

Cherokee track & field athletes win SMC titles



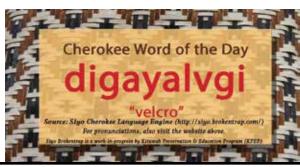
Jacee Smith named SONC Athlete of the Month



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Diversifying a revenue stream

Kituwah Economic Development Board discussed by Council

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or years, leaders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians have discussed ways to streamline the Tribe's ability to do business free of governmental constraints. Last year, Tribal Council passed legislation (Ord. No. 619) paving the way for the Tribe to create LLCs (Limited Liability Companies). Subsequently, Tribal Council passed Ord. No. 93 in March 2018 which clarified the "regulatory guidelines for the formation and management" of those LLCs.

The Kituwah Economic Development Board (KED) is the first incarnation of a LLC for the Tribe under these new guidelines. The compensation of the KED Board was discussed during the Budget Council session on the morning of Tuesday, May 1. Tribal Council tabled Res. No. 189 (2018), submitted by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, which outlines the proposed compensation structure for the Board.

Chief Sneed said that instead of having a high salary at the get-go, the proposed structure starts at \$25,000 a year and increases as the Board meets certain goals based on their Earnings Before Interest Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization (EBITDA). The goal amount and subsequent compensation amounts proposed in the resolution are as follows:

- EBITDA goal of \$5 million, compensation \$30,000 annually
- EBITDA goal of \$15 million, compensation \$40,000 annually
- EBITDA goal of \$50 million, compensation \$45,000 annually
- EBITDA goal of \$75 million, compensation \$50,000 annually
- EBITDA goal of \$100 million, compensation aligned with both the TCGE and the TGC boards

"The whole purpose and function of that (KED) is economic diversification," said Chief Sneed. "It is for the purpose of the Tribe to be

able to do business at the speed of business and not at the speed of government. We've missed two or three opportunities to do a data center that had return on investment that at year 10 was yielding close to \$20 million a year. The numbers on that looked tremendous. But, because of the fact that government moves at a speed that is much slower than business, we missed out on those opportunities."

He noted that many other federally recognized tribes have already established such enterprise boards which, in turn, start new companies, purchase existing companies, do real estate speculation, etc. Chief Sneed noted that economic development has been brought up for two decades by various tribal politicians. "That is the buzzword every election cycle; 'we need to diversify, 'we need to diversify.' But, yet, we have yet to diversify. So, this board would be the LLC that would do business on behalf of the Tribe."

He further noted, "What I'm trying to accomplish with this matrix is to change the way that we compensate boards. My personal opinion – boards in the past have been political candy for lack of a better term. This actually puts requirements for people who are on the board to have the proper education, experience, and then they have to perform."

The compensation legislation was tabled for a work session.

During Thursday's regular session, Tribal Council voted to hold a resolution that would appoint persons to serve on the KED Board. Ord. No. 93 states that the Board will be comprised of three EBCI tribal members and two persons who are members of other federally recognized tribes. Several Council representatives said they would like to see more tribal members have the opportunity to be considered for the Board. Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose asked that the Board's nominees be brought forth in separate resolutions that could be acted upon individually as opposed to all being on one.

"I'd really like to see it put back out so people can re-apply," said Rep. Rose, "so, they could be given a chance...there's a lot of people out in In-

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- Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed

dian Country that didn't get a chance to apply."

He added, "I'm 100 percent for this. We do need this, but I don't think we need to jump the gun and just jump all in. We need to have everything right because one bad move on this and we could be in a bind."

In other economic news from Tuesday's Budget Council session, Tribal Council passed Res. No. 190 (2018) authorizing the purchase of 4.83 acres, contained in Cherokee County Parcels 118-C, 118-D, and 89, from Donald Palmer for the price of \$2 million. The property is currently leased to the Tribe and used as a parking area for Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino and Hotel in Murphy. Jim Owle, TCGE chairman, noted that the property was appraised for \$2.4 million.

"It takes us out of that lease and we're able to own the property," Owle said on Tuesday who noted the property will most likely be used in future expansions at the site.

Also on Tuesday, Council approved Res. No. 191 (2018) which authorizes the purchase of Parcels Nos. 88-C and 170-C from Davy Arch for the price of \$700,000 that will be used as part of an upcoming expansion at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort. "This is part of the project for the hotel and convention center," Owle said during discussion. "This is just part of a piece of property that we need to fix a back road for the back of the hotel and convention center to just complete the project."

Saving, using a language

Council creates language, culture center in Snowbird

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building has been designated to house a Cherokee language immersion program in the Snowbird Community. Tribal Council passed Res. No. 208 (2018), which designates the building located adjacent to the current Snowbird Day Care Center as the Snowbird Community Language and Cultural Arts Center, by a vote of 11-0 (Rep. Wahnetah absent) during its regular session on Thursday, May 3.

"Lately, I've been speaking with a lot of people that speak the language fluently, and they still feel that we're not doing enough to save our language, especially in our community," said Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha who submitted the legislation. "What we were hoping is to identify that building as the Snowbird Language and Cultural Arts Center and to try to give that full immersion to those kids at the day care the way that we did at Dora Reed in the beginning."

Chairman Wachacha noted there are only a little more than 200 fluent Cherokee speakers left in the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. He commented that language immersion combined with family involvement is the best way to help save the language. "I think many times where we miss the mark is that the kids can get the immersion all day long, but until it's implemented at home then we're not getting to the point where we wanted to."

Prior to the vote on the issue on Thursday, Sally Arch, Tribal Council Indian Clerk, translated the legislation into the Cherokee language.

Afterwards, Chairman Wachacha said, "I apologize Sally that I didn't understand a lot of that, but I did pick up on a few words from what I learned growing up, and I guess that's the heartburn I have is that I wasn't able to learn the language like my dad and my uncles and I wasn't able to pass it along to my children." He added that if people can get a higher education then they can learn the language.

EBCI Beloved Woman Myrtle Driver brought up the point that formerly it was required that parents of students at the New Kituwah immersion school take Cherokee language classes. "I don't know what happened. They don't do that anymore."

Chairman Wachacha echoed

her sentiment, "I wish they did because that's where it needed to happen too was at home so the kids could hear it all the time."

Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley said he will follow-up on the parental language requirement. "I think this is an excellent resolution Mr. Chairman you submitted. I've been in the Snowbird Community quite a bit over the last couple of months. They are very proud to be able to speak our language like they do down there...we all need to get more motivated to learn more and learn how to speak."

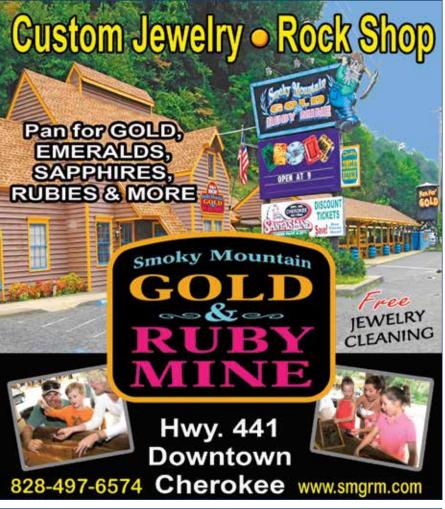
Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle commented that it would be a good idea for Tribal Council representatives to take language classes as well. "We don't want the language to die out, and it probably won't die out because we're doing a great job at Dora Reed and (New) Kituwah."

Chairman Wachacha, whose father, former Cherokee County - Snowbird Rep. Abe Wachacha, is a first language Cherokee speaker, introduced legislation that was passed in 2016 for the Tribe to offer incentives for those wishing to learn and teach the language. The Cherokee Language Speakers Consortium Group has been tasked with developing that program.



EBCI ELIGIBLE VOTERS!

A TRIBAL REFERENDUM VOTE WILL BE HELD ON MAY 31. CALL THE ELECTION BOARD AT 828-359-6301 FOR INFORMATION AND ABSENTEE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS.







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VISIT: Congressman Mark Meadows (R-NC) visited Ms. Burgess' fourth grade class at Cherokee Elementary School on the morning of Wednesday, May 2. The class was honored for winning the WNC Christmas Ornament Contest sponsored by Rep. Meadows. During the visit, the students and Rep. Meadows discussed various topics ranging from how large the White House is to how to tie a tie. Below, Congressman Meadows (right) is shown with Vice Chief Alan B Ensley and Little Miss Cherokee Araceli Martinez-Arch.



Cherokee Preservation Foundation awards 20 grants totaling \$2.5M

The Cherokee Preservation
Foundation recently awarded
grants for spring 2018 for a
total of more than \$2.5 million.
Grants were awarded to partners
that meet the Foundation's mission
of improving the quality of life for
the Eastern Band of the Cherokee
Indian (EBCI) and the surrounding
region.

The 2018 spring grants include:

- EBCI Kituwah Preservation & Education Program (KPEP)

To support Cherokee language preservation through the development and implementation of various language programming efforts.

- Western North Carolina Regional Education Foundation (WRESA)

To plan a makerspace within each school of Cherokee Central Schools.

- Cherokee Central Schools -

Cherokee BabyFACE

To support the BabyFACE program at Cherokee Central Schools and local community in efforts to improve Cherokee's future workforce.

- Cherokee Boys Club: Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute

To support the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute.

- Cherokee Boys Club: Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program

To support implementation of the Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program within the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute's leadership

continuum.

- EBCI Office of Fisheries and Wildlife Management

To develop a summer program leveraging hands-on research to support environmental education, technological training, and cultural preservation.

- Sequoyah Fund

To support Sequoyah Fund's efforts to provide training and low interest loans for entrepreneurs to encourage a vibrant business economy within the seven westernmost NC counties.

- Cherokee Historical Association To support the continued implementation of Cherokee Historical Association's (CHA) business plan including Phase I plans for a revamped botanical garden.
- Stecoah Valley Arts, Crafts and Educational Center

To develop marketing and programming for the Courtyard of the Cherokee in order to increase public awareness of Cherokee art and artisans.

- Museum of The Cherokee Indian To continue the implementation of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian's business plan and the Cherokee Friends program.
- EBCI Graham County Indian Education

To host a six-week Cherokee arts and crafts cultural summer camp for Graham County youth to introduce Cherokee world views and preserve the knowledge of Cherokee artists.

- Mainspring Conservation Trust To continue a bird monitoring, research, and education program at EBCI's Cowee Mound and the Welch Farm property in Andrews.
- Snowbird Cherokee Traditions
 To support second-language learners participating in the Snowbird summer language camp and adult evening classes.
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park

To refine the partnership and increase the involvement from EBCI

members for curriculum originality and relevancy within the SPIN program.

- The North Carolina International Folk Festival, Inc.

To continue the effort of integrating Cherokee culture into the annual Folkmoot festival.

- Cherokee Central Schools
 Fiscal Agent: Cherokee Boys Club
 To support Cherokee language
- instruction at Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) for the 2018-19 school year, and the development of a 3rd level within the shiyo app.
- Swain Arts Center

To provide a Summer Arts Camp for students at two Swain County elementary schools.

- Graham Revitalization Economic

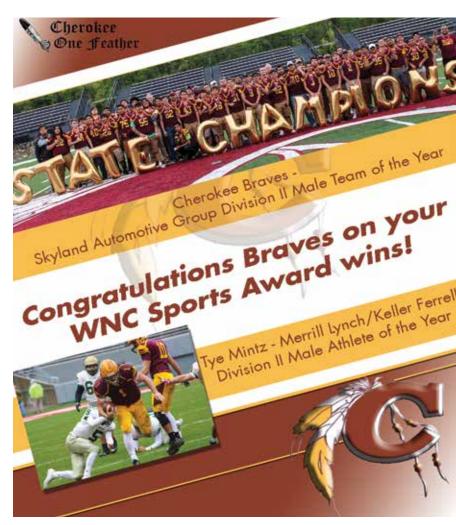
Action Team (GREAT)

To continue work on the "living laboratory" along the Sweetwater Creek Greenway on the Robbinsville High School campus.

