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Cherokee Indian Hospital honors employees

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he Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) honored current and past employees during a recognition ceremony on the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 15. Employees were honored for excellence in job performance as well as tenure.

Dr. Laci Jamison, CIHA ER director and physician, won the prestigious Hayes Award named for Colleen Hayes, former CIHA director of quality who served the community for more than 18 years.

Casey Cooper, CIHA chief executive officer, said of the award, "When she (Hayes) left, to honor her and to honor her legacy, we created this perpetual award which is presented annually to an employee who has led or facilitated a system or process change, resulting in risk mitigation, improved safety or quality improvement."

Of this year's winner, Dr. Jamison, Cooper noted, "As co-chair of the EB flow group, she worked collaboratively and cooperatively with many departments like Lab, Radiology, In-Patient, and Performance Improvement, as well as outside agencies such as Family Services, EMS, and funeral homes resulting in several accomplishments including reduced time to admission..."

He added, "As a working manager with a tenacious focus on objective outcomes, this nominee still sees more than 150 patients per month."

Past winners of the award include: Chad Cooper (2010), Mary Beth Dorgan (2011), Victoria



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HAYES: Dr. Laci Jamison (center), CIHA ER director and physician, won the prestigious Hayes Award named for Colleen Hayes, former CIHA director of quality who served the community for more than 18 years. She is shown with Casey Cooper (left), CIHA chief executive officer, and Carmaleta Monteith, CIHA governing board chairwoman.



ACHIEVEMENT: Kristi Case (center), MPA, Analenisgi Recovery Services manager, was named CIHA Employee of the Year. She is shown with Casey Cooper (left), CIHA chief executive officer, and Carmaleta Monteith, CIHA governing board chairwom-

Harlan (2012), Jonathon Dando (2013), Sarah Wachacha (2014), Abby White (2015), and Angel Squirrell (2016).

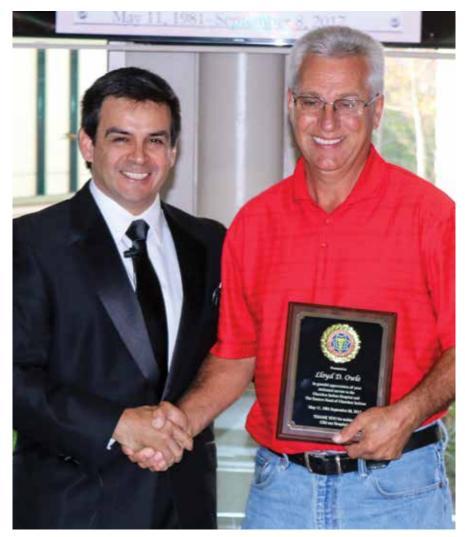
"I am extremely honored to win the award," said Dr. Jamison. "I am humbled that someone would nominate me...I am completely honored to work for this institution, to work for Mr. Cooper, and to work for the Cherokee Indian people, and I hope to do so for another 30 years."

Kristi Case, MPA, Analenisgi Recovery Services manager, was named CIHA Employee of the Year. "It's a real honor," she commented. "We've done some really great work in Behavioral Health, and I appreciate that that's being recognized. It feels good, but I'm shocked."

Case was nominated with four other employees including: Nicole Dyck, Tammy Gibby, June Hensley, and Jennifer Reagan.

Past winners of the Employee of the Year Award include: Lisa Wildcatt (2006), Rita McMichael (2007), Bambi Sneed (2008), Jennifer Thompson (2009), Sonya Arch (2010), Mary Ann Farrell (2011), Jonathan Dando (2012), Elizabeth Helm (2013), Christina Panther (2014), no award was given in 2015 due to transitioning into the new facility, and Doug Trantham (2016).

Cooper said that the tenure service awards increase annually, a trend he likes to see. "The reason is



RETIREMENT: Lloyd D. Owle was one of several CIHA employees honored for their retirement. He served the organization from May 11, 1981 to Sept. 8, 2017.

because folks are staying here, and that is amazing. When we started on this journey, back in 2002, we said in order for us to be successful at the Cherokee Indian Hospital, we have to be the employer of choice for the region. We just absolutely have to be, and I think the tenure of our employees is a good illus-

tration of our achievement of that objective."

Five-year Service Awards were given to the following: Steve Doane, Natalie Ammons, Susan Bogardus, Nathan Bradley, Martha Caulkins, Sonya Cline-McCoy, Robert Cloer, Jessica Crowe, Miranda Gardner, Lucretia Hicks, Stephanie Hornbuckle, Erin Hyde, Ann Jordison, Donald Larcher, Katie Mahoney, Christopher McKnight, Eric Metterhausen, Carmen Nations, Tammy Phillips, Rebecca Ruf, Mackenzie Sawyer, Sharon Shuler, Jennifer Shuping, Daniel Webb, Lauren Webb, and Quana Winstead.

10-year Service Awards were given to the following: Sherri Sanchez, Carol Jackson, Hazel Postell, Robert Ross, and Janet Shuler.

15-year Service Awards were given to the following employees who have been with the organization since self-governance in 2002: Daisy Crowe, Tammy Gibby, Jean Gomez, Lee Hyde, Gail Hyde, Will Lambert, Kate McKittrick, Jill Sain, Peter Shell, Betty Taylor, and Sonya Wachacha.

Several retirees were honored with plaques for their years of service including: Dr. Joyce Biberica (Feb. 6, 2004 – Oct. 31, 2017), Patty Grant-Edgemon (Sept. 30, 2013 - Oct. 20, 2017), Lloyd D. Owle (May 11, 1981 – Sept. 8, 2017), Linda Smith (July 10, 2006 - Oct. 6, 2017), Dr. Kendall Gilligan (Nov. 5, 2013 – July 15, 2017), Alice "Paulette" Woodard (Sept. 10, 2012 - Sept. 22, 2017), Dr. Stuart Maynard (Jan. 4, 2007 - Aug. 30, 2017), Dr. Tim Johnston (March 19, 2011 – July 14, 2017), Roger Watkins (Sept. 6, 2011 – Nov. 17, 2017), and Rechanda Waldroup (Sept. 23, 2005 – Oct. 17, 2017).

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Tourism leadership honored

Jumper honored as he retires as Jackson County TDA chairman

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obert Jumper, an EBCI tribal member who currently serves as the EBCI Destination Marketing interim director and Cherokee One Feather editor, has served as the Jackson County TDA (Tourism Development Authority) board chairman since before it was even the TDA. He was honored recently by the board as he is stepping down from his post and passing the

"The Jackson County Tourism Development Authority (TDA) has grown tourism and visitation in Jackson County and surrounding municipalities over the past five years," said Jumper. "I was fortunate enough to serve as chairman of the Jackson County Travel and Tourism Authority for six years, sit on the committee that developed the TDA, and then be the chairman of the TDA as we launched into a new era of county-wide tourism development."

The TDA, which was officially established in 2013 by the North Carolina General Assembly, has a 15-member board. The organization is funded by a 4 percent occupancy tax.

"The TDA Board of Directors set about creating an infrastructure that would sustain our tourism strategy and then systematically implemented the plan to build a great tourism organization," noted Jumper. "The results may be seen in the increased traffic and revenue



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HONORED: Nick Breedlove (right), Jackson County Tourism Development Authority (TDA) executive director, presents a plaque to Robert Jumper, TDA board chairman, honoring his years of service as chairman.

figures that are directly attributable to the TDA. I think Jackson County is on a path of sustained tourism growth and it was an honor to play a small part in the success of the organization. Creating this kind of success is definitely a team effort, and I wish them the best."

Nick Breedlove, TDA executive director, spoke highly of Jumper's contributions to the organization over the years. "Sometimes, there are conflicting viewpoints on a board, and you really have to be fair to all sides concerned, and I think Robert excelled at being fair and really putting what's best for Jackson County in front and center of every meeting. At any given meeting, we could have a topic that could be controversial or challenging, and Robert always brought a sense of calm and rational behavior."

Breedlove added. "He has left

big shoes to fill in terms of constant and steady leadership. He is one of those people that you could go to at any time, with any issue, and walk away with very sound advice. We will miss him leaving the TDA charge."

He said Jumper helped to facilitate the consolidation of two tourism authority boards, in Sylva and Cashiers, to establish the TDA as well as develop the current job of executive director. "We basically took members from both sides and just put them in one room. It's challenging when you've got people that have been doing marketing and PR activities a certain way and now you say, 'this is how we're doing it.' Robert stepped on as chairman during a very divided time on our board, and I think his steady leadership is what got us through some of those rocky beginnings."

Breedlove said Robert was the "voice of reason" in those early stages of the TDA. "Part of his biggest accomplishment was identifying the need for an executive director. With a board of 15 people, everybody was volunteering. So, these are people with full-time jobs who are dedicating a couple of hours a month to the effort, and Robert, early on, saw the need for it to be a concerted effort on a daily basis of somebody to lead the charge of the TDA."

During Jumper's tenure, the TDA also went through a branding process with Jackson County through the "Play On" campaign and did an RFP (request for proposals) for a new advertising agency.

"We started in Fiscal Year 2013-14 with about \$750,000 in occupancy tax collections, which at a 4 percent tax rate means about \$18.75 million in accommodation sales that year," Breedlove noted. "Now. we're at \$1.000.080 in occupancy tax collections which is \$27 million (accommodation sales). So, we've seen a 44 percent increase in just a few years of accommodation sales. And, all of that is due to the strategic marketing efforts, board leadership, and a number of factors, with Robert at the helm of that ship."

Breedlove concluded, "More than anything, I think the board recognizes his (Jumper) fair, steady leadership...he always brought us back around to our key goal of putting the tourist and our partners, the businesses, our economy, first."

Vick Patel has been selected as the next TDA board chairman, and he will take the helm in December.

New Tribal Clerk of Court sworn-in

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he Clerk of Court office for the Cherokee Tribal Court will be filled with experienced shoes. June Ray, a longtime Haywood County Clerk of Superior Court, was sworn-in as the new Cherokee Tribal Clerk of Court by Cherokee Tribal Court Chief Justice Kirk G. Saunooke on the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 17.

A native of Haywood County, Ray began her career as a deputy clerk in the county in October 1981 following her



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CLERK: Cherokee Tribal Court Chief Justice Kirk G. Saunooke (right) administers the Oath of Office to June Ray (center) who was sworn-in as the new Cherokee Tribal Clerk of Court in a courtroom in the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center on the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 17. Danny Wingate holds the Bible for Ray in the photo.

graduation from Western Carolina University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. In

November 1991, she was promoted to assistant clerk where she remained until she was appointed, in June 2002, to fulfill the term of her predecessor, Gill Henry, as Clerk of Superior Court of Haywood County, an elected position. She remained in that position until her retirement on Oct. 31, 2017. During her time as Clerk of Superior Court, she never faced opposition in an election.

