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Do you have available commercial you would like to lease or sale?

The Cherokee Business Development Center would like to help you through the EBCI's COMMERCIAL PROPERTY BANK. Let us help secure a deal on your property by advertising it for FREE and assist you in finding potential clients for your empty space!! Additionally, contact us to see our current listings and find the perfect fit for your business.

If interested in available parcels or to list your properties, please call Lisa Penick at 497-1845.



The Summer Rehab program of Housing and Community Development is taking applications for home repairs. The labor will be provided by church groups that volunteer their time each summer. We will accept a total of 40 applications. Priority will be given to persons who are disabled and/or elderly and then it will be a on a first-come first-serve basis. Please note ONLY the following three projects qualify: 1) construction of a handicap ramp, 2) a roof in need of new shingles and, 3) exterior or interior painting. The dead line to submit applications is Friday, March 16th 2012 by 4:30M or until projects are filled. Call 554-6900 for information.

Miss Cherokee reports on January and February activities

By KRISTINA HYATT MISS CHEROKEE 2011

anuary has been a very busy month, not much traveling, but full of trying to get everything ready for my big trip to Washington, DC in February. Many people have assisted me in preparing to represent the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in the best way possible. Richard Saunooke made me two pairs of beautiful moccasins, Johnny Ruth and Poss Maney made me two beautiful wool outfits, Karen George is making me belts and leggings to match my outfits. I ordered silver jewelry and also placed an order for a new basket. I had a sash made and also shirts and a jacket embroidered with my name and Miss Cherokee 2011.

On Jan. 24, I accompanied the Warriors of Anikituwah in performing traditional Cherokee dances at the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Event Center for the Chief of Police Conference. I really enjoyed it. Teen Miss Cherokee



Photos courtesy of Gloria Hyatt

Miss Cherokee Kristina Hyatt (left) met with Sen. Kay Hagan (D-NC) on a recent trip to Washington, DC.

2010 was also in attendance because the warriors wanted to perform an honor ceremony for her.



Kristina Hyatt (right) and Principal Chief Michell Hicks (left) met with Congressman Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM) in Washington.

February has been a very fun, interesting, and educational month for me. I attended a School Health Advisory Council meeting on Feb. 9, in which various school health issues were discussed. I look forward to attending future meetings because Cherokee students' health and concerns are very important.

On February 13-16, I had the opportunity to attend the United South and Eastern Tribes Conference in Washington, D.C. It was an honor and privilege to be given the chance to address the leaders of 26 tribes during the opening ceremony on behalf of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. I was also asked to say the opening prayer on two separate occasions.

I would like to thank Jeremy Hyatt with the Chief's office for taking care of me and keeping me up with scheduling

tant appearances with the Chief and other tribal leaders. I had the pleasure of meeting with the Peace Corps Director Aaron Williams and other Peace Corps officials. I also met Patricia Parker, Tribal Liaison, National Parks Service. We took a trip to Capitol Hill where I met Senator Kay Hagan (D-NC), Congressman Heath Shuler (D-NC), Congressman Jeff Denham (R-CA), and Congressman Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM). I really enjoyed my trip to Washington, D.C. and definitely learned a lot. I am planning on making appearances at the Cherokee Elementary School with the manager of the Cherokee Children's Dental Program, Mellie Burns. Strong, healthy, beautiful smiles are very important and I am excited about the opportunity to go with Mellie to educate the children about dental health.

It is never too early to start preparing to compete for the title of Miss Cherokee 2012. Any young ladies that are interested in competing should feel free to contact me if you have any questions. My reign as Miss Cherokee has been a wonderful experience and I encourage all eligible young ladies to go for it!

God has continued to bless me throughout my reign and I am very thankful. I'm excited to see what's in store for me next. Thank you all for the prayers and support. May God continue to bless the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

I would also like to add that anyone wishing to invite me to an event, please contact Jean Bushyhead at 828-736-4022.

May God bless you all. Sgi.

EBCI Transit announces new hours

Starting April 2, Cherokee Transit will begin and end their hours of operation on a different schedule. Monday through Saturday morning routes will start at approximately 6:45am and the routes will end at approximately 11:30pm. Dialysis and Mobility transportation will not change their hours. Info: 497-5296

- EBCI Transit

Referendum voting updates

The voter registration and community changes period has closed for the upcoming Tribal Referendum vote scheduled for Thursday, April 12. The EBCI Board of Elections will accept absentee requests until Wednesday, March 28 at 4:30pm. All absentee ballots must be back in the BOE office by Monday, April 2. The BOE will be open extended hours until 7pm for absentee requests on March 19, 20, 22, 26 and 27. The BOE is now located in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex (Suite 140). Info: 554-6361 - EBCI Board of Elections

Do you need your garden plowed?

The garden plowing program for EBCI senior citizens and persons with disabilities will run from March 26 - May 18. Plowing is free to all and must be EBCI tribal member. 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: Kathy Smith 554-6860

- Tsali Manor

Perfection within reach

CHS JROTC program earns Honor Unit status at Inspection

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P. ONE FEATHER STAFF

he Cherokee High School JROTC unit received 570 out of a possible 600 points to earn Honor Unit status at its latest inspection held last week. Cadet Formal Inspections are held every three years and Cherokee improved from a Merit Unit status it received at the last inspection.

"As a whole, we will become an Honor Unit, which is one step from the highest," said Maj. Bill Underwood, CHS JROTC Commander. "It's a big accomplishment for these cadets to be working this hard and get promoted like this. It's a big step."

To celebrate the accomplishment, parents of cadets hosted a luncheon in their honor at the CHS Commons Area on Wednesday, March 14.

The CHS JROTC program had 32 cadets last semester and has 31 cadets

this semester. The cadets were well prepared for the inspection which was facilitated by personnel from Fort Bragg.

Cadet 2nd Lt. Leo Pete received the highest score in the briefing. "I was the S5 and was in charge of all of the publications and the scrapbook throughout the year."

Cadet Staff Sgt. Damon Taylor was one point behind the top score. He was in charge of the weapons and the security of the inspection room.

Many other cadets contributed to the unit during inspection time including Cadet Master Sgt. Scott Everheart who served as operations officer and helped keep records and Cadet Staff Sgt. Dakota Goldsmith who served as the S4 officer in charge of inventory.

According to the regulations of the Army JROTC, the Cadet Formal Inspection Evaluation is based on the following: Cadet staff briefing, curriculum knowledge, in-ranks inspection, Cadet attendance and participation, Cadet supply room inspection, records and administration, training management and security, public affairs, drill and ceremony, and color guard.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

The CHS JROTC unit received Honor Unit status following a recent Cadet Formal Inspection. Maj. Bill Underwood (left), unit commander, is shown with Cadet 2nd Lt. Leo Pete and Cadet Staff Sgt. Damon Taylor at a luncheon hosted in the unit's honor on Wednesday, March 14.

Cherokee Indian Hospital to receive computer award

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P. ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Cherokee Indian Hospital has been selected as a 2012 Computerworld Honors Laureate for its achievements in data and IT use in the Emergency Room Improvement initiative. The hospital was selected as one of 200 Laureates from 25 countries.

"We are very proud of the ER staff for their hard work and commitment to this initiative and find it very affirming that their performance has been recognized by such a prestigious award," said Casey Cooper, Cherokee Indian Hospital CEO. "We are also appreciative of the Governing Board and Tribal leadership for challenging us and encouraging us to provide a better service to this community."

The hospital implemented the Electronic Medical Record program in the Emergency Department. According to the hospital's nomination for the Honors Laureate award, the Emergency Department serves 17,000 patients per year.

The main goal for the implementation of the records program was to decrease patient wait times. The nomination states, "The team has decreased the Emergency Department median door-to-door time from 132 minutes to 93 minutes (beating the national benchmark by 63 minutes). The median time-to-provider in the Emergency Department has decreased from 60 minutes to 27 minutes (beating the national benchmark by 6 minutes)."

Bob Carrigan, chairman of the Honors Program Chairmen's Committee and CEO of IDG Enterprises, said in a statement, "To select this year's Laureates, we relied on a panel of 22 distinguished judges – many of them "We are very proud of the ER staff for their hard work and commitment to this initiative and find it very affirming that their performance has been recognized by such a prestigious award."

- Casey Coooper, Cherokee Indian Hospital CEO

Computerworld Premier 100 IT Leader Honorees from diverse industries – to evaluate the humanitarian benefits and measurable results of applying technology to meet a specific social need."

Information from the Computerworld Honors Program states, "Established in 1988, the Computerworld Honors Program brings together the men, women, organizations and institutions around the world whose visionary applications of information technology promote positive social, economic and educational change." This year's Honor Laureate awards will be given at a banquet in Washington, DC on June 4, and all award winners will be featured in the June 4 issue Computerworld magazine.

Ten arrested in Birdtown drug bust

ulti-agency drug enforcement officers went to 1712 Adams Creek in the Birdtown Community on Monday, March 12, where Gregory "Rodney" Cline and Brandy C. West reside, as part of an on going investigation. Upon arrival, officers encountered 10 people at the residence.

Subsequently, a large amount of crystal methamphetamine, marijuana, cash, drug paraphernalia, and an explosive device (pipe bomb) were recovered by authorities. All 10 people at the residence were arrested and charged with applicable drug violations.

The Asheville Police Department Bomb Squad assisted with the explosive device that was found at the residence.

Numerous drug charges and charges for the explosive device are pending in Tribal, State, and Federal Courts:

- Brandy Charisse West, 25, Cherokee
- Probation Violation
- Possession of a Controlled Substance - Methamphetamine
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Marijuana
- Destiny Rose Burgess, 19, Cherokee
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Methamphetamine
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

- Peace Prosperity Walgrave, 19, Cherokee

- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Methamphetamine
- Gregory Lee Cline, 36, Cherokee

June Per Cap Deadlines

MONDAY, APRIL 2 at 4:30pm

- Direct Deposit Request Form
- MONDAY, APRIL 16 at 4:30pm • Federal Tax Withholding Form
- Per Capita Waiver Form
- Letters of Guardianship
- Letters of Administration
- To obtain forms, please visit:
- The Enrollment Office, Monday-Friday, 7:45am 4:30pm at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex or.
- www.cherokee-nc.com/enrollment click on Enrolled Members to download forms or, • Call 828-497-8112 or 828-497-8109

Please return your completed forms or court documents to the Enrollment Office by the specified date and time listed above. Address changes will be accepted until Friday, April 20 at 4:30pm. There will be no exceptions.

