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Veterans honored in Cherokee

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On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, veterans were honored in Cherokee. The Steve Youngdeer

great country. We appreciate their determination to serve us and to serve us well and serve us honorably.”

He added, “In Veteran’s groups here and around the country, they continue their service with a profound sense of gratitude to the men and women who gave their lives

U.S. Marine Corps, both spoke.

Chief Lambert commented, “Let me begin by giving a very humble thank you to all of our veterans, to all of our current serving men and women in the Armed Forces today and also to our brave men and women of our local emergency services who wear a uniform to protect us here at home.”

He went on to say, “Whether it’s a school teacher, a construction worker, a first responder, or our American Legion doing graveside services for our veteran’s families, military veterans take their mission seriously. They vote in higher percentages than non-veterans and are they more likely to volunteer in their communities. In short, veterans make our communities better. From extraordinary accomplishments comes extraordinary debt, and for their dedication and accomplishments, we must always be grateful. In this spirit, we must always remember that each veteran represents an Oath taken that included a willingness to die if called upon.”

Vice Chief Sneed said, “It is very encouraging to see so many people come out today to honor our veterans, and I thank you for your presence here.”

He spoke on the principles of liberty and honor and noted, “There are those who are the keepers of the flame of liberty, those who understand the eternal value of this precious gift that we have been entrusted with, and we have been entrusted with it. These are the warriors of our society, not tyrants who wish to impose their will upon the weak, but selfless warriors who willingly place themselves in harm’s way so that others might enjoy the opportunities that are afforded those who have freedom. They do not seek praise for themselves. They do not wish to shine a light upon their heroic actions, and when honor is bestowed upon them, they humbly reply, ‘I was simply doing my duty.’”

Several awards were given during the



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During a Veteran’s Day Celebration at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on Wednesday, Nov. 11, Principal Chief Patrick Lambert, SFC Clifford Long, Maj. William Underwood and former Principal Chief Robert S. Youngdeer, a decorated Marine veteran, place a wreath honoring the memory of those who lost their lives in military service.

American Legion Post 143 hosted its annual Veteran’s Day Celebration at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

“We commemorate the service of our veterans,” said Post 143 Commander Lew Harding. “We remember how they interrupted their lives to defend freedom and preserve our opportunity to live free in our

as part of the cost of serving their country. Out of blood, sweat and tears, our veterans have learned a purpose, sacrifice, tolerance, bravery and discipline – the solid foundations upon which our country is built.”

During the event, Principal Chief Patrick Lambert, a veteran of the U.S. Army, and Vice Chief Richard Sneed, a veteran of the

event including:

- American Legion Distinguished Achievement Award – former Principal Chief Michell Hicks
- American Legion Distinguished Achievement Award – former Vice Chief Larry Blythe
- American Legion Leadership Award – Casey Cooper, Cherokee Indian Hospital chief executive officer
- Lifetime Achievement Award, Police Officer of the Year – Ben Reed, former Cherokee Chief of Police
- Lifetime Achievement Award – Curtis Arneach, Cherokee Fire Department Chief
- American Legion EMS Leadership Award – given to entire Cherokee EMS Department

At the end of Wednesday's event, Chief Lambert, former Principal Chief Robert S. Youngdeer, Maj. William Underwood and SFC Clifford Long placed a wreath honoring the memory of those who lost their lives in military service.



Members of the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 Color Guard posted the colors to open Wednesday's event.

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Tribal programs rewarded for fiscal responsibility

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Five tribal programs were rewarded for their fiscal responsibility in the previous year with SOAR (Success in Operations, Accounting, and Reporting) Awards that were presented during the regular session of Tribal Council on Thursday, Nov. 12. Cherokee Home Health took home the top award, the Chief Noah



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Mark Bumgarner (left), EBCI Audit Committee vice chairman, presents the Chief Noah Powell Fiscal Excellence Award to Melanie Ashe, Cherokee Home Health program manager, who accepted the award on behalf of the entire program.

Powell Fiscal Excellence Award, named after the 21st Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

"This program (SOAR) is designed to highlight programs and promote fiscal excellence amongst our tribe," said Sharon Blankenship, CIA, CGAP, CFE, chief audit executive with the EBCI Office of Internal Audit. She related that the programs receiving awards received nominations which were then reviewed by the Audit Committee.

The Cherokee Water Treatment Plant received a Fiscal Recognition Certificate, and

three programs received Fiscal Commitment Awards including Qualla Housing Authority, EBCI Transit, and Cherokee Fire & Rescue.

Rebecca Claxton, CFE, audit manager with EBCI Office of Internal Audit, read a brief synopsis of each program honored from their nomination forms.

"In 2012, Cherokee Home Health was at risk for closing," she said. "Over the past three years, Cherokee Home Health has undergone substantial structural changes with the largest changes involving job descriptions, the Home Health software systems and billing. Even though job duties were modified and positions eliminated, all members of the team remained intact and dedicated to change and thereby improving the Home Care provided to tribal elders and disabled (persons)."

She went on to say, "Individual accountability was enhanced with implementation of software requiring team member's input to maintain appropriate workflow through the department."

Claxton said at the beginning of the project, the outstanding accounts receivable amount was over \$400,000 and now is less than \$130,000 and revenues are 20 percent ahead of projections for FY2015. "The results of the changes have led to better care, system services and transparency with tribal leadership."

Claxton said the Water Treatment Plant produces 1.5 to 2.5 million gallons of potable water per day and operates several water treatment systems including Cherokee, Rough Branch, Snowbird, Whittier and the new Harrah's Cherokee River Valley Casino. "These water treatment systems provide water to 2,500 homes and businesses... Cherokee Water Treatment employees have personal commitment to their jobs and take great pride in providing clean water to their community."

Qualla Housing Authority is currently servicing 313 home loans according to

Claxton. "Qualla Housing Authority staff counsel clients to establish and maintain good credit histories through timely payments of rents and mortgages because good credit histories make qualifying for future home-buying easier." She said that staff "improved internal controls by updating and implementing policies and procedures ensuring best practices which have resulted in clean audit reports from 2011 to 2014."

Claxton commented on EBCI Transit, "So far, in 2015, Transit has provided transportation to 45,721 enrolled members and visitors covering 366,278 miles over 23,022 hours. In addition, medical transport has provided 6,138 rides to enrolled members for medical appointments and dialysis." She related that in 2015, EBCI Transit began giving rides to tribal programs needing transportation. "This saves the tribe from having to purchase a new vehicle." Claxton also noted that 38 percent of the program's budget is from state and federal dollars.

Cherokee Fire & Rescue has increased the number of career firefighters on staff from 19 to 33 over the last several years according to Claxton. "The additional firefighters allow fire trucks to respond to fires with enough personnel on the truck to fight the fire. In addition, all levels of job descriptions were re-written for higher qualifications which equates to better trained firefighters and officers."

She added that Cherokee Fire & Rescue's call volume is in excess of 2,000 calls annually. Claxton added that the program is very active in community education and also actively seeks grant funding to supplement itself. "In FY15, the department received two grants totaling \$500,000 which was used to replace gear and equipment. The improvement in fire protection services has lowered the insurance service office rating thereby decreasing the cost to home owners' and business owners' insurance premiums."

Native News by State

ARKANSAS

LITTLE ROCK – The Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma has drafted a Memorandum of Understanding with the Little Rock Port Authority involving a 160-acre site the tribe owns near the port. The Arkansas Democrat Gazette reports that the MOU expands previous discussions to make sure that tribal burials and artifacts are protected during a \$10 million expansion project at the port. “This agreement puts four corners around what we can and cannot do around that port,” Quapaw Chairman John Berrey told the paper. “We don’t want to create any controversy around the port. We want to be a good neighbor.” The tribe currently grows crops on the site, which it purchased for \$1.4 million in 2013 and 2014, and has consistently denied any interest in opening a gaming operation there. “All we’re concerned about right now is protecting the grave sites that are there now,” Berrey commented.

- Arkansas Democrat Gazette

FLORIDA

HOLLYWOOD – The Seminole Tribe of Florida is raising money for an American Indian Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. Last week, the tribe donated \$1 from all food sales at their Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino to the cause. They also donated a \$120,000 check to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, a non-profit which raised money for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. They are now raising funds for a new education center near the Wall.

- Indianz.com



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Cherokee Nation unveils Warrior Memorial

Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Bill John Baker and Deputy Chief S. Joe Crittenden placed wreaths at the unveiling of a new Cherokee Warrior Memorial on Tuesday, Nov. 10. The 12-foot-tall Cherokee Warrior Memorial replaces a decade-old, failing structure with a durable, granite memorial that reads, “A grateful Cherokee Nation dedicates this memorial to all Cherokee men and women, both living and dead, who have defended their families, their people and their homeland.” The words are etched in both Cherokee syllabary and English.

NEW MEXICO

FARMINGTON – Last week, Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye vetoed legislation seeking a loan of \$20 million to purchase three new Beechcraft King Air turboprop planes for the tribe. “As leaders of the Navajo Nation, we must be prudent and fiscally responsible to our people and for our government,” he said in a press release. Earlier, President Begaye filed a memo on the issue outlining his issues with the legislation. “This administration is not going to support efforts blindfolded.” The original legislation was passed by the Navajo Council on Oct. 20.

- Farmington Daily Times

SOUTH DAKOTA

FLANDREAU – The Flandreau

Santee Sioux Tribe of South Dakota has suspended its planned marijuana resort. The tribe received push-back from some state officials including South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley. Tribal Attorney Seth Pearman told Inforum.com, “This suspension is pivotal to the continued success of the marijuana venture, and tribal leadership is confident that after seeking clarification from the United States Department of Justice, it will be better suited to succeed.” The tribe was planning on opening their resort on Dec. 31. Jackley said in a statement, “As South Dakota’s attorney general, I am committed to continuing discussions with tribal leaders regarding public safety, which include impaired driving and other jurisdictional challenges

created by federal law.”

- Inforum.com

WASHINGTON

LA CONNER – The former police chief of the Swinomish Tribe of Washington has been sentenced to 16 months in federal prison for stealing from the tribe. Thomas J. Schlicker, 57, pleaded guilty to stealing over \$30,000 and misusing a tribal credit card for more than six years. Tribal Chairman Brian Cladoosby said in a statement, “It is a sad day for our community. We entrusted him for 25 years. We trusted him and he betrayed our trust.” He has been ordered to pay restitution to the tribe in the amount of \$17,849.

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Tribal Council Results – Thursday, Nov. 12

Item No. 1 – Tabled Ord. No. 7 (2015) Sec. 18B-112 – Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control – TABLED

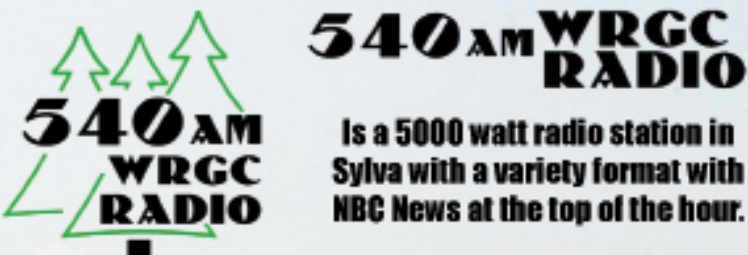
Item No. 2 – Approval of FY2016 Budget – HELD

Item No. 3 – Tribal Council authorize the PHHS Children's Dental Program to apply and accept funds from USET and receive up to \$1,500 with no match required – PASSED

Item No. 4 – Tribal Council authorize the EBCI Fire Department to apply and accept funds from FM Global and receive funds up to \$2,640 for FY2016 – PASSED

Item No. 5 – Tribal Council authorize the Qualla Boundary Head Start Program to apply and accept funds from DHHS, ACF, Office of Head Start and receive up to \$2,726,249 for the budget period Feb. 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017 – PASSED AS AMENDED

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Principal Chief's Report for October

PRINCIPAL CHIEF PATRICK LAMBERT

Hello everyone, the month of October has been very busy for me and our Tribe. We accomplished many things in the first 30 days after being sworn into office. There are many notable events, but what you will not find



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Principal Chief Patrick Lambert speaks during the ribbon-cutting event for the new Cherokee Indian Hospital on Thursday, Oct. 15.

listed is all of the many people we have been able to assist with personal, family or professional concerns. We have averaged over 20 meetings a day, a flood of phone calls and paperwork and a huge amount of decisions needed on an immediate basis. I have worked every day including weekends since being sworn in and have not had a day of less than 10 hours in the office or at meetings yet. But, this is what it takes, and I will work as much as it takes to do the best job that I can on behalf of our Tribe. Here is a few of the highlights from our first month:

Monday, Oct. 5.

