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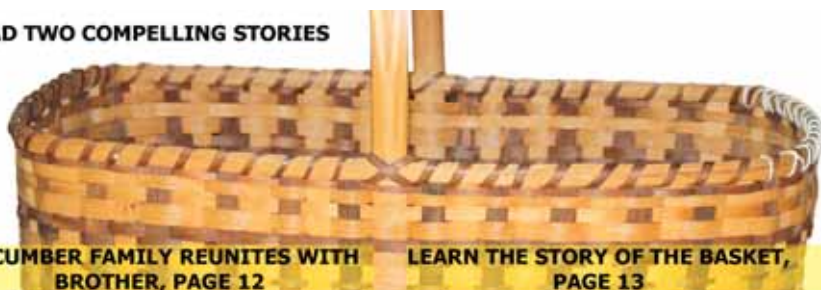
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*Brooks Robinson, Harrah's Cherokee senior vice president and general manager, speaks during the grand opening ceremonies for the casino expansion on Friday, March 22.  
(SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather)*

# GRAND OPENING HELD FOR CASINO EXPANSION

A grand opening event was held this past weekend at Harrah's Cherokee to celebrate the completion of the \$650 million expansion at the property.





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Tribal Chairman Jim Owle, Principal Chief Michell Hicks and Birdtown Rep. Tunney Crowe are shown at Friday's event.

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

**G**round was broken on the third hotel tower for Harrah's Cherokee on July 10, 2009. That event marked the beginning of the \$650 million expansion which is now complete and culminated in a grand opening event on Friday, March 22.

Principal Chief Michell Hicks said, "At the end of the day, the benefits of what we're doing is about protecting ourselves, protecting our sovereignty, but to make sure that we are taking care of our community. That's what Cherokee has always been about."

"We've invested over a billion dollars. A lot of governments are known as spenders. We like to be known as investors. The bottom line is helping people."

Chief Hicks went on to say, "I'm just proud of what we've been able to accomplish."

Tribal Chairman Jim Owle stated, "The

greatest thing about the expansion is what we now have to offer to our customer, to our vendors, our Total Rewards customers coming in here, and also the things we have to offer back to the tribal members."

He said a lot of services and programs for seniors, youth, schools, etc. have come to fruition as a result of the casino. "It's just been a great asset for this Tribe and always will be. I'm hoping to look forward to things in the future that we can do for our Tribe."

Brooks Robinson, Harrah's Cherokee senior vice president and general manager, commented, "Over the past few years, we have completed a \$650 million expansion here at Harrah's Cherokee making it the premier destination in the southeast. It's a world class tourism and entertainment attraction."

Robinson related that the resort now has three hotel towers with 1,100 rooms making it the largest hotel operation in South Carolina and North Carolina.

"Instead of being just a day-trip opera-

tion, we are now, in the southeast, the largest destination resort, and that's something that we're so proud of."

Robinson said the gaming space has expanded, or rather doubled, to 150,000 square foot. "We could pick this property up and sit it on the Las Vegas strip and it would compete."

The gaming space includes over 4,100 slot machines, over 100 table games, and a poker room that will host a World Series of Poker event next month.

"We're so very proud of this masterpiece we've built here."

Robinson said the property now employs over 2,500 people.

"I've seen this property truly transform from what used to be a regional day-trip casino into a world-class destination resort," said Scott Barber, senior vice-president and general manager Caesar's Entertainment. "It's just quite a tribute to the Chief and Tribal Council and all the members of Cherokee to have the courage, foresight and vision to make this invest-

ment.”

Congressman Mark Meadows (R-NC) was in attendance at Friday’s grand opening event and remarked, “What I am particularly impressed with is not only the vision, but the opportunity to truly plan this out to make sure that a vision became a reality.”

Rep. Meadows said that western North Carolina faces very high unemployment that the casino helps to combat. “Because of the investment that’s been made here, we’ve seen lower unemployment, we’ve seen jobs that have been created.”

He praised tribal leadership for the expansion. “It’s the leadership of the Tribal Council and Chief that have not only put forth the investment, but have maintained a culture throughout this region.”

EBCI Department of Commerce director Jason Lambert noted, “With the expansion and the resort destination, from a commerce perspective it’s a very big tool we can utilize to further grow businesses and business activity throughout town. Whether it’s business recruitment or destination marketing, we’re able to use that across the board.”

Lambert said the casino is a business catalyst for the entire region. “It gives us legitimacy in the game as a destination.”

As part of the grand opening festivities, Darius Rucker performed on Friday, March 22 with Blake Shelton scheduled for Saturday, March 23 and Alicia Keys on Wednesday, March 27.



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*Scott Barbar, senior vice president and general manager Caesar’s Entertainment, speaks during Friday’s event.*



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# Bear zoos discussed in public meeting

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

Bears and three local bear zoos were the hot topic at a Tribal Council work session and public meeting held on the night of Tuesday, March 19. Following the USDA shutdown of the Chief Saunooke Bear Zoo for multiple violations, some in the Cherokee community have called for the shutdown of all bear zoos.

"The animals are our primary concern," said Peggy Hill, an EBCI tribal member from Yellowhill who gave a brief presentation to open the meeting.

When asked if she was hoping for immediate removal of the bears, Hill responded, "We're asking that those bears be removed as soon as possible."

Missy Crowe, an EBCI tribal member from Yellowhill, remarked, "Those violations were the business owner's violations, and there were many of them. It is time to start re-earning respect for government, and it starts with brother bear. You are getting a bad image."

She said it is time to protect the rights of the animals and close down the remaining bear zoos. "Let's no longer have any more caged animals on the lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee."

Collette Coggins, owner of the Cherokee Bear Zoo and an EBCI tribal member from Birdtown, said, "It's the outside that brought all this negativity. It's not our enrolled members. We've done business here for 23 years."

Coggins hopes to open a wildlife sanctuary and animal rehabilitation center on the Qualla Boundary that would include bears and close down



*Collette Coggins, owner of the Cherokee Bear Zoo and an EBCI tribal member from Birdtown, speaks at a Tribal Council work session and public meeting on the bear zoos on Tuesday, March 19.*

her existing zoo. She said her zoo has never received citations or fines from the USDA.

"It doesn't have to be a disaster," she said. "It doesn't have to be a mockery. Make it above the standard. Make it something the Tribe is proud of."

When asked if she would be willing to meet the standards as set forth by the American Sanctuary Association at her proposed sanctuary, Coggins related, "No, I'm willing to go above the standards."

"I think it's a good thing. We have outsiders driving this thing. Before them, our people weren't upset about this."

Hill said she is opposed to a sanc-

tuary that includes any exotic animals. "If you're going to do a sanctuary, let's do it indigenous to our area."

Tribal Chairman Jim Owle pointed out that no tribal funds will be used for the proposed sanctuary if built. "They are putting up all the money. We're not building this place."

Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell said he is opposed to showcasing bears in any way and said there isn't enough acreage available for a proper sanctuary.

"I'd like to see them all go," he said. "Shut them down. We know it's wrong. We don't need PETA to tell us that."

Principal Chief Michell Hicks commented, "When I go to a big city...the first place I go and take my kids is the zoo. Do you know how many kids come to Cherokee to see the animals?"

He said it's important for the Tribe to look at the bear issue and create laws and standards to protect the animals, the business owners, and the Tribe. "To completely do away with animals, I don't think that's what we should do."

Keredith Owens, an EBCI tribal member from Yellowhill, said she has never liked the idea of the bear zoos. "If there's people that are willing to take these bears and let them live out their days, then let them."

Owens said she is a member of the Wild Potato Clan which she related used to be called the Bear Clan. She referenced the Cherokee Bear Dance and said, "That's how we exhibit it. That's how we celebrate it."

Mary Wachacha, an EBCI tribal member from Yellowhill, remarked, "You would think that we would get the idea that the general public and a lot of our tribal members do not like the idea of caged bears. Bears are not pets. We've held the bears as sacred animals. It's not right to cage them."

Big Cove Rep. Bo Taylor said he hasn't made up his mind on the issue, but did say he has the utmost respect for the bears and wants to see them protected. "As a Cherokee, I wear those bear claws. I sing those songs."

At the end of the meeting, Chief Hicks said it is important for the Tribe to develop a long-term strategy for animals on the reservation. "I think we're all here to do the right thing."

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**“HIV, currently, is no longer a disease that will take your life.”**

- Belinda Wilson, Cherokee Community Health nurse



New Kituwah Academy students Donnavin Groenewold (left) and Haley Smith carry a banner for an HIV Awareness Walk at the old Cherokee High School gymnasium on Thursday, March 21. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather)

# RAISING AWARENESS

Native HIV Awareness Day celebrated in Cherokee

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

“Native Americans have the third highest rate of HIV in the U.S.,” read a placard at an event hosted by Cherokee Community Health at the Acquoni Expo Center on Thursday, March 21 to celebrate Native HIV Awareness Day. The official day was Wednesday, March 21, but Cherokee’s celebration was held a day later so that special guests from the University of Tennessee – Knoxville nursing program could attend.

Aneva Hagberg, EBCI Health and Medical Division health operations director, said that awareness and education about HIV/AIDS was the main focus of Thursday’s event. “When people, a lot of time, mention AIDS it’s a phobia type thing and they don’t have confidential people that they can ask how to do testing and other things. We want to make the community more aware and to recognize that it is something that is here...the best

practice is to know the right message.”

Information provided at the event states that 21 percent of people who have HIV are unaware that they have the disease. Therefore, testing awareness was a large part of the event.

“HIV, currently, is no longer a disease that will take your life,” said Belinda Wilson, Cherokee Community Health nurse. “If you get into treatment early, you can actually turn it into a chronic disease and live with it until you have a natural end to your life. But, it’s important for people to get tested now and tested frequently and control this just like they would any other chronic disease.”

Wilson, who is also a certified HIV counselor, can administer a free oral HIV test at Cherokee Community Health located behind the Cherokee Boys Club. She said tests can be administered anonymously or confidentially – the different being that confidential tests results will be given to the person’s medical practitioner if they wish.

The test involves a mouth swab and only takes 20 minutes. “I can give them a preliminary result within 20 minutes,” said Wilson who related that a second test if performed if a positive result occurs to ensure accuracy.

And, the tests are not just for adults. “I can legally test, without parent consent, down to the age of 12,” she said.

Jerry Wolfe, EBCI tribal elder from Yellowhill, said at the opening of Thursday’s event, “Today is for good health; to taking care of our bodies for a long, healthy life.”

Students in the 2nd and 3rd grades at New Kituwah Academy sang three songs in the Cherokee language and then led an HIV Awareness Walk in the old Cherokee High School gymnasium.

The HIV National Day of Testing is set for June 27, and EBCI Health & Medical Division is planning an event with details forthcoming.



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**\* Current Students: Contact your Student Coordinator to review your needs for summer and fall.**

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## News Briefs

### Body found in trunk of car

The Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) received a BOLO from Clark County, Arkansas on Wednesday, March 20 in reference to a missing/endangered person. The missing person was reported to have been with a suspect that was wanted in connection with an armed robbery.

