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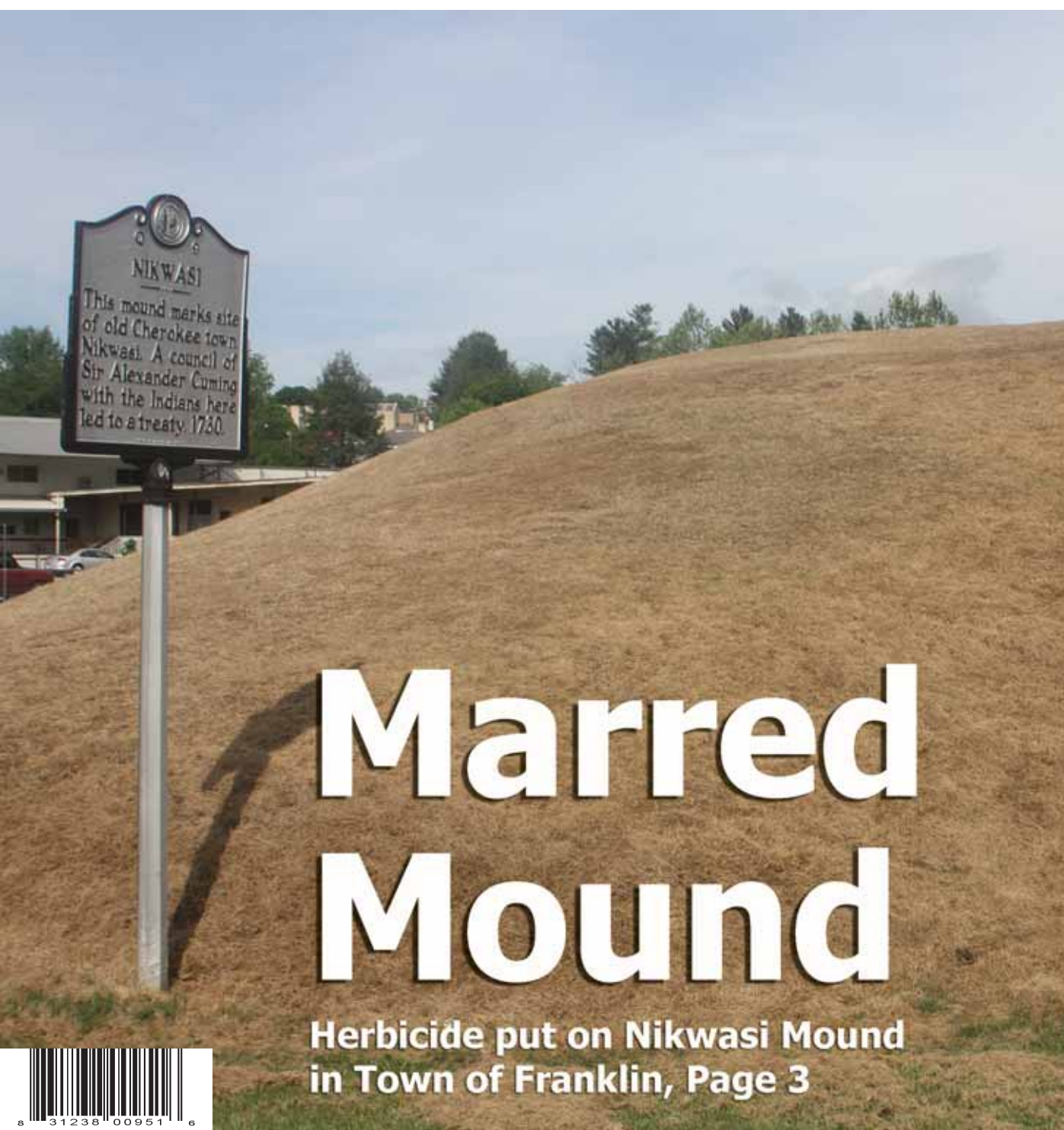
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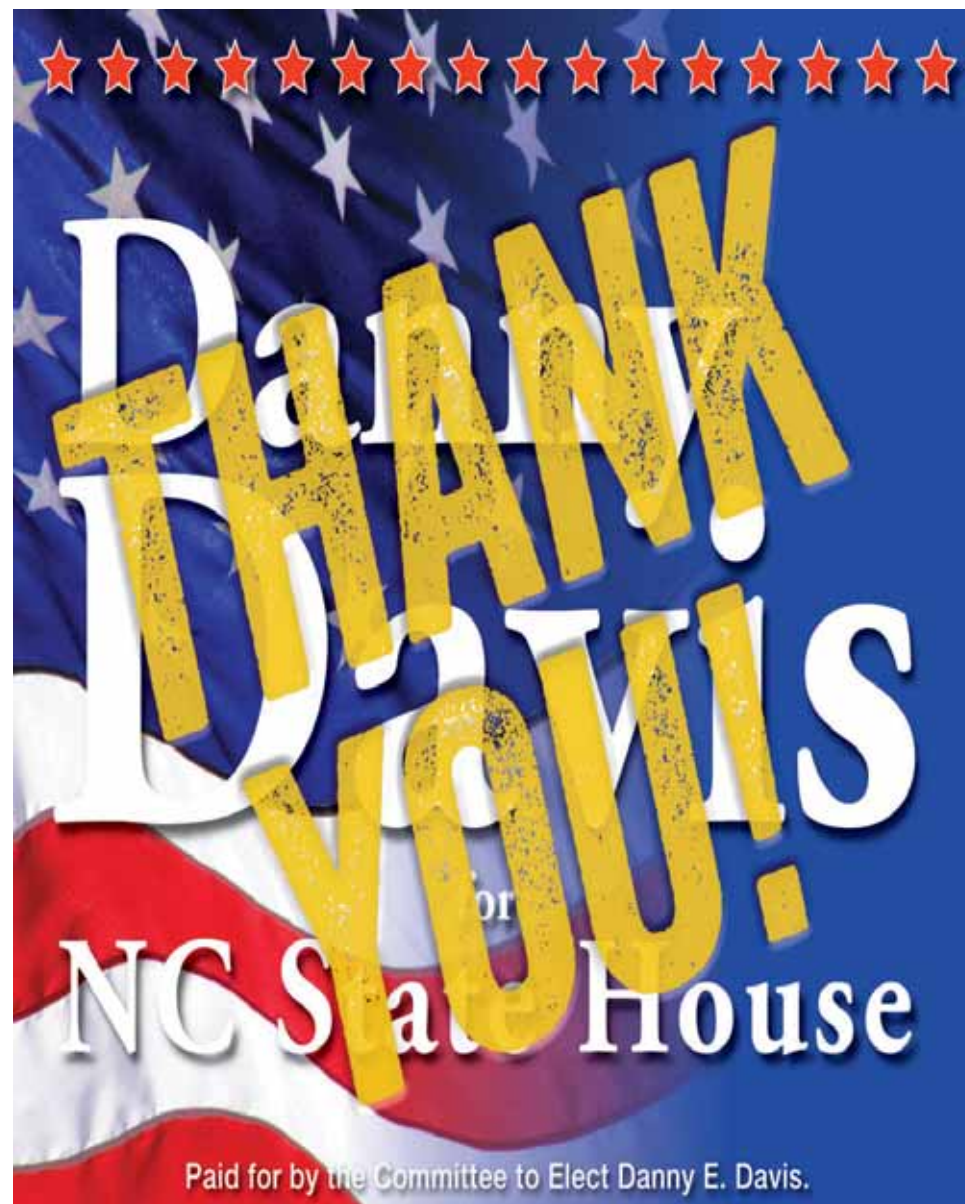
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# Herbicide put on Nikwasi Mound

**"I feel that we owe the Tribe an apology. In my opinion, what happened was a mistake."**

*- Franklin Town Alderman Bob Scott*

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

**FRANKLIN** – Herbicide was sprayed on Nikwasi Mound in the Town of Franklin leaving dead, brown grass. Many have asked why.

"I feel that we owe the Tribe an apology," said Franklin Town Alderman Bob Scott. "In my opinion, what happened was a mistake."

Scott, who serves on the Mound Committee for the Town of Franklin, commented, "The mowing itself was not really good for the mound. What we were talking about doing was letting it grow up naturally except for right around the base of the mound."

He said the plan was to let the mound revert back to a natural growth cycle, but a miscommunication resulted in herbicide being sprayed on the mound.

Scott said, in the long run, he'd like to see the land around the mound purchased by the Town of Franklin or the Tribe or both to make a historical area complete with a full interpretative area. "I just want to see that mound preserved. Rest assured, no one is going to destroy that mound. That is the most historic thing in the town of Franklin."

Russell Townsend, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, related, "In most cases, cultural resource laws apply to those situations that involve federal land, federal money or a federal permit, and, in this case, it appears that none of that was required. So, there was no violation of the National Historic Preservation Act."

He said the Tribe is looking into



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**Town workers sprayed herbicide on Nikwasi Mound in the Town of Franklin leaving dead, brown grass as shown in this photo taken on Saturday, May 5.**

the use of herbicide in such close proximity to the Little Tennessee River.

"This is one of those situations where we have sites that are important to us all over the old Cherokee world in portions of eight states, and we don't own them in many cases," said Townsend. "They are owned by states, counties and cities."

He said most governments work very well with the Tribe in instances involving historic and sacred sites. One recent example he gave is the Spikebuck Mound located near Hayesville. "That county works very closely with us. That's a really good working relationship."

Townsend said the relationship with Macon County has never been that strong, and that the county has fought the Tribe on several issues including the recent expansion project at the Macon County Airport. "We just

don't have a good cultural resource record with Macon County."

He did relate that he feels the current course of action is the way to go, "I think Chief Hicks is taking the appropriate action by letting them know how displeased we are and working towards an amicable agreement. It would be great if Macon County would recognize that they are stewards of the site."

Townsend did state that damage being inflicted to the mound is not new. "The mound has been excavated in and a lot of digging and filling around the mound has taken place in the last 100 years. There's been a lot of damage to the mound over the past 100 years, but we just don't know how intact that mound is."

Franklin Mayor Joe Collins related, "In order to reduce the maintenance needs, i.e., mowing of the Indian

Mound, and to lessen the negative impact on the mound caused by foot traffic and the smoke and waste from mower engines, the Town of Franklin decided to replace the existing grass on the mound with a strain of grass-type ground cover which requires much less maintenance. Additionally, the Town Board has directed its attorney to draft an ordinance to prohibit unauthorized activity upon the mound, all for the purpose of preserving the mound from future deterioration."

He went on to state, "The Indian Mound is a treasured asset of the Town of Franklin, and the Town Board will continue to safeguard its future."

Nikwasi Mound was put on the National Register of Historic Place on Nov. 26, 1980. It is listed on the Register as Nequasee.

# Student work showcased at CHS Art Show

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

Cherokee High School showcased the artistic talents of its students at its annual Art Show held at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center on the evening of Thursday, May 3. Over 50 students' work was on display in various mediums such as pastels, oils, wood carving, beadwork, basketry, metalwork and more.

"These kids are loaded with talent," said Alyne Stamper, CHS art teacher. "I've never taught one year that hasn't been really, really talented."

Christine Davis is a CHS art student who has been painting for about two years and was displaying several award-winning works at Thursday's show. "It's just a great escape. You can express so much in just one painting, in one brush stroke, and words sometimes can't capture so much purity and imagination."

Reba Elders, CHS art teacher, also had very high praise for her students and said whenever they take the students to art competitions or other shows that everyone is blown away. "The ability of the students, the artistic ability, is unreal. Other people can't believe it's high school artwork."

