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Remembering and preventing

Over 80 turn out for 1st Annual Aubrey Littlejohn Walk Against Child Abuse

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Aubrey Kina-Marie Littlejohn, a 15-month-old EBCI member, was pronounced dead at Cherokee Indian Hospital on the morning of Jan. 10, 2011. Her tragic death was thoroughly investigated and resulted in her aunt, Lady Bird Powell, being charged with Second Degree Murder, two counts of Felony Child Abuse and other charges relating to her death.

Over 80 people came out on the morning of Wednesday, April 25 to support the 1st Annual Aubrey Littlejohn Walk Against Child Abuse through downtown Cherokee. The walk was sponsored by the Heart to Heart Child Advocacy Center in Cherokee and was held in conjunction with Child Abuse Prevention Month (April).

"The walk is a collaboration as a memorial walk for Aubrey," said Jennifer Standingdeer, victim coordinator at Child Advocacy Center.

She said hopefully this will be a kick-off event for the Week of the Young Child in the future.

"It's a way to let people know about what's going on with the children and that they need to be protected," Karen Swayney, Aubrey's great-aunt, said of the reason for the walk. "With Aubrey, she wasn't, and I don't think it should happen again."

Ruth McCoy, Aubrey's great-aunt, commented, "I think it's (walk) is a good thing and I hope it continues because I think there's been a lot of child abuse in Cherokee on the reservation and it just needs to have more awareness. I'm glad that we've joined with Heart to Heart to make people aware of what goes on on our reservation."

Becky Walker, a social worker with the BIA Cherokee Agency Department of Social Services, commented, "What we want to do is bring awareness to the child abuse that occurs in Indian Country, especially in our community, and we want to remind people that they are responsible to report neglect and abuse."

She added, "Any adult over 18 is a mandatory reporter so if you suspect neglect or abuse of any children in the community or surrounding communities, it is your responsibility to report it to the Department of Social Services in the county in which those children live."

"We also wanted to walk in memory of Aubrey so that her death does not go

in vain, and so that we make it a point to bring awareness to what happens in our community," said Walker. "And, I think at one time, our children were very important to us, the most important thing, and I think sometimes we still say that. But, I really feel that if that was true we wouldn't be here today."

Following the walk, Walker gave some startling statistics that were compiled by the Child Advocacy Center. In 2011, there were 35 cases of child neglect, 85 cases of physical abuse and 135 cases of sexual abuse reported to the Child Advocacy Center.

Principal Chief Michell Hicks thanked the participants and the organizers of Wednesday's event, and he reiterated the need to report any suspected child abuse or neglect to the proper authorities.

He related, "I want to assure you that we are working on a new model for social services that hopefully will help address some of these issues and give strength to some of our processes."

Chief Hicks concluded by saying, "There's only one direction and that's to make sure that we give strength to the children of our Tribe."

Note: It is important to remember that the person named above has only been charged with a crime and should be considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

By the numbers

135

The number of sexual abuse cases reported to Heart to Heart Child Advocacy Center in 2011.

85

The number of physical abuse cases reported to Heart to Heart Child Advocacy Center in 2011.

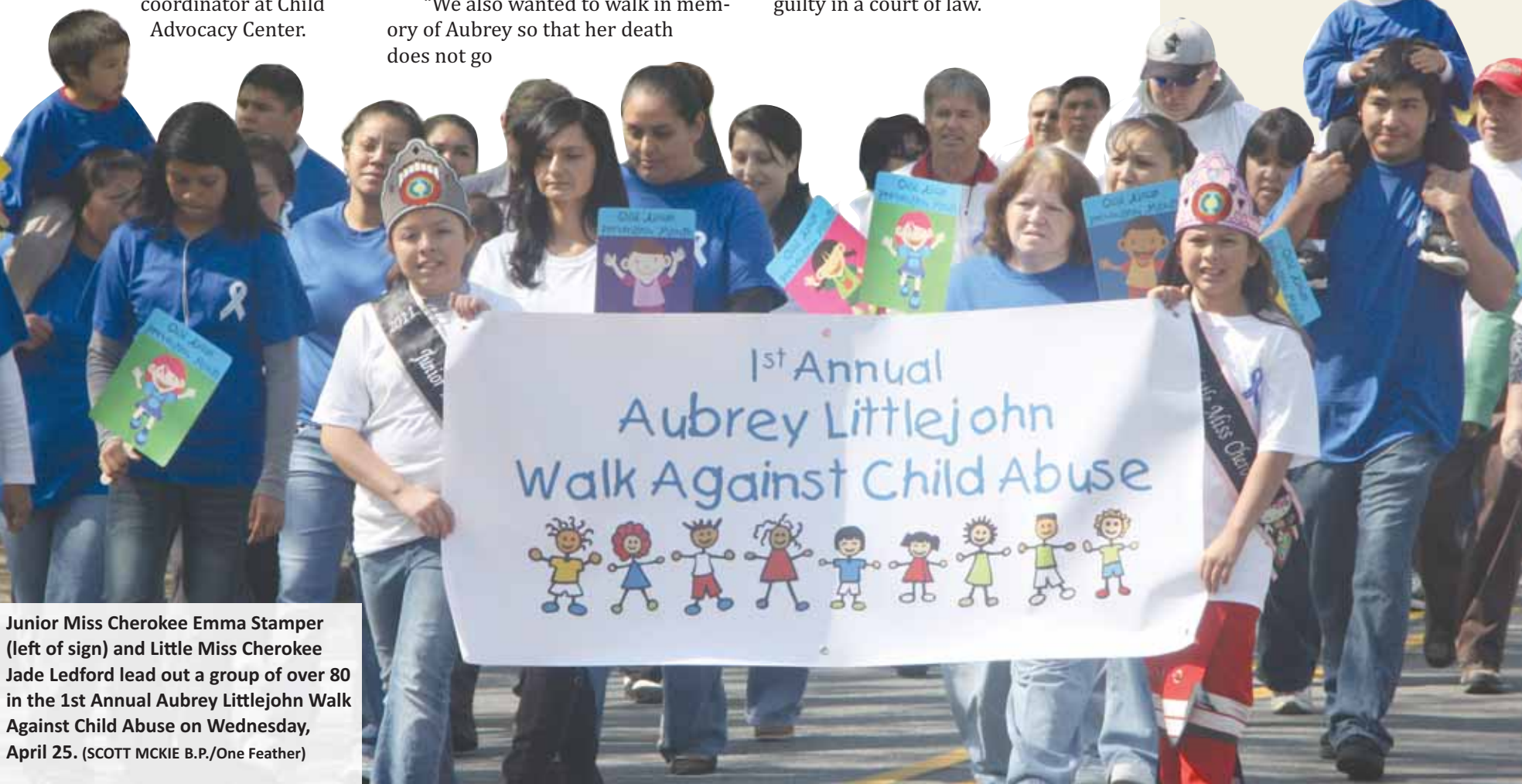
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The number of child neglect cases reported to Heart to Heart Child Advocacy Center in 2011.

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The number of children who deserve to be abused.

- Source:
Heart to Heart
Child Advocacy
Center



Junior Miss Cherokee Emma Stamper (left of sign) and Little Miss Cherokee Jade Ledford lead out a group of over 80 in the 1st Annual Aubrey Littlejohn Walk Against Child Abuse on Wednesday, April 25. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather)

Managing tribal resources

EBCI co-hosts 30th Annual Native American Fish & Wildlife Society National Conference

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

Fish and wildlife officers, biologists, environmentalists and others concerned with the state of natural resources in Indian Country converged in Cherokee this week for a historic event. The Native American Fish and Wildlife Society (NAFWS) celebrated its 30th Annual National Conference at Harrah's Cherokee Casino & Hotel.

The event, which started on Tuesday, May 1 and was scheduled to run through Thursday, May 3, was co-hosted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians. The conference had the theme of "Weaving Together the Strands of Creation".

"I want to welcome you to Cherokee," said Principal Chief Michell Hicks as he helped open the conference on Tuesday morning. "It's a beautiful time of year here. We're excited about the week."

The program began with an opening song and flag song by the Awolah Singers from Cherokee.

"Every year, I am just amazed at how these national conferences just get better and better," said Fred Matt, a member of the Salish Kootenai tribe and executive director of NAFWS. "The quality of presentations, the quality of speakers has just gotten to be none other than the best ever."

Brian Patterson, a member of the Oneida Nation of New York, is the president of USET (United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.) and was the keynote speaker for Tuesday's session. He told the group, "Your work is not about the trout. Your work is not about just the salmon. Your work is about the sustainability of our people."

He said Indian Country is currently responsible for managing 141,000 square miles of land. "Respect for Mother Earth is in our DNA. It is our responsibility to make sure that these vast resources are taken care of and preserved for future generations."

"The conference theme, 'Weaving



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

Fred Matt, NAFWS executive director, carries the Eagle Staff during the opening of the 30th Annual National Conference of the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society at Harrah's Cherokee Casino & Hotel on Tuesday, May 1.

Together the Strands of Creation', reminds us that there is strength in unity," said Patterson who said climate changes are presenting challenges to those seeking to protect the environment.

"We are not talking about preventing climate change, but addressing and adapting to climate change. Everything is relevant within the strands of life."

Patterson related that American Indians are the world's "leading experts in taking care of Mother Earth".

"We are the caretakers for the generations to come, and what we weave today will be their legacy. The work you're doing, the impact you make is great."

The first presentation of the conference was an overview of EBCI environmental efforts entitled

"Conservation and Management of Cherokee Fish and Wildlife Resources" presented by Forest Parker, EBCI Natural Resources and Conservation director; Robert Blankenship, Cherokee Fisheries and Wildlife Management manager; and Mike Levoie, fish/wildlife biologist with Cherokee Fisheries and Wildlife Management.

Parker told the group that historic Cherokee lands comprised over 400,000 square miles and was made up of mountains and rich valleys. Today, he said, EBCI lands total a little over 65,000 acres with only 5,700 acres being in the Tribal Preserve.

"Cherokee culture is extremely diverse," said Parker. "Our culture and our history mimics the diversity in the

area."

He related that on EBCI lands there are over 100 species of trees and over 1,400 types of flowering plants. "The ecosystem is unbelievable. We are a people of the land."

Parker gave a brief history of Cherokee natural resources management from the 1800s to the present. He spoke briefly about the formation of the EBCI Office of Environment and Natural Resources in 1996 and the Qualla Environmental Resources Proclamation by Chief Hicks in 2006.

"This current administration has been the most proactive and most concerning administration in the history of this Tribe as it relates to natural resources and fish and wildlife management," said Parker. "In 2006, Chief Hicks signed the Environmental Proclamation which is a proclamation promoting a healthy, sustainable environment through developing and Integrated Resource Management Plan, working collaboratively with other governments to manage our natural resources while maintaining our sovereign interests."

LaVoie spoke about several wildlife species the EBCI is working to help preserve including Appalachian brook trout, sicklefin redhorse, wild turkey, black bear, elk, whitetail deer and bat.

Robert Blankenship gave an overview of the trout fishing program in Cherokee which utilizes roughly 30 miles of Tribal Enterprise Waters. He said the economic impact to Cherokee from trout fishing is around \$18-\$20 million annually.



Forest Parker, EBCI Natural Resources and Conservation director, speaks during Tuesday's opening session.

The conference continued on Tuesday with discussions on topics such as: "The Puyallup Tribal Homelands & Eco-Cultural Restoration: Past Present & Future", "The 1st Tribal National Park", "Tribal Conservation Wildlife Law Enforcement" and a panel discussion on climate change.

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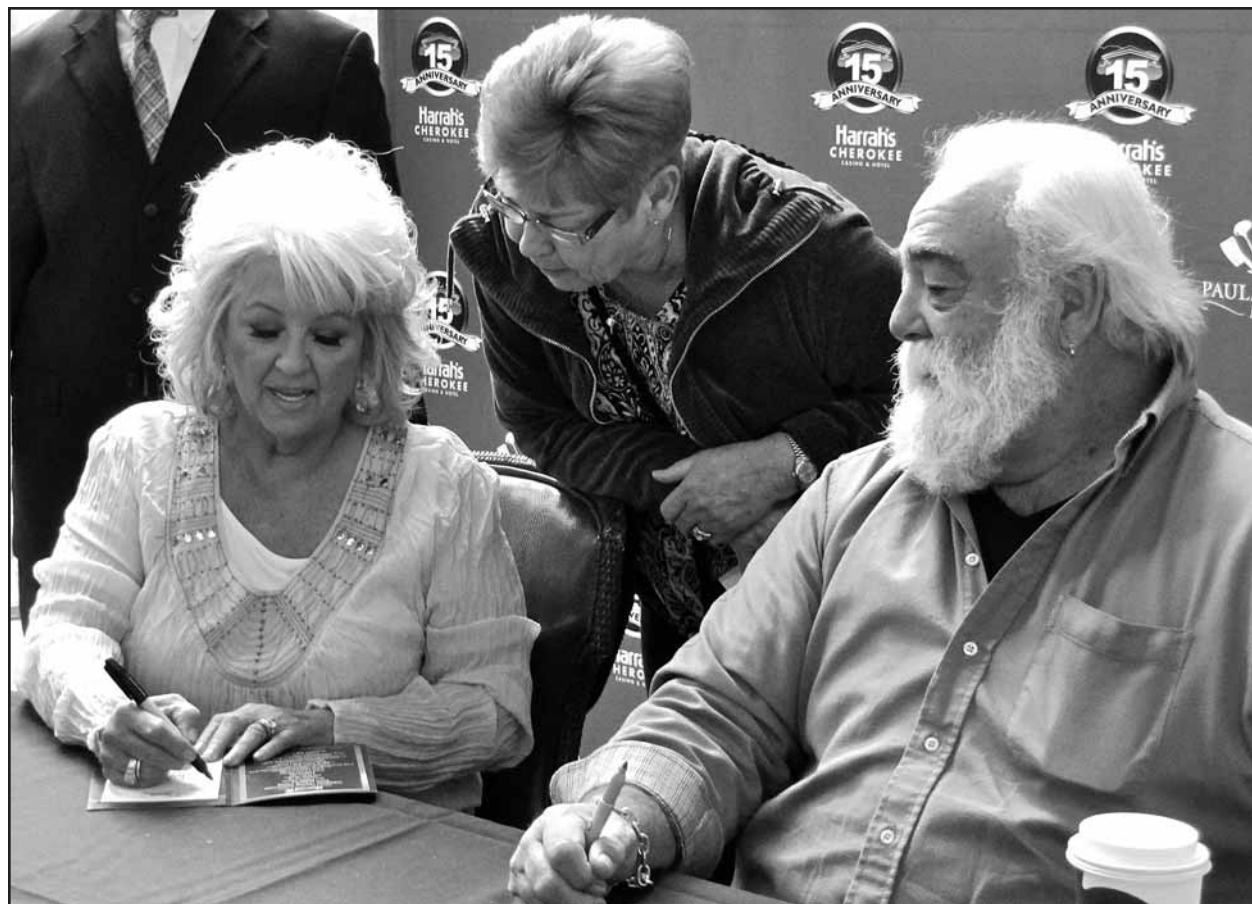


Photo courtesy of Harrah's Cherokee

Paula Deen (seated left), joined by her husband Michael, signed autographs and met with fans outside her restaurant at Harrah's Cherokee Casino & Hotel on Tuesday, April 24.