Shortly after receiving the BOLO, at approximately 2pm, CIPD officers located a vehicle fitting the description of the suspect vehicle and attempted to stop the same. The suspect vehicle did not stop and, after a brief chase, CIPD officers able to stop the vehicle on a drive off of Stillwell Branch Road in Cherokee and apprehend the driver of the vehicle and one passenger.

After a search of a vehicle, CIPD officers located the body of a white female in the trunk.

CIPD, the SBI, and Arkansas law enforcement authorities will continue to investigate this case. More details will be released as soon as possible.

- CIPD

### Hornbuckle to fight in Japan next month

Dan Hornbuckle, an EBCI tribal member, is scheduled to travel to Japan next month to fight in the Deep 62 Impact MMA event. Hornbuckle (23-5) is set to fight Yuya Shirai (23-12-1) at the event on Friday, April 26 at the Tokyo Dome City Hall in Tokyo.

In his last fight, Hornbuckle won a unanimous decision over Pete

Spratt at the Legacy Fighting Championship 17 on Feb. 1.

- ONE FEATHER STAFF REPORT

### One Feather reporter wins five NC Press Awards

The North Carolina Press Association held its annual awards ceremony on Thursday, March 21, and the *Cherokee One Feather* will have five new plaques to hang up. Reporter Scott McKie Brings Plenty won four awards in the 2012 News, Editorial, and Photojournalism Contest and one award in the 2012 Best Ad Contest.

He won in Division A in the following categories:

- 1st Place – General Excellence Website, theonefeather.com
- 1st Place – Arts & Entertainment Reporting, "Bridging gaps through art"
- 2nd Place – Sports Feature Photo, photo entitled "Running and jumping is fun" taken at the 2012 Cherokee Youth Olympics
- 2nd Place – Best Newspaper Promotion advertisement
- 3rd Place – Sports Feature Writing, article on the Remember the Removal riders entitled "Shadowing their ancestors"

"I'd like to thank Scott for his significant contributions to the continued success of the *One Feather*," said *One Feather* editor Jean Jones. "Producing a weekly newspaper is extremely ambitious and takes a lot of effort and dedication on his part. His insistence on professional quality at each stage has produced an award-winning newspaper that the Eastern Band of Cherokees can be proud of. Well done!"

- ONE FEATHER STAFF REPORT



The photo above shows EBCI tribal member Samuel Hernandez at last summer's Cherokee Youth Track & Field meet. The photo, taken by Scott McKie B.P., won 2nd place in the Sports Feature Photo category for the 2012 North Carolina Press Association Awards. Make sure to read the *One Feather* each week so you never miss timeless images such as this one.

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Congratulations to Reporter Scott McKie Brings Plenty for winning five N.C. Press Association Awards for 2012 including:

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## BASKETBALL

# Lady Braves postseason honors piling up

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

The Lady Braves won 28 games this season and came within one game of playing for the state championship. Now, several of their players and their coach have earned postseason honors for their season in which the team won the Smoky Mountain Conference regular season title and tournament, their third straight Sectional Championship and were runner-up in the Region.

Avery Mintz, a junior, was named All-Conference, All-District, Smoky Mountain Conference Player of the Year, and District Player of the Year.

"Being able to win all of these awards is really exciting," she said. "It's an honor, and I'm really proud of my team and all that we've accomplished this year and I can't wait for next year."

Alexis Maney, a senior, was named All-Conference and was selected to play in the Blue-White All-Star game.

"I think we really improved this year," she commented. "We did way better than a lot of people thought we were going to do and we definitely

played our game. I think we did great, and it was a real honor getting All-Conference this year."

Kendall Toineeta, a sophomore, was named All-Conference and second team All-District. "I think it's more of a team honor seeing as how our team did so well. It's just a great honor being recognized as one of the better players on the team."

Coach Chris Mintz was named Smoky Mountain Conference Coach of the Year and was selected as a coach for the Blue-White All-Star game. "It was a really special year to get that far. Anytime you win 28 games, you've had a great year. I feel like we accomplished a lot of our goals. We didn't accomplish all of them. They did really well."

Jordyn Thompson, a senior, was also selected for the Blue-White All-Star game.



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Several members of the Lady Braves varsity basketball team and their coach have won post-season honors including (left-right) sophomore Kendall Toineeta, coach Chris Mintz, junior Avery Mintz and senior Alexis Maney. Not pictured – Jordyn Thompson.

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# Sen. Hagan welcomes Vice Chief Blythe to Washington

**WASHINGTON** – Sen. Kay Hagan (D-NC) welcomed Vice Chief Larry Blythe to a meeting hosted by the Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee on Wednesday, March 20. Sen. Hagan invited Vice Chief Blythe to attend the meeting, which brought together Senators and American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian leaders to discuss how the federal government can better fulfill responsibilities to tribal nations, properly educate Indian students and foster an economically conducive environment for businesses on tribal lands.

“Maintaining a healthy dialogue with American Indian leaders is crucial to making sure we are doing everything we can in Washington to help Indian tribal communities in North Carolina, and I invited Vice Chief Larry Blythe to today’s meeting so that the Eastern Band of

“With this meeting, I hope to find creative solutions to the problems our communities are facing.”

- Vice Chief Larry Blythe

Cherokee Nation would have a seat at the table,” said Sen. Hagan. “I am very pleased that Vice Chief Blythe was able to share his insights and I am confident that, with his help, we can find solutions to the problems facing our Indian tribal communities. I am committed to keeping the promises we have made to these communities and to bringing a better future to North Carolina Native Americans.”

Vice Chief Blythe commented, “It is an honor to join Senator Hagan and to represent the Eastern Band of Cherokee Nation here in Washington. With this meeting, I hope to arm our representation in Washington with the knowledge they need to find creative solutions to the problems our communities are facing. It is imperative that our leaders do everything they can to make sure our tribal lands are places where our children can be properly educated and businesses can thrive and employ our people.”

Topics discussed at length during the meeting included education, health care and economic development on Indian lands. The Senators in attendance stressed their commitment to passing legislation that will offer economic opportunity for Native Americans.

- Sen. Hagan’s office



Photo courtesy of Sen. Hagan’s office  
Vice Chief Larry Blythe and Sen. Kay Hagan are shown at a meeting of the Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee in Washington on Wednesday, March 20.

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# Cucumber Family meets brother for first time

In 1964, Garth David Berky was adopted by an unknown family and was immediately whisked away, never getting to know his birth family. After 49 years, Berky arrived in Cherokee and was united with the Cucumber family, his birth family, for the first time.

His birth name was David Cucumber, and he was the youngest of ten children born to Dorothy and Joe Cucumber of the Wolfetown community. He was raised in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Berky's brother and sisters in Cherokee are Donald Cucumber, Pam Cucumber, Sandy Cucumber and Erma McMillan.

In 2001, Dorothy, the mother, told her children that she and their father had given their youngest child up for adoption in 1964. Erma McMillan, one of the daughters, explained that this was not an easy decision for her parents to make. They had to search their hearts and scripture for help in order "to save him from a poverty stricken life," McMillan explained. The mother wanted them to know this in the event that he should come looking for his birth family.

At the time of her death in 2003, a hair sample and DNA were taken from the mother to ensure the identification of the son.

In November 2012, Sharon Berky, his wife, contacted Lea Jo Cucumber, niece to the Cucumber family, searching for his birth family. His foster parents had told him that he



*Garth David Berky, born David Cucumber, reunited with his family in Cherokee recently.*

was adopted and who his birth family was. His wife used Ancestry.com and Facebook to locate the Cucumber family.

The Cucumber family got to view his picture with his family on Facebook for the first time. Sandy

Cucumber, one of the daughters, commented, "To see his picture was all we needed to know that he was our brother."

After the initial contact, the Cucumber family and the Berky family kept in continued communication.

On March 16, Berky and his family of 16 traveled from Cedar Falls, Iowa to Cherokee. They arrived in Cherokee on March 17 to meet his sisters and brother. Pam Cucumber, one of the daughters, said, "Thank God for answering our prayer and putting our family together again."

On March 18, in the fellowship hall at Rock Springs Baptist Church, the Cucumber family proudly introduced their newfound brother to their church and community family.

McMillan said, "We want to thank our church families, Rock Springs and Yellowhill, relatives, friends and Cherokee community for making our brother Garth and his Iowa family feel so welcome."

Berky commented, "The visit here has been enjoyable and everywhere we went, my family was made to feel welcome. It also gave closure to my life and questions I had about where the rest of my family was. I now have a bigger family."

Sandy stated, "It's is a great feeling to have a space filled in my heart. I don't have to wonder anymore about where he is, how he is doing, or wonder if he was taken care of. I have answers. There is peace. I have another brother."

On March 21, the Berky family said their farewells to the Cucumber family with promises of future times together. Sandy stated, "It's not done yet. It's awesome."

The Cucumber family thanks God for bringing their brother, Garth, home to Cherokee.

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A white oak basket sits inside the Bureau of Indian Affairs offices on the Qualla Boundary in Cherokee, North Carolina. The basket is faded, yellowed, and worn with a string holding it together at one end. It sits in plain sight next to carvings created by famous Cherokee artists Amanda Crowe and Virgil Ledford. No artist is associated with this basket, no name is written on the bottom, but this basket has a troubling past. The basket was purchased by the Bureau of Indian Affairs personnel and presented to the Social Services Department. Cherokee babies, days old, were placed in this basket and carried down the hill from the Cherokee Indian Hospital to the Bureau of Indian Affairs building. From there, children were placed in non-Indian homes by the Catholic Church, the Child Welfare League of America, the Florence Crittenton Homes, or an adoption agency from New York. None of the children were placed in Cherokee or Native American homes.

In the 1950s, the Social Services department was under the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Social Services personnel believed they were responsible for seeing "that the Indian people were given ample opportunity to succeed in the non-Indian world." Social workers would take it upon themselves to go to the Cherokee Indian Hospital when a baby was born there they coerced and manipulated parents into giving up their children. Social Workers would tell the parents they were not capable of taking care of a child, that it would have a better life off the reservation and that it would surely be the child's demise if left with the family. Mother and fathers, threatened by the lack of economic opportunities and the pressure to survive on the Qualla Boundary gave up their children for adoption. Parents were left distraught, wanting the best, fearing the worst. Those who did not go along with adoption feared Social Services would

continue to pressure the family and eventually take their child. This brought more grief to the families.

Social workers felt "an air of legitimacy" participating in "The Indian Adoption Project." under the auspices of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Indian Adoption Project was funded by the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA), and the practice of removing Indian children from their homes operated from 1958 until 1967, because the "white man knew better."

"It is estimated more than one quarter of all Indian children were removed from their families and placed into white adoptive and foster homes or orphanages before the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (Child Welfare League of Americas, 2000)." Approximately, 30 Cherokee babies taken from mothers placed in the Florence Crittenton Home for Unwed Mothers were adopted into non-Indian homes. The United States Government had no problem admitting to abolishing native cultures through removal of religion, education, and obviously native families. They called this acculturation.

Looking at the basket, I wondered how many babies taken from their mother's arms and their father's gaze were carried off the Qualla Boundary in this basket. I cannot imagine the mindset of Cherokee mothers and father told they were unfit and

unable, to raise their own child; that as a parent, you could not prepare your child for the outside world. We may never know how many families were affected or how many lives were changed, or where those children are now.