- Appalachian Women's Museum, Inc.

To develop a plan for an exhibit on Cherokee women to be housed within the Appalachian Women's Museum.

- Sequoyah Birthplace Museum
 To allow Sequoyah Birthplace
 Museum to focus on events, educational programs, public relations,
 and maintain capacity while the
 museum is closed during their renovation period.
 - Cherokee Preservation Foundation







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UNITY: The Cherokee Braves 2017 varsity football team was honored with their state championship rings on the evening of Friday, May 4 at Ray Kinsland Stadium.

Braves receive state championship rings

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ne-hundred and forty-six days after the Cherokee Braves endured the rain, sleet, and snow in Carter-Finley Stadium in Raleigh to best the North Duplin Rebels in the 1A State Championship game, the players received their prize. Braves fan packed Ray Kinsland Stadium on the evening of Friday, May 4 to witness their state champions honored with their rings.

"It just feels so good for these guys to go out there and work so hard to gain something really, really big, and these rings are a really great symbol of what we've accomplished," Kent Briggs, Braves head football coach and honorary member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, said following the



BLING: Holden Straughan, Braves senior, shows his 2017 1A Football State Championship ring.

ring ceremony. "But, the real treasure is our memories that we will have of the journey. I'm so happy for these guys that they can take this for the rest of their lives. When they go through tough times, they can remember the times when they persevered and got back to where they wanted to be. I'm just so thankful to be a part of it."

Tye Mintz, Braves senior quarterback who has signed to play football next season at Kennesaw State University, commented after receiving his ring, "I think it's finally hitting me that I won't be playing football here anymore. It's a sad day, but it's also a great day. We made history so we're always be remembered here. It feels good to finally get our accomplishments."

Holden Straughan, Braves senior wide receiver and defensive back who will continue his football career this fall at Lenoir-Rhyne University, commented, "It feels real now. Before, it didn't feel as real."

He said the team has cemented its place in Cherokee Braves football history. "It is the greatest team because we were the first to win state. It is a great feeling to know that I was a part of it."

Prior to the team and coaches receiving their rings, the Braves varsity cheerleaders were each honored with a necklace and pendant.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed spoke during the event, "Thanks to everyone for being here. You're a testament to Braves pride. We've got the best fans probably anywhere in the southeast. I want to say thank you to the players. You gave us hope. You gave us something to cheer for this season. Thank you to the coaches, the training staff, and one group that I think gets forgotten a lot – the parents of these young men and the parents of the cheerleaders here with all the hours of travel and expense that they put in supporting these players."

Commenting on the state championship game, he said, "There was such a surge of pride when it was obvious the game was going our way. It was amazing driving down there and seeing all the cars with Cherokee 'C' on it and flags and banners. I just want to say we've got the greatest fans anywhere."

Shawn Crowe, a member of the 1978 Braves team that was state runner-up, emceed Friday's event. He spoke of this team's dedication in the



pre-season leading up to the 2017 champion-ship campaign. "They were in the weight room all summer, playing 7-on-7s, practice, games started in August and as Coach Briggs and I were talking today he said something that rang true. 'Yeah, we worked hard, but people don't understand what it takes to come together as a team to get this far."

Crowe said this year's team faced and overcame adversity like champions. Speaking of the team's one blemish on the season, a 35-12 loss to Murphy in the last game of the regular season, he noted, "It is a true testament to this team that they overcame. They overcame the talk. They overcame the inner turmoil that sometimes kills a team...when you're on top of a mountain and looking out, everything is good. It's down in the valley and it's at its worst, that's when it really truly tests you of who you are as a team."

He added, "These guys came back as a team, as brothers. It's easy to be a football player. It's hard to be a warrior."

Following is a recap of the Braves 2017 season:

Aug. 18: Cherokee 36 North Buncombe 10 **Aug. 25:** Cherokee 49 Choctaw Central (Miss.)

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Sept. 8: Cherokee 34 Asheville School 0

Sept. 15: Cherokee 35 Smoky Mountain 28

Sept. 22: Cherokee 53 Gladiator Sports 6

Sept. 29: Cherokee 45 Swain Co. 7

Oct. 6: Cherokee 39 Rosman 21

Oct. 13: Cherokee 32 Andrews 12

Oct. 20: Cherokee 18 Robbinsville 9

Oct. 27: Cherokee 48 Hayesville 14

Nov. 3: Murphy 35 Cherokee 12

Nov. 17: Cherokee 58 Union Academy 35 (second round of state playoffs)

Nov. 24: Cherokee 47 Thomas Jefferson 20 (third round of state playoffs)

Dec. 1: Cherokee 42 Mitchell 28 (regional finals)

Dec. 9: Cherokee 21 North Duplin 13 (state championship)



FAMILY: Tye Mintz, Braves senior quarterback, hugs his father, Chris Mintz, JV head football coach, after receiving his ring.

TRACK & FIELD

Cherokee athletes win titles at SMC Championship

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he Cherokee boys and girls track and field teams came away with titles in several events as the school hosted the Smoky Mountain Conference track and field championship on the sunny afternoon of Wednesday, May 2. Following are the first place finishes by Cherokee athletes/teams:
- Isaiah Evans, boys discus throw, 136-05

- Hallah Panther, girls pole vault, 9-06

- Tye Mintz, boys 100M dash, 11.25; boys 200M dash 23.39

- Darius Lambert, 1600M run,

4:43.15; 800M run, 2:07.42

- Cherokee boys 4x100M relay, 45.37 (Isaiah Evans, Cade Mintz, Blake Smith, Tye Mintz)

Murphy swept the team championship as their girls won with a score of 231.8 followed by Swain County 129 and Robbinsville 86.5. The Bulldog boys won with a score of 133 followed by Swain County 126 and Hayesville 95.

Following their wins, the One Feather was able to catch up with several of the Cherokee athletes. Hallah Panther said of her win, "It feels good, especially being a sophomore. I started out really, really low, but I got up there."

Looking forward to the 1A West Regional meet which is being hosted by Cherokee High School on Saturday, May 12, Panther noted, "I'm just trying to go higher and higher."

Evans, a junior, won the championship in his first year doing the



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DISTANCE: Cherokee's Darius Lambert pulls ahead of Hiwassee Dam's Caelan Anderson and Hayesville's Gavin Morgan early in the boys 1600M Run. Lambert went on to win the race by a time of 4:43.15. He also won the boys 800M Run with a time of 2:07.42.

discus throw. "I came out and performed. I have been practicing all week on techniques and getting my throws down. At the beginning of the year I just wanted to try it out to see if I was any good at it. I thought I was pretty decent starting out, so I just stuck with it and just kept throwing."

Following are results from Wednesday's meet per nc.milesplit. com:

Girls Overall Team Scores

- 1 Murphy 231.80
- 2 Swain County 129
- 3 Robbinsville 86.50
- 6 Cherokee 21

Boys Overall Team Scores

1 - Murphy 133

- 2 Swain County 126
- 3 Hayesville 95
- 4 Cherokee 88

Girls Shot Put

- 1 Carly Hopkins (Murphy) 40-02.75
- 2 Summer Lewis (Robb) 31-02
- 3 Kelia Oliver (Murphy) 30-07.50

Boys Shot Put

- 1 Abe Christensen (And) 45-11
- 2 Noland Brown (Swain) 40-08.50
- 3 Cayne Smith (Ros) 40-04.50
- 10 Josh Driver (CHS) 34-07.25

Girls Discus Throw

- 1 Madi Crisler (Hayes) 97-01.50
- 2 Carly Hopkins (Murphy) 89-05
- 3 Kelia Oliver (Murphy) 88-07

Boys Discus Throw

- 1 Isaiah Evans (CHS) 136-05
- 2 Nick Millsaps (Swain) 129-09
- 3 Chase Teesatskie (Murphy) 128-11
- 5 Joaquin Layno (CHS) 112-10

Girls Long Jump

- 1 Brianna Moore (Murphy) 16-10.50
- 2 Nadalee Beasley (Robb) 15-10
- 3 Paige Lindley (And) 14-06.50
- 13 Raylen Bark (CHS) 12-09.25
- 16 Naomi Smith (CHS) 11-05

Boys Long Jump

- 1 Reid Beal (Murphy) 19-08.50
- 2 (tie) Samuel Chappell (Ros) 19-06.50
- 2 (tie) Micah Anderson (Hiwassee Dam) 19-06.50
- 14 Nolan Arkansas (CHS) 13-06

Girls Triple Jump

- 1 Lanie Stewart (Robb) 31-06.50
- 2 Paige Lindley (And) 30-02.75
- 3 Neva Jones (And) 29-09.50

Boys Triple Jump

- 1 Eric Barnett (Robb) 40-05.75
- 2 Cabe Ellis (And) 39-10
- 3 Brier Younce (Swain) 39-00.50

Girls High Jump

- 1 Lanie Stewart (Robb) 4-08
- 2 Katherine Davis (Hayes) 4-06
- 3 Savanna Annis (Hayes) 4-06

Boys High Jump

- 1 Justice Dorsey (Murphy) 5-10
- 2 (tie) Cody Smith (And) 5-08
- 2 (tie) Eric Barnett (Robb) 5-08

Girls Pole Vault

- 1 Hallah Panther (CHS) 9-06
- 2 Brylee Parham (Robb) 8-06
- 3 Kaitlin Anthony (Swain) 8-00

Boys Pole Vault

- 1 Tanner Wiggins (Swain) 12-06
- 2 Jacob Waldroup (Swain) 11-00
- 3 Brodie Bowman (Swain) 10-00

Girls 4x800M Relay

- 1 Murphy 10:30.77
- 2 Swain County 10:52.43
- 3 Robbinsville 11:25.22

Boys 4x800M Relay

- 1 Rosman 8:38.43
- 2 Cherokee 8:47.69
- 3 Murphy 9:02.72

Girls 100M Hurdles

- 1 Kelsey Fulgham (Murphy) 16.21
- 2 Monica Riordan (Swain) 16.54
- 3 Neva Jones (And) 17.35

Boys 110M Hurdles

- 1 DeAndre Jackson (Murphy)
- 15.69
- 2 Devin Boykin (Hayes) 15.90
- 3 Trey Bowman (Swain) 16.09
- 8 Jordan Grant (CHS) 19.77

Girls 100M Dash

- 1 Brianna Moore (Murphy) 13.05
- 2 Grace Nelson (Murphy) 13.09
- 3 Ashlyn Weaver (Hiwassee Dam) 13.23
- 21 Jacee Smith (CHS) 22.60

Boys 100M Dash



- 1 Tye Mintz (CHS) 11.25
- 2 Payton Krieger (Hayes) 11.53
- 3 Brian Smith (Hayes) 11.65
- 5 Blake Smith (CHS) 11.78

Girls 4x200M Relay

- 1 Murphy 1:51.90
- 2 Robbinsville 1:52.86
- 3 Swain County 1:56.94
- 6 Cherokee 2:00.80

Boys 4x200M Relay

- 1 Swain County 1:35.65
- 2 Murphy 1:35.90
- 3 Hayesville 1:37.94
- 5 Cherokee 1:38.56

Girls 1600M Run

- 1 Cameron Rice (Murphy)
- 5:42.23
- 2 Sidney Bolyard (Tri-County) 5:59:56
- 3 Natalie Graves (Murphy) 6:11.81
- 9 Dorian Reed (CHS) 6:49.92

Boys 1600M Run

- 1 Darius Lambert (CHS) 4:43.15
- 2 Caelan Anderson (Hiwassee Dam) 4:43.87



FAST: Cherokee's Tye Mintz runs hard en route to a first place finish in the boys 100M Dash with a time of 11.25. He also took first place in the 200M Dash with a time of 23.39.