"I just love the work," Ray said of why she was drawn to working in a clerk's office. "I love working with people. I love helping people. It's a passion of mine to try to help people solve their problems."

She went on to say,
"When I got ready to retire
from the state, I didn't just
want to quit work. This opportunity opened up, and
I'm very fortunate and very
happy to be here. I hope
I can serve the Tribe and
hopefully please the people
here."

Ray is a member of numerous committees and boards including the North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission and the North Carolina Conference of Clerks of Superior Court.

Cherokee Indian Hospital's IT Staff wins 2017 TribalNet Industry Award

AS VEGAS, Nev. -The Cherokee Indian Hospital's IT Department was honored with the 2017 TribalNet Industry award at the recent 18th Annual TribalNet Conference & Tradeshow held in Las Vegas, Nev. This award recognizes IT excellence within the tribal community from an organization that covers gaming, tribal operations or healthcare of the 500+ tribes in this country. The CIHA IT department was awarded this prestigious award out of a group of 80 nominees.

"We were nominated on the basis of customer service, employee morale, and the reorganization of our department and how we transitioned into the new facility," said Hugh Lambert, Cherokee Indian Hospital IT Director. "During transition, we closed at 4:30pm on Friday and opened up on Monday and everything worked! It was a once-in-a-career type of move and we pulled it off in three days. This award is a validation of all our hard work."

In the last year alone, the CIHA IT department's customer satisfaction score went from an average of 74 percent to 99 percent.

"The level of commitment that our team has to the job is extraordinary," said Lambert. "We are lucky to work in an environment where we can achieve high levels of success."

Aaron Lewis, computer specialist, reiterated that same sentiment noting that the transition was a test for the entire IT staff. "We had a lot of preparations. New equipment was staged and set. There was a lot of planning because this transition had to go like clockwork. We are a family, there had to be a lot of communication and teamwork or it could have been disastrous. It was a test for us and we came out on top."

- Cherokee Indian Hospital



Photo by Sheyahshe Littledave/Cherokee Indian Hospital AWARD: The Cherokee Indian Hospital's IT Department was honored with the 2017 TribalNet Industry award at the recent 18th Annual TribalNet Conference & Tradeshow. The IT team is shown (left-right) back row – Bryan Panther, Hugh Lambert, Aaron Lewis, Grant Rogers, Jon Ruger, Ryan Murray; front row – Sasha Taylor, Angel Squirrell, and Debbie Jefferies.

A brief history of alcohol among the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

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he idea of alcohol sales on the Qualla Boundary and on lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has been debated for years. Recently, the issue has surfaced again so the One Feather has decided to delve into the history of alcohol within the Tribe.

It is impossible to pinpoint the exact time and place that alcohol first came to the Cherokee Nation, but one of the earliest examples of it being an issue centered on Yonaguska (Drowning Bear), Head Chief of Cherokee Middle Towns in the early 19th Century.

"The extension of state laws over the Cherokee Nation in the late 1820s freed traders from the restrictions previously imposed on the sale of liquor and allowed unscrupulous speculators, whose appetite for land had been whetted by the discovery of gold in northern Georgia, to employ alcohol in frequently successful attempts to negotiate illegal sales of Cherokee property," states an article in the "Dictionary of North Carolina Biography" published by the University of North Carolina Press. "Yonaguska realized that intemperance would destroy both himself and his tribesmen."

It continues, "Yonaguska encouraged his people to refrain from the immoderate consumption of alcohol and then instructed his clerk to write down a pledge by which the Qualla Indians agreed to 'abandon the use of spirituous liquors'. The chief signed first, and all the residents of the town reportedly followed. In 1838, (William Holland) Thomas credited Yonaguska with

the Oconaluftee Cherokee's 'present state of improvement' because of his devotion to the cause of temperance."

According to an article in the University of Nebraska – Lincoln's "Great Plains Quarterly" entitled "The Greatest Evil – Interpretations of Indian Prohibition Laws, 1832-1953", "In 1832, the Office of Commissioner of Indian Affairs was created by Congress, and the commissioner was given the responsibility of alcohol prohibition. The act creating the office included a prohibition clause: 'No ardent spirits shall be hereafter introduced, under any pretense, into the Indian Country."

Several years later, Congress approved an Act, on June 30, 1834, to regulate trade in Indian Country which provided a \$500 penalty to anyone who "shall sell, exchange, or give, barter, or dispose of, any spirituous liquor or wine to an Indian (in Indian Country)".

Flash forward to the early 20th Century. The 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, enacted Jan. 16, 1919, called for a nationwide prohibition on alcohol. Fourteen years later, the 21st Amendment, enacted Dec. 5, 1933, repealed prohibition and put the authority to regulate alcohol in the hands of the states. Of particular interest, the 21st Amendment was the only one ratified by state ratifying conventions. In all, 38 of the then 48 states ratified the amendment. South Carolina rejected the amendment, and North Carolina voters opposed the idea of even holding a convention on the amendment. The remaining eight states simply took no action.

Prohibition continued in Indian

Country though until 1953 when President Eisenhower, known for his termination policies, ended prohibition among Indian tribes.

Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort is in its twentieth year of existence having opened in November 1997. For the first 12 years, the facility was alcohol-free. That changed in 2009.

In July 2008, the Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise (TCGE) submitted a resolution to Tribal Council calling for a tribal-wide referendum vote on whether or not to allow the casino "to permit the sale of malt beverages, unfortified wines, and mixed drinks, within the premises of the Casino and Hotel". That resolution passed on Aug. 7, 2008, and 20 days later, then-Principal Chief Michell Hicks vetoed the legislation. Tribal Council heard the veto during a special session on Sept. 26, 2008 and failed to override the veto by a vote of 51 to 49 percent.

A Citizen's Committee then got to work garnering petition signatures to hold the referendum, and on Feb. 5, 2009, the Tribal Board of Elections presented the petitions to Tribal Council with a total of 1,562 certified signatures which was 28 more than the 1,534 required.

The next month, on March 5, 2009, Tribal Council approved a resolution confirming the petition and scheduled the referendum for June 4, 2009.

Just prior to the vote, Chief Hicks stated, "I would like to reiterate my promise to the Cherokee people that I will support whatever decision our Cherokee voters make at the polls."

And, he did.

The next week, the voting pop-

ulace of the Tribe hit the polls and approved the referendum by a vote of 1,847 to 1,301. Snowbird was the only community that didn't vote to approve the measure (109 for, 115 against).

Following that vote, Norma Moss, then-Chairperson of the TCGE Board, commented, "By allowing the sale of alcohol in the casino's restaurants and on the gaming floor, members of the Tribe voted to allow Harrah's Cherokee to operate on a level playing field with other casinos across the nation."

Several months after the referendum vote, the Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (TABCC) was created with the passage of Ord. No. 903 on Aug. 19, 2009 with the authority to administer Tribal ABC laws, issue ABC permits, and act as the distributor of all alcohol on tribal trust lands.

Alcohol sales began at Harrah's Cherokee Casino later that fall.

Several years later, the State of North Carolina added 18B-112 (Tribal alcoholic beverage control) to the state's general statutes which states, "...the tribal alcoholic beverage control commission shall possess the same powers and authority conveyed upon the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission..." The Tribe adopted the same rules into Cherokee Code in Ord. No. 768 (2011) which was passed on July 14, 2011.

The alcohol issue arose again in 2012. Four questions were put to EBCI tribal voters in a referendum held April 12, 2012. Only one of the four measures

was approved. The four questions put forth that day included: Question 1: "To permit a Tribal ABC Store to sell NC authorized alcohol products to the public" (For: 1,005; Against: 1,499) Question 2: "To permit the on-premises sale of malt beverages, unfortified wine, and mixed beverages only in restaurants licensed by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians" (For: 995; Against: 1,498) Question 3: "To permit the off-premises sale of malt beverages and unfortified wine only in grocery stores licensed by the Eastern

Question 4: "Should each township on the Qualla Boundary have the local option to call for a specially-held referendum in that township to vote out alcohol sales and

Band of Cherokee Indians" (For:

851; Against: 1,640)

"I think that our people here are intelligent enough to make decisions on this issue..."

- Painttown Rep. Lisa Taylor

distribution for their township?" (For: 1,259; Against: 1,220)

A week prior to the referendum being held, a group of over 40 EBCI tribal members entered the Tribal Council Chambers to hand deliver a letter to Chief Hicks asking for a special session of Tribal Council to discuss several legal issues they saw with the scheduled referendum.

Amy Walker, an EBCI tribal elder, told the One Feather that day, "We want to be heard on the laws that we feel that they are breaking."

She and others referenced Cher-

okee Code Sec. 161-9 which states, "An issue that has been brought up before the eligible voters and voted upon by referendum/initiative may not be voted upon again until a period of five years have passed."

Bob Blankenship, former TAB-CC chairperson, stated at the time, "I disagree with the protester's point of view. We have never voted for a Tribal ABC Store. We have never voted for on-premises sales in restaurants outside the casino, and we have never voted for off-premise sales in grocery stores. The issue is not just the subject of alcohol sales, but what type of sales and where."

Peggy Hill, an EBCI tribal elder from the Yellowhill Community, filed a Complaint and Request for Injunctive Relief in Cherokee Tribal Court alleging a violation of Sec. 161-9. The injunction was denied, the request for a Special Council Session was denied, and the referendum vote went forward.

Following the vote, in which only one of the four measures passed, Chief Hicks noted, "Obviously, we're all glad it's over with. There was a lot of anticipation and a lot of opinions on the issue. But, what I am most thankful for is that we have a formal process now."

Debbie Sexton, a member of the Cherokee Church of Christ, told the One Feather, "There are good arguments for both sides of the issue of how alcohol could help boost the economy, but what I do feel good about is that the people have stood up to voice their stand that they

need to stay true to their elder's beliefs that alcohol will ultimately only cause unahappiness."

Five years after that historic vote, Painttown Rep. Lisa Taylor introduced legislation, in Annual Council on Oct. 26, 2017, calling for a referendum vote on sales outside the property of the casino. "I think that our people here are intelligent enough to make decisions on this issue, and we've not been able to vote and our voice has been cut off. So, I think give our people an opportunity to say whether we want alcohol or not in other areas other than the casino like it was voted on."

Much of the discussion on this legislation has centered on the Blue Ridge law which allows alcohol sales in restaurants located within 1.5 miles of an entrance or exit ramp of the Blue Ridge Parkway. Several businesses in Cherokee, located within that distance, were issued permits in the spring of 2017 based on that provision.

A special night work session was held at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on Nov. 6, 2017 to discuss Rep. Taylor's legislation.