Paula Deen visits Cherokee

Paula Deen, two-time Emmy winner and the Food Network's traditional Southern cooking superstar, paid a visit to the full-service restaurant, Paula Deen's Kitchen at Harrah's Cherokee Casino & Hotel on Tuesday, April 24.

Paula Deen's Kitchen, located on the ground floor of Harrah's Cherokee Casino & Hotel's 21-story Creek Tower, now offers guests new menu options focusing on fresh seafood prepared in a variety of ways. These new menu choices, along with many of the restaurant's most popular items, will provide guests expanded dining opportunities.

Included in the new offerings are "Fresh off the Boat" weekly specials along with several types of platters, boil pots and combo's using fresh seafood. Other menu items will include crab stuffed flounder, crab pots, a chilled seafood sampler and large family style combos that will serve 3-4 guests.

The popular restaurant will still serve an all-you-can-eat breakfast bar, with several popular breakfast dishes available all day. The restaurant opens daily at 7:00 am, offering café-style breakfast and customized omelet station until noon, followed with an "All Day" menu that features a variety of salads, burgers and sandwiches, as well as steaks and our all new seafood menu until 10 pm Sunday through Thursday, and until 11 pm Friday and Saturday.

Paula Deen's Kitchen is reminiscent of the décor and ambiance of her legendary home and kitchen in Savannah. The environment offers a relaxed Southern atmosphere with an air of elegance that is reminiscent of Ms. Deen. With no dress code required, guests may sit by the futuristic 10-foot windows and enjoy the mesmerizing beauty of Soco Creek, or opt to be seated at the full service bar.

- Harrah's Cherokee

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Birds of Prey program presented at Park

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

The largest bald eagle nest on record weighed over two tons. Eagles can not only swim, but their eyesight is four to five times better than that of a human with 20/20 vision.

Those amazing facts were just a few given by Michael Skinner, executive director of the Balsam Mountain Trust, at a Birds of Prey program he facilitated at the Oconaluftee Multipurpose Room adjacent to the Oconaluftee Visitor Center on Thursday, April 26.

Skinner, an ecologist and naturalist and former host of Georgia Public Television's "Georgia Outdoors", brought several different species with him including an American bald eagle, a red-tailed hawk, several kestrels, and an eastern screech owl.

"The one thing I don't do is force a bird to

do something they don't want to do," he said. "Their health is paramount to us at the Nature Center."

The largest bird he brought with him was a bald eagle named Freedom. His original name was Doby because he got out the nest too early and was bitten in the hind quarters by a Doberman. That encounter caused follicles in his tail to break and he sometimes will molt all of his tail feathers at one time making flying difficult.

Skinner said the 6 ½ pound bird has over 7,000 feathers. Freedom is currently 13 years old, and Skinner said bald eagles can live up to 30 years in the wild and up to 50 years in captivity.

And, the majestic birds can be found in more places than you might think. "They're (eagles) nesting here on Lake Fontana. There's at least one pair of nesting bald eagles in every state in the lower 48."

He said some have also been seen on Lake Junaluska, but their close proximity to humans sometimes comes at a price. Skinner told of a four-year-old female bald eagle that was killed in Maggie Valley last year with a .22 rifle. The killer was never caught.

"The good thing about the bald eagle is that they're making a comeback," he said. "Bald eagles came off the endangered species list in 2004." Sometimes Skinner will help rescue birds in dangerous and sometimes just odd situations. For example,

Cheyenne, a female red-tailed hawk he brought with him for Thursday's event, came from a Nature Center



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

Michael Skinner (left), executive director of the Balsam Mountain Trust, shows the crowd and Brennan Foerst (right), of Cherokee, the finer points of kestrels during a birds of prey program at the Oconaluftee Multi-purpose room on Thursday, April 26.

in northern Illinois. The Center got the bird from a man who took her out of the wild illegally and kept her on his property in a broken-down car.

Skinner said safety is a main concern when handling these animals. "When you work with birds of prey or animals who have the potential to kill you, you have to know what you're doing."

Cheyenne is currently four years old and Skinner said she can

live in captivity up to 35 years.

During the program, Skinner dispelled some common misconceptions about birds of prey.

When showing Hanto, a barn owl, he told the crowd that owls typically can turn their heads 240 degrees, not 360 degrees as is commonly believed.

For more information on the Balsam Mountain Trust, visit www.bmtrust.org.



Skinner holds a barn owl named Hanto during Thursday's birds of prey program.

VAWA passes Senate, Indian Country happy

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Senate passed S.1925, the Leahy-Crapo Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Reauthorization of 2012 on Thursday, April 26 by a vote of 68-31.

"The Senate's action to pass important legislation ensuring access to the life-saving resources provided by VAWA is a testament to what the Senate can do when we work together to meaningfully address needs identified by our constituents," said Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) who introduced the bill. "Our consideration of this bill should serve as a model for how the Senate considers legislation, without needless procedural delays and unrelated amendments."

Information from the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA) drives home the importance of this legislation

in Indian Country, "According to a study by the Department of Justice, two-in-five women in Native communities will suffer domestic violence, and one-in-three will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime. Four out of five perpetrators of these crimes are non-Indian, and cannot be prosecuted by tribal governments."

Sen. Daniel K. Akaka (D-Hawaii) is the chairman of the SCIA and commented, "No longer are acts of domestic violence viewed as just family issues – now, police and private citizens work to eradicate these crimes. But, tragically, this is not always the case on reservations, in part due to jurisdictional issues which must be fixed."

He added that there are provisions in VAWA that would close jurisdictional loopholes.

Painttown Rep. Terri Henry has worked on women's issues for years

"Senate passage of this bill is a tremendous step forward for tribal jurisdiction over all persons perpetrating violence against Indian women."

- Painttown Rep. Terri Henry

and related she was very happy at the news. "Senate passage of this bill is a tremendous step forward for tribal jurisdiction over all persons perpetrating violence against Indian women. This means that our tribal court can protect our Cherokee women from such abuse by non-Indians, provided certain Constitutional protections are met."

She went on to say, "I am grateful to our Tribal leadership for supporting this important issue. Thank you Tribal

Council and Chiefs. I am also grateful to Sen. Kay Hagan for voting in support of the VAWA bill that included the tribal provisions. I am also very appreciative of the U.S. Department of Justice and the Administration for their support of the tribal provisions in VAWA."

Rep. Henry concluded, "For months, tribal leaders, tribal coalitions and native women's advocates have worked with their Senators and the Administration to ensure the tribal provisions remained included in the VAWA. This win in the Senate is huge. This means that tribes could now have local control over this specific crime on tribal lands. Everyone deserves to be congratulated for their efforts in this win."

Sen. Kay Hagan (D-NC) said in a statement, "I'm relieved that my Senate colleagues have put partisanship aside to move this important legislation forward. VAWA is essential to the protection and safety of women, and I urge the House to act swiftly to provide continued protection to victims of violent crimes. There should be no question or controversy about VAWA because it ensures a better future for women and children in North Carolina and around our country."

Jefferson Keel, NCAI president related, "Today's vote on the VAWA reauthorization represents a historic vote for Native people and tribal sovereignty. Now, we must turn our full attention to the House and count on the same good will and bipartisanship to turn this bill into law and make these protections a reality."

The bill now heads to the House, and the House Judiciary has scheduled a mark-up on the bill for Tuesday, May 8.

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Tribal Court Report

Judgment Summary for April 25

BIGMEAT, Chandra

14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance – Prayer for Judgment Continued, \$190 court costs

BIRD, Grace Morningsun

14-5.2 Communicating Threats – Dismissed, Failure to Prosecute

BIRD, James Arron

14-40.62(a)(3) Simple Affray – Dismissed, Failure to Prosecute

14-40.50(b) Assault with a Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious Injury – Dismissed, Failure to Prosecute

BIRD, Reva

14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance, Dismissed for Compliance, \$140 court costs

BRADLEY, Amber

14-25.2 Drugs – Poss. Schedule II – Called & Failed

14-25.2 Drugs – Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia – Called & Failed

20-7(a) No Operator's License – Called & Failed

BRADLEY, David Alvin

14-40.56 Assault on a Female – Called & Failed

14-40.55 Assault with Deadly Weapon – Called & Failed

14-10.9 Criminal Mischief – Called & Failed

14-10.11 Injuring Real Property – Called & Failed

BRADLEY, Marshall Alvin

20-28 Revoked Driver's License – Guilty Plea, \$25 fine, \$190 court costs

CORNWELL, Billy Star

14-15.6(b) Purchasing, Attempt to Purchase, Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons under

21 – Guilty Plea, 48 hours jail time suspended, 6 months probation, 72 hours community service, obtain Substance Abuse Assessment, \$190 court costs, \$50 fine, \$1000 DARE

CROWE, Jennifer

14-15.6(b) Purchasing, Attempt to Purchase, Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons under 21 – Dismissed for Compliance

DRIVER, Randall Damien

14-40.62(a)(1) Simple Assault – Dismissed, Failure to Prosecute

MAHAN, Christopher

14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass – Dismissed at Complainant's Request
14-10.62 Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle – Dismissed at Complainant's Request

14-10.11 Injuring Real Property – Dismissed at Complainant's Request

MARTIN, Agatha Anita

14-40.62(a)(1) Simple Assault – Dismissed at Complainant's Request
14-40.57 Assault on a Child – Dismissed at Complainant's Request

McNEELY, Joshua Ray

14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass – Dismissed, Failure to Prosecute

MORALES, Joseph Adolfo

14-15.6(b) Purchasing, Attempt to Purchase, Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons under 21 – Deferred Prosecution, 48 hours community service
14-40.62(a)(1) Simple Assault, Deferred Prosecution, 48 hours community service

NEWMAN, Charissa Ann

14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV and V – Dismissed on Plea
14-95.11(c) Drugs: Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia – Guilty Plea, 30 days active jail time, credit for time served (29

days), \$1000 DARE

OWLE, Josie Michelle

14-2.2 Criminal Conspiracy – Dismissed, Settled in Mediation
14-10.9 Criminal Mischief – Dismissed, Settled in Mediation
14-10.60 Larceny – Dismissed, Settled in Mediation

PARKER, Mignon

14-40.62(a)(1) Simple Assault – Called & Failed
14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree – Called & Failed

PIGEON, Shena Dale

14-70.17 Obstructing Justice – Called & Failed

POWELL, Lora Marlene

14-25.12 Disorderly Conduct – Dismissed, Settled in Mediation

SEQUOYAH, Jeremy Isaac

14-10.40 Burglary, Dismissed on Plea
14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property – Guilty/Responsible (Drug Court), 12 months jail time, sentence to run concurrent with previous sentence if activated, sentence Stayed, remanded to Drug Court, \$100 fine, \$190 court costs, \$500 restitution

SEQUOYAH, Red Bird

14-25.12 Disorderly Conduct – Dismissed, Settled in Mediation

STANBERRY, Archie Lee

14-10.64 Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle – Guilty Plea, 90 days active jail time, credit for time served (59 days), \$500 fine, \$190 court costs, \$1,499.91 restitution
14-10.60(c) Grand Larceny (>\$1,000) – Dismissed on Plea

WALKER, James

14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance – Prayer for Judgment Continued, \$190 court costs

WATTY, Martha Faye

14-40.32 Custodial Interference – Dismissed at Complainant's Request

WILDCAT, Justin

14-30.1(a)(1) Contributing to the Delinquency or Undisciplined of a Minor – Called & Failed, 5 months jail time suspended, 12 months probation, active jail time 8 days, \$100 fine, \$110 court costs

WOLFE, Victor Jason

14-40.56 Assault on a Female – Dismissed at Complainant's Request
14-40.62(a)(1) Simple Assault – Dismissed at Complainant's Request

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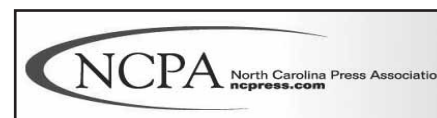
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OJCCCC to reaffirm accreditation with Council on Occupational Education

Oconaluftee Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center is currently in the process of reaffirming its accreditation with the Council on Occupational Education (COE). Oconaluftee has enjoyed twenty five years of continued accreditation. The mission of the Council on Occupational Education is "assuring quality and integrity in career and technical education."

The Council on Occupational Education (hereinafter referred to as the Council or COE) came into existence initially in 1971 as the Commission on Occupational Education Institutions

(COEI) of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), a regional accrediting association that serves institutions in an 11-state region. Operating as a unit of SACS, COEI provided accreditation services to post-secondary occupational education institutions located, with a few exceptions, in the SACS region.