- 3 Gavin Morgan (Hayes) 4:44.75
- 5 Rocky Peebles (CHS) 5:02.44

Girls 4x100M Relay

- 1 Murphy 53.84
- 2 Robbinsville 54.76
- 3 Swain County 55.18
- 8 Cherokee 59.24

Boys 4x100M Relay

- 1 Cherokee 45.37
- 2 Murphy 46.19
- 3 Hayesville 46.21

Girls 400M Dash

- 1 Peyton Wood (Murphy) 1:03.05
- 2 Lauren Pendley (Murphy)
- 1:04.85
- 3 Anna Riddle (Robb) 1:04.89
- 6 Raylen Bark (CHS) 1:07.20
- 15 Jalyn Albert (CHS) 1:12.00

Boys 400M Dash

- 1 Jared Dills (Hiwassee Dam)
- 53.15
- 2 Jonathan Wheaton (Murphy)
- 53.18
- 3 Samuel Chappell (Ros) 55.01
- 10 Josiah Lossiah (CHS) 57.57
- 15 Tihjah Lossiah (CHS) 1:01.44
- 18 Braylon Arch (CHS) 1:03.96

Girls 300M Hurdles

- 1 Monica Riordan (Swain) 49.48
- 2 Jessie Lohman (Swain) 50.42
- 3 Reagan Ennis (Murphy) 53.43
- 7 Naomi Smith (CHS) 56.93

Boys 300M Hurdles

- 1 DeAndre Jackson (Murphy)
- 43.23
- 2 Reid Beal (Murphy) 43.64

3 - Trey Bowman (Swain) 44.41

10 - Jordan Grant (CHS) 52.38

Girls 800M Run

- 1 Peyton Wood (Murphy) 2:26.68
- 2 Emma Pindur (Swain) 2:26.71
- 3 Morgan Dudley (Hayes) 2:37.12
- 7 Rosa Reyes (CHS) 2:46.12
- 9 Maria Reyes (CHS) 2:50.99
- 13 Dorian Reed (CHS) 3:06.49

Boys 800M Run

- 1 Darius Lambert (CHS) 2:07.42
- 2 Alex Haines (Murphy) $2 \hbox{:} 08.18$
- 3 Jared Dills (Hiwassee Dam) 2:09.25
- 6 Matthew Climbingbear (CHS)
- 2:13.44
- 15 Rocky Peebles (CHS) 2:24.86

Girls 200M Dash

- 1 Brianna Moore (Murphy) 27.21
- 2 Grace Nelson (Murphy) 27.53
- 3 Ashlyn Weaver (Hiwassee Dam) 28.40

Boys 200M Dash

- 1 Tye Mintz (CHS) 23.39
- 2 Payton Krieger (Hayes) 23.89
- 3 Tanner Wiggins (Swain) 24.34

Girls 3200M Run

- 1 Cameron Rice (Murphy)
- 13:12.69
- 2 Natalie Graves (Murphy)
- 14:04.09
- 3 Lily Richards (Swain) 16:13:88

Boys 3200M Run

- 1 Gavin Morgan (Hayes)
- 10:24.57
- 2 Ryan Jenkins (Swain) 10:28.34



CHAMP: Cherokee's Isaiah Evans waits for his last attempt in the boys discus throw which he won with a distance of 136-05.

3 - Justin Race (Hayes) 11:10.57

Girls 4x400M Relay

- 1 Murphy 4:14.41
- 2 Swain County 4:23.64
- 3 Robbinsville 4:33.75

Boys 4x400M Relay

- 1 Murphy 3:39.95
- 2 Hiwassee Dam 3:44.08
- 3 Swain County 3:52.19

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Smith named SONC Athlete of the Month

♦ She catches the pass from the wing... she shoots... and she scores! Jacee Smith for THREE!" As the announcer shouts, the crowd goes wild cheering loudly for #25! Smith has been named the SONC (Special Olympics North Carolina) May Athlete of the Month.

A member of the Cherokee Central High School Lady Braves varsity basketball team, these cheers for Special Olympics Qualla Boundary athlete, Jacee Smith, are not unusual.

"The whole Tribe has really rallied around Jacee," says her father, Tim. "Everyone comes together to cheer for her and everyone loves her. She doesn't meet a stranger."

This love Smith's community has for her started before she was even born.

"When we first found out that she had Down Syndrome, her pediatrician, Dr. Arkansas, really helped us," shares her father. "Then other families in Qualla Boundary started reaching out when they found out Jacee had Down Syndrome and they have all helped so much."

After watching a student with Down Syndrome graduate with Honors when Smith was just five months old, the entire family was inspired to always encourage her to do her absolute best.

Since then, the family has kept Smith in regular education class-rooms, has put her on teams where she is an active participant and has ensured that everyone around her treats her no differently than anyone else.

The family ensured that Smith never felt different than the rest of her peers and because of that, Smith emerged as a leader in the



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ELECTRIC: Jacee Smith (#25), Cherokee Lady Brave, goes for a shot in the second half of a game against Andrews at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Feb. 6. She electrified the crowd with 11 points including three from three-point land.

Special Olympics Qualla Boundary program.

A star on the basketball court, Smith models herself after her role models: her older brother and sister, Ray and Kayla, Steph Curry and Kevin Durant.

"I like to be like Steph Curry – shooting threes," shares Smith. Her favorite Special Olympics memory was when she was invited to participate in the Special Olympics NC basketball clinic hosted by UNC-Chapel Hill Men's Basketball team.

"That's where my sister went," says Smith. "I am a big Tar Heel fan!"

Smith's determination on the court has received recognition beyond the Tribe. Recently, WLOS News 13 recognized Smith as their GameChanger of the week! "That was a huge honor," says her father. "She was so excited to be on TV and she scored 11 points when they had

the cameras there!"

But Smith's involvement in her community extends beyond basketball. A regular participant in the Far West Spring Games, Smith is always encouraging her fellow athletes to join her in that competition.

"I am so excited to compete in the Spring Games this year," says Smith.

She's an inspiration to all in the community and her family hopes Smith's stories will continue providing hope to everyone.

"We just hope that the way we raised Jacee can open doors for other athletes in the tribe – we want them to be just as included and accepted and loved as she is," shares her father. "Jacee wants the athletes in Special Olympics to know that they are their own person and that they can rule the world."

- SONC (Special Olympics North Carolina)



TRACK: Smith, a member of the Cherokee Lady Braves varsity track team, competes in the 100M Dash at the Smoky Mountain Conference championship meet held at Cherokee High School on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 2.

Big life decisions

CHS students honored at school's first Decision Day event

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

ONE FEATHER STAFF

herokee High School held its first annual Decision Day event at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center on the morning of Tuesday, May 1 to honor the seniors who have committed to a college or university, technical school, or military service after graduation. A total of 30 seniors were recognized during the event.

"Once a Brave, always a Brave," said Craig Barker, Cherokee High School assistant principal, as he opened the program. "As you enter this next phase of your life, always remember who you represent and always know that we will support you in any way that we can."

Deb Foerst, Cherokee
High School principal,
noted, "Today marks a momentous occasion for Cherokee High School as we
host our very first Decision
Day event for our seniors.
A few individuals here at
CHS had a vision for an academic-type signing event
for graduating seniors, but



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DECISION: Macie Welch (right) receives a Certificate of Recognition from Kelley Canaday, CMS and CHS family and consumer sciences teacher, during the school's first annual Decision Day event at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center on the morning of Tuesday, May 1. Welch has committed to attend LSU (Louisiana State University) this fall.

Sky Sampson, of the WCU Cherokee Center, played a major role in bringing this vision to fruition, and we certainly appreciate their efforts"

Speaking to the family members of the students, Foerst said, "You are the main reason these students are taking this step. Your support of their efforts is incomparable. You had dreams for your child from the moment you held him or her in your arms or the moment they stepped into your lives. Today marks the culmination of some of those dreams. Thank you families for allowing us to

work with your students and helping us to grow Cherokee High School academically, athletically, culturally, and artistically."

To the seniors. Foerst commented, "You have worked for years to reach this pinnacle, and we all look forward to your continued success beyond Cherokee High School. Of the 77 students slated to graduate on June 2, 30 of you are here making a commitment and 12 more of you are awaiting acceptance confirmation or delayed admission until 2019 or are still making a final decision. At a time

when college attendance rates are dropping across the country, our college attendance rate is increasing. Last year, it was around 30 percent, and this year it's over 50 percent."

The following CHS seniors were given a Certificate of Recognition during the event:

- Nolan Arkansas, Yale University
- Isaiah Bowman, U.S. Army
- Demetryus Bradley, Mars Hill University
- Marlee Bradley, Young Harris College
- Chance Bryant, U.S. Marine Corps
- Matthew Climbingbear, Guilford College
- Ayla Cruz, Southwestern Community College
- Will Davis, Brevard College
- Eason Esquivel, AMDA (American Musical & Dramatic Academy)
- Nate Evans, Cape Fear Community College
- Latika French, Southwestern Community College
- Scarlett Guy, Duke University
- Joanna Kalonaheskie, Southwestern Community College
- Samantha Lee, Southwestern Community College
- Byron Locust, Brevard

College

- Tye Mintz, Kennesaw State University
- Zak Perez, Brevard College
- Robin Reed, Lincoln Memorial University
- Andrew Reese, U.S. Coast Guard
- CeAnna Saunooke, N.C. Wesleyan College
- Ashley Shaal, Southwestern Community College
- Seth Sneed, Lincoln Tech
- Natasha Walk, Southwestern Community College
- Anya Walsh, Appalachian State University
- Macie Welch, LSU (Louisiana State University)

Several students were unable to attend Tuesday's event but were recognized as well including:

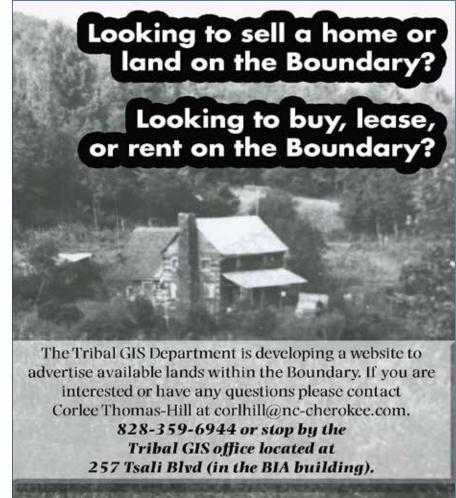
- Jonah Bernhisel, Fire Academy
- Gavin Squirrel, Southwestern Community
 College
- Shanenon Wolfe, Western Carolina University
- Holden Straughan, Lenior-Rhyne University

Following the presentation of certificates, Sampson praised the students for their hard work and dedication. "We're really proud of the students today and the decisions they have made in choosing their futures."



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WINNER: Memphis Taylor, an EBCI tribal member and fourth grade student at Swain East Elementary School, won second place in the 3rd – 5th grade division in the recent Carl Sandburg Student Poetry contest sponsored by the National Park Service. The prompt for the contest was a quote by Carl Sandburg, "Nothing happens unless first a dream." She received a ribbon for her efforts, and her poem is on display at the Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site in Flat Rock.