This year, the CHS art program brought in guest teachers to instruct the students in specialized fields. EBCI tribal members Josh Adams, a noted painter known for his graffiti art style, and Joel Queen, a nationally-recognized potter and artist, worked with the students this year.

William Rogers, a well-known metalworker, also worked with the students. He taught the students a metalwork technique involving hammering copper. "It was inspired by research of both Arch Miller's work and pre-European copper work done here in the United States. I've been doing this type of work for 30 years and have been teaching in the Cherokee community for four."

CHS students won awards at other



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CHS art student Christine Davis shows off several of her paintings during the annual CHS Art Show held at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center on Thursday, May 3.

**"It's just a great escape. You can express so much in just one painting..."**

*- CHS art student Christine Davis on her art*

shows this year including the State BETA conference and the annual Heard Museum Student Art Show held annually in Phoenix, Ariz.



Kyra Sneed shows off one of her oil paintings that won a third place ribbon at Thursday's show.

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# Kituwah Academy students learn about asthma

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

**D**enili Hill breathes into a tube connected to a computer to test his lung function. By looking at the rambunctious six-year-old, a student at Kituwah Academy, you would never know he has suffered from the effects of asthma since he was a young child.

"We used to have to take him to the emergency room a lot," said his mother Michelle Long.

But, things are looking better for Denili. He has been working with Melinda Shuler with the Mission Health System Regional Asthma Disease Management program, and his breathing has improved dramatically.

"She (Shuler) started adjusting his medications," said Long, "and he hasn't been to the ER since. He is doing a lot better."

Shuler currently manages two dozen youth asthma cases in Cherokee and another dozen in the Snowbird Community. She visited the Kituwah Academy on Wednesday, May 2 to teach the students about asthma and to dispel some misconceptions about the disease.

"Asthma tends to run in families," Shuler told the students. "If mommy and daddy have asthma, kids are twice as likely to have asthma."

She discussed the processes of the respiratory system and showed the students examples of diseased lungs as well.

Shuler showed an episode of the popular cartoon Arthur entitled "Buster's Breathless" which dealt with the challenges some children with asthma face each day.

The visit was in conjunction with Asthma Awareness Month (May) and was a day after World Asthma Day.

"We embrace the National Asthma

guidelines in our program and one component of that is education that we provide to the students and to the parents," said Shuler. "Another component is the environmental piece where we go into their home and do extensive environmental assessments to see what may be triggering the asthma in the child."

She said sometimes it is hard to figure out what is triggering asthma attacks in children and going into the home helps identify possible triggers. "Each child's triggers are different so we work with them on an individual basis to come up with and identify the triggers and then come up with solutions and avoidance measures."

Shuler went on to say, "One other huge component of our program is our dedicated staff and the advocacy role that we play in addressing the social determinants of health."

And, Shuler and staff are doing a fine job as evidenced by a recent acknowledgment by the EPA which named the Mission Health program the premier winner in the health care category of the 2012 National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management.

"Asthma is a disease that touches the lives of American families every day," said EPA administrator Lisa P. Jackson in a statement on the award winners. "EPA is working hard to clean the air we breathe and reduce the environmental causes of asthma and other respiratory illnesses. As we mark Asthma Awareness Month, it's important for parents and children to learn more about the disease and its triggers, so we can prevent asthma attacks and better protect our health and our children's health."

The EPA states that 26 million Americans, including 7 million children, are affected by asthma.



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Kituwah Academy student Denili Hill breathes into a tube to test his lung function as Melinda Shuler, Mission Health System Regional Asthma Disease Management program, looks on.

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# Tribal member signs with UT softball

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Brooke Coggins can pelt a softball. And, she's using her ability to get an education and, at the same time, break down some boundaries.

The Swain County High School senior and EBCI tribal member signed a letter of commitment on Thursday, May 3 to play softball next season at the University of Tennessee – Knoxville. She will not only be the first Eastern Band Cherokee to play for the Lady Vols softball team but the first American Indian period.

"I feel very grateful for the opportunity that Coach Ralph (Weekly) and Coach Karen (Weekly) have given me," said Brooke. "I can't believe it. I feel so humble and grateful for it."

Brooke's mother Collette said, "It's awesome. She's worked so hard for so long that it's just a proven fact that if you pursue your dreams they do come true. She's worked hard for a long time and she's finally made it."

Toby Burrell, Swain softball coach, said of Brooke, "She's been a tremendous player for us all four of her years, and we're just tickled to have had the opportunity to coach her. She's a very coachable young lady. It's been a life-long dream of hers to play at UT, and it's just such a tribute to her that she

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*- Brooke Coggins, Swain High School senior on her signing to play softball at UT next season*

continued to work toward that goal. She's worked extremely hard."

Burrell added, "I am happy for her. I think the Weeklys are getting a tremendous player, and they are going to make something really big out of her before her four years at UT is over with. I'm just happy that she's continuing her education. That's the biggest thing."

Brook has a .392 career batting average at Swain and was a part of four Smokey Mountain Conference championship teams. According to the school, she recently became the fourth Lady Devil in history to amass 100 career hits.

The University of Tennessee softball team has co-head coaches in Ralph and Karen Weekly. As of May 3, the Lady Vols were 22-6 and in second place in the SEC East behind Florida.



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Brooke Coggins (1st row left) signed a letter of commitment on Thursday, May 3 to play softball at the University of Tennessee – Knoxville next season. Shown (left-right) first row – Brooke, Principal Chief Michell Hicks; middle row – Collette Coggins (mother), Patty Clark (adopted sister), First Lady Marsha Hicks; back row – Barry Coggins (father) and Corey Coggins (brother).

## Welch sworn-in as Commission of Indian Affairs member

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Marvel Welch, an EBCI tribal member, was sworn-in as the representative for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians on the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs during the regular Tribal Council meeting on Thursday, May 3. She took the oath of office from Cherokee Tribal Court Judge Kirk Saunooke.

"I look forward to the challenge of being an advocate because I'm a stakeholder in this community," said Welch. "Working collaboratively with other members across the state is going to help us to build what we need to be building here in programming."

Welch holds a Masters of Social Work degree from the University of Tennessee – Knoxville and related that

she is currently working on her Ph.D. in community promotions and health. She is currently a full-time Ph.D. student. She previously served as a counselor for Analenisgi and serves on the board for The Center for Native Health.

"It really is an honor," said Paint-town Rep. Tommye Saunooke. "I'm so happy for you and I know you'll do a good job."

Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell commented, "We need that voice there, and I'm glad you'll be there."

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is given two spots on the Commission. The Tribe has had a vacant spot for years which Welch will fill. Patrick Lambert is the other EBCI representative to the Commission. He was originally appointed in May 2003 and his current term is set to end on June 30.



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Cherokee Tribal Court Judge Kirk Saunooke (left) administers the oath of office to Marvel Welch (right) as she is sworn-in as a member of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs on Thursday, May 3 as her grandson Eli Lanning holds the Bible.

# Cherokee Preservation Foundation: 10 years of service and counting...

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

**S**usan Jenkins' first day as executive director of the Cherokee Preservation Foundation was Jan. 14, 2002. She began assembling a staff and that September, the CPF awarded 53 grants totaling \$2.1 million.

"We started out by asking the community, what do you need? How can we help?" said Jenkins. "What is it that we can do to work together and help this community and this region?"

Since that first day, the CPF has given a total of \$58 million in grants in the areas of cultural preservation, economic development and environmental preservation.

Jenkins, who is set to retire at the end of the year, has remained humble about the CPF and its work. "We have the easy part," she jokes. "We give the money. The grantees do the work."

During a visit to Cherokee, former Governor James Hunt commented, "The crowning achievement in the Compact between the Tribe and the state was the idea for Cherokee Preservation Foundation to be established."

One of the major focuses of the CPF over the years has been the revitalization of the Cherokee language. Beginning in 2002 with grant money for pre-K immersion, the CPF has partnered with the Tribe to help further its revitalization efforts. Grants have also been given for the planning and design of Kituwah Academy, language camps for Cherokee youth, and CPF partnered with Western Carolina University to establish a Cherokee Language Program at the university to help create Cherokee language teachers.

Jenkins said the CPF is always searching for new ideas to help the community. "Ultimately, what we are trying to do is help this community create a sustainable environment."

Some of the ideas that have come out of CPF initiatives include the creation of Generations Qualla for the purpose of addressing energy issues for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the launching of The Sequoyah Fund to encourage entrepreneurship, and providing funding for the creation of Qualla Financial Freedom which helps EBCI tribal members learn more about personal finances.

One initiative grew out of a cultural need. When CPF was formed, cul-



Photo courtesy of Brenda Oocumma

Lisa Maney and Quedi Sampson work on flower beds at Martha Ross' home in the Big Cove Community.

tural preservation was one of its tenets and the preservation of Cherokee basketry soon became a focus. It was discovered that the number of Cherokee basketmakers making rivercane double-weave baskets had dwindled.

Once efforts began to increase the number of active basketmakers, it soon became apparent that natural supplies (i.e. rivercane and dyes) were in low supply.

So, in 2004, CPF helped fund an initiative called Revitalization of Traditional Cherokee Artisan Resources (RTCAR). Information from CPF states, "Over the past seven years, RTCAR has done research and programming on sustainable planting and harvesting techniques, as well as a variety of education efforts from youth classes to bringing experts together to create long-term solutions. RTCAR has helped identify approximately 8,000 culms, or stalks, of usable river cane for Cherokee artists; the goal is to provide at least 15,000 culms, determined to be an ample supply for the number of current Cherokee artists."

CPF has done a lot for the Cherokee community and it has drawn the attention of other tribes and tribal leaders. "Cherokee Preservation Foun-



Russ Seagle, senior loan officer with The Sequoyah Fund, looks over materials at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum exhibit at last year's Cherokee Preservation Foundation Community Celebration held at the Cherokee Youth Center on Friday, May 13, 2011.

dation is nationally seen as a model for Native philanthropy," said Daniel Lemm of Native Americans in Philanthropy. "Their impact reverberates throughout Indian Country and is a steady resource for others working to strengthen Native communities."

Jenkins is very optimistic about the future of CPF. "The next 10 years is

going to be phenomenal. It'll involve deeper work, broader work, and connecting with the region."

The Cherokee Preservation Foundation is set to host its annual Community Celebration on Friday, May 11 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds starting at 11:30am. Free traditional meals will be served by NAIWA.

# French set for MMA debut

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Landon French turned 18 on Tuesday, May 8. Just four days after, he will enter the ring for his mixed martial arts (MMA) debut.

French, an EBCI tribal member and senior honor student at Smokey Mountain High School, is set to fight Caleb Love at the Rock at the Dock 5 event in Mooresville on Saturday, May 12.

"I got into MMA mainly to do something different other than a team sport," said French who started training at age 15 with Clyde Dull at the Birdtown Recreation Center. "I like having to push yourself to get better at it. That's what I mainly look for – seeing what I need to improve on, improve on it and seeing what else is next to improve on."

In order to increase his MMA skills set, he has been studying Brazilian jiu jitsu for a year and a half at Basulto Brazilian Jiu Jitsu school in Waynesville and has earned a white belt with 2nd stripe.

Although his kicks make bags cower in fear, he categorizes himself as a grappler. And, for good reason. He has

entered five grappling tournaments in the last year, four in the North American Grappling Association (NAGA), and has brought home quite a collection of hardware including one championship belt, five championship swords, two first place medals and one second place medal.