We do know that children adopted between 1958 and 1967 would be from 46 to 64 years of age. We know that the Florence Crittenden organization still exists today. Many questions need answers and much research is needed. Perhaps you were one of the babies in the basket; perhaps it was someone close to you.

The white oak basket represents one of the Cherokee people's most noted and enduring traditions. It represents strength, adaption, history, survival, beauty and love. The white oak basket that sits at the BIA, reminds us of a time in our history kept quiet, known, but not discussed, forever leaving its mark on our children, parents and grandparents, forever leaving its mark on our hearts.

# The Basket

By JODY BRADLEY LIPSCOMB







# Cherokee in a Snap

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## *Meadows receives EBCI flag*

Principal Chief Michell Hicks and members of the Tribal Council presented Congressman Mark Meadows (R-NC) with an EBCI tribal flag for his Washington, DC offices on Friday, March 22. Shown (left-right) front row – Tribal Council Chairman Jim Owle, Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke, Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Diamond Brown, Congressman Meadows, and Painttown Rep. Terri Henry; back row – Big Cove Rep. Bo Taylor, Birdtown Rep. Tunney Crowe, Yellowhill Rep. David Wolfe, Chief Hicks, and Wolfetown Rep. Mike Parker.



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## *Congressman tours Cherokee Schools*

Congressman Mark Meadows (R-NC), center, toured the Cherokee Central Schools on Friday, March 22. He visited with students in Cherokee Arts and Crafts class including Tyra Standingdeer (left) and Steven Straughan.



## TRACK & FIELD

# Cherokee opens season at Murphy

**MURPHY** - Spring had not quite sprung yet as Cherokee opened its 2013 track and field season at Murphy on Wednesday, March 20. The chilly meet featured five teams including: Cherokee, Murphy, Swain, Rosman, and Hiwassee Dam.

### Girls results

Final team scores: 1st – Murphy 138, 2nd – Swain 122, 3rd – Rosman 41, 4th – Cherokee 24, 5th Hiwassee Dam 11  
 4x800 Relay: 1st – Murphy 11:58, 2nd – Swain 12:30  
 Shot Put: 1st – Sutton (CHS) 33’ 5 ¾”, 2nd – Wilson (M) 28’ 9”, 3rd – Thompson (Swain) 28’ 6 ¾”, 4th – Bentivogli (Swain) 27’ 8 ½”, Crisp (HD) 26’ 8”  
 Discus: 1st – Thompson (Swain) 84’ 10”, 2nd – Sutton (CHS) 78’ 1”, 3rd – Wilson (M) 72’ 1”, 4th – Welch (M) 72’, 5th – Brown (Swain) 70’ 3”  
 High Jump: 1st – Lowe (Swain) 5’ 0”, 2nd – Russell (M) 4’ 10”, 3rd – Helmer (Swain) 4’ 4”, 4th – Styles (Swain) 4’ 4”  
 Long Jump: 1st – Harris (Ros) 14’ 4”, 2nd – Sale (Swain) 13’ 5”, 3rd – Haynes (M) 13’ ½”, 4th – Brantley (HD) 12’ 10”, 5th – Davis (HD) 12’ 7”  
 Triple Jump: 1st – Sale (Swain) 31’ 5 ½”, 2nd – Russell (M) 28’ 1”, 3rd – Trull (M) 28’, 4th – Sutton (M) 27’ 3 ½”  
 100M Hurdles: 1st – Imhoff (Swain) 18.80, 2nd – Harris (Ros) 19.30, 3rd – Beaver (HD) 19.43, 4th – Haynes (M) 19.69, 5th – Davis (HD) 19.99  
 100M Dash: 1st – Sarah Nicely (M) 13.61, 2nd – Shania Nicely (M) 13.94, 3rd – Sale (Swain) 14.15, 4th – Robinson (Swain) 14.55, 5th – Akers (Ros) 14.67  
 4x200 Relay: 1st – Murphy 1:54, 2nd – Swain 2:03, 3rd – Rosman 2:06  
 1600M Run: 1st – Allman (Swain) 6:22, 2nd – Hyatt (Swain) 6.23, 3rd – Saltz (Ros) 6:26, 4th – McCarty (M) 6:30, 5th – Cook (M) 6:31

4x100 Relay: 1st – Murphy 56.03, 2nd – Swain 56.68, 3rd – Rosman 59.18, 4th – Hiwassee Dam 1:00.03  
 400M Dash: 1st – Henry (M) 1:05.38, 2nd – Arkansas (Swain) 1:07.14, 3rd – Little (Swain) 1:09.92, 4th – Davis (M) 1:11.22, 5th – Dockery 1:14.18  
 300M Hurdles: 1st – Haynes (M) 54.99, 2nd – Russell (M) 57.38, 3rd – Harris (Ros) 58.63, 4th – Helmer (Swain) 58.78, 5th – Mahoney (Ros) 58.86  
 800M Run: 1st – Toineeta (CHS) 2:40, 2nd – Jones (M) 2:55, 3rd – Treadway (Swain) 2:57, 4th – Los-siah (CHS) 3:06, 5th – Swartz (Swain) 3:17  
 200M Dash: 1st – Henry (M) 28.78, 2nd – Shania Nicely 29.20, 3rd – Travitz (Swain) 30.69, 4th – Haynes (M) 31.27, 5th – Lewandowski (Ros) 31.43  
 3200M Run: 1st – Saltz (Ros) 14.29, 2nd – Cook (M) 14.32, 3rd – Zwick (Swain) 14:38, 4th – Demonet (Swain) 15:38  
 4x400 Relay: 1st – Swain 4:41.04, 2nd – Murphy 4:44.23

### Boys results

Final team scores: 1st – Murphy 188.3, 2nd – Swain 53, 3rd – Rosman 39.3, 4th – Cherokee 28.3, 5th – Hiwassee Dam 21  
 Shot Put: 1st – Reichert (Swain) 39’ 3”, 2nd – Mugharbil (M) 38’ 8 ¾”, 3rd – Puccio (M) 37’ 7 ¾”, 4th – Littlejohn (CHS) 36’ 7 ¾”, 5th – Saunooke (CHS) 35’ 2 ½”  
 Discus: 1st – Saunooke (CHS) 106’ 8”, 2nd – Foley (M) 101’ 6 ½”, 3rd – Woodard (Swain) 100’ 5”, 4th – Graves (M) 99’ 9 ½”, 5th – Littlejohn (CHS) 93’ 8”  
 High Jump: 1st – Mordhurst 5’ 6”, 2nd – Holden (Ros) 5’ 6”, 3rd (tie) – Lee (CHS) 5’ 4”, 3rd (tie) – Bailey (M) 5’ 4”, 3rd (tie) Anders (Ros) 5’ 4”  
 Long Jump: 1st – Braswell (M) 19’ 11 ½”, 2nd – Christopher (HD) 18’ 1”, 3rd – Puccio (M) 18’ 1”, 4th – Wiley (M) 18’ ½”, 5th – Bowers

(Swain) 17’ 4”  
 Triple Jump: 1st – Braswell (M) 39’ 7 ½”, 2nd – Wiley (M) 39’ 7”, 3rd – Christopher (HD) 37’ 5”, 4th – Puccio (M) 37’ 1”  
 4x800 Relay: 1st – Murphy 9:03, 2nd – Swain 10:14  
 110M Hurdles: 1st – Stroup (M) 16.82, 2nd – Owens (M) 19.67, 3rd – Bailey (M) 20.75  
 100M Dash: 1st – Johnson (M) 11.85, 2nd – Anders (Ros) 12.50, 3rd – Hill (M) 12.68, 4th – Shields (HD) 12.70, 5th – Park (M) 12.97  
 4x200 Relay: 1st – Murphy 1:40.75, 2nd – Rosman 1:44.10, 3rd – Swain 1:44.70, 4th – Hiwassee Dam 1:46.82  
 1600M Run: 1st – Hooper (M) 4:59, 2nd – Lindsay (M) 5:05, 3rd – Cook (Swain) 5:17, 4th – Mahan (CHS) 5:19, 5th – Owens (Ros) 5:21  
 4x100 Relay: 1st – Murphy 48.34, 2nd – Hiwassee Dam 49.86, 3rd – Rosman 50.34  
 400M Dash: 1st – Tompa (M) 56.84, 2nd – Blalock (M) 59.71, 3rd – Brown (M) 60.67, 4th – Ayers 61.33, 5th – Sandogei (CHS) 62.10  
 300M Hurdles: 1st – Stroup (M) 46.46, 2nd – Park (M) 50.20, 3rd – Bailey (M) 50.27, 4th – Owens (M) 52.14  
 800M Run: 1st – Gentry (M) 2:13.3, 2nd – Johnson (CHS) 2:14.8, 3rd – Lindsay (M) 2:19.1, 4th – Miller (Swain) 2:31.2, 5th – Hales (HD) 2:40.6  
 200M Dash: 1st – Johnson (M) 24.43, 2nd – Anders (Ros) 25.21, 3rd – Hill (M) 26.00, 4th – Bagwell (Ros) 26.33, 5th – Dennis (CHS) 26.17  
 3200M Run: 1st – Hooper (M) 11:18, 2nd – B. Owen (Ros) 11:59, 3rd – M. Owen (Ros) 12:34.08, 4th – Dixon (Swain) 12:34.62, 5th – Messer (M) 13:43  
 4x400: 1st – Murphy 3:52, 2nd – Swain 3:57, 3rd – Cherokee 4:10

### - ONE FEATHER STAFF REPORT

## WRESTLING

# Cherokee Youth Wrestling Club back in action

By T.W. SAUNOOKE

The Cherokee Youth Wrestling Club is back in action. They opened the freestyle season on Saturday, March 9 at the Warhorse Open in Owen.

“This was our first opportunity to use our new skills that we have been drilling for the last month on the practice mats,” said coach T.W. Saunooke. “We had a great turnout with 13 wrestlers competing in this opening tournament. Twelve of the 13 placed in the top three.”  
 1st Place Finishers: Jacob Langston and Kale Stephenson  
 2nd Place Finishers: Lloyd Mitchell, Donnavain Groenewold, Judaiah Littlejohn, Ian Crowe, Lorenzo Ramirez, Lloyd (Junior) Teesateskie and Jesse Queen  
 3rd Place Finishers: Samuel Bernhisel, Priest Littlejohn and Russell Bigmeat

The weekend of Saturday, March 16, the Club competed in the St. Stephens Open in Hickory and had another strong outing, with seven of the nine participants placing in the top three.  
 1st Place Finishers: Kale Stephenson, Jacob Langston, Lloyd Mitchell and Samuel Bernhisel  
 2nd Place Finishers: River Ratler and Jesse Queen  
 3rd Place Finishers: Lucas Brown

“Congratulations to everyone who participated at the events,” said Saunooke. “We will be competing in the Top Dawg Challenge in Lincolnton March 23. If you would like to participate we are open for ages 5 and up. Practice is held at the Birdtown Gym on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5-7pm.



# Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority Report

## Telestroke Robot comes to Cherokee Indian Hospital

Cherokee Indian Hospital Emergency Department has a new "employee" to serve the community. Its name is De Da Nu Weski, meaning healer, and it's a Telestroke Robot.

Over the past year (2012), 37 patients at Cherokee Indian Hospital (CIH) were diagnosed with acute Cerebral Vascular Accident (CVA) or stroke, 32 were diagnosed with stroke-like symptoms and 18 patients were diagnosed with Bells Palsy.

A CVA or stroke occurs when blood stops flowing to the brain. The blood vessels that carry blood and oxygen to the brain are clogged or they have burst. When that happens part of the brain starts to die. It can kill brain cells that control speaking, moving, thinking and breathing.

To address these issues, CIH has partnered with Mission Hospital to provide stroke and neurologists services to people in the Cherokee community through tele-health and the Telestroke Robot is the newest proj-

ect. Telestroke combines computer workstations used by Mission Hospital physicians with an endpoint remote robot stationed at CIH.

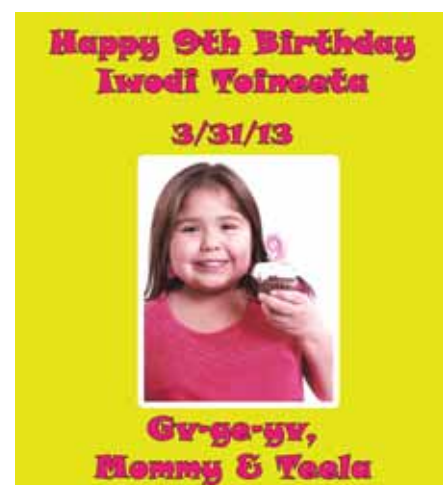
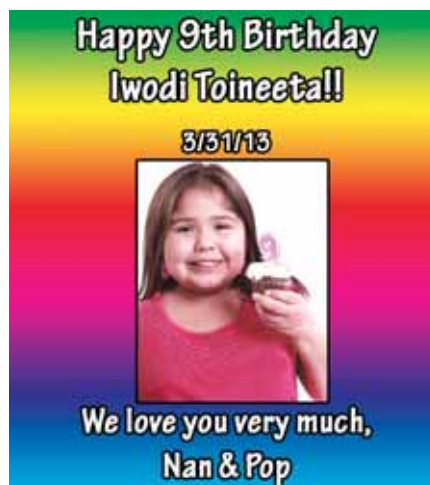
The physicians at Mission have the ability to navigate the robot, zooming in, focusing on the patient. You can see the doctor's face projected onto the robot just as they can see you and everything in the room. You can talk to the doctor privately and they can view tests such as CT scans or laboratory test results. The benefits of having Telestroke available at Cherokee Indian Hospital is early detection and monitoring, earlier patient intervention, better communication, easy access to specialty care from CIH hospital to Mission and more control over individual care.

"We hope you never have to meet De Da Nu Weski, but if you do know that you are served by two exceptional teams, the ER staff at Cherokee Indian Hospital and Mission Hospital," CIH officials said.

**- Cherokee Indian Hospital**



Victoria Harlan, RN, BSN, Cherokee Indian Hospital ER manager, poses with the Telestroke Robot.







Harrah's Cherokee photo

Jo Blaylock (right), Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort's vice president of human resources and external relations, presents NCCAT with a \$25,000 sponsorship check to continue funding a program at Cherokee Elementary that challenges teachers to increase student achievement and accelerate learning. The donation was accepted by Dr. Elaine Franklin (left), NCCAT executive director, and Deborah Teitelbaum, NCCAT center fellow.

## Harrah's Cherokee donation to help Cherokee Elementary students

Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort has donated \$25,000 to the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT). The sponsorship will be used to continue funding a Cherokee Elementary School program that encourages teachers to share skills, experiences, teaching methods, and ideas for the best education practices to advance students in the classroom.

In collaboration with Cherokee Elementary School leadership, NCCAT's goal is to increase student achievement, raise teacher efficacy, accelerate student learning, and strengthen the school's academic goals and community values.

"The funds being given today will go on to affect students at Chero-

kee Elementary School for years to come," said Jo Blaylock, vice president of human resources and external relations. "Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort is happy to be a partner with NCCAT and promote positive change in education."

Harrah's Cherokee's code of commitment focuses sponsorship funding and giving strategies to areas of education, health, seniors, civic, and diversity in the Western North Carolina region and this is the second year they have donated \$25,000 to the institution. Harrah's Cherokee and NCCAT recognize teachers who are critical to the success of student learning and will continue partnerships to support education initiatives.

- Harrah's Cherokee

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## Walk A Mile in **HER** Shoes "ARE YOU MAN ENOUGH"

### WHEN?

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

### Where?

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

### How Much?

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

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

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

High heels and t-shirts will be provided.

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



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## EBCI Health & Medical Division Report

*Tinker Jenks and Robin Callahan, both Cherokee Choices employees and certified yoga instructors, demonstrate the exalted warrior yoga pose.*  
(Cherokee Choices photo)



# Yoga for every body

**H**ave you ever wanted to try yoga but just haven't had the time or known where to go? You're in luck! Come to the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex Community Rooms on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon for a quick, lunchtime stretch and renew yoga class. The classes are geared toward beginners, but can be adapted for any fitness level. Tinker Jenks and Robin Callahan are both certified yoga instructors through the Asheville Yoga Center and will guide you through a yoga class in a safe and fun environment. Come on out and join us. Oh, and the classes are free? Give yoga a try. You'll be glad you did. Info: Robin Callahan 554-6785 or [robibail@nc-cherokee.com](mailto:robibail@nc-cherokee.com)

**- Cherokee Choices**



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# EBCI Tribal Health Survey

**Who:** Members of the  
EBCI Tribal Community

**What:** Anonymous Tribal Health Survey  
on how you see your health, the Tribe's  
health and health challenges, and how  
you think the community's  
health can improve.

**When:** Survey is live from:  
**Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> to  
Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Why:** To help HMD and other Tribal  
organizations learn more about the  
current views of health status and health  
care within the Tribe.

**How:** Visit any HMD office or the CIHA  
lobby to pick up and drop off  
paper copies of the survey.

**Take the survey on paper or online!**

**Primary Survey Link:**

[http://nc-chokeee.com/limesurvey/  
index.php/968423/lang-en](http://nc-chokeee.com/limesurvey/index.php/968423/lang-en)

**Short Survey Link:**

<http://goo.gl/sqfqi>

**HMD's website:**

<http://cherokee-hmd.com/>

**HMD's OneFeather page:**

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**HMD's Facebook page:**

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EbciHealthAndMedicalDivision?ref=hl](https://www.facebook.com/EbciHealthAndMedicalDivision?ref=hl)

**The Health and Medical Division  
(HMD) and other Tribal partners  
are conducting the first ever Tribal  
Health Assessment (THA) for EBCI.  
This assessment is being done by  
the Tribe, for the Tribe, and will be  
used to define community health  
challenges and help make sure our  
health resources work together to  
meet them. Please help us help you,  
by participating in this anonymous  
Tribal Health Survey.**

**Survey QR  
Code:**



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# Rainbows and Ramps set for Saturday

**M**ountain trout and wild ramps take center stage at the annual Rainbow and Ramps festival on Sat., March 30, from 10am – 2:30pm at the Cherokee Indian Fair Grounds. Hosted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the public is invited to celebrate a time-honored Cherokee tradition that rejoices in spring's arrival and with it, the season's first green – the ramp.

A unique cultural experience, the one-day festival serves up a delicious feast of succulent trout, fried potatoes, corn bread and of course ramps! It also commemorates the opening of trout season on the Qualla Boundary. Fishing permits are required and are available at local outfitters in Cherokee. Tickets to the event are \$10, and they are available at the fairground gates. In addition to the feast of trout, ramps, and other vegetables, hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available for purchase.



*Principal Chief Michell Hicks serves ramp dinners to EBCI tribal elders at a past Rainbows and Ramps Festival.*

*One Feather photo*

## Event Schedule

### 9am

Door Open  
Invocation  
Post Colors - Cherokee JROTC,  
Steve Youngdeer Post 143  
Breakfast Trays (Sausage Biscuits,  
Coffee)  
Opening Remarks: Executive  
Office

**9:20am** Yellow Hill Choir

**9:45am** Antioch Singers

**10:20am** J Creek Cloggers

**11am** Blessing and lunch for  
Elders

**11am** Lunch Music by The Ross  
Brothers

**12pm** Meals for Sale

**12 50pm** J Creek Cloggers

**1:10pm** Warriors of Ani Ki-  
tuwah

**1:40pm** Bingo

**2:30pm** Close

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## Cherokee Center Report

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

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Several students from Cherokee have been accepted to begin classes in the Fall 2013. More have applied but still have missing information. The Cherokee Center is here to help complete applications so an admission decision can be made. Please contact Roseanna Belt promptly so any missing information can be turned in. Jane Kneller, office manager, is also available to assist. The

Center is open during WCU's Spring Break this week. All university offices are open. We look forward to hearing from you. Students who have been admitted should check with us to make sure nothing is left incomplete. 497-7920. Address and email included on the header for this article.

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# Cherokee Happenings

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## Church Events

**Holy Week and Easter Services at Cherokee Wesleyan Church. March 28** at 6pm.

Communion Service commemorating Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. March 29 at 6pm. Good Friday Service recalling Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. March 31 at 10am. Sunday School for all ages. March 31 at 11am. Special Easter Service celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. A covered dish dinner will be held immediately following the worship service and special activities will be held for the children. Info: Pastor Patricia Crockett 586-5453

**Easter Treats in Wolfstown. March 29** from 1-3pm at the Wolfstown Community Club. Easter treats will be given to children of all ages. Club officials related they are hoping the Easter Bunny will have time to stop by as well.

**Fisherman's Day Breakfast. March 30** from 6-11am at Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church. All proceeds will go to help build classrooms.

**Solid Rock Outreach Food Box Distribution.** Wednesday- 9am-3pm, Thursday 9am - 3pm and Friday 9am - 3pm. Info: (828) 356-7312

## General Events

**Rainbows and Ramps Festival. March 30** from 10am - 2:30pm at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Meals are \$10 and include fried trout, ramps and other vegetables. There will also be hot dogs, chips and drinks. Entertainment includes: Yellowhill Choir, Antioch Singers, J. Creek Cloggers, Ross Brothers, Warriors of Anikituwah, and bingo. Contact for vendors: Robert Jumper 554-6482, [robejump@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:robejump@nc-chokeee.com). Info: Cherokee Welcome Center (800) 438-1601 or [travel@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:travel@nc-chokeee.com)

**Big Cove Free Labor Turkey Shoot. March 30** at 10am at Jesse Welch's residence in the Big Cove Community. Good food, good prizes, good fun.

**Chilocco Indian School (Class of 1963) 50th High School Reunion. May 31 - June 1** on the Chilocco Campus. The reunion committee is trying to locate three people in the Cherokee community including: Mary Ellen Catt,

Jackie Powell and Russell Powell. Info: Ida Jane (McCoy) Johnson (918) 284-1703 or Betty J. (Tanner) Belt (918) 959-0664.