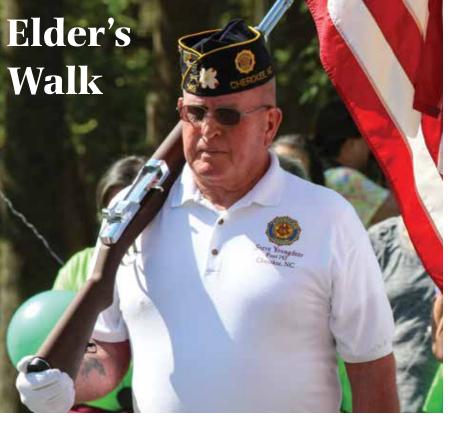




WCU STUDENT PROFILE

Brittney Driver is an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians from Cherokee NC. She is a first year student majoring in Psychology with a minor in Cherokee Studies. She is a member of the Digali'l Native American Student Organization and a student worker at the WCU Cherokee Center. After graduation she plans on becoming a counselor in Cherokee to help out her community.





SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

VETERANS: Warren Dupree and the rest of the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 Color Guard led the 14th Annual Elders Walk held on the morning of Friday, May 4 in conjunction with Older Americans Month.



SMILES: The walk was a fun time for EBCI tribal elders as evidenced by the smiles on the faces of Dinah Grant (left) and Elnora Thompson. The walk started at the Oconaluftee Island Artist's Row and ended at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds.

Cherokee Choices Summer Camp

When: June 13th - 29th 2018, Mon-Fri

Drop off: 7:30-8:30 Pick-up 4:15- 4:45

Location: Ginger Lynn Welch Community Rooms.

Field trips off-site most days.



Cost: FREE Breakfast, Lunch & Snacks provided.

Activities Include:

- Cherokee Culture & Language
- Nutrition & Wellness with Kids in the Kitchen
- Outdoor Activities: Horseback Riding, White Water Rafting, Creek Exploring, Hiking, Gem Mining, Golf, Swimming
- Skill Building: Ropes Course, Gardening, Leadership
- Arts & Craft: Painting, Pottery, Collage, Painting

Space is Limited. Application Deadline is May 14th!

Yo: 828-359-6784, yolasaun@nc-cherokee.com Robin: 828-359-6785, robibail@nc-cherokee.com

Requirements:

- Child is 10-13 years old (Paid Mentor position ages 15 –16)
- Must attend a minimum of 11 out of 13 days

Priority given to:

- Child is an enrolled member of the EBCI
- Child is overweight or is at high risk for diabetes.
- Child has experienced or been exposed to stress, grief or trauma



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BOWLING: Gwen Wildcatt (right) celebrates a shot as EBCl tribal elders participated in the Smoky Mountain Senior Games bowling event held at the UltraStar Multi-tainment Center at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort on Tuesday, May 1.

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida SOHI DD RVLT DJ D& DYL



Cookie, 1-year-old, lives with Stephanie Catt and Jason Smith in the Painttown Community.



Is your pet your best friend?
If you'd like to have your pet
(whatever that may be) featured as the
Cherokee Pet of the Week,
send a high resolution photo,
type and name of pet to:
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us at the One Feather Facebook page.



Closing Announcement

The Family Care Center will be permanently closing effective May 31st, 2018

The Family Care Center has been happy to provide quality medical care to the community for the last 3 years. Our dedicated staff hope you have been satisfied with our service!

- All currently scheduled appointments will be honored through the date of May 31st, 2018.
- Dr. Larson will be transitioning to Cherokee Indian Hospital after the effective date.
- If you are selecting a new physician, you will need to complete an authorization to release your medical records so that we can forward a copy of your records to your new physician.
- For any questions, please contact one of our staff members at (828) 554-5565.
- For any questions after the closing date please call the Cherokee Indian Hospital medical records office at (828) 497-9163 ext. 6355.

Thank you for having chosen the Family Care Center to take care of your health needs. It has been our pleasure and honor to serve you.

Miss Cherokee report for April 2018

FAITH LONG

MISS CHEROKEE 2017-18

know I always start my updates with how this month has been crazy, but they keep getting crazier and busier!

This month, I had two main events: Cherokee Days and Gathering of Nations. I attended Cherokee days with the other Eastern Band Royalty and was grateful for how close we became on this trip. I was also fortunate enough to become closer with Miss and Jr. Miss Cherokee Nation. That week was one of the most rewarding experiences that I was lucky enough to have. There were so many Cherokee people coming together to share our culture. To see the differences between each Cherokee tribe as a result of the removal was not troubling, because I also saw our similarities. I realized that we are one people that has been separated by centuries of injustice, but who are not afraid to come together and celebrate.

My next trip was to Gathering



Photo courtesy of Miss Cherokee Royalty Board

GATHERING: Miss Cherokee Faith Long (third from left) is shown at the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow in Albuquerque, NM. Shown (left-right) are – Sheila Conner, Glenna Cunningham, Long, Samantha Cole, Sharon French, Sue Long, and Renee Cole.

of Nations. When I say that this was one of the best experiences of my life, I really mean it. There were so many native people celebrating their heritage. We had an EBCI

member competing for the title of Miss Indian World, and I would like to personally congratulate her on how amazing she did! As a former Miss Cherokee and Miss Indian North Carolina, she really honored her people and herself! Grand Entry the next day was one of the coolest things that I have ever gotten to do. This experience was made much better because I was joined by my mother, grandmother, my aunt, her mother, her mother's friend, and my cousin Samantha. There was so much art and culture in New Mexico. It was incorporated into everything. It was in the airport, road work details and the daily life in Albuquerque.

During all of this excitement, I was finishing up my sophomore year of college and now I am waiting on my final grades. I turned in my last business project while I was at Gathering. Also during Gathering, I received some really big news. I was honored as a member of the 2018 Unity 25 under 25. Please look up this honor if you get the chance! I will get to travel to San Diego in July to receive this honor.

If you are interested in requesting Miss Cherokee, please send your request by email to ebcimisscherokee@gmail.com.

OBITUARIES

David James Kalonaheskie

David James Kalonaheskie, 87, of the Wolftown Community in Cherokee, passed away Sunday, April 29, 2018 at Harris Regional Hospital in Sylva after a brief illness

He is survived by his wife, Joann S. Kalonaheskie; his children, Wanda Kalonaheskie, David T. Kalonaheskie (wife Luchene), and Kathryn Kalonaheskie; 12 grandchildren, Chase Kalonaheskie. Zane Kalo-

naheskie, Cassidy Kalonaheskie, Jack Wachacha, Bill Wachacha, Joanna Kalonaheskie, Stephanie Maney, Donnie Maney, John Perry Sampson, Dustin Sampson, Jordan Sampson, and Cherice Huskey; 19 great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; special friend, Earl Martin; and several nieces and nephews also survive.

David was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Kalonaheskie and Ella Long Kalonaheskie; one son, Don E. Maney; and sisters, Elsie Marie Long Smith, Josephine Kalonaheskie, and Kathryn Long Bradlev.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 3 at Long House Funeral Home. Pastor James "Bo" Parris officiated. Burial followed at the Long Family Cemetery on Long Branch Road. Pallbearers were Billy Wachacha, Jack Wachacha, John Perry Sampson, Dustin Sampson, Chase Kalonaheskie, Jordan Sampson, Earl Martin, and other grandsons. Do you need help with...
end of life planning;
family safety parent representation;
a domestic violence-related civil law case;

or community education, self-help resources,

or community education, self-help resources, and brief legal advice?

EBCI Legal Assistance Office

Ginger Lynn Welch Complex 810 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719 828-359-7400

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A Cherokee Gardener's Journal

Early birds

JODY BRADLEY

If you are an avid gardener, by now you already have a few crops planted. I have two that are my favorite. First is a crop of lettuce, Parris Island COS. This romaine lettuce is heat hearty, lasts longer, and makes great wilted lettuce, which is why we grow lettuce, right? Sugar Snap Peas is my other surefire, start early crop. The vines can handle the cold and grow profusely. I have recipes available on request. Other early crops are Swiss Chard (another favorite), spinach, kale, onions, and radishes.

If you are short on space or have a small area to work with, Sugar Snaps and lettuces work great. I use an Earth box or grow bags. You can use a wide variety of containers for small crops. A repurposed child's swimming pool makes a great lettuce bed. I like to drop a few onions bulbs in the bed with the lettuce. You can create a

salad garden with onions, radishes, and lettuce that will get you through the early spring. I also start a herb garden (parsley, basil, rosemary and thyme) in pots that I can transfer outside after the cold breaks.

Watering is essential in small beds if Mother Nature doesn't handle it. I try to water once a week with a diluted Miracle Grow if we don't get rain. My favorite growing medium is the food waste compost the tribe sells (shameless promo). I add some peat moss or potting mix if it's too dry, but I've not had a better grow formula, except for my own compost or worm cultures.

I know a lot of young people who want to get started gardening. To me, this is the best way. Start small, raise something you like, and enjoy the rewards.

If you would like recipes you can contact me at legendweaver-studios@gmail.com or FaceBook at A Cherokee Gardener's Journal.



Photo courtesy of Jody Bradley

GREENERY: Sugar snap peas and Paris Island romaine lettuce plants grow on the front deck of Jody Bradley, the Cherokee Gardener.

Cherokee Rod Run-Cruise the Smokies May 11-12 Cherokee Fairgrounds

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EBCI alcohol referendum information

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will hold a referendum on Thursday, May 31. The question asked will be: "To allow ABC permits to be issued to allow retail sales of alcoholic beverage on Tribal trust land at a Tribally-owned package store and ABC store." Voter registration will close on Tuesday, May 1. You may begin to request your absentee ballot immediately. Absentee requests will be accepted through Wednesday, May 16. Absentee ballots must be received by the EBCI Board of Elections no later than Monday, May 21 at 4pm. Info: Board of Elections 359-6361

- EBCI Board of Elections

UT Grad School fellowship accepting applicants

The University of Tennessee Graduate School will provide a \$15,000 fellowship for a graduate or doctoral student receiving a grant from the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund for academic year 2018-19. Applicants for the fellowship must make a request in writing to the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund Board of Directors, P. O. Box 892, Cherokee, NC 28719 or email jans_28719@ vahoo.com by May 15, 2018 to be considered. If more than one application is received, the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund Board of Directors will recommend a student to UT Graduate School to receive the fellowship.

- Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship

Eastern Band Community Foundation announces Bill Taylor Scholarship

Applications for the Bill Taylor Scholarship are now being accepted by the Eastern Band Community Foundation. This scholarship is available to all EBCI tribal members or their immediate family members who study Business/Business related curricula. The deadline to apply is June 1.

Awards are based on students meeting various eligibility requirements detailed on the NCCF website www.nccommunityfoundation.org. Applications can also be downloaded on this site under "Qualla Reservation". For further information contact Norma Moss at normahmoss@gmail.com

The Eastern Band Community Foundation is an affiliate of the

North Carolina Community Foundation. In addition to the website, like us on Facebook, follow us on LinkedIn and Twitter @NCCF for more information on the North Carolina Community Foundation.

- Eastern Band Community Foundation

Right Path Adult Leadership Program accepting nominations

The Right Path Adult Leadership Program (RP) is accepting nominations for participation in the 2018-19 program. This program is for enrolled tribal members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (CN), and the United Kituwah Band (UKB). Participants will learn Cherokee history and culture, and to develop leadership



WCU ALUMNI PROFILE

Alicia Mitchell Jacobs of Whittier, NC is a Cherokee Nation member who graduated in 2014 with a Bachelor's of Science in Sociology and a minor in Native American Health. For her first job after graduation she gained the Special Initiatives Director position for the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. Currently she is the Jones-Bowman Award Program Specialist at the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute and is also pursuing her Master's in Public Affairs at WCU. She is married to Brad Jacobs and they have two children together, Katherine Jacobs (19) and Jake Jacobs (17). When asked what her favorite memories at Western are she had this to say; "As WCU celebrated their 125th year it was a privilege and honor to be invited to represent the Sociology Department and have lunch with the Board of Governors to kick off their visit to the University. Another memory included my graduation ceremony on 12/13/2014 being moved to the football field as there was a bomb threat on the Ramsey Center just as the graduates were to walk into the arena." \[\lambda / estern Cherokee

competencies. Participants will meet two days per month, for 12 months, and will engage in case study work, classroom lectures, and experiential learning.