- EBCI Enrollment Office



Drugs, needles, money and other items were confiscated in a recent drug bust in the Birdtown Community where 10 people were arrested.

- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Marijuana
 - Possession of a Controlled Substance
 - Methamphetamine
 - Roberta Irene Wolfe, 38, Cherokee
 - Possession of a Controlled Substance
 - Methamphetamine
 - Possession of a Controlled Substance - Marijuana
 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
 - Possession of Controlled Substance
 - Jeremy Ryan Moore, 35, Sylva
 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
 - Possession of a Controlled Substance
 - Methamphetamine

- Alex Rivera, 19, Cherokee
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
 - Methamphetamine
 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
 - Arrest Warrant Tribal (Larceny)
 - Samantha Larch, 17, Cherokee
 - Possession of a Controlled Substance
 - Methamphetamine
 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

- Derrick Potts, 45, Highlands

- Arrest Warrant Jackson County
- Bobby Douglas Hyde, 31, Bryson City
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Methamphetamine
- · Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

One **Feather** deadline Monday at 12noon

"I am certainly proud of the combined efforts from our law enforcement neighbors. Drug crimes and property crimes are a major concern in our community," said Cherokee Chief of Police Ben Reed. "We want to do what we can to combat drugs and provide some relief to our communities and families. The kind of situation we resolved at the Cline residence is sickening. We have had a great response from people in that neighborhood. I'm glad our community is coming together to take a stand against drug and property crimes."

He added, "The more information we have, the better. There will be many more people arrested and charged soon.

Swain County Sheriff Curtis Cochran commented, "The Swain County Sheriff's Office is committed to ridding drugs from our communities and assisting other law enforcement agencies in the war on drugs."

- Cherokee Indian Police Department

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Rainbows & Ramps

March 31, 2012



The Rainbow & Ramps Festival at the Cherokee Indian Fair Grounds celebrates the opening of trout season with great food, live music, exhibits and competitions. Enjoy a lunch consisting of trout filets, ramps and eggs, fried potatoes, combread, dessert and tea for only \$10.00. Available until all the ramps are gone!

Cherokee Trout Tournament march 31st

\$10,000 in tagged fish!

\$5 entry fee. For more information visit www.fishcherokee.com.

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Pen pal program connects **Cherokee youth**

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- Rainy Brake, second grade teacher

at New Kituwah Academy

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P. ONE FEATHER STAFF

he second grade students in Ms. Brake's and Ms. Brown's class at New Kituwah Academy were doing what many elementary schools classes do on a typical Monday morning - working on a science fair project. They were listening to a popular Beatles song entitled "Yellow Submarine" while they worked on their project about movement of matter.

The main difference between this classroom and others across the country is that "Yellow Submarine" was being relationship and sung in the Cherokee language and the teachers and students were all speaking the Cherokee language ... exclusively.

A recent pen pal program with the Cherokee Nation's language immersion school has the students connecting with each other in unique ways. First off, all of the letters are written and addressed in the Cherokee language.

"The intent of the two programs, since we started this school, was to make sure the students knew they weren't the only ones their age that were speaking Cherokee fluently, and this continues on with that mission," said Renissa McLaughlin, Kituwah Preservation and Education Program manager. "Now, as the children are writing, this helps them with developing their literacy."

"It's just another exciting adventure that we have with Cherokee Nation and we're constantly looking for opportunities for our kids to get together and our older speakers too," added McLaughlin. "Speakers, from

our youngest to our oldest, are in constant contact now with our sister tribe."

Rainy Brake, second grade teacher at New Kituwah, commented, "This past year, we have been in contact with the Oklahoma school, but we wanted something more substantial so the kids would have more to talk about when we did Ichatting. Both schools have the technology so we can Ichat between the schools, but it works a lot better if the kids know who they are talking to."

"We wanted to start creating a relationship and a tie to one another," Brake

added. The first letters from New Kituwah included friendship bracelets for the Cherokee Nation students. "We got back Valen-

tine's from Oklahoma and then we started sending out lessons

so that each group could learn from the other,"

said Brake. The first lesson box sent to Oklahoma contained items the students found in the woods on one of their regular "Forest Friday" outings. One of the items sent included an eight-pound river rock.

Since most postal workers would not be able to read the language, the pen pal letters are bundled into a large envelope that is addressed in English before being sent to Oklahoma.

"We're hoping that this begins to form a base for that long-term relationship," said Brake. "It's starting out as a pen pal program with handwritten letters and postcards, and then from there we're progressing up to Ichatting, Smartboard technology and Skyping so they can see the entire class at once."

Bill Taylor Scholarship available for EBCI business students

he 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 themselves or members of their immediate family must be an EBCI tribal member. 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

"Bill (Taylor) 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."

- Jerry Egelus, former Harrah's Cherokee Casino general manager

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 at 497-3671 or Sue Lelievre, NCCF Western Associate at 1-800-210-9532. - Bill Taylor Scholarship

Tri-Council Logo Contest being held

The first Tri-Council Meeting between the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the Cherokee Nation, and the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians is scheduled for July 13 in Cherokee. To commemorate this historic event, a contest will be held to pick a logo to represent the Tri-Council Meeting.

The theme for this Tri-Council is "Completing the Circle of Fire." Artwork is requested to comply with the theme, and will serve as the official logo for all future Tri-Council meetings.

A \$1,000 cash prize will be awarded to the artist with the winning submission. Artist must be an enrolled member of the EBCI, Cherokee Nation, or United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians. All entries will be reviewed and selected by a panel of judges from each respective Tribe.

The deadline for entries if Friday, April 13 at 4:30pm. Entries must be accompanied by your enrollment card and appropriate picture ID. You must be 18 years of age or older. Entries may be delivered to the TOP Office or submitted via mail to:

Rosie R. McCoy Tribal Operations Program PO Box 455 Cherokee, NC 28719 Info: Rosie R. McCoy, TOP manager, (828) 497-7021 or email rosimcco@nc-cherokee.com - Rosie McCoy, TOP



The Rural-Urban Exchange

Western Carolina University, College of Education and Applied Programs, has had an exchange program with North Carolina A & T for 11 years. Each year the group of between 6-10 students from A & T spend one day on the Qualla Boundary to experience a "rural" university setting. Other schools visited during their week-long stay includes Smokey Mountain Elementary and Blue Ridge School. From April 2-6th, WCU's, students spend a week in Greensboro, NC, to experience the urban university setting.

The WCU-Cherokee Center would like to express a special thank you to Principal Coker at Cherokee Elementary for the hospitality shown the future teachers. They were most impressed with the students and the school. Additionally, Dr. Barbara Duncan and Ken Blankenship were also very gracious and supportive of the visiting students who learned about Cherokee history at the museum. Before the students returned to Cullowhee, they enjoyed refreshments, dialogue and a brief driving tour hosted by the Cherokee Center.

For more information, visit http://www.wcu.edu/3082.asp

Park Rangers searching for missing Tennessee man

Rangers at Great Smoky Mountains National Park have been searching for Derek Joseph Leuking, 24, of Louisville, Tenn. who was reported missing by coworkers and family members on Thursday, March 15. Leuking was reportedly last seen at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, March 17 at the Microtell Hotel in Cherokee.

The subject's white Ford Escape was located Saturday morning at the

Newfound Gap Parking Area in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Since that time Rangers have searched over 40 miles of the Appalachian Trail and other connecting trails radiating out from Newfound Gap, but have not found any conclusive signs of Leuking. He was believed to be carrying a dark colored daypack, but not a tent or sleeping bag for overnight use.

The subject is described as a white

male, 5'11" tall, 220 pounds with short brown hair and a short beard. He is believed to be wearing black track pants, white tennis shoes and may have had a Realtree camouflage rain suit. Rangers ask that anyone who may have seen Leuking either inside the Park or elsewhere since Saturday morning call the Park's Communication Center at (865) 436-1230.



Cherokee **Boys Club** Report

CLUB SCHEDULE:

April 2 – April 5 – Cherokee Central Schools' Spring Break Wednesday, April 4 – Staff Meeting – 8:30 a.m.

Friday, April 6 – School Furlough Day Wednesday, April 11 – Board Resolu-

- tion Deadline 8:30 a.m.
- Monday, April 16 Health Screen –
- 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 18 Club Board

Meeting – 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 19 – Safety Committee Meeting – 11:30 a.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA:

Resolution 2478 – Approve Head Parker for Club's 2012 Agreement with Cherokee Historical Association – Unto These Hills

Resolution 2479 – Approve Club's Sponsorship of 2011-12 Braves

Achievement Awards

Resolution 2480 - Approve selection of Electrician for Construction and Facilities

Resolution 2481 – Approve selection of Lead Mason and Carpenter's Helpers for Construction and Facilities Resolution 2482 - Approve selection of Assistant Teacher for Child Care Department

ROAD CLOSURE

Children's Home Loop will be closed to through traffic on Friday, April 6. Concrete work will be done in the vicinity of the gas pumps. The gas pumps will still be available for use; however, there will be no through traffic from the Boys Club to the Agelink end of Children's Home Loop.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Remember to be extra careful when approaching a stopped school bus. Since Daylight Savings Time has started, it is darker in the mornings during bus runs. Not only is it important to come to a complete stop when a school bus has stopped, loading or unloading students, with signs and flashers visible - it is the law! Let's keep our kids safe.

If you are interested in learning how to drive a school bus, see Allan Oocumma or Albert Arch in the Club's Bus and Truck Department or call 497-9101.

IOB OPPORTUNITIES

Administrative Assistant - CBC Printing (Graphics) Temporary Traffic Directors for Unto

These Hills For additional information, please

see the Employment Section in this edition of the One Feather.