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

## Health/Sports Events

**Harrah's Cherokee Hotel Blood Drive. April 4** from 10am - 2:30pm. Info: Janna Hyatt 497-8853 or log onto [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use keyword: HARRAHS.

**Cherokee Indian Hospital Blood Drive. April 10** from 10am - 2:30pm. Info: Doris Bonilla 497-9163 ext. 6498

**Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event. April 19.** Registration begins at 10:30am, and the walk begins at 11:30am. The walk will start at the Cherokee Bear Zoo in downtown Cherokee and will end at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds.

This event is hosted by the EBCI Domestic Violence Program in conjunction with the International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault and Gender Violence. High heels and t-shirts will be provided. Everyone is welcome. Registration for participating men is required by March 29 so heels can be ordered. Info: EBCI DV program 554-6830

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

**Spring Fireside Circle Sobriety Campout. May 9-12** at Yogi in the Smokies Campground. Registration is \$35/person and includes campsite and meals. Activities include AA/ALANON speakers, talking circles, sobriety walk, and a sobriety powwow on Saturday. Make your reservation by mailing your check to Fireside Circle, c/o Herb Wachacha, P.O. Box 2015, Cherokee, NC 28719. Info: Herb 506-8563

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# Cherokee Announcements

TIDBITS AFFECTING EBCI TRIBAL MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY

## Lawn Maintenance guidelines have changed

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

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

The deadline for applications is Friday, March 26.

**- Tsali Manor HELP Program**

## Non-partisan voter registration at Cherokee Fairgrounds

Community volunteers are doing non-partisan voter registration for county, state and national elections on Saturday, March 30 from 9am – 2:30pm at the Rainbows and Ramps Festival.

All EBCI tribal members and North Carolina residents are urged to register to vote if they are not already. New voters or those changing their address, name or party affiliation need to provide a NC driver's license number or the last four digits of your Social Security number to register for the county, state and national elections.

Voter registration can also be done at the Board of Elections in the county in which you reside during office hours Monday through Friday. If you want to confirm that you are registered, call the Board of Elections in the county in which you reside: Cherokee County – 828-837-6670; Graham County – 828-479-7969; Jackson County – 828- 586-7538 or Swain County – 828-488-6177.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer to help with non-partisan voter registration in Cherokee, contact Mary Herr 497-9498 or mary-

herr@dnet.net

- Mary Herr

## June per capita deadlines

**Monday, April 1 at 4:30 p.m.**

- Direct deposit request form

**Monday, April 15 at 4:30 p.m.**

- Federal tax withholding form

- Per capita waiver form

- Letters of guardianship

- Letters of administration

To obtain forms, please visit:

- The EBCI Enrollment Office, Monday- Friday, 7:45am – 4:30pm at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex or,

- Call Nakeysha 554-6467 or Melanie 554-6465

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 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 25.

There will be no exceptions.

**- EBCI Enrollment Office**

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

Is seeking proposals from qualified contractors TERO and NON-TERO to harvest timber on a 9 acre multiple home development that will be known as the Big Cove HIP Project. Harvester must follow Best Management Practices Plan issued by the NC Forest Service. This timber harvesting contract will include: Harvesting all logs and pulp wood in the marked harvest area, along with hauling said timber to the agreed upon buyer or mill and a percentage base settlement statement to be issued. Payments for the Tribes percentage will be paid directly to the EBCI Finance office to be deposited into an Income line item in the housing budget. Contractor shall supply all materials, labor, equipment and road signage necessary to complete required work within 60 calendar days and all trees must be cut and on the ground no later than 15 April 2013. A \$50.00 per day penalty to be paid to the Tribe will be assessed to the contractor for every business day of project development missed till the end of the bat moratorium on October 15th 2013. Contractor must provide proof of insurance with the proposal to include: One Million dollars of General Commercial liability insurance as well as State of North Carolina Requirements for Automobile and Workers Compensation insurance. This request for proposals will be awarded according to percentage offered. The EBCI Housing and Community Development office, working with the Tribal Enrollment Rights Office, has the right to reject any and all submissions based on lack of required qualifications or failure to meet the EBCI Insurance requirements. Contractor must present a EBCI Business license, W-9 and all Insurance certifications with your bid submission packet or the bid will not be considered.

All bid documents must be received as sealed bids at the EBCI Housing Division office at 756 Acquoni Road, Cherokee NC 28719 by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 4th 2013. Selection will be made based on qualifications and percentage offered at a sealed bid opening in the Housing Division conference room at 10 a.m. on April 5th 2013. Their will be a required site visit at 12 Noon on Wednesday, April 3rd 2013 at the worksite on the left of Big Cove road 300 yards south of the Galimore Bridge in Cherokee NC. The work to be performed under this request is subject to Tribal Ordinance 280, Chapter 92 Tribal Business preference law. NON -TERO and TERO certified and qualified vendors are allowed to bid and preference will be given to TERO Certified vendors.

Submit proposal in person to: Mark Kephart, Housing Services Manager, at EBCI Housing & Community Development Division, 756 Acquoni Road, Cherokee NC 28719. For more information call: 828-557-4397 or Email: markkeph@nc-cherokee.com **Deadline is COB Thursday, April 4th 2013. 4/4**

### THE EBCI HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION RAVEN'S NEST HIP/QUALLA PROJECT in SNOWBIRD

Is seeking proposals from qualified contractors TERO and NON-TERO to harvest timber on a 9 acre multiple home development that will be known as the Raven's Nest HIP/Qualla Project in Snowbird. Contractor must follow Best Management Practices Plan issued by the NC Forest Service. This timber harvesting contract will include: Harvesting all logs and pulp wood in the marked harvest area, along with hauling said timber to the agreed upon buyer or mill and a percentage base settlement statement to be issued. Payments for the Tribes percentage will be paid directly to the EBCI Finance office to be deposited into an Income line item in the housing budget. Contractor shall supply all materials, labor, equipment and road signage necessary to complete required work within 60 calendar days and all trees must be cut and on the ground no later than 15 April 2013. A \$50.00 per day penalty to be paid to the Tribe will be assessed to the contractor for every business day of project development missed till the end of the bat moratorium on October 15th 2013. Contractor must provide proof of insurance with the proposal to include: One Million dollars of General Commercial liability insurance as well as State of North Carolina Requirements for Automobile and Workers Compensation insurance. This request for proposals will be awarded according to percentage offered. The EBCI Housing and Community Development office, working with the Tribal Enrollment Rights Office, has the right to reject any and all submissions based on lack of required qualifications or failure to meet the EBCI Insurance requirements. Contractor must present a EBCI Business license, W-9 and all Insurance certifications with your bid submission packet or the bid will not be considered.

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# Cherokee Churches

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

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

Pastor Ed Kilgore 497-6521 (h)

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

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

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

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

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

## **Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church.**

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

## **Calico Church of Christ.**

Big Cove Community. Contact information Sallie Bradley 497-6549

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

497-3730, [prjack@frontier.com](mailto:prjack@frontier.com), [lwcherokee@frontier.com](mailto:lwcherokee@frontier.com)

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

**Olivet United Methodist Church.** 811 Olivet Church Road. Sunday School 9am. Sunday Service 9:45am. Rev. John Ferree, [www.gbgm-umc.org/olivetumnc-whittier/](http://www.gbgm-umc.org/olivetumnc-whittier/)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**2nd Annual Johnson Lee Wildcatt Memorial Cornhole Tournament**

**Birdtown Gym**  
**April 6**

Registration begins at 10am  
 Tournament begins at 11am  
 \$40 entry per team  
 1st place - \$400 and trophy  
 2nd place - \$200  
 3rd place - \$100

Raffle: \$200 gift certificate for Mandara Spa.  
 Tickets on sale now.

Door Prizes!  
 8-bag challenge

Info:  
 (828) 788-0468  
 (828) 736-7116





## Opinions and Letters

WORD LIMIT FOR LETTERS IS 250 WORDS

### Thank you

The family of Barbara Sequoyah would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made Friday, Feb. 1 a night we'll never forget. Thanks to the many friends and family members who came to participate in this extra special event. A big thanks to all of Barbara's teammates and coach Joe Myers who really this night special. Thanks to the Cherokee School Board and to chairperson Lori Blankenship for all the effort she put into this occasion, as did coach Craig Barker and Mrs. Woodreen Caldwell.

Thanks to the retiring committee for finally giving our loved one the recognition she so greatly deserved. As Ray Kinsland stated in his memoir to Barb, this is long overdue recognition, and we have waited 39 years to hear the beautiful words that Mr. Kinsland spoke. Thank you Ray and Deb for the super nice write-up.

Thank you to Henrietta Gloyne for doing such a beautiful job in recreating the original jersey of

1974 and to Evelyn Locust for the extra special framing that she did.

Before this night, Feb. 1 was a sad day for our family because it was 28 years ago that we laid Barbara to rest and yes on her tombstone the number "44" is in each corner. She wore this number with pride and respect. We now have a happy memory in her honor. We don't know who was responsible for the jerseys that were given to our family, but they were very nice, thank you.

Lastly, a huge thank you to Monika Toineeta for all the work she put into making this night super special to our family.

### Thank you from Cherokee Community Health

Cherokee Community Health would like to thank everyone for volunteering their time to plan and participate in the Native American HIV/AIDS Awareness Event on Thursday, March 21 at the

Acquoni Expo Center. Several vendors exhibited at the event including: Healthy Heart, Nurse Family Partnership, Cherokee Home Health, Cherokee Life Center, Cherokee Women's Wellness and Snowbird Community Health. Over 38 participants came to the event. Principal Chief Michell Hicks granted administrative leave to attend. Participants were welcomed by Aneva Turtle Haggberg, health operations director. Elder Jerry Wolfe provided a prayer. Attendees were then spellbound by Ms. Samantha Crowe Hernandez's 2nd and 3rd grade classes from the New Kituwah Academy who sang for the crowd. Music and DJ services were provided by Shawn Crowe.

Door prizes were as follows: Grand Prize-Ipod and iTunes card-Ty Nadeau; other prizes- Tool set Shawn Crowe; travel mug-Nellie Smith; duffle bag- Millie Bryson; backpack- Haley Smith; tool Set-Trent Winchester; scented warmer- Elaine Lackey; and scented warmer- Sandy Mixer.



## Obituaries

### James (Buck) Smith

James (Buck) Smith, 79, of the Soco Community went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at his home. He was a U.S. Army Veteran having served in the Korean War. He was the son of the late James (Budge) Smith and Cecelia McTiggart Smith.

He was preceded in death by two children, Lawanda Smith and Danny Smith; two sisters, Stella Ball and Mary Ann Pierce; and one brother, Charley Smith.

He is survived by five children, James Leonard (Bud) Smith and wife Joanne of Cherokee, Donna Messer and husband Ray of Cherokee, Michelle Dew of SC, Jimmy Smith of TN, Allen Lee Smith and wife Tonya of Cherokee; four sisters, Ethel Cunningham of Sylva, Ruby Dobbins of Whittier, Lucille Winchester of Cherokee, Edna Lossiah of Cherokee; and several grand and great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2p.m. on Friday,

March 22 at Yellowhill Baptist Church. Revs. James (Bo) Parris and Donald Ensley officiated with burial in the Yellowhill Veterans Cemetery with military graveside services by the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143, Cherokee, NC.

