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Busy trip for Chief

Chief Lambert meets with President, testifies on House bill

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Principal Chief Patrick Lambert recently took his first official trip to Washington, DC as the leader of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. During his stay, he met with President Obama and other tribal leaders, testified on a Congressional Bill, met individually with several legislative leaders, and attended parts of the NCAI (National Congress of American Indian) Executive Council Winter Session.

President Obama met with 16 tribal leaders, including Chief Lambert, from 11 various federally-recognized tribes on Tuesday, Feb. 23.

"That was a head-of-state meeting," said Chief Lambert. "Before I even finished the first five months of my administration, I got to sit down with the leader of the free world. I took that as a great honor."

"It was a free-flowing discussion," he noted stating that he discussed opening up a bridge in the Big Cove Community that is adjacent to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park so that there is no longer just one road in and out.

Chief Lambert also brought up the issue of EBCI tribal mem-



Photo courtesy of House Natural Resources Committee

Principal Chief Patrick Lambert gives testimony before the House Indian and Alaska Affairs Subcommittee on Wednesday, Feb. 24 during a hearing on "The Eastern Band Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act (H.R. 3599)".

bers gathering ramps in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. "I told him, since the Park opened up in 1932, we've always had an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) and that MOU allowed our tribal members to go to the Park to gather ramps and any medicines, and then they ended that abruptly."

A rule change known as "Proposed Regulation to Revise Certain Sections of 36 CFR Parts 1 and 2 to address 'Gathering of Plants or Plant Parts by Federally Recognized Tribes for Traditional Purposes'" is currently being considered by the National Park Service.

Chief Lambert said he feels very confident it will pass as President Obama told a staff member to get the rule to the signature stage. "I think we're going to get that done now. He (Obama) said, 'this is a

solvable problem. We can make that happen."

The next day, Chief Lambert gave testimony in a House Indian and Alaska Affairs Subcommittee hearing on Wednesday, Feb. 24 on House Bill 3599 which involves the federal government putting approximately 77 acres of land in Monroe County, Tenn. into trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. "I felt good about the total subject matter which is a great cause – restoring land that the Cherokees fought over for 100 plus years ago, and then fought over again in the seventies whenever they flooded the historic lands. The topic is one of great interest to the Tribe, and one that I feel like is very important to the Tribe and our history."

He said he was happy with the way the testimony went. "I think the testimony was profound and

spoke to the history of our people. That land is sacred to us. It's taken a long time to get to where we are."

Chief Lambert related that Congressman Don Young (R-Alaska), chairman of the House Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs subcommittee, pledged his support of the bill and that House Democrats and Republicans are both coming together in support. "It was very huge to hear direct, bi-partisan support...they made every indication that they're going to get it pushed through the House, and then we'll start work on the Senate side as well."

Bi-partisan relationships are something that Chief Lambert said he feels is very important for the Tribe. He said that campaign donations are something the Tribe does to help advance its agenda and get a foot in the door many times. "I'm going to be very cautious of where those donations go. They're not going to be going simply to buy yourself a golf trip...it's going to be for those friends of the Tribe that will help us advance our interests."

He said a lobbyist of the Tribe submitted a list of donations last week that Chief Lambert felt were "lopsided" towards one political party so he disapproved the list and asked that a new, more bi-partisan list be created. "We don't have endless money so we have to make sure that the investments that we do make are strategic. We can't just go and willy-nilly throw money at somebody just because they send you an invite...there are more important things at home so

we have to make sure that we make strategic decisions about who we get behind.”

While in Washington, Chief Lambert also met with Congressman Mark Meadows (R-NC), Congressman Dale Kildee (D-Mich.) and Senator Jon Tester (D-Mont.) who serves as the vice chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

Some of the topics Chief Lambert discussed with Rep. Meadows included housing, Crime Act funding, and internet gaming. “He seems very interested in helping us protect the Tribe. He is definitely a good friend of the Tribe.”

While at NCAI, Chief Lambert attended the Women’s Leadership Luncheon along with Painttown Rep. Marie Junaluska and Yellowhill Rep. Anita Lossiah.

Chief Lambert said the kind of work he was able to do in Washington on this trip is vital to the continued success of the Tribe. He said a resolution has been submitted for consideration in the Budget

Council Session scheduled for Tuesday, March 1 that aims to place the Tribal Governmental Affairs line item into the Tribal Council’s budget from the Executive Office’s budget.

Chief Lambert said he is vehemently opposed to this. “This fund is used to contribute to friends of the Tribe to advance our agenda in the interests of the people. There is a current resolution to take that and put it under the Tribal Council. The Principal Chief is the top elected leader of the Tribe. I will fight to keep that as a tool that the administration uses to advance the overall interest of the Tribe, not advance the interest of someone going to Martha’s Vineyard to play golf.”

He said the fund is only going to be used for official purposes in his administration. “I take my work here very seriously, and the Governmental Affairs piece of it is something that I would utilize to advance the interest of the Tribe and not self-interests of any particular individual.”



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Newest member of CFD

Lt. Jeremy Blankenship, Cherokee Fire Department, is shown with his new partner Bentley, a 3-year-old Labrador, a trained arson investigation detection dog. The two recently completed an 80-hour handling training, and Bentley is scheduled to receive American Police Canine Association (APCA) national certification in April.

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Chief lauds Land Bill

Testimony of Chief Lambert on Lands Reacquisition Act bill

Note: This is the full testimony of Principal Chief Patrick Lambert given before the House Indian and Alaska Affairs Subcommittee on Wednesday, Feb. 24 during a hearing on “The Eastern Band Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act (H.R. 3599)”.

Chairman Young and Ranking Democrat Ruiz, I appreciate the opportunity to provide this testimony of behalf of the Eastern Band of Cherokee

Indians. I want to first thank this Committee for holding a hearing on this bill and express my particular appreciation to Congressman Chuck Fleischmann, our friend from Tennessee, who introduced this bill and has championed it. I also want to thank our Representative, Mark Meadows, for his friendship, respect for the Eastern Band, and strong support for this bill.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is a Tribal Nation recognized by the United States as a sovereign with inherent rights of self-government, like the several states and foreign nations. The place of the Cherokee People within the history of the United States is often told, but usually as though we are a People of the past. Our true story

is one of thriving, survival, and thriving again. Before the U.S. Army forcibly removed Cherokee People along the Trail of Tears, the unified Cherokee Nation governed and occupied lands that covered several states that now include our Reservation in Western North Carolina and the State of Tennessee. The Eastern Band of Cherokee is comprised of the 15,000 or so descendants of the Cherokees who avoided forced removal on the Trail of Tears, or returned home from the Indian Territory after surviving the removal and returning to their aboriginal homelands.

Today, we come to tell the story of why the Eastern Band reacquiring a small part of our historical lands in Tennessee is important, and why this Committee should affirm and celebrate the return of these lands to the Cherokee. This bill would return about 76 acres of land back to us, key historic sites that fell out of our ownership in harder days. The legislation also would grant two permanent easements over TVA property to be held in trust for the Tribe for the purpose of creating recreational trails between the sites. These properties commemorate and interpret historic persons, towns, and the culture of the Cherokee during the period from the early 1700s through 1840, and are also associated with and interpret the Trail of Tears. The properties are located in Monroe County, Tennessee, near the town of Vonore and are adjacent to Tellico Lake, the reservoir behind TVA's Tellico Dam. This bill celebrates not only a time period in Cherokee history when we lived in Tennessee but also the return of the Cherokee People – as a modern, living People, with a living culture and language, and traditions that have survived from ancient times – back to Tennessee.

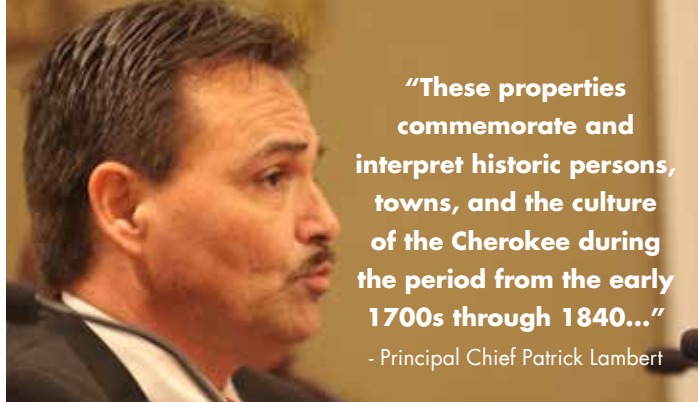
Like our relationship with the United States, relations between the Cherokee



Photo courtesy of House Committee on Natural Resources

Principal Chief Patrick Lambert gives testimony before the House Indian and Alaska Affairs Subcommittee on Wednesday, Feb. 24 during a hearing on “The Eastern Band Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act (H.R. 3599)”.

People and the State of Tennessee have not always been harmonious. Our historic relationship with Tennessee has been a troubled one, marked by Cherokee governance, conflict, broken promises, and accommodation for Cherokee survival. When President Andrew Jackson, who our Cherokee people had fought side-by-side with in the War of Independence, decided that we were lesser people that should not have rights to our lands in the Southeast, we moved our base of government from what is now Georgia right across the state line into what is now Tennessee. Soon after, we



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- Principal Chief Patrick Lambert

were forced to leave these lands. The Eastern Band Cherokees, we found refuge from forced removal in the Great Smoky Mountains that we continue to call home today. Through all of this, the Cherokee people have persevered and even flourished.

This legislation marks a new era of respect and appreciation between the Cherokee People, the United States, and the State

of Tennessee. We welcome the new era of relations, and promise to continue to work together to improve our respective sovereigns as friends and neighbors.

On a final note, a little over 13 years ago, my friend and mentor, Principal Chief Leon Jones of the Eastern Band, testified before the House Natural Resources Committee in support of legislation that would complete a

land exchange between the Eastern Band and the National Park Service, which allowed the Eastern Band to reacquire about 218 acres of our aboriginal homeland adjacent to our reservation. Chief Jones promised that the Eastern Band would build on those lands desperately-needed new schools for our children that would celebrate both Cherokee traditional culture and a culture of education and learning.

Chief Jones kept his promise. Today, our Cherokee Tribal Schools sit on those lands we reacquired 13 years ago. The schools are a monument to Cherokee culture and our com-

mitment to our children's education. With that law, Congress established a modern precedent for returning lands back into trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Also with that law, the Eastern Band set a precedent for keeping its promises and demonstrating what an Indian Nation can do to better its community and society at large when the Congress provides the tools for Cherokee self-determination to work. I believe this bill is another such opportunity.

Thank you for the honor of the opportunity to testify in support of this important bill.

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Saving the redhorse

Tribe enters multi-agency agreement to save sicklefin redhorse

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The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians entered into a multi-agency agreement on Tuesday, Feb. 23 to help save the sicklefin redhorse (*Moxostoma* sp.). According to information from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFW), the sicklefin is found in only six Appalachian counties in the Hiwassee River system and the Little Tennessee River system.

Vice Chief Rich Sneed signed the Candidate Conservation Agreement (CCA) on behalf of the Tribe. He was joined by offi-

cials from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, Duke Energy Carolinas LLC, Tennessee Valley Authority, and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

"Oftentimes, when faced with environmental and natural resource management issues, action is oftentimes reactive or even compelled," Vice Chief Sneed commented during Tuesday's event which was held at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort. "The signing of this agreement today demonstrates the power of proactive collaboration between our Tribal government, government agencies, conservation groups and the private sector. I would like to thank everyone who has had a hand in bringing this agreement to fruition."

He added, "And, I believe that the example set today will help establish a new standard by which environmental issues can

"The signing of this agreement today demonstrates the power of proactive collaboration..."

- Vice Chief Rich Sneed

be addressed in the future."

According to the USFW, the sicklefin redhorse is found in Jackson, Macon, Swain, Clay and Cherokee counties in North Carolina and Towns County in Georgia.

Each agency signing the CCA on Tuesday agreed to certain actions it will take.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians agreed to the following per the agreement:

- Provide assistance and equipment to annual sicklefin redhorse broodstock sampling and collection in the Little Tennessee, Oconaluftee, Tuckasegee, and Hiwassee Rivers, as needed: \$10,000 in-kind contribution
- Hatchery operations and other species management activities: \$5,000 funding

Mike Oetker, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service deputy regional director for the southeast region, said, "As we have looked across the country, oftentimes, our agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, has worked very closely with state agencies, but this one is expanded to include the Tribe as well as private industry making it a very unique partnership and one that I think can serve as a model for the country and nation to look at in how to do conservation in the 21st Century."

Russell Townsend, EBCI historic preservation officer, said that Cherokee people have inhabited this area for thousands and thousands of years with water and fish being constants throughout history. "From the archaeological record, we know that these rivers have been vitally important to our people. You go where the water is."

He said it is interesting to note the relationship of historic Cherokee settlements to fish weirs. "They always had a fish weir



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Vice Chief Rich Sneed signs a multi-agency Candidate Conservation Agreement on Tuesday, Feb. 23 to help save the sicklefin redhorse.

right near the village, and we find villages that are relatively newly established in 1200 and 1300 being built next to a 5,000-year-old fish weir. So, it's cool these places are being reused, and they were using the river resources."

Townsend concluded by commenting, "The redhorse is a neat species because it was used for medicine as well...for hundreds and hundreds of years, the Cherokee understood that you get respiratory sicknesses from water-borne insects. They knew that without microscopes. They knew that correlation was there, and they used the redhorse to treat that."

Steve Jester, Duke Energy vice president of water strategy, hydro licensing, and lake services, commented on the agreement, "This is another example of when I think we're going to have far, far better results from working as a team to do some very important work."

He said his company is very excited about the partnerships forged with the agreement. "I have a really confident feeling that we're going to produce some positive, and more importantly, lasting results."