AGELINK STAFF RECEIVES FOOD PREP TRAINING

Tammy Bradley and Tina Saunooke attended "Kids Eat Smart" training on Friday, March 16 at the Central Piedmont Community College School of Culinary Arts in Charlotte. At this seminar the participants learned how to prepare and cook healthier foods to serve in the child care facilities. They will also receive training on how to prepare healthy menus. Funding for this training was received from a grant obtained by Agelink from the Kids Eat Smart program.

MOWING AND TRIMMING TO BEGIN

The Boys Club Mowing and Trimming Crew is due to start back up on March 26 - please be aware of the mowing equipment and operators on the roadsides in your communities and use caution to prevent accidents or injuries.



www.smokymountainchevy.com



Arneachs to speak at

Sequoyah Museum

Cherokee storyteller Lloyd Arneach, Sr. and his daughter, genealogist Dawn Arneach will be available at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum on Sunday, March 25 from 12-3pm. Both are EBCI tribal members from the Yellowhill Community. Lloyd will share stories while Dawn will assist those interested in researching their family tree. All lectures are free and open to the public. Info: Sequoyah Birthplace Museum (423) 884-6246 or www.sequoyahmuseum.org.

- Sequoyah Birthplace Museum

Cherokee Central Schools menu

Friday, March 23: BK - biscuit w/gravy, applesauce; lunch chicken sandwich, lettuce/pickle, seasoned potato wedges, orange

Monday, March 26: BK sausage biscuit, applesauce; lunch mini corn dogs or pork choppette, scalloped potatoes, steamed green beans, pear slices

Tuesday, March 27: BK - waffles w/syrup, sausage link strawberries; lunch - chicken fajita wraps or burritos, Mexican rice, steamed yellow corn, orange wedges

Wednesday, March 28: BK bagel w/cream cheese, yogurt and banana; lunch – sausage biscuit, scrambled eggs, tater tots, applesauce

Thursday, March 29: BK scrambled eggs, English muffin, sausage patty, sliced peaches; lunch - cheese dippers w/marinara sauce or ravioli w/cheese toast, tossed salad, pineapple tidbits

Friday, March 30: BK – biscuit w/gravy, applesauce; lunch – hot dog with or without chili, coleslaw, pork-n-beans, mixed fruit

What's the buzz about? It's the 2012 Bee School

The Smoky Mountain Beekeepers and the NC Cooperative Extension Service will host a day-long course in beekeeping Saturday, April 14 from 9am – 4pm at the Swain County Extension Office just west of Bryson City.

Topics covered will include beekeeping basics, how to get started in beekeeping, an advanced beekeeping video and discussion opportuni ties. Afternoon sessions include a round table discussion, wood working video and hands on demonstrations by our local beekeepers. Pre-registration fee is \$15.00 prior to April 1 and \$20.00 thereafter or at the door. The course fee will cover the cost of lunch and reference materials. Registration gets under way at 8:30 a.m. Info: Shirley Lindsay 586-5490. Make check payable to Smoky Mountain Beekeepers Association (SMBA) and mail to SMBA, Attention Shirley Lindsey at 775 Barkers Creek Rd. Whittier, NC 28789.

- NC Cooperative Extension

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Hope Center holds training for parent group

The Hope Center recently put on a Parent Training for the Dora Reed Parent Group . The Families enjoyed fun literacy activities that included making books, decorating cupcakes, and having one on one story time with their parents.

Literacy is found not only in reading a book but in using a cook book with your child, cutting pictures out of a magazine, making up a story, using letter stickers to spell out your child's name and these simple things are some of the most important things you can do with your child to advance their knowledge and education.

The Hope Center encourages everyone to take the time to read to your child and do literacy activities daily. In the words of Jacqueline Kennedy, "There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all."

- Hope Center



Photo courtesy of Hope Center

Here families are decorating cupcakes and reading books about food and cooking. It shows parents that reading is reserved for the living room, you can use reading in the kitchen as well.

Volunteers needed for area Guardian ad Litem program

The Guardian ad Litem program serving the Qualla Boundary, Jackson, Swain and Graham Counties is currently recruiting new volunteers to serve as court advocates for children. There is a particular need at this time for new volunteers in Swain and Graham County and within the Qualla Boundary.

A new training class is scheduled to begin April 30. The training includes learning about laws pertaining to child abuse, confidentiality, the effects of child abuse and neglect on a child, medical and emotional aspects, interviewing skills, investigation and the juvenile court process.

Guardian ad Litem volunteers are appointed by the court to objectively investigate the circumstances in every case where a child is alleged to be a victim of child abuse or neglect. Working with an Attorney Advocate, the volunteer Guardian ad Litem is a voice for children in court. He or she explores all facts relevant to the case and makes recommendations to the court as to what is in the best interests of the child.

Shannon Cowan, Guardian ad Litem Program Supervisor said, "Volunteers come from all walks of life. Some are college students; some are retirees; some work full-time jobs. The Guardian ad Litem is a friend to the child during the court process. The volunteer is the only person whose sole task is to focus on the best interest of the child."

Cowan added, "Child abuse and neglect cases from the Qualla Boundary are heard in state court. We especially need more Cherokee volunteers to work with children from the Boundary. People who are familiar with the community and the culture can be better advocates for the Cherokee children."

There is no charge for the training. An application, reference check and interview must be completed prior to the training date. To obtain an application or for more information, call Program Supervisor Shannon Cowan at 587-2087.

- Guardian ad Litem Program

Myers to speak at VA Summit in Washington, DC



Skip Myers, R.N. and Veterans Administration outreach coordinator, will speak at the Eastern Region Summit in Washington, D.C. on April 3-4. The goal of this meeting is to invite tribal leadership and tribal Veterans from within the Eastern Region (Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana), as well as, the VA administrations to collaborate, educate, network, and build relationships to better serve Veterans and their families. This meeting will also serve as an education session on VA benefits and services.

Myers will be sharing his experience and the collaborative efforts and accomplishments that have been put in place between Cherokee Indian Hospital and the Asheville Veterans Administration.

- Cherokee Indian Hospital

Artists sought for WCU's Mountain Heritage Day festival

CULLOWHEE – Arts and crafts vendors are being sought to participate in Mountain Heritage Day, Western Carolina University's annual fall festival of traditional Appalachian culture.

This year's Mountain Heritage Day will be held Saturday, Sept. 29, on the WCU campus in Cullowhee. The festival typically attracts more than 20,000 visitors who come to enjoy three stages of continuous music and dance, exhibitions of Cherokee stickball and shape-note singing, and more than 150 booths of food and juried arts and crafts. Arts and crafts are judged for quality of workmanship, booth display and design. The festival gives out cash awards to artists for "best in show," first place and second place.

Applications for arts and crafts vendors are available at the festival website, www.mountainheritageday.com, or by calling WCU's Mountain Heritage Center at 828-227-7129. The deadline for submitting arts and crafts applications is Friday, March 30.

For more general information about Mountain Heritage Day, contact festival coordinator Trina Royar at the number listed above.

- WCU

Unto These Hills auditions to be held

Auditions for the 2012 production of Unto These Hills are set for March 24 from 5-8pm at the Cherokee Historical Association business office across from the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. The drama is looking to fill several roles and everyone is encouraged to come out. They will also be taking applications/resumes for anyone interested in technical positions. Please come prepared with a short monologue (actors) and a song if you sing. Info: 497-2111.

- Cherokee Historical Association

Correction

The headline on the right column of last week's *One Feather* should have read "Ledford selected vice-chairman of Intelligence Sharing Committee". It read in the paper as "Lambert selected..." The *One Feather* apologizes for the error.

New Books in the Qualla Library:

o Against the night – Kat Martin o Eat to live – Joel Fuhrman o Heart Echoes – Sally John o Kris Jenner and all things Kardashian – Kris Jenner o Lone Wolf – Jody Picoult o Loners Thanksgiving wish – Roxanne Rustand

o *Mockingjay* – Suzanne Collins o *Once upon a secret* – Mimi Alford o *Perfect Blood* – Kim Harrison o *Private games* – James Patterson o *Rez Life* – David Treuer o *Something about witches* – Joey W. Hill

o *Victims* – Jonathan Kellerman o *Witching hour* – Anne Rice o *0 to hero* – Henry Winkler o *Cold Moon* – Jeffrey Deaver o *Concrete Blonde* – Michael Con-

nelly o *Dragondrums* – Anne McCaffrey o *Fatal Thaw* – Dana Stabenow o *Final Appeal* – Lisa Scottoline o *Home to Stone Gap* – Adriana Trigiani

o *Incident at sun point –* Ralph Cotton

o *Invisible ones* – Stef Penney o *Irish Love –* Andrew Greeley

o *Left for dead* – J.A. Jance

o Look to the east – Maureen Lang o Prodigals Christmas Reunion – Kathryn Springer

o *Raven Cursed* – Faith Hunter o *Shaded Vision* – Yasmine Galenorn o *Shadow Heir* – Richelle Mead

o *Song of my heart* – Kim Vogel Sawyer

o *Spell Bound* – Kelley Armstrong o *Tall Dark and Hungry* – Lynsay Sands

o *Through my eyes* – Tim Tebow o *The Vow* – Kim Carpenter

- Qualla Boundary Library

DNA testing dates for April

The EBCI Enrollment Office will be scheduling DNA appointments for the following dates:

- Wednesday, April 4
- Wednesday, April 11
- Friday, April 20 - Saturday, April 27

Collection may be scheduled between 8– 11:30am and 1 3:30pm in ½ hour increments.

- EBCI Enrollment Office

Coalition to host The Journey to Forgiveness and Healing

he Cherokee Healing and Wellness Coalition is extending an invitation to participate in an event whose time has come and that will change history, a time of courage and healing for the Cherokee people. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the Cherokee Nation and the United Keetowah Band in Oklahoma join to initiate a collective healing that will transform their communities, families, children and our world.

"We are now about to take our leave and kind farewell to our native land, the country that the Great Spirit gave our Fathers...that gave us birth...it is with sorrow we are forced to quit the scenes of our childhood...we bid farewell to it and all we hold dear," said Charles Hicks, Tsalagi (Cherokee) Vice Chief on the Trail of Tears, August 4, 1838.

