



Tribal Court issues ruling on pay raise lawsuit

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## AMERICAN HERO HONORED

Statue honoring Charles George unveiled in Asheville Pages 2-3 "PFC George's **indomitable courage**, consummate devotion to duty, and willing self-sacrifice reflect the highest credit upon himself and uphold the finest traditions of the military service." - excerpt from Medal of Honor citation for PFC George



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather **AMERICAN HERO:** A life-size statue of PFC Charles George, an EBCI tribal member and Medal of Honor recipient, was unveiled at the Charles George VA Medical Center in Asheville on Saturday, Sept. 24.

## **AMERICAN HERO HONORED**

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SHEVILLE – James Spratt had a dream to sculpt an American hero. He fulfilled his dream. Spratt, a U.S. Navy veteran and long-time patient at the Charles George VA Medical Center (CG-VAMC), was the sculptor on a project to immortalize PFC Charles George, an EBCI tribal member and Medal of Honor Recipient.

That project came to fruition as the life-size

statue of PFC George was unveiled at the Center named in his honor on Saturday, Sept. 24 – sadly, the same day that Spratt passed away after a long, courageous fight with cancer.

"What a privilege is it to honor a true American hero in such a memorable way," said Cynthia Breyfogle, CGVAMC director. "I was both thrilled and humbled when I first heard that we would receive this statue. The legacy of Charles George was, and still is, an inspiration and influence beyond his local community. His courage and example join those of other brave men and women, past and present, who have answered the call when their country needed them."

PFC George, one of only 28 American Indians to receive the Medal of Honor, threw himself on an enemy grenade, saving his comrades at the expense of his own life on Nov. 29, 1952 near Songnae-dong, Korea.

Warren Dupree, Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143, was a member of the Charles George Memorial Fund Project Committee. On Saturday, he had the duty of informing the crowd that Spratt had passed away at his hospice care facility moments before the unveiling ceremony was to begin.

Dupree told of Spratt's vision to create a Charles George statue and told of their journey to get it to fruition. "He wanted to thank the namesake of this true hero for the wonderful treatment he received while he was here – the kindness, the care...he wanted to thank the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Charles George Memorial Project Committee for their kindness in helping him make his dream come true. He wanted to give back, and this was his way of paying back to the veterans of the United States Armed Forces and the staff and members of this facility."

Principal Chief Patrick Lambert spoke during Saturday's event and praised Spratt for his artistic vision and his heart. "He created this clay model, his last act of artistry for all the world to behold. James faced his own battles, and even through his sickness, he did this in a selfless and honorable fashion."

Chief Lambert went on to speak of selflessness and leadership – qualities he said were possessed by both PFC Charles George and Spratt. "All people in all communities should come to learn what these values mean and also strive to practice these traits that these two men, Mr. James Spratt and Mr. Charles George, have so clearly demonstrated."

He added, "Being brave isn't hard. It's about doing the right thing at the right time regardless of the consequences, and that's exactly what Charles George did. Because with every choice, there is a consequence, and when the choice was made by Charles George, he inspired many, including me, to fulfill the values he exhibited of love, hope, and duty. He is a great hero."

Director Breyfogle was joined in unveiling the statue by Chief Lambert and several members of PFC George's family including his niece, Patty Buchanan, and his nephew, Kevin George.

In honor of PFC George and the pride he held in his Cherokee heritage, many EBCI tribal members were featured throughout the program. Singers from the New Kituwah Academy opened the program with the "Cherokee Morning Song". Then, the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 Color Guard presented the colors for the day after which Miss Cherokee Taran Swimmer sang the "Cherokee National Anthem".

EBCI Beloved Man Jerry Wolfe, a World War II Navy veteran, gave the opening prayer, and EBCI Beloved Woman Myrtle Driver gave the closing prayer.

Members of the Warriors of Anikituwah helped open the program, and then performed an Honor Dance for PFC George immediately following the unveiling.

A second statue has been fired and will be unveiled in Cherokee on Friday, Nov. 11 at the Cherokee Veterans Park adjacent to the Cherokee Tribal Council House.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather **PROUD NIECE:** With Cynthia Breyfogle (right), Charles George VA Medical Center director, looking on, Patty Buchanan, George's niece, touches the Medal of Honor medal on the bronze statue.