Kyle Briggs, N.C. Wildlife Resource Commission chief deputy director, noted, "This CCA really aligns well with our agency's mission which is to conserve wildlife resources and their habitats in North Carolina."

"By signing this agreement today, we are committing ourselves to addressing those needs. In addition, this partnership between state, tribal, federal and private organizations helps leverage our resources to provide adaptive management and hopefully preclude the need to list this species under the Endangered Species Act."

The conclusion of the CCA states that if the sicklefin redhorse does become listed as threatened or endangered, "...the Parties will be encouraged to participate in recovery planning..."

The USFS lists the following as threats to the sicklefin: "hydroelectric operations which fragment habitat and isolate surviving populations; erosion from poorly-managed land disturbance activities, leading to silt-covered stream bottoms; pollution from run-off and discharge from industrial, municipal, agricultural, and other sources; stream changes from straightening streams, dredging, and in-stream mining; and predation and habitat impacts by non-native animals."

Shown is the sicklefin redhorse (*Moxostoma* sp.), known as *jungihltla* (wearing a red feather) in the Cherokee language.

(Photo courtesy of N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission)



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Officials from various agencies signed the CCA on Tuesday including (left-right) front row – Evan Crews, TVA senior manager, natural resources management; Vice Chief Rich Sneed; back row – Jon Ambrose, Georgia Department of Natural Resources chief of non-game conservation; Steve Jester, Duke Energy vice president of water strategy, hydro licensing, and lake services; Kyle Briggs, N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission chief deputy director; and Mike Oetker, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service deputy regional director, southeast region.

Chief's Monthly Report for February 2016

PRINCIPAL CHIEF PATRICK LAMBERT

In February, we made some good accomplishments that we can all be proud of, but also experienced some sadness within our Tribe with the deaths of some community leaders and members who will never be forgotten.

Tuesday, Feb. 2

Today was very sad day for our Tribe to have lost two good people. Both leaving us unexpectedly. The first being John Burgess. This young man touched a lot of lives and left behind a lot of broken hearts, especially because of the way he left us. The other was Elisha Taylor, another good man, he was a dear friend to me. I always enjoyed my talks with him and listening to his wisdom regarding traditional ways. My heart goes out to both of these families.

Feb. 2-4

These first few days was Budget Council and Regular Council.

Monday, Feb. 8

This day was a very exciting day for me and my staff as we were finally able to move into our newly renovated offices. There is such a huge difference in the way it looks, the way our people will be served and the way my staff and I will be able to do the Tribe's work; it will be an open environment with pleasant faces there to help everyone with many issues. I look forward to getting better and more timely service for our people now that we have a good work place to handle tribal

business.

Friday, Feb. 12

A sad day for our Tribe. The funeral of Mr. Diamond Brown – former Tribal Council Representative for Snowbird/Cherokee Co. Communities. I considered Diamond a good friend who had a very interesting life. If you knew him, you knew he worked very hard for his community. I don't think I ever remember Diamond being angry or showing any type of weakness when it came to doing things for his community. He was a strong leader. He had a good family that he loved deeply. He always had a good story to tell and he will surely be missed. I will keep his family in my prayers.

Sunday, Feb. 14

Yet another sad day for our Tribe. The funeral of Mr. Samuel "Snake" Panther, a former Big Cove Council Representative. Mr. Panther was always very active in his community; he loved Big Cove. He always was around to help where needed. He has a very loving family whom I call friends. I always appreciated his honest answers. He made me laugh on many occasions. Cyndi and I will miss him. He certainly was a pillar of his community. Big Cove lost a good one. His family is in my prayers.

Thursday, Feb. 18

This evening, there was a meeting held at the Wolfetown Gym to discuss the drug issue on our boundary. It was conducted by Kina Swayney and a group called the Cherokee Civil Action Team. I

was unable to attend, but Cyndi attended the meeting and said it was very educational, yet heartbreaking at the same time, but promising. There is such a need to get something done with the drug problem here and I appreciate groups like this or any others that want to band together to do something. I realize we have a lot of work to do with this epidemic and I hope we can get other groups involved and have a discussion as a team to come up with some answers. I know we can't have all the answers, and I also know it will take all of us to help solve the problem.

Friday, Feb. 19

We held an open house for everyone to come check out our new administration offices. It was a very successful event, and I was very happy to see all the visitors that come by to take a look at everything. We had over 200 visits that day. We received very positive feedback and the main comment was they were glad that it was so open and inviting. They liked the fact that it wasn't so dark and there wasn't one dead animal head hanging on the wall. I am grateful to my staff for getting everything prepared and showing everyone how professionalism looks and how we do things now. Thank you to all that came by. We plan to host another open house in a few weeks in case you missed this first one.

Monday, Feb. 22

Today, I traveled to Washington to attend meetings with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and to also have meetings

with some political members of the government. We first met with NCAI to discuss issues involving Indian Country on matters such as Crime Act Funding, Reauthorizing NAHASDA (Funding for Housing needs and HUD money, "Native American Housing and Self Determination Act"), Modernization of the Trust Asset Management System for the Federal Government, Tribal Land into Trust (Carcieri Case), and the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act (the Union Bill). During these meetings we had several Senators and US House members come to address our meetings and discuss their support of Native America.

Tuesday, Feb. 23

I attended additional meetings with NCAI in the morning, and I attended the National Indian Women "Honor Luncheon" where the keynote speaker was Sen. Al Franken. After lunch, I was asked to attend a briefing with some tribal leaders to discuss protocol and topics when meeting President Obama.

That afternoon at 2:30 in the Lincoln Hotel until around 4pm I was honored to have the opportunity to meet for over an hour with the President of the United States. There were a total of 15 Tribal Leaders present and every person had the chance to engage in a conversation directly with President Obama.

I first introduced myself and that it was my honor to meet him. I told him I have three points/issues I want to make with him. First, I told him that we have something in common, we both love the Smoky Mountains and he readily

agreed and stated that Asheville is a favorite spot for him and his family. I then offered a suggestion, I said, "Mr. President before your last year in office is finished I would like for you to come visit our lands and be, to my knowledge, only the second sitting President in history to visit the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The first and only President was Franklin D. Roosevelt when he came and stood at the Top of Smoky and gave the Park dedication speech in 1940. And Mr. President, this would give you the opportunity to include two States, NC & TN, our Tribe and also give a show of support for the most visited National Park in the Country." He replied, "How far is that from Asheville?" I answered that it was about 1.5 hours and he said, "Oh, I've got a helicopter and can be there in a few minutes." Everyone laughed and agreed; he turned to his staff person and told him to look into it and to also book a round of golf at the Grove Park Inn.

The second point I made was to discuss the issue of "gathering local foods" in the Great Smoky Mountains and how this has been our practice for hundreds of years and until the past few years we had an MOU with the National Park Service but they have refused to re-enter that agreement. I further explained that there is a rule waiting final passage by him and we can get this matter resolved. He said, "Now that is a solvable problem and I can make that happen. Unlike some of these problems on my plate like problems in Syria and Iran". He again told his staff to pull that rule out of the stack and let's get it completed.

The third point I got to make in

a brief fashion, was the effort to re-open the road through the Job Corp to provide an emergency access to/from Big Cove and our school system. He asked me to talk to Sally Jewel Secretary Department of Interior, and her staff at the Department. (Following the meeting I had a conversation with Mr. Roberts at the DOI on this point).

The meeting with the President was the highest honor I've had, and I am proud to represent you and our Tribe in these matters. I felt very relaxed with President Obama and I think it was a very productive meeting on behalf of our Tribe.

Wednesday, Feb. 24

Today, there was another very important meeting I attended on behalf of our Tribe. I gave testimony before Congress to the Natural Resources Committee regarding the placement of land into trust for our Tribe. This land was part of the original land of the Cherokee and actually was site to two Cherokee towns, Tanasi and Cheoa. It was a great Honor to set before a Congressional Committee to represent our Tribe on such an historic bill. Both Committee Chairman Young and Ranking Member Ruiz both stated following the hearing that they would push for swift passage of the Bill thru the US House. We still have another step thru the Senate to get it finalized and over to the President for final signature, but I feel confident that we can get it accomplished.

Before leaving Washington on the 24th, I visited Congressman Mark Meadows to speak with him on a couple of issues that need support from his office. He also extended on open hand in friend-

ship. Our Tribe considers him a friend, and I believe he has our best interest at heart.

I believe this trip to Washington was very important and full of great accomplishments for our Tribe and I am pleased to have been part of it.

Thursday, Feb. 25

I had a 9am meeting with our lobbyists in Raleigh. We discussed the upcoming elections and any preliminary plans for participating. It is always important to engage in the state and federal elections in order to keep our Tribe in a good position to lobby for issues that matter to us. I take this matter very serious and unlike the actions from the past, any engagement with outside politics will be made for the Tribe and not simply so someone can go golfing or travel to a BBQ in an exotic location. The past spending on extravagant travel and political contributions so someone can play golf or eat caviar will not be something I allow to happen. There are some who want to get their hands on the money in order to do just that, but I will oppose that with every step.

Friday, Feb. 26

First day back in the office, dang... dropped my cell phone and busted it beyond repair. First time that's happened to me. So, I lost a lot of contacts etc., but thanks to our IT department I got back up and running by that evening.

Sunday, Feb. 28

Today, I joined the Cherokee Runners and completed the 10 Mile "Moccasin Run" from the Straight Fork Bridge all the way thru Big

Cove past the new School and all the way down Acquoni to the old Yellowhill Community Building. What a great job they did! And, it was a beautiful run all along the river (early and cold, but very beautiful winter morning). I made it in under a 10-minute mile.

Also, in this past week my "First 100 Days" report came out. I hope you enjoyed that report and I will plan to do more such detailed reports as we move forward.

I also hope my regular monthly reports give you a sense of the work I am doing on your behalf. And every day I am having smaller meetings and planning sessions where we are planning for issues such as debt pay-off, cutting the cost of government, finding areas to save more money and cut out the waste and abuse within our system, finding ways to make life easier in small ways for all our members and our families, working to find solutions to our vexing problems such as drug abuse and crime, or finding ways to make Tribal Government work internally and also finding those areas where ideas and projects "go to die" and figuring out ways to push the projects forward.

We have a real opportunity to add some real value to the lives of our members and our communities and I wake up every day energized to get that work accomplished on your behalf. With guidance from God and keeping Him out front I can weather the local political storms and will keep striving every day to do those things that I know are most pleasing to Him.

Thank you for this opportunity to represent our Tribe! Sgi

Tribal Council Chairman's Report for February 2016

EBCI TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN DENNIS "BILL" TAYLOR

I traveled with members of tribal council to Washington, D.C. for the United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) Impact Week on Feb. 7-11 and to the National Congress of American Indians meetings to find common ground with other tribal leaders and advocate for priority issues of our Tribe. I would like to thank Tribal Council members who attended these important meetings including Vice Chairman Brandon Jones, Wolfetown Rep. Bo Crowe, Birdtown Rep. Travis Smith, Cherokee Co. – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha, Yellowhill Rep. Anita Lossiah, Painttown Rep. Marie Junaluska, Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose, and Big Cove Rep. Richard French. I appreciate all of their hard work on behalf of the tribe. During the USET meeting, I joined tribal leaders from USET tribes and heard from federal officials about existing Congressional and agency initiatives and took action through resolutions on inter-tribal priorities. Part of our work included meeting with Joe Watkins from the National Park Service to discuss gathering of ramps and other plants within the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, legislation that would place



Cherokee historical sites in Tennessee back into trust status for the tribe, and opening the access road in the Park for safety of students at the Cherokee schools and for the residents of Big Cove. During the course of the week, nine other tribal council members, Vice Chief Richard Sneed and I met with over 25 members of Congress and federal agency officials to discuss these issues.

Our work on the issue of traditional tribal gathering within the national parks has resulted in a proposed rule change for the benefit of all tribal nations. There is a possibility that a new federal rule will be released in the next few months that would allow Eastern Band members to legally gather in the Park once again and would allow other tribes to negotiate with individual park service units to

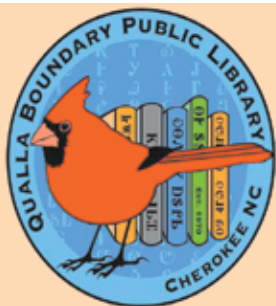
establish their own gathering rights. A final rule would be a culmination of over three years of work to change federal law to clarify the legality of this practice. Our tribe took the lead in developing this national rule to protect our rights to continue our cultural traditions of gathering food, medicine and other traditional plants. At the request of Eastern Band leaders last week, the White House and friends in the Congress are all pressing the National Park Service to release the rule as soon as possible, and certainly before the Obama Administration ends.

During the National Congress of American Indians meeting, the House of Representatives had a hearing on the "Eastern Band Cherokee Historical Lands Reacquisition Act" on Wednesday, Feb. 24. The Eastern Band has negotiated the terms of the bill with members of Congress, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA, the federal agency that currently controls the land), and the Governor and Attorney General of Tennessee. Congressman Chuck Fleischmann, a Republican from Tennessee whose district includes the lands that would be re-acquired into trust, is championing the bill, with support from a host of elected officials including Congressman Mark Meadows who represents our tribe in Congress. The

Obama administration also testified at the hearing in support of the bill. I would like to thank members of tribal council in attendance at this important hearing including: Vice Chairman Jones, Rep. French, Rep. Rose, Rep. Junaluska and Rep. Anita Lossiah.

We met with numerous legislators and staff members to explain the safety and emergency nature of reopening the access road in the Park. For many years, Amanda Swimmer has come into Tribal Council to advocate for this road to be opened. This issue has taken many years primarily because the Superintendent position of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park has been held by a non-permanent appointee. It is my intention to work with Cassius Cash, the current superintendent to resolve this issue and re-open the access road.