Coalition officials related, "We know we must find a way to deal with our feelings about the removal from our Land, our Ceremonies, our Language, our Culture and its devastating consequences to our People. We pledge ourselves to free our people from the bondage of poverty, substance abuse, child abuse and all our suffering."

On May 19 – 24, representatives from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, including some Cherokee youth, are traveling to Tahlequah, Okla. to unite with participants from the Cherokee Nation and the United Keetoowah Band for this Journey to Forgiveness and Healing. There will be a 1 1/2 day conference in Tahlequah to explore the effects of Inter-Generational Trauma we have experienced. The three bands will join symbolically to retrace the northern route of the Trail of Tears returning HOME to North Carolina, stopping at significant locations to perform healing ceremonies. This Journey is open to enrolled members of the three federally recognized Cherokee tribes and their invited guests. If you are interested please call 631-3903 or visit the website www.cherokeehealing.com by April 15.

On May 25, the Homecoming, which is open to enrolled members of the three federally recognized Cherokee tribes for free, will begin at 9am at Kituwah mound near Cherokee. The group will celebrate the survivors of a strong and powerful People and honor the Cherokee who take this journey at the Homecoming. The Coalition asks you to join them in this time of cleansing, offering thanks to the Creator, and drawing all people together in peace and harmony with All Our Relations. The day will include ceremonies, speakers, cultural events and, refreshments and two meals. Registration requested to plan meals for the day.

On May 26, the Universal Gathering, beginning at 9am (registration begins at 8:30am), is open to the public at the mother town, the ancient and Sacred Kituwah grounds near Cherokee. The group will celebrate as survivors of a strong and powerful People and honor the Cherokee who take this journey with a sacred Cherokee Home coming and a Universal Gathering. There is a \$75 fee (enrolled members attend for free) which includes two meals, speakers and cultural events. You must be registered to attend. Registration requested to plan meals for the day.

A limited number of partial scholarships are available for students, elders, and others with limited incomes. For more information and registration go to: www.cherokeehealing.com or 631-3903.

The registration deadline for Homecoming and Universal Gathering is April 30.

> - The Cherokee Healing and Wellness Coalition

Yogi Crowe Scholarship deadline nearing

April 1 is the deadline for requesting financial assistance from the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund for summer semester. Applications must be postmarked by the deadline date and mailed on or before the deadline. Applications not postmarked or received electronically by the deadline will not be considered.

The Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance to members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians working on graduate and post-graduate degrees. Applications and guidelines can be downloaded from the Fund's Website at www.yogicrowecherokeescholarship.o rg or obtained from any of the board members or Tribal Education.

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

For more information, contact any of the Scholarship Fund board members: Dr. Reva Ballew, President 631-1350; Anita Lossiah, Vice President 736-2698; Mary Herr, Secretary 497-9498; Sharon Blankenship, Treasurer 497-4057; Leeann Bridges 497-8312; Dr. Carmaleta Monteith 497-2717 or Jan Smith 507-1519.

- Yogi Crowe Scholarship Fund

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EBCI tribal elder Jerry Wolfe, shown here calling an Indian ballgame at the 2010 Cherokee Indian Fair, will participate in a storytelling event in Sylva later this month.

Tribal elder to participate in Sylva storytelling event

CULLOWHEE – The Jackson County Public Library in Sylva will host "Reflections on Place: An Evening with Distinguished Storytellers" beginning at 7 p.m. Monday, March 26, as part of activities in celebration of the installation of David O. Belcher as the 11th chancellor of Western Carolina University.

The event will feature Kathryn Stripling Byer, former North Carolina poet laureate; Cherokee storyteller Jerry Wolfe; and Ron Rash, the best-selling author who teaches at WCU.

<u>A reception in the library atrium</u> will follow the free program. The public is invited to attend.

The reading will culminate a day of activities in Sylva and Dillsboro called "The Whee Hours" designed to bring members of the campus community into neighboring municipalities, including special deals offered all day March 26 by local merchants and restaurants to WCU students, faculty and staff who show their university identification cards.

Activities on the evening of March 26 will include the 5 p.m. unveiling of a new Dillsboro mobile application designed by students from WCU's computer information systems program as part of an ongoing partnership between the university and Dillsboro officials and merchants.

The storyteller event at the public library will bring three notable literary figures from Western North Carolina together for a series of readings centered on the theme of "place."

Born in the Sherrill Cove community that was later displaced by the development of the Blue Ridge Parkway, Wolfe is a respected elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. He grew up listening to the stories of his parents, Owen and Lucyann Wolf, and today is a storyteller who recounts traditional Cherokee legends and stories about his experience growing up in Cherokee. A fluent Cherokee language speaker, he shares his experience of attending Cherokee boarding school and his knowledge of Cherokee stickball. He has served as an ambassador between the Cherokee people and other cultures for years.

In addition to the evening event, the library also will be the scene of a special Children's Story Time, as WCU's new chancellor reads to local preschool children from 11 until 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 27.

Belcher will be installed as chancellor of Western Carolina during a ceremony capping a week of activities designed to highlight and celebrate the accomplishments of the university's students, faculty, staff, alumni and community partners.

Thomas W. Ross, president of the University of North Carolina system, will preside at the installation ceremony, scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 29, in the Liston B. Ramsey Regional Activity Center. The public is invited to attend.

The installation ceremony is the traditional academic ritual at which the chancellor takes the oath of office. The event is typically attended by UNC system officials, state legislators and other elected state and federal officials, academic delegates from other institutions across the nation and around the world, representatives of professional organizations and honor societies, and members of the campus and surrounding communities.

No state funds are being used for installation activities, which will be paid for through private and corporate contributions.

For information and a complete schedule of events, visit the website installation.wcu.edu.



Photo courtesy of Charlene Wolfe Armachain makes All-Conference

On March 8, Alexa Armachain, a senior at the North Carolina School of Science and Math in Durham and the captain of the school's varsity basketball team, received the honor of All-Conference in basketball in the Carolina 12 1-A/2-A Conference. Armachain, an EBCI tribal member, is from the Big Cove Community.

2012 Lawn Maintenance applications being taken

Guidelines:

- You must be a member of the EBCI. - You or your spouse must be a Senior Citizen or Disabled. If you do not have a spouse you must live alone or with persons under the age of 18.

- Participants must reside on Tribal Lands within the five county service areas of Swain, Jackson, Graham, Haywood and Cherokee.

The Lawn Maintenance season will be from April 2 – Sept. 28. Applications are available March 5-26 at Tsali Manor, Snowbird Senior Center or the John Welch Senior Center.

Mowing and Lawn Maintenance will include a 50ft. perimeter around the home including carport if present. Lawns mowed outside the 50ft. perimeter will be the home owner's responsibility.

You must maintain and keep your yard clean and safe for our mowing contractors. Please remove any trash, debris, or other items that would prevent our mowing contractors from mowing your yard. If your yard is not maintained it will not be mowed until you do so.

You are responsible for marking any shrubs, flowers, and plants that you don't want mistaken for weeds so that the mowers can distinguish between the two.

- Tsali Manor HELP Program

Cherokee youth getting a green thumb

The Native Cherokee Youth Gardeners group is looking for participants for this summer's eight-week program

By RENEE MULLIGAN & TINKER JENKS CHEROKEE CHOICES

ummer 2011 was the inaugural year for the Native Cherokee Youth Gardeners (NCYG). The NCYG is an 8-week summer youth development program, where youth learn about healthy eating, food systems and cultivating vegetables, herbs and flowers that they sell, donate, cook and eat.

In partnership with Cherokee Choices, EBCI Cooperative Extension, 4H, Center for Cherokee Plants, Cherokee Youth Council, Cherokee Preservation Foundation and Kituwah Farmers, the program aims to provide opportunities for youth to gain knowledge and experience related to sustainable vegetable gardening; teach and model to youth healthy eating with an emphasis on local and traditional Cherokee foods; provide youth with opportunities to develop financial responsibility, leadership and service learning.

Our mission is to grow the next generation of productive and thoughtful EBCI community members in Cherokee, NC, who work together to build a sustainable local food system that fosters health and food equity. In summer of 2011, 8 youth participants helped prepare, plant, weed and harvest a ½ acre plot located at Kituwah Farm. Over 2,500 pounds of produce was harvested from the NCYG plot, half of which was donated to the following organizations: Community Table Soup Kitchen; Rock Hill Church Food Ministry and Pantry; and Tsali Manor.

Produce from the NCYG plot was sold at the following venues: Jackson and Swain Counties Farmers Markets; Cherokee Hand Made, Home Made, Home Grown Market; online orders via tribal email; Harrah's Casino; and Cherokee High School football games. The NCYG won five 1st place prizes and one 2nd place prize at the Cherokee Fall Festival for produce from their garden (pumpkins, Candy Roaster squash and gourds).

"The best experience I had was growing plants and also trying new foods that I have not tried before" said one youth participant.

Funds that were raised from sales of produce in 2011 will be used to expand the NCYG program in 2012. Each week in 2012 will have a theme that corresponds to one of the seven core Cherokee Values and a "Veggie of the Week". Daily tasks will include weeding, composting, caring for plants, and harvesting for sales and donations. Youth will also lead volunteers in garden activities, work alongside experienced Kituwah farmers, and volunteer at the Center for Cherokee Plants and a local food pantry. Workshops and activities will include: lessons on traditional and sustainable gardening practices, food systems, food sovereignty, nutrition and cooking; a wild edible plant walk and "ground-truthing" of historical Cherokee trails; team building and motivational games.

The Native Cherokee Youth Gardeners will begin to accept application for the 2012 season in April and will be due May 4. Eight to ten youth who are committed to working 12 hours per week for eight weeks in June and July will be hired after interviews that will take place in May. The program is looking for enthusiastic youth who are willing to work hard and have fun. If you or someone you know are an EBCI enrolled member between the ages of 14 and 20, and interested in applying for the program, please contact Tinker Jenks, 828-497-1972 or Renee Mulligan, 497-1973 at Cherokee Choices to receive an application.