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**HONORING:** Following the unveiling, the Warriors of Anikituwah led an Honor Dance for Charles George. Shown (left-right) are Bullet Standingdeer, Bo Lossiah, First Lady Cyndi Lambert, Sonny Ledford, and Teen Miss Cherokee BLake Wachacha.

## Pay raise lawsuit dismissed in Tribal Court

#### SCOTT MCKIE B.P. ONE FEATHER STAFF

lawsuit brought by a citizens group, comprised of members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, concerning pay raises for Tribal Council representatives has been dismissed in Cherokee Tribal Court. Temporary Associate Judge Sharon Tracey Barrett cited a lack of standing by the plaintiffs and a "failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted" in her six-page ruling.

The lawsuit was filed in October 2015 by a group known as the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for Justice & Accountability (EBCI-JA). Resolution No. 261 (2014), passed on Oct. 14, 2014, was the main point of contention in the lawsuit. That legislation approved the FY2015 EBCI tribal budget and included pay raises for the members of Tribal Council which the EBCIJA alleges is in violation of Section 117-15(a) which states, "Pav increases for the Tribal Council members shall not exceed the amount appropriated in that fiscal year for Tribal employees. These pay increases shall not take effect until the next elected Tribal Council members are seated ... "

Six Motions to Dismiss were subsequently submitted to the

Tribal Court by the defendants and were discussed in open court on Wednesday, June 8, 2016. There were various reasons for dismissal listed ranging from sovereign immunity to the plaintiff's lack of standing.

Judge Barrett wrote that the issue of standing, or who can sue in Cherokee Courts, is not clearly stated in "law, custom, tradition, or precedent" so she had to look to federal law. In her ruling, she stated, "...Plaintiff claims only that its members have the same personal stake that every other enrolled member of the Tribe shares concerning the tribal coffers, i.e., a general hope that the Tribe might spend these tribal funds in a way that could benefit them. This is not the kind of concrete, particularized injury in fact that is required for standing. Rather, this argument is very similar to claims put forth in a long line of federal cases where people suing in their capacity as citizens or taxpayers have sought to challenge the constitutionality of congressionally-authorized expenditures."

She continued, "In cases factually similar to this one, courts have uniformly rejected constitutional challenges to congressional pay raises whenever plaintiffs assert standing to sue in their capacity as citizens or taxpayers, as Plaintiff's members do here."

Judge Barrett summed up the standing issue by writing, "Plaintiff has not alleged that its members have a sufficient personal stake to challenge the budget resolution at issue in this case. As Plaintiff's members would not have standing to sue Defendants themselves, Plaintiff lacks the requisite associational standing to sue on their behalf."

In addressing the other grounds for dismissal, Judge Barrett wrote, "Other obstacles to Plaintiff's claims were presented, including the immunity defenses asserted by Defendants who were sued because they are current or former officers and/or employees of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. However, having concluded that the Plaintiff's Complaint must be dismissed for the reasons discussed above, the court need not address the other grounds for dismissal asserted by the Defendants."

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Meghann K. Burke, Asheville-based attorney for the plaintiffs in the case, said after the dismissal ruling, "We respect and are disappointed with the Court's ruling dismissing our lawsuit on standing grounds. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for Justice & Accountability proudly stands on the values, customs, and traditions of the Cherokee people, as well as clearly established law recognizing associational standing, in asserting a legal injury as a result of the wrongs committed by current and former elected officials."

She added, "The arguments raised in court did not deny that these elected officials violated tribal law."