Candidates must be age 18 and over, have a high school diploma or GED. Knowledge of Cherokee culture and/or experience in a professional environment is a plus.

Deadline for submission: Letters of nomination will be accepted by mail, email, or in-person delivery, June 22 by 5pm, to the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute located at the Cherokee Boys Clubon, Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC, Attention, Tara McCoy, Right Path:

- Mail: Attention: Tara McCoy P.O. Box 507 Cherokee, NC 28719.
 Must be postmarked on or before June 22, 2018.
- Email: taramcc@nc-cherokee.
- In-person delivery: Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute at Cherokee Boys Club at 134 Boys Club Loop off of Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719 (across from the CBC Garage)

The Right Path Adult Leadership Program is a culturally-based leadership program under the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute. The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute is a department of the Cherokee Boys Club and is funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. For more information, please contact Tara McCoy, Right Path Leadership Specialist at 828-359-5542 or taramcc@nc-cherokee.com.

- Right Path Adult Leadership Program

Cherokee turkey hunting season

Cherokee's spring turkey hunting season is open through May 19. You are invited to participate as a field reporter and submit turkey harvest data to the EBCI Natural Resources program. This information is important to help the department maintain a healthy turkey population on Cherokee lands. Call 359-6109 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.

- EBCI Natural Resources program

Swain Arts Center Open Juried Photography Competition

The Swain Arts Center will host its Second Annual Open Juried Photography Competition on Aug. 11. This year, there will be two categories for photographs: waterscapes/landscapes (lakes, ponds, waterfalls, oceans, scenic mountain and country views) and street photography (people, urban environments, candid photography made in public that tells a story). Submissions should be made online no later than July 14 (jpg format). Participants will be notified on July 23 if their submissions have been accepted for the competition.

The submission fee is \$15 per single entry. If you submit five images, the fee is \$70. The application is available at swainartscenter.

Photographs accepted for the competition should be delivered to the Swain Arts Center on Aug. 6. The Photography Competition Judging and Reception will be held on Saturday, Aug. 11 at 6:30pm, at the Swain Arts Center, 1415 Fontana Road, Bryson City. Photos chosen for display should be a

minimum size of 11" x 14" and a maximum size of 36" x 48", printed on paper, metal, or canvas. Photos should be ready to hang.

Prizes for each category are: first place - \$100, second place - \$75, and third place - \$50. Three Honorable Mention Awards will be given. There will be one Best of Show prize of \$200.

Info: Rachel Lackey, director of the Swain Arts Center, 488-7843

- Swain Arts Center

EBCI Education & Training Program has updated its guidelines

Some changes are:

- Flexibility to use the full 126 hrs. allotted for an undergraduate degree
- The Education dept. will use the students cumulative GPA for the 2.0 requirement rather than semester GPA.
- As long as your GPA stays above 2.0, you are only required to reimburse for grades below a 1.00.
- Graduate students have the option to pursue an additional Master's Degree or apply for a Doctorate Degree.
- Scholarship requirement has decreased from three to only two applications
- Parking fees and commuter funds are no longer funded by the Education Department.

For further information about the guidelines and responsibilities, you can find a copy at www. tsalagied.com.

> - EBCI Education & Training Program

General Announcements are FREE of charge. Send them to Scott at scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com

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Valley River employee wins national award

ach year, Caesars Entertainment, the managing partner of Harrah's Cherokee Casinos, awards six standout employees its highest award, the Caesars Award of Excellence. The categories, which highlight the core company values, are: Inspiring Our Best, Superior Guest Service, Superior Internal Service, Innovation, Community Service, Suggest and Innovation. David Ott, from Harrah's Cherokee Valley River's Grounds Team was the winner of the 2018 award for Innovation.

"David is a leader in his field for his CodeGreen, initiatives," said Jo Ray, regional vice president of community relations and employee wellness. "He strives to incorporate environmentally friendly habits in everything he does. Saving the planet and contributing to a healthier environment is what we all should do. Often, such initiatives can be quite expensive; however, David's accomplishments actually saved the company money. He brought innovation and CodeGreen to a whole new level."

Ott orchestrated a litany of



Harrah's Cherokee photo

AWARD: Harrah's Cherokee General Manager Lumpy Lambert (left) is shown with David Ott, Valley River Grounds Team, who won the 2018 Caesars Award of Excellence for Innovation.

projects in 2017 that benefited the casino, its guests and the environment.

• Numerous environmentally-friendly, resource conservation projects, amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars in environmental impacts and materials cost savings

 Designated areas as wildflower pollinator zones of the grounds as an alternative to maintained areas • Came up with numerous cost-effective landscaping solutions for the transition into construction phases of the property's expansion

In addition to these initiatives at the casino, David also volunteers his time frequently at local VFW posts to upgrade and maintain their landscaping.

Along with the award, David received a \$2,500 cash prize, 100,000 credits for the employee rewards catalog, and a VIP trip to Las Vegas culminating in an awards banquet.

General Manager Lumpy Lambert was extremely happy about Ott's national recognition. "David does an outstanding job leading the Grounds Team and is a terrific team player who is always seeking effective methods to improve the property. We, at Valley River, are all excited to have one of our own win this award. I look forward to seeing what new, incredible projects David and the rest of the Grounds Team complete as we start a new chapter for our property with the completion of our Ultrastar expansion."

- Harrah's Cherokee



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Photo courtesy of Cherokee Central Schools

BON APPETIT: The Cherokee Middle School Life Skills and Foundations classes have been studying proper dining etiquette and table manners. Upon completion of the unit, the students were challenged to demonstrate their ability to put what they learned into practice at Selu Garden located at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort. Katherine Houston, CMS Life Skills and Foundations teacher, noted, "The restaurant staff gave us a warm welcome and all students passed with flying colors." Shown (left-right) front row - Julia Gonzalez, Awee Watty, Abby Ledford, Bud Mathis, Nessa Smith, Dyami Saunooke, Nick Cole, Brantley George; back row - Olivia Swayney, Emily Swayney, Evie Nations, Acacia Reed, Eli McCoy, John Bradley, Blaze Locust-Pheasant, Terrell Locust, Mason Ledford, Keneil Saunooke, and Adrian Armachain.

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Why is access so important?

ROBERT JUMPER

ONE FEATHER EDITOR

nation. We take pride in the fact that we have a government separate from the municipalities around us, and the state and federal governments apart from us. We feel that the band of Eastern Cherokee people has an inherent right to self-governance. As a people, we have chosen a form of democracy that mirrors that of the federal government of the U.S. We have created our own charter, which is our governing document, and a code of ordinances. We have elected legislators, executives, and have a semi-autonomous judiciary. In almost every way, we live in a society where the power of the people is supreme. Sort of.

We hold elections to designate the government officials who will be the overseers of our society. In many cases, less than half of the eligible voters come out to help make that decision, sometimes making the will of the people unclear. And with election malfunctions, inconsistencies, and the lack of a viable, charter-mandated census, we are left to wonder about the integrity of our democracy.

Throughout the centuries, newspapers, along now with other forms of media, have been the purveyors of information to the public. The Cherokee people recognized the need for a way for the actions of the government to be communicated early on. The Cherokee Phoenix was established in Georgia in 1828. The Phoenix is still published in Oklahoma. We took a little longer to get to it, but the One Feather was born in 1965 with the following statement in Volume 1, Number 1 of the Cherokee One Feather:

"With the publication of this news bulletin, tribal officials will attempt to inform reservation people of the business of the Tribal Council and executive officers of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

"The Cherokee One Feather is the bulletin, and, in the future, will hopefully become a printed newspaper capable of self-support. It will include information on the business of Tribal Council, first, but also on the activities of the community clubs and churches, an occasion editorial, a section of want ads, and item dealing with Cherokee history, culture, and folklore and language.

"A provision in the Tribe's Workable Program for Community Improvement Call for providing information to the general public and especially to tribal members. A committee has been appointed to oversee this task. Jarrett Blythe, Charlotte Sneed, Winona Digh, and Ella West comprise this committee, out of which has emerged the Cherokee One Feather."

In the Cherokee Code, Section 75 states simply, "The Cherokee One Feather is hereby designated and recognized as the official publication of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for the instruction and information of the Cherokee community".

Further in the Code, our government caveats the role of the newspaper with special review for articles about "controversial subjects" (my emphasis) and, in Article 2 (the "Free Press" Act), attempts to limit the influence of the government by stating, "Free Press shall be independent from any undue (my emphasis) influence and free from any particular political interest."

While, on the surface, this may look like clear and ethical law, words like "controversial" and "undue" muddy the waters to the point that Editorial Board members must wonder what will get them into jeopardy and what will not. No definition is provided in Code for either directive. Add to these concerns the fact that there are contradictions in the EBCI Human Resources Policy versus the Society of Professional Journalists Code of Ethics, both of which we are bound to adhere to, including the requirement of reporting to a chain of command within the government and you can see where there is still work to be done to ensure a truly free press by and for the citizens of the Qualla Boundary.

Fortunately, we have legislators and executives in office who desire to secure and insulate the Cherokee press from influence, political and otherwise. The One Feather rarely runs up against political direction regarding the reporting of the news. The concern is that the community only gets that benefit because of the ethical behavior of our current leadership.

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Cultural Events

Cherokee Syllabary and Intro to Cherokee Class. Every Monday and Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm at the 3200 Acre Tract Community Center at 1000 Old Bryson City Road in Whittier. Everyone is welcome. Info: https://www.facebook.com/3200-Acre-Tract-Community-Center-1589774257745245/

General Events

Spring Sobriety Campout. May 10-13 at Yogi in the Smokies Campground on Big Cove Road in Cherokee. AA, NA, Al-anon speakers; Talking Circles; marathon meeting; sobriety pow wow; fun and fellowship. Pre-registration \$40 per person (children under 12 are free), \$45 at the gate. Info: Herb 506-8563, firesidecircle@yahoo.com

Cruise the Smokies Spring Rod Run. May 11-12 at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. This will be the 17th year that the Cherokee Rodders have hosted this "open show" with rat rads welcome. All cars and trucks, whether for show or for sale, will be parked on the Fairgrounds. Gates open daily at 9am with a daily spectator entrance fee of \$5. For registered participants, there will be door prizes, poker walk and run, trophies, and cash giveaways throughout the weekend. Info: 497-2603, www.cherokeerodders.com, or www. facebook.com/cherokee.rodders

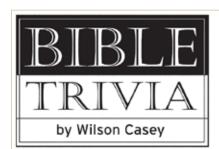
Kolanvyi Day. May 12 from 10am – 4pm. In honor of the late Beloved Man Jerry Wolfe, stickball games will be at 1pm (boys) and 2pm (men). Door prizes, craft vendors, Kids craft corner, face painting, Native Tooth Fairy, raffle, concessions, silent auction, bake sale, field events, marbles, archery, and more. Cornhole Tournament: \$10 per person, registration at 9:30am, starts at 10am, blind draw. Horseshoe Tournament: \$20 per team. Starts at 2pm. Bring your own partner. Info: Dean Hill 788-1037, Michelle Long

736-9852, Pat Hill 508-0912, Natalie Grant 736-3439, Perry Shell 269-0926, or Mariah Mahan 788-4574

Basics of Beekeeping seminar. May 14 at 5pm at EBCI Cooperative Extension Office at 876 Acquoni Road in Cherokee. Learn about beekeeping with David Massengill, a master beekeeper from the Jackson County Beekeeping Chapter. He will teach about the following: the parts of the bee, basic hive maintenance, how to care for your bees and prevent swarming, and any and all bee-related questions. Please RSVP via phone or email: 359-6928, madecisz@nc-cherokee.com