Principal Chief Richard G.
Sneed told the crowd, "It's a very emotional issue for a lot of people.
There's been a lot of damage that people have sustained in their lives. At the end of the day, the referendum gives the vote to the people.
I'm in full support of a referendum vote."

Peggy Hill, a constant voice on this issue, spoke that evening and said the Tribe should follow the example of Yonaguska (Drowning Bear). "One hundred and eightyeight (188) years later, alcohol among the Eastern Band is still, for the most part, still unacceptable."

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FOOTBALL

Braves clip Cards in second round

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herokee bested Union Academy in a high-scoring affair to advance to the third round of the 1A state playoffs. The Braves (11-1) put up 514 total yards of offense as they beat the Cardinals (8-5) by a score of 58-35 during a chilly game on the night of Friday, Nov. 17 at Ray Kinsland Stadium.

"I feel like we came out and were ready to play," said Kent Briggs, Braves head coach. "We knew how important it was to come

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TOUGH: Isaiah Evans (#5), Braves junior running back, gives a stiff arm to Union Academy's Carson Green. On the night, he ran the ball 23 times for 190 yards and five touchdowns.

out and start strong and we did. You have to give credit to them (Union Academy). They have good athletes and they've won eight games. They came in here, and we knew it would be a challenge. Our guys stepped up, and I'm very proud of the way we handled this second round playoff."

He added, "When you play in the second round, you're playing games against teams that are going to be good so we did a nice job as far as taking care of business. Now, we're in the third round so we need to step it up even more."

On the night, Cherokee had 418 rushing yards on 51 total attempts. That effort was led by Isaiah Evans, junior running back, who ran the ball 23 times for 190 yards and



back, runs the ball during the first half of Friday's game against Union Academy. On the night, he carried the ball 12 times for 140 yards and three touchdowns and completed 5 of 10 passes for 96 yards.

five touchdowns. Tye Mintz, senior quarterback, ran 12 times for 140 yards and three touchdowns. Terence Ledford, junior running back, came in in the second half and carried the ball 11 times for 63 yards and one touchdown.

On his team's rushing effort, Coach Briggs noted, "We felt that would be an advantage to us - get out there and be physical and run the football. We felt we have more of a physical football team than they do and that's what we went out there and did tonight."

Tye Mintz also completed 5 of 10 passes for 96 yards. His main target on the night was Cade Mintz, sophomore wide receiver, who caught three passes for 80 yards.

Isaiah Armachain, junior defensive lineman, led the Braves defensively with four tackles followed by Joaquin Layno with 3.5 and Cade Mintz with three. Both Holden Straughan and Blake Smith had an interception in the game.

Union Academy was led by Garrett Melton, senior running back, who carried the ball 10 times for 86 yards and one touchdown.

Cherokee got going quickly in this contest and scored twice in the first quarter - both rushing touchdowns by Evans. He carried the ball into the end zone from 10 yards out at the 7:45 mark and then three minutes later he hit paydirt again with a 4-yard touchdown run. The Braves led 14-0 at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter was a score fest with the Braves getting three touchdowns and Union Academy with two. The Cardinals scored early in the quarter (11:51) as

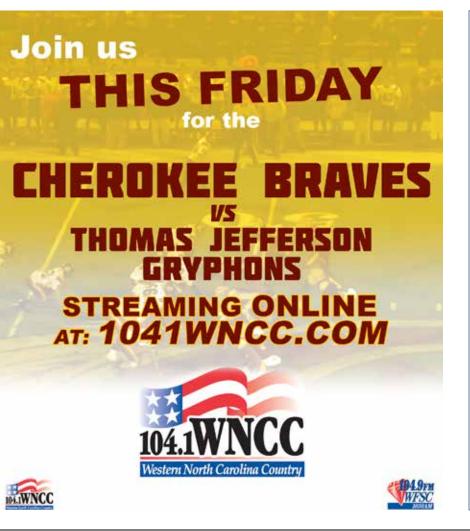
Hayden Gosnell threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Alston Honeycutt. Fast forward seven minutes, and Evans scored his third of the game on an 11-yard run. At the 1:34 mark, Evans got into the end zone for the fourth time in the game on a 6-yard run. The Cardinals answered immediately as Kalip McFadden ran the ensuing kickoff 72 yards to the house. With 26 seconds left, Tye Mintz ran a quarterback sneak from one yard out to round out the scoring in the quarter, and the Braves took a 34-14 lead into the locker room.

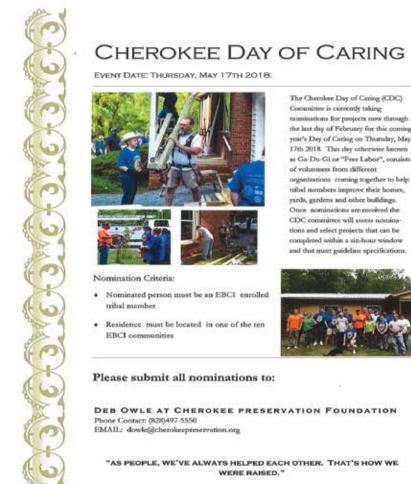
The chilly weather didn't cool down the scoring in the third quarter. Union Academy got on the board at the 4:40 mark as Gosnell threw to Derek Young for a 2-yard touchdown pass. Twenty-three seconds later, the Braves scored

again as Tye Mintz ran 59 yards up the gut of the Cardinals defense for a touchdown. About a minute later (2:34), he would score again; this time on a 1-yard run, and Cherokee led 52-21 going into the final quarter.

Ledford got into the end zone at the 4:56 mark of the fourth with a 3-yard run. Union Academy would add two more scores on a 66-yard run by Melton and a 55-yard pass from Gosnell to Carson Malone.

Cherokee won the game by a final of 58-35. They advance to the third round of the 1A state playoffs, aka the regional semi-finals, against Thomas Jefferson (#3 seed) who defeated Elkin 55-34. Cherokee (#2 seed) will host the game at Ray Kinsland Stadium on Friday, Nov. 24 at 7:30pm.





BASKETBALL

Unified for one goal

Lady Braves looking for big year through unity, teamwork

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his year's Cherokee Lady
Braves varsity basketball
team is not the tallest
team out there, but what
they lack in stature they more than
make up for in grit, determination,
and unity. And, they all have one
thing in mind - holding a state
championship trophy in March.

"We're looking kind of inexperienced right now," said Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach. "They're making some mistakes that they make when they're young. We're playing four freshmen up so they're having to learn in a hurry."

The Lady Braves played several pre-season scrimmage games on Saturday, Nov. 11 and Coach Mintz was very pleased with their effort. "They showed some pretty good things and some things I'm very excited about."

The Cherokee Athletic Department has decided to postpone the start of the regular season until the end of the varsity football season - a move that is fine with Coach Mintz.

"I think that helps us out," he noted. "We're young, and we'll be able to teach these girls everything that we need from them and get them ready to play at the varsity level which is tough sometimes. If you make a mistake, they pay for it



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UNITY: This year's Cherokee Lady Braves varsity basketball team is stressing unity and teamwork.

because the other teams are pretty good."

In recent years, the Lady Braves have been more than pretty good. Over the past five years, they are 125-20 with three Sectional titles, two Regional Finals appearances, and one Regional Semi-Finals appearance.

Coach Mintz said that success isn't really discussed with the new players, but he noted it is implied. "They know coming up from middle school what is expected of them and how hard it is going to be and that we don't accept mediocre play and that all the girls before them have done the right thing and have been very successful for doing it. If they want to be that team, then



they have to do it too."

When asked what goals this year's squad has set, Coach Mintz commented, "Really, our goal each year is to win a state championship. Realistically, it's not going to happen every year. Most years it doesn't happen, but that's our goal and I feel if we have anything less than that as a goal then I feel that I'm selling them short. We work hard to try to be the best team in the state, and we feel like we're on the level with the best team in the state usually every year."

Raylen Bark, a sophomore, got a lot of playing time last year as a freshman, and she's looking forward to a successful season. "I think we'll be pretty good with the team we've got. We don't have height, like always, but we do have speed so we're hoping to run all of our opponents and be in shape this season and get the ball up and down the court."

She added, "We just need to play together, not let drama get in the way, and just really be a team out there and just understand that you can't play basketball with just one person. It requires a team effort and everyone putting in hard work to reach all of our goals together."

Tori Teesateskie, a junior, is coming back for her third year of varsity ball and is ready for this season. "I think, as a team, that we'll be better than we were. I think we'll play as one, and I think we'll be very strong this year."

She puts in a lot of work in the off-season playing with different teams and constantly training to improve her game. All of that extra work has paid off. "It has helped me to become mentally stronger and faster. I think you

realize, as you get older, that it's not just about one person and you have to play as a team. You have to have good communication, and you can't have anything get in the way."

This year's Lady Braves squad has two seniors, Timiyah Brown and Shelby Wolfe, both of whom have had extensive playing time in the past few seasons and are ready to assume their leadership role.

"This year, we're going to be really good because everyone gets along," said Brown. "We're going to go really far especially if we stay the way we are and stay close."

On being a leader on the team, she noted, "I'm just going to try to encourage everybody and not let anybody get down on themselves and be there for them whenever I can and be a leader on and off the court...we've all been there, we've all been freshmen and know how hard it is and moving up to varsity as a freshman is hard enough as it is. I'm just going to encourage them to be positive all the time and not get down."

Wolfe commented, "I think we're a lot closer this year. All of us know each other now."

She added, "Being a senior, I don't feel like I should mess up because they are looking up to me."

Wolfe has played in some big games the past few years, and going forward into the season, she said she'll encourage her teammates, especially the younger ones, to keep perspective. "Just play, it's a game. Don't get nervous and just play their game."

If there was one quote to sum up this year's team, it came from Brown who said emphatically, "We're going to state."



QUICKNESS: Carla Wolfe, junior, does a layup after catching a pass during a drill on Wednesday, Nov. 15. This year's Lady Braves team, while not tall, is concentrating on speed, quickness, and precision.

COMMUNITY

Moving with passion, energy

New CHS dance instructor brings passion, experience

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herokee High School's new dance instructor brings passion and extensive experience to help the Cherokee Musical Theater program in their new "Triple Threat" program of acting, singing, and dancing. Chryssie Whitehead is a master class teacher and choreographer with Broadway and television credits.

She doesn't start officially until January, but she was at the school on Tuesday, Nov. 14 doing a dance workshop with some of the students. "Today, I just got to know the kids and introduced them to dance and what dance can give to anybody. I told that I'm not looking for the best dancer in the class, but I am looking for your best effort."

Whitehead related that dance is special in its message. "It can transform your body to say something. I addressed a lot about posture and body language and gave them some movements across the floor and fun wedding-style dance movements just to get them feeling free and not intimidated...we were just getting them more consciously aware of their body and what they can do and are capable of doing."