As you all know, this was Inauguration Day for a new Principal Chief, Vice Chief and Tribal Council. It was an exciting day for all of us to be sworn in at the Chero-

kee High School Gym. I think the program was very well organized, and I would like to thank every single person that played some part in it. It was very successful and very memorable. After the ceremony, we all enjoyed a nice reception prepared by Granny's Kitchen and the food was wonderful. Thank you Ray and Teresa for the great food.

Following that, Tribal Council met at the Council House to elect the new Chairman and Vice Chairman of Tribal Council along with other officers. Congratulations Bill Taylor and Brandon Jones. The newly seated tribal council then conducted some business immediately after that. I submitted six resolutions to be acted on. These resolutions include:

1. Plan, study and complete a Constitution for the EBCI,
2. Reinstatement of the 5 percent 401(k) match,
3. Implementation of a tribal census,
4. Removal of the former TGC board members,
5. Appointment of Robert Saunooke to the TGC, and
6. Appointment of Dan McCoy to the TGC.

I am pleased to say that all of the resolutions were passed. I have stated many times that I plan to work with the new Council and this is evident that we are both willing to work together to accomplish many great things for our tribe. I am confident it continues as we move forward.

Tuesday, Oct. 6

This day was the opening of the Cherokee Indian fair, and we started with the parade, which was a lot of fun. If you remember, I asked the Vice Chief, Chairman, Vice Chairman and our wives to walk together in the parade as a sign of unity. It was a warm beautiful day, and I appreciate my wife, Vice Chief Sneed and his wife, and Bill Taylor for joining me in the parade.

We had a lot of hugs, congratulations and picture taking! When the parade was over, we gave the opening welcome to everyone to kick off the fair. Throughout fair week, I attended as many of the events as I could. This year's fair was really good, so I'd like to thank the entire staff that put the fair together. You all did a great job. Next year we are going to make it even better!

Thursday, Oct. 8

On this day, I had a meeting with the Cherokee County commissioners in Murphy to negotiate an agreement regarding the EMS/Fire coverage for the casino in Murphy. The negotiations between them and the former Chief had failed so I felt it was necessary to go back to the table and try to resolve the issue. This agreement is very important because the services are required to keep the casino in compliance with federal laws on public safety, but also by utilizing shared services we are able to save a \$9 million dollar cost to build our own facilities and a \$4 million dollar annual recurring cost. Thankfully, it worked out, and I am proud to say I was successful in securing an agreement. Council passed a resolution authorizing the contract to be signed.

Friday, Oct. 9

Igave a welcome speech to open the Veterans Day at the Fair and observed the Quilt of Valor ceremony. Special thank you to Warren Dupree and the entire American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post 143 for your steadfast service and dedication to our community.

Tuesday, Oct. 13

Iattended the funeral of one of our own Cherokee Police Officers. The service was held for Tony Lossiah at the Charles George

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Memorial Arena, and he was given Honors Funeral where he was taken to the gym by a horse-drawn carriage. It was very moving and something I will never forget. My prayers go out to his family. He will be missed by many.

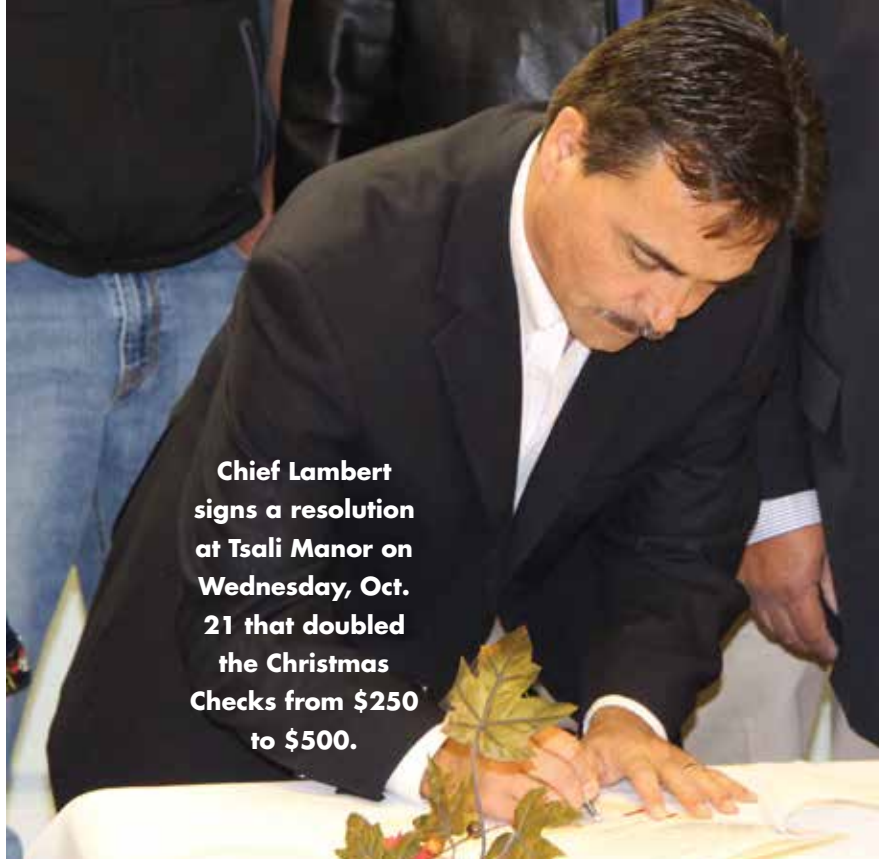
We also lost many other very important loved ones this month, many who gave their full love and dedication to our Tribe. I will personally miss them and pray each day for God to watch over the families.

Thursday, Oct. 15

We attended the ribbon cutting for our new Cherokee Hospital. It was very well attended by Tribal council, hospital employees, former council members, construction workers, the media, our royalty, and many, many others. After the program we were all invited to tour the hospital. It is very beautiful. It is full of local art and design, but I am impressed with the new patient rooms and especially the hospice rooms, state-of-the-art equipment, plus a lot of traditional aspects. As we were told, it will be fully operational this week. I hope everyone has taken the opportunity to take a tour of this spectacular building. I feel confident the services will improve for our tribal members. I will continue listening and fighting for improved health care for all our members.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

I wanted to attend Tsali Manor and invited Tribal Council to join me in a bill signing ceremony for the resolution I submitted and Tribal Council passed unanimously to double the Christmas checks for our seniors from \$250 to \$500. I was happy to have our Tribal Council join me in this bill signing and



Chief Lambert signs a resolution at Tsali Manor on Wednesday, Oct. 21 that doubled the Christmas Checks from \$250 to \$500.

also enjoy a nice lunch with our seniors. I don't think the Chief and Tribal Council had ever attended Tsali Manor all together, but it was an honor to participate in this event. Thank you Tribal Council.

Friday, Oct. 23

On this day, the Vice Chief, Tribal Council and myself met with the governor of our state – Governor Pat McCrory. First, he was able to tour the new hospital, and then we had a closed session discussion with him and Tribal Council. He also used this occasion to have a Bill signing ceremony for House Bill 850 which he signed into law with all of the Tribal Leadership present. The new bill gives basic authorization and recognition of our Police and its ability to access the State crime databases. It was an honor to be a part of that, and I would like to thank the hospital staff for the tour, the Governor for his attendance and the Tribal Council for their support.

Monday, Oct. 26

I attended USET for one day to meet with many of the tribal leaders and attend some very informative meetings. Although I was only there for a short time, I met a lot of people, learned a lot about issues affecting all tribes and was able to attend a ceremony honoring the late Butch Saunooke for his years of service to USET and many tribal organizations. Chairman Taylor did a good job at the meetings and is effective with USET leadership. I look forward to attending more USET meetings in the coming years.

Tuesday, Oct. 27

This day was Snowbird's annual Halloween Festival, which Cyndi and I have attended many times, and we always have a good time. It was so good to see many of my Snowbird friends and visit with people we are very close to. We always enjoy our time there because our people always treat us like family and are very welcoming. It looked

like it was another great success. Cyndi dressed up in a Poodle Skirt from the 1950s and was one of the costume contest judges. The other costume judges were Charlotte, our Police Chief and the Vice-Chief. Good job to everyone involved and the entire staff at the Snowbird Complex. See you next year.

Wednesday, Oct. 28

I attended Ned Long Day at the Cherokee Youth Center to honor several distinguished elders. These people were given certificates by the Junaluska Leadership Council for being distinguished citizens. They included Geraldine Thompson, Alfred Welch, Peanut French and Edith Crowe. Congratulations to all of them for this honor. They are all very deserving. Thank you JLC for your work in honoring these elders. After the ceremony, we were all fed a very nice lunch by Granny's Kitchen. Thank you to all who attended.

Thursday, Oct. 29

I believe this day was the last day for Annual Council so there were several resolutions brought forth, and I submitted two more resolutions that were passed by Tribal Council:

1. Authorization to enter a 638 contract with the BIA for the Realty and Forestry Divisions, and
2. Authorization to provide a Christmas check to our disabled/handicapped recipients. The law used to require that in order for them to receive a Christmas check they had to waive their per capita check; this resolution removed that requirement.

These two issues are very important to our Tribe and each will benefit all of us as enrolled members.

Friday, Oct. 30

I organized the first-ever “Legal Summit” held for our Tribe. I pulled all our legal professionals together for a day of brainstorming and discussion on ways we can create a better system and organizational changes to more efficiently and professionally provide legal service to our Tribe and all its governmental needs, and as a way that we can better provide legal services to our enrolled members and our tribal employees. As part of our overall plan, I hope to be able to create a Public Defender office and an Indigent Legal Services office, along with an Employee Rights office. I included and invited

the Cherokee Indian Hospital. We need to chase all the medical dollars we can in order to provide more and better health care for all our members. Our discussions went very well, and we may be able to start billing a new source for medical dollars.

Saturday, Oct. 31

Whew! The last day of the month was exhausting. First thing this morning, my son, daughter-in-law, wife and myself all ran in the Cherokee Harvest 5k & Half Marathon race. I wasn’t too sure I wanted to run the half marathon (13.1 miles) and almost decided not to at the last minute,

marathon! I am planning to do a full marathon (26.2 miles) in early 2016. Maybe I will be able to train some for that.

Later that evening, Cyndi, myself, my staff and Vice-Chief and his wife passed out Halloween candy to the trick-or-treaters for the Safe Nite Trick-or-Treat at the Acquoni Expo Center track. This year again was very successful. There was a line around the block, and I think approximately 20 tribal departments set up booths. Hopefully next year will be even better. I want to encourage more programs to get involved. I’d like to thank Radonna Crowe and her staff for putting this event on every year for our chil-

Putting our Cherokee Families First”. I have been working hard and finding many ways to stop wasteful spending and curtailing abuses within our system. I am also starting investigations on a few areas that look suspicious for possible fraud. For instance, the abuse of the Tribe’s credit cards and disappearance of Tribal equipment and property. As I’ve always said, I will not shy away from doing the right thing, even if some people get mad.

I appreciate the support and, as always, I am asking for your prayers and your patience. There is still so much work to be done and time is short. I have a lot of plans and ideas in the works, and I hope to continue on the path to a brighter future. I appreciate Tribal Council’s support and guidance, and I want to thank all the Tribal programs for your hard work and cooperation. I also want to thank my staff for working so hard and sticking with the daily challenges. I know it’s been very trying at times, and I just appreciate all they do to keep the executive office running smoothly.

My office is currently moved to a temporary location at the EOC Building to allow work to be performed on the Chief’s office located at the Council House. Hopefully, this work will only take a few weeks and I will be back to the remodeled offices before or close to Christmas. Our office numbers remain the same. We will be located on the second floor of the EOC building.

I look forward to the next few weeks, months and years, and I plan to bring a regular report to the people to keep everyone informed about what the Chief’s office is working on. Thank you and God Bless you and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.



Chief Lambert (center) is shown at the annual Ned Long Day Celebration on Wednesday, Oct. 28.

in the legal summit all the lawyers currently working for the Tribe (AG office, Court Judges, Prosecutors office) and a few attorneys who are not currently working for the Tribe but are familiar with its operations. We had a very robust discussion, and a plan is being formulated that will be presented to Tribal Council for agreement.

At 3pm, I met with the Veterans Administration and the Director of the Charles George VA Hospital located in Asheville. We met with Casey Cooper at the new Cherokee Hospital because I am trying to help foster and forge a new relationship between the Tribe and the VA where we can bill for medical service that veterans receive from

but I started and got in a good pace running alongside Wolfetown Rep. Bo Crowe for the first six and a half miles, at least until the hill going up to the Drama came up, and up, and up. I haven’t had time to train for such a race, but I stuck it out and did it. My son, Nelson, caught up to me at about the Hospital and we completed the half marathon together. Although it wasn’t our best time, we did at least finish it, couldn’t hardly walk for two days later but we did it, haha. Cyndi and Kim completed the 5k. After the race, we enjoyed a nice lunch prepared by the chefs from the Casino and we appreciate that. I was sore for a few days, but I’m glad to have accomplished my 4th half

dren. I look forward to next year’s event. I just hope I don’t have to run a half marathon on the same day.