Mary E. Smith, Center Director of the Oconaluftee Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center, is excited about continuing the long-standing tradition of Oconaluftee being accredited by COE.

She expresses appreciation to

Danny Muse, academic manager, for the leadership he has provided in overseeing all of the work groups. She also wishes to thank all the staff for their assistance in working through this process.

Smith is looking forward to the week of May 14 through 18 as the COE task force will be at the Center to perform their on-site observations.

For questions about Oconaluftee Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center, the Job Corps program, call Muse 497-8039.

Fun Things to do *in* Cherokee

May 1
**Oconaluftee
Indian Village
Opens**

May 4 - September 1
Cherokee Bonfire

May 12
Mother's Day 5k

May 12
**Cherokee Visitor
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May 18-20
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Cherokee Transit drivers swept the recent Region A Rodeo with Dennis Junaluska (left) taking third, Wilson Oocumma (center) taking second and Christine Goings taking first place.

Cherokee Transit sweeps Region A Rodeo

Cherokee Transit hosted the Sixth Region A Rodeo on Thursday, April 19 with drivers competing from the Qualla Boundary and Macon County. The purpose of the rodeo is to test driving skills, pre-trip vehicle inspection, and professional habits.

Cherokee Transit swept the awards with first place going to Christine Goings, second place to Wilson Oocumma and third to Dennis Junaluska.

The top winners from Cherokee will compete in the North Carolina State Rodeo later this month in Wilmington.

Kathi Littlejohn, Cherokee Transit manager, said, "The Rodeo is a fun way to test ourselves on skills we have to use everyday and at the same time, meet other drivers in our area who work at similar jobs."

- Cherokee Transit

Park entries for March break record

Entries into the Great Smoky Mountains National Park were up a solid 21.7% last month over March 2011 entrance figures. The 611,326 visits for March 2012 was the all-time record for the month of March. The previous record was 564,878 visits for March 2007. This marks the fourth month in a row that Park travel was up.

Entrances for 2012 Year-to-date are up by 19.5 percent over 2011. In March 2012, all the Park's three major entrances showed increases over March 2011 as follows:

Gatlinburg up 19.1 percent
Townsend up 22.0 percent
Cherokee up 16.5 percent

The total entrances at the 14 outlying entrances were also up by 28.5 percent. Park officials related, "The unseasonably warm weather this March is most likely responsible for bringing more people out to enjoy their national park."

- NPS

Park announces new system for Elkmont firefly viewing

Great Smoky Mountains National Park has announced a new reservation system for the Elkmont Firefly Viewing event beginning in 2012. The popularity of the firefly event has increased significantly over the past several years, prompting park officials to re-evaluate the effectiveness of managing the event on a first-come-first-served basis.

For this year's viewing event, which runs from Saturday, June 2 through Sunday, June 10, a new on-line ticketing system, operated through www.recreation.gov, will provide visitors with parking passes to guarantee they will be able to park at Sugarlands Visitor Center, but without the inconvenience of having to arrive hours in advance. The Park expects the new system will result in improvements in visitor service.

A parking pass will be required for all vehicles. A reservation fee to receive the pass will cost \$1.50 and will cover a maximum of 6 persons in a single passenger vehicle (less than 19 feet in length). Four passes for oversize vehicles, like a mini bus (19 to 30 feet in length and up to 24 persons), will also be available. Parking passes will be non-refundable, non-transferable, and good only for the date issued. There is a limit of one parking pass per household per season. Each reservation through www.recreation.gov will receive an e-mailed confirmation and specific information about the event.

Passes can be purchased at www.recreation.gov. Parking passes may also be obtained by calling 1-877-444-6777, but Park officials strongly encourage the use of the on-line process, because it provides far more information to visitors about what to expect when they arrive at the Park.

- NPS

DNA testing dates for May 2012

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

- EBCI Enrollment Office



Cherokee Boys Club Report

CLUB SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, May 9 – Resolution Deadline – 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday, May 13 – Mother's Day
 Tuesday, May 15 – Health Screen – 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. (New Date and Time)
 Wednesday, May 16 – Board Meeting – 8:30 a.m.
 Thursday, May 17 – Safety Committee Meeting – 11:30 a.m.
 Tuesday, May 22 – Cherokee Central Schools Graduation
 Tuesday, May 22 – School Early Release – 11:45 a.m.
 Wednesday, May 23 – School Early Release – 11:45 a.m. (Last Day of School)
 Thursday, May 24 – Teacher Workday
 Friday, May 25 – School Furlough Day

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

OJT for Summer Youth Positions
 See the Employment Section of the *One Feather* or contact Tiff Reed at the Boys Club at 497-9101

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES' OFFICE HAS RELCOATED

The Family Support Services office has moved to the Boys Club's main campus and will be ready for business there on Tuesday, May 1. The new offices will be located at 134 Cherokee Boys Club Loop (the former General Manager's residence) which is directly across from the Club's Garage. The office on 508 Goose Creek Road is closed. The phone number for Family Support will remain the same at (828) 497-6092.

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Come and celebrate! The Cherokee Children's Coalition invites you to participate Saturday, May 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Fun activities and treats for the kids.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the friends and families of loved ones who were recently lost.

BOYS CLUB MANAGER LIST

Administration	Vickie McCoy	497-9101
Agelink Child Care	Tammy Bradley	497-6726
Bus and Truck Department	Allan Oocumma	497-9101
CBC Garage	Donnie Owle	497-9101
CBC Printing	Trista Welch	497-5510
Cherokee Children's Home	Cris Weatherford	497-5009
Construction and Facilities	Travis Smith	497-5274
Family Support Services	Barbara Jones	497-6092
Finance and Audit	Frank Cooper	497-9101
General Manager	Tommy Lambert	497-9101

Week of the Young Child activities

Thursday, May 3

Parent/Grandparent Appreciation Day – Each Center will have events honoring the parents and grandparents

Friday, May 4

Staff Appreciation Day

Saturday, May 5

Children's Fair – Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds from 10am – 2pm, food, prizes, bubbles and more

Info: Robin Swayney 497-1762, Amanda Bradley 497-9008/2004 or Greg Owle 497-9008/2210

- WOYC Committee

Dora Reed Center News

By LINDSEY HOLLAND

With summer fast approaching, many children are looking forward to playing outside. The weather is heating up, flowers are blooming, and the birds are singing in the trees. Unfortunately as the saying goes, April showers bring May flowers, we still have many rainy days that keep us indoors. On those days, we try to keep our children busy and active with fun songs that get us up and keep us moving. One of our most loved children's duo is Greg and Steve. Here are a few of our favorites that we hope you will enjoy and want to try with your children at home.

1. Bop 'til You Drop – A great get up and going song; bound to cure any case of the wiggles.
2. Beanie Bag Dance – Not only lets a child move but also teaches them special awareness.
3. Can't Sit Still – Lets children work out their wiggles to a good beat.
4. Rock 'N' Roll Rhythm Band – Children can learn different types of instruments and still move those feet.
5. Animal Action – Acts out animals with the music and your house will become a jungle full of animals.
6. The Freeze – Dance to the beat anyway you chose. Move when the music stops and you lose.
7. Get Ready, Get Set, Let's Dance – Children get the chance to show off their dance moves with this fun song.
8. Stop & Go – Just like The Freeze, when the music stops, don't move your feet.
9. Limbo Rock – A new way to play an old game.
10. Ain't Gonna Rain No More / Rain, Rain, Go Away – What rainy day music collection isn't complete without this old favorite?

These are just some of our favorites. Perhaps you have more to add to the list. We hope you enjoy our songs as much as we do, however you chose to pass those rainy day blues. We hope you have fun with the people who matter the most.

Lindsey is the Lead Teacher for the Infant/Toddler Wing at the Dora Reed Center.

Educators from Cherokee Elementary go back to school

By JEAN-MARIE JONELL
NCCAT

CULLOWHEE - Twenty-four educators from Cherokee Elementary School recently went back to school themselves for instruction on the Common Core State Standards at the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) in Cullowhee. Their training included two professional development seminars in which teachers learned how to implement the Common Core State Standards, which replace the North Carolina Standard Course of Study in mathematics and English language arts.

The Common Core State Standards reflect the knowledge and skills that are essential for the 21st century, and help prepare students to be career and college ready.

Maura Colvin, fifth-grade music education teacher from Cherokee Elementary School, described how the NCCAT training provided teachers with engaging activities to bring back to their classroom.

"We learned many hands-on activities during the seminar. For example, we took a storybook, and fleshed out all the different ideas in the book. After doing that, we created a scavenger hunt through the Common Core documents to find where each element of the story was related," Colvin said.

Because the Common Core standards aim to promote higher-level thinking skills, instead of memorization and regurgitation, teachers at Cherokee Elementary School are anticipating that the Common Core will increase student learning.

"The activities we learned throughout the seminar were exploratory and demanded critical thinking skills. We developed activities that require students to think in higher level ways," Colvin said. "Each grade level within the Common Core builds on top of the other, and necessitates a grasp of knowledge."

Keri McGaha, a fourth-grade teacher at Cherokee Elementary School, said, "The Common Core Standards go deeper on fewer subjects. The kids are going to get a lot more out of it."

Esther Taylor, a fourth-grade teacher at Cherokee Elementary School, explained that the Common Core standards are much clearer for both the student and teacher. "The Common Core Standards are more user friendly, more concise and easier to understand," she said.



NCCAT Photo

Educators from Cherokee Elementary School in Cherokee attended two professional development seminars at the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching in Cullowhee that prepared them for the new Common Core State Standards, adopted by the North Carolina State Board of Education in June 2010. Pictured here (left to right): Front row-Pamela Wike, Jonnie Walkingstick, Jessica Metz-Bugg, Arlene Huskey, Linda Thoresen and Trina Appleton; Middle row-NCCAT Fellow Dr. Deb Teitelbaum, Esther Taylor, Maura Colvin, Mary Oliver, Evelyn Graning, Andrea Hafner, Brandy Phillips, Christy Maney, Donna Roberston and Cathy Dunlap; Back row-Mollie Robinson, Keri McGaha, Marilyn Mason, Jennifer Martens, Lynn Swearengin, Rebecca Ensley and Carolina Hyatt.

The Common Core State Standards were adopted by North Carolina State Board of Education on June 2, 2010, with full implementation scheduled for fall 2012.

Caroline Hyatt, a second-grade teacher at Cherokee Elementary School, said that although the transition may be challenging, she believes the results will be worth the effort. "The broader standards allow the teacher to focus on teaching and allow for more flexibility."

Marilyn Mason, a second-grade teacher, is also enthusiastic about the transition. "Currently, the math assessments do not line up with our current plan of teaching. The math assessments will be better aligned with the Common Core, which is something we're really excited about," she said.

The Common Core State Standards have been adopted by 48 states and U.S. territories, and use the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy as the development framework. Bloom's Taxonomy, developed in 1956, classified the levels of intellectual behavior and their importance in learning. The Common Core integrates the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy, which helps to promote the complex thinking that is expected in 21st century classrooms.

Many professionals have expressed

their support of the changes that the Common Core State Standards will have on a student's education. These experts all have the same message-that the Common Core will help prepare American students to compete and succeed in a global economy, by encouraging students to think innovatively when approaching problems.

In the meantime, teachers from Cherokee Elementary School and across the state are learning how to integrate the Common Core State Standards to meet their teaching goals for next year. For more information about the Common Core, visit www.core-standards.org.

These two professional development seminars were designed by Dr. Deb Teitelbaum, an NCCAT fellow, specifically for teachers at Cherokee Elementary School and were funded by a \$25,000 grant from Harrah's Cherokee Casino & Hotel.

"This funding will provide much-needed support to the faculty and staff of Cherokee Elementary School," said Dr. Jo Blaylock, vice president of human relations and external communications for Harrah's Cherokee Casino & Hotel. "Our goal is to partner with NCCAT to increase student achievement, raise teacher efficacy and strengthen the school's commitment to

Cherokee community values."

The participants from Cherokee Elementary School are: Trina Appleton, Cance Carnes, Maura Colvin, Cathy Dunlap, Rebecca Ensley, Evelyn Graning, Andrea Hafner, Arlene Huskey, Carolina Hyatt, Christy Maney, Jennifer Martens, Marilyn Mason, Keri McGaha, Jessica Metz-Bugg, Mary Oliver, Brandy Phillips, Donna Roberston, Mollie Robinson, Chantelle Smith, Lynn Swearengin, Esther Taylor, Linda Thoresen, Jonnie Walkingstick and Pamela Wike.

Increasing teacher effectiveness is fundamental to improving public education. NCCAT educates teachers and provides them with new knowledge, skills, teaching methods, best practices and information to take back to their classrooms. NCCAT conducts interdisciplinary, topic-specific seminars for pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade teachers in the environmental and biological sciences, technology, mathematics, communication, leadership, and the arts and humanities. NCCAT's instructional programming is designed to give teachers the support and resources they need to be highly effective and enhance student achievement. For more information about NCCAT's instructional programs, visit www.nccat.org or call 828-293-5202.

CYC Torch Club cleans Island

The Oconaluftee Island is known for family outings such as fishing, swimming, cook outs and other events. Cherokee Youth Center Torch club members decided to participate in a trash pick-up so that the Island would be clean and environmental friendly to the wild life. On Wednesday, April 25, Torch Club members completed a successful trash pick-up at Island.

What is Torch Club? Torch Clubs are chartered small-group leadership and service clubs for boys and girls ages 11-13 focusing on character development. A Torch Club is a powerful vehicle through which Club staff can help meet the special needs of younger adolescents at a critical stage in their development. Torch Club members learn to elect officers and work together to plan and implement activities in four areas: service to Club and community, education, health and fitness and social recreation. Torch Club Awards are presented annually to Torch Clubs with outstanding programs and activities in the four areas.