Michael Yanette, Cherokee
High School and Middle School
director of choir and musical
theater, commented, "It was really
quite remarkable because when
I got there in the morning there



Photo by Zusha Goldin

INSTRUCTOR: Chryssie Whitehead, a veteran performer with Broadway and television credits to her name, is the new dance instructor at Cherokee High School.

were some kids who were a little nervous, a little 'deer in the headlights' looking. Then, I had a class I had to go teach, and when I came back there was this unbelievable, shining energy coming out of every one of those kids when I came back in the room an hour later. It was pretty awesome. There was such a relaxed quality about their presence. It was amazing."

Whitehead noted, "They were nervous obviously, but as a teacher, I approach it that we're in this together – it's teacher-student, and I'm going to learn from you and you're going to learn from me."

If you watch TV or Broadway, chances are you've seen Whitehead. She just finished a Broadway run of "Chicago" where she played Kitty, and she's performed in the Broadway revival of "A Chorus Line" as well as Lincoln Center's "Company" where she co-starred with Neil Patrick Harris. Her television credits include: "Grey's Anatomy", "Castle", "The Men-

talist", "Private Practice", "Warehouse 13", "Grimm", and ABC Family's TV movie "Revenge of the Bridesmaids".

Even though Whitehead has been incredibly active in her career, she has always found time to instruct others. "I have taught all throughout my career...I've been teaching hard core since 2005 in between my careers, and that's what's kept me sane."

With her students, she doesn't hide the fact of her impressive resume', but she doesn't brag either. "I didn't really focus on the things that I've done because it can be intimidating...I want to be on their level."

An alumni and faculty member of the AMDA (American Musical Dramatic Academy), teaching the arts is a passion for Whitehead. "Growing up in the arts and being in the arts and pursuing a career in the arts got me out to see the world and meet new cultures and new friends and make great relation-

ships."

In her position with AMDA, she judges for the school and can recruit and help with scholarships. "If I see students, especially in high school, that we feel that they need to do this, I'm going to be the one to catapult that."

She encourages everyone to study musical theater. "To be able to be brave and to stand up and sing and talk and not be afraid helps in any field whether it be a doctor, a teacher, etc."

Whitehead commented on her new position, "I love it. I'm so thrilled to be here."

The Cherokee Musical Theater program will present "Shrek: The Musical" from May 10-13 at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center, and Whitehead will be instrumental in working with the production.

"I am thrilled to open these kid's eyes to what the arts can do for them, as a person, in life and how much fun it can be to find the joy in expressing themselves through movement, through voice, through acting," she said. "I can't imagine my life without the arts, and I'm so glad I get to be a part of introducing it to a new group of people."

In an entertainment career that spans nearly 20 years, Whitehead said she's looking forward to consistently being with the students. "I'm really looking forward to the consistency of really being with them from day-to-day and watching their growth and building a program where they're really going to learn all kinds of aspects."

CHS to hold "Short Attention Span Theater"

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f you love musical theater and performances of monologues but don't have the patience to sit through an entire performance, the Cherokee Musical Theater program has an event for you. The students will put on the second annual "Short Attention Span Theater", including acting and musical snippets from various Broadway shows, on Thursday, Nov. 30 at 7pm at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center.

"It's really an opportunity for our kids to spread their wings a little bit with acting beyond just doing the shows," said Michael Yannette, Cherokee High School and Middle School director of choir and musical theater. "The kids really auditioned with these pieces for 'Shrek'. So, it's kind of like a way for them to up their game to do monologues for the first time and to require that if they really wanted to be one of the leads in 'Shrek'

that they prepare a monologue and prepare a song."

He continued, "This gives them an outlet to be able to showcase what they did in order to prepare for the audition. It's going to be really varied. We have classical theater all the way up to contemporary stuff, and it's the first time that our new middle school chorus will sing which is great. We have 42 kids in that group now."

Also that evening, the Cherokee Chamber Singers, who are slated to perform at Carnegie Hall in March 2018, will sing a few songs from the Broadway hit "Dear Evan Hansen".

The doors open for the Nov. 30 show at 6pm, and tickets will be available at the door for \$5.

The Cherokee Musical Theater program will present their third-ever musical performance with a May 10-13, 2018 run of "Shrek: The Musical". More detailed information, such as ticket prices, will be reported for this show at a later date.



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ATTENTION: Cece Lambert sings "Still Hurting" from the musical "The Last Five Years" at last year's inaugural "Short Attention Span Theater" event presented by the Cherokee Musical Theater program. This year's event is set for Thursday, Nov. 30 at 7pm at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center.

New Kituwah Academy Honor Roll – 1st Nine Weeks

Perfect Attendance: Keilani Arch, Kindergarten; Zion Dawkins, Kindergarten; Clarise Queen, Kindergarten; Blaze Crowe, 1st grade; Aria Toineeta, 1st grade; Kiara Sneed, 2nd grade; Mack Burgess, 3rd grade; Samuel Hernandez, 4th grade; Riley Lambert, 4th grade; Mato Grant, 6th grade

A Honor Roll: Kaden Stephens, 3rd grade; Madison Rogers, 3rd grade; Tasia Neadeau, 5th grade; Cecily Swimmer, 5th grade; Addyson Welch, 5th grade; Hailee Velezquez-Lossiah, 5th grade; Kyla Moore, 5th grade; Naomi Taylor, 5th grade

A/B Honor Roll: Mia Velazquez-Lossiah, 3rd grade; Levi

Oocumma, 3rd grade; Mack Burgess, 3rd grade; Samuel Hernan-

dez, 4th grade; Alexis Motola, 4th grade; Riley Lambert, 4th grade; Moke Tafoya, 4th grade, Cameron Jackson, 5th grade; Anasette Cooper, 5th grade; Wauhila Grant, 5th grade; Julissa Staton, 5th grade; Cohen Pheasant, 5th grade; Champ Maney, 6th grade; Mato Grant, 6th grade

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LET'S POW WOW!

The annual New Kituwah Academy pow wow was held on the morning of Thursday, Nov. 16 at the school. (Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather)





















EBCI tribal communities win regional awards

SHEVILLE - The WNC
Honors Awards is built on
a 68-year-old tradition
of recognizing rural community
development clubs for their innovative ideas and grassroots solutions.
Several communities of the Eastern
Band of Cherokee Indians were
honored recently by the organization which covers 15 North Carolina counties and the Tribe.

The Big Cove Community Club and the Big Y Community Club both received the Communities of Promise award which includes a \$1,000 cash award. Winners of this award are chosen because of the initiatives implemented by the community that show promise and can be replicated around the region.

Big Cove was honored for working on plans for a new community center while securing temporary space for community activities and events to continue over the next year. Several other programs of note were Big Smiles for Big Cove, an opportunity to educate children on the importance of proper oral hygiene and their ladies cultural group keeping Cherokee traditions alive through cooking, sewing, beading and quilting. In addition, the community stickball team was celebrated for teaching younger generations this traditional game.

Big Y was recognized for raising grant funds from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation to purchase a metal building, fencing and a tractor. The tractor is a significant piece of equipment to increase their capacity to do backhoe work, snow removal, bush hogging,

see AWARDS next page



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BIG COVE: (left to right) Lumpy Lambert, General Manager of Harrah's Valley River Casino & Hotel, presents an award to Big Cove Community members Lavita Hill, Lisa Hardesty, Lester Hardesty, Cindy West, and Gloria Panther.



BIG Y: (left to right) Big Y members, Gage Welch, Trudy Crowe, Bunsey Crowe, Woochie George, Cindy Crowe, and Reva Brown are shown being presented their award by Craig DeBrew with Duke Energy.



U.S. Navy photo by Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Daja Adams

PROGRAM: Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed spoke at Camp Lejeune on Thursday, Nov. 9 on recognition of Native American Heritage Month. Chief Sneed was invited to present the program to active duty service members interested in learning more about the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. It was a homecoming of sorts for Chief Sneed who was stationed at Camp Lejeune while serving in the United States Marine Corp. He spoke about the history of the Cherokee and the current state of the Tribe. Chief Sneed also presented a tribal flag to the Naval Medical Center staff at Camp Lejeune which hosted and organized the event. Chief Sneed said, "It is important to tell our story throughout the state because so little Native American History is taught in public schools. I was happy to return to Camp Lejeune and speak with the personnel who are serving our country."

AWARDS: Tribal communities win, from page 16

plowing community gardens and numerous other tasks. Big Y was also praised for their youth good grade incentive program, recycling efforts by giving out home recycling bins on Earth day and collaborating with other communities to host suppers to feed approximately 200 firefighters battling fires in the area last fall.

Participating Communities receive a cash award of \$250 each for their successful projects implemented during the past year. Both the Snowbird Community and Towstring received this designation

for the year.

"We should all be grateful for the dedication rural communities put into making the mountains a place we can all be proud to call home." shared Linda Lamp, WNC Honors Program executive director. "For over 68 years, the WNC Honors program has served as an inspiration for continuing and replicating community success."

Sponsorships from Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, Harrah's Valley River Casino & Hotel, Biltmore Farms Inc., Duke Energy, Mission Health, The McClure Fund, First Citizens Bank, Buncombe County Farm Bureau, Carolina Farm Credit, and Wells Fargo brought in a record amount of \$40,500 to award to the 65 community centers and clubs in the region.

Community centers and clubs across the mountain region voluntarily participate in the annual cash awards program by submitting an application to WNC Communities, a nonprofit dedicated to strategies to improve rural community life. The 65 communities involved this year represent over 13,500 volunteers with 173,000 hours in outreach programs dedicated to education, health, conservation and events highlighting the mountain's great art, craft, and music traditions, as

well as collaborative efforts with government, churches, community colleges, nonprofits and small businesses. In addition, the collective fundraising efforts of these communities brought in over \$865,000 for everything from neighbor helping neighbor to food pantries, community gardens, school supplies, senior meal sites, military honorariums, preserving mountain heritage and funds dedicated to the upgrades and maintenance of these rural beacons known as community centers.

- WNC Honors Program

Queen named WX Woman of the Year

New York Women Executives in Real Estate (WX) named Sara Queen its 2017 Woman of the Year at their annual Gala held Thursday, Nov. 16 at The Pierre in New York City. Queen, the daughter of EBCI tribal member Lois Queen, was honored for her accomplishments as a leader in real estate and her contributions to WX.

Queen joined Brookfield Property Partners as senior asset manager, a new position in the company, in 2006. She is responsible for the asset management of Brookfield's U.S. office portfolio, which comprises more than 60 buildings encompassing 45 million leasable square feet in New York City;



Photo courtesy of WX

Sara Queen

Boston; Washington, DC (including suburban Maryland and Virginia); Houston; Denver; Los Angeles; Seattle: and San Francisco.