Since MMA is a sport that combines many different fighting styles, French looks up to a variety of martial artists and fighters including: Muhammad Ali, Bruce Lee, Dan Hornbuckle, Dan Henderson, Minotauro Nogueira, and Manny Pacquiao.

For right now, French's goals in MMA are about improving, "It's just a sport right now. I haven't really thought about going pro yet."

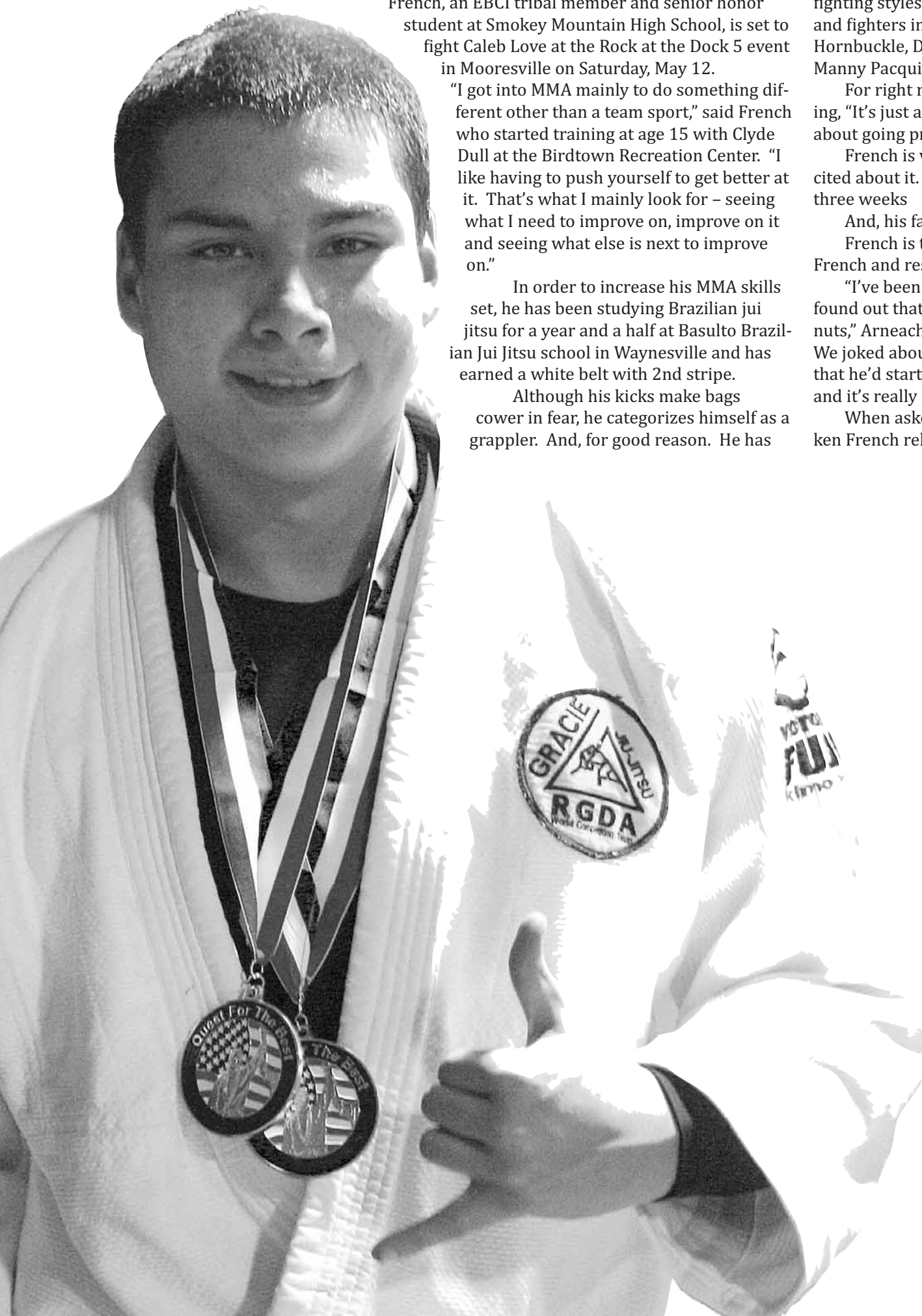
French is visualizing a win at his debut fight. "I'm excited about it. I've thought about it every day for the past three weeks

And, his family is excited too.

French is the son of Dawn Arneach and the late Daniel French and resides in the Yellowhill Community.

"I've been really excited about his training, and once we found out that he was set up for a fight, it's been driving me nuts," Arneach jokes. "We've been waiting for three years. We joked about it when he first started training with Clyde that he'd start fighting when he turns 18. Well, it's here now and it's really exciting."

When asked what his goals are for MMA, the soft-spoken French related, "to get more mean."



DAWN ARNEACH/One Feather contributor photos  
Landon French (top in black shirt) cranks a choke hold on an opponent at the North American Grappling Tournament (NAGA) in Gallatin, Tenn. on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011. French is set to make his MMA debut on Saturday, May 12.

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## Peltier walk coming to Cherokee

The Leonard Peltier Walk for Human Rights is coming to Cherokee on Friday, May 11. The group, comprised of American Indians from several tribes, will make its way into town and will walk from the Casino Mart to the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds at around 12noon on Friday.

"Our mission is to bring awareness of Leonard Peltier and Leonard Peltier's case and all of the human rights issues," said a walk organizer.

The walkers, numbering around 10, started their journey on Dec. 18, 2011 at Alcatraz Island near San Francisco, Cali. They plan to end their walk in Washington, DC on Friday, May 18 culminating in a three-day pow wow.

A free concert featuring Bill Miller will be held at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 12 at 6pm. Everyone is invited to the concert and to walk with the group on Friday.

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# Harrah's Cherokee donates \$25K to Manna

Harrah's Cherokee Casino & Hotel continues its partnership with Manna Food Bank, a member of the Feeding America program with a recent \$25,000 sponsorship in support of Manna's vision of a hunger free Western North Carolina. This partnership began in 2001, with Harrah's Cherokee Casino & Hotel donating more than \$61,000 to date.

Manna offers many services including the Food and Nutrition Services Outreach and Manna Packs programs. In addition, they organize area food drives and host two annual signature events, the Blue Jean Ball held on June 2 at Manna Food Bank and Empty Bowls, held each September.

ber.

Both events are designed to bring businesses and community together to raise funds to support their mission of Involving, educating and uniting people in the work of ending hunger in WNC. Harrah's Cherokee & Casino is the premiere sponsor for both events and encourages community members and partners in WNC to attend and join the mission of ending hunger.

Manna Food Bank collects, stores, warehouses and distributes food. Over the years, a region-wide distribution system was developed, with the main program being food distribution to its 255 partner agencies.

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people in our local areas, including women, children, elderly, homeless and the working poor sought assistance from Manna Food Bank or a partner agency.

Manna Food Bank was established in 1982 and began with 42,000 pounds of food and 16 agencies in Buncombe County. Today food distribution is more than nine million pounds of food across the region.

To learn more about Manna Food Bank and the programs they offer or find out event information visit [www.MANNAFoodbank.org](http://www.MANNAFoodbank.org).

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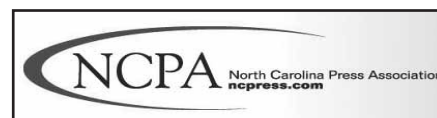
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## Carroll honored by WCU Anthro Dept.

Beau Carroll, an EBCI tribal member from the Yellowhill Community, recently was awarded the Outstanding Scholar Award from the College of Arts and Sciences Anthropology Department at Western Carolina University. He recently graduated magna cum laude and was nominated for the award by his professors for his GPA, hard work and dedication to his studies.

"The Anthropology faculty voted on the nominees and Beau was selected through that process as our outstanding senior in Anthropology," said Dr. Jane Eastman, associate professor. "The selection was based on his academic performance including his high GPA, his enthusiasm for learning and his passion for archaeology."

She continued, "The Dean's office presents the awards and sponsors the award ceremony. The faculty is very proud of Beau and look forward to having him as a colleague in the future."

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Photo by Bear Allison

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### Budget Council Results - May 1

Tabled Res. No. 155 - Fireside Sobriety Circle request for \$8,500 - TABLED  
Res. No. 184 - Donation request from Cherokee Youth Wrestling - PASSED  
Res. No. 185 - Emergency Management authorized to submit grant application to the NC Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management requesting \$5,000 from 2010 Earthquake Consortia Funds - PASSED

Res. No. 186 - Transit authorized to submit grant application in the amount of \$190,000 for the continuation of the public transit system night community routes - PASSED

#### Budget Amendments

Res. No. 187 - Benefits & Compensation #4 - PASSED  
Res. No. 188 - Health Delivery - Administration #3 - PASSED  
Res. No. 189 - Transit #9 - PASSED  
Res. No. 190 - CDOT-BIA RC-IRR-ERFO #2 - PASSED  
Res. No. 191 - Fire Department #5 - PASSED  
Res. No. 192 - Alcohol Law Enforcement #3 - AMENDED/PASSED  
Res. No. 193 - Housing Program #8 - PASSED

- **TOP Office**

### CES holds 7th Annual Mile Invitational

All students in grades 3-5 at Cherokee Elementary School are tested each year for the Presidential Fitness test. Those students with qualifying times are then invited to the Invitational.

The following students were invited and ran in the Invitational: Josiah Losiah, 6:50; Tori Teesateskie, 6:52; Cade Mintz, 6:53; Yay Sadongei, 7:07; Wesley Wildcatt, 7:17; Buster Swayney, 7:25; Jayce Daniels, 7:26; Jordan Arkansas, 7:30; Tino Pete, 7:57; A.J. Allison, 7:58; Logan Hux, 8:03; Paula Sadongei, 8:09; Naomi Smith, 8:12; Sam Sneed, 8:20; Michael Bernhisel, 8:38; Terence Ledford, 9:03; and Dominick Flying, 9:05.

- **Cherokee Central Schools**

## Arch honored by United Franchise Group

Chrissy Arch, an EBCI tribal member and owner of Plan Ahead Events – NC Smokies, was honored at the 2012 United Franchise Group World Expo with an award for Most Creative Meeting or Event. The Expo, which was held recently at the Rio in Las Vegas, included educational sessions, networking opportunities and an exciting trade show floor.

The event for which Arch received the award was the send off for the “Remember the Removal” bike ride in 2011. Groups of cyclists rode 900 miles from New Echota, Ga. Tahlequah, Okla. to follow and commemorate the Trail of Tears.

The ride promotes awareness of these significant events as well as education about Cherokee history and the achievements of the modern Cherokee nation. Arch’s send off event was a celebration of the participation of the riders from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. It included a bike rodeo featuring BMX demonstrations, safety and skills assessments and food as well as Bryson City Bicycles’ demonstrations for kids. There was a 5K fun ride around the loop in Cherokee and the night ended with the team’s symbolic practice ride to the Kituwah Mound and back.

“I am pleased to recognize Chrissy for being awarded with this year’s Creative Marketing Award for Plan Ahead Events,” said Tipton Shonkwiler, VP/Director at United Franchise Group. “Chrissy continues to stretch the boundaries of creativity with all of the programs she produces. Today’s customer for meeting & convention services is looking for the WOW factor, and Chrissy delivers just that.”

- Plan Ahead Events

## DNA testing dates for May 2012

The EBCI Enrollment Office will be scheduling DNA appointments for the following dates: Friday, May 4; Wednesday, May 9; Wednesday, May 16; and Friday, May 25. Appointments may be scheduled between 8-11:30am and 1-3:30 pm in ½ hour increments.