All of these issues are important to our people but there are others which need constant advocacy like health care funding, taxation issues and the protection of our sovereignty. Congress needs to be educated about all our concerns and that only takes place when relationships are established. I feel this part of my job as Tribal Council Chairman is essential to protecting our Tribe and our rights.



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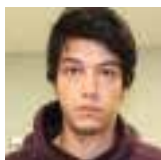
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CIPD Arrest Report Feb. 23-29

The following people were arrested by the Cherokee Indian Police Department and booked into the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center. It should be noted that the following defendants have only been charged with the crimes listed and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Davis, Jeffery Marcell – age 31

Arrested: Feb. 23 at 09:02
Released: Feb. 23
Charges: Called and Fail



Jenkins, Rebecca Lynn – Age 24

Arrested: Feb. 23 at 13:50
Released: Feb. 24
Charges: Grand Larceny, False Pretense



Ledford, Sonya Rena – age 34

Arrested: Feb. 23 at 09:16
Released: Feb. 23
Charges: Second Degree trespass



Saine, Angelica Chenise – age 20

Arrested: Feb. 23 at 16:37
Not released as of print
Charges: Failure to Appear



Smith, Christopher Alvin – age 41

Arrested: Feb. 23 at 11:00
Not released as of print
Charges: Receiving or possessing stolen property, Larceny, False Pretense



Bird, William Allen – age 50

Arrested: Feb. 24
Released: Feb. 27
Charges: Assault on a Female



Lossiah, Thomas Lyle – age 19

Arrested: Feb. 24 at 23:08
Not released as of print
Charges: Providing alcoholic beverages to /possession of/consumption of alcoholic beverages by/persons under 21 years old, Intoxicated and disruptive in public, Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor



Pheasant, Jayda Arlene – age 26

Arrested: Feb. 24
Released: Feb. 24
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor



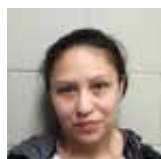
Burgess, Dora Lil-lard – age 35

Arrested: Feb. 25 at 20:06
Released: Feb. 26
Charges: Driving While Impaired, Hit and Run



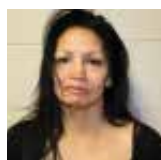
Blackfox, Kristan Lea – age 22

Arrested Feb. 26
Released: Feb. 26
Charges: Driving without a license



Cruz, Althia Lossie – age 51

Arrested: Feb. 26 at 14:40
Released: Feb. 27
Charges: Driving While Impaired, Drive Left of Center, Exceeding Safe Speed, Careless and Reckless Driving



Hornbuckle, Mary Ann Jumper – age 50

Arrested: Feb. 26 at 16:00
Not released as of print
Charges: Simple Assault (DV)



Davis, William Tosh III – age 40

Arrested: Feb. 28 at 18:48
Not released as of print
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Simple Possession of Marijuana



George, John Cameron – age 33

Arrested: Feb. 28 at 18:48
Not released as of print
Charges: Receiving or possessing stolen property, Obtain Property False Pretense, Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Simple Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance



Smith, Brooke Leighann – age 19

Arrested: Feb. 28 at 16:24
Not released as of print
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor



Taylor, Brandon Craig – age 31

Arrested: Feb. 28 at 01:30
Not released as of print
Charges: Simple Assault



West, Charles Ray – age 36

Arrested: Feb. 28 at 16:30
Not released as of print
Charges: Called and Failed, Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor



Reed, Samuel Enoch – age 25

Arrested: Feb. 28 at 23:30
Not released as of print
Charges: Domestic Violence, Child Abuse



Inmate Stats for Month of February

These are inmate statistics for those individuals booked into the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center during the month of February. They are provided by the Cherokee Indian Police Department.

Inmates by Race:

Asian or Pacific Islander: 0 (0 percent)
Black 0 (0 percent)
Hispanic 3 (2.44 percent)
American Indian 114 (92.68 percent)
Unknown 2 (1.63 percent)
White 4 (3.25 percent)

By Gender:

Male 73 (59.35 percent)
Female 50 (40.65 percent)

By Age Range:

0-17 (0, 0 percent)
18-20 (9, 7.32 percent)
21-25 (28, 22.76 percent)
26-35 (51, 41.46 percent)
Over 35 (35, 28.46 percent)

By Offense Type

Felony 1 (0.81 percent)
Misdemeanor 102 (82.93 percent)
Ordinance 0 (0 percent)
Other 20 (16.26 percent)

BASKETBALL

Lady Braves more than double Pine Lake Prep

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Lady Braves (21-4) held Pine Lake Prep (11-14) to single digit scoring numbers in each of the four periods in their 1A state playoff first round match-up on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at the Charles George

Memorial Arena. Cherokee had three players in double digits as they beat the Pride 76-30 to advance to the second round.

The Lady Braves were led by Tori Teesateskie, freshman guard, with 17 points followed by Shelby Wolfe 16 and Pooh King 14.

"One of the pleasures of

being a higher seeds is that you get to play a team that didn't have that great of a season," said Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach. "I thought we did some things well. We jumped out on them pretty early, and we were able to kind of cruise to the end."

Mintz said ball control was a big factor in the game. "We

knew they were struggling handling the ball so we tried to put a lot of pressure on them and made them turn the ball over and get some easy baskets."

Cherokee came out gunning early and led 4-0 in the first minute and 11-4 at the 4:22 mark of the first period. By the end of the first, the Lady Braves had extended that lead to 21 points (25-6).

In the first three minutes of the second period, Cherokee went on a 13-2 run to take a 30-point (38-8) lead, and they would go on to lead 46-15 at the half.

At the 6:05 mark of the third, Teesateskie hit two free throws to give the Lady Braves a 40-point (57-17) lead thereby invoking the NCHSAA mercy rule. Cherokee led 59-24 at the end of the third.

With the clock running, the fourth flew by. Cherokee outscored Pine Lake 17-6 in the final eight minutes to take the 76-30 victory.

Other Lady Braves scorers included: Carla Wolfe 9, Bree Stamper 9, Jamie Lossiah 4, Brionna Jumper 2 and Timiyah Brown 5.

Pine Lake Prep scorers included: Mackenzie Maddox 5, Avery Bain 6, Kaylyn Lewis 4, Carolina Coleman 11 and Triniti Lockhart 4.



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Cherokee's Karla Wolfe (#4) goes for a layup around Pine Lake Prep's Avery Bain (#11) during the first round of the 1A state playoffs on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at the Charles George Memorial Arena. Wolfe finished the game with 9 points.

BASKETBALL

Braves hit milestones in first round win

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

It was a night to remember for Cherokee as their coach was honored, one of their players hit a milestone scoring mark, and the team set a state record. And, they won a playoff game.

For the ninth time this season, Cherokee (23-3) broke the 100 mark as they defeated the Cherryville Ironmen (10-16) by a score of 108-93 in

the first round of the 1A state playoffs on Tuesday, Feb. 23 at the Charles George Memorial Arena.

Prior to the game, Willis Tullos, Braves head coach, was honored with a basketball in recognition of his 600th career coaching victory that he garnered earlier in the season.

Jason McMillan, Braves senior point guard, needed 20 points on the night to break the 1,000 mark for his career. He hit that mark in the third

period as he drove the lane for a layup. McMillan finished the game with 27 points, 2 assists, 2 rebounds and 6 steals.

Going into the game, Cherokee needed five three-pointers to break the state record (283) for most made by a team in a season – a mark set by East Carteret in 2014. They hit that mark easily in the first half and kept going making 15 of 41 (37 percent) from three-point land to set the new state record at 294 and counting.

In addition to McMillan, the Braves had three other players in double digits on the night including: Justus Day 21 pts, 2 reb, 1 steal; Tye Mintz 27 pts, 2 assists, 6 reb, 1 steal; and Steven Straughan 16 pts, 1 assist, 2 reb, and 1 steal.

“We shot the ball well,” Coach Tullos said after the game. “We gave them some problems on defense, and we shot the ball extremely well early.”

He commented on their state record, “The three-point has been a good shot for us. We shoot a better percentage on three-point shots than we do on lay-ups...so, it’s been a really important part of our offense. We need to be proud of our three-point shooting, but we need to improve in other areas.”

Coach Tullos said he was disappointed in the play he got on Tuesday from the bench. “They let a 30-point lead come down to 15 points. That’s in-

excusable. There’s no way you can justify that.”

The game itself started out fairly even and the Ironmen took an early lead and led 6-4 just a few minutes in. Cherokee grabbed its first lead at the 4:53 mark and wouldn’t relinquish it again. By the end of the first, the Braves had built their lead to 14 points (32-18).

The first four minutes of the second period were almost a dead heat and Cherokee led 47-32 at the halfway point. For the next minute, the Ironmen went on a short 6-2 run to make it 49-38 at the 2:42 mark, but then Cherokee blasted the ball for the remainder of the half to take a 20-point lead (64-44) into the locker room.

The third period was almost even with Cherokee edging Cherryville by two (27-25) to take a 91-69 lead into the final eight minutes.

The Ironmen outscored the Braves 24-17 in the fourth, but Cherokee was able to hold on for the 108-93 victory and advance to the second round.

Other Cherokee stats included: Kennan Panther 2 pts, 2 assists, 3 reb; Holden Straughan 4 pts, 1 reb, 1 steal; Josiah Lossiah 2 pts, 1 assist, 1 steal; Isaiah Evans 2 pts, 1 reb, 1 steal; and Logan Teesateskie 3 pts, 2 assists, and 2 reb.

Cherryville was led by Christian Jones with 21 points followed by Landon Hudson 18, and Jaiden Hunt 15.



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Cherokee’s Jason McMillan (#3) ducks under Cherryville’s Christian Jones (#15) en route to a layup thereby scoring his 1,000 career point. McMillan finished the night with 27 points, 2 assists, 2 rebounds and 6 steals.

Stamper, Welch lead Lady Braves in 2nd round win

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Cherokee Lady Braves (22-4) cruised to an 83-55 win over Rosman (16-11) in the second round of the 1A state playoffs on Thursday, Feb. 25 at the Charles George Memorial Arena. Bree Stamper, senior point guard, led the way for Cherokee with 19 points followed by Macie Welch, sophomore guard, with 18. Stamper heated things up early with four three-pointers in the first period alone.

"I thought we did a good job," said Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach. "It's the third time we've played them in six games, and it makes it really difficult. In playing the same team over and over, it makes you wonder if we're going to be able to get up for the game. We started a little slow, but then we turned it on."

He said his team came out "on fire" in the third period in which they outscored Rosman 27-11. "We played with great intensity... we're excited to move on. It's win and advance now."

The first few minutes were slow for both teams with lots of missed shots on either side. Cherokee led 9-5 midway through the first period, and they led 18-13 with 1:12 left. The Lady Braves led 23-17 going into the second.

Cherokee came out gunning

in the second period and went on a 9-0 run in the first 55 seconds to take a 32-17 lead. The Lady Tigers got some offense going and outscored Cherokee 9-5 in the next three minutes to cut the lead to 37-26.

But, the Lady Braves kept pressing and causing turnovers, and their lead grew and grew. With 2.2 seconds left before the half, Welch drove the lane for a layup to give the Lady Braves a 20-point (51-31) lead at the break.

The third period was all Cherokee. They came out of the gates running and went on a 12-2 run in the first few minutes to take a 30-point lead (63-33) at the 4:36 mark. With 1:52 left in the third, Jamie Lossiah, Lady Braves freshman point guard, drove the baseline for a layup to put Cherokee up by 40 points (78-38) thereby invoking the NCHSAA mercy rule.

Cherokee led 78-42 going into the fourth period. The Lady Braves got a lot of play from their bench in the fourth and held on for the 83-55 victory.

Other Lady Braves scorers included: Tori Teesateskie 14, Carla Wolfe 3, LeLe Lossiah 5, Pooh King 12, Shelby Wolfe 2, Jamie Lossiah 2, Brionna Jumper 2 and Timiyah Brown 8.

Rosman's scorers: Callie Chappell 19, Madison Holden 1, Gracy Briggs 7, Allie Whitmire 4, Haley Parker 4 and Rachel Owen 20.



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Macie Welch (#2), Lady Braves sophomore guard, goes for a shot in front of Rosman's Haley Parker (#23) in a second round playoff game on Thursday, Feb. 25. Welch finished the game with 18 points.

BASKETBALL

Braves almost double Blue Ridge in second round win

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Cherokee Braves (24-3) came within one point of doubling Blue Ridge (10-14) in a 1A state playoff second round matchup on Thursday, Feb. 25 at the Charles George Memorial Arena. Cherokee held the Bobcats to two periods of single-digit scoring as they

topped Blue Ridge 85-43.

Justus Day, sophomore forward, led the Braves with 25 points, 3 rebounds and 4 steals. He was followed by Jason McMillan, senior point guard, with 19 pts, 3 assists, 4 reb and 8 steals. On a side note, Day had a monstrous dunk in the third period, a rarity in high school basketball.

"I thought they played well," said Willis Tullos, Braves

head coach. "We didn't play with quite as much intensity as you'd want to, but we'd already beaten them bad twice, and it's hard to do that. Given the circumstances, they played well."

On the night, the Braves shot the ball well hitting 22 of 43 (51 percent) from the field and 10 of 28 (36 percent) from three-point land. With each three-point shot made, the Braves add to their state record for most made by a team in a single season which now stands at 304. Blue Ridge shot 6 of 14 (43 percent) from the field and 4 of 17 (24 percent) from the three-point line.

The first few minutes of the game were tight, and the two teams were tied at 3-3 at the 6:09 mark of the first period. In the next three minutes, the Braves outscored the Bobcats 8-4 to lead 11-7 with just over three minutes left in the first.