She is the chief company representative and liaison with co-investors in Brookfield's U.S. Office Fund, Downtown Los Angeles Fund, DC

Core Fund, as well as other joint venture partnerships. She is also responsible for the company's occupancy profile and its annual strategic planning and budgeting activities. Queen oversees Brookfield's lease administration, and previously oversaw Arts Brookfield, its award-winning arts and events group, in addition to serving on the Global Asset Management Committee and the Executive Committee for the U.S. Office Division.

Prior to joining Brookfield, she was senior vice president at Clarion Partners, the New York Citybased real estate management and advisory services firm, in charge of managing a \$1.9 billion portfolio of commercial properties. This in-

cluded 35 offices, industrial, retail and multifamily assets located nationwide. Previously, she worked for Metropolitan Life Insurance, and spent five years with the company in roles of increasing responsibility in the investment and asset management groups.

Oueen holds a master's of business administration degree from Harvard Business School, and graduated cum laude with a bachelor's of arts degree in economics and history from Wellesley College She was named to the prestigious 40 Under 40 list by Crain's NY Business (2008), and was selected as a Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scout Council of Greater NY and a Woman of Influence by Real Estate Forum in 2009 and 2014. She is a member of the Board of Directors for WX (New York Women Executives in Real Estate), Trinity Church (Manhattan), Friends of Governors Island, and Solar One. She is a former trustee of Grace Church School (Manhattan), where she led its efforts to build a high school, and continues to run its real estate committee.

Queen is an adjunct professor at Columbia University's Master of Real Estate Development Program, teaching asset management and property ownership.

The 2017 Woman of the Year Gala will also pay tribute to Alice Connell, a longtime WX member and previous Woman of the Year recipient who passed away recently. She leaves a legacy as a pioneering woman in commercial real estate who was committed to elevating the profiles of women in the industry.

- WX NNY Women Exes. in Real Est.



OBITUARIES



Lucetta Hill Ward

Lucetta Hill Ward, 56, of the Big Cove Community in Cherokee suddenly went home to be with her Savior on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017.

Lucetta was a life-long native of the Big Cove Community of Cherokee. While Lucetta was most recently a Cherokee language teacher, she has been an integral part in many student's lives. Lucetta spent her earlier years teaching in the HeadStart & Childcare programs on the Boundary. She worked at Youngdeer child development, Big Cove Head Start, Dora Reed Head Start, and finally Cherokee Central Schools. Ms. Lucetta, as many of her students called her, was recently honored as a Distinguished Citizen on Ned Long Day. She was chosen because she cared about every single one of her students and loved them like her own. She was also a beloved singer of southern gospel songs that she often translated into the Cherokee Language. She passed on this gift as she taught many students who were part of the traditional singing group of Cherokee Elementary School. She was a member of the Straight Fork Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 33 years, Larry Ward; three children, Consuela B. Girty (husband Jeff) of Cherokee, Toby Ward of Tennessee, and Joseph Ward; 14 Grandchildren; one brother, Calvin Hill; three sisters, Laura Pinnix (husband Keith), Maxine Stigman (husband Gene), and Mary Hill.

Lucetta was preceded in death by her parents, Jacob J. Hill and Golinda Armachain Hill; one brother, Dennis Hill; and two sisters, Jeanette Ward and Rachel "Punkin"

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Nov. 16 at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. Services were officiated by Bruce Weeks, Skeeter Hindman, Lois Orr, and Ann French. Burial was at the Hill Cemetery on Soggy Hill Road in the Big Cove Community. Pallbearers were Eugene Hill, Brandon Ward, Keith Pinnix, Jeff Girty, Dean Hill, and Pat Hill.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Ward family.

Michael Wilson "Mike" McCauley

Michael Wilson "Mike" Mc-Cauley, age 69, of Whittier, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017 at home. He was the husband of Rege McCauley and the son of the late George and Sue McCauley.

He was a retired mental health professional. He was a member of the Cherokee Church of Christ and loved his family dearly.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Rege; one son, Ian (Jessie) McCauley; four grandchildren, Lyric, Dorian, Selena, and Ollie; and two foster daughters, Raven and Rosa. He is also survived by two brothers-in-law, Kevin Ansley and Dave (Mei) Ansley as well as by one aunt, Thelma Cheramy.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 11am at the Cherokee Church of Christ with Jim Sexton officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Cherokee Church of Christ or to a charity of your choice.

The family also wishes to thank Bayada Home Health for their excellent home health services.

An online registry is available at: www.appalachianfuneralservices.com

Appalachian Funeral Services is serving the family.

Melissa Ann Jumper

Melissa Ann Jumper, 41, of the Big Y Community in Cherokee, passed away Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital after a period of declining health.

She is survived by her father, Charles "Hoss" Jumper; step mother Hazel; her children, Dylan West, Daquan Jumper; step brother, Bobby Cucumber; special brothers, Matthew and John Tooni; niece, Kyleigh Porter; nephews, J.C. Porter, Lee Porter, and Robert Porter; aunts, Mary Jumper, Alice Driver, Lucille Blackfox, and Carolyn Driver Tooni (husband Larch); uncles, Ben Swayney (wife Mary), Robert Swayney (wife Kay), and John Norman Driver (wife Linda); special friends, Emma Hull, Sheronda Watty, Tsali Ammons, Heather Cucumber, and Diane Montelongo; and brother-in-law, James Porter.

Melissa was preceded in death by her mother, Jeanette Driver Jumper; one sister, Jacqueline Porter; maternal grandparents, John G. Driver and Nellie Thompson Driver; paternal grandparents, Lily Sampson Wolfe and Alvin Walker Swayney; aunts, Laura Lee Jumper and Nancy Poncho; uncles, Roy Driver, Sr., Joe Driver, and Adam Blackfox.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Nov. 17 at the Rock Springs Baptist Church. Pastors Greg Morgan and James "Bo" Parris officiated. Burial followed at the Driver Cemetery. Special music was provided by Matthew Tooni at the graveside. Pallbearers were Benji Swayney, Bear Driver, David Jumper, Frank Driver, Charlie Blackfox, Tsali Ammons, and David "Chunky" Jumper.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Jumper family.

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Info: Uriah Maney 359-6134 or Sarah Toineeta 359-6132

- Tribal Construction

Derby teams to collect food during Bryson parade

The Smoky Mountain Roller-

girls and the Lil' Nemesisters, the local women's and junior roller derby teams located in Bryson City with members from Jackson, Haywood and Swain counties, will be skating and collecting non-perishable food during the 43rd annual Bryson City Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 2 p.m. The local skaters will be collecting canned goods and staples for the Bryson City Food Pantry.

- Smoky Mountain Rollergirls

Christmas Store info

Family Support Services, located in the Beloved Women's and Children's Building at 73 Kaiser Wilnoty Drive, is taking applications for the 2017 Christmas Store now until Thursday, Nov. 30 at 4:30pm. Info: 359-6092

- EBCI Public Health & Human Services

Handicapped and Disabled Christmas Check program guidelines

All applicants must be EBCI tribal members between the ages of birth to 59 years old and must be handicapped and/or disabled. A statement from Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability (SSD) is required. Doctor's statements will no longer be accepted. Applications must be submitted by Friday, Dec. 1 at 4:30pm. Senior Citizens (age 60 and over) will automatically receive a check. There is no need for seniors to re-apply. Christmas checks will be distributed by Friday, Dec. 15.

Applications can be picked up at the Tribal Council House. Info: Celia Smith 359-7011, cecsmith@nc-cherokee.com

- Office of the Principal Chief

Bear information sought by Fish and Wildlife

Bear season is now open and will run through Sunday, Dec. 31. Please report your take to Cherokee Natural Resources along with the first premolar tooth (or allow them to extract it) to determine age. Freeze or keep other samples on ice that could decompose. If possible, Natural Resources wishes collect a little hair, weight, location, sex and the effort it took to harvest (number of hunters in party and hours put in). There will be a \$500 draw from those that submit samples and information. Submit samples and information at their office at 1840 Painttown Road, next to Cherokee Bingo. Info: 359-6110, ebcifw@ gmail.com

- Cherokee Natural Resources

Senior Citizens Fuel Assistance applications

The EBCI Senior Citizens Program has begun accepting Fuel Assistance Applications.

Applications will be available at Tsali Manor, Snowbird, and John Welch Senior Centers. If you are applying for Electric Heating Assistance, bring a current bill and the last four digits of the Social Security number of the individual whose name the bill is in as well as your EBCI enrollment card. If you do not use the contract companies, it is your and your company's responsibility to get your delivery invoices turned in to the program.

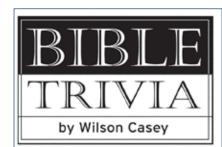
- EBCI Senior Citizens Program

Cherokee Christmas Parade information

The Cherokee Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 5:30pm. This year's theme is "Christmas at Home". Float line-up is from 1:30-4:30pm and

floats will be judged throughout the parade route. Judging will be based on lighting, music, creative, and theme. First place wins \$1,000; second wins \$600, and third wins \$400. The Parade route will begin at the Cherokee Bear Zoo, go through downtown, turn right onto 441 N and take a left at the traffic light by the Museum of the Cherokee Indian and disband behind Oualla Arts and Crafts Mutual, Inc. Parade entry forms, liability release forms, and W-9 forms may be picked up at the Cherokee Welcome Center, and entries will be accepted until Friday, Dec. 8 at 4pm. Info: Josie Long, Parade coordinator, 359-6491, josilong@ nc-cherokee.com: Cherokee Welcome Center 359-6490, travel@ nc-cherokee.com

- Cherokee Welcome Center



- 1. Is the book of 1 Thessalonians in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. To keep Adam and Eve away after the Fall, what did God place around the Tree of Life? Smoking pits, Deep moat, Cherubim with flaming swords, Walking vipers
- 3. In 2 Samuel 12, what personality did God name Jedidiah? David, Amos, Solomon, Joab
- 4. What "type" water did Jesus offer the Samaritan woman at the well? Fresh, Cool, Living, Clean
- 5. From John 10, to what type animals are Christians compared? Camels, Sheep, Lions, Serpents
- 6. Which was a type of food as found in Exodus 16:15 and other verses? Yoke, Manna, Prodigal, Mina

Гіліпg: 5) Sheep; 6) Маппа міть Патіпа swords; 3) Solomon; 4) VASWERS: 1) New; 2) Cherubim Vasting swords; 3) Solomon; 4) Vasting Sheep; 6) Manna Vasting Sheep; 7) Sheep

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It's rope, not dope.

ROBERT JUMPER

ONE FEATHER EDITOR

e, as a community and government, continue to debate the merits of cannabis in its various forms. The plant has its proponents and its detractors.