As everyone can see, we were quite busy last month. It has been overwhelming with all the outflowing of support and a true honor to serve our Tribe in this capacity. I am grateful for all of the encouraging words, the phone calls, the text messages and the Facebook messages telling me to keep going and that we are doing a good job so far. I have made some tough calls and made some tough decisions this month also, but all my decisions are made for the “Greater Good and always for

Tribal Court Report

Judgment Summary for Oct. 21

BERNHISEL, Chad Lopez

20-28 Revoked Driver’s License – Guilty/Responsible, \$50 fine, \$190 court costs

BIDDIX, Henderson

14-25.12 Disorderly Conduct – Guilty Plea, credit for time served (3 days)

BIRD, Isaac William

14-15.6(b) Purchasing, Attempt to Purchase, Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons under 21 – Dismissed
14-10.60 Larceny – Dismissed Upon Completion of Deferred Prosecution
14-10.60 Larceny – Dismissed Upon Completion of Deferred Prosecution
14-95.5(c) Drugs: Simple Possession of Marijuana - Dismissed Upon Completion of Deferred Prosecution

BLANTON, Shannon

14-25.12 Disorderly Conduct – Dismissed at Complainant’s Request
14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass – Guilty Plea, 30 days jail time suspended, one year probation, \$190 court costs

CROWE, Joel

14-15.5 Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public – Dismissed, Completed Treatment Program

DANIEL, Kristian Hope

14-10.60 Larceny – Guilty Plea, six months jail time suspended, one year probation, \$200 fine, \$190 court costs, \$1,847 restitution ordered
14-10.40 Burglary - Guilty Plea, six months jail time suspended, one

year probation, \$200 fine, \$190 court costs, \$1,847 restitution ordered
14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property - Guilty Plea, six months jail time suspended, one year probation, \$200 fine, \$190 court costs, \$1,847 restitution ordered
14-60.30 False Pretenses - Guilty Plea, six months jail time suspended, one year probation, \$200 fine, \$190 court costs, \$1,847 restitution ordered

GEORGE, Chad

14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance – Guilty Plea, 60 days jail time suspended, 12 months probation, child may not have any unexcused absences, \$190 court costs
14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance – Guilty Plea, 60 days jail time suspended, 12 months probation, child may not have any unexcused absences, \$190 court costs

GEORGE, Chadwick Errol

20-7(a) No Operator’s License – Dismissed on Plea
14-95.5(b) Drugs: Aggravated Possession of Marijuana - Dismissed on Plea
20-28 Revoked Driver’s License - Dismissed on Plea
20-141(a) Exceeding a Safe Speed - Dismissed on Plea
14-95.5(c) Drugs: Simple Possession of Marijuana - Dismissed on Plea

GEORGE, Genevieve

14-5.4 Filing False Emergency Report – Dismissed After Investigation

OWLE, Melinda Kay

14-10.51 Arson in the Second Degree – Dismissed, Prosecuting

Witness is Deceased
14-10.9 Criminal Mischief – Dismissed, Prosecuting Witness is Deceased

SNEED, Kyle

14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass – Guilty Plea, No Contest
14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass – Guilty Plea, No Contest

WINCHESTER, Angelina

14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance – Guilty Plea, Prayer for Judgment Continued
14-5.3 Telephone Harassment – Dismissed at Complainant’s Request

Judgment Summary for Oct. 28

ARCH, Errol Preston

14-30.5 Child Abuse in the First Degree – Dismissed, Complied with Treatment

ARMACHAIN, Brian William

14-25.12 Disorderly Conduct – Guilty Plea, credit for time served (1 day)

BLACKFOX, Cassandra

20-28 Revoked Driver’s License – Guilty/Responsible, credit for time served (4 days)
20-141(a) Exceeding a Safe Speed – Dismissed on Plea

BRADLEY, Kathy Smith

14-70.14 Obstructing Governmental Functions – Dismissed, Failure of CPD to Provide Discovery

BRADLEY, Rashonda L.

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: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Guilty Plea,

120 days jail time suspended, 12 months probation, 24 hours community service, obtain Substance Abuse Assessment, credit for time served (30 days), \$100 fine, \$190 court costs, \$1,000 DARE
14-95.10 Drugs: Importing Controlled Substance – Dismissed on Plea
14-95.6(b) Drugs: Manufacturing, Selling or Delivering, Possessing with intent to sell or deliver schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Dismissed on Plea
14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Guilty Plea, 120 days jail time suspended, 12 months probation, 24 hours community service, obtain Substance Abuse Assessment, credit for time served (30 days), \$100 fine, \$190 court costs, \$1,000 DARE
14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Dismissed on Plea

BRAUN III, Richard

14-10.60 Larceny – Dismissed With Leave to Refile
14-60.10 Forgery - Dismissed With Leave to Refile
14-10.60 Larceny - Dismissed With Leave to Refile
14-60.11 Criminal Simulation - Dismissed With Leave to Refile
14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property - Dismissed With Leave to Refile
14-60.30 False Pretenses - Dismissed With Leave to Refile

DRIVER, Henry James

20-34 Permit Unlicensed Driver – Dismissed, Officer Unavailable
20-111(2) Fictitious Registration Plate – Dismissed, Officer Unavailable

<p>DRIVER, Sammatha 14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance – Guilty Plea, Prayer for Judgment Continued</p>			
<p>DRIVER SR., Thomas 14-15.5 Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public – Dismissed on Plea 14-25.12 Disorderly Conduct – Guilty Plea, three months jail time suspended, six months probation, \$50 fine 14-5.2 Communicating Threats – Dismissed on Plea</p>	<p>20-141.5 Speeding to Elude Arrest – Dismissed on Plea 20-140(b) Reckless Driving – Dismissed on Plea 14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Guilty Plea, 12 months jail time, 458 days active jail time 14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Guilty Plea, 12 months jail time, 458 days active jail time 14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Dismissed on Plea 14-95.6(b) Drugs: Manufacturing, Selling or Delivering, Possessing with intent to sell or deliver schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Guilty Plea, 12 months jail time, 458 days active jail time 20-140(b) Reckless Driving – Dismissed on Plea</p>	<p>SANCAK, Diane Marie 14-25.13 Harassment – Dismissed, Prosecuting Witness Failed to Appear</p> <p>SAYLOR, Kaylom Morris 14-40.62(a)(3) Simple Affray – Dismissed, Interest of Justice</p> <p>SMITH, Kathy Susana 20-120 Improper Equipment – Guilty/Responsible, \$25 fine, \$190 court costs</p>	<p>Plea 14-10.40 Burglary – Guilty Plea, Judgment Stayed, two years active jail time stayed, defendant must enroll and complete 12 months in treatment program in Memphis, restitution ordered \$3,450 14-10.60 Larceny – Dismissed on Plea 14-10.40 Burglary – Guilty Plea, Judgment Stayed, two years active jail time stayed, defendant must enroll and complete 12 months in treatment program in Memphis, restitution ordered \$3,450 14-10.9 Criminal Mischief – Dismissed on Plea 14-10.40 Burglary – Guilty Plea, Judgment Stayed, two years active jail time stayed, defendant must enroll and complete 12 months in treatment program in Memphis, restitution ordered \$3,450 14-10.9 Criminal Mischief – Dismissed on Plea 14-10.60 Larceny – Dismissed on Plea 14-10.40 Burglary – Guilty Plea, Judgment Stayed, two years active jail time stayed, defendant must enroll and complete 12 months in treatment program in Memphis, restitution ordered \$3,450 14-10.9 Criminal Mischief – Dismissed on Plea 14-10.60 Larceny – Dismissed on Plea 14-10.40 Burglary – Guilty Plea, Judgment Stayed, two years active jail time stayed, defendant must enroll and complete 12 months in treatment program in Memphis, restitution ordered \$3,450</p>
<p>HAMPTON, Arshaad M. 14-5.2 Communicating Threats – Dismissed at Complainant’s Request 14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass – Dismissed at Complainant’s Request</p>		<p>WAHNETAH, Samuel 14-10.60 Larceny – Dismissed on Plea 14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass - Dismissed on Plea 14-10.40 Burglary – Guilty Plea, Judgment Stayed, two years active jail time stayed, defendant must enroll and complete 12 months in treatment program in Memphis, restitution ordered \$3,450 14-10.60 Larceny - Dismissed on Plea 14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - Dismissed on Plea 14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Dismissed on Plea 14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Dismissed on Plea 14-10.9 Criminal Mischief – Dismissed on Plea 14-10.60(c) Grand Larceny – Dismissed on Plea 14-10.40 Burglary – Guilty Plea, Judgment Stayed, two years active jail time stayed, defendant must enroll and complete 12 months in treatment program in Memphis, restitution ordered \$3,450 14-10.60 Larceny – Dismissed on</p>	
<p>HERNANDEZ, Trista Cassandra 20-28 Revoked Driver’s License – Guilty/Responsible, credit for time served (1 day)</p>	<p>LONG, Marcelina Reed 14-70.14 Obstructing Governmental Functions – Dismissed, Failure of CPD to Provide Discovery</p>		
<p>LARCH, Samantha Rene 14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Guilty Plea, 12 months jail time, 458 days active jail time 14-70.19 Resisting Lawful Arrest – Dismissed on Plea 14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V - Dismissed on Plea 14-95.5(c) Drugs: Simple Possession of Marijuana - Dismissed on Plea 14-70.17 Obstructing Justice - Dismissed on Plea 14-70.20 Escape – Guilty Plea, 12 months jail time suspended, 12 months probation, \$1,000 DARE 14-70.17 Obstructing Justice - Dismissed on Plea</p>	<p>OWLE, Corey Allen 20-141(e) Speeding in excess of posted speed limit – Dismissed on Plea 20-7(a) No Operator’s License – Dismissed on Plea 20-7(a) No Operator’s License – Guilty/Responsible, credit for time served (3 days) 20-7(a) No Operator’s License – Dismissed on Plea</p> <p>SADONGEI, Zia Tai 14-15.6(b) Purchasing, Attempt to Purchase, Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons under 21 – Dismissed Per Prior Plea</p>		<p>WILNOTY, William Jarrett 14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass – Dismissed, Settled in Mediation</p> <p>WOLFE, Keleetah Lynn 14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass – Dismissed, Settled in Mediation</p>

FOOTBALL

Mintz has over 300 yards total offense in Braves playoff loss

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

ANDREWS – Tye Mintz, Braves sophomore quarterback, accounted for over 300 yards of total offense

ed 15 of 28 for 182 yards, 1 touchdown and 1 interception, but it wasn't quite enough as the Braves (4-8) fell 26-14 to the Wildcats (6-6) on a cold night in Cherokee County.

The first quarter was dominated by defense as both teams

on their own 18-yard line. Mintz connected with Anthony Toineeta, who finished the game with 2 catches for 28 yards, on a 12-yard pass on a 3rd and 8 to keep the drive alive. On the very next play, Mintz found a seam on the left side of the Wildcats defense and scampered 67 yards for the first score of the game. Dodge Crowe-Moss added the extra point and Cherokee took a 7-0 lead with 1:50 left in the quarter.

Andrews got good field position following a late hit penalty against the Braves on the kick-off. The Wildcats set up shop at their own 43-yard line. The Wildcats would drive all the way to the Cherokee 1-yard line in eight plays, but turned over the ball on downs following a big 4th and goal stop by the Braves that pushed the ball back to the 4-yard line.

The Braves moved the ball some on their next possession, but the drive stalled at the 30-yard line and they were forced to punt.

Cherokee would get the ball back three plays later on an Andrews fumble that was recovered by Crowe-Moss. The Braves got 13 yards on first down on a pass play from Mintz to Holden Straughan, who had 7 catches in the game for 91

yards, but the drive stalled near midfield and they were forced to punt.

The Wildcats started their next possession at their own 23-yard line and put together a 10-play drive that included a 47-yard run by Taylor Parker and culminated with a 4-yard touchdown run by Parker. The extra point kick failed and Cherokee led 7-6 with 8.3 seconds left in the half. On the night, Parker rushed 24 times for 219 yards and 4 touchdowns.