The defendants were represent-

ed by Carleton Metcalf of the Van Winkle Law Firm in Asheville. A request for comment from him was unanswered by press time. Background

Named in the original lawsuit were former Principal Chief Michell Hicks and former Vice Chief Larry Blythe. Also, the following are named as defendants in the lawsuit and are being sued in their individual capacity: former Tribal Council Chairwoman Terri Henry, Tribal Council Chairman Bill Taylor, former Birdtown Rep. Gene "Tunney" Crowe Jr., Yellowhill Rep. Alan B. Ensley, Birdtown Rep. Albert R. Rose, Painttown Rep. Virginia Lee Bradley (Tommye) Saunooke, former Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell, Cherokee County - Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha, former Yellowhill Rep. David Wolfe, former Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Diamond Brown (now deceased), former Tribal Council Chairman James "Jim" Owle, former Wolftown Rep. Michael Parker, and former Big Cove Rep. James "Bo" Taylor. Former EBCI Deputy of Finance Kim Peone was named in the original lawsuit but was substituted for Eric Sneed, current EBCI Secretary of Finance, who is now in that position.

Wolftown Rep. Bo Crowe was the only one to vote against Res. No. 261 with Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy and Vice Chairman Brandon Jones both being absent. None of those three representatives were named in the suit.

According to records from the EBCI Office of Budget and Finance

that were attached to the official court documents filed in the original suit, the pay for the Tribal Council Chairman increased from \$75,000 to \$86,400. The pay for the Vice Chairman increased from \$72,500 to \$83,500, and the pay for the other Tribal Council representatives increased from \$70,000 to \$80,600. The court document alleges that defendants Taylor, Brown, Owle and Parker all received "one-time lump-sum payments".

The EBCIJA sought a waiver of sovereign immunity through Res. No. 47 (2015) to pursue this lawsuit, but that measure was killed by Tribal Council on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2015.



#### DRIVER FAMILY REUNION

OCTOBER 1, 2016 11:00AM - 2:00PM

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A Driver family reunion will be held at the Collins Creek Picnic Area on Saturday, Oct. 1 beginning at 11am until 2pm. Please bring your old family photos to share with everyone.

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#### Tribal Council Results – Thursday, Sept. 8

Note: The following results and votes are from count sheets provided to the One Feather from the TOP Office.

Vetoed Ord. No. 153 – Office of Governmental Ethics – VETOED/ UPHELD

Res. No. 193 – Recognition of the will of Flora Parker Ferguson (d) – WITHDRAWN

Vetoed Ord. No. 290-Tribal Employment Rights Office declared as an independent organization – VETOED/OVERRODE

Res. No. 306 – Request for Cherokee Studies Program – WITH-DRAWN

Res. No. 316 – Office of Internal Audit and Audit Committee – PASSED (Unanimous vote)

Res. No. 317 – Applications for Enrollment – Tabled for work session

Res. No. 318 – Rights granted when a possessory holding is issued - Tabled for work session

Ord. No. 319 – Term limits for Principal Chief and Vice Chief -PASSED (Unanimous vote)

Ord. No. 320 – Hunting and Fishing – PASSED

Ord. No. 321 – Power and Duties of the Judicial Branch - Tabled for work session

Ord. No. 322 - Merging of two regulatory agencies - Tabled for work session

Vetoed Res. No. 330 - Rescinding of Res. 49 (2016) - 638 contracting of BIA Realty and Forestry -VETOED/UPHELD

Res. No. 331 – Projects to be brought back before Tribal Council for approval - TABLED

Vetoed Move to Investigate Personnel Issues - Move to investigate hiring and firing - VETOED/OVER-RODE

Ord. No. 359 - Amendment to Ord. 410 (02) – CIHA Governing Board - DEEMED READ AND TABLED

Ord. No. 360 - Lobbyists and Outside Legislation - DEEMED READ AND TABLED

Ord. No. 361 - Maternity and Paternity Leave - DEEMED READ AND TABLED

Ord. No. 362 - Retaliatory Employment - DEEMED READ AND TABLED

Ord. No. 363 – Nullifying Schedule VI and associated civil penalty fines - DEEMED READ AND TABLED

Res. No. 364 – Tribal Council grants Brad Parker right-of-way over Becks Branch Road - WITH-DRAWN

Res. No. 365 – Cherokee Boy's Club Board of Directors - PASSED (Unanimous vote)

Res. No. 366 - Extension for Management Agreement with NIGC-PASSED

Res. No. 367 – Adam Hoffman is granted permission to carry out research project - PASSED (11 for, Junaluska abstain)