The detractors claim that cannabis is a gateway drug that will lead to use of more "hardcore" drug use. We are all aware of the challenges that we are facing with opioid abuse. Marijuana has, for decades, been regulated as an illicit drug that will impair judgment to the point of being health- and life-threatening. We have all seen the educational videos like the vintage "The Terrible Truth" film that pro-ported that teenagers of the 1960s were becoming dope zombies (I think the popular term was "drug fiend") who became addicted and enslaved to the "weed".

The main psychoactive component in marijuana is THC (delta-9-tetrahydro-cannabinol). The cannabis plant produces THC, which can be found in the plant's leaves and buds (americanad-dictioncenters.org). There is science to support the premise that cannabis is addictive and produces effects that would impair normal decision-making. Reactions that have been documented include reactions from a sense of euphoria to acute psychosis.

There is a portion of our society that insists that cannabis, properly regulated and prescribed by a physician, will afford relief from pain for a number of chronically- and terminally-ill people. Testimonials for community members at a recent Tribal Council session indicate that there may be a legitimate medical benefit to the prescribing of marijuana for the relief of pain. Some states and municipalities are beginning to regulate and issue permits for the growing of cannabis to be manufactured into a form for consumption, whether that be smoking, vaping, edible foods, tinctures, or ointments. In those areas where cannabis is legal to grow, process, and distribute marijuana, security and compliance is the responsibility of the produc-

er.

There are a number of products that may be made from cannabis. Besides smoking the leaves for pleasure, there are derivative products, such as rope, homeopathic pills and oils that do not share the THC levels that make the leaves so addictive and controversial.

Hemp or cannabis plant rope is made from the fibrous material in the stalk of marijuana plants. This part of the plant does not contain the potent concentrations of the chemicals found in the marijuana leaves and flowers. In one article I read, the author said that attempting to get "high" by smoking or consuming hemp rope would be like getting drunk on O'Doul's (a beverage that tastes like beer but does not have the alcohol content or the content is so low that it is designated as a non-alcoholic beverage).

There is a huge consumer market for hemp products like rope and twine. Chris Bennett, reporter for agweb.com, said, "The sheer size of the hemp market is staggering. The total domestic value of hemp retail products sold in 2015 was \$573 million, according to the Hemp Industries Association. In addition, the US annually imports \$500 million of hemp and hemp-related products, adds Alex Green, GenCanna's head of media and communications. The nutraceutical active ingredient global market is \$20 billion per year, while the pharmaceutical active ingredient global market is \$13 billion per year."

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has discussed the possibility of pursuing either the production of hemp products as a tribal business or allowing tribal entrepreneurs to develop businesses in hemp production. Maybe it is time that we get serious and develop a strategy to implement and capitalize on the earning potential of hemp in Cherokee. It is one of many opportunities to diversify our revenue stream that need cultivating (pardon the pun) for the continued economic success of the Tribe.

Facebook Weekly Question Responses

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

The idea was vetoed previously, but do you feel now would be a good time to re-visit a feasibility study, on behalf of the East-ern Band of Cherokee Indians, on business ventures involving medical cannabis and industrial hemp?

Sharla Wolfe-Vargas: Yes, so people know and understand the difference between the and ebd! There's a lot of different strains available without the the or high feeling, which some people don't understand...due to their closed minds. It's safer than pharmaceuticals. Would you rather have your elders and people eating and happy or sick from their pills and unable to eat? Not only that, it has many other uses, such as creams for arthritis and pain...

Joshua Rory Welch: The Paiute Tribe adopted Section 17. The Paiute Tribe then opened the nation's largest marijuana dispensary. The Paiute Tribe is now making more money than they can count. The Paiute Tribe consists of 100 members. The Paiute's enrolled members will never want or need for anything ever again.

Earl H. Pizumi: Cannabis is a birthright; a natural medicine grown from the land and untainted. To deny this is to deny your heritage.

Ray Stamper: My opinion is the EBCI should be looking into the aspects of medical cannabis especially with the opioid crisis afflicting our Tribe and the nation. Studies

have shown people with cancer have been able to eat and seem to respond better with chemo. The hemp plant industrial implication is becoming a cash crop. Not only would it bring revenue to the Tribe, but it could provide jobs.

Jennifer Rapaich: Absolutely, a study doesn't mean to go ahead and do it. It means to study and see if it's something that would profit a tribe. Cannabis does make a difference in many cases and if it can alleviate some, then I think it's worth a look.

Fallin McCoy Black: Yes. We need the revenue. Colorado has a huge tax surplus. Opiate- and alcohol-related deaths have gone down in legal states, too.

Shell Nelson: I think that allowing medical use now/again and immediately, and decriminilization next, is where we should be heading for the chronically- and terminally-ill people of our Tribe. To allow suffering, when it can be eased, or stopped, is so very wrong. Some might call this a sin based on their compassionate faith...to me, when medical use is on the table for discussion, it's just a no-brainer. End the suffering of others or help ease it? Or, allow and wathc the suffering of others when it actually could be helped, diminished, or completely ended.

Tim Rattler: Yes, stop the systematic alcoholism on natives.

Connie Welch: Don't let the non-enrolled people sway us. Let's move forward with the legalization of this God-given medicine. Our people are suffering from an opiate crisis and there have been many studies regarding the benefits of cannabis. What are we waiting for? We need to

move forward. I support the legalization 100 percent.

Ashley Sessions: Absolutely. I recently lost my aunt to cancer, and during the final stages she was prescribed medical marijuana. It came in the form of a pill. This not only helped her pain, but it also gave her an increased appetite and allowed her to eat. Until you have been in the situation and seen first hand how it works ,then you will never understand.

Theresa Kornafel Desjardins:

Colorado has harvested half a billion dollars in taxes and fees since it legalized recreational weed. Hemp and cannabis create jobs. I have interviewed several people in the industry. The jobs pay above average, they have benefits and 401k plans and insurance provided by the employer. Study the Colorado plan. They have guidelines and rules that make sense. It is a God-given herb. And, in this day in age shouldn't be ignored for it's medical benefits. Like another commenter said, if you've not been there don't judge someone else use. The facts are overwhelming and the Tribe could benefit financially.

Evan Watty: I'm for it as long as the money made off of it doesn't go into per cap checks.

Callie Phillips: Let the people vote on it. Just as with the possibility of alcohol sales. We need to start making decisions for the people by the people; not just Council who may be uneducated on the benefits or have no other objection than "people get high off weed." Look around, everywhere sells alcohol and more and more states are legalizing marijuana. EBCI needs to step up and put its self on the map and strive for our people

rather than just fall through the cracks of vetoed ideas and legislations.

Charmane DuPree: Scripture has quite a bit to say about this... Genesis, Ezekiel, Job, etc. We should all be concerned if this is driven by greed, but i think there is more to it than that. Marijuana and hemp were regulated and legislated to be controlled substances and classified with cocaine. I think we, as a Tribe and Americans, should give it a hard look, study, and think about deregulating it.

Mikhael Mills: Revisit! After having a serious, almost-life-ending car accident back in 2010, I had to have over 13 reconstructive surgeries on my leg. I battled with MRSA for two years. Being 21, they loaded me up and down with morphine/diloded through an IV at my request. After being discharged, I received 120 Oxycodone or Hydrocodone monthly. When the MRSA infection spread, nothing helped my pain...I had a very good friend try to get me to smoke with her, and I never would. I didn't want to be a "pothead". She began to inform me on the benefits of CDB and all the other cannabinoids in "weed." This began to open my eyes. I also suffer from anxiety, depression, borderline personality disorder, eating disorder, ADD, and PTSD. I tried weed again for the first time in 2014 after my accident and honestly I have not stopped smoking since. This being said, (the) only thing I smoked was medical. I can go days where I don't smoke. If I'm just going to be lazy that day. I take care of my family and work. I know my pain is still there but it don't make it so deep into my mind. And, it helps my body and mind reset for all the pain from the day before.

Nina Shell Green: Yes, it is natural from the Earth; better to help with many ailments rather than pharmaceuticals.

Mary Ward: Revisit for elders like me. I have a degenerative disk. Pain meds are a waste of time and money. I also have Parkinson's. I have not found anything that helps yet.

John Reed: I believe any business

venture outside and apart from the casino needs to be looked at. Our casino is celebrating 20 years. We've survived for 20 years, but what about the next 20, 40, and 60 years? To be progressive, we, as a Tribe, need to be aggressive in pursuing and diversifying our revenue stream. The surrounding areas have already taken the ideas that were presented before Council and have taken actions to make these happen. Meanwhile, we're still sitting around twiddling our thumbs discussing whether or not they're going to be profitable. Right decision or wrong decision, one has to be made. We can't keep playing the stop and wait game while the surrounding communities keep growing and we remain the same old Cherokee. Let's take some risks on some ventures while we still have the economic security to do so; be it with medical marijuana and industrial hemp, or alcohol, breweries, and distilleries. Maybe a wildlife adventure park? Maybe purchase a professional sports team or teams? Maybe even the promotion of environmental resources to generate electricity for the members of the Tribe? We have the means and the resources readily available. Let's make something happen!

Bill Rhynes: Controlling a plant is ridiculous; millions of tax dollars wasted. Address real problems like

opiate addictions. Cherokee is full of junkies and pill freaks. Potheads don't bother me.

John Carter: I vote yes. Please reconsider. The EBCI would benefit all the way around.

Keri Brady: I see no reason why this shouldn't be considered. We must find natural ways to healing people without all this chemical man-made medicine, and also I think a proposal for recreational use should also be considered with it being ran by a professional management team like the casino is ran with 30 percent of profits going to tribal members and 30 percent to Tribe and 40 percent back into the buisness. Get er done!

Utsilugi Galandv: The main cause of concern here is the loss of federal funding if we legalize it in some form. It's something that will happen, but in the same breath we could also see more in generated revenue from cannabis than what we receive in yearly grants. It comes down to rolling the dice. Do we take the chance and fail or succeed so wildly that the thought of losing those grants were laughable? I, for one, want to see legalization.

Patricia J. Kilby: Let us accept that medical marijuana might be a help to people in pain or with degenerative diseases.

Richie Wolf: Having legalized marijuana on the Boundary would help address the opioid abuse issue we have. The majority of heroin addicts started off on painkillers that they were prescribed for an injury, and once their script ran out, if they had been abusing their medication, they looked for something to replace that high. Not only can marijuana

be prescribed in place of opiates to treat pain, it can also help people get clean of opiate addiction by curbing cravings and treating any residual pain the individual may be trying to self-medicate.

As far as hemp goes, it's a multi-billion dollar industry. The Tribe needs to be looking for ways to diversify our revenue stream. Hemp is also extremely environmentally-friendly in comparison to wood and cotton for making things like paper and textiles. I think we have a responsibility to be stewards and protectors of the earth. If there is a way that we can help make environmentally friendly products more available to the world, we should be doing it.