- EBCI Enrollment Office



## Cherokee Boys Club Report

### CLUB SCHEDULE:

Sunday, May 13 – Mother’s Day  
Tuesday, May 15 – Health Screen – 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. (New Date and Time)  
Wednesday, May 16 – Board Meeting – 8:30 a.m.  
Thursday, May 17 – Safety Committee Meeting – 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, May 22 – Cherokee Central Schools Graduation  
Tuesday, May 22 – School Early Release – 11:45 a.m.  
Wednesday, May 23 – School Early Release – 11:45 a.m. (Last Day of School)  
Thursday, May 24 – Teacher Workday  
Friday, May 25 – School Furlough Day

### MOTHER’S DAY

The Boys Club wants to wish every mother and grandmother a Happy Mother’s Day this Sunday.

### CHEROKEE BOYS CLUB CELEBRATES

- In 2012, the Club celebrates its 80-year anniversary, and also celebrates being incorporated by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for 48 years as of May 4 this month.
- In 1932 the Cherokee Boys Farm Club was founded at the Cherokee Boarding School.
- In 1934 the Cherokee Motor Club was founded.
- On May 4, 1964 the Cherokee Boys Club was incorporated by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and moved to its current location.
- In 1969 the Cherokee Children’s Home was established.
- In 1982 the Club celebrated its 50-year anniversary.
- In 2007 the Club celebrated its 75-year anniversary.

### FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES’ OFFICE HAS RELOCATED

The Family Support Services office has moved to the Boys Club’s main campus. The new offices are located at 134 Cherokee Boys Club Loop (the former General Manager’s residence) which is directly across from the Club’s Garage. The office on 508 Goose Creek Road is closed. The phone number for Family Support will remain the same at (828) 497-6092.

### WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

The Cherokee Children’s Coalition sends out a big thank you to everyone who came out on Saturday to participate in the Week of the Young Child.

### THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the friends and family of Johnny Crowe who lost his sister Marilyn Jessie Crowe Vanegas on May 3. Johnny works in the Club’s Shop and Bus Departments. Several members of the Crowe family have been employed at the Boys Club over the years and our hearts are with them all at this time.

### DOT/BOYS CLUB NEIGHBORS

The Cherokee DOT and Boys Club are new neighbors since DOT and Transit moved into their new facility recently. We want to take a moment to welcome them to the neighborhood and to remind everyone of the increased amount of traffic to Acquoni Road. Please be cautious and courteous when entering and exiting onto Acquoni Road and at all times.

### CHILDREN’S HOME

Please note that the Children’s Home has installed new speed bumps on Children’s Home Road. Please keep this in mind for the safety of everyone, especially the children who play there!

## SCC can help your job search

Are you unemployed or looking for a new job and could benefit from improving your job searching skills? Southwestern Community College offers an Employability Lab on the Jackson Campus in Founders Hall Room 124 every Monday and Wednesday from 8am – 12pm and Friday from 8am – 1pm, and in Macon County at the Macon Annex Campus (Located behind Courthouse) Room 104 every Monday, Wednesday from 8am – 12pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 8am – 4pm.

Instruction of the course is structured on an open-entry, open-exit basis to meet the customized needs of the participants, is self-paced, and provides lecture as well as individual attention. During the lab, participants assess and identify job interests, learn advanced job search techniques, learn how to keep their resume out of the trash, develop interviewing skills, discover the importance of social media and networking, earn their Career Readiness Certificate, and much more.

The course is free to the unemployed. Walk-ins are welcome. Come by at any time during lab hours to register. Info: Mindy Conner 339-4272 or Rita Gregory at ritag@southwesterncc.edu.

- SCC

## 2012 Qualla Housing Authority Safety Poster winners

### Kindergarten – 3rd grade

1st – Santana Buchanan, \$100  
2nd – Milli Bryson, \$75  
3rd – Darrin Brown, \$50  
Honorable Mentions (\$25/each) – Priest Littlejohn, Andrea McCoy, Emma Taylor, Kohlton Neadeau

### 4th – 6th grade

1st – Cody Long, \$100  
2nd – Macie J. Welch Owle - \$75

### 7th – 8th grade

1st – Omer Buchanan, III, \$100  
2nd – Austin Reed, \$75

- QHA

## New digs for CDOT

Cherokee Dept. of Transportation (CDOT) has moved to 680 Acquoni Road (across from Qualla Housing) Main office number: 554-6530

# An update on the Cherokee Children's Home

**SUBMITTED By CRIS WEATHERFORD**

A few months back we printed an article giving some of the history and a brief look at the Children's Home. The intent of this article is to give everyone a more detailed view of what things look like currently at the Children's Home. The mission of the Children's Home is to provide a home that is family oriented, reality based and goal directed for youth who cannot live in their own homes. This is what the Children's Home has done since 1969. I first want to discuss two of the main challenges the Children's Home faces daily.

In the beginning, the Boy's Club employed "house parents" who stayed at the Children's Home full-time, often raising their own children and families at the Children's Home alongside the children placed at the Children's Home. In my opinion, this is the ideal situation in many ways, but primarily for the children as this provided them with the most stable, consistent environment.

Over the years however our society has changed. Either, by the pace in which our days fly by or the exposure we have to the rest of the world around us. The cost to live in this world we have created is ever-increasing and places like the Children's Home are not immune. Over the years the Children's Home has gone from employing families to live and work at the Children's Home, to working two

weeks on and two weeks off, rotating with another couple. It has further declined to resident counselors working eight-hour shifts. While this may sound like a lot of shifting and coming and going to the children, they do seem to adapt quickly in much the same way they adapt to changing classes in school.

The main challenges are consistency in getting all of these different workers with different personalities to follow the same guidelines and rules and scheduling and making sure all shifts are amply covered. The reason I bring this challenge up, is that there are close to 1700 folks out there somewhere who have lived or stayed at the Children's Home for brief and extended amounts of time. Each and every person has some thoughts and ideas that are helpful both to the planning of the future of the Children's Home and to the ways we address these issues daily. If you are someone who has stayed at the Children's Home and you would like to become involved, I have been in contact with Ruth McCoy who is interested in starting a Children's Home Alumni Association. I think this is a wonderful way for folks to stay involved, give back, and/or be instrumental in making positive changes they have been thinking about for years or to just stay in touch with folks you have shared a roof with. If you are interested in this, please contact either Ruth McCoy (828) 737-1033 or Cris Weatherford (828)

497-5813 or [crisweat@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:crisweat@nc-chokeee.com).

The second challenge is that the children of the present and the future need everyone's help with our current facility. While these buildings here hold a special place in my heart and have a special place in my memory, it is time for us to move on. These homes have served us well for over 40 years. Licensing codes, building codes and fire and safety issues have caught up with us. The children and families we serve deserve the best we can give them. We have drawn up plans and they are in the final stages of approval from the state Department of Health and Safety Regulations department who has to approve residential facilities for all licensed programs.

Our plans include two nine-bed homes on Goose Creek Road, where Family Support Services was located. The total cost of this project is between 2.2 and 2.4 million dollars. The Children's Home and the Boys Club have secured roughly 1.5 million dollars as of April 26 including a grant from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. This grant includes \$200,000 to include many sustainable building practices which will lower energy and maintenance costs for years as well as a \$200,000 matching grant so that we can test our fundraising skills and double our dollars.

At this time, we have organized a fundraising committee to help plan different fundraising activities with the

community. This committee consists of Cris Weatherford, Children's Home Director, Monica "Tigger" Lambert ([monilamb@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:monilamb@nc-chokeee.com)), Children's Home Administrative Assistant, Monica Wildcatt ([moniwild@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:moniwild@nc-chokeee.com)), Children's Home Social Worker, Trista Welch, Boys Club Graphics Department Manager, Terry Bradley ([terrbrad@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:terrbrad@nc-chokeee.com)), Boys Club IT Department, and Wilbur Paul, Boys Club Board President. If you know or see any of these folks and have ideas on ways to help, please feel free to talk to them and become involved.

Just as when the Children's Home started in 1969, though times have changed, the need born of this community can be a need met by this community. It will take literally everyone involved digging deep and sacrificing to meet this goal. If you are one of the many groups in the community looking for a way to help and have either contacted us before or attempted to contact us before, please contact us now at (828) 497-5009 as we are now in a time of need.

We are currently planning a Public Hearing on the new Children's Home as soon as the plans are approved. The meeting will be in the Birdtown Community and will be announced in the *One Feather*. Please also look at our website at [www.cherokeechildrenshome.com](http://www.cherokeechildrenshome.com).

## Tribal Court Judgment Summary for April 23

BRADLEY, Billy E.

14-95.5(c) Drugs: Simple Possession of Marijuana – Guilty Plea, 30 days jail time suspended, 12 months probation, 24 hours community service, \$200 fine, \$1000 DARE, \$190 court costs

CROWE, Kendra Alyse

14-15.6(b) Purchasing, Attempt to Purchase, Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons under 21 – Guilty Plea, 6 months probation, 72 hours community service, \$50 fine, \$190 court costs

DYER, Kimberly L.

20-129(d) Improper Equipment Rear Tail Lights or Reflectors Required – Dismissed on Plea  
20-138.1(a) Driving While Impaired – Guilty Plea, 30 days jail time sus-

pended, 12 months probation, 24 hours community service, \$200 fine, \$1000 DARE, \$190 court costs, obtain Substance Abuse Assessment

HUGHES, Jacob Bryant

20-111(2) Expired Registration Plate – Dismissed for Compliance  
20-313(a) No Insurance – Dismissed for Compliance

KOWALEWSKI, Jennifer

20-140(a) Reckless Driving (Wanton Disregard) – Dismissed on Plea  
20-28 Revoked Driver's License – Dismissed on Plea  
20-138.1(a) Driving While Impaired – Guilty Plea, 90 days jail time suspended, active jail time 7 days, 2 years probation, 24 hours community service, \$500 fine, \$1000 DARE, \$190 court costs

LAMBERT, Adam E.

20-129(d) Improper Equipment: Rear

Tail Lights or Reflectors Required – Dismissed for Compliance  
20-28 Revoked Driver's License – Dismissed for Compliance

SADLER, Zara Ellis

14-70.23 Obtaining Services of an Excluded Person – Dismissed at Prosecutor's Request  
14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass – Guilty/Responsible, 365 days jail time suspended, 90 days active jail time, 12 months probation, \$500 fine, \$190 court costs  
14-25.16(a) Violation of Exclusion Resolution and Orders – Not Guilty/Not Responsible  
14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass – Guilty/Responsible  
14-70.22 Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court – Guilty/Responsible

SMITH, Mary Delana

14-25.2 Drugs: Possession of Drug

Paraphernalia – Called & Failed  
14-25.2 Drugs: Possession Schedule II – Called & Failed

SMITH, Ryan Nicole

14-25.2 Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Dismissed with Leave to Refile, Labs Not Returned  
14-25.2 Drugs: Possession Schedule IV – Dismissed with Leave to Refile, Labs Not Returned

TAYLOR, Mary Elaine

14-15.6(b) Purchasing, Attempt to Purchase, Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons under 21 – Guilty Plea, 6 months probation, 72 hours community service, \$50 fine, \$190 court costs

TEESATUSKIE, Shunali

14-5.2 Communicating Threats – Prayer for Judgment Continued

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# Cherokee Runner to run Great Wall

By **GERRI GRADY**  
*CHEROKEE RUNNERS*

**C**had Bowman, a founding member of Cherokee Runners, will be traveling to China on May 13 to run in the Great Wall

Marathon. He has been training for the last several months for the challenging run that includes the 5,164 steps on the 26.2 mile course.