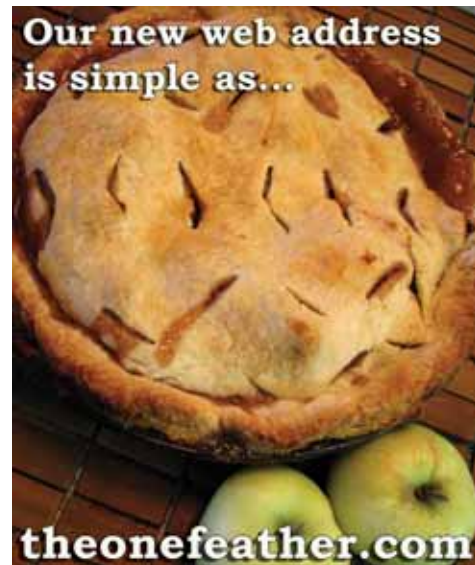
- Healthy Cherokee/Injury Prevention



Photo courtesy of Manuel Hernandez/Healthy Cherokee
CYC Torch Club members Gary Teesatuskie, Jalen Catt and Karson Wildcatt work together to pick up trash on the Oconaluftee Island on Wednesday, April 25.

New Books in the Qualla Boundary Library:

Blood and gold – Anne Rice
Dangerous Fortune – Ken Follett
Darkness Within – Jaime Rush
Moreta: Dragonlady of Pern – Anne McCaffrey
Chase – DiAnn Mills
Cry Wolf – Patricia Briggs
Final Detail – Harlan Coben
No regrets – Ann Rule
 - Qualla Boundary Library



Calling All Volunteers!

Help your neighbors at the 8th annual
Cherokee Day of Caring

Thursday, May 17, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

PLEASE CALL US IN ADVANCE TO SIGN UP:

EBCI Tribal Employees - Ashleigh Brown Stephens, 497-7029
 Harrah's Employees - Janna Hyatt, 497-8853
 Cherokee Boys Club Employees - Travis Smith, 497-5274
 Everyone Else - Janet Owle, 554-6934



ATTENTION CUSTOMERS



The Revenue Department's Collection Area in the Rock Building at 88 Council House Loop, including the drive through window, will be **CLOSED from Friday April 20th – Friday May 7th, 2012** for renovations and repairs. Payments for water bills, levy tax, privilege tax, and other billable services can be made in the Finance Office located behind the Council House. If you have any questions, please contact Renee Cole at 828-497-7054.

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Part 1 of 4

All you ever wanted to know about Hepatitis

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

May is National Hepatitis Awareness month. This year for the first time, May 19 has been set aside as the national day to get tested. Because of the vast health care cost, hepatitis should be discussed more than one month out of the year. This four part series throughout the month of May will address hepatitis in general and then look at the three most common types of viral hepatitis- A,B,and C.

The word hepatitis simply means inflammation of the liver. This can occur from many sources such as disease, alcohol, prescribed and non-prescribed medications, over the counter medications, parasites, genetic disorders and viruses. Viruses are the most often causative agent of hepatitis.

Drugs such as acetaminophen can have serious effects on the liver. This product is found in over 600 medications. A brand name of acetaminophen is Tylenol but it is often found in cough, allergy and even sleep aids. This product is generally safe in

healthy individuals who follow the prescribed dose and warnings on the package. It is always important to tell your health care provider about all the medications you take, especially over the counter medications or herbal supplements.

The liver is the vital organ that is affected by hepatitis so it is important to understand what the liver does. The liver processes almost everything you eat, breath or absorb through your skin. The liver stores many vitamins, minerals and sugars for later use. It produces bile which helps the body digest food. It purifies toxic substances. It can even regenerate. As much as 75 percent of the liver can regenerate in a few weeks. If the liver is heavily damaged however, this cannot occur.

The liver in an average adult is about the size of a football and weighs three pounds. It is located on the upper right side of the body underneath the rib cage. The liver is the processing agent for the body and performs over 500 functions. Every minute, 1.5 quarts of blood flow through the liver.

There are many things we can do to protect our liver. One is that all healthy adults should avoid ex-

cess alcohol. Adult men should have no more than two alcoholic drinks per day. An adult woman should have no more than one. There is no safe amount of alcohol for pregnant women. Alcohol abuse can cause the liver to become inflamed. It can heal if the person stops drinking. Repeated abuse or chronic hepatitis however can cause the liver to become scarred and not be able to function properly. This is called cirrhosis. Each time the liver is injured it develops scar tissue. Continued injury causes the scar tissue to build up making the liver hard. At that point, the liver cannot function. People who have liver disease should not drink alcohol.

Currently in the United States, the most common types of hepatitis are caused by viruses. These are hepatitis A, B and C. there are effective vaccines for A and B. Over the next few weeks there will be articles that will look at each of these types of hepatitis in more depth. For further information, go to cdc.gov or ehpatitisfoundation.org or call Cherokee Community Health at 554-6882

Harrah's Cherokee employees donate to PAWS

Employee's at Harrah's Cherokee Casino & Hotel continue their partnership with PAWS, a no kill animal rescue located in Bryson City, Swain County, North Carolina. The employee-giving program offers employees the opportunity to donate to local charities via payroll deductions. The program was started in 2009 with a total of \$4,830 donated to date.

In 1990, a group of people in Swain

County, concerned by the number of homeless animals, many in need of medical assistance, founded PAWS as a way to help. In a rural, economically depressed area with no county animal control resources available, PAWS became a volunteer based foster care network that established a low-cost neuter/spay program in collaboration with local veterinarians.

Through thrift store sales, grants and private donations, funds were raised to purchase land and an all volunteer crew built the no kill shelter in 1995. PAWS has goals to shelter and find good homes for unwanted and stray animals, to continue their education program in the Swain County School system teaching children responsible and kind animal care, and to provide a low cost spay/neuter certifi-

cate program. PAWS has placed numerous animals in caring homes and continues their mission to provide for animals in need.

To learn more about PAWS and the programs they offer, or find event information, visit www.pawsbrysoncity.org.

- Harrah's Cherokee

Steps to prevent child injuries

By **GRETCHEN McNAB, RN, BSN**
QUALLA YOUTH HEALTH CENTER

More children die as a result of injury than from any other cause in the U.S. each year. In 2009 alone, over 9,000 children died from unintentional injury. Although this number has decreased by 30 percent over the last decade, at least one child per hour dies due to injury. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lists car crashes, suffocation, drowning, poisoning, fires, and falls as some of the most common causes of childhood injury or death.

The total number of children dying

from injury may be declining, but the numbers of children who lose their lives as a result of poisoning or suffocation are on the rise. According to the CDC, suffocation deaths of babies one year old or less has jumped up by 54 percent, and the death rate of 15-19 year olds from poisoning is up by a staggering 91 percent.

The Qualla Youth Health Center is committed to the health and safety of the children in our community and asks that everyone please help keep children safe by following this injury prevention advice taken from www.cdc.gov:

Steps for safety – Preventing

Leading Causes of Child Injury Suffocation

- Make sure infants sleep alone; placed on their backs on a firm surface.
- Be sure crib meets safety standards.
- Avoid loose bedding or soft toys in crib.

Poisoning

- Keep medicines away from children and teens.
- Keep cleaning solutions and other toxic products in original packaging and where children can't get them.

Motor Vehicle Crashes

- Always use seat belts, child safety seats and booster seats that are correct for a child's age and weight.
- Use safe-driving agreements or contracts with teens.

Drowning

- Learn to swim—important for par-

ents and kids.

- Use a four-sided fence with self-closing and self-latching gates around pool.
- Watch kids closely when they swim.

Fire/burns

- Use smoke alarms—where people sleep and on every level of the home—and test monthly.
- Create and practice a family fire escape plan.
- Install a home fire sprinkler system if possible.

Falls

- Use a soft landing surface on playgrounds (such as sand or wood chips, not dirt or grass).
- Use protective gear, like a helmet, during sports and recreation.
- Install protective rails on bunk beds and loft beds.

Tribal Council Agenda Thursday, May 3

8:30 a.m. – Reports & Announcements
 9:10 a.m. – Requests for time:
 - Executive Office – Swearing in of Marvel Welch – NC Commission on Indian Affairs
 - Sheriff Jimmy Ashe – introduction of Jackson County School Board Candidate Matt Wike
 - Juanita Wilson – Update regarding Project Lazarus
 - Post Service Officer Warren Dupree – Veterans Programming for year 2012
 - Casey Cooper – Introduction of VA Office, Inter-Tribal Affairs, Washington, DC
 - Cherokee Central School Board – Report on School Happenings
 9:30 a.m. - Election Board – Certification of April 2012 referendum results
 9:40 a.m. – Tabled Res. No. 1 – Tony Bernhisel requests compensation for damages to his property in the Wolfstown Community (Item No. 1)
 9:50 a.m. - Tabled Res. No. 117 – Protest by Calloway Ledford on behalf of Nicey Rattler – Res. No. 32 regarding property assignment from Frank Teesateskie (d) to Marion Teesateskie (Item No. 2)
 10:00 a.m. – Tabled Res. No. 146 – Request that transfer to Jeremiah Daniel Gloyne (d) heirs proceed without signatures of Roberta Lynn Gloyne and Helen Louise Gloyne Snow (Item No. 3)
 10:10 a.m. – Tabled Res. No. 174 – Terri Lyn Welch is requesting right-of-way without the signature of Mickey Stanley Welch (Item No. 4)
 10:20 a.m. – Resolution submitted by petition – Request that Res. No. 434 (71) be rescinded, regarding the Cherokee Central School Board (Item No. 5)
 10:30 a.m. – Resolution submitted by petition – Request that Council establish a temporary Advisory Committee for Cherokee Central Schools (Item No. 6)
 10:40 a.m. – Steve Youngdeer Post 143 requests Council permission to fly EBCI Tribal flag at all Veteran's events they attend on behalf of the American Legion (Item No. 7)
 10:50 a.m. – Successors in interest to Adam Allen Blackfox (d) recognized (Item No. 8)
 11:00 a.m. – Successors in interest to William Dale Long (D) recognized (Item No.9)
 11:10 a.m. – Successors in interest to Ann Elizabeth Cooper Lossiah (d) recognized (Item No. 10)
 11:20 a.m. – Successors in interest to Joe Jasper Cucumber (d) recognized (Item No. 11)
 11:30 a.m. – Last will & testament of Edward Douglass Catolster (d) (Item No. 12)
 11:40 a.m. – Last will & testament of Viola B. Locust Queen (d) (Item No. 13)
 11:50 a.m. – Last will & testament of Elsie Timpson Cornwell (d) (Item No. 14)
 1:00 p.m. – Matthew Lee Smith requests right-of-way to access property in Birdtown Community without the signature of Tony Durk Roberts (Item No. 15)
 1:10 p.m. – Town of Andrews requests right-of-way for ingress and egress for protection of Beaver Creek Watershed in alignment with conservation easement purposes (Item No. 16)
 1:20 p.m. – Mutual-help houses assigned (Item No. 17)
 1:30 p.m. – Request for limited waiver of sovereign immunity granted between Tribe and First Citizens Bank for purpose of 2-year lease agreement

regarding Caterpillar Hydraulic Excavator Model 336EL for Tribal Construction Dept. (Item No. 18)
 1:40 p.m. – Tabled Ord. No. 85 – Elections Ord. Amendments (Item No. 19)
 1:50 p.m. – Request from Wolfstown Council Representative that Tribal back roads remain open at all times (Item No. 20)
 2:00 p.m. – Tabled Ord. No. 153 – Business preference ord. amendments (Item No. 21)
**Banishment items as necessary*

- TOP Office

Budget Council Results – April 10

Res. No. 154 – Donations requests: Kendra Panther – PASSED
 Res. No. 155 – Fireside Sobriety Circle request for \$8,500 donation – TABLED
 Ord. No. 156 – EBCI require 5 percent or greater of contract cost up to \$10 million on a project be mandated for native stone/rock on all commercial construction projects for which the Tribe is a contracting party – AMENDED/TABLED
 Res. No. 157 – EBCI supports the use of \$250,000 in NCDOT small construction funds to construct the necessary improvements at the Drama Road/Acquoni Road intersection – PASSED
 Res. No. 158 – EBCI Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program authorized to submit grant application to DHHS – PASSED
 Res. No. 159 – Natural Resources & Construction authorized to submit grant application to USDA-RBOG requesting up to \$150,000 – AMENDED/PASSED
 Res. No. 160 – Cherokee Indian Police Department and Prosecutor's Office authorized to submit grant application to SMART FY2012 Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program – PASSED
 Res. No. 161 – Emergency Management authorized to submit grant application to the NC SAA from the FY2012 EMPG Program – PASSED

Budget Amendments:

Res. No. 162 – Greenways Maintenance #1 – PASSED
 Res. No. 163 – Youth Center Cherokee #8 – PASSED
 Res. No. 164 – Travel & Tourism #6 – AMENDED/PASSED
 Res. No. 165 – Health Delivery – A Na Le Ni Sgi #4 – PASSED
 Res. No. 166 – Building Construction #5 – PASSED
 Res. No. 167 – EPA Planning #8 – PASSED
 Res. No. 168 – EPA Planning #9 – PASSED
 Res. No. 169 – Fisheries & Wildlife #9 – PASSED
 Res. No. 170 – Alcohol Law Enforcement #2 – PASSED
 Res. No. 171 – Tsali Care #6 – PASSED

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Tribal Council Results – April 16

Tabled Res. No. 1 – Tony Bernhisel desires payment for damage to property – TABLED
 Tabled Ord. No. 11 – Budgetary and Financial Authority – TBE – TABLED
 Tabled Ord. No. 12 – Budgetary and Financial Authority – TCGE – TABLED

Tabled Ord. No. 13 – Budgetary and Financial Authority – TGC – TABLED

Tabled Res. No. 143 – Susie Jones requests that Res. No. 563 (08) be rescinded – AMENDED/TABLED

Tabled Res. No. 146 – Transfers to Jeremiah Daniel Gloyne (d) heirs be approved without the signature of Roberta Lynn Gloyne and Helen Louise Gloyne Snow – TABLED

Tabled Ord. No. 153 – Tribal Business Preference Law – TABLED

Tabled Ord. No. 154 – Tribal Personnel Policy – TABLED

Res. No. 172 – Last will and testament of Charlene Marie Smith Maney (d) – PASSED

Res. No. 173 – Last will and testament of Stacy Elise Calhoun Lambert (d) – PASSED

No # given – Successor in interest to Adam Allen Blackfox (d) recognized – Held

Res. No. 174 – Terri Lyn Welch requests right-of-way to access property in Big Cove without the signatures of Mickey Stanley Welch, Samantha Lynell Panther – TABLED

Res. No. 175 – Request by Health & Medical for research approval on behalf of Sonya Wachacha – PASSED

Res. No. 176 – Request by Health & Medical for research approval on behalf of Victoria Harlan – PASSED

Res. No. 177 Support for immediate passage of the Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act with critical Tribal amendments – submitted by Rep. Terri Henry – PASSED

Res. No. 178 – Limited waiver of sovereign immunity, Wastewater Treatment Plant construction project – PASSED

Ord. No. 179 – Proposed addition of Sec. 105-44, Personal Liability to Cherokee Code – TABLED

Ord. No. 180 – Ordinance approving Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise Amended and Restated Loan Documents – TABLED

Ord. No. 181 – Amendment to Sec. 16C-9 Revenue Allocation Percentages – TABLED

Ord. No. 182 – Sentencing Ordinance – TABLED

Res. No. 183 – EBCI to submit applications and comprehensive plans to federal agencies to receive funding for Tribal CSE and TANF programs – PASSED

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School officials discuss Accreditation

To the Editor:

The Cherokee Central School Board and Administration are pleased to announce that we have received a full report from the AdvanceEd (formerly known as SACS) review team that visited our school district last month. For the first time in our district's history, we have sought accreditation on a district-wide basis, and the report indicates that the review committee is recommending accreditation, with some conditions, to the national AdvancED Accreditation Commission.