Cherokee went on an 11-2 run in the remaining minutes of the first, and McMillan drove the lane for a layup at the buzzer to make it 22-9 in favor of the Braves.

Again, the first few minutes of the second period were close and Cherokee led 26-14 two minutes in. At the 3:21 mark, the Braves had extended their lead to 35-18, and they would go on to outscore Blue Ridge

14-5 for the rest of the period. McMillan gave the crowd something to cheer for again as he stole an inbounds pass from Blue Ridge, stormed down the court, pulled up and hit a three at the buzzer to give the Braves a 49-23 lead at the half.

Cherokee came out blazing in the third and went on an 8-2 run early to take a 57-25 lead at the 6:26 mark. A few seconds later, Day got a steal and stormed down the middle of the lane for his dunk after which the entire Arena exploded.

Four minutes later, Holden Straughan, Braves sophomore forward, drove the baseline for a hard-fought layup to give Cherokee a 40-point (74-34) lead thereby invoking the NCHSAA mercy rule.

Cherokee led 78-36 after three, and they went on to an 85-43 win.

Other Braves statistics included: Brock Powell 1pt, Tye Mintz 6 pts, 1 assist, 4 reb, 1 block, 2 steals; Trace Lambert 4 pts; Steven Straughan 5 pts, 2 assists, 2 reb; Kennan Panther 5 pts, 1 assist, 5 reb; Holden Straughan 13 pts, 1 reb; and Logan Teesateskie 7 pts, 2 assists, 1 reb.

Blue Ridge was led by Ben Riddle with 26 pts followed by Dylan McCall with 10.



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Justus Day (#3), Braves sophomore forward, shoots over Blue Ridge's Ben Riddle (#23) in a second round state playoff game at home on Thursday, Feb. 25. On the night, Day led Cherokee with 25 points, 3 rebounds and 4 steals.

SECTIONAL CHAMPS

BASKETBALL

Braves overcome 17pt deficit to win Sectional title

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Cherokee Braves (25-3) like to give their fans their money's worth. After trailing by as many as 17 points in the second period, the Braves came back in the second half to rise above the Comets of North Stanly by a score of 82-76 to win the Sectional Championship in the third round of the 1A state playoffs on Saturday, Feb. 27 at the Charles George Memorial Arena.

"We picked our intensity up at halftime," Willis Tullos, Braves head coach, said after the emotional win. "The kids were a little bit embarrassed by how they played in the first half. I didn't say much to them. I just told them that it was up to them what we did, and they went out and did it."

"The second half was the best half of basketball I've ever had a team play."

When asked what were some of the keys of Cherokee's success in the second half, Coach Tullos replied, "One of the main things that we did was stay under control. We stayed in our defensive lanes a lot better, and we didn't let them get those easy buckets on us. We closed out on the three-point shot better."

The Arena was packed for the



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Cherokee's Justus Day (#3) goes for a shot against North Stanly's Addison Merritt (#23) in Saturday's third round state playoff game. Day led Cherokee with 27 points including four three-point shots.

game, and fans of both sides were loud the entire game – an atmosphere the Braves relish. "This is what you live for, to play in a situation like this," said Coach Tullos. "My kids are tough – they're tough mentally and they're tough physically."

Cherokee had four players in double digits including: Justus Day 27, Jason McMillan 18, Tye Mintz 15 and Holden Straughan 13. Mintz grabbed 12 boards on the game, and also had a monstrous block at the end of the third period. McMillan had 10 assists and 5

steals.

On the night, Cherokee made 27 of 54 (50 percent) from the field and 13 of 36 (36 percent) from three-point land. With their performance on three-point shots, their state record for most three-pointers by a team in a season now stands



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Braves players, coaches, and fans celebrate following Saturday's emotional win over North Stanly.

at 317.

North Stanly got off to a fast start in this contest and took an early 5-0 lead after just 40 seconds. Two minutes later, Cherokee had pulled to within three points (9-6). After leading briefly at the three minute mark of the first, Cherokee trailed 18-17 at the 2:12 mark. The Comets held a 23-20 lead after the first period.

The first few minutes of the second period were tight and North Stanly led 29-27 at the 5:48 mark. The rest of the period was all Comets as they outscored Cherokee 17-2 to take a 46-29 lead into the locker room.

The Braves regrouped and came out for the third period on fire. They hit three three-point shots and one short jumper in the first 85 seconds to cut the Comets lead to 46-42. Less than a minute later, Mintz hit two free throws to tie the game at 46-46. Two minutes later,

Logan Teesateskie hit a free throw to give Cherokee its first lead of the game (52-51) with 3:53 left in the third. The teams went into the fourth deadlocked at 57-57.

North Stanly regained the lead in the fourth and held it until the final two minutes. The Comets led 74-73 at the 3:05 mark, and the Braves overtook the lead (76-74) with 2:02 left in the game. North Stanly missed several field goals in the final minute and were forced to foul.

McMillan, Mintz and Steven Straughan knocked down key free throws, and the Braves held on for the 82-76 win to advance to the 1A West Regional Semifinals at Lincoln Charter on Tuesday, March 1.

Other Braves scorers included: Steven Straughan 7 and Logan Teesateskie 2.

Stats were not available for North Stanly.



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Lady Braves lose in Sectional Final

The Cherokee Lady Braves (22-5) lost in the Sectional Final of the 1A state playoffs at South Davidson (25-2) on Saturday, Feb. 27 by a score of 71-67. Shown above, Cherokee's Tori Teesateskie (#3) drives past South Davidson's Anna Gardner (#14). Stats were not available for the Lady Braves in this game.



Cherokee's Timiyah Brown drives down the sideline.

In the end, a running clock for football and basketball is enough of a mercy rule...don't expect kids not to play a game they love just to spare the feelings of other kids. It's a game....and, with games sometimes you win, sometimes you lose – one of the reasons I feel playing sports is a great lesson for kids later in life.

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Braves coach honored for 600 wins

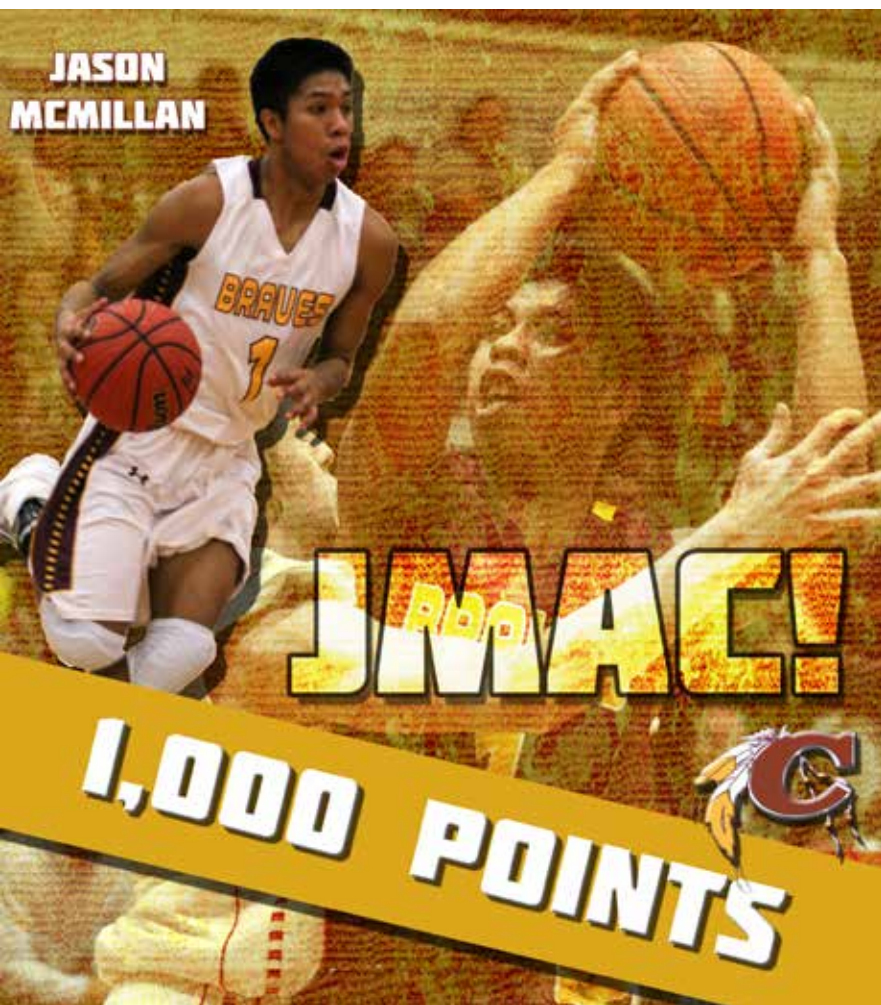
Willis Tullos (2nd from left), Braves head coach, was honored during halftime of the girls varsity game on Tuesday, Feb. 23 in recognition of his 600th career win which he got earlier this season. Shown (left-right) are – Debora Foerst, Cherokee High School principal; Tullos; Peanut Crowe, CHS athletic director; and Dick Crowe, Cherokee School Board.



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Toineeta honored for state championship

Anthony Toineeta (front row, 2nd from right) was honored prior to the start of the boys varsity game on Tuesday, Feb. 23 in recognition of winning the 1A State Wrestling Championship at 145lbs recently. Shown (left-right) front row - Peanut Crowe, CHS athletic director; Anthony Swarengin, CHS wrestling assistant coach; Toineeta; Tavi Rivera, CHS wrestling head coach; back row - Yellowhill Rep. B. Ensley; Sarah Teesateskie, Cherokee Braves Booster Club; Wolfetown Rep. Bo Crowe; Debora Foerst, CHS principal; and Trista Welch, Cherokee Braves Booster Club.



SCOREBOARD

PREP BASKETBALL

Girls

1A West State Playoffs

Tuesday, Feb. 23 (First Round)

Hiwassee Dam 86 North Moore 29
West Montgomery 54 River Mill Academy 33
Avery County 64 Mountain Island 25
North Stanly 56 Community School of Davidson 49
Bishop McGuinness 66 Gray Stone Day 35
Atkins 70 Blue Ridge 13
Swain County 55 Albemarle 41
Elkin 62 Chatham Central 25
South Davidson 46 E. Surry 42
Highlands 51 Highland Tech 42
Cherokee 76 Pine Lake Prep 30
Rosman 58 Robbinsville 48

Andrews 54 Lincoln Charter 42
E. Wilkes 52 Chatham Central 51
Mt. Airy 81 S. Stanly 20
Winston-Salem Prep 68 Mitchell 29

Thursday, Feb. 25 (Second Round)

Hiwassee Dam 61 W. Montgomery 33
Atkins 55 Bishop McGuinness 31
Elkin 54 Swain County 50
S. Davidson 79 Highlands 32
Cherokee 83 Rosman 55
E. Wilkes 40 Andrews 39
Winston-Salem Prep 70 Mt. Airy 42

Saturday, Feb. 27 (Third Round)

Hiwassee Dam 65 North Stanly 23
Atkins 47 Elkin 33
South Davidson 71 Cherokee 67
Winston-Salem Prep 53 East Wilkes 35

Boys

1A West State Playoffs

Tuesday, Feb. 23 (First Round)

Avery County 70 North Stokes 39
Rosman 77 East Surry 66
Swain County 65 Highlands 49
Mt. Airy 66 Bishop McGuinness 32
Winston-Salem Prep 83 Robbinsville 23
Community School of Davidson 54
Alleghany 53
River Mill Academy 64 West Montgomery 55
Queen's Grant 83 Thomas Jefferson 49
Cherokee 108 Cherryville 93
Blue Ridge 68 Nantahala 54
Mt. Island 68 Uwharrie Charter 62
North Stanly 69 Bessemer City 53
Starmount 63 North Moore 40
Hayesville 77 East Montgomery 51

Pine Lake Prep 75 Albemarle 59
Lincoln Charter 88 East Wilkes 60
Thursday, Feb. 25 (Second Round)

Avery County 68 Rosman 55
Mt. Airy 74 Swain County 51
Winston-Salem Prep 80 Community School of Davidson 42
Queen's Grant 66 River Mill Academy 43
Cherokee 85 Blue Ridge 43
Hayesville 58 Starmount 45
N. Stanly 90 Mt. Island Charter 69
Lincoln Charter 78 Pine Lake Prep 63

Saturday, Feb. 27 (Third Round)

Avery 64 Mt. Airy 57
Winston-Salem Prep 74 Queen's Grant 53
Cherokee 82 North Stanly 76
Lincoln Charter 82 Hayesville 53

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June 2016 per capita deadlines

The deadline to submit direct deposit forms for the June 2016 per capita distribution will be Friday, April 1. All direct deposit forms must be notarized. Bring a voided check for deposit into your checking account or a statement, on letterhead from your bank, indicating your savings account number and routing number for deposit into your savings account.

The deadline to submit federal tax withholding forms, waivers, letters of administration, or court-ordered guardianship will be Friday, April 15 at 4:30pm.

Forms are available at the Tribal Enrollment Office, located at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex, Monday – Friday from 7:45am – 4:30pm. Address changes will be accepted until Friday, May 6 at 4:30pm.

- EBCI Enrollment Office

“Step Ahead” meeting for EBCI seniors

EBCI seniors who are planning to attend college in the 2016-17 school year are required to attend a “Step Ahead” meeting presented by the EBCI Higher Education Department in order to qualify for funding from the Tribe.

All participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The meeting is designed to provide students and parents with important information regarding Education Department funding requirements and to assist them as they plan this important step towards meeting their educational goals.

You must attend one of the following meetings which will take place in the Community Room

located next to the Cherokee Life Center in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex:

- Saturday, March 5, 9-10:30am
- Thursday, March 17, 5:30-7pm
- Thursday, March 31, 5:30-7pm

Call the receptionist 359-6650 to schedule an appointment.