### Tony Earl Taylor

Tony Earl Taylor, 28, of Granite Falls passed away Monday, March 18, 2013 at Carolina's Medical Center in Concord.

Tony was born in Sylva to Barbara Burgess Riley of Granite Falls and Earl Eddy Taylor of Cherokee. He was a Correctional Officer with the Alexander Correctional Facility and was a member of Lakeview Baptist Church. He traveled often with his father to perform Pow Wows with the Bear Tribe from Cherokee.

Preceding him in death are his paternal grandparents, Simeon and Beulah Taylor, maternal grandmother, Ola Locust, an aunt, Lahoma Kindle, and great aunt, Katie Brady.

In addition to his parents, those left to cherish his memory are his step-father, Richard Darrell

Riley; his son, Caleb LeLand Taylor of the home; his brothers, Retired Specialist Christopher Lee Beheler and wife Kiaya of Lenoir, and Richard Marcus Riley of the home; his sisters, Staci Lynn O'Brien of Clarksville, Tenn. and Amanda Michelle Hensel of LaVale, MD; his grandfather, Ernest Allen Burgess of Lenoir; a niece, Kinlee Rose Beheler and nephew, Kaden Malcolm-Bo Beheler.

Services were held Saturday, March 23 at 10am at Pendry's Chapel with Reverend Todd Eric Cardwell officiating and then at Living Waters Lutheran Church in Cherokee at 3:00 pm with Pastor Jack Russell officiating with Ray Kinsland speaking. Burial followed in Locust Cemetery in Cherokee.

The family respectfully requests that memorials be made to Caldwell Hospice and Palliative Care, 902 Kirkwood Street, Lenoir NC 28645.

Online condolences to the family may be placed at [www.pendrysfuneralhome.com](http://www.pendrysfuneralhome.com)

Pendry's Lenoir Funeral Home is honored to be serving the family of Tony Earl Taylor.

# www.theonefeather.com



# Cherokee Preservation Foundation awards 21 grants totaling \$1 million

Cherokee Preservation Foundation (CPFdn) announced on Tuesday, March 19 it has awarded 21 new grants totaling \$1 million that support cultural preservation, economic development, job creation and environmental preservation.

They include:

- A grant to the Junaluska Museum for a project that will enable Cherokee women to share traditional women's knowledge with young generations. This project will help preserve traditional cultural ways.
- A grant to develop construction and operating plans for a language immersion facility and program in the Snowbird community. The grant will also enable development and implementation of a pilot program of Cherokee language instruction in the existing child development center.
- A grant to the Land Trust for the Little Tennessee to support a second year of bird-monitoring at Cowee Mound. The program gives Cherokee students a hand-on opportunity to learn about native bird species and the Cherokee names for the birds. The project will take place near the Cowee Mound, which will provide students with an opportunity to learn about the cultural significance of this historic Cherokee town.
- A grant to Cherokee Choices' Healthy Roots program to enhance the Cherokee Youth Garden at the Kituwah Mound and improve the gardening experience for Cherokee youth so they become confident growers and traditional food advocates. The youth gardeners will work with Native Scapes Landscaping, a local business, to design and grow the garden, which will have a cultural theme based on a traditional

pottery design. Produce grown at the site is sold at the Cherokee Hospital, with proceeds used to help fund the project the following year.

- A grant to the EBCI Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) to partner with Illinois State University to continue examination of the life-ways of the Overhill Cherokees in what is now eastern Tennessee at the time of first Spanish contact. THPO will house the research, which will be owned by the EBCI, and will partner with Illinois State in hosting an archaeological field school to encourage young Tribal members and others to consider archaeology as their field of study in college.
- A grant to support the newly formed Performing Arts School of the Mountainside Theatre. The school has been established to develop local actors, especially younger performers, for larger roles at the theatre.
- A grant to enable the Graham County Indian Education program to establish a six-week cultural arts and crafts camp. The camp is for children in Graham County who are 10-16 years of age and they will acquire skills in basket weaving, pottery, beadwork, and quilting.
- A grant to EBCI Enterprise Development to continue the popular Indianapolis entrepreneurship program and support Cherokee High School's second business plan competition. EBCI Enterprise Development works with the entrepreneurship class at the high school to encourage participation in the business plan competition, and it awards cash prizes to students. The competition will be expanded to include other schools in future years.

- Cherokee Preservation Foundation

Cherokee Central Schools  
Pre-K Classrooms  
Applications will be available April 8th to April 30th



Must be 4 years old by August 31, 2013  
and meet the service priority guidelines.

Applications will be accepted from April 8 to April 30  
at the Hope Center.

Contact the Hope Center for more Information: 554-5101

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One Feather deadline  
Monday at 12noon



# Cherokee Central Schools Report

## Cherokee Central Schools clarifies use of eagle feathers during graduation

In regard to public inquiries over the use of eagle feathers (and other raptor series bird feathers) during graduation ceremonies at Cherokee Central, the Cherokee Central Schools Administration has taken the position that the use and display of eagle feathers (and other raptor series bird feathers) and Cherokee traditional beadwork are welcomed and encouraged.

There are a number of laws pertaining to the eagle and its feathers. The commonly cited law is Title 50 Part 22 of the United States Code of Federal Regulations (50 CFR 22) that governs the use of eagle feathers for religious and cultural purposes. This law governs who can possess and display eagle feathers and for what purposes. Generally, all members of federally recognized tribes are welcome to display eagle parts for cultural purposes. We encourage parents and students to reference the stated law for clarification or questions.

**- Walter Swan,  
Cherokee Central Schools  
Superintendent**

## CHS students have opportunity to take ASVAB and ACT tests

By **WOODREEN CALDWELL, EdS**  
**CHS PRINCIPAL**

Students at Cherokee High School have the opportunity to participate in the following assessments:

### ASVAB Test

With thousands of different jobs for enlisted personnel and officers, there's a lot to do in the Military. The ASVAB Career Exploration Program can help young adults identify and explore potentially satisfying occupations and develop effective strategies to realize career goals.

The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is one of the most widely used, multiple-aptitude tests in the world, developed and maintained by the Department of Defense. More than half of all high schools nationwide administer the ASVAB test to students in grades 10, 11 and 12 (sophomores cannot use their scores for enlistment eligibility). Students may also take the test at another school or through a recruiter and may retake the test at any time.

The ASVAB consists of the following eight individual tests:

- General Science

- Arithmetic Reasoning
- Word Knowledge
- Paragraph Comprehension
- Mathematics Knowledge
- Electronics Information
- Auto and Shop Information
- Mechanical Comprehension

Students are provided with scores on each test.

The Military uses students' ASVAB scores to identify the occupations that best suit their abilities. Junior, senior and postsecondary school students can use their ASVAB scores for enlistment for up to two years after taking the test.

These individual tests and three Career Exploration Score composites: Verbal Skills, Math Skills and Science and Technical Skills. The battery takes approximately three hours to complete, and test results are returned to schools in a few weeks.

### The ACT Test

The ACT Test is a curriculum- and standards-based educational and career planning tool that assesses students' academic readiness for college.

The ACT Test is the capstone of our College and Career Readiness

System. The test uses the same score scale as ACT Explore and ACT Plan, making the system an effective tool to monitor academic progress and student growth.

The ACT (No Writing) consists of four multiple-choice tests: English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science. The ACT Plus Writing includes the four multiple-choice tests and a writing test.

- English – 75 questions, 45 minutes, measures standard written English and rhetorical skills
- Mathematics – 60 questions, 60 minutes, measures mathematical skills students have typically acquired in courses taken up to the beginning of grade 12
- Reading – 40 questions, 35 minutes, measures reading comprehension
- Science – 40 questions, 35 minutes, measures the interpretation, analysis, evaluation, reasoning, and problem-solving skills required in the natural sciences
- Optional Writing Test – 1 prompt, 30 minutes, measures writing skills emphasized in high school English classes and in entry-level college composition courses

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## Cherokee Middle School sponsors Report Card Open House

By CANCE CARNES  
CMS PRINCIPAL

Cherokee Middle Schools sponsored its 3rd Report Card Open House for the 2012/2013 school year. If you were unable to attend the open house, reports were mailed.

Parents, staff and students were able to attend the CMS Book Fair during open house. The Book Fair this year was a big success. Proceeds from the Book Fair will be used to purchase more AR books for the library.

"We wish to thank all of you who attended and made our open house a success for your students," said CMS principal Cance Carnes. "If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 554-5022."

## WNC Healthy Kids working to reduce childhood obesity

By JANETTE HAMMETT, MHS

In honor of National Nutrition Month, I want to introduce you to a group named WNC Healthy Kids. WNC Healthy Kids is a health coalition working to reduce and prevent childhood obesity in Western North Carolina. One of their projects is called 521 Almost None.

This logo represents the importance of:

5 Servings of Fruits and Vegetables/day  
2 Hours or Less of Screen Time/day  
1 Hour of Physical Activity/day  
Almost None Sugary Beverages/day

The growing rate of childhood overweight and obesity is a high concern in Western Carolina. While the problem is big, the solution is simple- 5-2-1-Almost None. WNC Healthy Kids and its stakeholders hope this message will encourage families in this region to implement these behaviors to fight this epidemic.

Please visit

[www.wnchealthykids.net](http://www.wnchealthykids.net) for more information about WNC Healthy Kids and their efforts in our region. You can also find this logo at this website. WNC Healthy Kids encourages you to implement this message in educating youth and families about the importance of health and nutrition and in thinking about how your community groups (like churches, clubs and work places) can make changes to make these behaviors easier. One example would be offering water and a healthy food option at gatherings and celebrations.

Making these behaviors a priority in your daily lifestyle will set you and your family on a path to good health! Supporting these behaviors in the places where we learn, work, pray and play helps us all take care of our community!

*Janette is the child nutrition director of Cherokee Central Schools.*

## Cherokee Elem. School sponsors Report Card Open House

By PAULA COKER  
CES PRINCIPAL

Cherokee Elementary sponsored its 3rd and final Report Card Open House for the 2012/2013 school year on Monday, March 18. Approximately 150 folks came to school that rainy afternoon to visit with teachers and receive their child's Report Card.

Parents, guardians and students were also able to participate in Family night at the Book Fair. Mrs. Esther Taylor, CES Media Center coordinator, related she is very pleased with the success of the 3rd quarter Book Fair. Proceeds help in funding new books and materials for the Media Center.

"Thanks, again, for visiting with us on March 18!" said CES principal Paula Coker. Please feel free to contact the school at 554-5020 if you have any questions or concerns.



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# Cherokee Boys Club Report

www.cherokeeboysclub.com (828) 497-9101

## CLUB SCHEDULE

Friday, March 29 – Good Friday (Tribal Holiday – Not Club Holiday)  
CCS Spring Break – Monday, April 1 – Friday, April 5  
Friday, April 5 – School Furlough Day  
Wednesday, April 3 – Managers' Meeting – 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, April 10 – Board Resolution Deadline  
Tuesday, April 16 – Health Screen – 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, April 17 – Board of Directors Meeting – 8:30 a.m.  
Thursday, April 18 – Safety Committee Meeting – 11:30 a.m.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION – THURSDAY

The special election will be held on Thursday, March 28, for the vacant Cherokee Boys Club Board of Directors' seat. The election will be held

in the lobby of the Cherokee Boys Club from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Anyone that attended Cherokee High School or Middle School can vote in this election. You do not have to be a Boys Club employee to vote.