The review team's report first recognizes the strengths of the Cherokee Central School District with some special commendations:

- "School leadership, faculty, and support staff consistently demonstrate a genuine commitment to a caring and nurturing learning environment."
- "Cultural preservation and development are embedded within the entire learning environment and include a commitment to Sacred Path by all stakeholders."
- "The district has access to an abundance of resources including outstanding facilities, 21st century technology, specialized staff, and a diversity of funding sources that strengthen academic and cultural opportunities for

students."

• "The district benefits from numerous tribal, community, and other collaborative partnerships." We believe that these commendations reflect positively on our faculty, staff and students, as well as CCS and Tribal leadership. We thank our Tribal leaders for everything you have done to enhance the facilities and resources of our district over the last few years.

The AdvancED review team also noted some challenges and gave us some required actions to maintain accreditation. Our "homework" over the next two years is to meet the following requirements:

- "Develop and implement a plan to strengthen the overall stability and effectiveness of district leadership and governance, including strategic pacing of school administrative shifts and the orientation and on-going professional growth of school board members that focuses on defining roles and responsibilities."
- "Develop a plan for vertical articulation across all grade levels involving representatives from all stakeholder groups to advance continuity among curricular and strategic planning processes."
- "Implement an aggressive and

time-sensitive plan to monitor the school improvement process, address overall and subgroup deficiencies in student performance, and engage all stakeholders."

Our Board and Administration welcome these assignments. We acknowledge that this has been a challenging year, with the retirement of our respected and long-serving Director of Education and an intended replacement superintendent who unfortunately demonstrated that his focus was elsewhere. The School Board is very grateful to the staff members who have stepped forward to provide interim leadership during this challenging time, and we will continue to support them. The Board has received good training from the Bureau of Indian Education over the last few months, learned some valuable lessons, and looks forward to ongoing professional development for Board members, administration, and faculty.

We also look forward to engaging all stakeholders – students, parents, teachers, staff, community members and Tribal leaders – in the process of responding to the AdvanceED requirements. We are ready to get on with the critical business of improving the academic performance of the Cherokee

Central School District. The challenges recognized by the review committee did not arise over just a few months, and the solutions will require focused attention for many months and years to come. We will be scheduling a series of listening sessions, with the first public meeting to be held next month, to gather input from all stakeholders. Please support the school improvement process by attending and sharing your ideas, questions, comments and concerns.

Finally, we want to express special thanks to Principal Chief Michell Hicks, Chairman Jim Owle, Council Liaisons David Wolfe and Terry Henry, and to all of our Tribal leaders for your patience and support over the last few months and in the years to come. The Cherokee Central School District is the school system of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. We are committed to working toward a future when our own Tribal school district will reach its full potential, demonstrate true academic excellence, and become the school district of choice for all Cherokee students.

Sincerely,

Lori Blankenship, School Board Chair
Mike Rogers, Acting Superintendent

Thank you

The family of Walker Calhoun would like to give a heart-warming thanks to everyone who made his passing a little easier for us. We would like to thank the Raven Rock Nighthawk Society women for making sure we were fed. These women took care of us through Dad's stay in the hospital and continued through his passing and beyond. These women are amazing.

Thank you to Chief Michell Hicks and Vice Chief Larry Blythe for the flowers, food and thoughts and prayers. We would also like to thank everyone who sent flowers and for all the prayers and comforting words.

Thank you to all who prepared the food that fed so many people, the Big Cove stickball players who served as pallbearers alongside of his grandsons, the Big Cove free labor who worked so hard for us, the singers who provided beautiful songs, the Honor Guard who gave him a truly awesome military service and the Hospice nurses who are truly God-sent.

Thank you also Reverend Bo Parris for a good message and for being there for us before and after. Big thanks to Little Mary, Kim and Ritchie, and Dirk (Chris) Watty and his Sharonda for being his bedside nurses. We know it was hard on you and we love you all for the kind and loving care you gave to our dad which we could feel was truly coming from your hearts.

God bless you all and thank you from the family of Walker Calhoun.

Appreciation expressed by Cherokee Transit

On Thursday, April 19, Cherokee Transit hosted the ninth annual Region A Rodeo. We could never have had such a successful event without the help of the following people and organizations – we sincerely appreciate everything they did to make our day so fun and special. A special thank you goes to the John Crowe Recreation Park staff for all their assistance. Door Prizes: Above and Beyond, The

Cherokees, Talking Leaves, Qualla Arts & Crafts, the Old Mill, Medicine Man Craft Shop, River's End Outfitters, Pizza Inn, Newfound Lodge, Stockyard Steak House, Museum of the Cherokee Indians, Jan Walkingstick, Granny's Restaurant, Bella's Hair Fashions, Cherokee Best Shop, 5 Sisters Craft Shop, Cherokee Village Trading Post. Thank you to Shannon Bradley and Kristen Bradley for such a good job getting all the door prizes.

Thanks to the following: nurses: Gwen Thompson and Teresa Santa-Maria from EBCI Community Health for the health checks; equipment: Cherokee DOT; lunch: Bruce Welch; course set-up: Curtis Thompson, Rich Bottchenbaugh and Jay Shell; judges: Thank all of you so much for judging! Yancey Jones, Jerry Sampson, Uriah Maney, Carol Thompson, Rich Bottchenbaugh, Jay Shell, Kevin Tafoya, Ed Thompson, Bruce Welch, Darlene and Kim from Macon County, Sam Lambert, Sarah McClellan-Welch, Mike Rich and Greg French.

Transit Employees: all the Drivers who participated- you all are winners and great sports! Plus, all the Transit employees and Zach Thompson who helped take down the course and put up the equipment.

A special thank you to the Transit employees who operated the routes and dispatched during the Rodeo.

To Chief Hicks & Council,

Thank you all for the support that you all gave us in our time of need. We pray that the Lord richly blesses all of you.

Sincerely,

Cherokee PH Church

To Whittier Church of God,

Thank you for all the support and prayers you have given to us in our time of need. May the Lord bless you and continue to multiply your church for the kingdom of God.

Sincerely,

Cherokee PH Church

Obituaries

Kenneth Eugene "Buck" Rogers, Sr.



Kenneth Eugene "Buck" Rogers Sr., of Marble passed away Wednesday, April 25, 2012 in a Jackson County hospital surrounded by family. Buck was born July 17, 1932 to the late Dock and Lucy Queen Rogers. He was a native and lifetime resident of Cherokee County.

Kenneth retired from the Columbia Marble Plant and spent many years farming tobacco and gardening. The last few years Kenneth enjoyed socializing with friends at the John Welch Senior Center and spending time with friends of the Vengeance Creek Baptist Church Sunshine Club. Kenneth liked keeping up with the world news and politics and spending time with the family. Kenneth was a member of the Vengeance Creek Baptist Church and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Leuna Adams, Martha Rogers, and Margie Creason; and two brothers, Homer and Kyle Rogers.

Kenneth is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Joanne Sharp Rogers; a daughter, Dianne R. Wells of Murphy; two sons, Kenny E. Rogers and Gary C. Rogers and wife, Teresa all of Marble. Kenneth has eight grandchildren, Courtney Allen and husband, Trevor Grant, Ashley Henderson and husband, York, Dakota Rogers and wife, Jesse, Brittany Carroll and husband, Andrew, Rance, Hailey, and Shane Rogers, and Craig Sullivan. Kenneth was blessed with three great grandchildren, Fisher Grant, Sophia Carroll, and Madison Sullivan, who he loved dearly. Kenneth's sisters are Doris Adams and Joyce McColey both of Marble; and two brothers, Rev. Glenn Rogers of Marble and Jimmy Rogers of Andrews.

Funeral services were held at 2pm

Saturday, April 28, 2012 in the Vengeance Creek Baptist Church with the Revs. Derrick Palmer, Fred Lunsford, and Glenn Rogers officiating. Interment will be in Vengeance Creek Memorial Cemetery. Pallbearers were Dakota and Rance Rogers, Trevor Grant, Andrew Carroll, York Henderson, and William Phillips. Honorary pallbearers were Craig Sullivan, Bill Huffines, Marvin Guffey, Marvin Garrett, Perry Owle, and Randy Johnson.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made in memory of Kenneth Eugene "Buck" Rogers Sr. to the Vengeance Creek Memorial Garden, PO Box 253, Marble, NC 28905 or the Vengeance Creek Baptist Church Sunshine Club, PO Box 253, Marble, NC 28905.

Ivie Funeral Home, Murphy was in charge of all arrangements.

An online guest register is available at www.iviefuneralhomeinc.com.

Sarah Lynn Reid Boudreaux

Sarah Lynn Reid Boudreaux, 63, passed away at St. Mary's Hospital in Knoxville, TN on Friday, April 20, 2012, following an extended illness. She was a resident of Louisville, TN at the time of her death, but had been a resident of Cherokee for most of her life.

Sarah Lynn graduated from Cherokee Central High School in 1966. She attended Haskell Indian Nations College and graduated in 1968 with a degree in Business Administration. She retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs after thirty-nine and one-half years of service.

She was preceded in death by her father the late Moody Ernest Reid, and her mother, the late Amy Emma Welch Reid.

She is survived by her husband, Leonce Boudreaux, Jr.; her sister, Linda Chiltoskie and husband Kim of Cherokee; her brothers, Robert Raines of Tahlequah, OK, and Louis Raines of Waynesville, NC; nieces, Nakoa Chiltoskie, Rebecca Chiltoskie, and Kaniawa Chiltoskie, all of Cherokee; great nieces, Kimmemelah Perkins and Alitama Perkins, and many friends who knew and loved her.

The family had a memorial service and visitation on Thursday, April 26, 2012, at the Chapel of Long House Funeral Home with Pastor Foreman Bradley officiating.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family will arrangements. An online guest register is available at

www.longhousefuneralhome.com.

Dorothy "Dolly" Tchakirides

Dorothy "Dolly" Tchakirides, 76, went to her Heavenly home on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at Cherokee Indian Hospital. She was a native of Jackson County. She was preceded in death by her husband Butch Tchakirides, her parents Addie Hornbuckle and Fidele Reed, Sisters Cindy Owl, Annie Ammons, Josie Franklin, Rachel and Nellie Reed, and brothers Wilson, Henry, and Billy Reed.

She is survived by a son Chesty Tchakirides of Oklahoma, two grandchildren Monica, and Conan Tchakirides, a brother Glen Reed and two sisters, Lula Owl and Maggie Owl of Murphy, and a Special Friend Marie Swayney.

She attended Cherokee School. Dolly had a great sense of humor. She loved to write songs and draw pictures.

Dolly will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Funeral Services were held at 2pm on Friday, April 27 at Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church. Revs. Donald Ensley and Joe Crowe officiated with burial in the Reed Family Cemetery.

Crisp Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Reginald James Queen

Reginald James Queen, 42, of Cherokee passed away on April 26, 2012 at Med West Haywood following a brief illness. He was a member of the Cherokee Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Queen and Betty Wolf Queen; a sister, Belinda Queen; and a brother, Henry Long.

He is survived by his fiancé, Allyson Osgood; his daughter, Jessica Lynn Queen and husband Robbie Squirrel; his son, Killian Ryan Ruth; grandchildren, Cameron Squirrel and Alana Squirrel; his brother, Melvin Long; his maternal grandmother, Lula Owl; aunts and uncles, Lucille Wolfe, Elsie Rattler, Laura and Bob Blankenship, Bill and Lucille Wolfe, Buddy and Alice Owle, Elnora and Winifred Maney, David C. Owle, and Lizzie Kalonaheskie.

The family received friends at the Cherokee Methodist Church on Saturday, April 28, 2012 beginning at 5pm until the service hour of 2pm on Sunday, April 29. Burial was at the Hornbuckle Creek Cemetery.

Services were conducted by Rev. Ritchie Sneed and Rev. Noah Crowe.