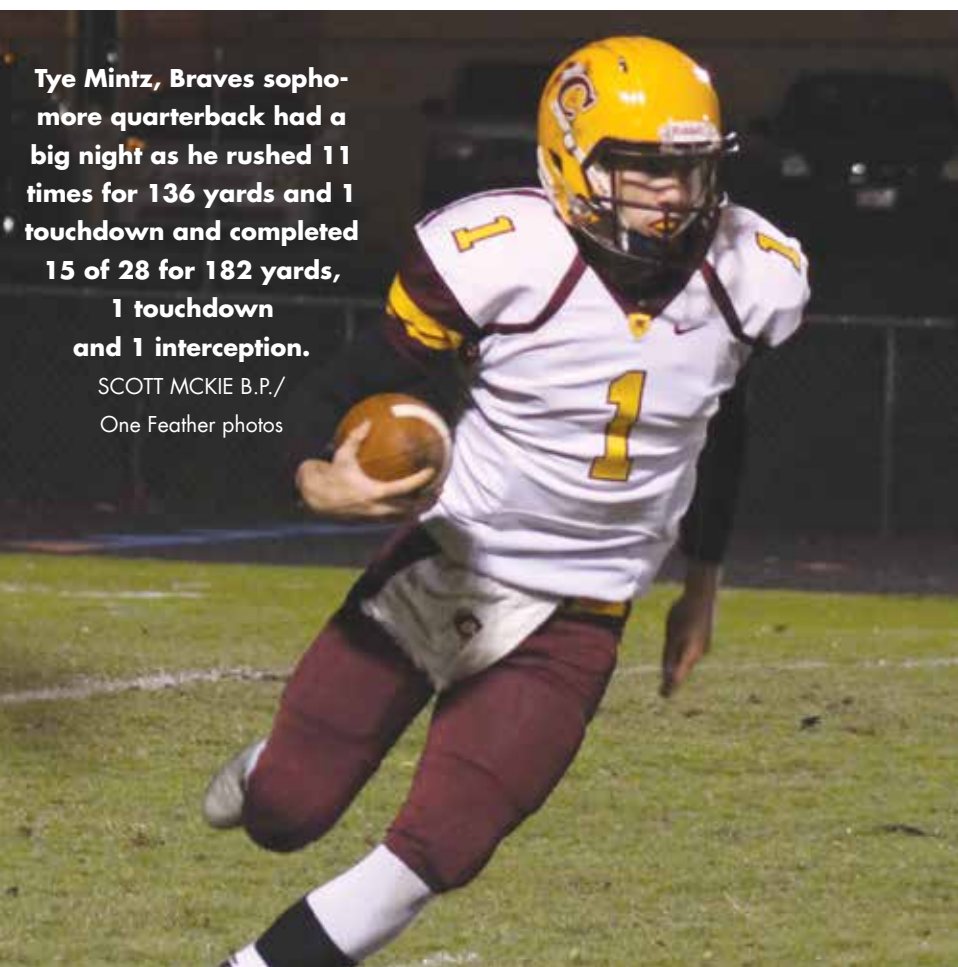
Coming out of the locker room for the third quarter, Andrews got the ball first and started on their own 35-yard line. Seven plays later, Parker ran 57 yards for his second touchdown of the night. The two-point try failed and Andrews took a 12-7 lead at the 9:06 mark of the third.

The Braves turned the ball over on downs on their next possession, and Andrews started at their own 41-yard line. Cherokee's defense held tightly and the Wildcats were forced to punt.

The Braves bobbled the punt which was recovered by Andrews' Matthew Barton at the Cherokee 14-yard line. On the next play, Parker ran 14 yards for this third score of the game. Tyler Rose caught a Dillan Phil-

Tye Mintz, Braves sophomore quarterback had a big night as he rushed 11 times for 136 yards and 1 touchdown and completed 15 of 28 for 182 yards, 1 touchdown and 1 interception.

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in a first round playoff loss at Andrews on Friday, Nov. 13. He rushed 11 times for 136 yards and 1 touchdown and complet-

punted on their first two possessions of the game. With 3:30 left in the first quarter, Cherokee started their third possession

lips pass for the two-point conversion to put Andrews up 20-7 at the 5:56 mark in the third quarter.

Cherokee's next possession ended in an interception by the Wildcats' Rose and Andrews started their next drive at the Braves 41-yard line.

The Wildcats drove deep into Braves territory, but that drive ended when Kennan Panther, Braves senior linebacker, intercepted the ball at the Andrews 5-yard line and returned it to the 11.

Cherokee drove down the field in nine plays which included a 25-yard run by Isaiah Evans and a

22-yard pass completion from Mintz to Straughan. The drive culminated in a 20-yard touchdown pass from Mintz to McMillan. Crowe-Moss added the extra point and Cherokee closed the gap at 20-14 with 7:20 left in the game.

Andrews got the ball at their own 41-yard line following the kickoff and put together a 12-play drive that took six minutes off the clock and ended with a 3-yard touchdown run by Parker. The two-point try failed and Andrews took a 26-14 lead which is how the game would end.



Holden Straughan (#20), Braves sophomore wide receiver, runs tough following a catch. On the night, he had 7 receptions for 91 yards.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Lambert places fourth at state...named All-State

KERNERSVILLE – Darius Lambert, freshman member of the Cherokee High School cross country team, has been lighting up courses all year long. He finished his season with a bang by placing fourth overall at the

at the Smoky Mountain Conference championship and sixth at the 1A West Regional, took fourth on Saturday with a time of 17:36.13 and was named to the All-State Team.

Kyle Rhodes, East Wilkes, won the state title with a time of 17:06.67. He was followed by

Eddie Swimmer, CHS head cross country coach, was elated by Lambert's performance at state. "Darius was ranked 30th going into the state finals. Since Conference and Regionals, we have been working on a specific goal, really to try to finish in the top 15. Everyone was posting

Lambert kicked it up a notch. "He ran one of the most beautiful races I have seen. He got up front early and stayed in within the lead pack. After the two-mile mark, I saw where he was and I about had a heart attack, but looking at the leader's times, I just let loose of the reins and told him to go as he felt!"

Lambert moved from 15th to fourth in the last 50 yards of the race. "That's when I passed out," Swimmer said laughingly.

"Darius ran a smart and a tough race in the mud and rain. This young man is built to race."

Blakely Moore, Highlands, won the girls title with a time of 20:42.13. She was followed by SMC champion Shawnda Martin, Robbinsville, at 20:44.22 and Michaela Gammon, Lincoln Charter, in third at 20:53.79.

Gray Stone Day School won the girls team title and Walkertown won on the boys side.

Swimmer said he is thankful for a successful season for all teams. "I would like to give thanks to all the parents and fans for all their support and to my coach Ahli-sha Stephens. She is not my assistant, but my equal. I depend on her a lot. And, I thank the Lord for giving us a great season and finishing without any major injuries."

- One Feather staff report



Photo by Radonna Crowe

Cherokee's Darius Lambert (#589) took fourth at the 1A State Cross Country Championship on Saturday, Nov. 7 with a time of 17:36.13 and was named to the All-State Team.

1A State Championship meet at Ivey Redmon Sports Complex in Kernersville on Saturday, Nov. 7.

Lambert, who placed second

Luke Bennett, Voyager Academy, in second with a time of 17:20.16 and Matthew Rogers, Walkertown, in third at 17:26.31.

times from past meets where they were running under 17 minutes. Darius' personal best time was 17:19."

On race day, Swimmer said



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JV Braves raised funds for Cancer Support Group

The 2015 Cherokee Braves JV Football team received pink shirts on Thursday, Nov. 12 after helping raise money for the Cherokee Cancer Support Group at their game against the Andrews Wildcats on Thursday, Oct. 8 in recognition of Cherokee Cancer Support Night. An exact amount of funds raised was unavailable by press time.



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Big Cove, Big Y named Communities of Promise



Lisa Leatherman, with Duke Energy, presents a Community of Promise Award to Big Cove Community members (left-right) Lester Hardesty, Lisa Hardesty, Consuela Girty, and Joe Redcloud.

“Rural communities are the lifeblood of the mountain region...”

- Linda Lamp, WNC Communities executive director

LINDA LAMP WNC COMMUNITIES

ASHVILLE - WNC Communities celebrated 66 years of community achievement through the WNC Honors Awards Program on Saturday, Nov. 7 as 250 community leaders from 14 counties and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians were recognized and rewarded for their exceptional community development programs at a luncheon at the DoubleTree by

Hilton in Asheville.

The Big Cove Community and the Big Y Community were both named Communities of Promise and given cash awards of \$1,000 each.

“Rural communities are the lifeblood of the mountain region working day in and day out to improve the quality of life for residents,” states Linda Lamp, executive director of WNC Communities. “It is our honor to recognize the community organizations from the Eastern Band of Cherokee and highlight their best prac-

tices which can be replicated throughout the region.”

Big Cove was recognized for creating opportunities to enhance and perpetuate the Cherokee culture. Their Woman’s Group received grant funds from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation to teach sewing, cooking and craft classes. Their largest event Kolanvyi Day was turned into a fund raiser to benefit a cause which has impacted many families in their community, the Cherokee Cancer Support Group. Big Cove was also honored for hosting

tribal programs this year focusing discussions on sustainability and held discussions on bringing back the fishing season. Big Cove is currently in the planning stages of building a new community facility to increase opportunities to share the Cherokee Culture and traditional ways with future generations.

Big Y was recognized for receiving a DARE grant of \$4,400 to obtain equipment for all ages to start an archery club. Volunteers provide safety briefings, demonstrate and teach how to shoot the bows so entire families can participate in this weekly activity. Big Y was also honored for their work on a Community Watch program to purchase outdoor cameras for use in areas of concern, as well as lessen-

ing their carbon footprint on the environment by using all natural biodegradable paper products at their events.

Participating Communities receive a cash award of \$300 each for their successful projects implemented during the past year. The EBCI winners in this category for 2015 were the Painttown Community, the Snowbird Community, the Tow String Community and the Wolfstown Community.

Community centers and clubs across the region voluntarily participate in the annual WNC Honors Awards Program by submitting an application to WNC Communities in September. The 65 communities involved in this year's program represented a total of 5,711 volunteers with 133,390 hours in outreach programs.



Big Y Community is shown being presented a Community of Promise Award (left-right) Trudy Crowe, Gage Welch, presenter Janna Hyatt with Harrah's Cherokee, Donna Lambert, Reva Brown, Dave Lambert and Donald Brown.

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Cherokee Central Schools Honor Roll Lists (4th-8th) for 1st 9-weeks

Cherokee Elementary School

Principal's Honor Roll – Student must receive an A in all of the following: Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies

4th grade: Ann Toineeta, Carys Holiday, Dalaina Mills, Dayvian Pheasant, Eric Fitzgerald, Jasmine Robertson, Jenna Cruz, Madison Ledford, Miylaya Pratama, Roxi Bark, Sean Fitzgerald, Shelby Solis
5th grade: Alexis Smith, Idalis Crowe, Maria Fourkiller-Raby, Walika Sexton

A Honor Roll – Students must receive an A in Reading, Language Arts, and Math

4th grade: Cassius Ross, Dreyvon Taylor, Eve Stamper, George Saunooke, Kyla Moore
5th grade: Ariyonna Hill-Maney, Ashlyn Chronister, Braylon James, Catherine Cline, Hayden McCoy, Kalina Blanton, Mahala Allison

B Honor Roll – Student must receive a B or higher in Reading, Language Arts, and Math

4th grade – Ahanu De Los Reyes, Awee Walkingstick, Bayley Wright,

Boie Crowe, Breydan Ensley, Dante Taylor, DJ Hornbuckle, Gabriel Crowe, Hawk Reed, Hermione Ward, Illeyeni Wolfe, Isaac Welch, Janna Girty, Jayle Creson, Jimya Driver, Jodi Bird, Kaden Blanton, Kilandra Hornbuckle, Laura Martinez, NIyaha Mora, Siddalee Thomason, Tyeala Hampton, Zoe Walkingstick

5th grade – Aid Martinez, Alessandra Martinez, Allyson Reed, Alyxandra Armachain, Amiya George, Ansley Ogle, Autumn Greene, Aylin Welch, Ayden Thompson, Brystyn Littlejohn, Calvin Lossiah, Caven Reed, Chayme Cucumber, Cristofer Rivera, Destiny Siweumptewa, Ellise Stamper, Fala Welch, Jacklin Lossiah, Jaden Armachain, Kaella Hornbuckle, Kaniah Reed, Katherine Armachain, Kenneth Welch, Kamia Wiggins, Kyra West, Lexi Bird, Magdalene Colvin, Makyla Taylor-Hernandez, Mya Sequoyah, Rachel Maney, Rae Littlejohn, Tanis Esquivel, Tyler Wolfe