Nominations were taken the week of March 4 through March 8. The following people were nominated and have accepted the nomination: Helana Beth Bradley, Samuel Crowe, Jack Davis, Joseph Saunooke, Jr., Jimmy Smith, Jesse Sneed, David Stamper, and Nancy Taylor. The nominee with the highest number of votes will fill the one vacant seat.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING RESULTS:

Resolution 2525 – Approve Head Parker for 2013 Unto These Hills Shuttle/Parking Agreement – Passed (June Wolfe)  
Resolution 2526 – Approve Boys Club to Sponsor 2012-13 Braves Achievement Awards – Passed

## WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD CHILDREN'S FAIR

The Week of the Young Child Children's Fair will be held on Thursday, May 2 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Cherokee Fair Grounds. This event is a free children's fair geared toward children ages birth to five years old and their families celebrating a young child's life. It is free to all who participate. Tribal and community programs come out to support our children and families and offer assistance to help them with school readiness.

There is no entertainment or event schedule; just come and participate in games and activities at a variety of booths. There are no fees. There will be door prizes and tickets will be issued at the gate. The Week of the Young Child Committee expects around 500-700 participants. If you would like to volunteer with planning, set-up or clean-up, please call Robin Swayney at Qualla Library or Amanda Bradley at Dora Reed Center.

# ONE FEATHER PHONE LIST


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

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*In loving memory on your birthday*  
**Lena Yvonne Hornbuckle**  
*March 29, 1953-February 24, 2013*

*Mother, as I walk through the journey of life, I remember.*

*I remember how you helped me to grow with love, truth, and honesty.*  
*I remember how you helped me to choose the right path.*

*I remember that beautiful smile that could warm the coldest of hearts, a soul so genuine...to describe would be difficult to start.*

*I remember how you loved us all, wrapped us in your arms no matter our faults.*

*You left us in such a fast pace. We find ourselves wandering in one place. Not knowing what to do we can't help but to think of you.*

*You are missed so very much, especially on your birthday. We send out love to heaven for you.*

*Happy Birthday to the best mom, sis, aunt, friend and companion!*  
*Love, Molly, Will, Babe, Bootie, Poochie, Richard, grandkids, nieces & nephews*



# Clubs/Organizations

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

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

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

**The Cherokee Cancer Support Group** is a non-profit organization assisting cancer patients and care-givers on the Boundary, indiscriminately. Their objective is to support, educate and provide individual services as needed. The support group meets the first Thursday of each month at 5:30pm at SAFE HAVEN, 40 Goose Creek Rd. SAFE HAVEN is staffed from 10am – 2pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Appointments can be made for additional assistance. Personal fittings can be arranged during these times as well. Info: 497-0788, email: cherokeeCSG@gmail.com, P.O. Box 2220, 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 second Tuesday of each month at 5pm at the Age Link

Conference Room. Anyone interested in walking or running, no matter your fitness level, is invited to join. See their Facebook page or check out their website at [www.cherokee.runners.com](http://www.cherokee.runners.com).

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

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

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

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

nity Building. Info: 497-3731, [ChairPTCC@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 Community meetings.** First Tuesday of every month unless it's a holiday. If anybody would like to teach an art or craft call Reuben at 497-2043 to be scheduled.

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



# 1st Dental Visit by 1st Birthday

**CIHA Dental Clinic 497-9163**  
Sponsored by EBCI Children's Dental Program



# Cherokee Trading Post

Classified ads are \$5 for 30 words

## FOR SALE

**HUGE CASH DISCOUNTS ON ALL SINGLEWIDES!!!** CALL 667-2529. **UFN**

**New 2 bedroom, 14 wide,** only \$22355. Call now! Only one left! 667-2529. **UFN**

**Last one!** 14X80 3 bedroom, 2 bath, with upgrades. Save at only \$33055. Call now 667-2529. **UFN**

**\$39,995 (cash price).** New 3 bedroom, 2 bath doublewide. A must see! Call 667-2529. **UFN**

**\$29082 for this new 3 bedroom, 2 bath** home. Great floor plan. Call 667-2529. **UFN**

**Why rent?** Only \$28281 for this new 14X80 spacious 3 bedroom! Call now at 667-2529. **UFN**

**New 14X80 Special 3 bedroom, 2 bath.** Spacious! Only \$28281! Call while supplies last. 667-2529. **UFN**

**Truck Accessories.** Big Rims, Oversize Tires. Off Road Products, Leveling Kits, Diesel Upgrades. Huge Showroom! Anglin's in Otto (828) 349-4500 **UFN**

**For Sale. 4 cabins in Big Cove.** 1 mile from down town Cherokee (on the river). Call 507-4936 for more information. **3/28pd**

**2008 Fleetwood Southwind Motor Home** with full wall slideout. 1 ½ bathrooms, washer/dryer, ETC 9,000 miles, asking \$70,000. (828) 456-6613. **3/28pd**

**Vent free gas (2 options) wall heater and tank.** 4'x94" diameter. ¾ full. Used 2 months. Allergic to gas, must sale to by electric (fireplace). Excellent. Paid \$900, asking \$475 OBO. Call 404-952-0084 for more information. **3/28pd**

## FOR RENT

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

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

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

**Three bedroom house for rent.** No pets. \$650/month, \$500/deposit. One year lease. Call 828-458-5460 for more information. **3/28pd**

**2br, 2 full bath trailer for rent.** \$450/month, \$450/security deposit. First month's rent and security deposit due up front, rent due the fifth of every month. Renter is responsible for setting up power and water in own name. No drugs, parties or pets. Has a nice front porch to sit on, for those nice summer nights. Call (828)736-2206 for more information. **4/18pd**

## SERVICES

**Oocumma's Lawn Mowing Services.** Businesses and residential – do you need your lawn maintained this year? If so, please 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. TERO certified. **4/11pd**

**Independent Cleaning** for vacation rentals, private homes and businesses. 10 years experience with references. Dependable. Honest and reliable. Located in Bryson City. Please call 828-371-6206. **3/28pd**

**Granny's Kitchen will reopen March 28** at 11:00am. Call 497-5010 for more information. **3/28pd**

**Cherokee Janitorial Supplies & Equipment.** We serve customers of all sizes such as churches, schools, day cares, small and large offices, hospitals, and much more in Cherokee, Bryson City and Sylva areas. We offer special prices for volume purchases. TERO certified. Please call Clint Oocumma at 828-497-0136 or 828-506-5183 to set up an appointment and/or for monthly specials and prices. Website: [www.cherokeejanitorialsupplies.net](http://www.cherokeejanitorialsupplies.net); email: [cherokeejanitorialsupplies@gmail.com](mailto:cherokeejanitorialsupplies@gmail.com) **4/11pd**

**ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS VOC is offering our lawn mowing service to local businesses.** VOC will mow/weed-eat at your business as often as you like. We offer professional service with qualified local employees. To get on our schedule, please call 497-9827. Payment will be expected at the time service is delivered. We accept checks, debit/credit cards. Cash payments may be made at our office. This offer applies to all business property in our service area. Please call for details and rates. References can be provided by request. **4/4**

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

**ATTENTION SENIOR CITIZENS VOC is offering our lawn mowing service to senior citizens.** VOC will mow/weed-eat a 50 foot perimeter around your home for \$60.00 per occurrence, as often as you like. We offer professional service with qualified local employees. To get on our schedule, please call 497-9827. Payment will be expected at the time service is delivered. We accept checks, debit/credit cards. Cash payments may be made at our office. This offer applies to all residential property in our service area. Please call for details. This offer is not part of the Tsali Manor mowing program. **4/4**

## SEEKING INFO

**My great grandfather, Creighton Faulks,** ran away from the reservation at the age of 16. He resided in the state of Georgia and worked for Southern Railroad as a brakeman. We believe his mother's name was Caroline or Emmaline Faulks. We are searching for any information about him and relatives. Please give us a call at 770-265-1236. **4/4pd**

The offices of the Cherokee One Feather will be closed for the Good Friday Holiday on Friday, March 29. No deadlines will be affected.



## EMPLOYMENT

### Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

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

#### Positions Open



**\*Please attach all required documents\***

**\*eg: Driver's license, Enrollment, Diplomas, Certificates\***

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has the following positions open:

**Closing April 5, 2013 @ 4 pm**

1. Purchasing Manager- Budget & Finance (\$42,300-\$53,930)
2. Accounting Coordinator II- Budget & Finance (\$34,900-\$44,500)
3. Education Program Specialist- Tribal Education (\$26,140-\$33,340)
4. Patrol Officer- CIPD (2 Positions)(\$28,790-\$36,710)

**Open Until Filled**

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

**\*Please attach all required documents\***

#### Health & Medical Positions

**Open Until Filled**

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

**\*Please attach all required documents\***

Download Applications/Job Descriptions at the following website!

<http://www.nc-cherokee.com/humanresources/employment/jobopportunities>

### VACANCY AT SWAIN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT: CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS

March 20, 2013

Position: Certified Nursing Assistants. Positions are part-time, permanent.

Location: Client's Home

Hours: Hours dependent upon client's needs

Compensation: \$8.00 – 9.00 per hr (with pay increases every 6 months for a year)

**Description of Duties (includes but not limited to):**

**Community Health Assistant** - Working knowledge of applicable supportive mechanical acts and/or sanitation and personal hygiene; basic knowledge of the social, economic, and environmental conditions of clients to be served; ability to establish rapport and relate to population served and a variety of services disciplines (nurses, doctors, social workers); ability to follow written and verbal instructions; ability to record basic data; ability to perform required physical tasks.

**Minimum Education and Experience:**

Community Health Assistant - Demonstrated possession of knowledge, skills, and abilities as stated above through at least one year of experience in performing similar tasks in a hospital, clinic, nursing home, medical corps, or other medical treatment program. (Must have CNA certification as required by Agency)

Closing Date: Until filled

Application Process:

Applicants must complete a State Application PD-107. A State Employee Application (PD 107) may be obtained online via the following address: <http://www.osp.state.nc.us/jobs/general.htm#app> (MS Word Version), at our website: [http://www.swaincountync.gov/health\\_vacancies.html](http://www.swaincountync.gov/health_vacancies.html), or the Swain County Health Department. Resumes will not be accepted unless accompanied by a completed application.

Please return completed applications to:  
Deloris Smith, In-Home Aide Supervisor

Swain County Health Department

545 Center Street

Bryson City, NC 28713

(828) 488-3198 x 2020

*You may also visit your local Employment Security Commission  
Swain County Health Department is an Equal Opportunity Employer*

**3/28**

### Cherokee Central Schools Position opening:

Speech/Language Therapist - State license required

Log onto our web site: [cherokeecentral.sharpschool.com](http://cherokeecentral.sharpschool.com)

Open till filled. **3/28**

**Now hiring. Part-time and full-time held needed.** Must pass (hair) drug test and background screen. Contact Gwynne at 497-0178 for more information. **3/28pd**

### THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following job available: FT Claims/Denials Processor & RN / Immediate Care Center.