Pall Bearers were Melvin Lambert, John Littlejohn, Will Lambert, Daniel Ledford, Henry Long, Jr., and Fred Squirrel.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cherokee Cancer Support Group, P.O. Box 543 Cherokee, NC 28719.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. An online memorial book is available at www.longhousefuneralhome.com.

Carroll Ray Lambert

Carroll Ray Lambert, 68, of Robbinsville, died Wednesday, April 25, 2012, from injuries sustained in an accident.

Carroll was born on April 15, 1944, in Swain County and attended Swain County High School. He was a retired boiler-maker/welder but stayed active in various church and community activities.

He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Anona Rattler Lambert; sons Jimmy Lambert (Cindy) of Bryson City; Ray (Lashaun) of Robbinsville, daughter Crystal (Phillip) Ellington of Robbinsville; stepsons Alan (Eve) and Don (Carolyn) Chekelelee of Robbinsville, Eddie (Susan) Chekelelee of Murphy, and stepdaughter Tammie Chekelelee of Robbinsville. He is also survived by a sister, Brenda Grady of Raleigh, and 30 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He leaves behind many broken hearts.

He was predeceased by his father, Hartman Lambert, stepfather Emery Wiggins, mother Bessie McCoy Wiggins, brothers J. D. and Bill Lambert and Earl Wiggins, and a granddaughter Destinee Ellington.

Carroll was a longtime member of Buffalo Baptist Church in Robbinsville where he taught Sunday school, served as choir leader and wherever he was needed.

Carroll loved horseback riding, camping, gardening, tinkering, and he especially enjoyed gatherings with family and friends. His life was a journey of faith and he lived to the fullest his allotted time here. Carroll's caring and generous spirit will be remembered by many and he will be deeply missed.

Funeral services were held at the church on Sunday, April 29 at 1pm with burial at the family cemetery. The Rev. Jimmy Lambert and the Rev. John Ward officiated.

Crisp Funeral Home of Bryson City was in charge of arrangements.

Stitches

by Billy Young



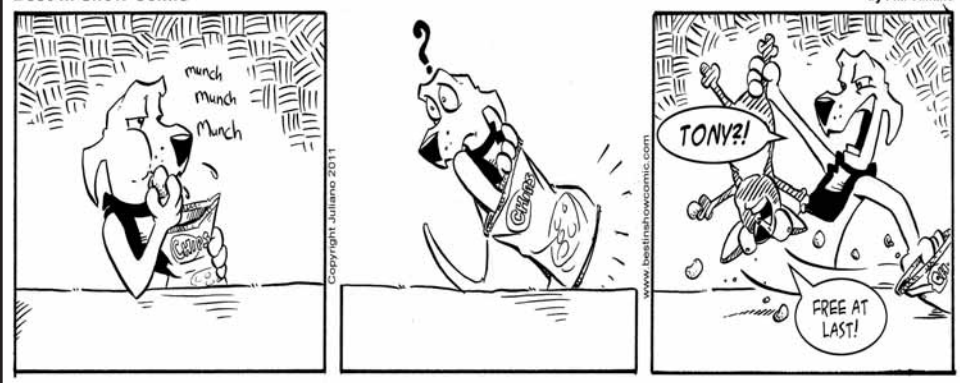
Potato Chips

by Billy Young



Best In Show Comic

by Phil Juliano



Color Me Stitches

by Billy Young



Opinions & Letters

Thank you

I express a heartfelt thank you for the benefit that was held for me on March 23, 2012. There were many donations of food, money, time, help, gasoline, supplies and use of the EMS building and I appreciate and thank my family and each business and person who contributed in any way. Thank you to everyone who bought a dinner. There was plenty of food and the money raised really helped. Also, thank you to my brothers and sisters in Christ who prayed for and with me. Most of all, I thank God for his blessings and mercy on me. The Lord has touched and healed me many times throughout my lifetime. The surgery went alright and I am recovering well. Again, thank you to everybody who assisted in any way. Please continue to pray for me and my family.

Sincerely,
Debbie Littlejohn

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Wolfe plays in NCAA exposure event

Jayce Wolfe, an EBCI tribal member, participated in a NCAA Certified exposure event at Clemson University on April 21 – 22. He played with his other travel team, Team Felton, and they took the 14U big Shots National title.

This was an exposure event for basketball athletes to earn an opportunity to play in front of NCAA college scouts and recruiters. In order to do this, they had to win their games to get to the Gold Championship Bracket in their age group. These events are primarily focused on the older age groups so the younger ones don't get as many opportunities. A loss would put them in consolation games and knock them out of a chance to play on the Littlejohn Coliseum Court.

Team Felton opened up against EOTO (Each One Teach One) from Florida. They had a big win and advanced in the Gold Bracket. Next, they faced Lower Richland Promise from Virginia, and Team Felton won impressively 79 – 35.

Next up was the Wilson Blue Devils from North Carolina. Team Felton jumped out with a big lead on the Blue Devils and finished with a 69 – 52 win. This win took them to the Gold Bracket Championship game where they faced the Big Shots Elite team on the Littlejohn Coliseum Court. This game was close and tied up at the half, but Team Felton started out strong the second half and finished with a 67 – 45 win.

Next up for Wolfe was the AAU State Tournament in Raleigh with Cherokee Flight on April 27-29 and he is set to play another Big Shots Exposure Tournament in Myrtle Beach, SC with Team Felton on May 4-6.

"Jayce and his family would like to thank all of his supporters and all those that have purchased from him for his fundraising efforts. We would not be able to continue to travel without everyone's continued support," said the Wolfe family.

- Christina Panther

Chairman, Vice Chief on winning team at Jackson County Golf Tourney

Vice Chief Larry Blythe and Tribal Council Chairman Jim Owle were on the winning team in the Championship Flight of the 21st Annual Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament on Wednesday, April 25. Joined by team members Lloyd Owle and Tommy Bradley, the team posted a winning score of 57.

Held at the High Hampton Inn, the tournament, sponsored by the Chamber, drew 124 golfers with 31 four-somes competing for golf bags, grills, patio sets and golf accessories. Prizes were awarded to winners in three flights along with awards for the longest drive and closest to the pin. The men's longest drive winner was Chris Wilkins, and the closest to the pin winners were Randy Eaton and Jon Henson.

Stonewall Flight winners with a score of 57 were Thom Leppert, Joey Laughridge, Adam Blankenship and Mallory Hetzel. The Rock Mountain Flight winners were the Jackson Paper Team of Josh Carnes, Shaw Stafford, Darrell Buchanan, and Blake Murphy



Photo courtesy of Jackson County Chamber & Tourism Authority

The winning team of Vice Chief Larry Blythe, Chairman Jim Owle, Lloyd Owle and Tommy Lambert

with a score of 64. Josh Brant of BB&T was the final qualifier for the \$10,000 putt-for-cash contest. Jon Cossaboom won the 'super raffle' which included 17 total rounds of golf and a weekend in Pinehurst.

Nine teams qualified to advance to the Fall Championship Tournament

which will be held at Bear Lake Reserve Golf Club on September 19th. Proceeds from the tournaments benefit the Chamber's Community Grant Program, Concerts on the Creek, and daily operations.

- Jackson County Chamber & Tourism Authority

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guests and sharing with all travelers the quality and value found in the Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham name."

- Microtel Inn and Suites

Learning by building the past

Clay County partnership helps WCU students grasp Cherokee life of the past

HAYESVILLE – Anthropology students at Western Carolina University are experiencing hands-on learning in Clay County through archaeological digs and participation in the ongoing construction of an outdoor museum exhibit that portrays a Cherokee village from 1650 through 1750.

The connection to Clay County began in 2005, when interested parties reached out to Jane Eastman, WCU anthropology professor and director of the WCU Cherokee Studies Program, to conduct a field study on the site of a planned housing development near Spike Buck Mound and the Quanassee village archaeological sites in Hayesville, about 60 miles southwest of Cullowhee. Evidence suggests that the mound and the areas surrounding it were a substantial Cherokee settlement. The development never materialized, but since 2006 Eastman has worked toward a broader picture of the site, inhabited as early as the 14th century, by leading students on summertime digs there.

Since the summer of 2009, Eastman has engaged her students in the development of the outdoor Cherokee Homestead Exhibit. A couple blocks from the central square of downtown Hayesville, the exhibit is a project of the Clay County Communities Revitalization Association in partnership with the adjacent Clay County Historical and Arts Council Museum. The exhibit, under construction since 2007, features to-scale replicas of a Cherokee summer house, winter house and corncrib. This is set against the backdrop of a large-scale mural with details of elements of Cherokee life and contemporary metal sculptures referencing the seven Cherokee clans and other symbols of the tribe.

WCU students have helped strip and set posts for the structures, weave river cane siding onto the structures, and in the case of the winter house, pack the woven cane with mud for its



WCU Photo

WCU anthropology students Bucky Richardson (left) and Brooks Hill (right) strip logs in April at the site of an outdoor museum exhibit in Hayesville depicting a circa 1650 Cherokee village.



Photo courtesy of CCCRA

Jane Eastman, right, professor of anthropology at WCU, offers students including Tina Crowe (left) a hands-on learning experience through construction of a Cherokee summer house at an outdoor exhibit in Hayesville in 2010. Students also helped build the winter house in the background.

wattle and daub construction. Eastman, a consultant on the project since its inception, and her students have visited the exhibit twice this spring to strip poplar and locust logs with traditional drawknives for a future open-air work/demonstration space and perhaps a replica removal-era log cabin.

Beyond contributing to what Eastman considers a valuable project, the outings give students an understand-

ing of Cherokee life in the past. "I think it becomes much easier to imagine what life was like for a Cherokee family and to appreciate their skills when you have some experience to relate to other than simply what you've read in a book," Eastman said. "To me, it releases the imagination in a way that is otherwise impossible."

Her students agree. "Learning some of the ways that they've done

stuff in the past is informative for the future," said Jennavieve Smith, a senior anthropology major from Franklin and one of 12 students who traveled to Hayesville in April to work on the project.

"The process of developing this exhibit would have been much more difficult without the help of Jane and WCU students," said Rob Tiger, a WCU alumnus, Clay County native and active member of the Clay County Communities Revitalization Association, commonly known by the shortened CCCRA. The organization's members envision the outdoor Cherokee exhibit and a nearby connector trail now under construction as enhancements to local quality of life and a regional draw for visitors. Already it serves as an outdoor classroom for regional schoolchildren and was the setting for a 2011 Cherokee Heritage Festival that attracted approximately 300 people. A second festival is planned for Oct. 20.

Among other projects, the CCCRA is responsible for the exterior restoration of the historic Clay County Courthouse and was a primary collaborator in the construction of the nearby 14-mile Jackrabbit Trail system for hikers and bikers.

For more information about the WCU anthropology program, contact Eastman at 828-227-3841 or jeastman@wcu.edu.

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Cherokee Churches

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Macedonia Baptist Church. 1181 Wolftown Rd. Sunday School 10am,

Sunday Morning Worship 11am, Sunday Evening Worship 6pm, Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7pm. Pastor Bro. Dan Conseen, 828-508-2629 dconseen@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Church Events

61st observance of National Day of Prayer. May 3 from 10am – 2pm Acquoni Baptist Chapel. This year’s theme is “One Nation Under God” and the theme verse is Psalm 33:12 “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.” Soup and sandwiches will be provided. Info: Pastor Ed Kilgore 788-0643 or Jean Bushyhead 736-4022

Rock Hill Church Fundraiser. May 5 from 10am – 4pm. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served. Proceeds will go to Solid Rock Outreach to purchase more food for the food boxes. Info: 356-7312 or 736-6334

Macedonia Baptist Church Revival May 6-11. Sunday service times will be 11am and 6pm; the remainder of the week, 7pm. There will be special singing nightly. All are invited to attend. Bro. Phillip Kuykendall will be preaching. Info: 508-2629

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

Attention turkey hunters

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

- **Cherokee Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife Management**

Happenings

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

Clubs & Organizations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

your ride and enjoy the beautiful spring weather.

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

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

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

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

General Events

Yellowhill Community Fundraiser. **May 4** at 6:30am at the Yellowhill Community Building. \$5 includes eggs, gravy, biscuit, choice of sausage or bacon and coffee or juice. Funds will be used for improvements to the community building.

Turkey Shoot. **May 5** at 5pm at Jesse Welch's residence in the Big Cove Community. This event is being sponsored by the Hill Family.

Community Gathering on the Drug Abuse in Cherokee. **May 8** from 11am – 1:30pm at the Cherokee Youth Center. Learn what you can do to reduce prescription medication deaths and abuse. This program is sponsored by Project Lazarus (Di le hi so di "To Resurrect"). NAIWA will be serving a free traditional meal.

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

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

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

The American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post 143 will host North Carolina District Veteran's Service Officer Jim Sutton on May 17 from 11am – 2pm at post headquarters on Acquoni Road. Veterans and family members who have any business or questions concerning veteran's affairs are invited to attend. Please bring all important documents with you to better understand your claims. Info: Warren Dupree, Post 143 service officer, 508-2657

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

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

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

Health and Sports

17th Annual Indians in Sobriety Campout. **May 3-6.** KOA Campground in Big Cove. Registration begins Thursday, May 3 at 12noon. The cost is \$50 for the weekend and includes a campsite, a meal Thursday night, three

meals on Friday and Saturday. Included are all activities, speaker meetings, the Sobriety pow wow, spiritual activities and social time. Because of the sponsorship of the Tribe, there is no cost to EBCI tribal members. Please bring your EBCI enrollment card for admission. Info: 736-7510

Sobriety Walk. **May 4** at 10am. The walk will start from the steakhouse parking lot across from Harrah's Cherokee Casino. Info: 736-7510

Enrolled Member at Sequoyah National Golf Club. **May 5.** Free golf clinics at 11am and 2pm. EBCI tribal members can call for a free tee time 497-3000. Don't golf? Tour the course, meet the team and enjoy the day. One hot dog and fountain drink will be provided to all tribal members on site.