Bowman lives in the Big Cove Community and is employed by Tribal Bingo. He has been running for the last several years and has completed the Marine Corps Marathon and participated in two Smoky Mountain Relays as well as numerous local races. Go Chad!

The Cherokee Runners started the spring session of Couch to 5K on April 29. This session includes more than a dozen new runners and fitness levels vary from walker to occasional runner. The men and women that have signed up all have a common goal: to complete a 5K whether walking or running.

The coaches will work with them to help them accomplish the goal. The session will end with the Cherokee Runners 4th of July Sunset 5K. Congratulations to each new runner!

The 4th of July Sunset 5K and Fun Run will begin on Wednesday, July 4 with the Fun Run starting at 7:15pm from the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. The 5K will begin at 7:45pm and will be finished around 8:30. The race will start at the Fairgrounds, go through town and turn around at the Casino red light to finish at the Fairgrounds. Interested runners can sign up at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Cherokee/2012Sunset5K>.

The Cherokee Runners meet twice at month at the Age Link Conference Room. For the spring/summer, meetings will be held at 6:30pm. Anyone can join – no matter the fitness level. Check us out at [www.cherokee-runners.com](http://www.cherokee-runners.com) or see our Facebook page.

## Bill Taylor Scholarship

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

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

Info: Frela Beck, Scholarship Committee chairperson, 497-3671 or Sue Lelievre 1-800-210-9532

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## In Loving Memory of David "Porky" Long

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Bobbi Long

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## Unto These Hills Education Fund accepting applications

The Unto These Hills Educational Fund is still accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year. The deadline is Friday, June 1. Applicants must be EBCI tribal members or have a parent(s) who are enrolled members and provide proof. Applicants must have and maintain a 2.0 semester GPA and provide proof. Scholarship is for 4-year undergraduate college students. Priority will be given to 4-year students, but 2-year community college students will also be considered for funding. Applications can be picked up at CBC Printing, Cherokee VOC, or requested by email at [trista@cbcprinting.com](mailto:trista@cbcprinting.com). Applications must be postmarked or submitted by 4:30pm on June 1. They can be turned in to Trista Welch at CBC Printing, by email at [trista@cbcprinting.com](mailto:trista@cbcprinting.com), faxed to 497-5554, or mailed to P.O. Box 507, Cherokee, NC 28719. Info: Trista Welch 497-5539 or Kim Lambert 497-9827.

- Unto These Hills Education Fund

## Interested in 4-H District Activity Day?

This year, the EBCI Cooperative Extension office is the lead coordinator on the yearly event that 4-H holds called District Activity Day. This is an event where youth age 9-18 prepares a public presentation on a topic of interest to them. This is an excellent opportunity for youth to work on public speaking skills in a friendly supportive environment.

Heather James will be holding a presentation workshop on Tuesday, May 29 from 10am -12pm at the EBCI Cooperative Extension office, for all youth interested in participating. During this time, she will review requirements for participation, assist youth in determining their topic, and share examples of prior presentations. Parents should attend with their child.

The district activity day is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19 at Cullowhee Valley School in Cullowhee.

If you have not been involved in 4-H before, it is not a problem. 4-H paperwork will be available on site. Info: Heather James, 4-H Agent, 554-6932 or [heatjame@nc-cherokee.com](mailto:heatjame@nc-cherokee.com).

- Heather James,  
EBCI Cooperative Extension

# Cherokee Choices afterschool program donates quilt



Photo courtesy of Tara McCoy/Cherokee Choices

Participants in the Cherokee Choices afterschool program made a quilt that they donated to the silent auction fundraiser for the Dialysis Support Group. Shown (left-right) are Jayden Crowe, Adrian Gomez, Usti Watty, Tiffany Walkingstick, Adrianna Gomez, Wesley Wildcatt, William Hornbuckle and Juanita Paz-Chalacha.

The 5th grade afterschool program for Cherokee Choices made a syllabary quilt and donated it to the silent auction for Dialysis Support Group. Program members Jayden Crowe, Adrian Gomez, Usti Watty, Tiffany Walkingstick, Adrianna Gomez, Wesley Wildcatt, William Hornbuckle and Juanita Paz-Chalacha helped work on the quilt.

Judy Gloyne Tiger, Henrietta Gloyne and Frances Owl Smith helped finish the quilt. "Cherokee Choices would like to thank these ladies for their assistance," said Cherokee Choices officials.

Cherokee Choices is a diabetes prevention program and has been going into the schools to teach students about nutrition, exercising, stress reduction, art, mental health and sleeping habits just to name a few lessons. All these fall under an umbrella of diabetes prevention and healthy living.

One of the programs that Cherokee Choices runs is an afterschool program. They worked with the 5th graders this year and one of the requirements for the afterschool program is that the students had to get

involved with their community. They had to attend their community meetings and do a community project which they presented at the end of the program.

"Some of the core values of the Cherokees are stewardship, sense of place, group harmony and strong individual character," said Tara McCoy, Cherokee Choices staff. "And, I feel getting involved in the community-taking care, protecting, honoring and selfless service not only reinforces these values but can turn these values into characteristics of their lifestyle if started with young children and can develop strong individual character and sense of belonging for the youth."

Activities include Cherokee culture (language), physical activity and community involvement. One of the community aspects was visiting the residents at Tsali care center and spending time with the residents. For the 2013 school year, Cherokee choices will be having afterschool for the 4th grade at Cherokee Elementary. There will be 25 slots open-first come first serve.

- Cherokee Choices

**"Some of the core values of the Cherokees are stewardship, sense of place, group harmony and strong individual character."**

- Tara McCoy, Cherokee Choices staff

Part 2 of 4

# All you ever wanted to know about Hepatitis

By **ANDREA CRISP, RN, BSN**  
CHEROKEE COMMUNITY HEALTH

**H**epatitis A is a viral infection that can be passed from person to person or through substances or objects that have been contaminated by the virus. In the United States in the past twenty years, there has been a ninety percent decrease in the number of cases. Frequently infection with hepatitis A is seen in travelers who visit countries where it is more prevalent.

Hepatitis A generally is spread when a person consumes even microscopic amounts of fecal material. This can happen from eating food or drinking water that has been contaminated with feces. It can also occur from contact with objects that have been contaminated with feces. Hepatitis A can also be passed from an infected person to another. This generally occurs when an infected person does not properly wash their hands and then prepares or touches food or objects. It can also pass through certain sexual activities.

Hepatitis A often occurs in countries where personal hygiene and sanitary conditions are poor. Drinking contaminated water or eating contaminated food results in infection. Contamination of food

can happen at any time including growing, harvesting, processing, handling and even after cooking. Persons who practice poor hygiene and are infected can pass the virus simply by touching food or objects. It only takes a very small amount of the virus to make a person sick.

Symptoms of hepatitis A generally begin two to six weeks after exposure. They can include fever, tiredness, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, grey colored stools, dark urine, joint pain and yellowing(jaundice) of the skin. Symptoms of the disease are more often seen in adults than children. The symptoms usually last less than two months but could last over six months. Hepatitis A almost never causes liver damage or complications. Rarely however, this infection can result in liver failure and death though it is usually in persons over fifty and those with other liver disease.

There is no medication to treat this illness. Generally a doctor will have the person rest and get adequate fluids and nutrition. Individuals can require hospitalization. This is only for those who become dehydrated due to nausea and vomiting. If you have ever had hepatitis A, you cannot get it again. Having this illness confers lifetime immunity.

Anyone can become infected with hepatitis A.

There are some risk groups that have a higher chance of getting this type of hepatitis. They are those who have sexual contact with a person sick with hepatitis A, men who have sexual encounters with other men, those who travel to other countries where hepatitis A is common, persons who use recreational drugs even if they do not inject them, persons having clotting disorders and those who are household members or caregivers with a person infected with hepatitis A.

Hepatitis A can be prevented. Children as young as age one receive an immunization to protect against hepatitis A. Persons who plan to travel out of the country must check the CDC's website to see if they require the immunization. Others in high risk groups listed above may need the hepatitis A vaccine. Men who have sex with men, individuals who use street drugs, persons with chronic liver disease, persons who take clotting factors are among those who should receive this vaccine. This vaccine is a series of two given six months apart. Contact your health care provider to see if you may need the vaccine. For more information about hepatitis A, please call Cherokee Community Health at 554-6882



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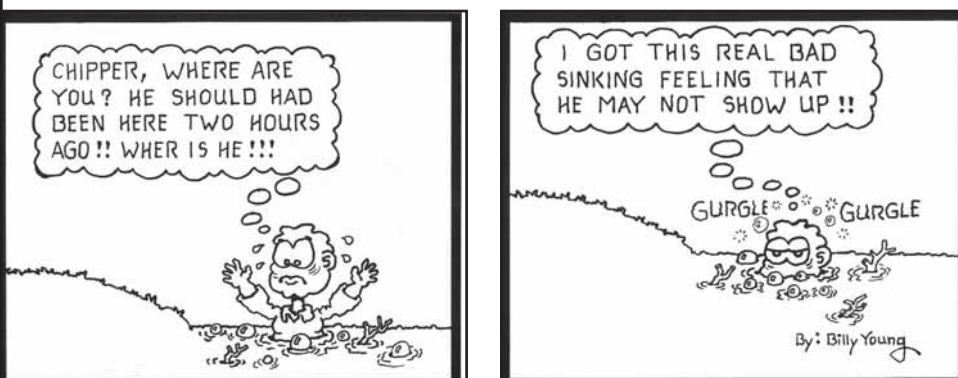
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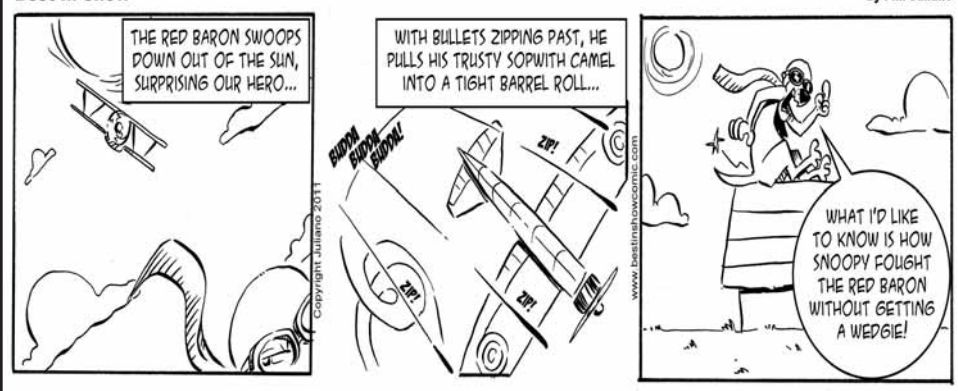
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by Billy Young



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by Billy Young



## Obituaries

## Jeff Best

Jeff Best, 45, of Jefferson City, Tenn. died Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at Jefferson Memorial Hospital. He was the son of the late Harry and Vera Caldwell Best.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Kathleen Smith Best of Jefferson City, Tenn.; a daughter, Kristy Best of Rutledge, Tenn., a son, Jeffery Best of Jefferson City, Tenn.; a sister, Patricia Best of Waynesville; two brothers, Jimmy and Billy Parton of Baltimore, MD; and three grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Monday, May 7, 2012 at 11am at Smith Family Cemetery in Cherokee. Doris McMillan officiated with burial in the family cemetery in Big Cove.