This photo was taken near the Kituwah Mound where the Native Cherokee Youth Garden is located. (Photo by Renee Mulligan)

Cherokee Flight wins Boone Roundball Classic title

By COACH BLAINE WOLFE

BOONE - The Cherokee Flight Boys Basketball team has started out their season with a tournament win. They won the first place championship trophy in the 8th grade division at the 10th Annual Boone Roundball Classic held March 9-11 in Boone. There were 24 teams in the 8th grade division. The first pool play game was against the Watauga Lightning from Boone. The Flight won 68-23. The next game was against the Carolina Flight team from Charlotte and the Cherokee Flight won 80-76.

The Cherokee Flight then started the bracket play against the Vikings from Bristol, Tenn. and won 72-35. That win had them playing the Carolina Phenoms in the semi-finals, and it was a well earned win for the Cherokee Flight as they won 75-64.

With that win, the Cherokee Flight advanced to the Gold Bracket Championship Game where they faced Team Phoenix from Charlotte. Cherokee Flight was ready for this game. At the half, Flight was up 40-12 and finished out with a score of 52-32 to win the Championship Trophy for the second year in a row.

"The teamwork demonstrated by all players was exceptional," said Coach Blaine Wolfe. "We want to thank all of our parents and fans and look forward to another successful, winning season. We also thank everyone who came out and supported our Indian Dinner fundraising efforts on Friday, March 9. Everyone's support is truly appreci-



Photo courtesy of Christina Panther

The Cherokee Flight team is shown with the championship trophy they won at the 10th Annual Boone Roundball Classic. Shown (leftright) back row – Coach Blaine Wolfe, Jerick Haynes, Damon Ledford, Nicholson Chase Fisher, Dominique Fernanders, Jayce Wolfe, and Assistant Coach Jorree Wolfe; front row – Seth Ledford and T. Smith.

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The Cherokee Flight team features several EBCI tribal members including: Coach Blaine Wolfe, Damon Ledford, Jayce Wolfe, Assistant Coach Jorree Wolfe, Seth Ledford and T. Smith. Other members of the team include: Jerick Haynes, Shelby; Nicholson Chase Fisher, Sylva; and Dominique Fernanders, Spindale.

Cherokee Runners win at Shamrock Run

By GERRI GRADY CHEROKEE RUNNERS

ASHEVILLE - Ten Cherokee Runners completed in the 2012 Shamrock Run in Asheville on Saturday, March 17. Nine competed in the 10K and one in the 5K. The 10K course was very challenging and is touted as being the hilliest course in Asheville. Kyle Swimmer, 1st place winner in his age group, said, "It was a tough one, the whole thing was one big hill." Jimmy Oocumma placed 3rd in his age group, Priscilla Squirrell placed 2nd in hers and Elnora Thompson placed 2nd in her age group. Other runners included: Stephan & Robin Swimmer, Brian Driver, Angel Squirrell, Sean Grady and Marlene Arch.

The Cherokee Runners held their annual meeting on March 15 at VOC at which time the organization by-laws received a minor revision. The group held its elections for a board member and for officers. The 2012 officers are: President-Stephan Swimmer; Vice-President-Dawna Paul; Secretary-Gerri Grady and Treasurer-Elnora Thompson. The Board is composed of Wilbur Paul, Gilliam Jackson and the Secretary. The next event for the group will be the Knoxville 5K/Half Marathon/Marathon on April 1. Some members will complete individually in the various races while others will run the marathon in relay teams.

Membership in Cherokee Runners is open to anyone that is interested in improving their fitness through running or walking. The group meets twice a month at the Age Link conference room. Visitors are welcome and everyone is encouraged to visit the group website: www.cherokeerunners.com or check out our Facebook page. Group runs (or walks) are held each Tuesday and Thursday at 6PM. Runners/walkers meet at the flame.



Photo courtesy of Gerri Grady

Kyle Swimmer run, en route to a first place finish in his age division, at the Shamrock Run in Asheville on March 17. WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator Daniel K. Akaka (D-Hawaii), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, held an oversight hearing on Indian Water Rights: Promoting the Negotiation and Implementation of Water Settlements in Indian Country on Thursday, March 15.

"The settlement of Indian water rights claims has benefits that extend far beyond the boundaries of Indian reservations. Over one hundred years ago, the Supreme Court affirmed that in reserving homelands for their people, tribes also reserved water rights on and off reservations," said Akaka.

"In order to fulfill its trust responsibility, Congress plays an integral role in tribal water rights settlements. When tribes were moved to reservations, the U.S. recognized their claims to water resources and promised that water would be supplied to meet their needs."

"Water settlements not only secure tribal water rights, but also help fulfill the United States' promise to tribes that Indian reservations would provide their people with permanent homelands," said David Hayes, Deputy Secretary for the Department of the Interior.

In determining water rights claims, a tribe and other stakeholders may pursue either litigation or negotiation. However, many of these settlements have been delayed by lengthy litigation and often result in a tribe being awarded a "paper water right" which prescribes the right, but lacks the financial means to turn those vested rights into real water for their communities.

"With settlements, you get not only a determination, but you get authorization for funding; you get implementation through the implementation process; and you get

the additional ability to address issues that would not ordinarily be able to be addressed in the course of litigation. But that benefits not just the tribes, but the states and surrounding communities as well," said Judith Royster, the Co-Director of Native American Law Center.

"Settlements end decades of controversy and contention among tribes and neighboring communities over water, and that certainty improves relation-Senate ships and encourages collaboration among neighboring communities," said Hayes.

According to witness testimony, negotiating to reach a settlement in Indian water rights claims is advantageous for all parties as it is less time consuming and less costly than litigation.

3 Committee "Litigation over Indian water rights is expensive and divisive. In many instances, Indian water rights disputes, which can date back 100 years or more, are a tangible barrier to socio-economic development for tribes, and significantly hinder the management of water resources," said Hayes.

"Litigation could result in decades of associated legal expenses and court-ordered judgments against the United States that would likely exceed the total costs of settlement, thereby increasing costs for federal taxpayers," said Maria O'Brien, Chair of the Western States Water Council.

3 explores Indian Water F "Dedicating the outcome of a water controversy to the courts is the best resolution if there is simply nothing left to lose...Courts are the least equipped to rearrange local and regional economies," said Michael Bogert, a former Counselor to the Bush Administration's Secretary of the Interior.

However, witnesses also voiced concern that successfully negotiated settlements could still be undercut by a delay in or lack of funding.

"What is the likelihood of a greater investment in Indian water litigation and settlement occurring in this era of intense pressure on domestic budgets? Slim. With significantly fewer human and financial resources to invest, the United States will not be able to speed up the work of finishing the ultimate task," said John Echohawk, the Executive Director of the Native American Rights Fund.

"Tribes have made tremendous sacrifices to protect and ensure access to water, a sacred resource. Congress must continue to review the settlement negotiation process, find effective funding mechanisms, and ensure that congressionally ratified settlements are properly implemented," said Akaka. More information and an archived webcast is available on the committee's website:

http://www.indian.senate.gov/

- Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

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A sit-down with Native musician Saint Mike

Interview by Dr. HONEY DAWN KARIMA SPECIAL TO THE ONE FEATHER

Q: When I think of Saint Michael, I think of the ArchAngel. What should I think of when I think about you?

A: That's exactly who should come to mind. My mother made the Archangel my namesake when I was born. He was the Lord's host who cast the first angel, Lucifer, out of Heaven and led the loyal warrior angels against the mutinous rebel angels during the War of Heaven. I consider myself that type of person; loyal to family, ready for battle, leader with a steady hand, and protector from whatever looks to harm me and mine. I may not be an angel, but I have been called a warrior.

Q:Tell us about your tribal background. Are there beliefs or traditions that influence your music? The way you live your life?

A: I'm Navajo (Salt Clan), Laguna Pueblo (Bear clan), Washoe, and Mexican. My parents raised me and my siblings Catholic along with traditional beliefs and practice. The two beliefs both walked side-byside in our household. I tell people that I have traditional beliefs with Catholic fears and I live my life with both influences strong in my belief system. I mostly keep the Catholic faith out of love and respect for my mom, who is the strongest, greatest woman on earth to me. I will do anything

for her. Later, I took the initiative to learn more about my traditional Native beliefs that were first introduced to me in my early years and now they help me find balance in my everyday life. My family comes from strong medicine and I honor that by practicing traditional prayer everyday.

Ultimately, My mom always said it ain't right to preach so I keep my religious beliefs out of my music. Therefore, I don't want to saturate my music with what I consider to be sacred to me and my family.

Q:Why Hip-Hop? Is that a new new form of Native traditional music?

A: I believe that hip-hop is our generation's form of storytelling. Many of us have stories, real events, anecdotes, that influenced us to go right or left in our lives. Some of those detours resulted in us facing life and death at times. For me, my subject matter focuses on things that happened to me growing up, or things I witness(ed). I'm from a generation that saw a regeneration and revitalization of Native American identity in the urban environment. And hip-hop was the medium that we chose to touch the canvas with. In essence, some of us are still learning to paint while others have already manifested their masterpieces into words.

I feel that I'm one of those artists that heard the mainstream and what it had to say and then took from it, learned from it, and transformed it into my own style. So, if hiphop is the only way we can convey our stories and re-solidify our culture, we're gonna say it as we see it and feel it.

Q: So, how did you start making music? Did you have a musical childhood? Who influences you musically?

A: Other than my dad being a trumpet player in his early days, there was really no musical influence in my upbringing. I started writing lyrics first after a lot of reflection on things I had witnessed and experienced up until that time. Soon after, I was practicing them over other rap music I had, getting my flow down, my delivery down etc. Before long, I had notebooks filled with lyrics and they kinda got put on the back burner for a minute. Then, in 1992, I was asked by my brother to be in a newly formed Native rap group called Without Rezervation. It was to be myself, my brother, his brother-in-law, and a lifelong friend of ours. At first, all we had was a drum set, which my brother took control of. That was the time I dusted off the notebooks and opened up the magic. But, as creative differences surfaced, I shook hands and went my way. Then in 1997, I was asked by the group (minus the lifelong friend) to co-write the follow-up to their first album Are You Ready For WOR? (Canyon Records) with their second album titled World WOR II. Music was made, fun was had, but then the sound faded out. Fast forward to 2008, when I got some production software for my computer and, boom, seven unreleased albums and one on the market were soon born.