Merit Honor Roll – Student is recognized for their effort and progress

4th grade: Abigail Ledford, Adrian Armachain, Awee Watty-Ivey, Bud

Mathis, Dyami Saunooke, Hunter Hendrix, Julia Gonzales, Kenyon Martin, Olivia Swayney

5th grade: Acacia Reed, Connor Pheasant, Jaelyn Lossiah, Jolie Locust-Pheasant, Joseph Smart, Nessa Smith

Cherokee Middle School

Principal Honor Roll

6th grade: Caedance Smith, Kaielin Jones, Takota Sexton, Kegan Curtice, Isabel Lambert, Woodrow Lossie, Evan Caley, Chloe Lambert, Jae Lossiah, Leilaya McMillan, Danasia Toineeta, Luther Standingbear Light in the Lodge, Keeifer Taylor
7th grade: Mayz Cruz, Dreyton Long, Rocky Peebles, Destiny Mills, Zoey Walkingstick

8th grade: David Hartbarger, Destyni Johnson

Alpha Honor Roll

6th grade: Taylor Blanton, Lucian Davis, Patricia Armachain-Biddix, Taylor Quackenbush, Vivian Ross, Tevy West, Cameron Lane, Makala McGaha, Mackenzie Reed, Shawn Parsons, Tehya Littlejohn

7th grade: Adam Reed, Rossi Wachacha, Anthony Allison, Kyle Galanick, Rose Reyes

8th grade: Raylen Bark, Breanna Mangold

Beta Honor Roll

6th grade: Gabriel Jarvis, Caidyn French, Carys Graves, Daniel Bean, Betty Lossiah, Alverta Henson, Miranda Lopez, Jamice Mora, Joshua Smith, Marcus Armachain, Emily Bradley, Mason Ledford, Aaliyah Queen, Donna Thompson, Samuel Bernhisel, Kyanna Brady, Aria

Foerst, Malakai Fourkiller-Raby, Joseph Hornbuckle, Mylisa Mathis, Nikkia Swayney, Johnny Bradley, Brandon Martin, Benjamin Feather, Dylan Littlejohn, Malik Wolfe, James Reed

7th grade: Teja Littlejohn, Deante Toineeta, David Bushyhead, Tayana Calhoun, Jonathan Frady, Rhyann Girty, Hayley Keever, Silas Sequoyah, Kayleigh Wolfe, Abigail George, Lorenzo Ramirez, Derek Thomas, Serbando Welch, Diamond Alvarez, Desiree Amos, Justus Armachain, Rebecca Armachain, Shashoni Panther, Elizabeth Reyes, Zayne Taylor-Hernandez, Kalista Luther, Emma Bernhisel, Darius Bigwitch, James Davis, Julian Littlejohn, Maria Reyes, Isaac Saunooke, Abigail Space, Jaden Welch, Emma Wolfe, Dylan Woodard, Samantha Cole, Jordyn Martin, Thomas Pheasant, Felicity Watty, Richard Welch, Syrena West, Wa-Ya A-Di-Si Younce, Judson Bradley, Francisco Figueroa, Eeyannah Catolster, Michael Otter, Paulo Sadongei, Daniel Thompson, Braden Taylor, Laila Locust, Calista Wolfe, Rashonda Wolfe, Rianne Junaluska, Jacob Hill

8th grade: Reef Cochran, Christopher Gammon, Maiya Davis, Acecia Lambert, Sterling Santa Maria, Tierney Bradley, Deliah Esquivel, Caden Pheasant, Kimberly Hendrix, Alexa Ledford, Michael Kalonaheskie, Christina Lee, Brian Littlejohn-Bigmeat, Cameron Reed, Mykel Lossiah, Dorian Reed, Hallah Panther, Johanna Bean, Daquan Jumper, Emilio Librado, Lauren Luther



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OBITUARIES

Andrew Scott Tranbarger



Andrew Scott Tranbarger, 24, of Sarasota, Fla. passed suddenly at home. "Andy", as he was known by family and friends, was employed at the Beach Club on Siesta Key and was studying computer programming at Sarasota County Technical Institute. Born in Muncie, Ind., Andrew also lived for a time near Cherokee. He considered all three states, Indiana, North Carolina and Florida as "home".

Andrew is survived by his mother, Jane Tranbarger; grandparents, Glen and Marilyn Tranbarger; and uncle, David Tranbarger, all of Sarasota. Andrew's family also includes Barbara Adams of Sarasota and Casey Wright of Seattle, Wash.

Funeral arrangements were made by Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services of Sarasota.

Frances Pauline Watkins Mathews

Frances Pauline Watkins Mathews, 74, of the Towstring Community went home to be with the Lord on Friday, Nov. 6 at her

residence. A native of Rockingham County and longtime resident of Swain County, she was the daughter of the late James Monroe and Minnie Watkins.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Norma Jean Blankenship; one brother, Phillip Watkins; and one granddaughter, Juleesa Hayes.

She was a member of the Towstring Baptist Church. She was a longtime employee with Heritage Quilts and Tuckaseegee Mills and also a partner in RM Chemicals. She was a very devoted Christian wife, mother, and grandmother.

She is survived by her husband of 19 years Raymond Mathews; three sons, Timothy Hayes and wife Latresa of Franklin, Terry Hayes

and wife Eva of Kenly, and R.L. Mathews and wife Kandice of Cherokee; two daughters, Melissa Barker and husband Craig of Cherokee, and Tammy Moore and husband Jake of Cherokee; 12 grandchildren, Stephanie, Cullen, Brandie, Alex, LaDonna, Katrina, Shalyn, Paytyn, Melah, Addisyn, Tanner, And Dylan; five great grandchildren; one brother, Carl Watkins of Lilburn, Ga.; two sisters, Yvonne McCann and Hilda LaManna, both of Reidsville; and several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to say a special thank you to our hospice nurses, Kim and Kathrine, and C.N.A Jessie.

Funeral services were held at 11am on Monday, Nov. 9 at the

Chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Rev. Eugene Moore officiated with burial in Swain Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Lifepath Hospice at Great Smokies Health Foundation PO Box 176 Sylva, NC 28779.

Denning (Denny) Andrew Rochester

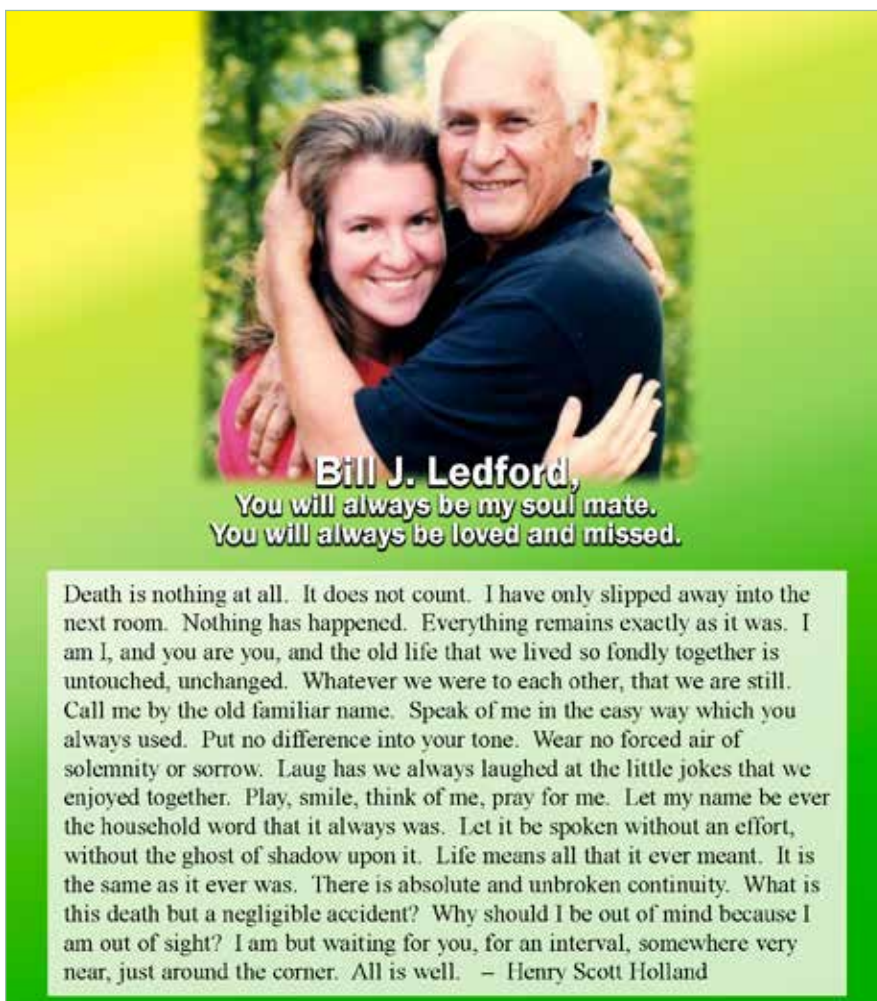
Denning (Denny) Andrew Rochester, 54, of Swain County, went home to be with the Lord, Friday, Nov. 13, 2015 at his residence. A native of Swain County, he was the son of the late James D. Rochester Jr., and Delores Browning Davis. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his grandfather, James D. Rochester Sr. and grandmother, Minnie Bowman Rochester.

Denny was a 1979 graduate of Swain County High School and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in Swain County for his outstanding Football career. He received a full scholarship to Georgia Tech to play football and graduated from Georgia Tech in 1984.

He is survived by one son, Drew Rochester of Whittier; one daughter, Jailyn Sloan, of Tucson, Ariz.; one sister, Michelle Atkinson and husband Jamey of Huntsville, Ala.; two brothers, Jeff Rochester and wife Linda of Atlanta, Ga., and Jody Davis and wife Stephanie of Cherokee, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial Services will be held at 11am on Monday, Nov. 16 at the Chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Joseph Snyder will officiate.

The family will receive friends from 10-11am Monday at the Funeral Home.



Applications being taken for Christmas Store

Family Support Services will be taking applications for their annual Christmas Store on Nov. 9-24. You can pick up an application the Family Support Services office located at 134 Boys Club Loop (across from the garage). When returning your application, please bring EBCI enrollment cards and if you are applying for a child other than your own you must be the primary caregiver and have copies of custody papers for them. Info: 359-6092

- Family Support Services

Big Cove Community News

Big Cove's Thanksgiving Dinner will be Thursday, Nov. 19 at 6pm at the Nazarene Church. The Community will provide the meat and the drinks. Everyone else needs to bring a covered dish or dessert. This event will also be a coat and shoe drive for needy people in our community. Please bring a new or gently used coat or new pair of shoes and you will receive five more entries for a door prize. All sizes of both coats and shoes are need.

At the dinner, the community will also be introducing a "Giving Tree" for our community. Needy families or people in the community can turn in an application at the Big Cove Rec. Center or to anyone of the officers to be placed on the tree. The tree will have angels with these people's genders, needs, and wants listed on them. Anyone can pick up an angel the night of the Thanksgiving Dinner or anytime at the Rec. Center to buy for. They can then return the items to any of-

ficer of the community club or the Nazarene Church by Sunday, Dec. 20 so that they can be delivered.

Anyone interested in entering the Christmas Lighting Contest can call Totsie at the Rec. Center 497-7172 to sign up. The judging will be held Friday, Dec. 4.

Big Cove officers are as follows: Chairman Butch Hill 269-2986, Vice Chairman Red Cloud 269-6130, Treasurer Lisa Hardesty 788-1646, and Secretary Consie Girty 736-0159

- Submitted by Consie Girty, Big Cove Community Club Secretary

House to be burned for training

Tribal Housing has provided a two-story house located at 53 Long View Lane off of Long Branch for Cherokee Fire & Rescue to use for a series of training fires before allowing the structure to burn to the ground. The house will be burned on Saturday, Nov. 21 starting at 8am. The house is condemned. The ground underneath is moving and Housing has received a FEMA grant to stabilize the site.

- Cherokee Fire & Rescue

Christmas Check deadline

The deadline to submit statements for handicapped and/or disabled EBCI tribal minors, under the age of 18, who are eligible to receive a Christmas Check is Wednesday, Nov. 25. Eligible minors must submit a statement signed by a doctor indicating that the child is handicapped and/or disabled and a new statement must be submitted each year.

The deadline for eligible EBCI tribal members between the ages of

18 and 60 years of age, who waive their per capita check but would like to receive a Christmas check, is Wednesday, Nov. 25. Eligible tribal members must submit a statement that has been signed by a doctor indicating that they are handicapped and/or disabled. A new statement must be submitted each year.