## Marilyn Jessie Crowe Vanegas

Marilyn Jessie Crowe Vanegas, 58, of Cherokee passed away on May 3, 2012 at Tsali Care Center following an extended illness. She was a member of Bigwitch Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Warren Harding Crowe, Sr.

She is survived by her mother, Lillian Wolfe Crowe; her children, Iris Long of Cherokee, Crystal Johnson Greenarch of Waynesville, and Tina Johnson Bowers of Cherokee; grandchildren, Brandon D. Bowers of Cherokee, Thomas Isaac Greenarch, and Emily Lauren Greenarch of Waynesville. She is also survived by three brothers, and one sister.

At Marilyn's request, no services will be held. Memorials may be made to the Cancer Support Group of Cherokee and Family Support Services of Cherokee in lieu of flowers.

Long House Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

## CHS Students attend NAFWS Conference

The Native American Fish and Wildlife Society held its 30th annual national conference last week at Harrah's Cherokee Casino & Hotel and seven Cherokee High School students attended and participated in sessions two of the three days including the opening ceremonies. The CHS students attending were Jake Crowe, Travis Hicks, Jeremy Wolfe, Gabe McMillan, Brent Gunter, Omar Yanez, and Chebon Postoak.

The message of land stewardship, conservation, and involvement was the consistent theme throughout the opening morning. Principal Chief Hicks and Ken "Buff" Maney gave welcoming remarks to the crowd. A brief overview of the Cherokee Natural Resources Program highlighted the morning and was well-presented by Forrest Parker, Mike Lavoie, and Robert Blankenship. Other presenters included tribal repre-

sentatives from across the country, Park Service Personnel, US Fish and Wildlife Biologists, and others in the natural resources management. Topics were presented, ideas exchanged, and some controversial topics debated.

Students especially enjoyed the Wildlife Management sessions which included presentation on the "Elk Reintroduction in North Carolina" and "Wild Hog Control in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park". Other sessions that students enjoyed included "HazMat awareness" training and "Collaborative Education in Natural Resources".

Students took advantage and enjoyed the opportunity to speak with presenters, other tribal representatives, and the event organizers leaving a positive impression for everyone involved.

- Cherokee Central Schools

**One Feather deadline  
Monday at 12noon**

# Opinions & Letters

## Thoughts on VAWA from Rep. Henry

By PAINTTOWN REP. TERRI HENRY

The last several months have been busy with various issues being worked on by Tribal Government. I want to share with you an update and information on an urgent issue that I am working on. This issue is important because it impacts the day-to-day reality of our lives on the Boundary. This issue is the Violence Against Women Act of 2012 including the Tribal Amendments.

In my opinion, the primary pressing issue in the U.S. Congress is the Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) of 2012. This is important because Tribes are seeking restoration of jurisdiction over all persons (non-Indians and Indians) for the crimes of domestic violence and sexual assault. Given the statistical rates of violence suffered by native women (34% of native women will be raped in their lifetime and 39% will suffer domestic or intimate partner violence), Tribes from across the United States recognize that federal law keep tribal governments from protecting our tribal citizens at the local level. There have been and continue to be a

lot of moving parts.

### Action in the U.S. Senate

In the summer of 2010, National Task Force (NTF) launched national conference calls to begin developing the language for inclusion in what would become the Reauthorization of the VAWA. The NTF Tribal Working Group (NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women) held a series of conference calls and meetings to prepare recommendations for Senator Leahy, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee.

While the Senate Judiciary Committee was reviewing the proposed VAWA language, U.S. Senate Indian Affairs Committee Chairman Daniel Akaka (D-HI) introduced the Stand Against Violence and Empower (S.A.V.E.) Native Women Act on November 10, 2011. The bill (S. 1763) would provide tribes with jurisdiction over non-Indians who commit crimes in Indian country, improve the Native programs under the VAWA, and improve data gathering programs to better understand and respond to sex trafficking of Native women.

On November 30, 2011, Senator's Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and Mike Crapo

(R-ID) introduced bipartisan legislation (S. 1925) to further strengthen and improve the programs authorized under the landmark law to assist victims and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. S. 1925 includes the provisions contained in the S.A.V.E. Native Women Act. The Violence Against Women Act was first signed into law nearly 20 years ago.

Below are the key arguments supporting the reform Tribes seek:

Existing law denies Indian women equal access to justice. Federal laws force tribes to rely exclusively on far away federal – and in some cases, state – government officials to investigate and prosecute misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence committed by non-Indians against Native women. As a result, many cases go uninvestigated and criminals walk free to continue their violence with no repercussions. The U.S. Department of Justice has testified that this system of justice is insufficient to address the epidemic of violence against Native women. The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2012 addresses these issues.

VAWA will give tribes local control to address crimes of dating and domestic violence against Native women. Provides Indian tribal governments with limited authority to investigate and prosecute misdemeanor crimes of dating and domestic violence committed by non-Indians who have sufficient ties to the reservation community. It is imperative to address these crimes before they escalate to serious assault and homicide.

VAWA will ensure tribal protection orders are enforced. S. 1925 clarifies that tribes have full civil jurisdiction to issue and enforce protection orders over all persons.

VAWA will enhance federal protections for Native women. S. 1925 will enhance existing federal assault statutes from the current misdemeanor levels to felonies, which garner significantly more attention from federal investigators and prosecutors.

The reality that non-Indian abusers commit domestic violence against Native women within tribal jurisdiction and typically face no criminal consequences is undisputed. The

see VAWA page 22

### Thank you

The family of Mark Brown would like to send a big thank you to everyone who helped us through our sad time. A very special husband, brother, uncle, papaw, good friend and Dad was called home. He will always be loved and missed.

Thank you Townson-Smith staff who were so helpful. Rev. Michael Ratter who was so special to Mark, Rev. Noah Crowe for your kind words and all your help and good friend Rev. Wayne Bunch from Stillwell, Okla. for being here for us. Also, Zion Hill youth, Garfield Long family, Old Antioch Singers, Cecil Rogers family and Lane Smoker for the beautiful singing. Those who brought food, the beautiful flowers, for the phone calls and cards and all who came and spent time with us, that meant so much. Mark's nieces who visited and spent time with him during his sickness. A special thank you to Jeanell Rattler, what a blessing you are. Whatever you might have done is appreciated.

Thank you pallbearers: Spencer,

Jordan, Jim, Israel, Bubba, Charlie, Robie and Jerry. We love you all and will always be thankful for your friendship. Keep us in your prayers.

**Nan, Alice, Jim and all the family**

### Thank you

The winner of the basket that was raffled off for Reggie Queen is Hope Pheasant. Thanks to everyone who bought a ticket.

### Searching for Squirrel

I am looking for my dear friend George Squirrel that lives on Adams Creek Road. I have tried several times to write to you and to get in touch with Renee' and I have not be successful. My mother is not doing well and is not expected to live much longer.

If you read this message would you please get in touch with me as soon as possible? My number is 770 954-1441

Thanks,  
**Carolyn (Ambrosia) Cook**

### "Managing Tribal Resources"

To the editor:

At this week's annual conference, Biologist Mike LaVoie spoke about several wildlife species the EBCI is working to help preserve, including black bears. The Tribe can start by closing the wretched bear displays in Cherokee's three zoos.

The bear pits at Cherokee Bear Zoo and Saunooke's Trading Post and cramped cages at Santa's Land are cruel. The bears have nothing to do but pace the hard, barren floors of their enclosure and beg for a morsel of food from visitors. The pits prevent the bears from seeing their surroundings or fully utilizing their exceptional sense of smell. Many tourists recognize that the bears are miserable and find these exhibits both demeaning and outdated.

In the forest where they belong, bears range over vast distances, establish territories, dig, climb, build dens and explore. Because of their intelligence,

their great strength and dexterity, and their need to roam, bears have an especially hard time coping with confinement, particularly when their cages are cramped and devoid of any items that would allow them to engage in natural behavior. The pacing, begging, and moaning evident in the bears displayed in Cherokee are signs that their most basic needs are not being met.

Cherokee has so much to offer. The caged bears should now be seen as an embarrassment to the community and should be permanently closed down.

Yours truly,  
**Jennifer O'Connor,**  
Staff Writer  
PETA Foundation

### Thank you

Thank you Kimlyn Lambert for the wonderful autographed copy of Char-laine Harris's new book Deadlocked. It will be a wonderful addition to our collection! Thank you for thinking of us.

Thank you so much,  
**Qualla Library Staff**

# Cherokee Churches

**Acquoni Baptist Church.** 722 Acquoni Road. 497-7106. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Morning Worship 11am. Sunday Choir Practice 6pm. Sunday Evening Worship 7pm. Monday Visitation and Singing 6pm. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6pm. Pastor Ed Kilgore 497-6521 (h)

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

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

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

**Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church.** 6183 Big Cove Road. Sunday School 10am with a Cherokee Language class for adults. Sunday Morning Worship 11am. Sunday Evening Worship 6pm. Wednesday Prayer Service 7pm. Monthly Business Meeting is first Wednesday 7pm. Pastor James "Bo" Parris 497-4141

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Cherokee United Methodist Church.** Hwy 19 – Wolfstown Road. Sunday Worship Service 11am. Sunday Praise and Worship 7pm. Wednesday Family

Night 5:30- 7:30pm. Thursday Bible Study 6:30pm at Ramada Inn. The Reverend Heidi Campbell-Robinson 497-2948

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

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

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

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

**Living Waters Lutheran Church.** 30 Locust Road. Sunday Service 11am. Food Pantry Open 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 1-4pm. Pastor Jack Russell 497-3730, prjack@frontier.com, lwcherokee@frontier.com

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

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

**New Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church.** 135 Long Branch Road. Sunday School 10am, Sunday Worship Service 11am, Wednesday Service 7pm. Pastor Donald Ensley

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.** 82 Lambert Branch Road. Spanish Mass Saturday 7:30pm. Sunday Mass 9am. Pastor Shawn O'Neal 497-9755 or 497-9498

**Piney Grove Baptist Church.** Grassy Branch Road. 736-7850. Sunday

School 10am. Sunday Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening Service 6pm. Wednesday Worship 6pm.

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

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

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

**St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church of Cherokee.** 82 Old River Road. Holy Communion Sunday 9:30am. Rev. Michael Jones 497-2854

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

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

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

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

## Church Events

**Frybread Sale Benefit for Cherokee Church of God.** May 18 from 9am – 4pm at the Yellowhill Community Building. Delivery available (10 orders minimum). Info: 736-1008, 400-9763

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

## Cherokee Indian Hospital Pediatrics Program

Monday – Friday 8:30-4:30  
Late Clinic – 4:00-5:15 (M, W, Th, F)

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## Clubs & Organizations

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

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

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

**The Cherokee Cancer Support Group** is a non-profit organization assisting cancer patients and care-givers on the Boundary, indiscriminately. Their objective is to support, educate and provide individual services as needed. The support group meets the first Thursday of each month at 5:30pm at SAFE HAVEN, 40 Goose Creek Rd. SAFE HAVEN is staffed from 10am – 2pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Appointments can be made for additional assistance. Personal fittings can be arranged during these times as well. Info: 497-0788, email: [cherokeeCSG@gmail.com](mailto:cherokeeCSG@gmail.com), P.O. Box 543, Cherokee.