Res. No. 368 – Members of Audit Committee to serve staggered terms - PASSED (Unanimous vote)

Item No. 22 – Recognition of heirs of Janice Eileen Rogers Killian (d) -HOLD UNTIL OCTOBER

Res. No. 369 - Right-of-way granted without signatures of Tammy Queen, Stuart Crowe, and Sylvester Crowe – PASSED (Unanimous vote)

Res. No. 370 – Recognition of the heir of Henry Ruble Dunlap (d) -PASSED (11 for, Smith absent)

Res. No. 371 - Last Will and Testament of Larry Edward McMillan (d) - PASSED (11 for, Smith absent)

Res. No. 372 - Agricultural Center on Qualla Boundary - PASSED (11 for, Smith absent)

Res. No. 373 - Resolution requesting that two vans be returned to the senior citizens of Snowbird and Cherokee County - PASSED (10 for, Lossiah against, McCoy abstain)

Res. No. 374 – Christmas Check guidelines - AMENDED/PASSED (Unanimous vote)

Res. No. 375 – Victoria Frankiewicz be allowed to transfer property to **Quinton Frankiewicz - PASSED** (Unanimous vote)

Res. No. 376 - Last Will and Testament of Iva Lee Wright George (d) – PASSED (Unanimous vote)

Res. No. 377 - Last Will and Testament of Martha Byrd Queen (d) - PASSED (Unanimous vote)

Res. No. 378 - Recognition of heirs of Bascom Queen (d) - PASSED (Unanimous vote)

Res. No. 379 - Recognition of heirs of Charles Stephen Queen (d) -AMENDED/TABLED

Res. No. 380 - Budget Amendment, Eligibility Services - PASSED (Unanimous vote)

Res. No. 381 - Budget Amendment, SHIP - PASSED (Unanimous vote)



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#### FOOTBALL Braves fall to Bulldogs in conference opener

#### SCOTT MCKIE B.P. ONE FEATHER STAFF

**URPHY** – Cherokee (3-3) went to .500 on the season as they traveled to Murphy on Friday, Sept. 23. The Bulldogs (5-1) topped the Braves, riddled with injuries in several key positions, by a score of 42-13.

Tye Mintz, Braves junior quarterback, was 1 of 4 passing for 8 yards on the night. Isaiah Evans led Cherokee on the ground with 13 rushes for 34 yards and 1



**GET ME THAT:** Cherokee's Holden Straughan (#20), Braves junior outside linebacker, strips the ball from a Murphy running back while being blocked by Luke Newton, Bulldogs senior guard. touchdown. Holden Straughan caught 2 passes on the night, including one 12-yard touchdown, for 59 total yards. Cade Mintz also played in the quarterback position, but stats were unavailable for him at press time. Other Cherokee receivers included: George Swayney 2 rec for 37 yards and Cade Mintz 1 rec for 2 yards.

Murphy's Joey Curry connected on 8 of 13 passes for 108 yards, and 1 touchdown. Slade McTaggart led the Bulldogs with 5 rushes, 58 yards and 2 touchdowns. Murphy garnered 19 first downs to Cherokee's 15.

Straughan led Cherokee defensively with 7 tackles followed by Will Davis 5. Tye Mintz, Anthony Toineeta, and Damion Blanton had 4 each.

Cherokee got the ball to start this contest. They began at their own 9-yard line, but were held by the Murphy defense and forced to punt after a three-and-out.

The Bulldogs began their first possession on their own 41-yard line. Their 8-play drive culminated in a 1-yard touchdown run by K.J. Allen. Joey Helton's point-after kick was good and Murphy led the Braves 7-0 with 6:54 left in the first quarter.

Both defenses held strong as each team had to punt on their next possessions.

Cherokee began their third possession on their own 30-yard line and put in five plays. They ended up having to punt the ball away after taking a little over a minute off the clock.

Murphy took over on the Cherokee 43-yard line and were off and running with McTaggart putting in a 26-yard run on first down. Their 4-play drive was topped off with a 2-yard touchdown run by McTaggart. Helton added the extra point to make it 14-0 Bulldogs with 22 seconds left in the first quarter. After beginning on their own 20-yard line on their fourth possession, Cherokee took the game into the second quarter, but had to punt after about two minutes and four plays.