Statements can be turned into the TOP Office, located beside the Council House, or faxed to (828) 497-5927 (Attn: Kelly Sampson). Be sure to include EBCI enrollment numbers on all statements. Info: Kelly Sampson 359-7023 or Kelly Dills 359-7024.

Senior Citizens do not have to submit anything to receive a Christmas Check. Checks will be mailed to all EBCI tribal members who turn 60 years of age or older by Dec. 31. Christmas Checks will be mailed to the same address that per capita checks are mailed to.

- TOP Office

Reservation-Wide Christmas Lighting Contest

The annual Reservation-Wide Christmas Lighting Contest will be sponsored by the EBCI Division of Commerce and the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office. Each Community Club will sponsor their own lighting contest, and the first place winners from these communities will be submitted to the Community Development Coordinator.

To enter the contest in your community, please contact the following community officers:

- Big Cove – Butch Hill
- Big Y – Bunsey Crowe
- Birdtown – Jody Taylor
- Painttown – Lula Jackson
- Snowbird – Roger Smoker

- Tow String – Raymond Matthews
- Woltown – Tuff Jackson
- Yellowhill – Reuben Teesateskie
- Cherokee County – Frank Herron
- 3200 Acre Tract – Renissa McLaughlin

Judging for this contest will be Thursday, Dec. 10. Prizes include: first place, \$300; second place, \$200; and third place, \$100.

Info: Tammy Jackson, community development coordinator at EBCI Cooperative Extension Office, 359-6934

- Tammy Jackson

Lights & Legends food booth vendors

Now accepting applications for Food Booth Vendors for the upcoming 2015 Lights & Legends event, this event will be through the dates and months of Dec. 5, 2015 through Jan. 2, 2016; only on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and closed throughout the week of Christmas. Applications will be determined by menus, the menus must consist of a variety of foods that include Christmas food items as well; for example, candy apples, baked goods, hamburgers, hotdogs, soups, hot chocolate, etc. Only 10 applications will be accepted through Nov. 16-30 until 4p.m. and can be picked up at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. There will only be four applications chosen based from the menus provided. There will also be a fee of \$200 to obtain a food booth and a \$125 deposit; which will be given back once the event has finalized and the booth has been cleaned.

- Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds

THANK YOU LETTERS

Wolftown Community Club says thanks

The Wolftown Community Club would like to thank all the volunteers that came out and helped with the Safe Trick-or-Treat event: Mary Jackson, Sadie Jackson, Linda Jumper, Tammy Gibby, Raynee Catt, Charlene Otter, Mary Long, Sharon McCoy, Patrick West and family, and Kelsey Jackson. We appreciate you and your service to the community! We had over 2,000 trick-or-treaters come through!

We will be having our Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 6pm at the Wolftown Gym. Meat and drinks

will be supplied so bring your favorite side dish or dessert. We would like to extend a special invitation to all the Wolftown Veterans so you can be recognized and honored for your service. We hope to see you there!

*Submitted by,
Tammy Jackson, Secretary
Wolftown Community Club*

Big Cove says thanks for Halloween Carnival

On Oct. 27, the Big Cove Community hosted their annual Halloween Carnival. It was truly a success! This year, we not only used the event for a fundraiser but

also as a food drive for our food pantry. We raised over \$700 for our community club and brought in over 300 non-perishable food items.

We wanted to thank all of those who came out, and we hope each and every one of you had a great time. We want to extend a special thank you to those programs or people that gave donations to this year's event. This group includes: TGC Board, Tribal Council, TOP Office, KOA Campground, Yogi in the Smokies Campground, First Lady Cyndi Lambert, Cherokee Central School Board, Totsie Welch, Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy, Big Cove Rep. Richard French, Nancy Pete, and Otis Swayney.

Thank you to all of the individuals who volunteered their time to work in the kitchen, the games, the haunted trail, set-up, clean up, and all those who brought baked goods for the cake walk and items for the country store. We apologize if we have overlooked anyone. So many people came together to make this night a true success for the Big Cove Community. Thank you to all of the community club officers, Heather and Diane Driver, and Cindee West for their hard work and putting this event on.

*Sgt,
Big Cove Community Club*



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All entries/drop offs/traffic must enter by the Hungry Bear Exxon gas station, which is Whitewater Drive

All traffic should exit out by Cherokee Bear Zoo

Parade route will begin at the Cherokee Bear Zoo, go through downtown Cherokee, and disbanding around the Ginger Lynn Complex on Acquoni Road

Cherokee Christmas Parade
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You may start bringing your floats into the lineup at 1PM

Float must be in lineup by 4:30PM

All traffic not in the parade must be cleared by 4:30PM

Everyone riding on your float must be there by 5:00PM

Horseback riding will only be allowed if your horse has a diaper and/or a person following with a pooper scooper

Disbanding will be around the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex Building

Parade entry forms, liability forms, and W-9 forms can be picked up at the Cherokee Welcome Center. Entries will be accepted until 4:00PM Dec. 4, 2015.

For more info, contact Cherokee Welcome Center at (828) 359-6490 or Josie Long at (828) 359-6491 or Email: travel@nc-cherokee.com



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Antioch Baptist Church. Coopers Creek Road.

Beacon of Hope Baptist Church. 352 Whittier School Rd. (828) 226-4491

Bethabara Baptist Church. 1088 Birdtown Road. 497-7770

Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church. 6183 Big Cove Road. 497-4141

Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church. 7710 Big Cove Road. 497-4220

Calico Church of Christ. Big Cove Community. 497-6549

Cherokee Baptist Church. 812 Tsalagi Road. 497-2761, 497-3799 (fax)

Cherokee Bible Church. Olivet Church Road. 497-2286

Cherokee Church of Christ. 2350 Old Mission Road and Hwy. 19. 497-3334

Cherokee Church of God. 21 Church of God Drive. (828) 400-9753

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

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church. Located behind the Wolfetown Gym. 674-2690

Cherokee United Methodist Church. Hwy 19 – Soco Road. (336) 309-1016, www.cherokeemission.org

Cherokee Wesleyan Church. Hwy 19 across from Happy

Holiday Campground. 586-5453

Christ Fellowship Church. Great Smokies Center.

Ela Missionary Baptist Church. Hwy 19 South.

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

Jesus is the Light Full Gospel Ministries. 1921 US 441 N. 736-9383

Living Waters Lutheran Church. 30 Locust Road. 497-3730, prjack@frontier.com, lwcherokee@frontier.com

Macedonia Baptist Church. 1181 Wolf-town Rd. 508-2629 dconseen@gmail.com

Olivet United Methodist Church. 811 Olivet Church Road. 497-5249

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. 82 Lambert Branch Road. 736-5322

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

Rock Hill Baptist Church. (828) 356-

7312

Rock Springs Baptist Church. 129 Old Gap Road. 497-9455, 736-1245 (cell)

Sequoyah Sovereign Grace Church. 3755 Big Cove Road. 497-7644

St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church of Cherokee. 82 Old River Road. (828) 280-0209, cherokeepiscopal@gmail.com

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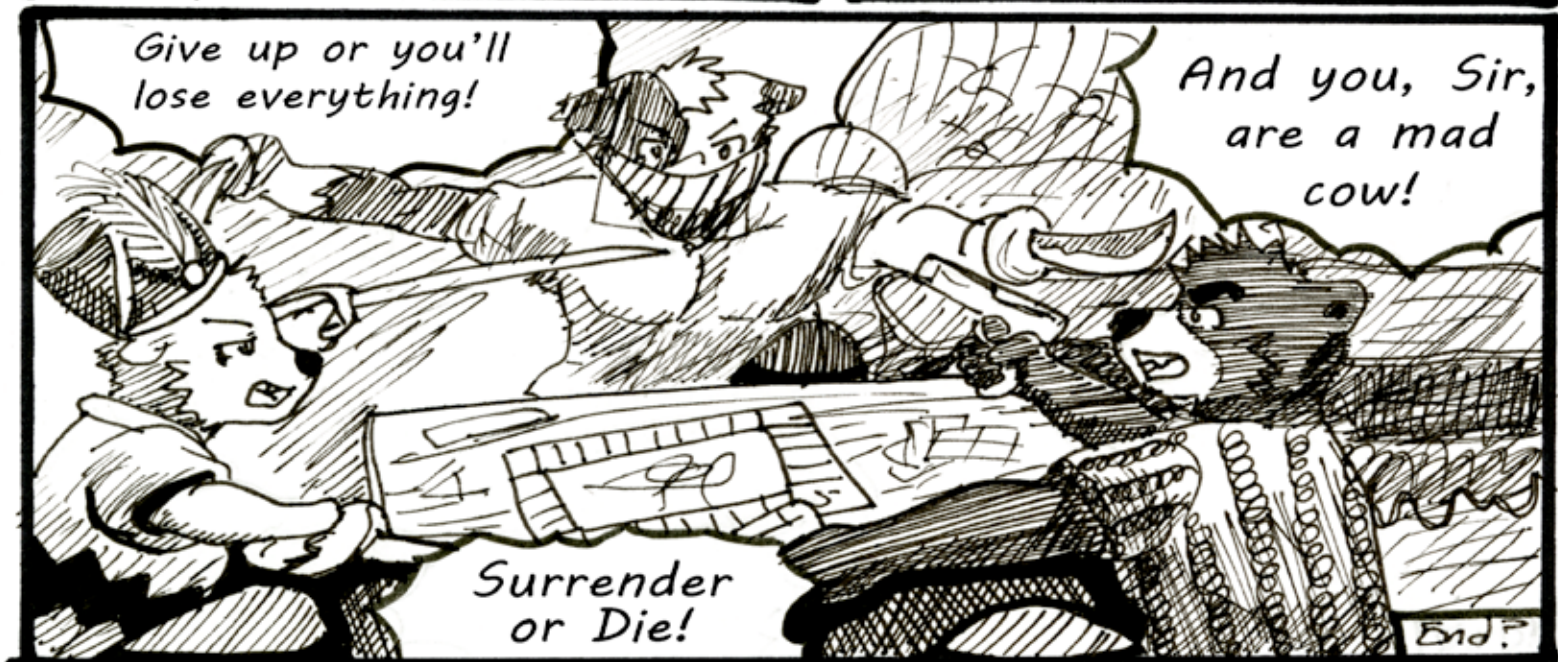
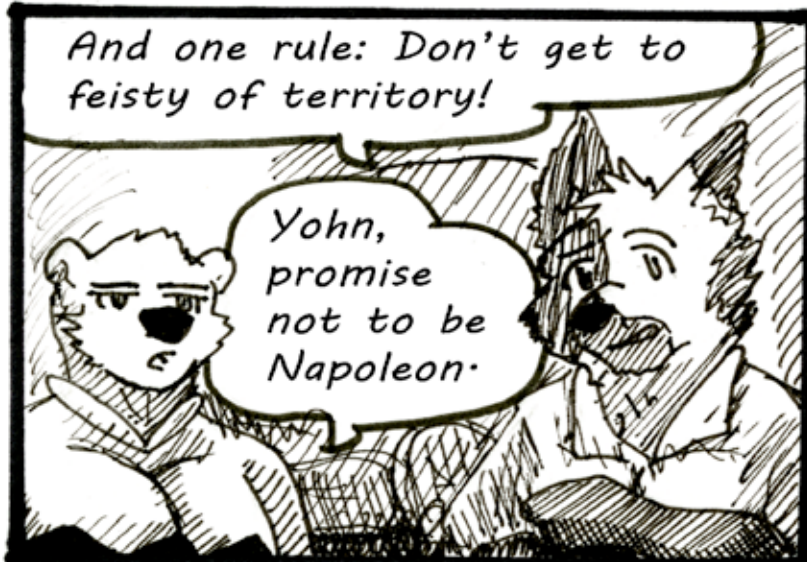
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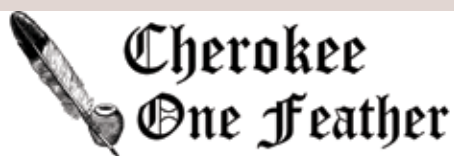
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Miss Cherokee Pageant coordinator responds to ideas

(Note: This letter is a response to a commentary entitled "Support Miss Cherokee...and, a new pageant format", by Scott McKie B.P., printed in the Oct. 22 One Feather as well as a letter by reader Mary Brown entitled "Reader agrees with pageant ideas" printed in the Oct. 29 issue.)

I truly appreciate any input and/or suggestions as far as the Pageant is concerned. I have coordinated Miss Cherokee for many years, from time to time with a different co-coordinator. This past year, due to personal reasons, I did not participate. However, over the years we have tried (and I think achieved) to bring the pageant up to other city and possibly state levels. Because of who she is, we strived for elegance and a program all her own.

Reader responds to business diversification editorial

(Note: This letter was a response, on the One Feather Facebook page, to an editorial entitled "Diversify" which was printed in the Nov. 12 One Feather.)