Swain County Democratic Party Whittier/ Cherokee precinct meeting. May 14 at 6pm at Chestnut Tree Inn. All are welcome. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118





- 1. Is the book of Joppa in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- What businesswoman from Thyatira opened her home to Paul and saints after her conversion? Rachel, Keturah, Lydia, Shiprah
- Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there will be your ... also."?
 Love, Heart, Faith, Friends
- From 2 Samuel 18, whose hair became tangled in a terebinth tree? Samson, Herod, Absalom, Joab
- On the outskirts of what city did Jesus meet Zacchaeus? Smyrna, Tarsus, Jericho, Antioch
- 6. From 2 Samuel 14, what was the name of Absalom's daughter? *Ruth*, *Tamar*, *Miriam*, *Sarah*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Lydia; 3) Heart; 4) Absalom; 5) Jericho; 6)

Visit Wilson Casey's new Trivia Fan Site at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

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Swain County Democratic Party meeting.
May 15 at 6pm at Swain County Senior Center at 125 Brendle Street in Bryson City. All are welcome. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118

Jackson County Democratic Party meeting. May 15 at 6:30pm at party headquarters at 500 Mill St. in Sylva. The meeting is open to all Democrats. Frank C. Burrell, chair of JCDP, will preside. Info: www.jacksondems.com

Cherokee Customer Celebration. May 19 from 10am – 8pm and May 20 from 10am – 2pm at Cherokee Welcome Center. Local traditional artisans, food vendors, traditional dances, storytelling, prizes, games, and music. Info: Cherokee Welcome Center 359-6490 or 6491

Big Y and Wolftown Q&A session for proposed EBCI Constitution. May 19 at 1pm at Big Y Community Building. Everyone is invited to attend.

Strawberry Festival. May 26 from 9am – 2pm at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Admission is free to this event sponsored by the NAIWA Cherokee Chapter. Concession stand open until 1pm featuring strawberry pancakes and strawberry shortcake. Vendor space available for \$5/table. Tables are free to fundraising groups and children's activities. Schedule: 9am – opening ceremony; 10am – conversations with Jinks the Robot; 11am – children's activities; 1pm – adult and youth food preparation contests; 2pm – prizes awarded. To reserve tables or info, call Lucille Wolfe 736-5285 or email Carmaleta@msn.com

Yellowhill Community Dance. May 26 from 7-10pm at Yellowhill Activity Center. Featuring the Will Hayes Dance Band. \$15/couple or \$8/single. Refreshments are available.

Book Signing by author Brad Wagnon.

May 29 from 1 – 5pm at Sequoyah Birthplace

Museum in Vonore, Tenn. Wagnon, a Cherokee

Nation citizen, will be signing copies of his book

"The Land of the Great Turtles". Info: (423)

884-6246, seqmus@tds.net

Remember the Removal Riders send-off

ceremony. June 1 at 5pm at Kituwah Mound. Food catered by Granny's Kitchen.

Cherokee Recreation Summer Day Camp. June 4 – Aug. 17 from 7am – 5pm at Painttown and Birdtown gyms. Applications are available at both gyms, and participants must be between 5-11 years old as of June 1. Camp fee is \$300 (\$50 deposit to hold a spot with remainder due by June 1). Breakfast and lunch will be provided June 11 – Aug. 13. Activities include swimming, sports, bowling, movies, field trips, cultural activities, arts and crafts, hiking, visiting church groups, and an end-of-summer trip. Info: Birdtown Gym 359-6890 or Painttown Gym 359-3345

Swain Arts Center Summer Arts Camp. June 18-21. Activities will include Cherokee storytelling, arts and crafts instruction from Cherokee artisans, and field trips to significant historical and cultural sites in Swain County. Spaces available for 25 students who have completed grades 3-5. The camp is funded in part by a grant from RTCAR (Revitalization of Traditional Cherokee Artisan Resources) and the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. Registration will be open until May 19 or until the spaces are filled. There is a \$25 fee for the camp. To register, www.swain.k12.nc.us. Info: Rachel Lackey, Swain Arts Center director, 488-7843, rlackey@swainmail.org

myFutureNC Listning Session. July 12 from

2 – 5pm at Cherokee Central Schools. myFutureNC, a statewide education commission focusing on educational attainment for all North Carolinians, is holding a series of listening sessions to hear from communities about what they perceive as their region's economic strengths and identify the education opportunities that are most needed to capitalize on those strengths. This session will focus on Native perspective and will include Dr. Beverly Payne and Yona Wade from the Qualla Education Collaborative. Info and RSVP at: https://www.myfuturenc.org/listening-sessions/

Health and Sports Events

Archery at Big Y Gym. Each Tuesday at 6pm.

All shooters are welcome. Deino and Allen, both certified instructors, will be assisting.

Mother's Day 5K Trail Walk/Run. May 12 at Kituwah Mound. Registration from 7:30 – 8:30am. Walk/Run begins at 9am. Registration fee is \$15 for adults before April 29 and \$20 afterwards. Registration is \$5 for kids 12 and under and elders 59+. Registration fee ensures shirt and medal. Proceeds will go towards Cherokee Children's Home. Online registration – runsignup.com. Info: Yolanda Saunooke 359-6784

Games. Deadline for entry is Friday, May 18; games start on Thursday, May 24. Games will be played on Thursdays in the following sports: basketball, flag football, kickball, volleyball, dodgeball, and soccer. 10-person roster. \$150 per team. Info: Pat Hill 508-0912, pathill@nc-cherokee.com; Donald Jackson 788-4727, donajack@nc-cherokee.com

Cherokee Recreation Co-Ed Adult League

Cherokee Recreation Women's Volleyball League. Deadline to register is Friday, May 18. Games will start Tuesday, May 22. Games will be played at Painttown Gym on Tuesdays. 8-women roster, must be 16-years-old to play. Entry fee is \$75 per team. Info: Bree Lambert 788-3308, brialamb@nc-cherokee.com; Shannon Bark 736-9538, shanbark@nc-cherokee.com

Teen Awareness Seminar. May 24 from 5:30 – 8:30pm at Big Y Community Club. Presented by the Big Y and Wolftown Communities, this event is open to everyone. Teen-led discussions on opioid addiction and harm reduction. Movie, "If Only" by the Mark Wahlberg Production. Speakers include Frieda Saylor on client services, Ginger Southard on SEP (Syringe Exchange Program), and SCC interns with question and answer session. HIV and HepC testing is also available. Info: 497-6515

Cherokee Rally for Recovery. July 26 from 3 – 7pm at Cherokee Central Schools. The tentative theme is "Healing through Healthy Communities". There will be speakers, games, educational information, food, and music to honor

those in recovery and help those working on recovery. Info: Billie Jo Rich or Lara Conner 497-6892

Upcoming Pow Wows for May 11-13

Note: This list of pow wows was compiled by One Feather staff. The One Feather does not endorse any of these dances. It is simply a listing of ones occurring throughout the continent. Please call before traveling.

47th Annual Stanford Pow Wow. May 11-13 in Stanford,
Calif. Info: (650) 723-4078, powwow-cochairs@lists.stanford.edu

50th Annual Comanche Little Ponies Pow Wow. May 11-12 at
Comanche County Fairgrounds in
Lawton, Okla. MC: Wallace Coffey.
Head Southern Singer: Gaylon

Motah. Info: Lowell Nibbs (580) 583-5279, lowellnibbs@yahoo.com

Salish Kootenai College Pow Wow & Graduate Honoring. May 11-12 at Joe McDonald Health and Fitness Center in Pablo, Mont. MC: Howie Thompson. Info: Allen Addison (406) 275-4980 or Linda Pete (406) 275-4968

First Annual South of the River Pow Wow. May 12 in Burnsville, Minn. MC: Jerry Dearly. Drums: Ringing Shield, Midnite Express. Info: Dominic Good Buffalo (612) 490-3484, dgoodbuffalo@isd191. org

29th Annual Cherokee Co. Indian Festival & Mother's Day Pow Wow. May 12-13 at Boling Park in Canton, Ga. MC: Jody Gaskin. Host Drum: Red Boys. Info: Ruby Wolfe (770) 735-6275, rollingthunder34@gmail.com

30th Annual Balboa Park Pow Wow. May 12-13 in San Diego,
Calif. MC: Randy Edmonds. Host
Northern Drum: Underground
Singers. Host Southern Drum: Red
Warrior. Info: Paula Brim (858)
442-5033, paula.brim@sdaihc.
com

Honoring the Elders Pow Wow.
May 12-13 at Wyandotte Pow
Wow Grounds in Wyandotte, Okla.
MC: Choogie Kingfisher. Head
Southern Singer: Noah Yazzie.
Info: Justin Barrett (918) 5336299, jbarrett@grandriversociety.
com

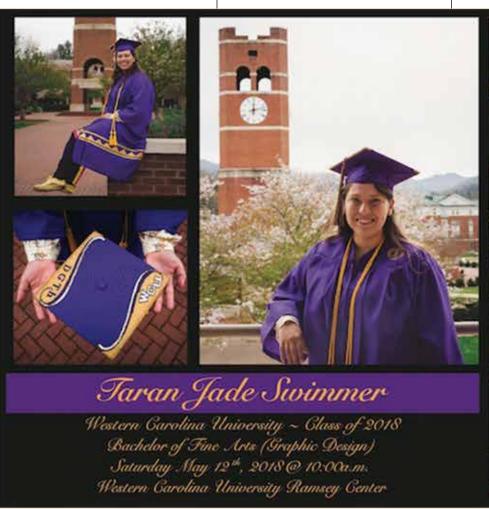
Community Club Meetings

Big Y Community Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Big Y Community Building. For information on renting the building for your special occasion, call Brianna Lambert 788-3308. The rental fee is \$75 and \$25 will be returned after cleaning.

Big Cove Community Club

meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the Big Cove Rec. Center. Info: Chairman Butch Hill 497-7309, Vice Chairman Joe Red Cloud 269-6130, Secretary Lavita Hill 736-3126, or Treasurer Lisa Hardesty 788-1646

Birdtown Community Club meets the last Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Community Building. Potluck







Congratulations

Taran

We are so proud of you and love you very much!

Mom, Papaw, Momaw (in Heaven), and Aunt Trae starts at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6pm. Chairman: Stephan Watty, Vice Chairman: Kallup McCoy, Treasurer: Deb Slee. Secretary: Sasha Watty. The community building is currently not available for rent.

Paint Town Community Club

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

Snowbird Community Club

meets the first Tuesday of each month or the Tuesday before the Tribal Council meeting. Info: Roger Smoker, chairman, (828) 479-8678 or (828) 361-3278,rogersmoker@yahoo.com

Wolftown Community Club

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

Yellowhill Community Club

meets the first Tuesday of every month unless it's a holiday. If anybody would like to teach an art or craft call Reuben 497-2043 to be scheduled.

Community Groups

Big Y Archery Club meets every Tuesday at 7:30pm at the Big Y Community Club Building. Indoor targets and 3D game targets available. This is free of charge to all and everyone is welcome. Instruction is available.

IN LOVING Memory of my husband "RED BRADLEY" who would have been 85 yrs. old 4-25-18.

Nineteen months have been passed, since I had to let you go. The hurt is still with me, for losing you still hurts me so. They say as time goes on, the hurt will fade away. But it's been almost 2 years now, and it still seems as if it were yesterday. I will never stop missing you, and looking for your smile. I can only ask GOD for strength, to make life just a little worthwhile. Loving and Missing You.