Maranda Bradley: As a paraplegic and having to do everything using my shoulders and hands, I would really be able to do more with being able to consume medical marijuana. Pills kill your liver and your brain, but I'm having to take them so I can get through my day. So, I would vote yes to cannabis!

Paul B. Burris: Just what everyone needs; more inebriation...

Henry N Susie Dover: We hope it comes to a vote for the people, and we hope it passes for medicinal purposes. There is much good in this substance that is much safer than many of the prescription drugs given. We feel it's long overdo in need of being leagalized.

Tosh Welch: Yes! Absolutely yes!

Joann Perez: Hey, if it can make money for the Tribe's children, I say ok, but of course not run by the Tribe. It has to be a separate company.

Jatanna Feather: I think so! I've been a medical marijuana patient since 2012. From my experience and from other people's' testimonies, that I've witnessed. So it's a yes for me, mainly because it can treat symptoms of our greatest diseases, diabetes and opioid/heroin addiction. It also treats symptoms of lupus, anxiety, depression, symptoms from medicines like chemo such as nausea and sleep deprivation. But, as a Tribe, we can also benefit economically, In the state of Colorado they tax medical marijuana anywhere from 21.12 percent in Denver and more than that in Durango. If I remember right, I think they taxed recreational users at least 12 percent above that, once the law passed in 2012. As a Tribe, we could benefit tremendously. My suggestion is call Benny Tso.

Boyd Andrew Catt: The black robes made natural medicine's witchcraft which later turned into federal policy. If tribal nations want to act as nations do, they would grow hemp, go solar, and not keep their monies in banks that have genocidal tendencies toward mother earth. Tribal Nations have a choice to move on things without having to ask permission that is good for their people or do they wait and ask Uncle Sam if this is good for Cherokee peoples? That's the better question to ask than if we should legalise it or not.

Selene Phesant: Personally, I see marijuana, as a gateway drug, and yes, I understand that it could have some medical uses, but look down the road what does it do to your minds. Look at the soldiers that used it in Vietnam. What are their after effects? Is it really the best we, as Native Americans, can find to offer?



Cultural Events

Qualla Boundary Historical Society meeting. Nov. 28 at 6:30pm in Ken Blankenship Education and Research Wing of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. This meeting is part of a special lecture series hosted in partnership between the Museum and the WCU Cherokee Studies program. Dr. Lisa Lefler will be the guest speaker. Info: Robin Swayney 497-3481 ext. 1007 or Dawn Arneach 497-3481 ext. 1019

General Events

Big Y Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Nov. 23 at 12:30pm at Big Y Community Club Building. The community will provide turkey,

dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, and green beans. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert.

Swain County Democratic Party Whittier/ Cherokee Precinct meeting. Nov. 28 at 6pm at Birdtown Gym. Agenda items include: Swain County and Qualla Boundary listening sessions, update on headquarters, and voting absentee ballots. All are welcome. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118

Cherokee Community Chorus practice on Thursdays from 6-8pm at Cherokee Baptist Church. The Chorus is practicing for their Christmas Cantata. "We appreciate the Cherokee Baptist Church for letting us practice at their Church on Thursday evenings," Chorus officials noted. "We invite all who are interested to come and join us. If you have family or friends who are interested in the Chorus, please spread the word."

Cherokee Speakers Holiday Lunch. Nov. 28 from 12:30 – 2:30pm at new Cherokee Senior Citizens Center in Robbinsville. All Cherokee speakers are invited to attend. KPEP (Kituwah Preservation and Education Program) will be providing the holiday lunch. You may bring a dessert or side dish. Info: Myrna Climbingbear,

KPEP Community Mobilization coordinator, 359-6406, myrnclim@nc-cherokee.com

10th Annual One-Stop Christmas Shop.

Dec. 2 from 9am – 1pm at Barker's Creek Community Center just off of Hwy. 74 between Cherokee and Dillsboro. Vendors will include: Thirty-One, StampinUp, LuLaRoe, Color Street, Jay Jayce Designs, Brian's Bowls and Jewelry, Perfectly Posh, Pampered Chef and Homemade Christmas Candy by Brittany.

Surviving the Holidays seminar. Dec. 10 from 4-6pm at First Baptist Church of Bryson City. People who have experienced the death of a loved one, as well as separated and divorced people, will benefit with practical holiday survival strategies. A total of 14 leading Christian counselors, authors, and pastors are featured in the print and video materials, purchased from http://www.griefshare.org/holidays. To register, contact Judy Hensley 488-2679 no later than



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Se Habla Español

Nov. 30 to allow time for ordering books and the preparation of holiday goodies and beverages.

4-H Informational Session. Dec. 11 at 5:30pm at EBCI Cooperative Extension Office. Info: Sally Dixon, EBCI 4-H agent, 359-6936

Health/Sports Events

Play for Purple Basketball Tournament.

Nov. 25 at 10am at Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. Three-on-three basketball tournament hosted by the Purple Warrior Foundation in honor of Play For Purple for Epilepsy Awareness Month. \$100 buy-in per team, co-ed teams welcome. Open registration will be held on the day of starting at 9am. You may pick up registration packets at the Tribal Council House. Info: Taylor Wilnoty 269-1994

Free Yoga Class Schedule. Ginger Lynn Welch Complex Community Rooms. Gentle Yoga on Mondays from 12-1pm. All Levels Flow Yoga on Tuesdays from 12-1pm. Both of those classes provide an option to leave at 12:45pm. Evening Yoga on Tuesdays at 5-6pm. Mats and props provided for all classes. No classes on tribal holidays. Sponsored by Cherokee Choices: A Diabetes Prevention Program. Info: Robin 359-6785, robibail@nc-cherokee.com

Upcoming Pow Wows for Nov. 23-26

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.

VFW Veterans Village Pow Wow. Nov. 25-26 in Fort McCoy, Fla. Head Southern Singer: Matt Horse. Info: (352) 207-0105

Kashlynn Jaide Cooper's Birthday Dance.

Nov. 25 at Comanche Community Building in Apache, Okla. MC: Chris White. Head Southern Singer: Ronald Monoessy Jr. No contact information provided.

47th Annual Poarch Creek Indian Thanksgiving Pow Wow. Nov. 23-24 in Atmore, Ala. MC: Juaquin Hamilton. Info: www.poarchcreek-indians-nsn.gov

Community Club Meetings

Big Y Community Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Big Y Community Building. For information on renting the building for your special occasion, call Bunsey Crowe, president, 497-6339 or 788-4879 Rent is \$60/day for gym and community room with \$25 returnable clean-up fee.

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

Birdtown Community Club meets the last Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Community Building. Potluck starts at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6pm. To reserve the building for your special occasion, call Faye McCoy, treasurer, 226-5194 (\$50 fee with \$20 key deposit).

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

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

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

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

Community Groups

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

Support Groups/Meetings

Cherokee Diabetes Support Group. This group, for community members with diabetes or pre-diabetes and their family and friends, meets at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Demonstration Kitchen on the first Tuesday of each month from 4:30-5:30pm. Info: Nilofer Couture, MPH, RD, LDN, CDE, 497-9163 ext. 6459 or Nilofer.Couture@cherokeehospital.org

AA and NA meetings in

Cherokee. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): Tuesdays at 7pm at Cherokee Indian Hospital (CIH), Saturdays at 10am at CIH conference room Narcotics Anonymous (NA): Mondays at 8pm at CIH, Thursdays at 8pm at CIH, Fridays at 7pm at CIH ence room

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

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

Mondays

Safety WRAP: 9 -10am

Cherokee Culture: 11:15am - 12:30pm

Still Waters: 2-3pm **Family Support: 5-6pm

Tuesdaus

Native Plants: 8:30-10:30am

Employment Skills: (second and fourth Tuesdays

11am -12pm)

Taming Salolis (Squirrels): 11am – 12pm

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

Wednesdays

Safety WRAP: 9-10am

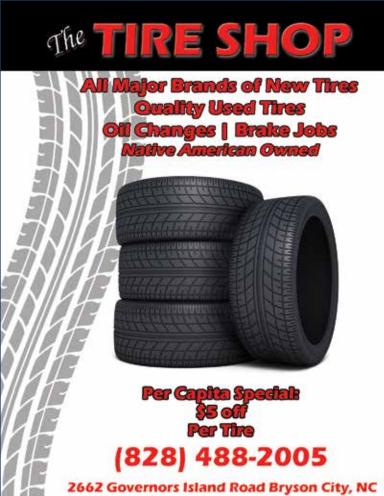
Strong Hearts Women's Group: 11am – 12pm

Healthy Boundaries: 1-2:30pm

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

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

**HIV/AIDS/Hep C Support Group: (second and





fourth Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm)

Thursdays

**Life Recovery: 8:30-9:30am Connections (Brene' Brown): 10:30-11:45am Finding Tohi (Peace/Balance): 1-2pm

Uncle Skills Men's Group: 3-4pm

Fridays

Creative Recovery: 9:30 am - 12pm Cherokee Language and Culture: 1-2:30pm

Popcorn and a Movie: 2:30-4pm Info: Analenisgi Recovery Center 497-6892.

Times and dates may be subject to change.

CIHA Bariatric Support Groups

meet every second Thursday of the month at Snowbird Clinic from 11am – 12pm (Chrystal Frank) and every second Thursday of the month at Cherokee Indian Hospital from 12-1pm (Nilofer Couture) and 4:30-5:30pm (Linda Johnson). Groups are led by registered dieticians. Info: CIHA Nutrition Dept. 497-9163 ext. 6459

Cherokee Cancer Support

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

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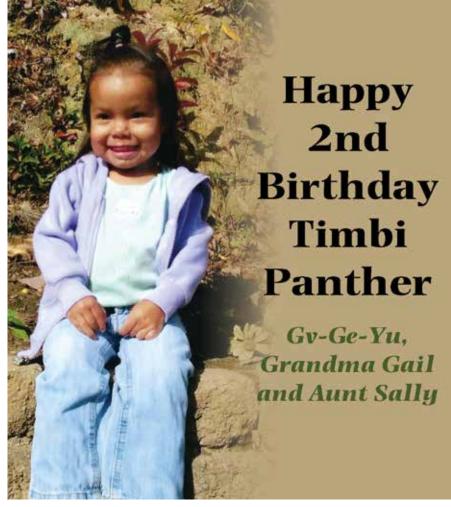
Cherokee Speakers Group Holiday Lunch November 28, 2017

The Cherokee Speakers Group holiday lunch will be held at the New Cherokee Senior Citizens Center located at 157 Jackson Branch, Robbinsville, NC.

All Cherokee Speakers are invited to attend. KPEP will be providing the holiday lunch. However, speakers may bring a dessert to go with the meal or if there is something they prefer to add to the meal they may bring a covered dish of their choice. We look forward to seeing our Cherokee Speakers for lunch.