- EBCI Higher Education Department

Cherokee Life’s Spring Sports Sign-ups

Cherokee Life Recreation is currently taking sign-up registrations for Spring sports including: baseball, softball, tee ball, and soccer. NABI tryouts will also be held for all enrolled members in grades 9-12 only. Signups are being taken at all gymnasiums except for NABI which are being taken at the Birdtown Gym only. Upon registration, the following information will need to be given: child’s name, age, date of birth, and two reliable contact numbers. Cherokee Life is also taking signups for volunteer coaches for each of the sports. Signups for all Spring sports (except NABI) will end on Monday, Feb. 29.

- Cherokee Life Recreation

QHA has new numbers

Qualla Housing Authority has the following new phone numbers: main office number – 359-6320, warehouse office – 359-6340.

- QHA

41st Annual Indian Unity Conference Writing Contest

A writing contest is being held at the 41st annual Unity Writing Conference in the following categories:

- Rhyming Poetry (not to exceed 32 lines)

- Non-Rhyming Poetry (not to exceed 32 lines)
- Inspirational/Spiritual Writing (not to exceed 1,000 words)
- Genre Short Story (Romance/Mystery not to exceed 1,000 words)
- Mainstream/Current Issue Literary Short Story Fiction or Non-Fiction (not to exceed 1,000 words)
- Memoirs, Life-Changing Events (not to exceed 1,000 words)

Participant guidelines:

- Must be a member of a federally- or state-recognized American Indian tribe and currently residing in North Carolina or live in another state but belong to a North Carolina tribe.
- Only original, unpublished writings will be accepted.
- Entries are limited to three per writer.
- Name of writing, author’s name, number of words, age group and category must appear on top right hand corner. If this does not appear, works will be disqualified.
- Completed registration forms must accompany each writing entry.
- Entries must be typed, double-spaced, front page only on 8.5” x 11” paper with multiple pages stapled. Page numbers should appear on right hand bottom corner.
- Do not resubmit entries from previous years.
- Entries must be turned in to the Registration Desk or to one of the Writing Coordinators at the Conference on Thursday, March 10 from 10am – 2pm.
- Entries may be mailed to: A. Kay Oxendine, P.O. Box 215, Hollister, NC 27844 but must arrive no later than Monday, March 7. The submissions may also be emailed

up until midnight on Wednesday, March 9 to akayo@gmail.com

- Winners will be announced during the General Assembly and Breakfast on Saturday, March 21.
- All submitted entries may be published in future Unity Conference program books or United Tribes publication.

Info: Kay Oxendine (804) 296-9820 or Arvis Boughman (828) 443-4395

- Indian Unity Conference

Cherokee Central School Pre-K registration

Pre-Kindergarten registration has begun for Cherokee Central Schools. The Hope Center will be taking Pre-K applications until May 6. The student must be 4-years-old by Aug. 31 and meet the service priority guidelines. Info: Hope Center 554-5101

- Hope Center

CES art featured at WCU

The artwork of 35 Cherokee Elementary School students is on display at the annual Youth Art Month juried art show at Western Carolina University. The show is only display until Friday, March 11 at the Fine and Performing Arts Center. Info: WCU (828) 227-3591

- CES

Good Friday holiday

The One Feather offices, along with the offices of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, will be closed on Friday, March 25 in observance of the Good Friday holiday. Offices will re-open on Monday, March 28 at 7:45am. The deadline for the March 31 issue will be Thursday, March 24 at 12pm.

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you from the family of Morgan Bradley

We want to express our greatest appreciation to everyone who was there for us before, during and after dad's sickness. A special thank you to the CBC Bus Dept. and to all who provided food, supplies, and babysitting: Carol and Cliff Long, Beth and Drew Grant, Pam Cope, Charlotte Littlejohn, Mary Jane Smith, Connie Rose, Nora and Greg Panther, Jerri and Ray Kinsland, Vickie McCoy, Vangie Stephens, Becky Swayney, Tammy Ledford, Teresa McCoy, Mary Gean Little-dave, Gerri Grady, Gail and Garfield Long, James and Donna Sequoyah, Nancy Bradley, Marlene Bradley, Melanie Bradley, Jean Bradley, Richard French, Letina Saunooke,

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Panther, Missionary Olin Williams, Evangelist Randy Bane, Long House Funeral Home, Pastor Ed and Margaret Kilgore, Pastor Bo Parris, Trina Sneed, Maddie Welch, and pallbearers. If we left anyone out, please forgive us, also to all those who donated money to Betty's House in dad's memory.

Submitted by,
Tammy Bradley
Big Cove Community

Thank you to tree removal

I would like to say thank you to Tribal Construction and Dan McCoy. I had filled out an application back in October 2015 for some trees to be removed that were endangering our home.

I went by the Tribal Construction Offices on Jan. 25, 2016 to

talk to someone in person to find out what was taking so long. I spoke with Sara Toineeta and Tina Oocumma and was informed that they did not have an application on file for me. I filled out another application and Glenn Bradley said it would be handled promptly.

I had to get in touch with Dan McCoy to also come by and sign a paper because some of the trees that needed to be cut were on his property. I was notified on Monday, Feb. 1 by Sara that Dan had been by and signed the papers. After lunch, Will Locust and Lonnie Woodard were at my residence and immediately began work. They were very polite and professional and worked as long as they could and said "they'd return the next day, weather permitting and God's Will." Sure thing, Tuesday morning, they returned but had to get more help. There were a total of nine men and even though I can't name them all, I'd like to say thank you: Will Locust, Lonnie Woodard, Clarence Murphy, Watty Driver, Anthony Lee, Kevin Jackson, Tyler Williams, and Oliver Price. Sorry to those I cannot name personally!

Signed,
Michelle Owle Smith

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Yohn and Yona

By Dylan West

First Period
8:00 am



Hmm, I wonder
what Yona is
listening to?



So look
into my
eyes, one
last time!
So we'll
never
forget! ...!

Lunch/Third
Period 12:45



Hmm, I wonder
what Kvlah is
listening to?

Round and
Round like
a horse on
a carousel,
we go!
Will I
catch up
to love, I
can never
tell!



Fourth Period
2:40 pm



Hmm, I wonder
what Yohn is
listening to?



Baku-Baku
nya, nya!
Baku-Baku
nya, nya!
Baku-Baku
nya, nya!
Nekoyu!

Amber Waves



R.F.D.



The Spats



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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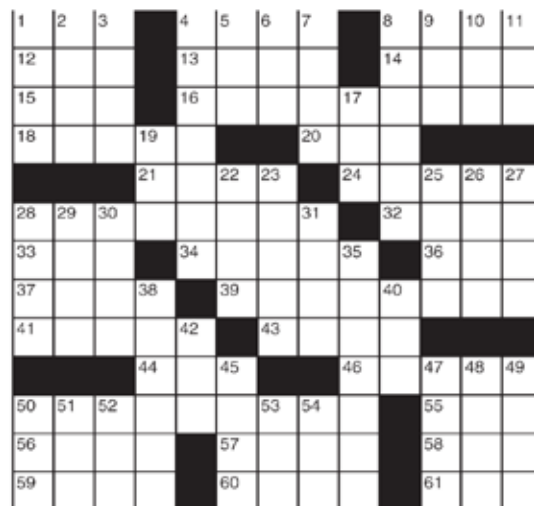
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King Crossword

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

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- 2 Bagpiper's attire
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- 4 The Big Apple
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- 6 Skin art, for short
- 7 Seeks restitution
- 8 Insult
- 9 Feathery neckpiece
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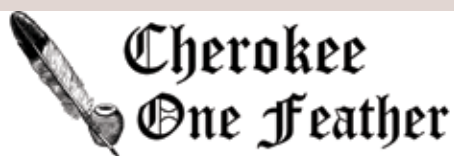
Trivia test

by Fifi

1. GEOGRAPHY: What river flows through the Grand Canyon?
2. MUSIC: Who sang the pop hit "School's Out"?
3. LANGUAGE: What is the subject studied in zythology?
4. MOVIES: In "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective," what kind of creature was Jim Carrey looking for?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of ants called?
6. MATH: What is the name of an angle that is more than 90 degrees but less than 180 degrees?
7. HISTORY: Which country gave the Statue of Liberty to the United States?
8. INVENTIONS: Who invented the mercury thermometer?
9. CHEMISTRY: What element does the Br symbol stand for?
10. ANCIENT WORLD: Which key figure in the Trojan War was described in literature as having "the face that launched a thousand ships"?

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1. Colorado; 2. Alice Cooper; 3. Beer and beer making; 4. A dolphin; 5. Colony; 6. Obuse; 7. France; 8. Gabriel Fahrenheit; 9. Bromine; 10. Helen of Troy



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Elk management- it's complicated

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Both the Eastern Band of Cherokee Nation Tribal Council and the North Carolina General Assembly have labored over what to do with the elk population that currently reside and commute on the Qualla Boundary, in the state and on federal lands.

The male North American Elk, or *cervus elaphus*, may reach a weight of 700-900 pounds, a height at the shoulder of 6 feet and length of 8 feet. Female elk, on average, are a couple of hundred pounds lighter and about a foot and a half shorter. Newborn elk weigh an average of 35 pounds. Bull elk shed their antlers (only the males grow them) every year and a set of elk antlers from a mature bull elk could weigh as much as 40 pounds.

According to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF), elk range was the entire United States and parts of Canada prior to European settlement with an estimated 10 million elk population. "Today, about one million elk live in the western United States, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia and North Carolina and from Ontario west in Canada. Food, water and space are essential to elk for survival," states information from the organization. "Elk



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

This elk, part of a herd of around 12, was spotted in front of the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 in the Yellowhill Community on the afternoon of Thursday, Feb. 25.

live in a variety of habitats, from rainforests to alpine meadows and dry desert valleys to hardwood forests."

According to state and regional wildlife representatives, the current population is believed to be 160, more or less, but because of the widely dispersed and roaming herds, it is hard to get a solid count. Methods are being devised and implemented to more accurately track the number and movements of the elk, including DNA collection.

What is not in question is the presence of the elk in human populated areas. When the RMEF first collaborated with the state for reintroduction of the elk in 2001, the herd was isolated and sightings were rare. To have a chance at seeing elk, you had to travel to Haywood

County to the Cataloochee Valley, near the initial release sites. As the herd grew into herds, the elk began to develop a migration pattern and, more seriously, have lost or possibly never established their natural fear of humans. Sighting and even personal contact with humans has become almost commonplace. Up-close contact with an elk can be very dangerous. As magnificent as these animals are, they are also wild and their behavior is unpredictable. Despite public warning and penalties (approaching within 150 feet or any distance that disturbs or displaces an elk in the park is a federal offense punishable with fines and arrest), people regularly attempt to get within touching distance of these large, wild

see **ELK** page 30

March 15 bond referendum represents wise investment for colleges, universities and WNC

**DAVID BELCHER and
DON TOMAS**

As you head to your polling places for the North Carolina primary election Tuesday, March 15, an issue of major importance for the future of Western Carolina University and Southwestern Community College will be on the ballot alongside nominees for the U.S. presidency and other elected offices.

You also will have the opportunity to approve \$117.17 million in funding for your local institutions of higher education through a statewide \$2 billion bond package that would finance major projects for the University of North Carolina system, community colleges, state parks, agriculture, the National Guard, and water and sewer infrastructure.

Of that \$2 billion total, \$980 million is designated for the 17 institutions of the UNC system for new construction and renovation projects that would provide state-of-the-art science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) facilities on campuses across North Carolina. We believe that these investments are necessary to ensure that North Carolina can compete for the best jobs of the future.

Approval of the bond package would mean \$110 million for replacement of WCU's obsolete Natural Sciences Building, which was built in the 1970s and is as thread-

bare as the bell-bottoms some of us wore then. But the building is more than merely out-of-fashion and outdated; it impedes the process of teaching and learning science in the 21st century.

For our community colleges, passage of the bond issue would generate more than \$350 million in new construction and renovation projects that will equip these

would be funded by issuance of the bonds are related to helping public universities and colleges meet ever-growing workforce demands in health care, high-tech manufacturing and natural products development. Each of these fields represents significant economic development growth potential for the region and the state.

That growth, however, depends

Think about the local economic impact that would result from the injection of \$117.17 million here in Jackson, Macon, Swain and surrounding counties and the Qualla Boundary from bond funding for WCU and SCC alone!

institutions to meet the demands of a 21st-century workforce. With this historic investment in our community colleges, every county and area of North Carolina would directly and indirectly benefit from the passage of the bond.

Locally, \$7.17 million would go to SCC to assist with a variety of projects called for by the college's recently approved master plan, including repair, renovation and new construction of facilities for students and professionals in the health sciences, STEM programs, public safety and workforce innovation. Sixty-seven percent of the buildings on SCC's Jackson campus were built more than 30 years ago, and enrollment has grown by nearly 58 percent since 1987.

Here in Western North Carolina as well as across the state, the bulk of higher education projects that

on the ability of colleges and universities to produce the graduates demanded by the region and state. To do so, community colleges and universities alike must increase capacity in courses such as chemistry and biology that are foundational to STEM programs.

In addition, passage of the bond would have an incredible and immediate impact on the economy of local communities as construction crews get to work on the repair, renovation and construction projects at our colleges and universities, as well other infrastructure projects across North Carolina.

Think about the local economic impact that would result from the injection of \$117.17 million here in Jackson, Macon, Swain and surrounding counties and the Qualla Boundary from bond funding for WCU and SCC alone!

This bond package has strong bipartisan support from both sides of the legislative aisle, and passage of the bond will not require any additional tax burden for North Carolinians. Because of historically low interest rates and the retirement of existing debt, issuance of new bonds will not increase the total tax-supported debt in the state beyond what it is today.