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

**The Cherokee Runners** meet on the 1st and 15th of each month at 7pm at the Age Link Conference Room. If those dates happen to fall on a Sunday, they will meet the following day. Info: Gerri Grady [gerrgrady@yahoo.com](mailto:gerrgrady@yahoo.com) or visit [www.cherokee.runners.com](http://www.cherokee.runners.com)

**The North American Indian Women's Association (NAIWA) Cherokee Chapter** meets the second Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Recreation Center. Info: Bessie Wallace, chapter president, 497-2389 or Carmaleta Monteith, chapter treasurer, [Carmaleta@msn.com](mailto:Carmaleta@msn.com)

**Paint Town Community Club** meets the last Monday of each month at 5:30pm at the Community Building. Info: 497-3731, [ChairPTCC@gmail.com](mailto:ChairPTCC@gmail.com)

**River Valley Store Cruise-In** will be every Sunday Afternoon (weather permitting) from 2-5 p.m. Come and show your ride and enjoy the beautiful

spring weather.

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

**Snowbird Community Club** meets the first Tuesday of each month or the Tuesday before the Tribal Council meeting. Info: Roger Smoker, chairman, (828) 479-8678 or (828) 735-2533, [smoker7@frontier.com](mailto:smoker7@frontier.com)

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

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

## General Events

### Journey to Forgiveness bus ride.

Space is being reserved for EBCI tribal members and their guests who want to ride the bus during the Journey to Forgiveness May19-24. Participants will have to cover their own lodging and meals. The transportation is free. There is still room on the bus, and time to register. The group is paying for the bus. Each person's estimated costs are approximately \$500 for food and lodging (based on double occupancy). Info: 631-3903 or go to [www.cherokeehealing.com](http://www.cherokeehealing.com)

**Turkey Shoot. May 12** at 5pm at Jesse Welch's residence in the Big Cove Community. This event is being sponsored by the Hill Family and will be the last shoot until the fall. Good food.

**23rd Annual Cherokee County Indian Festival and Mother's Day Pow Wow. May 12-13** at Boling Park in Canton, Ga. Info: Chipa Wolfe (770) 735-6275, [Chipa.wolfe@yahoo.com](mailto:Chipa.wolfe@yahoo.com) or [www.rthunder.com](http://www.rthunder.com)

**Poor Man Supper. May 14** at 4pm at the Cherokee Church of God. Delivery available (10 order minimum). Info: (828) 400-8763 or 736-1008

**The American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post 143 will host North Carolina District Veteran's Service Officer Jim Sutton on May 17** from 11am – 2pm at post headquarters on

Acquoni Road. Veterans and family members who have any business or questions concerning veteran's affairs are invited to attend. Please bring all important documents with you to better understand your claims. Info: Warren Dupree, Post 143 service officer, 508-2657

**Chili and Frybread dinner. May 18** from 10am – 4pm at the Yellowhill Community Building. Delivery available. (10 order minimum). Info: (828) 400-9763 or 736-1008

**How to Use LinkedIn in Your Business. May 18** from 11:30am – 2pm at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. LinkedIn is the more professional social media cousin of Facebook, and the potential for using it in your business is enormous. Discover hidden secrets of LinkedIn and how it can benefit your business. The instructor will be Mary Anne Baker of INNights, a social media marketing company in Sylva. Computers will not be provided, so bring your own. Lunch will be provided. The cost for the seminar is \$5. Lunch will begin at 11:30, and instruction will begin at noon. This program is being sponsored by the following: Cherokee Business Development Center, Sequoyah Fund, and the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce.

**Yellowhill Judo Club fundraiser. May 19** from 7:30am – 2pm at the Wolftown Gym. There will be an indoor yard sale, bake sale, car wash and Indian dinners. All donations are greatly appreciated. Info or to reserve a table 788-0312

**Strawberry Festival. May 19** from 8am – 2pm at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. This event, sponsored by NAIWA, will feature strawberry pancakes and strawberry shortcake. Concession stand will be open 9am – 1pm. Children's activities, community activities, Strawberry Legend, adult and youth contests in baked goods. Vendor space available for \$5/table. Info or to reserve a table: Lucille Wolfe 736-5285, Bessie Wallace 497-2389, or email Carmaleta Monteith [Carmaleta@msn.com](mailto:Carmaleta@msn.com)

**Littlejohn Family Reunion. May 19** at 2pm at the Littlejohn Campground. Info: Jason 226-9212, Peggy 269-8192 or Lana 497-2537 or 736-5919

**Cherokee Language and Culture Camp. June 11 – July 27** from 8am – 5pm daily at the Big Cove Recreation

Center. Ages 5-16. Your child can increase their Cherokee language skills while participating in fun activities such as pottery, weaving, river cane mat-making, traditional dancing, hiking, swimming and more. This camp is sponsored by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation, Kituwah Preservation & Education Program, and EBCI Parks & Rec. \$150 fee due by June 3. Lunch, snacks and shuttle provided. Registration forms are available at New Kituwah Academy. Info: Myrtle Driver, 788-3786 or [myrtjohn@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:myrtjohn@nc-chokeee.com)

## Health and Sports

**Mother's Day 5K Walk/Run. May 12** at Acquoni Expo Center. Registration begins at 11am, walk/run begins at 12noon. A silent auction will be held from 11am – 2pm. Communities, churches and groups are encouraged to participate. Create a group costume or shirts and bring the most group members. Registration: \$10/adults, \$5 for (12& under, Seniors). Registration fee includes shirt and medal. Proceeds will go toward Dialysis Support Group. Info: Tara McCoy 497-1976

**Blood Drive. May 22** from 1:30-6pm at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on Hwy. 441S in Cherokee. Info: Laurel Cooper 736-2619 or 497-2435

**Women's 12-Step Medicine Wheel Group opening up for new participants.** Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings at 5pm at Analenisgi.

**Youth cheer coaches needed.** Anyone interested in coaching youth cheerleading this fall, please contact Jessica Daniels 554-6891. Coaches will begin preparing for the season shortly. All youth coaches are subject to a background check and mandatory training.

### Attention turkey hunters

Cherokee's spring turkey season is open through Saturday, May 19. All turkey hunters are invited to participate as a field reporter and submit turkey harvest data to the Cherokee Department of Fisheries and Wildlife Management. Please call 497-1802 after a turkey is harvested with some or all of the following information: location and date of kill, number of days hunted to kill the bird, turkey's approximate age (adult or juvenile), turkey's spur length and turkey's beard length.

- Cherokee Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife Management

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

## FOR RENT

**Retail Store for Rent** in Cherokee, NC. Located in Saunooke Village next to the Heavenly Fudge Shoppe for lease. Approximately 1100 sq. ft. Contact : Charles Saunooke 828-506-3646. **5/17pd**

**For rent - Trailer.** 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Covered porch, central air and heat. No parties, no drugs, no drunks! For more information call 736-2262. **5/31pd**

**For rent - 1 bedroom.** All inclusive! Includes power, water, direct TV, wireless internet. \$650 rent, \$300 deposit. Call Linda 788-0323. **5/31pd**

**For rent - 2 bedroom, 1 bath mobile home.** Quiet park in Ela. No pets. References/background check required. \$375 per month, \$300 deposit. For more information call 488-8752 **5/31pd**

**Businesses for Rent** Cherokee NC - Same building as Kentucky Fired Chicken at Intersection of US 19 and US 441. Seafood restaurant formerly Long John Silvers (2,000 square feet), retail store (4,000 square feet), small restaurant (2,000 square feet). Contact: Bob Blankenship 828-269-1950. **6/7pd**

**For rent - Trailer.** 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Covered porch, central air and heat. No parties, no drugs, no drunks! For more information call 736-2262. **5/31pd**

## FOR SALE

**Mattress USA,** Now buying gently used furniture for our expanding store. Call for estimates or bring it on by. 1151 Main Street, Bryson City. 828-488-4444 (please note, we DO NOT purchase or sell used mattresses. All our mattresses come sealed directly from our manufacturing plants here in the USA. Comfy Queen sets start at just \$399. (Layaway Available) **5/10pd**

**For sale - 2006 Honda Shadow VLX Deluxe 600.** Only 10,000 miles. Great deal! \$3000.00 firm. Tony (303) 601-6080, Bryson City area. **5/17pd**

**Tool Boxes by UWS** Every size, every style, top mount, side mount and Liquid Transfer. Quality Boxes. Low Prices! Anglin's in Otto. (828) 349-4500. **5/10pd**

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**For sale - 2006 Honda Shadow Aero 750.** 4,500 miles, luggage rack, orange and black. Sissy bar. Like new! \$3,500. Call Bob at (828) 488-8054 or Floyd at (828) 488-8951 **5/31pd**

**For sale - Black rough iron coffee and 2 end tables with glass for \$65.00. 2 Lazy boy recliners for \$50.00 each. 4 spindale chairs with table @ \$60.00 and a gas grill for \$10.00. For info: 336-253-4341. **5/10pd****

**Real Estate- Residential and Commercial property.** Buy, lease, rent. Featured listings on trust land: 3BR/1.5bath, house with 60 acres +/- with several additional buildable house sites. \$380,000-Sale Price. Commercial leases in downtown Cherokee area. See pictures at [www.TheCherokeeMountains.info](http://www.TheCherokeeMountains.info). Several requests for pet-friendly residential rentals and purchase of homes on Trust Lands. Visit [www.TheCherokeeMountains.com](http://www.TheCherokeeMountains.com) for Trust Land property listings. Contact REALTOR/broker at 828-497-3015 or [arizona@dancingstones.com](mailto:arizona@dancingstones.com). **5/31pd**

## LOST

**Lost Dog.** Black Toy Poodle. Answers to Poppy. Last seen in the Casino area. If seen please contact 508-0263. **5/10**

## SERVICES

**Pet Grooming** - by Jannessa, Certified Master Groomer with 30yrs exp., at Pawsitively Pampered in Bryson City. Call (828) 788-0599. **6/28pd**

**Oocumma's Lawn Mowing Services** - Businesses and residential do you need your lawn maintained this year? If so please give us a call for a free estimate at 497-0137 or 508-5183. We offer competitive prices and quality work. Over 20 years experience. Licensed and insured. **5/24 pd**

## FREE

**Free Gospel Books by Rev. William Branham.** Preaching end-time truths. Write to Eddie and Jean Watkins, P.O. Box 4636, Beaufort, SC, 29903 **5/24pd**

## Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

For Deadlines and applications please call 497-8131.

Indian Preference does apply A current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a Tribal application.