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 29, 2013 @ 4pm. Indian preference does apply and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **3/28**

## EMPLOYMENT

### TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: March 28, 2013

CLOSING DATE: April 4, 2013

At 4:00pm

NAME OF POSITION: FT Concession Attendant

NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 1

SHIFT: Evening

SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Most importantly, demonstrate confidentiality. One year experience preferred. Must obtain a valid NC Drivers License and High School Diploma or GED. Application and a complete job description may be picked up at the Tribal Bingo Hall and returned to April Littlejohn.

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### TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: March 28, 2013

CLOSING DATE: April 4, 2013

At 4:00pm

NAME OF POSITION: FT Cashier

NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 1

SHIFT: Evening

SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Most importantly, demonstrate confidentiality. One year cashier/cash handling experience required. Must obtain a valid NC Drivers License and High School Diploma or GED. Application and a complete job description may be picked up at the Tribal Bingo Hall and returned to April Littlejohn.

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**Cherokee Volunteer Fire Department is now accepting applications.** Pick one up at Station 1, 825 Aquoni Road, Cherokee, NC, 28719. For more information call (828)497-6584. Meeting times are 7:00pm on the first and third Monday of every month. **4/4pd**

### TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: March 28, 2013

CLOSING DATE: April 4, 2013

At 4:00pm

NAME OF POSITION: PT Concession Attendant

NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 1

SHIFT: Evening

SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Most importantly, demonstrate confidentiality. One year experience preferred. Must obtain a valid NC Drivers License and High School Diploma or GED. Application and a complete job description may be picked up at the Tribal Bingo Hall and returned to April Littlejohn.

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**The Jackson County Department of Social Services is recruiting for a Processing Assistant III in its Sylva Office.** Duties will include transporting children for appointments, supervising visits between children and parents, and case records management. Applicants should work well with children and adults, have strong computer skills, have a general knowledge of office procedures, have the ability to learn and apply a variety of guidelines, and be able to communicate with courtesy and tact. Candidates should have a valid driver's license and good driving record. Applicants must have completed high school and have at least one year of clerical experience or an equivalent combination of training and experience. The salary starting salary is \$24,476.21. Applicants should complete a NC State application form (PD-107) and submit it to the Sylva branch of the NC Employment Security Commission as soon as possible. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Jackson County Department of Social Services is an equal opportunity employer. The most qualified applicants, based upon education and experience will be selected for interviews. **3/28**

### SUMMER INTERNSHIP POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Office of the Principal Chief announces two internship positions for the summer 2013. These positions are open to any enrolled member of the Eastern Band who is currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate level educational program. The internship will last approximately 12 weeks. The intern will receive experience in Tribal Government and operations. If interested, please pick up an application at the Council House or call 497-7029 for an application to be mailed. Deadline for applications will be Friday, April 12th at 4:30pm. Applications should be returned to the Office of the Principal Chief in person or mailed to:

Office of the Principal Chief

Attn: Internship

PO Box 455

Cherokee, NC 28719

**4/11**



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

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

Asst or Assoc Professor for the following:

- Anthropology & Sociology (1353)
- Chemistry & Physics (1006)
- Comm Sci (131841)(131843)
- English (0497)
- Engineering & Tech (0607)(0164)
- Entrepreneurship (132737)
- Geoscience & Nat Res (0162)
- Health, P.E. & Rec (131845)
- Health Sciences (2012)
- Human Resources (1508)
- Human Services/MSA & PMC-PSL (1384)
- Management (1434)
- Modern Foreign Languages (0171)
- Natural Resource Conservation (0723)
- Nursing (4285) (4760)
- Physical Therapy (131840)
- Public Relations (1725)
- Psychology (1180)
- Reference Librarian (2952)
- Social Work (131839)
- TESOL (4757)
- Vice Chancellor for Intn'l & Ext Programs (2425)
- Vice Chancellor for Student Success (0313)

Assoc Dir. Intercultural Affairs (0417)

Dean of Health & Human Sciences (1891)

Dir, Academic Resources (0414)

Dir, Counseling & Psych Svc (0279)

Please go to jobs.wcu.edu for details and to apply online. AA/EOE. **3/28**

## Oconaluftee Indian Village

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

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

### Guidelines:

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

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## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT CHEROKEE BOYS CLUB FINANCE DIRECTOR

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

Department: Administration

Opening Date: March 28, 2013

Closing Date: April 11, 2013

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

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

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

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## We see your future with us. It's all in the cards.

### CASINO

#### Dual Rate Table Games Supervisor

(shift varies) \$17.31-\$26.44

**Part-Time Security Officer** (2nd & 3rd shift) \$10.50

**Part-Time Cage Cashier** (2nd and 3rd shift) \$9.70

**Sous Chef - Buffet** (2nd shift) \$30,000-\$46,000

**Temporary Gaming Host** (shift varies) \$5.25 + tips

**Temporary Cocktail Server**

(shift varies) \$5.95 + tips

**Part-Time Food & Beverage Cashier**

(shift varies) \$9.01

**Audio Visual Technician** (shift varies) \$11.36-\$16.46

**Service Connection Agent** (shift varies) \$11.00

**Barhelper** (shift varies) \$8.00

**Part-Time Service Assistant** (2nd shift) \$6.25 + tips

**Senior Cook** (2nd shift) \$12.53

**Motorcoach Sales Manager**

(shift varies) \$46,365-\$61,820

**On-Call Front Desk Clerk** (shift varies) \$10.51

**On-Call Guest Service Representative**

(shift varies) \$8.60

**Part-Time Service Person** (shift varies) \$5.25 + tips

**Part-Time Barista** (shift varies) \$9.01 + tips



Table Games Dealer positions available soon!

Must be Table Game Certified to apply.

Become Table Games Certified at Southwestern

Community College in only 7 weeks!

For more details on this upcoming program, contact Latresa Downs at Southwestern Community College at 828-339-4426.



**Find your new career at caesars.com**

**We are located at 777 Casino Drive. Applicants can park on level 1 in the new garage.**

If you have already submitted your application, it will be considered active for 6 months from the date of application. To qualify, applicants must be 21 years or older (18-21 years eligible for non-gaming positions), must successfully pass an RIAH hair/drug test and undergo an investigation by Tribal Gaming Commission. Preference for Tribal members. This property is owned by the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation, managed by Caesars Entertainment. The Human Resources Department accepts applications Mon. thru Thur., from 10 am - 3 pm. Call 828.497.8778, or send resume to Human Resources Department, 777 Casino Drive, Cherokee, NC 28719 or fax resume to 828.497.8540.

# One Feather deadline Monday at 12noon

## BIDS, RFPs, etc.

The Office of Environment and Natural Resources has secured funding through the United States Department of Agriculture for the Spay and Neuter Program.

Requirements:

- Must be an Enrolled Member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
- Funding only allows for one (Cat or Dog) to be spayed or neutered per household.
- This service will be performed at the Cherokee Animal Clinic.
- Contact the Office of Environment and Natural Resources to provide registration information.
- Due to limited funding services provided will be limited to approximately 100 households.

Point of Contact:

Jason Webb, Environmental Compliance Office  
Office # 1-828-554-6118 or 1-828-497-1877

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## Requests for Qualifications

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Economic & Community Development

### Projects: Architecture and Engineering Services for a Community Pool

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is requesting qualifications for the completion of the above mentioned project. The deadline for submitting a proposal will be April 11th, 2013 at 2:30p.m.

You may request the full RFP and bid requirements for proposals through the Economic & Community Development Office, or TERO. If you have any questions or comments, please contact E&CD at (828)-554-6700 or dianpant@nc-cherokee.com **3/28**

## LEGALS

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

Tina Marie McMinn Davis  
Plaintiff, vs.

Waylon Dewight Davis AKA Bud Davis  
Defendant

### COMPLAINT FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE

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

1. The Plaintiff is a resident of Jackson County, North Carolina and is a first descendant of The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. She has resided on the Qualla Boundary for at least thirty days prior to this ac-

tion.

2. The Defendant is an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.
3. The Defendant has a residence, in the Big Cove area, on the Qualla Boundary.
4. The parties were duly married in Jackson County on June 2, 2007 and did live together as man and wife until on or about November 1, 2010; at which time the parties separated and have since that time; continued to live separate and apart. Never having resumed the marital relationship which formerly existed between them.
5. The Plaintiff believes the bonds of marriage are Irretrievable Broken with NO reasonable prospect of reconciliation.
6. The parties have no children

born of this union.

7. The parties have no issues of marital property to be addressed by the court.

8. That this court has jurisdiction pursuant to the Cherokee Code 50-10 (a), (b), (c); whereas the Plaintiff has resided within the Qualla Boundary for at least thirty (30) days preceding this action and the Plaintiff believes that bonds of marriage are irretrievably broke. WHEREFORE, THE PLAINTIFF RESPECTFULLY PRAYS THE COURT FOR THE FOLLOWING RELIEF:

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

Tina Marie McMinn Davis

Plaintiff, PRO SE

PO BOX 1608

Whittier, NC 28789

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 13-016

### In the Matter of the Estate of JEREMIAH LITTLEJOHN

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the fate listed or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 6/14/13  
Deborah O. Littlejohn  
PO BOX 1177  
Cherokee, NC 28719

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EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS  
CHEROKEE COURT  
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA  
FILE # CV 13-126  
JACK WALKINGSTICK, Plaintiff.

vs.

REBECCA WALKINGSTICK, Defendant.

### COMPLAINT FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE

THE PLAINTIFF, complaining of the Defendant alleges and says:

1. That the Plaintiff, JACK WALKINGSTICK, is a citizen and resident of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Reservation, Cherokee, North Carolina. The Plaintiff is an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

2. That the Defendant, REBECCA WALKINGSTICK, is an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and does not currently reside on the Cherokee Indian Reservation, Cherokee, North Carolina.

3. That this court has jurisdiction pursuant to Chapter 50-10, (a), (b), and (c); whereas (a), the Plaintiff has resided within the territory of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for at least thirty (30) days and (b) the Plaintiff has been separated from the Defendant for at least thirty (30) days preceding the institution of this action and (c) the Plaintiff believes the bonds of marriage between the parties are irretrievably broken'

4. That the Plaintiff and Defendant were duly married on or about May 22, 1998 and did live together as man and wife until approximately July 15, 1998, at which time the parties separated, and have since that time, continued to live separate and apart, never having resumed the marital relationship which formally existed between them;

5. That the parties are not in need of the Court determining the custody of the children.

6. That the parties are not in need of the Court making an equitable distribution of the marital property. WHEREFORE, THE PLAINTIFF PRAY THAT COURT FOR THE FOLLOWING RELIEF:

1. That the Plaintiff be granted an Absolute Divorce from the Defendant upon the grounds of thirty (30) days separation and the Plaintiff's belief that the bonds of marriage are irretrievably broken;

2. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper. JACK WALKINGSTICK  
Plaintiff Pro Se  
255 Booger Thompson Branch Road  
Cherokee, NC 28719

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