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Support Groups/Meetings

Cherokee Diabetes Talking

Circle. This group, for community members with diabetes or pre-diabetes and their family and friends, meets at Tsali Manor on the third Thursday of each month from 12-1pm. Info: Nilofer Couture, MPH, RD, LDN, CDE, 497-9163 ext. 6459 or Nilofer.Couture@cherokeehospital.org

AA and NA meetings in

Cherokee. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): Tuesdays at 7pm at Cherokee Indian Hospital (CIH), Saturdays at 10am at CIH conference room.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA): Mondays at 8pm at CIH, Thursdays at 8pm at CIH, Fridays at 7pm at CIH ence room

Analenisgi Recovery Center weekly schedule for Fall/Winter 2017/18

NOTE: All classes/groups are open to all Analenisgi clients. Support groups marked with ** are open to the community.

Mondays

Safety WRAP: 9 -10am Cherokee Culture: 11:15am -12:30pm Still Waters: 2-3pm **Family Support: 5-6pm

Tuesdays

Native Plants: 8:30-10:30am Employment Skills: (second and fourth Tuesdays 11am -12pm) Taming Salolis (Squirrels): 11am -12pm

Emotions: 1-2pm **Self-esteem: 2-3pm **Life Recovery: 3-4pm

Wednesdays

Safety WRAP: 9-10am Strong Hearts Women's Group: 11am – 12pm Healthy Boundaries: 1-2:30pm

Creative Writing: 2-3pm **Family Support: 5-6pm

**Agape LGBT Group: 5:45-6:45pm

**HIV/AIDS/Hep C Support Group: (second and fourth Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm)

Thursdays

**Life Recovery: 8:30-9:30am Connections (Brene' Brown): 10:30-11:45am Finding Tohi (Peace/Balance):

1-2pm Uncle Skills Men's Group: 3-4pm

Fridays

Creative Recovery: 9:30 am - 12pm Cherokee Language and Culture: 1-2:30pm Popcorn and a Movie: 2:30-4pm

Info: Analenisgi Recovery Center 497-6892.

Times and dates may be subject to change.

CIHA Bariatric Support Groups

meet every second Tuesday of the month at Snowbird Clinic from 11 am - 12 pm (Chrystal Frank) and every second Thursday of the month at Cherokee Indian Hospital from 12-1 pm (Nilofer Couture). Groups are led by registered dietitians. Info: CIHA Nutrition Dept. 497-9163 ext. 6459

Cherokee Cancer Support

Group meets the first Thursday of each month at Betty's Place at 40 Goose Creek Road. A pot luck is held at 5:30pm, and the meeting is open to all. Betty's Place is also open Monday – Friday 10am – 2pm and provides counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals. Info: 497-0788

Trading Post

FOR RENT

2BR, 1 bath mobile home. Quiet park in Ela, no pets. References/background check required. \$450/month, \$450/deposit. 488-8752. UFN

FOR SALE

LAND FOR SALE – Blackrock Creek Community; Great home sites and acreage available 15 minutes from Harrah's casino. 1.6 to 9 acre tracts just outside the Reservation in Jackson County, NC. Seller financing available at great terms. Contact Bruce Nelson (954) 232-8375. 5/24pd

FOR SALE by owners. Family owned/operated campground, established in 1965. Located on

the banks of Soco Creek on the Cherokee Indian Reservation, Cherokee, NC. Within walking distance of downtown Cherokee and Harrah's Casino. Within one two miles of most major attractions in Cherokee. On approximately 16 acres, the campground consists of 11 cabins, 11 bunkhouses, and 33 campsites, including 23 FHU sites. Serious inquiries call 828-736-2765 for an appointment. Cherokee Campground and Craig's Cabins. Must be an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. 6/21pd

For Sale - full-size mattress-box spring (Simmons brand) \$100.00. Light Oak Dresser (six deep drawers) \$60, two glass end tables \$50

(both). Red Loveseat/pull out bed \$100. All in very good condition. Call Scott 508-2583. 5/17

SERVICES

Law Office of Shira Hedgepeth, Tribal Legal Advocate, For representation, call (828) 585-5044 or email shira@legal-decisions.com. Find us on Facebook at https:// www.facebook.com/legaldecisions. 6/7pd

Attention all 2D Artists. Are you tired of not having a place to show your work? I know I am. I am trying to have a place to show our artwork. All painters, photographers, pastelis', etc., please call Margaret Littlejohn Wakefield at (828)497-9598. 5/17

YARD SALES

Yard Sale – large two-family yard sale, Saturday, May 12 from 8am

- 12pm at Wolf Campground on Hwy. 19. Lots of household goods, men's and ladies' clothing/shoes size 8-3X, and much more.

Multi-family yard sale at Tsali Manor. Friday, May 11 from 4:30-6pm and Saturday, May 12 from 7am – 12noon.

FREE

Christians, do you hunger and thirst for more of God, your Heavenly Father? There is more for you. Send to – Free Gospel Books, P.O. Box 1894, Beaufort, SC 29901.

Classifieds listings for items under \$25,000 are FREE of charge.

Items above that are \$10 for 30 words. Send your classified ads to Scott at scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com.



Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

- Elementary Teacher Must have valid NC Teaching License.
- IT System Administrator Must have Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems or equivalent related field. Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP) certification preferred. With three or more years in experience in Windows Server systems administration, including one year of supervisory experience and knowledge of education environments.
- Cultural Program Coordinator Master's degree preferred; Bachelor's degree required in Business or office related field. Work experience in business office management organization and related technical skill areas. Must have experience with budgets and grant writing. Must be sociable when dealing with the community. Experience with Cherokee Language and Culture preferred.
- School Psychologist Minimum requirement of a Master's Degree in psychology and have at least three year's experience working in a school setting. Must hold state license to practice school psychology.
- Middle/High School Special Education Teacher (Pathseekers)- Must have valid NC Teaching license.
- Middle School Special Education Teacher (Dreamcatchers-Autism Class)
 Must have valid NC Teaching license.

Applicants who have retired from EBCI or other affiliated entities must wait a period of 6 months before applying for employment. Applicants who have accepted the Early Retirement Incentive Plan (ERIP) from EBCI or affiliated entity must wait 3 years before applying for employment.

APPLY ONLINE at:

https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/ or visit www.ccs-nc.org for more information.

Churches and Other Non-profit Organizations

Let us promote your special events! Give us the details and we will print your upcoming event for free!

Call us at 359-6261 or email scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com.



Tri-County Community College is currently accepting applications for the following position:

Security Officer (Full-time)

Complete position announcement can be viewed on the college website: www.tricountycc.edu.For information on the application process application deadline contact Human the Resources Office at Tri-County Community College, 21 Campus Circle, Murphy, NC 28906. Phone: (828)835-4201 email:





Cherokee Boys Club P.O. Box 507 Cherokee, NC 28719 Skilled Mason (Commercial and Residential Const. Dept.) (Opens April 25, Closes May 9)

Skilled Carpenter (Commercial and Residential Const. Dept.) (Opens May 9, Closes May 23)

Plumber Helper (Commercial and Residential Const. Dept.) (Opens May 9, Closes May 23)

Carpenter Helper (Commercial and Residential Const. Dept.) (Opens May 9, Closes May 23)

Application and job description can be picked up from the Receptionist at the Boys Club Information window between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (828-497-9101).

The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory. Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate.

The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates

or readvertise positions without notice.



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Delect positions eligible for hining conus. Restrictions apply. Please see Talent Acquisition department for details. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and have a valid photo ID. An Enterprise of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Horath's Cherokee Casinos value diversity and inclusion, and are equal apportunity employees. ©2018, Coesans License Company, LLC.

EASTERN BANDOF CHEROME INDIANS

For deadlines and applications call 359-6388. Indian Preference does apply. A current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a Tribal application.



POSITIONS OPEN

Please attach all required documents
eg: Driver's license, Enrollment, Diplomas, Certificates

Closing Friday May 11, 2018

- Recreation Manager Cherokee Life CERS (L12 \$49,200 \$61,500)
- Employment Specialist I Employment HR (L9 \$37,474 \$46,843)
- 3. Medical Records Specialist Tribal In-Home Care Services PHHS (L9 \$37,474 \$46,843)
- Administrative Assistant Legal Assistance Office Office of the Attorney General (L5 \$25,830 -\$32,288)
- Housekeeper II Heavy Duty Housekeeping Support Services (L4 \$23,616 \$29,520)
- Maintenance Utility Temps (Multiple) Facilities Administration (L4 \$11.35 \$14.19 per hour)
- 7. Housing Inspector Housing Production HCD (L8 \$34,112 \$42,640)
- 8. Lead Maintenance Worker Housing Services HCD (L10 \$41,082 \$51,353)
- 9. Housing Intake Specialist Housing Services HCD (L6 \$28,372 \$35,465)
- Field Technician (Multiple) Water & Sewer Operations (L7 \$31,078 \$38,848)
- 11. Inventory Control Specialist Water & Sewer Operations (L8 \$34,112 \$42,640)
- 12. Meter Reader/Utility Worker Water & Sewer Operations (L7 \$31,078 \$38,848)
- 13. Utility Worker Temp (Multiple) Tribal Construction Operations (L4 \$11.35 \$14.19 per
- Maintenance Supervisor SB/CC Facilities Snowbird/Cherokee Co. Services (L8 \$34,112 \$42,640)

Closing Friday May 18, 2018

- Driver Transit Administration (L4 \$23,616 \$29,520)
- Enrollment Specialist Enrollment Office of the Attorney General (L9 \$37,474 \$46,843)
- 3. Financial Analyst Finance Treasury (L12 \$49,200 \$61,500)
- Family Safety Case Aide (Multiple) Family Safety Program PHHS (L6 \$28,372 \$35,465)
- Receptionist Family Safety Program PHHS (L4 \$23,616 \$29,520)
- Epidemiologist Administration PHHS (L14 \$58,794 \$73,493)
- 7. Public Health Director Administration PHHS (L16 \$70,192 \$87,740)
- Utility Worker Transfer Station Administration (L3 \$21,484 \$26,855)
- 9. Program Manager Cherokee Department of Transportation Operations (L14 58,794 \$73,493)
- Audio Visual Producer Communications Commerce (L9 \$37,474 \$46,843)
- Finance Management Specialist Qualla Housing Authority Housing (L13 \$53,792 -\$67,240)
- Payroll/Accounts Processor Qualla Housing Authority Housing (L8 \$34,112 \$42,640)
- Cultural Art Instructor Graham County Indian Education Snowbird/Cherokee Co. Services (L7 \$31,078 - \$38,848)
- Education Program Specialist Education CERS (L9 \$37,474 \$46,843)
- Education Supervisor Education CERS (L10 \$41,082 \$51,353)
- GIS Web Application Developer GIS Realty (L12 \$49,200 \$61,500)
- Kituwah Academy Principal Kituwah Preservation & Education CERS (L14 \$58,794 -\$73,493)

Open Positions

Paramedic Part-Time – EMS – Operations (\$16.40 - \$20.50 per hour)

Download Applications and Job Descriptions and Apply Online at: WWW.ebci.com/jobs

EMPLOYMENT

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL **AUTHORITY has the following** jobs available:

Optometrist

PTR Registered Nurse - Snowbird

Residential Treatment Center

RN – Tsali Care Center

Dental Assistant II

Dentist – Satellite Clinics Cherokee

County & Snowbird

Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali

Care (7 Positions)

LPN – Behavioral Health

FNP/PA – Ortho

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions are open until filled.

Indian preference does apply.

Cooks: Full time immediate openings at the EBCI Detention Center. In Cherokee NC, - Institutional, cooking and hands-on experience preferred -. Starting \$13.00 per hour, Weekly Direct Deposit, 401K, and Vacation Pay. Must pass background check. Contact Amy at 828-359-6688. Email Resumes to C990@Summitfoodservice.com \$13.00 per hour.