For years, we have heard the lament that WNC never gets its "fair share" from Raleigh or Washington. In the case of this bond referendum, WCU has the single largest project among the many that would be funded, and SCC would receive the largest amount of funding among all the region's community colleges – and one of the largest for community colleges statewide.

We hope that, come March 15, you will vote "yes" in this bond referendum. A vote "yes" is a vote for the good of the students of Southwestern Community College and Western Carolina University. After all, the community's students are SCC's students, and many SCC students become WCU's students. The bond package is a wise investment that would pay dividends for years to come for our students, our communities and our region.

David Belcher is chancellor of Western Carolina University. Don Tomas is president of Southwestern Community College.

Poll Responses

Note: The following comments were made on the Cherokee One Feather Facebook page and website to our weekly poll question:

What is your opinion of “chiefing” in Cherokee? (a) I’m opposed to it. (b) I’m in favor of it. (c) I’m ok with it as long as they wear traditional Cherokee clothing. (d) I just don’t care.

Ned and Stephanie Welch:

Used to seeing it...many people have grown up with these men “chiefing” all their lives. Our own current elected Chief’s father was a staple in this line of work forever as was Denny Wolfe. Neither of them ever made it out to be less “Cherokee” because of the job they did. What’s the difference between that and the dancers on the side of the road? Those are not traditional Cherokee dances either. So, what about asking about things that matter, like, do we think it’s ok for our elected officials to do as they please and never ask the people’s opinion?

Melissa McCoy: I am okay with the chiefing, but I do feel it needs to be traditional Cherokee clothing and attire. There needs to be some accountability of these individuals and some screening process that they are right for the position. It shouldn’t be just anyone can decide to chief for tips especially when in non-Cherokee attire...I agree that chiefing and untraditional Cherokee attire and dances takes away from all that has been done to represent the true Cherokee culture and people.

Sheena Brings Plenty: I’m op-

What is your opinion of “chiefing”?

I’m opposed to it **21%**

I’m in favor of it **18%**

I’m ok with it as long as they wear traditional Cherokee clothing **50%**

I just don’t care **11%**

Question of the week now up on theonefeather.com:

Do you salute (hand over heart or military salute) the U.S. flag during the playing of the National Anthem?

posed to it because I think it diminishes all the work that the Tribe has done through the Museum, Qualla Arts and Crafts, and the Village to put out the correct image of who the Cherokee are as a people. Plus, it’s complete thievery of other tribe’s cultures and clothing.

Lillie Seagle: C, and no tragic stories...the dancers should offer a history fact.

Wayne Wolfe: D...answered, no explanation needed.

Lewie Dunn: The “chiefs” are often the first impression that tourists see of the people. Regulations should be set as to dress, dance, historical interpretation, reference to traditional culture...the bonfires and the Warriors of Anikituwah have worked so hard to express a good, positive image of the people...please do not let all the hard work and money that has been spent go to waste!

Nathan Bush: Let them do what they do. Everyone wants to see “a

real live Indian.”

Gary R. Ledford: Really? They’re street performers. They make a couple of bucks a day entertaining people. Are we really that threatened and worried that these guys will break down the entirety of our Cherokee cultural advancement initiatives...or lack thereof? Call me crazy, but I think attacking the drug and alcohol, housing, audit, and economic diversification issues are just a tad more important than worrying about who’s dancing in the street.

Rose Long: Have you seen the numerous “c&g” shops in town? They’re trashy and embarrassing. Let’s not pick on the peddling Native guys first. Let’s pick on the foreigners and white people that are running these atrocities.

Linda Hubbard: I am for it. They need this because, without them on the street, Cherokee has gone downhill. That’s what people visit there for, not just the shops.

Driver Blythe: There are some people who do the “chiefing” right by answering questions and telling tourists the information they need or possibly discussing with them anything they want to know about Cherokee, but that being said, there have been people who “chief”...and are actually rude, mean or unpleasant to tourists. Some expect a tip just for waving at them, and we actually had one that would walk in Saunooke’s with a Budweiser in their hand. That’s the stuff that gives us a bad name and stereotypes our race.

Janis Owl: “A” all the way. How can it be asked that society stop Native acculturation and that micro-aggression against Native people cease when the Cherokee allow it about and among themselves?

Joey Owle: “A”. This Hollywood-like stereotype has to be put to rest in order for our Tribe and community to truly reflect Cherokee culture. Yes, tourists still come here to get a picture with an “Indian”. We should want folks to take photos of scenes and community figures who positively reflect our honorable past. I don’t think any of our elected officials don “chiefing” attire while representing our Tribe, do they?

Utsilugi Galanvdy: The idea that our history is relegated to chiefing is stupid. Our oral history, our ceremony is very much intact. It may not be as widely practiced as it once was, but it doesn’t mean we are relegated to wearing another tribe’s warbonnet and regalias as a form of keeping our identity.

More Poll Responses

Terri Stephens: B. These are popele trying to make an honest buck. The tourists love them, and what child doesn't want to see a real Indian. They are great ambassadors to all Native American people. As for the regalia, it would be nice to see some in Cherokee regalia, and I have noticed some making an effort towards that. Do not take away this long-standing tradition. People that come here every year expect and want to see them.

Wes Hicks: C

Harvey Wall: C

Rosalie Cabe Lewis: B

Nathan Bradley: C, why would they wear anything other than traditional Cherokee clothing? This is Cherokee, right?

Agnes Reed: C. I'm okay with it as long as they wear traditional clothing. To take it a step farther, I think there should be some rules and guidelines to abide by (traditional clothing, dances, stories and good ole clean Cherokee humor for example). Also, make sure the individuals are clean, sober, and not reaking of beer and liquor from the night before. There has been chiefting through town as long as I can remember. I imagine the tourists enjoy the shows as there is always a crowd in the summertime. It just seems like something could be done about the standards of the entertainment.

Bonnie McLeod: I've always enjoyed it and now my grandchildren do!

Junebug Driver: Those who do this are not chiefs!

Frances Kennedy Gounlden: C, Cherokee is Cherokee.

Jo Ann Tidwell: A. Tourists see it as a stereotype; not productive to real knowledge and history.

Michael Zepeda: D. To me, it's a freedom thing. If someone wants to dance on the street for money, that's up to them. They can do it with a top hat and a suit. It's an act. If the Tribal Council wants to put something together to represent our Tribe, that's something different.

Thomas Eugene Pheasant: D. Growing up, I saw a few good men make a good living by cashing in on the ignorance of people. The ones who are out there every day "chiefting" are putting smiles on the faces of a lot of strangers. What are you doing to contribute to the happiness of others?

Fawn Young: A

Dama Owle: D

Kina Swayney: A. I'm opposed. ALthough I respect their civil liberties to express themselves, I wish they would see the exploitation for what it is.

Sue Bradley Hornbuckle: D

Michelle Watts: I think it's fine. But, nobody could it like Dennis Wolfe!

Grace Bird: A. I'm oppoosed because of the fact that most of the people posing are druggies. They

do not give the tourists correct information, and they lie to them... there should be standards to which they go by. They should have to pass drug tests. They should not be able to pose as a chief. They definitely do not fit the guidelines for a chief. They should not be allowed to wear headdresses.

Paul Hunter: I visit Cherokee often with my family. My girls love the performers, and we enjoy talking to the guys and learning about the culture and history. That's really what draws us back. I don't think it would be the same if they weren't out there. We think it would be sad to see them go.

James Pheasant Jr.: I'm a dancer, and this is how I provide for my family. The dancers provide free entertainment to our visitors. Many tourists have watched our shows

and bought merchandise from the local businesses. I have always provided educational information about our dances. No, it may be not be traditional Cherokee dances (there are some), but we feel we provide a true, Native experience. We also provide a routine that reflects on our homeland because we all know the Cherokees are always going to be the most popular tribe in the U.S.A. We are providing entertainment at a fair value to our visitors.

Marcus Moss: I enjoy the street dancing shows. I will continue to support with my donations for watching a show. At least they are dancing (working) for their money. They're not out begging for hand-outs.

Rett Hager: C

Laura Mitchell: B



ELK: Management of animals is complicated, from page 26

animals. Elk are deceptively docile looking, until spooked or provoked.

Additionally, elk have found food sources in local gardens, resulting in herds visiting Cherokee residences looking for easy meals and using roadways as migration paths. State authorities have given permission to home owners and farmers to exterminate elk that are destroying crops and property. Tribal law still maintains no killing of elk under any circumstances. Some animals have had to be killed in our area because of crop damage. We recently reported concerning an elk that was severely injured as result of an impact with an SUV. Fortunately, the occupants of the vehicle were uninjured, but the elk

had to be destroyed by NC Wildlife officials.

Elk are a tourist attraction. The Tribe's Destination Marketing program features elk on billboards, print media, internet and social media. Thousands of dollars of media exposure dedicated to showing the potential Cherokee tourist that they may have the opportunity to see elk in Cherokee must be translating to thousands of dollars in accommodation revenue (although no hard statistics are available for review on the tourism impact of elk). If there is any question about the elk's popularity, take a peek at social media. Anytime elk are sighted, photographed/videoed, and placed on a website or social media, views skyrocket-some going viral. And, when the elk decide to encroach onto roadways or graze

roadside, traffic stops. You quickly see arms exiting automobile windows with hands clicking photos on smartphones.

The damage and aggravation caused by these animals has caused many in local communities to call for a hunting season on them. The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission recently unanimously decided to prepare for the hunting of elk and to remove elk from the list of species of special concern. The Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Nation also has similar legislation in motion that would create a season of hunting the elk. The size and development of an elk hunting season is currently dependent on a scientific, specific determination of the number of deaths versus the number of births that are able to mature to adulthood per proposed season or year.

In speaking with EBCI tribal members, I found that people are mixed in their opinions about hunting elk. Some feel that hunting elk for sport sends a negative message to the communities and visiting public. We are a people who treasure nature, both plant and animal life. The Cherokee people have always lived with a philosophy of taking only what they need from nature and giving thanks to the Creator when anything in nature was used for survival. Native Americans are the first true naturalists. We live in harmony with, not in spite of, nature. As with any other harvesting, the taking of elk should

be in line with that philosophy. A recent One Feather poll showed that readers who responded were overwhelmingly against an elk hunt.

Blake Henning, RMEF Vice President for Lands and Conservation, said, "We are a very pro-hunting organization, and so any time we help with an elk restoration effort, our long-term goal is that the population will get to a level that can support a hunt. We'd like to see more elk, but I don't think hunting will hurt the population. But, it can help with moving elk back on to public lands" (Feb. 12, 2016 NC Wildlife Commission votes to open elk hunt Asheville Citizen Times).

There are many questions that need to be answered in considering how we deal with elk. Are there ways to lessen the close quarter contact between humans and elk? Are we willing to invest in proper mitigation measures to ensure the safety of both? If the Tribe decides to make hunting legal, what steps will be taken to ensure that humans are not in danger of hunters and elk? One individual I spoke with expressed concern that he and his family live adjacent to a field that is frequently visited by elk. Who should profit from hunts on the Boundary? How will the introduction of hunting elk be received by the Cherokee community and the visiting public?

One thing is certain, this once endangered and adored species is now in the crosshairs.



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A representative from Congressman Mark Meadows' office will be at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex community room from 10am - 4pm every fourth Tuesday of the month.

Observations and random thoughts. Volume Six.

Liberal and conservative philosophies issue. Part Two.

WILLIAM LEDFORD

Last time I was just getting into the flow but my article was deemed a lot too long and was cut into two parts. If you want to refresh pick up Part One, re-read or scan through and continue with this. I'll try to be a little less wordy next time but I ain't guaranteeing nothing.

What's happened since the last column? Oh yeah, the Panthers got their hindquarters FedExed and handed to them in SB50. And you can spell it as you want, whuppin' or whoopin', it happened. Ugly, ugly, boring game. Unless you're a Bronco fan. Cam Newton said earlier in the season, "If people don't like my dancing, then stop me." Ask and ye shall receive dude.

Speaking of dancing, SB50 had a very boring halftime show, someone really should've done us all a service and stopped the dancing done by Coldplay's singer, that very pale man ain't got no kinda rhythm. And Thunderthighs Beyonce almost stopped her own "dancing" by falling off the stage. That itself woulda been the highlight of SB50.

Golden State is tearing up the NBA, big time. I'm a Laker fan, have been since '68 but lately I've started watching Warrior games, not much to watch in Lakerland these days. Steph Curry is unreal. I especially like it when the Warriors lay a major league smack down on the Cavaliers. LeBron in defeat is as much fun to witness as Cam Newton in defeat. But LeBron knows how to handle a loss, Cam had to run off and weep. Funny stuff.

Now, back to the main event.

Liberal. Just to be clear on the subject, even though I consider myself a moderate I like the term liberal. I don't mind when people call me that. In my eyes it's far from being the insult

that the conservatives think it is. To me the very definition of the word liberal is something to be proud of. The word liberal means progressive, adaptable and open to change. Open-minded and intelligent people can easily adapt to change. The word conservative simply means the opposite, fearful of change, holding desperately to the idea of traditional values. All of these are good except that in the real world most conservatives are also paranoid, stingy and very selfish. They seem to value greed above all. Capitalism in the original sense is now dead or dying thanks to that greed. And it kinda makes me wonder how they can claim to be as religious as they do since they refuse to even try to help the unfortunate. I've also noticed that conservatives are extremely motivated by fear. Fear of immigrants (ironic), fear of the National debt (whaaat?), fear of minorities (huh?), fear of the government (again, whaaat...). I also remember conservatives running out in droves to buy guns and ammo when Obama was elected and again when he was re-elected. Something about fear of a blackskin uprising that never happened. Now they're at it again.