I would like to add that this effort has included those who own businesses and those who own the land upon which many

I, too, have attended Miss Indian World as well as Miss Indian NC, Miss Seminole and Choctaw Princess Pageants. When a pageant has 25-30 contestants, they would probably have to do it in a course of several days. But, with 2-3 contestants it could be a little time consuming for families and the public. It is more productive to hold our competition in two evenings.

Our Interviews are held on Thursday evening and then we have the stage presentation for the public on the Saturday evening before the Fair. We hold all practices on weekends in an effort to not interfere with the young women's school schedules.

Score sheets are only seen by the judges and are not tallied between the events.

A member of the Tribal Finance Office has always been our official person to tally after the pageant.

Scott, your comments to the

Royalty Board were very sincere and appreciated, but, they are not the ones who "try each year to produce a nice pageant full of dignity and pride". It is the coordinators who do so.

The Royalty Board is a wonderful group of ladies who take time from their duties and families all year to advocate and work with the princess. Their involvement with the pageant are the lovely stage decorations which we also truly appreciate.

I do plan to continue coordinating the pageant and will welcome ideas and suggestions. I have always considered this my "community service" which I have volunteered and enjoyed doing for several years.

We, coordinators, strive to give the families and the community a beautiful Pageant. We also go out of our way to find unbiased judges and we like to highlight our talented, local entertainers.

Sincerely,
Deb West

businesses set. I feel I have heard for far too long about the complacency about land owners waiting for the tribe to improve their properties at the expense of the tribe. While certain precedences have been "set" for purchasing land, this has, in turn, created a greed mentality within our tribal members. It's the wait and have the tribe turn me into a millionaire mentality.

For example, the mixed-use path from Saunooke's Village to the school has been stalled

because the land owners in the right-away areas want the same amount that the land owners received where the casino sits (\$5.25/square foot offered versus \$25/square foot receive at the casino - guesstimates). It's not even similar land!

My point being, risk precipitates reward. Our community and economy has passed the point where we cannot afford to continue to be risk adverse.

Joey Owle

Poll Responses

Note: The following comments were made on the Cherokee One Feather Facebook page and website to our weekly poll question: ***Would you be in favor of a staggered payment plan for the EBCI Minor's Fund distribution?***

Christin Murphy Cooper: Yes

Evan Watty: Let the minors vote on it.

Joyce Rose Justice: I definitely agree it should be distributed in a payment plan. I see so many of these kids, and they are still kids, get this huge amount of money and within a month, they are broke with nothing to show for all the money they spent except a new drug addiction, and it is very scary to watch.

Kim S. Lambert: Yes, stagger it so that they can have funds to help them at different stages of their life. Not many 18-year-olds are mature enough to think about buying a home or starting a business. As they get older, those things become important, but most have already spent their money by that point. In the long run, it would be the best thing, and I wish it had already been in place.

Debi Bourgeois: It would only give access to the adults that are over them to

Cherokee One Feather Poll of the Week Results

Would you be in favor of a staggered payment plan for the EBCI Minor's Fund distribution?

Yes **59%**
No **41%**

Question of the week now up on theonefeather.com:
Are you in favor of alcoholic beverages being available in restaurants or at events on the Qualla Boundary?

spend it...not thinking it is a good idea.

Keena Youngdeer Armachain: Let them choose when they are 18. Although, I think they should be at least 21 before they can even touch it.

Jamile Shaheen: It makes really good sense in payments over a four-year period so they can see what they are spending their money on.

Trista Welch: Yes. When you are 18, most are usually only excited about traveling and buying their first vehicle. Your priorities change as you get older, and you are definitely more responsible with money; not everyone, but definitely the majority.

Lena Salazar: Yes! Or, so much could be given to buy land if they need to purchase a home through Qualla Housing or wherever they decide to purchase a home and distribute the rest in three payments. That way, it won't be spent foolishly.

Sam Blythe: 25 percent at 18 or 21, 25 percent at 25 and the other 50 percent at 30

Laurel Cooper: I feel that it is best, but not my money so I think it should be an option. Tax advantages should be researched and shared with recipients and let them be as informed as possible. Perhaps if they could see the advantages, more would be willing to do it.

Staci Bulko Hyatt: I think it would keep the kids from blowing it on material things if they only got a percentage at a time and not all one lump sum.

David G. Jumper: Yes

Qiana Powell: Yes, that way these young kids can learn about budgeting and working to get extra things instead of just relying solely on that one lump sum they blow in a month or two and/or get an addiction that hurts them in the long run.

Wahnetah Bernhisel: I think yes. I got my Minor's Fund when I was 19. I'm now 21 and see other things I could have done with it. Not saying I done poorly with it, but as I got a little older, I knew a little more on how to manage and all that.

Sheena Brings Plenty: Yes, for sure!

Shayne LeMaster: I truly think it should be a decision made within each family. When I got my "big check", we had only been receiving per capita for about six years, and I had under \$20,000. My now 14-year-old has nearly, if not more than, \$200,000. My husband and I have gone above and beyond to instill a good sense of financial responsibility in our children because I have seen so many cousins blow through over \$100,000 in weeks with nothing to show for it.

Ashley Sessions: Yes, 25 percent at 18; 25 percent at 21; and the other 50 percent at 25. That is a much better option, and if I'm not mistaken, the amount that stays in the bank still earns interest. That's what I was told when I first heard about this idea.

Devola Stevens: Most definitely, it's a way to keep them from blowing it all at once or being swindled

out of it. For most people, to get a lump sum is mind-blowing and they have never had that much money at once. And, considering money skills aren't really taught in schools, they don't or won't know how to manage it.

Casey Marceau Bird: I like the staggered percentages. It just makes sense.

Joi Owle: A lot of people have children at young ages, and it gives them an opportunity to buy a house and to get on their feet.

Tom Payton: A sound financial plan would dictate taking the money. Thus, allowing you to invest it versus losing the interest over the entire year waiting for the lump sum.

Daisey Queen: Yes

Tiera Teesateskie: No, I would not be in favor of a staggered payment plan for the EBCI Minor's Trust Fund distribution....I think all the money should be given to the person whose name is on the check at the ages it always has been. It's their money, and nobody should be able to tell them where and how to spend it. There's young adults who have already made plans for their money as in buying a good car, a house, taking a family vacation, going to college, helping their families out because not all of us are well off

like most people around here. How would somebody like it if they got a staggered paycheck to help them better understand monetary value totally disregarding their bills, wants and needs?

Bambi Armachain Sneed: They shouldn't get it till they get a lot older.

Panda Jackson: Let the kids choose. But, start mandatory money management classes starting in elementary school so that way when they get this money, they know how to spend it wisely! A lot of these kids need to know how to manage a large lump sum. If you start planting that seed when they are young, they will have a better understanding of that when they get older. Hire some actual Budget & Finance teachers for the elementary, middle and high school. You haev a Budget & Finance Department for the tribe, so why not have a few in each one of the schools?

Erica Pheasant Hull: No, that way the kids can get a house, car and go to college.

Lucretia Hicks Dawkins: No, parents should teach their children financial responsibility and stop relying on others to do their job. Most parents haev a phone with internet. As easily as one posts on Facebook, a parent can Google articles or books on financial management and teach themselves. Learning doesn't stop just because you graduated high school. At some point, we have to stop being the victim and be role models.

Alan Thompson: Each individual has different ideas how to spend

money. Some save and will look to a future. Others blow it and then have nothing. Maybe some counseling before can determine if they need a lump sum or split return. Give them the right to choose for themselves. Let them decide which would be better for themselves.

Jessica Mead: Should get half when you are 25, the other half at 30.

Donnie Smith: Absolutely not. It should be an option for the individual family. You people certainly have not had your checks staggered. So, don't be trying to force your bad life choices on everyone else's children.

Shelly Head: My teen has made plans to buy her a house/land to provide an animal rescue establishment and is planning to be a veterinarian because she has been taught the value of a dollar and understands the responsibility of her decisions impacts her future.

Donna Rogers: I say no because this is their money and it's nobody's business what they use it for. No one got to tell the adults what to spend their money on.

Christina Thompson: I agree with the payments of the savings starting at 25, then the rest at 30 with the regular checks as scheduled. I have yet to meet anyone responsible enough to manage such a large sum of money at 18!

Nellie Brady: Yes! Staggered percentages...it teaches responsibility and how to budget.

Lillian Byrd: Yes, because there

are kids who would learn how to budget but wouldn't follow it if given the money all at once. I know a few who would do that.

Libby Lane: A lot of 18-year-olds have "friends" simply because they will be receiving a large sum of money, and when the money is gone, so are the friends. Staggering payments is a better idea. Just don't think holding it until 30 is best.

Candice Ledford: I think it's their money, and the choice should be left up to them. As adults, we weren't given a choice to get our per cap in staggered payments. If some want to receive it that way, then let them. If others want it all at once, let them have it. I have talked to my daughter about managing her money wisely. I don't think that choice should be made for them. I think if they're going to blow it, they will whether they get a little at a time or all at once.

Larissa Teesateskie: No, simply because it's their money and no one should try to keep it from them. Some kids may have good plans to start out their lives with it. I know it certainly would have helped me a lot if I had that option at 18-years-old when O chose to move out of my mom's house. Money management starts at home for the most part. Some listen, some don't. You will also have those that make bad decisions with it no matter if you stagger the payments or not.

Catherine Marie: I don't think so. I'm a mother of two girls so Need to buy our own house and a good car. We are renting a house now. We have our own car, but we need our

money to get a house of our own. I have a job, and I believe I know how to manage money because, like I said, I'm a mother of two and have a job. I know what the struggle is like...so, no.

Saloli Atsi: Yes, Teach our kids budget and responsibility. Per capita will only increase for them.

Brianna Brady: I love the idea of the staggered payment plan. There are pros and cons to it though. Some people take the money and use it to buy a house or other important things while some people don't use it so wisely. The biggest pro I see is you would get hit with less taxes so you would be receiving more of your money.

William Ledford: I feel the same about staggering the payout to the kids as I would about staggering the payouts to the rest of us. A tribal member that turns 18 is now old enough to vote or be killed in action for the country and yet deemed too young to handle their money. The hypocrisy here is amazing, but I'm not surprised.

Andrew Braswell: Give the kids their money! Maybe they should stagger out all the monies to all members throughout the year instead of twice a year. That way, it's even.

Luke Swimmer: I would like to see staggered payments as an option for the youth. Educate them on the benefits of staggering their payments. I know there will be youth who take the lump sum because we aren't all raised with a silver spoon in our mouths. Give them an option for their money.



Church Events

Acquoni Baptist Chapel Days of Thanksgiving. Nov. 21-24 at 6pm nightly at the Chapel. Sunday morning services will begin at 10:30am and will feature special Thanksgiving music by the church choir. Following the morning worship service, the church will enjoy their Thanksgiving meal. Missionary Pastor Olin Williams, a member of the Choctaw Nation from Bennington, Okla., will be speaking in each of the services. Info: Pastor Ed Kilgore 788-0643

Whittier Community Thanksgiving Service. Nov. 25 at 7pm at Whittier United Methodist Church. Rev. Shane Silvers will bring the Thanksgiving message.



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General Events

Birdtown Community Club meeting. Nov. 19. This regular monthly meeting is being held then instead of the fourth Tuesday. The Cherokee Indian Police Department's Dike Sneed and the Drug Task Force will be doing a presentation. Everyone is invited to attend. It is a potluck so bring your favorite dish.