Murphy took over on the Cherokee 30-yard line and put together a 4-play drive that ended with Kadrian McRae running the ball in for a touchdown from the 5-yard line. Helton's point-after kick was good, and the Bulldogs led the Braves 21-0 with 8:43 left in the second quarter.

Cherokee was held to a threeand-out on their fifth possession of the game that began on their own 20 yard line. They punted the ball away and Murphy started out their next possession on the Cherokee 31-yard line. They put another six points on the board after three plays and a 16-yard touchdown run by McTaggart. The point-after kick by Helton was good, leaving the score at 28-0 in favor of the Bulldogs.

Cherokee's sixth possession took about two minutes off of the clock, but the Braves were held to another three-and-out after starting on their own 20-yard line. They punted the ball back into Murphy territory and forced the Bulldogs to set up shop at the Murphy 23-yard line.

Murphy started their sixth possession with a 27-yard run for a first down by McRae and ended it with a 15-yard pass from Curry to Colton Posey for a touchdown. Helton's point-after kick was good and the Bulldogs led the Braves 35-0 with 1:26 left in the half – a lead they would take into halftime.

Due to NCHSAA rules, the clock ran continuously due to the score differential in the second half. Murphy got the ball first, beginning at



**UPSIDE DOWN IS FINE:** Cherokee's Isaiah Evans goes into the end zone upside-down and backwards as he scores on a 4-yard run in the third quarter.

the Braves' 48-yard line. They put together two quick pass plays and set up a first and goal on the 5-yard line. Cherokee's defense pushed them back to the 10-yard line, but Ian Davis found a hole and ran the ball in 10 yards for the touchdown. Helton put up another good point-after kick, and the score was 42-0 in favor of the Bulldogs.

Cherokee began their first possession of the second half at their own 33-yard line. Cade Mintz got the 10-play drive going with a 25yard pass to George Swayney for a first down. A few plays later, with 19.6 seconds left in the third, Evans ran the ball in from four yards out for a touchdown. The point-after kick by Toineeta was good, leaving the score at 42-7 in favor of Murphy.

Cherokee's defense held the Bulldogs to a three-and-out on Murphy's next possession. The Bulldogs got the ball back quickly, though, after Cherokee fumbled the ball on the kickoff and it was recovered by Murphy's Trae Carson. Murphy set up shop on their own 47-yard line, but were forced to punt once again after Cherokee's defense held them to another threeand-out. With 2:26 left in the game, Cherokee began on their own 22-yard line and got their passing game going. Cade Mintz threw the ball 18 yards to Blake Smith on first down, then 46 yards to Straughan on the next play. The following play, Mintz threw the ball 12 yards again to Straughan for a touchdown as time expired. The final score was Murphy 42, Cherokee 13.

The Braves have a bye this week and will be at home against the Swain Co. Maroon Devils on Friday, Oct. 7 at 7:30pm.

#### **JV FOOTBALL**

## **Murphy tops Braves on Homecoming Night**

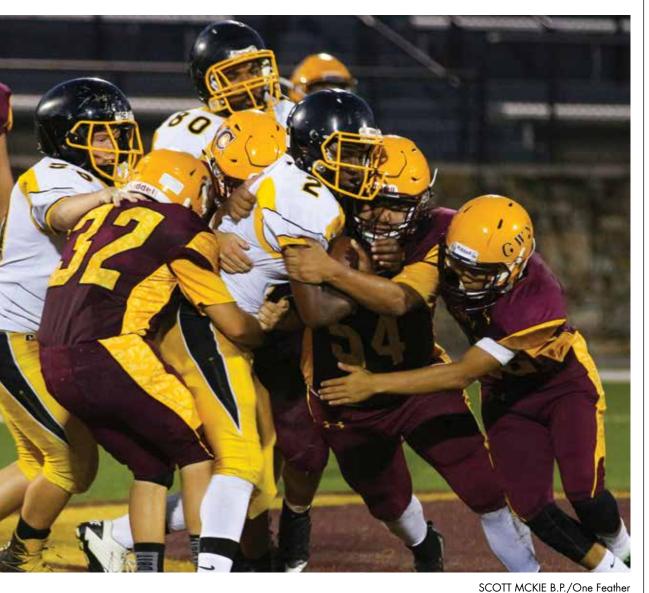
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he Cherokee JV Braves (1-3) fell to the Murphy JV Bulldogs by a score of 50-28 during Homecoming Night at Ray Kinsland Stadium on Thursday, Sept. 22. On paper, the game was very close with both teams having two turnovers (1 interception and 1 fumble) each. Cherokee had 20 first downs in the game and Murphy had 21.

