

Ballots must be returned by 4:30 pm, May 31st.

Deadline for Absentee Ballot application for General Election: July 1st- August 15th 2013.

Ballots must be returned by August 30th.

Enrolled Members who are registered to vote will need to meet one of the following requirements in order to receive an absentee ballot:

1. Active Military Duty
2. Employees of the Federal Government assigned to duties outside of the Cherokee Indian Reservation
3. Students of higher education or scholastic institution
4. Tribal Employees whose employment will cause absence from Cherokee on Election Day
5. Residents of nursing, hospital, treatment facilities
6. Tribal Members who reside on trust land but will be away on Election Day.

Once registered to vote in Tribal Elections, always registered.

If you are unsure of your status, please contact The EBCI BOE.

Every enrolled member who will be 18 years of age by the date of the upcoming election will be eligible to vote. Those who past convictions may prohibit entering a polling place need to seek counsel from the appropriate authorities before doing so.

Qualified voters may request and complete an absentee ballot IN OFFICE until 4:30pm
May 31 and August 30th.

The BOE cannot advise on these matters. Remember, the Board has moved to the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex, Suite 140. You may contact us by phoning 828.554-6361/6362. As always, we are here to serve. Please let us know how we may assist you with special needs/hours concerning registration, etc.

You may also email: kellyguy@nc-chokeee.com or fax 828.554.6365.