Jackson, Swain and Qualla Boundary Autism Chapter Parent Meeting. **May 8** at 6pm at AgeLink on Acquoni Road. Parents of kids on the autism spectrum in Jackson and Swain County, including "Dreamcatcher" parents whose children attend Cherokee Central School, kids with ASD, teachers and other staff members, Autism Society of North Carolina staff and sibling volunteer child-caregivers are welcome. Info: Amy Welch (828) 342-4750 or amysue30@hotmail.com

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

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

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

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

FOR RENT

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

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

House for rent - House color: white, Bedrooms: 6, Full bathrooms: 3, Kitchen: 1.5, Pets: no, Wheelchair accessible: yes, Miles from the Casino: 1, Cost per month: \$900, Deposit: negotiable, Utilities included: no, Central air/heat: yes, City water/sewer: yes. This home has beautiful views and quiet neighbors. If interested call 788-3678 or 497-9800. **5/3pd**

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

WANT TO RENT an unfurnished 3 bedroom home or mobile home in Cherokee on private land. Christian and retired professional single wants to downsize and relocate to Cherokee because this is where I minister multiple times weekly. Have quiet pets. Call 828-269-8108. **5/3pd**

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

FOR SALE

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

Stihl 290. 20" bar, new chains. Runs great! Costs \$390, asking \$225. For more information call Dennis Rose at 736-4437 **5/3pd**

Paslode Cordless. New framer, new trimmer. Both sale for \$950, asking \$450. For more information call Dennis Rose at 736-4437 **5/3pd**

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

FREE

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

YARD SALE

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

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

LOST

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

SERVICES

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

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

Custom Metal Welding Fabrication Work and repairs of any kind. Anglin's in Otto, (828) 349-4500. **5/3pd**

We have buyers for used trailers! Sell or consign us yours. Anglin's in Otto, (828) 349-4500. **5/3pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



For Deadlines and applications please call **497-8131**.

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

Positions Open

Closing May 11, 2012 @ 4 pm

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

Closing May 4, 2012 @ 4 pm

1. Youth Development Professional- CYC (\$18,140-\$22,680) (2 Positions)
2. Youth Development Professional- CYC (\$18,140-\$22,680) (Snowbird)
3. Switchboard Operator- Executive (\$18,140-\$22,680)

Open Until Filled

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

Health & Medical Positions

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

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

EMPLOYMENT

Bearmeat's Indian Den now has a full time position available. Experience preferred. Apply in person between 9:00am and 5:00pm. **5/3pd**

Bearmeat's Indian Den is now hiring for a maintenance position. Apply in person between 9:00am and 5:00pm. **5/3pd**

If you make and sell rustic bird houses and feeders, call Bearmeat's Indian Den between 9:00am and 5:00pm. 828-497-4052 **5/3pd**

THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following job available: FT Registration Receptionist. Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description from Teresa Carvalho at the Cherokee Indian hospital Human Resources Office between the hours of 8:00am - 4:00pm Monday -Friday. This position will close May 7, 2012. Indian preference does apply and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **5/3**

One Feather deadline Monday at 12noon

EMPLOYMENT

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Kituwah Preservation & Education is seeking resumes for two projects:

Archive Project:

Individuals interested in data entry for a master database/archive of Cherokee words.

Archive Project Qualifications:

-Knowledge of Cherokee language (spoken/written)

-B.S. in Linguistics or higher

-Knowledge of audio digital recordings

Advanced Level Cherokee Grammar:

Individuals interested in teaching community members advance Cherokee grammar course during the summer, twice weekly.

Advanced Cherokee Grammar Qualifications:

-Knowledgeable of written and spoken Cherokee

-Advance level (4 year or masters) knowledge of linguistics

-Experience in adult learning environment

Deadline for resume submission May 11th, please email to renimcla@nc-cherokee.com. 5/3

TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: May 3, 2012

CLOSING DATE: May 10, 2012

At 4:00pm

NAME OF POSITION: FT Cashier

NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 1

SHIFT: Evening

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

THE TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE, AN ENTERPRISE CREATED BY THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE 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 MEMEBERS OF THE EASTERN BAND OF THE CHEROKEE INDIANS. 5/3

On-the-Job Training (OJT) Positions for Summer Youth

(Employment will begin on June 4, 2012 and end on August 3, 2012.)

ORGANIZATION: Cherokee Boys Club, Inc., P. O. Box 507, Cherokee, NC 28719

(52 Cherokee Boys Club Loop, Cherokee, NC 28719)

DEPARTMENT: Various Departments within Boys Club

OPENING DATE: April 26, 2012

CLOSING DATE: May 10, 2012

REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must be high school or college students and must provide a letter of reference from a school principal, teacher, counselor, etc., with application for employment. Students under the age of 18 are required to submit a workers permit. This permit can be provided from the Boys Club's HR Office.

To obtain a complete job description, please see Tiffani Reed, HR Coordinator, at the Cherokee Boys Club, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm or call (828) 497-9101.

Must complete pre-employment drug test and be subject to ongoing random drug tests. Must comply with drug-free workplace rules and CBC Board policies in regard to the drug-free policy.

Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. 5/3

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

- Adjunct Faculty – various depts.
- Assoc Dir, Distance Learning (2282)
- Assoc Dir, Intercultural Affairs (0417)
- Assoc/Full Prof/Dept Head (1731)
- Asst Dir, Student Community Ethics (0252)
- Asst Dir, Transfer Counselor (0223)
- Asst Prof, Business Admin & Law (2416)
- Asst/Assoc Prof, Nursing (0697)(0985)
- Asst/Assoc Prof, Human Svcs (1703)
- Asst/Assoc Prof, Med/Surg (0984)
- Asst/Assoc Prof, Pediatric (0988)
- Counselor, Pre-Doc Intern (1373 & 5301)
- Dean, College of Business (0311)
- Dir, Major Gifts (1681)
- Dir, Field Experiences (4768)
- Dir, University Scholarships (120335)
- Dist Prof, Instructional Technologies (0478)
- Lecturer (0548)
- Networking Specialist (2381)
- Program Director for ABSN (1712)
- Visiting Asst. Prof. – various depts.

Please go to jobs.wcu.edu for details and to apply online. AA/EOE 5/3pd

RFPs, BIDs, Etc.

The Kituwah Preservation & Education Program is seeking bids for the following:

-Landscape maintenance

Interested persons should please contact Gilliam Jackson at 554-6401 to schedule a visit to review the work. 5/3

Cherokee Central Schools, Cherokee NC Accepting Proposals

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

For applications email ncchiltoskie@cherokeecentral.gaggle.com or call (828) 554-5096 5/10

Requests for Quotes

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

Project: Cherokee Streetlight Enhancement Phase E1.5

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

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

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

REALTY

Proposed Land Transfers

Lawanda Davis Jackson to Robert Michael West, Big Cove Community Parcel No. 127-C (Being a Portion of Parcel No. 127-B), containing .5000 acres, more or less.

Kathy West to Hildegard Louise Crowe, Big Cove Community Parcel No. 406 (Part of Parcel No. 365), containing .509 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Beatrice Owle Taylor to Tammy Fauline Taylor, Birdtown Community Parcel No. 576-H (Part of Parcel No. 576-B), containing .358 acres, more or less.

Shirley Jean Lambert Reagan to Martha Marie Wachacha George, Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 625-J (Remainder of Parcel No. 625-D), containing 1.5 acres, more or less.

Donavon Alan Maney to Stephanie Dawn Maney, Painttown Community Parcel No. 373 (Part of Parcel No. 305), containing 1.156 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Grace Morningside Bird to Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 1459-S (Remainder #17 of Parcel No. 1459), containing .336 acres, more or less.

Charles Gilbert Arch to Ruben Teesatuskie, Upper Cherokee Parcel No. 632, containing .911 acres, more or less.

Shirley Jean Lambert Reagan to Dennis Brandon Shuler and Reena Lashanda Murphy, Birdtown Community Parcel No. 712 (Part of Parcel No. 82), containing .916 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Shirley Jean Lambert Reagan to Deborah Sharleen Shuler Murphy, Birdtown Community Parcel No. 694-B (Remainder of Parcel No. 694), containing 1.664 acres, more or less.

Russell Tooni, Jr. to Lehua Joan Walkingstick, Big Cove Community Parcel No. 675-G (Part of Parcel No. 675-E), containing .940 acres, more or less.

LEGALS

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE COUNTY OF SWAIN DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

FILE NOS. 12 JA 13

IN THE MATTER OF:)
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS
RAZZIELLE WARD,)
BY PUBLICATIONS &)
NOTICE OF PENDING JUVENILE)
PROCEEDING & RIGHT TO INTERVENE)

TO: SAMUEL HULL, JR., the father of the above-named Juvenile.

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than May 22, 2012
TO: SAMUEL HULL, JR.

You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than May 22, 2012, said date being 40 days from the first publication of this notice, or from the date the Petition is filed, whichever is later; and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

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

Attorney David Spivey, 587 West Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734, (828)524-6377, has been temporarily assigned to represent you. You are encouraged to contact him immediately. If you do not qualify for a court-appointed lawyer, he will be released.

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

1. Remove the juvenile from the custody of a parent, guardian, custodian, stepparent, adult member of the Juvenile's household, or adult relative entrusted with the Juvenile's care;
2. Order the parent to pay child support if custody of the Juvenile is placed with someone other than the parent;
3. Place the legal or physical custody of the Juvenile with the parent, stepparent, adult member of the Juvenile's household, or adult relative entrusted with the Juvenile's care on the condition that the individual undergo medical, psychiatric,

psychological, or other treatment;

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

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

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

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

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

You have the right to intervene in this Juvenile proceeding and this matter is calendared for hearing at the May 23, 2012 session of District Court for Swain County, 101 Mitchell St., Bryson City, NC 28713.

You have the right to be granted upon request a 20 day postponement to prepare for the proceedings.

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

This the 12th day of April, 2012.

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

Legal Notice

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 12-018
Notice to Creditors and Debtors of
Elmer Lee Swayney

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 payments to the appointed fiduciary (s) listed below. Dates to submit claims: July 8, 2012
Shirley A. Swayney
948 Sherill Cove ard.
Cherokee, NC 28719
5/3pd

Cherokee Indian Hospital Pediatrics Program

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

Well Child Clinic ♦ Immunizations ♦ Pediatric dentistry ♦ ADHD Screening
♦ Physical Exams ♦ Behavioral Health ♦ Case Management
♦ Vision/Hearing Screenings ♦ Developmental Screenings ♦

Five Pediatric Providers to serve our children from birth to 19 years.



Dr. Fernandez



Dr. White



Dr. Nations



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Deceased Members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Between October 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012

This is a list of deceased members of the Tribe whose estate is entitled to a pro rata share of the deceased member's per capita distribution of net gaming revenues for the period October 1, 2011 – March 31, 2012 pursuant to Section 16C-5 of the Cherokee Code.

Distribution to the estate of a deceased member may be made only to the authorized, or court appointed, executor or administrator of the estate. The Enrollment Office must have on file a letter or other written document from the Cherokee Court or other court appointing an executor or administrator for the estate. Please submit in person to the Tribal Enrollment Office at 808 Acquoni Road, Ginger Lynn Welch Complex or mail to Enrollment Office, PO Box 2069, Cherokee, NC 28719.

Please report the death of an enrolled member to the Enrollment Office at 828-497-8110, 8111, 8112, 8109 or call if you have any questions.
(Note: Each person is shown with their name, executor (if available) and date of death)

Adams	Ethel Bradley	12/8/2011
Allen	Lillian Raper	2/15/2012
Allison	Jack Vance	11/4/2011
Anderson	Lee Bradley	2/18/2012
Barrett John	Norris	10/30/2011
BlasdellPatrice	Germaine Meloro	12/7/2011
Bushyhead	Marion James	12/31/2011
Calhoun	Hewitt Walker	3/28/2012
Calhoun	Savannah Driver	Exec. Clement Calhoun 10/31/2011
Catolster	Will Daniel	Exec. Dinah Grant 12/21/2011
Catt	Mary Lavonne Sampson	Exec. Jose O. Rodriguez 1/3/2012
Clark	Georgeaniah Alymayna	Whitley 10/17/2011
Clark	Ina Souther	2/10/2012
Cooper, Jr.	Curtis Jentley	Exec. Thomas Kelly Cooper
12/30/2011		
Cornwell	Elsie Timpson	Exec. Charles Cornwell 10/5/2011
Crowe	Edward Arnold	12/9/2011
Crowe	Joshua Wesley	3/28/2012
Daugherty	Rosie Mae Cook	3/8/2012
Dellinger	Thelma Raper	Exec. Aubey A. Dellinger, Jr.
1/14/2012		
Derry	Irene Driver	3/21/2012
Dills	David Samuel	3/12/2012
Dover	Joseph David	12/1/2011
Driver	Nellie Marie Tramper	2/26/2012
Dugan	Jane Kay	Exec. Jay Logan Thomasson

10/29/2011	Griffin	Whitney Erin	Exec. Christine A. Deaver
11/12/2011	Hill, Jr.	Edward Thomas	1/25/2012
	James	Calvin Truman	Exec. Kina Swayney 11/10/2011
	Lambert	James Ernest	Exec. Treessie Lambert 10/9/2011
	Lambert	Michael Dock	Exec. Rebecca Lambert 10/8/2011
	Leviner	Cora Lee Cole	Exec. Charles Dale Leviner
12/8/2011	Locust	William Arthur	Exec. Linda Locust George
10/24/2011	Lossiah	Jennie	Exec. Jose T. Martinez 1/2/2012
	Martin	Gary	Exec. Jack Gloyne 11/21/2011
	Martin	Will David	Exec. Lena Martin 10/24/2011
	Moody	Juanita Jewell Walker	11/3/2011
	Murphy	Andrew David	12/19/2011
	Parker	Jean Donley Craig	Exec. D. Darlene Bradley
2/16/2012	Potts	Annie Elizabeth Robinson	2/16/2012
	Puett	Jerry Lee	Exec. Clerk Of Superior Court
11/23/2011	Ratliff	Margaret Smith	3/20/2012
	Roland	William Ronald	Exec. Alice J. Roland 2/22/2012
	Ross	Steven Blake	Exec. Marcelina R. Long 12/2/2011
	Sequoyah	Alice Edna Maney	Exec. James L. Sequoyah, Sr.
11/4/2011	Shields	Gertie Anderson	12/11/2011
	Shinkman	Tamera Chantelle	Exec. Candice A. Shinkman
12/13/2011	Smith	Evelyn Marie Ashe	Exec. Sherri Cathy Ashe 2/10/2012
	Smith	Tonya Marie	Exec. Brenda J. Smith 12/9/2011
	Stamper	Roxanna Standingdeer	12/11/2011
	Swayney	Elmer Lee	Exec. Shirley A. Swayney 2/27/2012
	Teesateskie	Johnny Allen	Execs. Brenda Teesateskie & Heather
	Wachacha	1/3/2012	
	Teesatuskie	Richard	3/2/2012
	Wade	Vera Nell	Exec. Robert Everett Beck
10/3/2011	Waldroup	Esther Lee Owle	3/31/2012
	Watty	Anna Louise	12/23/2011
	Welch	James Irvin	Exec. Mark Edward Welch
12/23/2011	West	Frank Raymond	Exec. Carolyn R. West 10/1/2011

Birdtown Community happenings

SUBMITTED By JODY TAYLOR

The Birdtown Community Club held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 24. The community club met for a short time due to respect to a revival that was being held next door at the church, but very important issues were covered in the short time we met.