My writing has since matured since '92. I mean, since then, I opened up to all different genres of music. Classical, world, even country opened my mind up to develop more than what it was used to. I would say that my biggest influences in music are Johnny Cash and the GZA/Genius from the Wu-Tang Clan. Man, Johnny can tell a story poetically, flawlessly, and with conviction. You feel his pain in his music and you hear the dignity in his voice as he tells it how he knows it. And the GZA is just mad talent, both in lyrics and subject matter. I can listen to their material over and over again and never get tired of it. Matter of fact, I listen to their material moments before I hit any stage. They get me centered. They get me balanced.

Q: Music is a powerful force. Why do you think people should listen to yours?

A: Because it's original. It's all me. It's not truth based on someone else's life or lies. See, I write about material that is life experienced without additives or preservatives. I tell it how I know it and I'm not all afraid to show it. But one of the things that bothers me is that sometimes our own people don't give us the time of day. I've met hundreds of young Native people that complain that "there's no Native rappers out there". But when one is presented to them, they turn away and continue to buy Find Saint Mikes' music on these sites: iTunes Amazon MP3 Rhapsody Grooveshark

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into the mainstream rap culture instead of reinforcing ours. And often enough, our subject matter is not what they're willing to hear. And that creates a desire for some of us to transform our music into a mainstream medium to be more appealing to a younger audience. Therefore, Native rap loses it's originality and becomes a regurgitated clone of what is already popular.

Q:What do you wish we knew about you and about your music right now that we don't?

A: I think the most remarkable thing that I've accomplished with my music is that I've completed seven albums in just under three years. I write all the lyrics, do all the production, engineering, and mastering. All of these are self-taught skills I've developed on my own over the years. I'm also an accomplished artist who does his own album graphic design. So, I'm very proud to present First Blood, the debut project that is all Saint Mike.

Cherokee Churches

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 Denny 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 Pentecostal Holiness Church. Wolftown Gym. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Worship Service 11am. Pastor Donald Ensley

Cherokee United Methodist Church. Hwy 19 – Wolftown Road. Sunday Worship Service 11am. Sunday Praise and Worship 7pm. Wednesday Family Night 5:30- 7:30pm. Thursday Bible Study 6:30pm at Ramada Inn. Rev. Larry Ousley 497-2948

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

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. Food Pantry Open 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 1-4pm. Pastor Jack Russell 497-3730, prjack@frontier.com, lwcherokee@frontier.com

Macedonia Baptist Church. 1181 Wolftown Rd. Sunday School 10am, Sunday Morning Worship 11am, Sunday Evening Worship 6pm, Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6pm. Pastor Bro. Dan Conseen, (828) 508-2629

Olivet United Methodist Church. 811 Olivet Church Road. Sunday School 9am. Sunday Service 9:45am. Rev. Heidi Campbell-Robinson and Rev. Ron Robinson, www.gbgm-umc.org/olivetumnc-whittier/

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. 82 Lambert Branch Road. Saturday Service 7pm (July - October). Sunday Service 9am. 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.

Rock Hill Baptist Church. 736-6334. Sunday Worship 11am. Choir practice after church. Thursday Bible Study 7pm. Pastor Red Woodard

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 Baptist 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. Michael Jones 497-2854

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 Serv ice 11am. Sunday Evening Service 6pm. Wednesday Night Service 7pm. Pastor Foreman Bradley 506-0123 or 736-4872

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

...When you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just. LUKE 14: 13,14 So



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One Feather deadline Monday at 12noon

Happenings SUBMIT YOUR EVENT: email: scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com fax: (828) 497-1753 P.O. Box 501, Cherokee, NC 28719

Clubs & Organizations

Big Cove AA meets on Monday nights at 7:30pm at the Nazarene Church (old Big Cove School House). All are welcome. Info: Robert 497-3144

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

Birdtown Community Club meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Community Building. Info: Sarah Sneed, chairwoman, 269-4493

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 543, 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 Conference 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

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: Bessie Wallace, chapter president, 497-2389 or Carmaleta Monteith, chapter treasurer, Carmaleta@msn.com

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

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

Yellowhill Judo Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-8pm at the old Cherokee High School weight room. Info: Will Lambert 788-7630

Church Events

St. Patrick's Day Bingo Blast. March 16 from 5-8pm at Living Waters Lutheran Church. Play free bingo for free prizes. Hot dog suppers will be for sale.

Solid Rock Outreach will be giving away seed potatoes on March 17 from around 12-5pm at the Rock Springs Baptist Church. The brands being given out are white supreme and Yukon gold.

Cherokee Baptist Church will be providing supper at 5:30 each Wednesday evening in the Fellowship Hall.

General Events

Benefit for Debbie Littlejohn. March 23 at 11am-1pm at the EMS Building. BBQ Plate \$7.00. Call ins will be taken and delivery will be available for orders of 10 or more. Call ins and delivery - 339-0926 or 269-8572, contact info - 736-3383

Turkey Shoot Fundraiser. March 24 and 31 at 5pm at Jesse Welch's residence in the Big Cove Community. This fundraiser will benefit the Lady Braves' JV and Varsity Softball Teams.

National Geographic 2012 Adventurer of the Year Jennifer Pharr Davis to visit Cherokee. March 26 from 6-8pm at the New Kituwah Academy. Free hotdogs, chips and drinks will be served from 5-6pm. Davis holds the record for the fastest thru hike of the Appalachian Trail at 46 days, 11 hours and 20 minutes. This event is sponsored by the Cherokee Youth Council. Info: Valorie Welch 554-6939

Granny's Kitchen March 29 opens at 11am.

Birdtown Community Club has moved its monthly regular Club

meeting to March 29 for the month of March only. There will be a pot luck at 5pm and the meeting will start at 6pm The Club will be hosting "the Community Alcohol Referendum educational presentation". The Club would like to invite all of the ABC Board members to introduce themselves at this meeting and also would like to invite members of the Tribal Election Board to attend. The next Community Club meeting will be Tuesday, April 24 at 6pm.

Indian dinners March 30 from 10:30am- sold out at the Melinda Bigwitch residence. Menu: Fried chicken, bean bread, fat back, cabbage or ramps, stew potatoes, beans & hominy, banana pudding desert. \$7/plate To order please call 497-0135

Cherokee Youth Easter Giveaway. March 31 from 11am – 2pm at the Oconaluftee Island Park. Easter baskets/bags giveaway for youth, Easter egg hunt for 12 & under, live gospel singing, food will be provided. Sponsored by 4 Hope Mission Outreach from Winston Salem and Cherokee Youth Council. Info: Dawn Hilburn (336) 255-4443 or dhilburn27@gmail.com

Rainbows and Ramps. March 31. Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Howard Wahnetah 554-6471

Turkey Shoot. April 7 at 5pm at Jess Welch Residence. Benefit for Lossiah Family. Good food, good prizes, good cause.

Big Y Community Meeting. April 10. Community Watch meeting at 6pm, regular communitymeeting at 6:30pm

4-H Summer Camp at the Eastern 4-H Center. June 24-29. Ages 8-12. Cost: \$390 plus travel to the coast (approximately \$75-100 per child). Comfortable, climate-controlled bunkhouses provide all the amenities at this state-of-the-art facility. Info: Heather James 554-6932, heatjame@nc-cherokee.com

Health and Sports Benefit Horseshoe Tournament.

March 24 at Connie Cooper's Campgrounds. Signs will start at 11am with the tournament starting at 12pm. Info: (828) 269-8732

Adult League Meeting for Fastpitch and Slowpitch. March 28 at 5pm at John A. Crowe Complex

KOA Fishing Tournament. March 31. KOA Campground. Info: KOA 497-2511

2nd Annual Cherokee Opening Day Trout Fishing Tournament. March 31. Cherokee Enterprise Waters. Info: Robert Blankenship 497-5520

Jackson County Recreation and Parks Department registration for the 2012 Men's Softball League. Now through April 4. The league will be limited to the first eight teams that register with a hundred dollar deposit. The league will start Wednesday, April 16. Also, there will be a mandatory coaches meeting on Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30pm at the Recreation Center in Cullowhee. The coach must attend for the team to participate in the league. Info: Michael Watson, Jackson County Recreation Center, 293-3053

Chief's Horseshoe Tournament. April 21. Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: carmaleta@msn.com

Blood Drive. April 25 from 10am – 2:30pm at the Cherokee Indian Hospital. Info: 497-9163, ext. 6498

Make it Rain Men's 18+ Basketball Tournament. April 28-29 at the Birdtown Recreation Center. 1st place -\$2,000 w/t-shirt, 2nd place - \$500. 10 team minimum, double elimination, 5man tournament (up to 12 on a roster), entry fee: \$350, entry fee deadline is April 13 at 3pm. This event is hosted by Cherokee Life. Info: Michelle Long 788-6489, waksi08@gmail.com or Jessica Daniels 554-6891, jessdani@nccherokee.com

NSA Slow-pitch & Fast-pitch Native American World Championship Tournament. Sept. 29-30 in Chickasha, Okla. Slow pitch: Men's, Women's and Coed; Fast-pitch: Men's and Women's U23. Info: Wayne Burns (405) 222-6028, www.oknsa.com,

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"No WONDER you couldn't hear us knocking."

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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Billy Young







by Dave T. Phipps



Traditionally called tuteurs, teepee-style trellises usually have 3 or 4 sides and extend upward into a point. They support plants such as green beans, sweet peas and English ivy quite well. Find links to free building plans of this style of trellis at www.woodworkers

workshop.com/trellis

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Trading Post Classifieds, Bids, Legal Notices, and more...