## Positions Open

**Closing May 18, 2012 @ 4 pm**

1. Applications Developer- IT (\$31,700-\$40,420)

**Closing May 11, 2012 @ 4 pm**

1. WTP Operator- Water Treatment (\$26,140-\$33,340)
2. Water Laboratory Tech II- Water Treatment (\$23,740-\$30,280)

**Open Until Filled**

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

## Health & Medical Positions

1. C.N.A.- Tsali Care Center
2. Certified Medication Aide- Tsali Care Center
3. Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner- Diabetes
4. Cook- Tsali Care Center
5. RN- Tsali Care Center
6. Clinical Psychologist- Analenisgi

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

## YARD SALES

**Multi Family Yard sale** - May 5, 2012. Soco Creek Village Apartments, 1003 Wolfetown Road (Soco), on left past Santa's Land. 8am-?? **5/3pd**

**Garage sale** - Friday and Saturday at 50 Bryson Street, Bryson City, NC from 8am to 2pm. Riding mowers, up to 18 hand powered weed eaters, all chain-saws reduced, self-propelled mowers and push mowers. Call 488-8951 **5/10pd**

## EMPLOYMENT

**THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY** has the following job available: **FT Switchboard Operator, PTI Dietitian, FT Staff Physician & FT Mid-Level Practitioner / Diabetes Clinic.** Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description from Teresa Carvalho at the Cherokee Indian hospital Human Resources Office between the hours of 8:00am - 4:00pm Monday -Friday. This position will close May 18, 2012 @ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **5/10**

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## EMPLOYMENT

### SUMMER INTERNSHIP POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Office of the Principal Chief announces two paid internship positions for Summer 2012. These positions are open to any enrolled member of the Eastern Band who is currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate level educational program. The internship will last approximately 10 weeks. The interns will receive experience in Tribal Government and operations. If interested, please pick up an application at the Council House or call 497-7029 for an application to be mailed. Deadline for applications will be Friday, May 11th at 4:30pm. Applications should be returned to the Office of the Principal Chief in person or mailed to:

Office of the Principal Chief  
Attn: Internship  
PO Box 455  
Cherokee, NC 28719 5/10

**THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following job available: FT RN Float/ In-Patient (wk-end Days).** Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description from Teresa Carvalho at the Cherokee Indian hospital Human Resources Office between the hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm Monday –Friday. This position will close May 14, 2012 @ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. 5/10

### Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

English  
Science  
Math  
Social Studies  
Elementary School Teacher  
NC teaching license is required for all teaching positions.  
Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach - Must have a NC teaching license.  
Elementary School Teacher Assistants  
AA degree in early childhood or 24 hrs toward the degree required

For information log onto [cherokeecentral.sharpschool.com](http://cherokeecentral.sharpschool.com) 5/17

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

- Adjunct Faculty – various depts.
- Assoc Dir, Distance Learning (2282)
- Assoc Dir, Intercultural Affairs (0417)
- Assoc/Full Prof/Dept Head (1731)
- Asst Dir, Student Community Ethics (0252)
- Asst Dir, Transfer Counselor (0223)
- Asst Prof, Business Admin & Law (2416)
- Asst/Assoc Prof, Nursing (0697)(0985)
- Asst/Assoc Prof, Human Svcs (1703)
- Asst/Assoc Prof, Med/Surg (0984)
- Asst/Assoc Prof, Pediatric (0988)
- Bld Env Svc Tech (123149)
- Counselor, Pre-Doc Intern (1373 & 5301)
- Dir, Major Gifts (1681)
- Dir, Field Experiences (4768)
- Dir, University Scholarships (120335)
- Dist Prof, Instructional Technologies (0478)
- IEP Instructor
- Lecturer (0548)
- Networking Specialist (2381)
- Program Director for ABSN (1712)
- Support Services Supervisor (3204)
- Utilities Plant Supervisor (3058)
- Visiting Asst. Prof. – various depts.

Please go to [jobs.wcu.edu](http://jobs.wcu.edu) for details and to apply online. AA/EOE 5/10

## RFPs, BIDs, Etc.

### Cherokee Central Schools, Cherokee NC Accepting Proposals

Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) is accepting proposals for Legal Counsel to the Cherokee Central School Board and Administrative (Central) Staff. This will be a part-time contract position, on an as-needed basis. North Carolina Bar membership in good standing is required. Past experience in education law will be a key evaluation factor. A written proposal (Retainer or Hourly Rate), with Resume, will be accepted at the CCS - HR Office. You can contact Diana Crowe at 828-554-5093, with questions, or submit proposal to [dcrowe@cherokeecentral.gaggle.net](mailto:dcrowe@cherokeecentral.gaggle.net). OPEN UNTIL FILLED.

For applications email [nchiltoskie@cherokeecentral.gaggle.com](mailto:nchiltoskie@cherokeecentral.gaggle.com) or call (828) 554-5096 5/10

### Requests for Quotes

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Building Construction Office  
810 Acquoni Rd  
P.O. Box 455  
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719  
Phone: (828) 497-8137

#### Project: Cherokee Streetlight Enhancement Phase E1.5

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Building Construction Office is requesting sealed bids for the above mentioned project. Bids are due by 2:30pm May 15th, 2012.

Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement.

You may request the full RFQ and bid requirements for through the Building Construction Office, or TERO. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us. 5/10

## LEGALS

THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS CHEROKEE TRIBAL COURT

CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

CASE NO. EV11-485

Kathryn Ann Elkins, PLAINTIFF,

**COMPLAINT FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE**

VS.

Timothy Bruce Elkins, DEFENDANT,

NO COMES Plaintiff, complaining of the Defendant, alleges and says that:

Plaintiff is an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and has resided within the territory of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for at least 30 days prior to filing this action.

1. The Plaintiff and Defendant were married on February 14, 1997, in Jackson County,
2. The parties have lived separately from each other for a period of at least 30 days.
3. The parties mutually voluntarily consent to the divorce.
4. Plaintiff believes the bonds of marriage are irretrievably broken.
5. There are no pending claims for support, alimony, or equitably distribution of marital property between the parties.
6. Each party will assume the debt that that party owes. The plaintiff is responsible for the 2008 BMW. The defendant is responsible for the 2008 Chevrolet Silverado 3500 pickup truck.
7. Each party agrees not to seek the 401K accrual of the other.
8. The house will remain in the plaintiff's possession and the defendant has permanently vacated the premises.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that the Court grant:

1. Judgment of absolute divorce to Plaintiff from Defendant;
2. Such other relief to Plaintiff as is just and proper.

This is the 2nd day of September, 2011.

Kathryn Ann Elkins

## VAWA: Rep. Henry gives her thoughts on this important legislation, *from page 17*

dangerous truth is that Indian tribes have no authority to prosecute non-Indian abusers, and the federal authorities that are far away from the crime scene, do not have resources to prosecute these cases and sometimes do not have the will. S. 1925 Section 904 would fix this glaring loophole in federal law and send a loud signal that domestic, dating and sexually violent crimes will be prosecuted, regardless of the offenders race.

On April 26, 2012, the U.S. Senate passed S. 1925, including the tribal provisions, in a vote of 68 - 31. Senator Kay Hutchinson (R-TX) offered a substitute version of the bill that would have removed the provisions affirming tribal court authority among other changes, but it was not accepted by a vote of 36 to 63. This was a hotly contested battle in the Senate. We expect no less a challenge in the U.S. House of Representatives.

### Action in the U.S. House of Representatives

The House Judiciary Committee has scheduled a mark up for May 8th at 10:30 am. Since VAWA's introduction in the House, several Members of Congress have offered various bills amending this provision or that of the 2012 VAWA Reauthorization. All legislative matters considered we, in Indian Country, have our hands full with maintaining and gaining additional support for the Tribal provisions.

The primary issue some Members of Congress have with the tribal provisions is their view that tribal criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians is unconstitutional. The long and short of it is that in the over two centuries that Congress has taken action on various federal laws, the U.S. Supreme Court has upheld Congress' Constitutional authority over Indian affairs, whether you agree with Congressional plenary

power or not.

We are hopeful that the tribal jurisdictional provisions sought will remain in VAWA. If we are successful, the Tribal provisions will be debated and voted on when the VAWA bill reaches the House floor. However, each day we watch the debate develop is like watching shifting sands. We hope the House can settle on language that we hope will mirror the tribal provisions language contained in S. 1925, however we know that Congressional Members' have various concerns that may evolve into amendments or procedural maneuvers to gut the Tribal provisions from the VAWA Reauthorization.

In order to bring reasonable clarity to the concerns raised by Congressional Members, the Congressional Native American Caucus in the U.S. House is hosting a bipartisan briefing on the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act and Safety for Indian Women on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 10:30 am. In this briefing, experts, advocates, and survivors will provide an in-depth overview of the tribal provisions of S. 1925 and their critical import. I have

been invited to participate as a panelist in this discussion and will be traveling to Washington, DC for this purpose.

### Action by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

The EBCI is actively participating in urging House members to support full inclusion of Title IX of S. 1925 in any House bill. Tribal Council passed Resolution No. 177 (2012) that supports and urges Congress to pass the VAWA Reauthorization containing critical tribal provisions found in S. 1925. This resolution has been forwarded to Congress.

I have been working with our lobbyist, Wilson Pipestem, and the NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women to follow Congressional action in the Senate and, now, the House, and to engage in clarifying the concerns raised by Congressional Members. The support of Tribal Council, both Chief's and Executive staff has been tremendous. Thank you all for your support to keep our Cherokee women and community safe.

## Input needed on Tribal Human & Social Services Survey and Community Forums

Tribal Council passed Resolution No. 150 (2012) authorizing a community survey and community forums seeking input on the development of Tribal Social and Human Services. This survey has been developed to assist the Tribe in understanding the Social & Human Service needs of our Tribal Community and is available on the Tribe's website at [www.nc-cherokee.com](http://www.nc-cherokee.com). The survey can be accessed online. Please click the link [www.nc-cherokee.com](http://www.nc-cherokee.com). In the upper

right hand corner of the Tribe's webpage is the link for the "Human and Social Services Survey".

The survey is also available in paper format. The paper copies are being distributed at the Community forums that have been scheduled as follows:

- Snowbird, May 3 at 6:30pm
- Big Cove, May 8 at 6pm
- Yellowhill, May 14 at 6:30pm
- Wolfetown, May 17 at 6pm
- Cherokee Co, May 21 at 6pm

- Paint Town, May 29 at 5:30pm
- Big Y, May 29 at 6pm
- Tow String, June 12 at 7pm
- Birdtown is being rescheduled, TBA

If you have completed the paper copy, please return the completed survey to the Tribal Operations Office located beside the Council House. Drop off the survey at:

Tribal Operations Office (TOP)  
67 Council House Loop  
Cherokee, NC

The survey can be mailed to the following address:

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
ATTN: Tribal Operations Program (TOP)  
PO Box 455  
Cherokee, NC 28719

### Tribal member's thoughts and ideas wanted on CEDS

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is currently developing its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which will describe the overall plan for economic development on the Qualla Boundary for the next five years. It also will be the basis for application for federal funding in support of economic development. The Committee that is developing the CEDS is very interested in hearing your thoughts, comments and suggestions regarding the economic development needs and priorities for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Your input will help to make the CEDS a success. To see the planning documents and provide input, please go to <http://www.nctomorrow.org/cherokeequallaboundary/>.

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

### 2010 Requirements and benefits:

- \* Must have an enrolled baby born in 2010
- \* Only meet with a Parent Educator once a year
- \* Child is enrolled in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- \* Receive a \$25.00 Wal-Mart gift card each year.

Info: Alissa Lambert or Jessica Wheatley @ the Hope Center 554-5101  
or on our website [www.gwvabyface.weebly.com](http://www.gwvabyface.weebly.com)



## HEALTHY FOOD CHOICES LAST A LIFETIME

*Don't think of it as a woman's  
right to breastfeed.  
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EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS WIC PROGRAM - (828) 497-7297



# Cherokee in a Snap



Photo by Robin Swayney

## Bubble time at the Children's Fair

Braeleigh Junaluska makes a huge bubble during the annual Children's Fair held at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 5. The Fair was the culmination of the Week of the Young Child and featured games, food, and numerous activities for the youth.



Photo by Jody Bradley

## This guy knows he's safe

This fat tom turkey was seen strutting his stuff on Wrights Creek on Monday, April 30.



VITA NATIONS/One Feather contributor

## Fun in the sun

These four Cherokee youth had fun enjoying the warm sun this past weekend. Shown (left-right) are Ethan "Coug" Arch, 5; Samantha Baker, 5; Noah Arch, 19 months; and Melody Baker, 7.



ELVIA WALKINGSTICK/One Feather

## Chubby squirrel

This chubby little guy is fed out of a bird feeder. Does anyone have a hamster wheel for him?



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