The holiday lunch will be from 12:30-2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2017

For more information contact: Myrna Climbingbear, KPEP Community Mobilization Coordinator at 359-6406 or email her at myrnclim@nc-cheorkee.com





The First Step Home Loan Program offers enrolled members the opportunity to become homeowners with a ten year, 0% fixed interest rate mortgage loan, Mobile nomes will be sold on a first come, first serve basis and must meet the following requirements:

- Eligible to receive semi-annual per capita gaming distribution
- Applicant must not have any outstanding debt with EBCl or Qualla Housing.
- Have home site prepared to include, survey, land transfer, and site prepapplication complete.
- Must reside on trust land

Applicants must apply at the HCD Office located at 756 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. For more information, please contact Tina Larch, Homebuyer Services Coordinator at 828-359-6912; finalarc@nc-cherokee.com.

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Trading Post

BUYING

Buying Ginseng – NC Licensed, Wild Ginseng Dealer will pay high price for quality wild root. (828)524-7748. 11/30

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

FOR SALE

The Lambert Tapes – Volume
Three. This third volume completes
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historian, Carl Glenn Lambert. The book is a unique collection and preservation of Carl's personal stories and historical accounts of Cherokee history. The book is available in E-book and hardback copies from Lulu.com, Amazon, and other leading book sellers. Autographed copies are available for less cost directly from the author, Barnett R. Wilson, 6536 Dwightware Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28227. \$36 includes mailing. Note, copies of Volumes One and Two are also available for the same price. 11/23

LAND FOR SALE – Blackrock Creek Community; Great home sites and acreage available 15 minutes from Harrah's casino. 1.6 to 9 acre tracts just outside the Reservation in Jackson County, NC. Seller financing available at great terms. Contact Bruce Nelson (954) 232-8375. 1/24pd

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Haier, ventless, washer/dryer combo, model 1600. One machine does both jobs and it can be used as a portable, great for small spaces. All hoses needed included, paid \$900 will sacrifice for \$350. It is in excellent condition, gently used and would make a great Christmas present. Call 488-6295. 11/30

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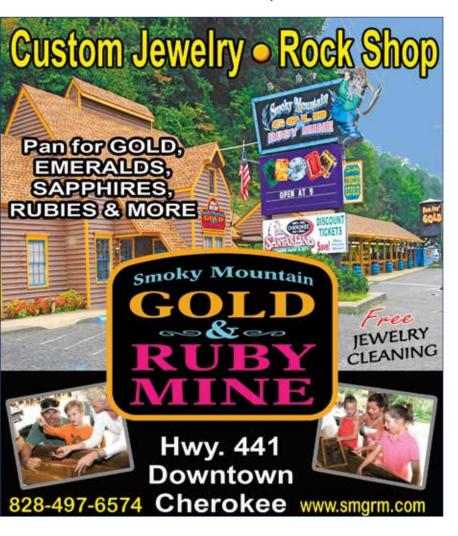
LOST: Gold Siberian Husky, answers to Bella, last seen in the Birdtown Community. She has an appointment with the veterinarian. Reward offered. Info: 788-5300 or (828) 421-5015

YARD SALES & EVENTS

10th Annual One-Stop Christmas Shop. Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9am – 1pm at Barker's Creek Community Center just off of Hwy. 74 between Cherokee and Dillsboro. Vendors will include: Thirty-One, Stampin-Up, LuLaRoe, Color Street, Jay Jayce Designs, Brian's Bowls and Jewelry, Perfectly Posh, Pampered Chef and Homemade Christmas Candy by Brittany. Stop by to shop and register to win prizes, 11/30

Jan's 2017 Christmas Bazaar, Tuesday, Nov. 30; and December 1, 8 – 4:30, Fairgrounds Building. School children attending - Thursday, Elementary – am, Middle – pm, Info. Only! Jan (828) 497-2037. 11/30

November 24 and 25, December 1 and 2, 50 Bryson Street, Bryson City past Joe's Laundromat 8:30am to 2pm. Oil Lamps, cast iron, knives, chop saw, 8'step Ladder, 32' ext. ladder, cookware, tools all kinds, electric wheel chair. 488-8951, 11/30



Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the deadline for the Nov. 30 issue of the One Feather will be moved to Monday, Nov. 27 at 10am.



Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

- •Elementary Teacher Must have valid NC Teaching license.
- Middle School Language Arts
 Teacher Must have valid
 NC Teaching license.
- **Substitute Custodian** Requires HS diploma or GED.

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

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Closing Friday, December 08, 2017

- Education Program Specialist Higher Education and Training CERS (\$31,078 -\$38,848)
- 2. Laborer H.E.L.P. Snowbird/Cherokee Co. Services (\$23,616 \$29,520)
- 3. Alcohol Law Enforcement Agent CIPD Public Safety (\$45,018 \$56,273)
- 4. Housekeeper I Light Duty Housekeeping Operations (\$21,484 \$26,855)
- 5. Equipment Operator CDOT Operations (\$34,112 \$42,640)
- 6. Civil Engineering Inspector CDOT Operations (\$41,082 \$51,353)
- 7. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant Kituwah CERS (\$25,830 \$32,288)
- 8. Early Childhood Language Specialist Kituwah CERS (\$31,078 \$38,848)
- 9. Early Childhood Supervisor Kituwah CERS (\$45,018 \$56,273)
- Computer Specialist I.T. Office of Information Technology (\$41,082 \$51,353)
- Behavioral Change Specialist Cherokee Choices PHHS (\$34,112 \$42,640)
 Closing Friday, December 01, 2017
- Office Assistant Education and Training CERS (\$25,830 \$32,288)
- 2. Transportation Coordinator Transit Administration (\$31,078 \$38,848)
- Community Health Representative Snowbird Community Health Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (\$23,616 - \$29,520)

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EMPLOYMENT

The TERO office has the following job listings:

TERO Director

TERO Employment Manager

Resumes will be accepted in lieu of applications. Job descriptions are available at the TERO Office, Monday – Friday from 7:45am – 4:30pm. For more information, please call (828) 359-6521. The positions are open until filled. Indian preference does apply. 11/23pd

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

CNA CLERK –Inpatient (Night Shift)
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Receptionist Clerk (2 Positions)
Billing Technician II (2 Positions)
Dental Assistant II
LPN – Behavioral Health

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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 17-065

In the Matter of the Estate of Jose Martinez Jr.

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 DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION

Jose Martinez Sr., P.O. Box 44, Cherokee, NC 28719. **11/23pd**

Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 17-066

In the Matter of the Estate of Megan Judi Terrell

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

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

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

Suzanne Terrell, P.O. Box 2882, Cherokee, NC 28719. **11/30pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
The Cherokee Court
Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File Nos.: EST 94-09; EST 10-08:

EST 12-069; EST 13-004; EST 13-015:

EST 13-017; EST 13-018

In the Matter of the Estates of:
Frances B. Parker (d. 03/04/1994);
Ronnie Sevier Huskey (d. 02/05/2010);
James David Griffin (d.

09/04/2012);

Clifford Gerard Parker (d.

12/01/2012); Jonathan Arch (d. 06/18/2012); Tsa ni A li ti sqi Youngdeer (d. 12/01/2012);

Martha Ann Ross (d. 02/15/2013)
All persons, firms, or corporations having outstanding claims or interest in these estates are hereby notified of a hearing to settle the above named estates at the following date and time or be barred from making any further claims against the estate.

EBCI Justice Center
December 20, 2017 at 1:30pm
12/14pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 17-067

In the Matter of the Estate of Samantha Renee Larch

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

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

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

William D. Larch III, 2093 Old #4 Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **12/14pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 17-068

In the Matter of the Estate of Joan Jacobs

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



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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION

Sandra Owle, P.O. Box 1646, Cherokee, NC 28719. **12/14pd**

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF GENERAL CONTRACTORS

The Eastern Band of Cherokee In-

dians is soliciting Qualifications from General Contractors for the construction of the Highway 19 Apartments and Community Building, a 60-unit apartment project in Cherokee, NC. The scope of work will consist of, but is not limited to, the construction of all aspects of the building and its grounds. Pre-Qualification forms are due to the EBCI Housing and Community Development Department office by 4:30 PM on December 8, 2017. The office is located at 756 Acquoni Road Cherokee, North Carolina 28719.

Pre-Qualification forms may be

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You've let yourself be distracted from what's really important. But love finally gets your attention this week. However, it comes with a challenge that could create a problem.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Be careful not to bully others into following your lead. Best advice: Persuade, don't push, and you'll get the cooperation you need to move forward with your plans.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Resist the urge to gloat now that you've proved your detractors wrong. Instead, charm them back into your circle. Remember: A former foe can become your best ally.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might want to claim all the credit for making this holiday season special. But is it worth producing a lot of hurt feelings by rejecting offers of help? Think about it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Ignore a co-worker's questionable behavior. Instead, put your energy into making your own project special. Then sit back and purr over your well-deserved applause.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might not want to accept those suggested changes in your workplace. But don't chuck them out before you check them out. You could be happily surprised.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your holiday planning might have to take a back seat for a bit so that you can handle a problem with a friend or family member. Your schedule resumes by the 9th.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Relationships in general benefit during the early part of the week, including in the workplace. Also expect some overdue changes in a personal situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) "Prudence" should be your watchword this week. Best not to be too open about some of the things that are currently happening in your life.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Money is on your mind, so you'd best mind how you're spending it. Take another look at that holiday budget and see where you can make adjustments.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Resolving to revive an old friendship could open some old wounds. Are you sure you want to risk that? Think this through before making a commitment.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your need to know more about a new friend could lead to some startling revelations. Best advice: Keep an open mind about what you learn until all the facts are in.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your loyalty to friends makes you a very special person to those whose lives you've touched.

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obtained from Thomas W. Saunooke at the Housing and Community Development office, (828) 359-6903, thomsaun@nc-cherokee.com.

Each bidder must show evidence that it is licensed under Chapter 87 of the General Statutes of North Carolina. The project will require the General Contractor provide a Performance Bond. 11/30pd

The following people have documents to sign at Qualla Housing Authority.

See Maceta Bradley or Charlene Owle to sign documents.

Birdtown Community: Carmen

Marie Tooni Davis, Annie Pearl Locust, James Richard George, Susanne Bigmeat Brady, Thomas Leslie Lambert

Wolfetown Community: Janet Jessie Walkingstick, Mary Helen Bird, Cheryl Darlene Reed, Leah Joe Cucumber, Genevieve George, Tammie Lynn Ledford

Painttown Community: Karen Bernice Reagan Gibson, Donna Eugenia Arch

Big Cove Community: Reva Claudine Sequoyah

Snowbird Community: Sheldon Allen Rattler

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