FOR RENT

For rent – 2BR Log Cabin, Thomas Valley Road – Whittier area, partially furnished, heat pump. Very private, ideal for 1 or 2 people. \$600.00/mo plus security. 269-6565 for appointment **3/29pd**

Businesses for Rent Cherokee, NC -Same Building as Kentucky Fried Chicken at Intersection of US 19 and US 441. Seafood Restaurant formerly Long John Silvers (2,000 square feet) Retail Store (4,000 square feet) Small Restaurant (2,000 square feet). Contact: Bob Blankenship 828-269-1950 **3/15pd**

For rent – 2 bedroom, 1 bath mobile. Quiet park in Ela. No pets. References/background check required. \$400 per month. \$300 deposit. Call 828-488-8752 **4/5pd**

For rent - 2 bedroom, 1½ bath, mobile home. Good neighborhood and private. 2 miles from Casino on Soco. Call 828)736-8731 **3/29pd**

FOR SALE

Lost weight this Winter? Get Fatback – We also have fresh cornmeal. The Old Mill – US441 South. Open Monday – Friday and Saturday 10-5, 497-6536 3/29pd

For Sale: King size sleigh bed foot board, head board, and side rails. Great shape 2 year old frame \$350. For further information contact Tate McCoy @ 828-736-7889 **3/29pd**

Store Fixtures For Sale - Showcases, glass shelf units, register stand, various racks, neon jewelry sign, slatwall/gridwall hooks, shelves for wall, assorted shelf brackets, credit card machines, and other displays. Must sale. Great Prices! Call 497-1646 **4/12pd**

Tool Boxes by UWS Every size, every style, top mount, side mount and Liquid Transfer. Quality Boxes. Low Prices! Anglin's in Otto (828) 349-4500. **3/22pd**

RV/TRAILER STORAGE Any size \$25.00- \$35.00 per month. Anglin's in Otto. (828) 349-4500. **3/22pd**

For Sale - 2 used tires, Fuzion HR1, 205/60 R16 92H. Call 828-497-0412. **3/22nd** **Pet Grooming** – by Jannessa, Certified Master Groomer with 30yrs exp., at Pawsitively Pampered in Bryson City. Call (828) 788-0599. **6/28pd.**

KEEP IT CLEAN & GREEN - Call Now!!
Lawn and Landscape Maintenance
Services!! Guaranteed Work at Low
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4/5pd

VEHICLES

For Sale : 2004 Dodge Dakota, Quad Cab, 4 Wheel Drive, 4.7 liter V-8, 133,620 miles, Great condition. Runs great, Good gas mileage (18-27), one owner. Look at it @ Reservation Auto. \$6,500. Interested buyers call 497-3230 or 788-4380 **3/29pd**

YARD SALE

Seven Family Yard Sale 8am-noon on March 24th, 2012 at The Painttown Community Building **3/22pd**

SERVICES

Tax Preparation by Sandi – Can save you time and money. Monday thru Saturday 9am- 7pm. Located on Olivet Church Road. 828-497-4128. **4/12 pd**

Oocumma's Lawn Mowing Services -Businesses and/or residential areas, do you need your lawn maintained this year? If so please give us a call for a free estimate at 497-0137 or 508-5183. We offer competitive prices and quality work. Over 20 years experience. Licensed and insured. **4/12pd**

Babysitting - Monday-Sunday, weekends and nights. Includes meals, snacks and crafts. Call Marianne, age 44, at 828)736-1089 **3/22pd**

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

<u> Closing March 30, 2012 @ 4 pm</u>

- 1. Director- QHA (\$62,160-\$79,250)
- 2. First Assistant Prosecutor- (\$62,160-\$79,250)
- 3. Applications Developer- IT (\$31,700-\$40,420)
- Closing March 23, 2012 @ 4 PM
- 1. Utility Worker- Sanitation (\$18,140- \$22,680)
- 2. Operations Supervisor- Sanitation (\$28,790-\$36,170)

<u>Open Until Filled</u>

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

Health & Medical Positions

- 1. C.N.A.– Tsali Care Center
- 2. LPN- PT- Tsali Care Center
- 3. LPN- Tsali Care Center
- 4. Certified Medication Aide- Tsali Care Center
- 5. Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner- Diabetes
- 6. Clinical Psychologist- Analenisgi (2 Positions)
- 7. RN- Diabetes

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

EBCI Education and Training- Workforce Training Program is currently offering Certificate Courses in two areas: Infant/Toddler Child Care and Office Administration. The program anticipates expanding this service to include and based on interest, the following areas: Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA), Heating, Air Condition, & Refrigeration (HAVC) & Surveying, If you or someone you know is interested, contact Cheryl Tolley, Workforce Program Specialist or Sharri Pheasant, Training Supervisor at 497 – 7485 for details.



EMPLOYMENT

CHA Seasonal Job Openings

The Cherokee Historical Association is looking to hire Gardener/Janitor and Janitor employees for the 2012 season. The positions available will be seasonal full-time and will begin as follows: Gardener/Janitor on April 2nd and Janitor on April 23rd. Deadline for submission is March 23rd. You can pick up applications at the CHA Administration Building across from the museum. If you would like more information please contact Michael Lambert at 828-497-2111 ex. 215. **3/22**

Administrative Assistant

ORGANIZATION: Cherokee Boys Club, P. O. Box 507, Cherokee, N. C. 28719 DEPARTMENT: CBC Printing (Graphics)

OPENING DATE: Thursday, March 15, 2012

CLOSING DATE: Thursday, March 29, 2012

REQUIREMENTS: Must have High School Diploma or GED. Must have a valid North Carolina Driver's License. Must have training or knowledge of office procedures, billing and clerical work. Knowledge of printing industry preferred but not required.

Application and job description can be picked up from the Club Human Resources Coordinator, Tiffani Reed at the Cherokee Boys Club between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (828-497-9101).

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

Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. 3/22

CHA Seasonal Job Openings

The Cherokee Historical Association is looking to hire Box-office, Concession and Retail employees at the Oconaluftee Indian Village for the 2012 season. The positions available will be seasonal full-time and will begin on May 1st. We are looking for upbeat personalities that can drive sales within our attractions with great customer service. Applications are available at CHA's main office located across from the Museum. Deadline for submission is March 30th. For more information please Michael Lambert, HR and Guest Services Coordinator at 828-497-3656. **3/29**

Temporary Traffic Directors

Organization: Cherokee Boys Club, P. O. Box 507, Cherokee, NC 28719 (Cherokee Historical Association Parking Contract)

Opening Date: March 22, 2012 Closing Date: April 5, 2012

Closing Date: IOB DUTIES:

Traffic directors will be under the supervision of the Head Parker. They will direct traffic and pedestrians as they arrive and leave nightly performances of the Unto These Hills outdoor drama. Traffic directors will answer questions and provide information for the public. They will provide security for the parking lots before, during and after the performance, assist staff and patrons of the Drama and assist with shuttle bus loading and unloading. Must be dependable. Job involves heavy traffic and night work and requires alertness and safety at all times.

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

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Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. **3/29**

Cherokee Central School: is taking applications for a Computer Technician. Computer/network technician needed. Job requires a minimum of a two year degree in an information technology related field with experience with Web page authorship and the ability to trouble shoot computer hardware and software. Applicant must have the ability to trouble shoot and repair computer hardware and software and software. Applicant must demonstrate considerable knowledge of microcomputers, peripheral devices, local networks, components, hardware/software compatibility and related technology. For information call (828) 554-5096 or email nchiltoskie@cherokeecentral.gaggle.net **3/22**

Administrative Assistant

ORGANIZATION: Cherokee Broadband Enterprises, PO Box 1899, Cherokee, NC 28719 (149 B Children's Home Rd) DEPARTMENT: Operations OPENING DATE: March 8, 2012 CLOSING DATE: March 22, 2012 REQUIREMENTS:

- One year working experience in an office environment or related field required.
- Knowledge of QuickBooks accounting system preferred.
- Good communication skills, both written and verbal.
- Good command of PC skills including MS Word, Excel and MS Office.
- Ability to display initiative and motivation towards daily tasks and desire to learn.
- Positive attitude and good interpersonal relationship skills.
- Dependable work habits and attendance required.

DESCRIPTION:

To obtain a complete Job Description, see Rebekah Young, Office Manager, at Cherokee Broadband Enterprises, Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm or call (828) 359-1001. **3/22**

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

- Program Director for ABSN (1712)
- Director of Major Gifts (1681)
- Dir. Appl & Systems, Assoc. CIO (2368)
- Dean, College of Business (0311)
- Distinguished Prof. of Instructional Technologies (0478)
- Assoc/Full Prof/Dept Head (1731)
- Asst. Prof Business Admin & Law (2416)
- Asst. Prof, Counseling (0152)
- Asst. Prof, Technical Writing (0460)
- Asst/Assoc Prof, Eng & Tech (2017) (0164)
- Asst Prof, Hosp & Tourism, (2031)
- Asst Prof, Public Administration (120776)
- Assistant Prof, Human Svcs (1594 & 1384)
- Asst/Assoc Prof, Human Svcs (1703)
- Asst/Assoc Prof, Physical Therapy (112720)
- Asst. Director Admissions (0227)
- Asst. Dir. Student Community Ethics (0252)
- Academic Advisor (112705)
- Professional Nurse (HOURLY)
- Counselor, Pre-Doc Intern (1373 & 5301)
- Ops & Systems Analyst (2380)
- Resident Director (3571)
- Tech Support Tech (2451)
- Transfer Counselor (0223)

Please go to jobs.wcu.edu for details and to apply online. AA/EOE **3/22**

www.theonefeather.com

EMPLOYMENT

THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following job available: Certified Medical Coder, Phlebotomist/Clerk. 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 close March 23, 2012 @ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **3/22**

THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following job available: Emergency Hire CNA / Clerk Snowbird Clinic (not to exceed 3 months). 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 close March 30, 2012 @ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **3/29**

THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following job avail-

able: RN Inpatient/Nights. 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 close March 26, 2012 @ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **3/22**

LEGALS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Irene Bradley Smith EST 11-053

The Court in the exercise of its jurisdiction of the probate of wills and the administration of estates, and upon application of the fiduciary, has adjudged legally sufficient the qualification of the fiduciary named below and orders that Letters be issued in the above estate.