I can't begin imagine how life in America would be today if liberal ideas weren't allowed to work...other than wonder what we could've become if we hadn't allowed any immigrants to land here in the first place. Oh well, c'est la vie. So I'll throw a few liberal concepts out that have worked so well that conservatives wish they were the ones that thought of them. Number One: most important, there'd be no United States of America because revolution is an extreme liberal idea, remember, the British supporting Tories were conservatives, they liked how things were and were scared of change. The Constitution and Bill of Rights (which is chock full of liberal ideas like free speech, freedom of the press, right to bear arms, etc.). Civil Rights. Women's voting rights. 40-hour work week. Social Security. Capitalism. Unemployment compensation. The abolishment of slavery. And the one that I like best, citizenship for Native people. We're still

treated like second class citizens by many but that's another column for another day.

There's one thing that gets me, America is OK with females doing and being everything imaginable except be President of the United States. I truly believe that after 227 years, the USA might finally be ready for the first female US President, and after 219 years of whiteskin male Presidents I certainly am. We'll need a strong woman and, like her or not, Hillary Clinton is such a woman. She's highly intelligent, she doesn't take any crap from anyone (many people, mostly, especially, insecure men, call her that "B" word because she won't take any crap from them) and she apparently values traditional marriage more than Republicans like Newt Gingrich, Bob Dole, Henry Hyde, John McCain and other GOP'ers who've dumped their wives to marry their mistresses, some more than once. And since you want to let's talk Benghazi, yes you do, you know that you do...she's been investigated by no less than seven GOP led committees, all seven found no wrongdoing which is exactly why they keep holding these hearings, stay tuned for number 8. The email "scandal"? That's a fabrication by Republicans wanting to tarnish her image and it's kinda worked. People that weren't going to vote for her in the first place still aren't. And just FYI, the days of women being chained to the stove, barefoot and pregnant are long gone. Ah, those traditional, conservative values.

As for Bernie Sanders I'll say this for him. He's a very intelligent man who just happens to understand that war doesn't make us great and who also believes in a concept or philosophy called democratic socialism. Democratic socialism shouldn't be confused with communism which less enlightened Republicans routinely attempt to do. It's that fear thing again. So, I'll attempt to prove my point by pointing out a few examples of democratic socialism which are alive and well in America today. I'll begin with...our military. It's paid for and supported by the

see **OBSERVATIONS**, page 37

General Events

Jackson County Republican Convention and Precinct meetings. March 4 at the Jackson County Senior Center in Sylva. Honorable Chief Justice Mark Martin, of the N.C. Supreme Court, will be the guest speaker. Registration for the Convention will open at 5pm. The Precinct Meetings will start at 5:30pm, and the Convention will start at 6:30pm. All Jackson County voters registered as Republicans by Jan. 31 are invited to attend. A buffet dinner will be served and reservations are required by Feb. 29. Info: Ralph Slaughter, Jackson County Republican chair, (828) 743-6491,

jacksonctygop@yahoo.com, or www.jacksoncountygop.com

Lecture on Tellico Archaeological Project. March 6 from 2-3pm at Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore, Tenn. This free lecture will be given by Dr. Jefferson Chapman, director of the McClung Museum of Natural History and Culture at the University of Tennessee, who will discuss the project which occurred in 1967-82. Info: Sequoyah Birthplace Museum (423) 884-6246 or www.sequoyahmuseum.org

Disabled Veterans Outreach Program Specialist visit. March 10 from 10-11am at Steve Young-

deer American Legion Post 143 headquarters on Acquoni Road. Mikey Casey, Disabled Veterans Outreach program specialist, will be on hand to provide any handicapped veteran with the necessary skills to obtain gainful employment. Bring any pertinent paperwork. Info: Mike Casey (828) 837-7407

2nd Annual Stress & Healing Arts Retreat. March 11-12 at New Kituwah Academy. "Healing Ourselves Today for the Generations of Tomorrow" is the theme for the free event. Learn about stress, grief, and trauma and healthy ways to manage it. Experience massage, aromatherapy, healing touch, acupuncture, yoga, tai chi and more. Limited space- applications due Monday, Feb. 29 at 4pm to Cherokee Choices, 806 Acquoni Road, Fax: 359-0059. Tara McCoy 359-6783, taramcco@nc-cherokee.com or Robin Callahan 359-6785, robibail@nc-cherokee.com

Swain Democrat Precinct Meeting. March 12 at 10am at Swain County Chamber of Commerce. Attendees from Alarka, Almond, Bryson City 1, Bryson City 2 and Whittier/Cherokee will elect officers and delegates to the County Convention which is set for April 16 at 10am. Info: Rocky Sampson (828) 735-1950 or Gwen Bushyhead 736-3043

Spring Garden Fair. April 8-9 at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Vendor applications are now being accepted from vendors who sell garden items including: seeds, plants, seedlings, yard art, tools, bees, farm-related subjects,

dried food products or canned food products. Also, seeking educators to share information about composting, recycling, mulches, etc. Booth fee - \$40. Educators may qualify for free booth. This event is being sponsored by Principal Chief Patrick Lambert. Info: Check Facebook - Spring Garden Fair or legendweaverstudios@gmail.com

American Indian Science and Engineering Society Region 7 Conference. April 8-9 on the University of Tennessee campus in Knoxville, Tenn. This event is being hosted by the UT Native American Student Association. Breakout sessions to include: Native American Business Women, Leadership Development, Sustainability in Indian Country, Federal/Tribal Law Advancements, and Tribal Health Care Advancements. Info: (828) 736-4543, 788-7183, UTKNA-SA@groups.facebook.com

Ongoing Events

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

AA and NA meetings in Cherokee.

Nar-Anon (family support): Mondays at 6pm at Church of Christ
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): Tuesdays at 7pm at Cherokee Indian Hospital (CIH), Saturdays at 10am at CIH conference room
Narcotics Anonymous (NA): Mondays at 8pm at CIH, Thursdays at 8pm at CIH, Fridays at 7pm at CIH conference room




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497-7770

Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church. 497-4141

Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church. 497-4220

Boiling Springs Missionary Baptist Church. 488-9202

Calico Church of Christ.
497-6549

Cherokee Baptist Church.
497-2761, 497-3799 (fax)

Cherokee Bible Church.
497-2286

Cherokee Church of Christ.
497-3334

Cherokee Church of God.
(828) 400-9753

Cherokee Church of the Nazarene. 72 Old School Loop off Big Cove Road. 497-2819

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church. 674-2690

Cherokee United Methodist Church. (336) 309-1016, www.cherokeemission.org

Cherokee Wesleyan Church.
586-5453

Christ Fellowship Church.
Great Smokies Center.

Goose Creek Baptist Church.
631-0331 or 497-3512

Jesus is the Light Full Gospel Ministries. 736-9383

Living Waters Lutheran Church. 497-3730, prjack@frontier.com, lwcherokee@frontier.com

Macedonia Baptist Church.
508-2629 dconseen@gmail.com

Olivet United Methodist Church. (336) 309-1016, www.YouTube.com/user/OlivetUMC, www.Olivet-UMC.org

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. 736-5322

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736-7850.

Rock Hill Baptist Church. (828) 356-7312

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497-9455, 736-1245 (cell)

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St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church of Cherokee. (828) 280-0209, cherokeepiscopal@gmail.com

Straight Fork Baptist Church.
488-3974

Waterfalls Baptist Church.
Wrights Creek Road.

Whittier United Methodist Church. 497-6245

Wilmot Baptist Church. 2015 554-5850

Wrights Creek Baptist Church.
497-5262

Yellowhill Baptist Church.
506-0123 or 736-4872

Community Clubs

Big Y Community Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Big Y Community Building. Bunsey Crowe, president, 497-6339 or 788-4879

Big Cove Community Club meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the Big Cove Rec. Center. Chairman Sam Panther 497-5309 or Secretary Consie Girty 736-0159 or walerb@gmail.com

Birdtown Community Club meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Community Building. Jody Taylor, chairperson, 736-7510

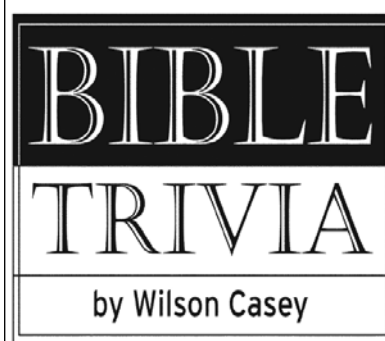
Paint Town Community Club meets the last Monday of each month at 5:30pm at the new Painttown Gym. Lula Jackson 736-1511, Lois Dunston 736-3230, Abe Queen (Free Labor) 269-8110, Jennifer Jackson (building rental) 269-7702

Snowbird Community Club meets the first Tuesday of each month or the Tuesday before the

Tribal Council meeting. Roger Smoker, chairman, (828) 479-8678 or (828) 361-3278, roger-smoker@yahoo.com

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

Yellowhill Community Club. First Tuesday of every month unless it's a holiday. Reuben 497-2043



1. Is the book of 2 Chronicles in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Acts 9, what dressmaker was restored to life by Peter's prayers? *Dorcas, Leah, Jezebel, Miriam*
3. For how many pieces of silver did Joseph's brothers sell him to Midianite traders? *3, 7, 12, 20*
4. From Exodus 28, what fruit was used as a design on priestly garments? *Grapes, Pomegranates, Pears, Figs*
5. Pharaoh gave what burnt city to his daughter for a gift? *Canan, Gezer, Joppa, Bethel*
6. From 1 Kings, which prophet was fed by birds? *Paul, David, Elisha, Elijah*

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Dorcas; 3) Figs; 4) Pomegranates; 5) Gezer; 6) Elijah
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REALTY

The following is a list of tribal members that have documents to sign in the BIA Realty Office. These are land transfers from both Tribal Members and the Eastern Band by Resolution.

Cherokee County

Robert Terry Gilmor, Thomas Winkler Gilmor, Denise Winkler Hall, Kathryn Susan Jasper, Elizabeth Jo Poschich, Allen James Rattler, Joshua Bryant Rattler, David Eric Rogers, Kathryn Winkler Rogers, Nathan Scott Rogers, Maria Queen Smith, Henry Larkin Wright, Jr., William Edward Wright, Lois Winkler Wyatt, Parent or Guardian of Kamryn Rebecca Rattler
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Agreement to Divisions
Carla Marie Sneed Ballew, George Milton James, Dennis Ray James, Jackie Lee Johnson, Jacob Pete Johnson, Doris Earlene Lambert, Eric Thomas Lambert, James Dwayne Lambert, Patricia Eldean Sneed Lambert, Melissa Ann Maney, Frankie Nelle James Patencio, Mary Edith Reed Smith, Howard Vincent Sneed, Rena Janet Johnson Wachacha, Mary Louise Sneed Welch, Joseph Lloyd White

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

Proposed Land Transfers

Viola Yvonne Shell Garnett to Delores Lynette Shell for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 579-A (Remainder No. 1 of WT Parcel No. 579), containing 6.991 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Hazel Lynn Ammons Jumper to Chad Edward Cooper for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 342-B (Remainder of Parcel No. 342), containing 0.514 acre, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Hazel Lynn Ammons Jumper to Chad Edward Cooper for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 342-A (Part

of Parcel No. 342), containing 0.250 acre, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Peggy Ann Lambert Pilkington to Laura Amanda Lambert Hoyle for Upper Cherokee Community Parcel No. 642-G (Remainder of Parcel No. 642-C), containing 20.754 acres, more or less.

Peggy Ann Lambert Pilkington to Michael Farriday Lambert for Upper Cherokee Community Parcel No. 642-F (Part of Parcel No. 642-C), containing 8.539 acres, more or less.

Sharla Elise Wolfe Gray Eagle to Donald Eugene Wolfe, Sr. for Big Cove Community Parcel No. 394 (Part of Parcel No. 361), containing 0.929 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Stephanie Breanne Key to Iva Glyn Roberts Key for Snowbird Community Parcel No. 239-B (Part of Parcel No. 239), containing 1.070 acres, more or less.

Jonah Wolfe to Frank Ernest Driver for Big Cove Community Parcel No. 444, containing 0.775 acres, more or less.

Sabrina Sue Bradley Arch and David Ethan Arch to Sadie Sue Wolfe Bradley for Big Cove Community Parcel No. 461, containing 35.714 acres, more or less.

Sabrina Sue Bradley Arch and David Ethan Arch to Sadie Sue Wolfe Bradley for Big Cove Community Parcel No. 678-F (Part of Parcel No. 678-E), containing 0.500 acre, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Ned Julius Taylor to Timothy Ray Taylor and Ruth Marie Sequoyah McCoy for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 717-F (Part

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Franklin Donald McCoy to Agnes Marie McCoy Bradley for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 289 (Part of Parcel No. 35), containing 0.934 acre, more or less.

Veronica Sue Bradley to Ronnie Ray Hornbuckle for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 818 (Part of Parcel No. 47), containing 1.188 acres, more or less.

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Guidelines:

- Be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe.
- Be available to begin work in March and work through November.
- Be willing to work weekends and holidays.
- Must make it through the interview process.
- Associate's Degree or equivalent management experience required.
- Must have knowledge of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians culture and about the culturally based tourism industry.
- Must be able to work with individuals and groups alike.
- Requires the ability to coordinate activities and events, market and promote, communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing. **3/17**

The Oconaluftee Indian Village is seeking workers for the 2016 season.