All young ladies between 11 and 15 years of age who are interested in competitive cheerleading are invited to join Rebecca Snow's Cheerleading Team which will meet at the Birdtown Community building on Mondays and Thursdays from 5-7pm through June. The team will meet twice each month in June and July, resuming a week schedule in August. The team will begin competitive performance this fall. Interested participants in this age group should drop by the Birdtown Community building Monday or

Thursday evenings from 5-7pm to meet Rebecca and the Team members.

Birdtown Community Club will hold a special meeting on Monday, May 7 at 6pm regarding Principal Chief Hicks' initiative to assess the need for a tribal social services department. Members of the initiative committee will explain their mandate and receive input from Birdtown community members. The Committee is interested in hearing from individuals who have received county social services regarding their experiences and the quality of services received. The Committee will also present information about the survey it is undertaking to evaluate the need for a tribal social services program. All Birdtown community members are urged to attend the meeting.

Cherokee Day of Caring is scheduled reservation wide on Thursday, May 17. Birdtown Community

Club is sponsoring a recipient household in the 3200 Acre Tract as well as a household in Birdtown.

Community members who wish to participate should contact Janet Owle at EBCI Cooperative Extension 554-6934 or Ashleigh Brown 497-2771. There will a Mother's Day Celebration and 5K Walk/Run and Dialysis Patient Fundraiser on Saturday, May 12 at the Acquoni Expo Center (Old Cherokee High School). Registration begins at 11am-11:30am. Walk/Run begins at 12 noon. Registration fee includes shirt and medal. Fee is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids 12 & under and Elders 59+. Proceeds will go towards the Dialysis Support Group. The Birdtown Ballfield will be closed on Wednesday and Sunday evenings and any other days/evenings that the Bethebea Church might have funerals or revivals and to be kept clean at all times. The Birdtown Council Representative announced that the next council session could be May 31st. Hope everyone has very wonderful month of May and a safe one.

New Enrollee's of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians as of March 31, 2012

This is a listing of new enrollee's of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who were officially enrolled between October 1, 2011 and March 31, 2012 who, **UNLESS OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY TRIBAL LAW**, are eligible to receive a per capita distribution of distributable net gaming revenue for the period of October 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012. This list is being published according to Cherokee Code Section 16C-5.

Alexander	Jaylee Mae	Crowers	Zachary Michael	Pheasant	Andyn Jacob
Anders	Rhema Lynn	Cucumber-Doyon	Michael Sylvio	Pheasant	Aryahnie Lorraine
Anglin	DelaneyNoelle	Darnell	Sophia Wednesday	Pheasant	Su-na-lei Viola Darlene
Aragon	Bear Thomas	Davis	Chotky Ruth	Pointer	Paul Jacob
Arnold	Caylee Rebecca	Davis	Cree William	Porter	Kyleigh Jeanette
Arnold	Kayla Fawn	DialKayden	Isaac Nathaniel	Queen	Clarise Faith
Arsana	Lauren Kimberly Undayani	Doane	Aleena Rose	Queen	Kazlynn Ann
Arvey	Morgin Lee	Downs	Carson Tenley	Rattler	Abby Anna
BallCade	Henry	Driver	Haizleigh Violet	Reed	Nyra Danielle
Barnard	Reagan Amelia	Eller	Steven Lance	Reed	Sara Anslee
Barnard	Roberta Jean Thompson	Farmer	Kasyn Paine	Rickman	Alexis Dayton
Barnard	Troy Jefferson Davis	Forbes	Cara Amera	Sanchez	Emali Sofia
Barnard Jr.	Douglas Scott	Fourkiller-Raby	Jacqueline Austin	Santos	Adrian Taylor
Bernhisel	Madison Mckenzie	French	Irie Joy	Schofield	Ra Dayi Wahnetah
Billy	Angela Marie Butts	French-Bird	LedainaShaye	Sequoyah	Deacon Mukwa
Bingman	Adam Preston	Fuller	Marley Shea	Sequoyah	Nayati Erien
Blount	Roman James	Gonzalez	Kyson Joseph	Shepherd	Ceanna Jaelee
Booth	Ava Michele	Gonzalez	Zyler Kell	Shepherd Jr.	Cecil James
Bradley	Maggie Rae	Gunter	Maddox Scott	Smith	Brenlei Noelle
Brady	Kaleighla Ray	Gutierrez	Adrian Antonio	Sneed	Wa Ne I Hilliard Walker
Brady	Trey Eugene	Gutierrez	Alexander Felipe	Standingdeer	Riley Paige
Braswell	Cameron Lane	Hernandez	Kaiser Manuel	Stephens	Carter Blaze Wayasdi
Braswell	Daniel John	Hernandez	Makai Kendrix Nash	Swadling	Emma Leigh
Braswell	Hailey Lynn	Hornbuckle	Lila Ryver	Swadling	Katie Ann
Braswell	Spencer Sean	Hoyle	Marie Shandell	Taylor	Adalynn Amaila
Brown	Bristol Lynn	Huff	Tristah Michelle	Taylor	Kynleigh Grace
Bryant	Honnah Richelle	Jackson	Kodesgi Ulilohi	Teesateskee	Somer Rain Noel
Bullabough	Johnny Dollar	Jenkins	Rylan Cade	Teesateskie	Jayden Julius
Bushyhead	Awee Nicole	Jones	Lula Ashton - Grace	Thompson	Cheryl Ann
Carey	Malyiah Elizabeth	Jones	Sequoyah Thelma	Thompson	Tiffanie Jean
Cascio	Christopher Cole	Lackey	Isaiah Diamond	Toineeta	Aubrey Elyse
Cascio	Skyler Scott	Lambert	Asa Koga	Toineeta	Jeff William
Childers	Sophia Louise	Littlejohn	Colton Trypp	Toole	Braylen Cullen Irvin
Clark	Derek Edward	Littlejohn	Khristian Thunder	Tramper	Autumn May
Claudio	Texiera Elise	Locust	Phillip Freeman Mikal	Tramper, Jr.	Dustin Henry
Climbingbear	Rylan Oliver	Long	Michael Scott	Tranter	Alexis Leigh
Collins	Amiyah Taylee	Long	Mayleigh Ann	Velazquez-Lossiah	Quinn Santanna
Collins	Keysa-ann Lavoncyce	Long	Schuyler Lynn	Wallace Tahquette	Epps
Cortes	Ivan Sanchez	Lossiah	Maya Nizhoni	Warner	Ciara Faith
Crowe	Cyrus	Martin, Jr.	Michael Ray	Welch	Dominick Delyod
		McCall	TashyraElizabeth Nicole	Welch	Harper Annalie
		McCoy	Curren Rush	Welch	Skyler Kay Redcloud
		Mendoza	Jael Angelina	West	Kirsten Elise
		Mendoza	Jordan Angel	Williams	Viola J'anne
		Miles	Azurea May	Wilnoty	J'Brien Neil
		Montelongo	Kaelyn Alyse	Winchester	Hailey Elizabeth
		Montelongo	Nina Me Li	Winchester	Morgan Raelee Wolfe
		Montelongo-Huertaper	Karmelita Analiese	Wood	Nathaniel Tyler
		MurphyRowan	Elaina	Young	Trigger James
		Murphy Walkingstick	Ava Maygen - Starr		
		Owle	Cyrilla Adrina		
		Owle	Odie Hoot		

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Cherokee program giving away bat boxes to help combat disease

White-nose syndrome, a disease linked to a fungus unintentionally introduced from Europe, is causing alarming mortality in cave dwelling bats. It has been estimated that over 5.7 million bats have been killed since the disease was discovered in 2006.

This cold-loving disease continued its spread throughout eastern North America this past year and has now been confirmed in neighboring Great Smoky Mountains National Park and as far south as the state of Alabama.

White-nose syndrome is named for the white fungus that grows on bat's muzzles and other parts of their bodies while they hibernate in caves. The disease has been linked to abnormal awakenings during hibernation that result in the depletion of critical reserves of energy and water. At this time scientists are still trying to understand precisely how the fungus kills bats and there is no known cure for the disease.

Bats are truly more deserving of our appreciation than our fear. Eleven different species of bats fly throughout the Cherokee night skies from the spring through the fall. Each of these winged eating machines can consume up to 1,000 mosquito-sized insects in just one hour. This results in the elimination of billions of insect pests that harm forests, damage agricultural

crops, and spread human disease. A recent study published in the journal Science concluded that bats contribute at least \$3 billion dollars to the national economy in the form of agricultural pest control services.

The Cherokee Fisheries and Wildlife Management department is currently working with federal and state partners to understand what impacts white-nose syndrome is having on local bat populations. Tribal staff use a variety of tools to study bats including nets to capture flying bats and acoustic monitoring devices to record ultra-sonic bat calls. The EBCI also works diligently to protect bat roosting trees during critical reproductive periods.

Bats play a critical role in the natural world and deserve our respect and protection. There are many things you can do to help bat populations including reporting observations of sick bats, putting up a bat box on your property, and spreading the word on the importance of bats and the problems they face. The Cherokee Fisheries and Wildlife Management program is currently working with tribal members to help bats by giving away limited number of free bat boxes. Info: Mike LaVoie 497-1802

- Cherokee Fisheries and Wildlife Management



Photo by Marvin Moriarty/USFWS

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Cherokee's Summer Kickoff Trout Fishing Tournament nets 460 participants

The EBCI Fish and Wildlife Management Team, in partnership with the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce, hosted the Summer Kickoff Trout Tournament on April 27-29 in Cherokee. With \$10,000 worth of tagged fish in the public waters on the Qualla Boundary, a record number of participants fished for specially tagged fish. A total of 460 people registered for this year's tournament. The next tagged fishing tournament is scheduled for July 13-15. More information on fishing in Cherokee and all of the tournaments is available at www.FishCherokee.com.

- Cherokee Chamber of Commerce



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Matthew Pegg (left), executive director of the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce, awards \$500 to Dan Ryhmer of Gatlinburg, Tenn. The golden trout with the green tag was caught in Soco Creek.

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Royalty Check presented to Tribal Council, Diabetes Clinic

Contributors of *Under the Rattlesnake: Cherokee Health and Resiliency* (2009) presented a royalty check from sales of the volume to Tribal Council and specifically Sally Bradley, program manager of the EBCI Diabetes Clinic, on Thursday, April 12. Roseanna Belt, a co-author of the volume addressed Council to explain why. "We would like to set a precedent of giving back to the community when a text has been written regarding the EBCI. This volume was written in collaboration with community members, tribal agencies, and scholars from Western Carolina University." Shown (left-right) front row – EBCI Health & Medical employees Aneva Hagburg, Bradley, Dr. Lisa Lefler and Trina Owle; back row – contributors Roseanna Belt, Tom Belt and Susan Leading Fox with T.J. Holland, chair of the Cultural Institutional Review Board for the EBCI.



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700 Garden Kits distributed to community

A total of 700 Chief's Community Garden Kits were distributed to EBCI tribal members last week. In its ninth year, the garden kit program remains a much-anticipated program in the community as evidenced by the hundreds of people who braved the rains to receive their kit at the Yellowhill Outdoor Gym on Thursday, April 26.

A total of 355 kits were given out Thursday. The rest were distributed in Cherokee County, Snowbird and at Tsali Manor.

"It's all about healthy eating and healthy living," said Sarah McClellan-Welch, EBCI Cooperative Extension who related that, according to a survey, over 80 percent of the kits are planted each year.



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Lt. Governor visits Cherokee

North Carolina Lt. Gov. Walter Dalton and his wife Lucille visited with EBCI elected officials this week while Lt. Gov. Dalton, a gubernatorial candidate, campaigned in the far western counties of North Carolina. Shown (left-right) front row - Principal Chief Michell Hicks, Lucille and Lt. Gov. Dalton, Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke; back row – Wolfstown Rep. Mike Parker, Birdtown Rep. Tunney Crowe and Vice Chief Larry Blythe.



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Catawba leaders visit Cherokee

Leaders of the Catawba Nation, based near Rock Hill, SC, visited Cherokee last week and met with EBCI leaders. Shown (left-right) front row – Catawba Assistant Chief Wayne George, Principal Chief Michell Hicks, Catawba Chief William "Bill" Harris; middle row – Catawba Executive Committee Member Sammy "Sam" Beck; back row – Birdtown Rep. Tunney Crowe, Catawba Secretary/Treasurer Roderick "Rod" Beck, Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke and Catawban Executive Committee Member Brian Harris.

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