The fiduciary is fully authorized by the laws of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to receive and administer all of the assets belonging to the estate, and these letters are issued to attest to that authority and to certify that it is now in full force and effect.

Date to submit claims: April19 Witness my hand and the Seal of the Cherokee Court. Mary Jane Giles PO Box 891 Cherokee, NC 28719 Edwin James Smith Jr.

 142 Brookhaven Drive

 Moore, SC 29369
 4/19pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina **Edwin James Smith Sr.** EST 11-052

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Date to submit claims: April 19 Witness my hand and the Seal of the Cherokee Court. Mary Jane Giles PO Box 891

Cherokee, NC 28719 4/19pd

Notice of Service of Process by Publication In the Cherokee Court In and for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina Case No: CV 12-016

The Bank of New York Mellon, As Trustee,

Plaintiff Vs.

Dennis R. Junaluska and Frankie Marlene Teesateskie a/k/a Frankie Junaluska,

Defendant

TO: Dennis R. Junaluska and Frankie Marlene Teesateskie a/k/a Frankie Junaluska

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: possession of a 1996 Horton Mirage manufactured home bearing serial number H116356G together with washer and dryer and court costs.

You are required to make a defense to such pleading not later than 40 days after the first date of the publication of this notice yielding a deadline of April 24, 2012 and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

Dated: March 8, 2012 Jay B. Green Attorney for Plaintiff 908 E. Edenton Street Raleigh, North Carolina 27601 Telephone: 919-829-0797 **3/29pd**

 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

 COUNTY OF SWAIN
 DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

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 IN THE MATTER OF:
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 NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS

 TAMERA REED,
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 BY PUBLICATIONS &

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 NOTICE OF PENDING JUVENILE

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 PROCEEDING & RIGHT TO INTERVENE

TO: TAMMY REED, the mother of the above-named Juvenile.

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief sought is to determine whether or not the above-named Juvenile has been abused or neglected within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. §7B-101, and if so, to hold a Dispositional hearing to determine the best interests of the above-named Juvenile.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than April 1, 2012 TO: TAMMY REED

You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than April 26, 2012, said date being 40 days from the first publication of this notice, or from the date the Petition is filed, whichever is later; and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

You have the right to be represented by a lawyer at all stages of the proceeding. If you want a lawyer and cannot afford to hire one, the Court will appoint a lawyer to represent you. You may hire a lawyer of your choice at any time, or you may waive your right to a lawyer and represent yourself.

Attorney Kristy Parton, P.O. Box 944, Sylva, NC 28779, (828)586-4247, has been temporarily assigned to represent you. You are encouraged to contact her immediately. If you do not qualify for a court-appointed lawyer, she will be released.

If the Court determines that the allegations of the Petition are true, the Court will conduct a dispositional hearing to determine the needs of the Juvenile and enter an Order designed to meet those needs and the objective of the State. The Dispositional Order or subsequent Order may:

1. Remove the juvenile from the custody of a parent, guardian, custodian, stepparent, adult member of the Juvenile's household, or adult relative entrusted with the Juvenile's care;

2. Order the parent to pay child support if custody of the Juvenile is placed with someone other than the parent;

3. Place the legal or physical custody of the Juvenile with the parent, stepparent, adult member of the Juvenile's household, or adult relative entrusted with the Juvenile's care on the condition that the individual undergo medical, psychiatric, psychological, or other treatment;

4. Require the Juvenile to receive medical, psychiatric, psychological, or other treatment and that the parent, guardian, custodian, stepparent, adult member of the Juvenile's household, or adult relative entrusted with the Juvenile's care to participate in the Juvenile's treatment;

5. Require the parent, guardian, custodian, stepparent, adult member of the Juvenile's household, or adult relative entrusted with the Juvenile's care to undergo psychiatric, psychological, or other treatment or counseling;

6. Order the parent guardian, custodian, stepparent, adult member of the Juvenile's household, or adult relative entrusted with the Juvenile's care to pay for treatment that is ordered for the Juvenile or that individual;

7. Upon proper notice and hearing and a finding based upon the criteria set out in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7b-1111, terminate the parental rights of the respondent parent.

That upon service, jurisdiction over you is obtained and your failure to comply with any Order of the Court pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7B-904 may cause the Court to issue a show-cause Order for contempt.

You have the right to intervene in this Juvenile proceeding and this matter is calendared for hearing at the May 10, 2012 session of District Court for Swain County, 101 Mitchell St., Bryson City, NC 28713. You have the right to be granted upon request a 20 day postponement to prepare for the proceedings

You have the right to petition this Court for transfer of this proceeding to the Tribal Court for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

This the ____ day of March, 2012. 4/26pd

Justin B. Greene , Justin B. Greene, Attorney for Petitioner

Jerry Smith, Director of the Swain County

Department of Social Services Justin B. Greene – Staff Attorney Swain County Dept. of Social Services P.O. Box 610 Bryson City, NC 28713 Tel. (828) 488-6921

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee Tribal Court Cherokee, North Carolina File Number: CV 11-643 Ally Financial, Inc. f/k/a GMAC Plaintiff

Redbird Sequoyah Defendant

Notice of Service of Process by Publication To: Redbird Sequoyah

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;

Civil action involving a debt owed by you to Ally Financial, Inc. f/k/a GMAC.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than May 1, 2012 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought. This 16th day of March, 2012. Kimberly C. Lay Melrose, Seago & Lay, PA Attorney for Plaintiff Post Office Box 1011 Sylva, NC 28779 **4/5pd**

One Feather deadline Monday at 12noon

BIDs, **RFPs**, etc.

Notice of Interest for Retail Space at Harrahs Cherokee Casino and Hotel

The Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise is seeking perspective merchants who are interested in Leasing Retail Space at the Casino. Below are specifications and requirements:

1350 square feet, located in Retail corridor on Level 2 of Casino

Programming to compliment other established Retail offerings and Resort appeal. Space is designated as a Men's Store with vision of offering Nationally Branded sportswear and accessories consistent with our area and demographic. More specifically, type of store will be an outfitter with clothing, fly and tackle, fishing gear and other product with the Orvis name.

*Business Plan, Revenue Projections and Marketing Strategy to be provided by interested party.

*Compliance with Harrahs Cherokee Casino and Hotel policy and regulatory environment applies.

Please contact Norma Moss at the casino if you are interested, 828-497-8804 Response Deadline - 03/30/2012 3/29

REALTY

The following is a list of Tribal members that have documents to sign at the BIA Realty Office. These are transfers from the Eastern Band per resolution to those enrolled members who have paid off their Qualla Housing Homes.

Birdtown Community

Sarah R. Cabe Lewis, James Martin Saunookee (Minor), Janice K. Wildcatt

Big Cove Community

Deborah Sue Panther, Joseph L. Johnson III, Samuel & Sharon Panther, Debra M. Locust, Edwin Wolfe, Annette Sequoyah Corral

Upper Cherokee Community

Tim & Isabel Catolster, Mary Ella Crowe

Snowbird Community

Kathy & Tony Johnson, William Allen Brown

3200 Acre Tract

Earl McMillian

Wolfetown Community

Marietta Sampson Toineeta, Ernest Jarrett Sneed, Melissa Kaye Ledford, Matilda Reed Calhoun, Martha L. Talalah, Jackson D. Rickman Jr., Enoch Sampson Crow Jr., Edith Jackson Crowe, Carlotta L. Crowe, Frances Fanny Cucumber

Painttown Community

John I & Anna L. Youngdeer, Rowena Smith

Proposed Land Transfers

Lawanda Davis Jackson to Kathy West, Big Cove Community Parcel No. 127-A (Part of Parcel No. 127), containing .505 acres, more or less.

Toree Raine Watty to Walter Daniel McCoy, Birdtown Community Parcel No. 277-C (Part of Parcel No. 277-B), containing 1.500 acres, more or less.





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BabyFace still has open enrollment for the 2010 Comparison Group. They need at least 30 more families to sign up

- 2010 Requirements and benefits: *Must have an enrolled baby born in 2010
- * Only meet with a Parent Educator once a year
- * Child is enrolled in the Dolly Parton
- Imagination Library

Info: Alissa Lambert or Jessica Wheatley @ the Hope Center 554-5101 HE CIRCLE 570

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Cherokee in a Snap



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./ One Feather Huge garnet Bill Wolfe, from the Birdtown Community, holds a 380-carat garnet he found while looking for arrowheads on Lower #4 Road. Wolfe is an avid collector of many things including rocks and gemstones.



Clouds over Cherokee

These impressive cloud formations floated above the Cherokee Central Schools on the afternoon of Wednesday, March 14. Warmer temperatures and sunny weather had many people thinking of spring.



Photo courtesy of Cynthia Atine Tribal member on NM State Champ team

Meona Feather (center in black shirt), an EBCI tribal member, is a member of the Kirtland Central High School team that won the Girls 4A New Mexico State Basketball Championship on Friday, March 9. Kirtland Central defeated Roswell 42-41 to take the title. Feather is an eighth grade student at Kirtland Middle School and was moved up to the high school varsity team.



Spring tree

JEAN JONES/One Feather

This tree was blooming in the Yellowhill Community several days before the official start on Spring.



Photo by Sky Kanott Youth Council completes recruitment month

The Cherokee Youth Council has just completed its recruitment month and accepted 14 new members on Tuesday, March 13 from three different high schools. That brings the total to 36 active members. "These youth have demonstrated leadership, integrity, determination and commitment to our organization," said Sky Kanott, Cherokee Youth Council program manager. "The Cherokee Youth Council offers numerous opportunities to grow and become the young leaders our Tribe needs for the future." The current members conducted interviews with the prospective members. They carried on professional conversations and asked numerous questions in hope to find other committed youth on the Qualla Boundary. Current members are shown (left-right) including: Maria George, Gadusi Crowe, Sarah Dorr, Jacob Long, Lou Montelongo, Faith Long, Elicio George, Simon Montelongo and Elis George.

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