We are looking for people willing to educate the public about the Cherokee history and culture in fun, exciting ways. We need applicants who take pride in the Cherokee culture and possess good

work ethics. Applications and job descriptions can be picked up at the Cherokee Historical main office. Positions available: Tour Guides/Greeters, Craft Workers, Historical Re-enactors, Concession, Box Office, Gift Shop Workers, Gardner/Maintenance & Program Coordinator

Guidelines:

- Be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe (Except specific historical reenactment roles)
- Must be able to show up at 8:30am and work until 5:00pm when required.
- Age requirement: 17yrs or older (except for Mentoring Program)
- Be willing to work weekends and holidays

Must make it through the interview process if selected. **3/24**

Now Hiring: Cherokee Historical Association is hiring a seasonal Gardener/Maintenance position.

This is a dual duty position that requires a person who is dependable. Applicants can pick up a job description and an application at the CHA main office. Applicants must submit a completed application by C.O.B March 11, 2016.

Guidelines:

- Have knowledge and experience in gardening.
- Must be able to lift heavy loads.
- Be available to begin work in March and work through October.
- Be willing to work weekends and holidays.
- Must make it through the interview process.
- Must be able to work with individuals and groups alike. **3/10**

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16. Physical Education Teacher- KPEP (\$41,082-\$51,353)
17. Academy Curriculum Developer- KPEP (\$41,082-\$51,353)
18. Kituwah Academy Teacher- KPEP (\$41,082-\$51,353)
19. Early Childhood Language Specialist- KPEP (\$31,078-\$38,848)
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5. Equipment Operator- CDOT (\$34,112-\$42,640)
6. Temporary Maintenance Utility Worker (3 positions)- Facilities (\$23,616-\$29,520)
7. Assistant Systems Administrator- IT (\$45,018-\$56,273)
8. Part Time Paramedic (6 positions)(Re-advertisement) - Tribal EMS (\$34,112-\$42,640)
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Guidelines:

- Indian preference applies, must show proof.
- Be willing to work weekends and holidays.
- Must make it through the interview process.
- Associate's Degree or equivalent management experience required.
- Retail management experience is preferred.
- Have good knowledge of Cherokee craft appraisal.
- Must have knowledge of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians culture and about the culturally based tourism industry.
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AGER/BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - open until filled

Applications and job descriptions are available at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Human Resources Office, Monday – Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm. For more information please call 828 497-9163 and ask for Teresa Carvalho or Deb Toineeta. These positions will close on March 4, 2016 @ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and the original CIHA job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **3/3pd**

Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee is seeking energetic, career-minded individuals for the following positions:

Male Spa Host, NC Licensed Cosmetologist, NC Licensed Massage Therapist. Applications available at the Spa front desk or by email. Candidate must be able to pass pre-employment drug test. Contact Brandi Tessner, 828-497-8550, brandih@mandaraspa.com **3/3pd**

Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings (open until filled):

- Transition Specialist - NC Teaching license required.
- Special Education First Grade Teacher - NC Teaching license required.
- Substitute Security - H.S. Diploma/G.E.D. Required. Must be able to work any shift.
- Middle School Nurse - Must have RN or LPN.
- Substitute Custodian - H.S. Diploma/G.E.D. Required.
- Cherokee Language Instructor - Must have an Associate's Degree or two years (48 semester hours)

of study at an institute of higher education.

For complete job descriptions please visit Cherokee Central Schools Human Resources at www.ccs-nc.org **3/3pd**

THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

FT OPTICAL ASSISTANT
FT RN NIGHT FLOAT-IN PATIENT
FT RN NIGHTS-IN PATIENT
PTI RN-IN PATIENT
PTI CNA / CLERK-IN PATIENT
FT LPN JUSTICE CENTER / FCC opened until filled
FT CMA JUSTICE CENTER / FCC opened until filled
FT RN / ER opened until filled

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BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Request for Proposals

Internal Audit Outsourcing – Information Technology Auditing (OIA-16-01)

The Office of Internal Audit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is requesting proposals from experienced firms or groups for an Internal Audit Outsourcing opportunity. The work will include assurance services for information

technology auditing and must conform to the Institute of Internal Auditors' International Professional Practices Framework and other applicable auditing standards. For details, a complete RFP package may be requested by contacting Rebecca Claxton, Audit Manager at 828-359-6769 or rebeclax@nc-chokeee.com. Proposals must be received on or before March 18, 2016. **3/10pd**

HELP Program will be accepting applications for the 2016 LAWN MAINTENANCE SEASON Beginning February 8, 2016. The final deadline for application submission is March 25, 2016 – no exceptions.

Guidelines

A. Must be a Senior Citizen, age 59 ½ and above, or Disabled age 59 ½ and below, (and spouse) Living alone or with anyone under the age of 18.

1. Residence must reside on EBCI Tribal Lands in the Swain, Jackson, Graham, and Cherokee Counties; this does not include deeded property.

2. Season will run from April 11, 2016– September 30, 2016

3. Lawn Maintenance will include Mowing and Weed eating.

4. Lawn Maintenance will include a 50Ft. perimeter around home including carports.

5. Lawns mowed outside the 50ft. perimeter will be the home owner's responsibility.

6. Client/Family is responsible for getting yard clear of any trash/debris.

7. Member of the EBCI, will need a copy of enrollment cards **3/10pd**

OBSERVATION: Commentary from Bill Ledford, from page 31

American people because, war or not we'll always have a need for a military...either that or corporations will hire their own armies. Our roads, highways and bridges. Again, paid for and supported by the American people. Police and fire departments. Public libraries. US Postal Service. CIA, FBI, Homeland Security. The VA. Garbage pickup, landfills. Public schools. Elected officials. And finally, free and open elections, the cornerstone, something we used to enjoy until the GOP attempted to manipulate the ballot box by inventing various voter fraud scandals and re-organization or re-drawing of voting districts. But, simply because Bernie Sanders believes in the same

rights for all Americans he has no realistic chance to be President. Even if he got elected he'd fare no better than President Obama because conservatives are scared of change for the better.

This discussion of conservative versus liberal philosophies brings to mind an old joke that fits this whole thing perfectly..."Two elderly folks were sitting in church one Sunday listening to the preacher, the wife leans over and whispers to her husband, "I couldn't help it but I just tooted a long silent toot." The husband replies, "You need to change the batteries in your hearing aids." The point being, always have all of the facts available before making assumptions.

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



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We are located at 777 Casino Drive. Applicants can park on level 1 in the casino 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 Talent Acquisition Department, accepts applications Mon. - Thur. from 8am - 4:30pm. Call 828.497.8778, or send resume to Human Resources Department, 777 Casino Drive, Cherokee, NC 28719 or fax resume to 828.497.8840.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 15-074

In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph Feather

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM FIRST PUBLICATION
Carole Love, 21 Bear Track Run,
Bryson City, NC 28713. **3/17pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina

In the Matter of the Estates of: Maria Anna Armachain (EST 10-038; DOB 2/18/1964); Savannah Darlene Cook (EST 07-013; DOB 5/9/1959); Bennie Wade Crowe (EST 09-023; DOB 6/22/1959); Everett Edward Jumper (EST 98-055; DOB 6/23/1946); Khrystofor Hawk Rattler (EST 10-022; DOB 12/5/1991)

All persons, firms, or corporations having outstanding claims or interest in this estate are hereby notified of a hearing to settle the above named estate in at the following date and time or be barred from making any further claims against the estate.

Courtroom 1
EBCI Justice Center
March 10th, 2016 at 1:30pm
3/3pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File Nos.: EST 99-060; EST 00-027;
EST 04-011; EST 05-152; EST 06-032; EST 06-046

In the Matter of the Estates of: Jerry Taylor, Tom Queen, Sr., Daniel Scott, Kathryn A. Owle, & John Dickie Calhoun

All persons, firms, or corporations having outstanding claims or interest in these estates are hereby notified of a hearing to settle the above named estates at the following date and time or be barred from making any further claims against the estate.

Courtroom 1
EBCI Justice Center
March 10th, 2016 at 1:30pm
3/3pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 16-004

In the Matter of the Estate of Edward J. Taylor

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

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

Date to submit claims: May 18, 2016
Louise E. Taylor, PO Box 54, Cherokee, NC 28719. **3/10pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 16-006

In the Matter of the Estate of Margaret Sneed

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or

before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM FIRST PUBLICATION
Trina Owle, 138 Bud Sneed Drive,
Cherokee, NC 28719. **3/10pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 16-008

In the Matter of the Estate of Dorothy Pearl Toineeta

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
C. Douglas Toineeta, PO Box 474,
Cherokee, NC 28719. **3/17pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 16-009

In the Matter of the Estate of Dalton Gunter

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

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Tiffany Owle-Pummer, PO Box 33,
Cherokee, NC 28719. **3/17pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 16-010

In the Matter of the Estate of Morgan Bradley

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

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

Date to submit claims: June 2, 2016
Loretta Bradley, PO Box 887, Cherokee, NC 28719. **3/24pd**

INTENT TO FILE
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Revenue Department
PO Box 537
Cherokee, NC 28719

Re: Complaint for Money owed TO

Aaron Lewis, Althia Lossie Cruz, Amanda Santiago, Andrea Standingdeer, Angela Lossiah Moncada, Anthony D Welch, Antonio Sanchez, Austina Bradley, Barbara Kosko, Barbara Miller, Ben Parker, Benjamin Swayney, Beth Owle, Boyd Donaldson, Brad Parker, Brandi Keen, Brandi Sequoyah, Brian Kirkland, Brittany Sgueglia, Bryon Ayen, Carl Arch, Carrie Hux, Charity Sampson, Charles D Lambert, Charles Pullard, Cheryl Rudd, Chris Mintz, Christian Siewers Jr, Christine & John Forsythe, Christy Long, Chuck Rochester, Cindy Robertson, Connan Tchakirides, Dale

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Cloer, Danielle Mark, Danny Lambert, Daphne Oocumma(Hoyle), Darrell Woodard, David Armachain, David Edwards, Davita Roland, Debra Standingdeer, Delta Trampler, Donna Few, Duane Brown, Dustin Barnes, Elizabeth Plummer, Elleita Owl, Ercell Green, Eric Swayney, Erica Bradley, Ethan Larch, For-



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Consider moving beyond the usual methods to find a more creative means of handling a difficult on-the-job situation. Avoid confrontation and, instead, aim for cooperation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Seasonal change creates a new look for the outdoors. It also inspires Taureans to redo their own environments, and this is a good week to start redoing both your home and workplace. Enjoy.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A misunderstanding needs to be straightened out so the wrong impression isn't allowed to stand. If necessary, offer to support the use of a third party to act as an impartial arbitrator.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A career change offering what you want in money and responsibilities could involve moving to a new location. Discuss this with family members before making a decision.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Feeling miffed over how you believe you were treated is understandable. But before you decide to "set things straight," make sure the whole thing wasn't just a misinterpretation of the facts.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Showing you care makes it easier to build trust and gain an advantage in handling a delicate situation. What you learn from this experience also will help you understand yourself better.

rest Parker, Gary Anderson, Gary Ledford, Gene Gibson, Glenn Davis Jr, Greg Leadingfox, Greg Villalab, Gregory Cline, Heather Harlan, Heather Jones, Honey Brady, Hugh Queen Sr, Irwin Keyonnie, Isaiah Chekelelee, Jack Bowman, Jackson Wolfe, Jaimee Smith, James 'Jimmy' Gass, James Bradley, James Haney, James Hunt, James Swayney, Jamie R Jenkins, Jarrett Youngdeer, Jason

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Planning for the future is fine, especially if you include the roles that family members may be asked to play. Don't be surprised if some hidden emotions are revealed in the process.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Making choices highlights much of the week, and you have a head start here, thanks to your ability to grasp the facts of a situation and interpret them in a clear-cut manner.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Carrying a torch can be a two-way situation: It can either keep you tied to the past or help light your way to the future. The choice, as always, has to be yours.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your watchwords this week are: "Focus." "Focus." "Focus." Don't let yourself be distracted from what you set out to do. There'll be time later to look over other possibilities.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A workplace opportunity might require changes you're not keen on making. Discuss the plusses and minuses with someone familiar with the situation before you make a decision.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Love and romance are strong in your aspect this week. If you've already met the right person, expect your relationship to grow. And if you're still looking, odds are you'll soon be finding it.

BORN THIS WEEK: You approach life in a wise and measured manner, which gives you an edge in many areas.

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Killian IV, WR Williams

Take notice that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is seeking relief for money owed.

You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than the 18th day of March 2016 said date and upon your failure to do so the party seeking against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 17th day of February 2016.

Winnie Jumper, Billing & Collections Specialist, PO Box 537, Cherokee, NC 28719
(828) 359-7060 **3/3pd**

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS
BY PUBLICATION
THE CHEROKEE COURT, EASTERN
BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA
FILE NO: CV 16-008
JACK HALL DAVIS, JR,
Plaintiff,
vs KRISTI ANN (STEWART)
DAVIS,
Defendant,
To: KRISTI ANN (STEWART)
DAVIS, FAIRVIEW, NORTH
CAROLINA

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action.

The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: **ABSOLUTE DIVORCE**

You are required to make defense to such pleadings on the 9th day of April, 2016, said date being 40 days from the first date of publication of this notice and upon your failure to do so the party Seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 3rd day of March, 2016 **3/24pd**



Are you looking for employment?

The Tribal Employment Rights office (T.E.R.O.) may be able to help! Enrolled members of the EBCI and other federally-recognized tribes, spouses of enrolled members and parents of minor enrolled children are eligible to become job bank participants of the Tribal job bank. We provide potential employment opportunities (part-time, temporary and permanent) by referring participants to TERO certified-vendors who are hiring.

If you qualify, come by the office and turn in an application. If you are already on the job bank, please make sure to keep your information updated. This includes phone numbers and mailing addresses.

**We are located at the front of the
Ginger Lynn Welch Complex in Suite 190.**

**You may also call Frances Long, Job Bank coordinator, at
828-359-6420 or email her at franlong@nc-chokeee.com.**