5/10pd

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL **AUTHORITY** has the following jobs available:

Master Level Therapist - Analenisgi Billing Tech II Certified Nursing Assistant PTR –

Inpatient

does apply. 5/10pd

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close May 10, 2018 at 4:00pm. Indian preference

VOC has 5 openings for Summer Youth workers from June 11th until July 20th. Applicants must be aged 14-17, member of a federally recognized Tribe, and full-time student. Preference will be given to applicants with barriers to employment, such as; age, lack of social skills, or single parent home. Applications may be picked up at the VOC Office behind the Tribal Bingo Hall. The deadline for applications is June 1st. For more info call 497-9827. 5/17pd

TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: May 9. 2018

CLOSING DATE: May 16, 2018

At 4:00pm

NAME OF POSITION: FT Concession

Attendant

NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 2

SHIFT: Evening

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

THE TRIBAL BINGO ENTER-PRISE, AN ENTERPRISE CREATED BY THE EASTERN BAND OF CHER-OKEE INDIANS, RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL APPLICANTS AND EMPLOYMENT IS SUBJECT TO THOSE TERMS WHICH THE TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE DEEM APPROPRIATE. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO QUALIFIED

MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS. 5/10pd

TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: May 9, 2018

CLOSING DATE: May 16, 2018

At 4:00pm

NAME OF POSITION: FT Cashier

NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 2

SHIFT: Evening

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

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TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: May 9. 2018 CLOSING DATE: May 16, 2018 At 4:00pm NAME OF POSITION: Full Time Floor Attendant NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 1 SHIFT: Evening

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

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TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: May 9, 2018

CLOSING DATE: May 16, 2018

At 4:00pm

NAME OF POSITION: PT Cashier NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 2

SHIFT: Evening

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

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TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: May 9, 2018

CLOSING DATE: May 16, 2018

At 4:00pm

NAME OF POSITION: Part Time

Floor Attendant

NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 2

SHIFT: Evening

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

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CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Phlebotomist - PTI
EVS Specialist (2 Positions)
Residential Technician - Kanvwotiyi
Certified Nursing Assistant PTR –
Inpatient
Child Master Level Therapist – Ana-

To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close May 17, 2018 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **5/17pd**

LEGAL NOTICES

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 18-022

In the Matter of the Estate of Kirby Lind Dunlap

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION Cathy Dunlap, 60 Tarhelia Hgts., P.O. Box 101, Whittier, NC 28789. **5/10pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
The Cherokee Court
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File Nos.: EST 11-050; EST
11-066;
EST 13-003; EST 13-010;

EST 13-046

In the Matter of the Estates of: Jonas Leander Lossiah, (d. 8-1-2011)

> Frank Raymond West, (d. 10-1-2011) Robert Boyd Shell, (d. 11-25-2012) Hewitt Walker Calhoun,

> > (d. 3-28-2012)

David Alfred Long, (d. 5-16-2013)

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

EBCI Justice Center, May 24, 2018 at 1:30 PM. **5/17pd**

THE CHEROKEE COURT
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE
INDIANS
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA
FILE NO: CV 18-038
Mountain Credit Union
f/k/a Mountain Federal
Credit Union
c/o Mark A. Pinkston, Esquire
Van Winkle, Buck, Wall Starnes
& Davis, PA

Post Office Box 7376
Asheville, North Carolina 28802-7376
Plaintiff, vs.
Anne W. Holt, P.O. Box 1234
Cherokee, NC 28719
671 Tsali Blvd, Cherokee, NC 28719
Defendant.
NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA

To: ANNE W. HOLT

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

The sum of \$10,386.42 together with interest at the rate of \$3.4969 per diem from the 1st day of February, 2018 and the Plaintiff have and recover its attorney fees in the amount of \$1557.96, and that the costs of this action be taxed to the Defendant.

YOU ARE REQUIRED to make defense to such pleading not later than May 22, 2017, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought. THIS the 16th day of April, 2018. VAN WINKLE, BUCK, WALL, STARNES AND DAVIS, P.A. MARK A. PINKSTON North Carolina State Bar Number: 16789, Attorney for Plaintiff 11 North Market Street (28801) Post Office Box 7376 Asheville, North Carolina 28802-7376 (828) 258-2991 (Telephone) (828) 257-2767 (Facsimile) 5/17pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 18-031

In the Matter of the Estate of Wesley Queen

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION Cindy Taylor, P.O. Box 1023, Cherokee, NC 28719. **5/31pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 18-026

In the Matter of the Estate of Sadie Sue Jackson Green

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION William M. Jackson, 66 Mary Jackson Rd., Whittier, NC 28789. 5/23pd

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Request for Proposals

The Cherokee Court is now taking applications for two (2) part-time Magistrates. This position will substitute for the full time magistrates at the Cherokee Courts while the magistrate is on leave status. Familiarity with the Cherokee community and with a court system (state, federal, or tribal) is preferred. Ability to work with the public and handle conflicts is required. Following training, this position will have full authority to make all magistrate related decisions, including issuing warrants and subpoenas, and other duties as assigned by the Chief Justice.

Education and experience: Requires any combination of at least four (4) years practical work experience or education in a legal or law enforcement related field. Position will require both in-office and on-call performance of duties.

Interested individuals should submit the following:

- Name and Contact Information
- Relevant Work Experience
- Copies of Certificates

Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before May 11, 2018 will receive priority over later submissions. Please email, mail or fax to:

Amber Shuler, Court Administrator ambeshul@nc-cherokee.com

PO Box 1629, Cherokee, NC 28719

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract.

The Cherokee Tribal Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **5/10pd**

Request for Proposals

(828)359-0012 (fax)

Project Title: US 441 By-Pass Streetlighting Project This is a "Request for Proposals" from general contractors with experience in construction of streetlighting projects along public roadways.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Project Management Program, is soliciting proposals for construction of streetlights. The project area parallels US 441 from near US 19 southbound to Whitewater Drive in Cherokee, NC.

The project plans and bid package will be provided to any interested contractor upon request. All questions, comments or requests for materials should be addressed to Chris Greene, at 828-359-6703 or by email at chrigree@nc-cherokee.com. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on 5/22/17 with the deadline for submitting proposals of 2:00 p.m. on 06/05/2018.

Indian Preference (as defined by

\$25,000 REWARD

For any information leading to an arrest and conviction regarding the 2017 Tribal Election irregularities



All information received will be investigated Call 800-203-4731 or 800-455-9014

Let the operator know you are calling about the EBCI Election. All calls are confidential

the Tribal Employment Rights Office, TERO) applies for this bid. 5/10pd

Advertisement for Bids

Project Title: Downtown Pedestrian Bridge and Sewer Force Main

The EBCI is requesting separate sealed bids for a Pre-Fabricated Pedestrian Bridge, Approach Structures and Sewer Force Main to cross the Oconaluftee River in downtown Cherokee. Contractors wishing to request a bid package should contact Ken Green, PE at (828) 359-6120 or by email at kengree@nc-cherokee.

Bid packages must be addressed to Ken Green, PE, Project Management Program, 810 Acquoni Rd., Suite 118, (US Postal Service address: PO Box 455) Cherokee, NC 28719. Bids must be received by 2:00 PM June 6, 2018 at which time they shall be opened in accordance with TERO procedures. Any bid received after this time will not be considered. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on May 24, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the address above.

Please be advised that Indian preference (TERO) regulations apply to the bidding and award of this

contract.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ken Green at (828) 359-6120 or by email at kengree@nc-cherokee.com. 5/10pd

Request for Proposals

Eastern band Of Cherokee Indians Cherokee Department of Transportation 680 Acquoni road Cherokee North Carolina 28719 (phone 828-359-6530) **BRIDGE INSPECTIONS**

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT is requesting sealed bids/ Qualification proposals from NCDOT Qualified Contractors for Licensed Bridge Inspections Services. The deadline for submitting Proposals will be May 22-2018 at 10 am. 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 work solicited through this advertisement.

You may request the full RFQ and proposal requirements for proposals through the CDOT office.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact CDOT at (828)359-6530. **5/17pd**

ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 5, 2018, office of the Macon County Manager, 5 West Main Street, Franklin, North Carolina, 28734 for Additions to South Macon Elementary School. The time and place for opening the proposals shall be 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, 2018, in the Commissioner's Board Room located on the 3rd Floor of the Macon County Courthouse, 5 West Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734.

Bidders who mail their proposals SHALL address them to Mr. Derek Roland, Macon County Manager, Macon County Government, 5 West Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734.

To prevent accidental opening, ALL Proposal shall be enclosed in a mailer and be clearly marked on the mailer "BID FOR ADDITIONS TO SOUTH MACON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 2:00 P.M. TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018.

A Pre-bid meeting will be held on site, 855 Addington Bridge Rd, Franklin, NC (828) 369-0796, at 10:00 a.m. May 14, 2018. It is strongly suggested that interested bidders attend.

Requirements adopted by Macon County Government for Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) will be part of this project. All minority businesses and historically underutilized businesses are hereby encouraged to submit proposals for this project.

Complete plans and specifications for this project can be obtained from the Architect, Novus Architects, Inc. 14 South Pack Square, Suite 400, Asheville, NC 28801, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (828) 575-1304, or from the printer, Henco, 54 Broadway, Asheville, NC (828) 253-0449 Plans and specifications will be available on May 4, 2018.

Macon County Government reserves the unqualified right to reject any and all proposals. Signed: Macon County Government Mr. Derek Roland, County Manager. 5/10pd

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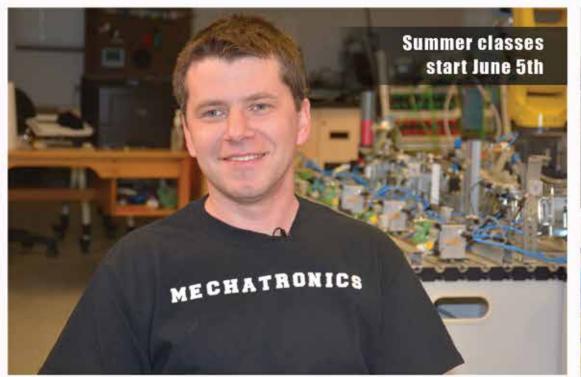
The One Feather could be at the mercy of leadership less receptive to transparency in the future. We could be only an election cycle, or one scandal, away from that kind of leadership. So, as we continue to identify ways that your newspaper may be free of any political influence (you must wonder why the drafters of the legislation didn't just say that, "any", instead of "undue"). We feel that the more media covering Cherokee news, the better informed our community and readership will be. Each news outlet has its own editorial staff and journalists, with different views of what is relevant to cover. While overt biases should be avoided by media at all costs, every news organization will

have a different perspective on news items based on their unique situations. And, that is a good thing.

It is important for our community to get the benefit of those different perspectives on news of the day. It is the way that we get the most complete picture of reality and how they can make decisions, including who they will trust to lead the way for them in government. Most of us, if not all of us, have expressed how important transparency is to our community. One of the critical checks and balances for our society and government is a free and independent press that may candidly report all news that is relevant to the community. We are well beyond the news bulletin days, but without the support and direction of the community, we are also only one election or one link in a chain of command from going backward to those days of

government-directed information release. Restricting access may be a step toward a slippery slope of censorship that can be more damaging than anyone realizes.

My hope is that the Cherokee One Feather will continue to provide the community a voice and a window to important working and current events of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians long after I and the rest of the current staff are gone. It is our job to give instruction and information. Sometimes you will be happy with the information and sometimes the information may make you angry. That is part of the job of your newspaper, to provide access to instruction and information as freely and unbiased as possible, so you have the tools to decide what history will be.



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--Sergei Gubarev, 2017 graduate



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