Benefit for Debbie Littlejohn. Nov. 20 from 11am - 1pm at the Yellowhill Community Building. All proceeds will assist Debbie with expenses while Jeremiah is hospitalized in ICU at St. Joe's Hospital. Menu will be hamburger or cheeseburger with toppings, chips, baked beans, dessert, and drink for \$6. Walk-ins are welcome or delivery is available upon requests for four or more orders. Call all delivery orders in by 9am on Friday, Nov. 20. To place an order: Lou Johnson 788-2853

Jan's 2015 Christmas Bazaar has not been cancelled. It is set for Dec. 3-4 at the new Painttown Community Building. Info: Jan 497-2037

Swain County Democrat Cherokee-Whittier Precinct Potluck and Meeting. Dec. 7 from 5-6:30pm at Birdtown Gym. Ham,

rolls and drink will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert. All Cherokee-Whittier Precinct Democrats and Independents are welcome. Info: Bob Catt, president, 736-9500 or 497-4119

Indianpreneurship Business Course. Jan. 9 - Feb. 9 from 6-9pm every Tuesday evening in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. This five-session course covers covers business essentials to business start-up. Participants will learn marketing research, finances, tax information, and much more. Upon completion, participants will have written a complete Business Plan, Marketing Plan, and a Cash Flow to help you start your business. If you need a loan for startup monies, you may be able to obtain a business loan from The Sequoyah Fund. There is a \$60 non-refundable fee to purchase the Indianpreneurship Book. Info: Kimberly W. Rosario 359-6719 or kimbwinc@nc-choerokee.com

Health/Sports Events

Cherokee Turkey Strut. Nov. 21 at 12pm at Acquoni Expo Center. Registration starts at 10:30am with race starting at 12pm. Walkers and runners welcome with proceeds going to New Kituwah Parent Group. Cost: \$15 (\$20 after Nov. 15) for adults, \$5 for children under 12 and elders 60+. Register online at www.runsignup.com

Upcoming Pow Wows for Nov. 20-22

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

Southern California Indian Center American Indian Cultural Festival and 47th Annual Pow Wow. Nov. 21-22 at OC Fair & Event Center in Costa Mesa, Calif. MC: Walter Ahhaitty. Head Southern Singer: Daron Ahhaitty. Info: (714) 962-6673, scicpw@indian-center.org, www.indiancenter.org

Three Sisters Pow Wow. Nov. 21 at Radisson Hotel & Conference Center in Green Bay, Wisc. Invited Drums: Smokeytown, Str8 Across, Wind Eagle, Bear Cub, Buffalo Creek, Crazy Boy. Info: Tonya Webster (920) 496-5311, Lloyd Powless (920) 713-0608

9th Annual OKCPS Pow Wow. Nov. 21 at US Grant High School Gym in Oklahoma City, Okla. MC: Mark Wilson. Head Southern Singer: Kyle Robideaux. Info: (405) 587-0355, dsayers@okcps.org

O Ho Mah War Dance Society Benefit Dance. Nov. 21 at Comache Community Center in Apache, Okla. MC: RG Harris. No contact information given.

37th Annual AISES Pow Wow. Phoenix Convention Center in Phoenix, Ariz. Nov. 21. Info: Tony Kahn Anthony.kahn@aps.com

Search Cherokee's Sex Offender Registry at this link:

<http://nc-choerokee.nsopw.gov/>

BUYING

Buying Wild Ginseng: Ricky Teem (828)371-1802 or (828)524-7748. **11/18pd**

Attention: Nelson is still buying junk cars and scrap metal. Call for pricing. 828-269-3292. **11/26pd**

FOR RENT

For rent - 2br. 1bath house in Ela w/storage room. No pets, references and background check. Required \$550 a month, \$550 deposit. (828)488-8752. **12/30pd**

Store for Rent – Located in Saunooke Village. Contact Charlie Saunooke at Saunooke Mill Shop, 25 Big Cove Road, Cherokee, NC. (828) 497-9879. **12/17pd**

YARD SALES

Vita's "Thanksgiving" Yard Sale in Big Cove on Saturday, Nov. 21 beginning at 8am. Shelled flour corn, mustard greens, canned goods, crafts, toys, clothes (adult & child), and lots more. **11/19pd**

REALTY

Big Cove Community

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

Noah Allen Arch, Shawn David Calhoun, William Dennis Calhoun, Denise Michelle Laney Cochran, Kristina Alyse Cochran, Candler Ray Cooper, Cora Lynn Sanders Crowe, Kimberly Dawn Crowe,

Kristen Lynn Sanders Crowe, David Eugene Davis, Susanna Calhoun Finger, Edmond Merony French, Kathy Linda Ross Galanich, Viola Yvonne Shell Garnett, Jennifer Dawn West George, Yonnie Watty Hill, Adriannon Ginallee Hyatt, Evangeline Marie Watty-Hyatt, Steven Lee Hyatt, Mark Howard Jackson, Tony Anthony Johnson, Frances Ann Wolfe Maney, Bekka Elisabeth Montelongo, Norma Holt Moss, Barak Norton Myers, Lawanda Sue French Myers, Samuel Alfred Panther, Samuel Patrick Panther, Sharon Lenell Welch Panther, Robert Lee Queen, Harold Wanzel Reagan, Wendy Wynne West Ricks, Ernest Lynn Ross, Elliott Clark Shell, Meroney George Shell, Michael Jay Shell, Flora Mae Calhoun Shelton, Annabelle Calhoun Shuler, Mickayla Channelle Driver Solorio, Elsie Cynthia Standingdeer, Cecil Eli Walkingstick, Daniel Dean Walkingstick, Sr., Ongeequay A-ka-ti Walkingstick, Norman Joseph Walkingstick, David Norman Watty, Elsie Marie Thompson Watty, Elizabeth Ann Watty, Elsie Welch Watty, Todd Markus Watty, Joe Welch, Joseph Stephen Watty, Regina Watty, Rose Anna Pheasant Welch, Caren S. West, Carolyn Rae West, Donovan Phillip Woodard West, Kardasie Cheykotay Latrice West, Villareal Abel West, Villareal Nika West, Abel Wolfe, Deweese Wolfe, Edwin Wolfe, Jane Wolfe, Kerri Lynn Wolfe

Agreement to Divisions

Carla Marie Sneed Ballew, Dennis Ray James, George Milton James, Jacob Pete Johnson, Jackie Lee Johnson, Buddy Thomas Lambert, Doris Earlene Lambert, Eric Thomas Lambert, James Dewayne Lambert, Patricia Eldean Sneed

Lambert, Peggy Rosalie Lambert, Melissa Ann Maney, Frankie Nelle James Patencio, Mary Edith Reed Smith, Howard Vincent Sneed, Rena Janet Johnson Wachacha, Mary Louise Sneed Welch, Joseph Lloyd White

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

Proposed Land Transfers

Christopher Alvin Smith to Miranda Adine Rae Smith for Pain-town Community Parcel No. 556 (Part of Parcel No. 211) containing 0.419 acres, more less.

Joyce Lynn Smoker Gregory to Wanda Lee Jackson and Claude Larry Blythe for Snowbird Community Parcel No. 360-B (Part of Parcel No. 360) containing 3.142 acres, more or less.

Terry Leigh Chandler Panther to Chavis Brook Chandler Panther Hix for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 861-B (Part of Parcel No. 861) containing 3.409 acres, more or less.

Janice Raylene Pheasant French to Kerry Nathaniel Reed for Upper Cherokee Community Parcel No. 446-A (Part of Parcel No. 446) containing 0.253 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Satara Joyce Smith to Brenda Joyce Owle Smith for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 500-E (Part of Parcel No. 500-C) containing 1.000 acre more or less.

Satara Joyce Smith to Brenda Joyce Owle Smith for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 500-F (Part of Parcel No. 500-C) containing 1.745 acres, more or less, togeth-

er with all improvements located thereon.

Donna Sue George to Karyn Sue Grimes for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 265 containing 0.89 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Arthur Wade to Cara Bryann Garcia for 3200 Acre Tract Community Parcel No. 229-F (Part of Parcel No. 229-E) containing 1.000 acres, more or less.

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For deadlines and applications call 554-6388. Indian Preference does apply. A current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a Tribal application.

Positions Open

Please attach all required documents

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

Closing November 20, 2015 @ 4pm

1. Detention Officer- CIPD (2 positions) (\$30,320-\$37,900)
2. Community Health Representative/ CHR (\$23,040-\$28,800)

Closing December 4, 2015 @ 4 pm

1. Financial Skills Educator (\$33,280-\$41,600)

Applications and Job Descriptions can be obtained in the EBCI Human Resources Department Located on 810 Acquoni Road Cherokee, NC 28719

The Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority has the following jobs available:

FT ADULT CASE MANAGER / BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
FT EMPLOYEE SPECIALIST / BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
FT NETWORK/VOIP ADMINISTRATOR
FT CNA / ER
PTI HOUSEKEEPER / CHEROKEE COUNTY
FT PHYSICIAN / ER / FAMILY CARE CENTER / PEDS
FT MEDICAL LAB TECH / MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST
FT LPN / OUT PATIENT
FT LPN / JUSTICE CENTER - ICC

Applications and job descriptions are available at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Human Resources Office, Monday – Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm. For more information please call 828 497-9163 and ask for Teresa Carvalho or Deb Toineeta. These positions will close November 20, 2015 @ 4:PM. Indian preference does apply and the original CIHA job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **11/19pd**

Now Hiring for 2016 – Cashiers/clerks. Pickup applications at Saunooke Mill Shop located in Saunooke Village. 25 Big Cove Road, Cherokee, NC (828) 497-9879. **12/17pd**

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT CHEROKEE BOYS CLUB

POSITION: Auto Body Technician-Refinishing

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

DEPARTMENT: Shop/Body Shop

OPENING DATE: November 12, 2015

CLOSING DATE: November 25, 2015

REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, GED, or Equivalent Combination of Education, Related Experience or Training is necessary. Must possess a valid North Carolina Driver's License.

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

Selected applicants must complete pre-employment and ongoing random drug tests. Must comply with drug-free workplace rules and CBC Board policies in regards 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.

11/19



KNOW THE LAWS ON LIGHTS

Per NC GENERAL STATUTE:

§ 20-130.1. Use of red or blue lights on vehicles prohibited; exceptions.

(a) It is unlawful for any person to install or activate or operate a red light in or on any vehicle in this State. As used in this subsection, unless the context requires otherwise, "red light" means an operable red light not sealed in the manufacturer's original package which: (i) is designed for use by an emergency vehicle or is similar in appearance to a red light designed for use by an emergency vehicle; and (ii) can be operated by use of the vehicle's battery, vehicle's electrical system, or a dry cell battery. As used in this subsection, the term "red light" shall also mean any forward facing red light installed on a vehicle after initial manufacture of the vehicle.

§ 20-130.3. Use of white or clear lights on rear of vehicles prohibited; exceptions.

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully drive a motor vehicle in forward motion upon the highways of this State displaying white or clear lights on the rear of said vehicle. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the white light required by G.S. 20-129(d) or so-called backup lights lighted only when said vehicle is in reverse gear or backing. Violation of this section does not constitute negligence per se in any civil action. (1973, c. 1071.)

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 15-065

In the Matter of the Estate of Edward Francis Jackson

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: January 27, 2016

Lula Jackson, PO Box 257, Cherokee, NC 28719. **11/19pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File No. EST 15-063

In the Matter of the Estate of Anthony Edward Lossiah

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM FIRST PUBLICATION
Candida Lossiah, PO Box 1282, Cherokee, NC 28719. **11/18pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 15-062

In the Matter of the Estate of Donald E. Maney

All persons, firms and corpo-

rations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM FIRST PUBLICATION
Stephanie Maney, 74 Don Maney Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **11/25pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 15-067

In the Matter of the Estate of Shirley Welch

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

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

Date to submit claims: February 10, 2016

Alfred Welch, PO Box 1522, Cherokee, NC 28719. **12/2pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 15-056

In the Matter of the Estate of Shon Davis George

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

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

Date to submit claims: February

11, 2016

Shon Kevin George, 100 Hornbuckle Mountain Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **12/2pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 15-066

In the Matter of the Estate of Marcella Wilnoty Saine

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM FIRST PUBLICATION
Gracia Lorrene Parra-Rubio, 355 Lucy Long Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **12/10**

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Catering Chef (shift varies) \$39,102 - \$59,709
Cleaning Specialist (3rd shift) \$10.00
Cook I (shift varies) \$10.00
Cook II (shift varies) \$11.74
Drop Count Staff (sunrise shift) \$10.67
Engineering Technician Level II - HVAC (day shift) \$15.69 - \$24.07
Experienced D/R Table Games Supervisor (shift varies) base + \$18.80 - \$28.73
Experienced Poker Dealer part time (shift varies) \$5.25 + Tokes
Food & Beverage Cashier (shift varies) \$10.00
Front Desk Clerk (shift varies) part time \$10.51

Gaming Host (shift varies) part time \$5.25 + Tips
Houseperson (shift varies) \$10.00
Income Control Auditor - CTR (1st shift) \$11.74
Security Officer full time \$11.00
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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the Book of Zechariah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which prophet said God is like a green tree giving shelter to those who trust him? *Joel, Hosea, Joshua, Solomon*
3. From Exodus 2, who became a fugitive after killing an Egyptian? *Moses, Cain, Joseph, Jeremiah*
4. Who had seven sons that always celebrated their birthdays with a feast? *Solomon, Job, Haman, Jonah*
5. From Acts 9, what woman had Tabitha as a pet name? *Priscilla, Naomi, Dorcas, Delilah*
6. Which church was neither hot nor cold? *Antioch, Laodicea, Philemon, Philadelphia*

Answers
1) Old; 2) Hosea; 3) Moses; 4) Job; 5) Dorcas; 6) Laodicea

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