In all, there were 11 touchdowns scored between the two teams. Bobby Crowe, JV Braves quarterback, threw three touchdown passes including two to Jaden Welch (9 and 59 yards) and a bomb to Sterling Santa Maria for 81 yards. Justice Dorsey scored three rushing touchdowns for the Bulldogs on runs of 34, 82, and 57 yards.

The Braves were led defensively by Derrick Thomas with 12 tackles followed



**GROUP TACKLE:** A host of Braves, led by Derrick Thomas (#54) and Ayden Evans (#32) tackle Murphy's Devonte Murray during a game at Cherokee on Thursday, Sept. 22. Thomas led Cherokee with 12 tackles on the night. He was followed by Evans and Caden Pheasant with 8 each.

by Caden Pheasant and Ayden Evans with 8 each. Pheasant also nabbed an interception.

The game started off about as badly as it could get for the Braves. On the first play from scrimmage, an errant snap sailed through the back of the end zone, and Cherokee gave up a safety.

Due to the safety, the Braves had to kick off to the Bulldogs who took over at the Cherokee 45-yard line. Four plays later, Dorsey scored his first of the night on a 34-yard run. Devonte Murray ran for the two-point conversion and Murphy led 10-0 just two minutes into the game.

The Braves weren't rattled though. After starting at their own 27-yard line, they put together a 17-play drive that took seven minutes off the clock and culminated in a 9-yard touchdown pass from Crowe to Welch on a 4th and goal. The two-point try failed and Murphy led 10-6 with 52.7 left in the first.

Murphy started their next drive at their own 44-yard line. Ten plays later, Murray ran 15 yards for a score. Their two-point try failed, and the Bulldogs led 16-6 with 5:38 left in the half.

Cherokee set up shop for their third possession of the game at their own 25-yard line. On second down though, Murphy's Leland Larson intercepted the ball at the Cherokee 44.

But, that was short-lived. Three plays later, Pheasant returned the favor and intercepted the ball at the Cherokee 47-yard line. The Braves were unable to move the ball though and were forced to punt.

Murphy took over deep in their own territory at the 7-yard line following the punt. Six plays later, Dorsey took off on an 82-yard touchdown run. The two-point try failed and Murphy led 22-6 – a lead they would take into the locker room.

The Bulldogs scored two quick touch-



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather HERE YA GO: Jaden Welch, JV Braves wide receiver, tosses the ball to the referee after scoring on a 9-yard pass from Bobby Crowe in the first quarter. The two would later connect on a 59-yard touchdown pass.

downs in the third quarter. First, Dorsey ran 57 yards for a score. Then, the Bulldogs recovered a Cherokee fumble on the ensuing kickoff. Ray Rathbone scored three plays later on a 4-yard touchdown run to make it 36-6 with 7:55 left in the third.

Cherokee turned the ball over on downs on their next possession, and Murphy took over at their own 43. Four plays later, Rathbone caught an 8-yard touchdown pass. Michael Crowder ran for the twopoint conversion to make it 44-6 with just under three minutes left in the third.

The Braves came back though and scored two touchdowns in the next six minutes. A.J. Allison scored on a 2-yard run on Cherokee's next drive which went 10 plays for 65 yards. Crowe ran in for the two-point conversion to make it 44-14. Following a Murphy punt, Cherokee took over at their own 19

and two plays later, Crowe connected with Santa Maria on an 81-yard touchdown pass. Allison ran for the two-point play, and the Braves trailed 44-22 with 7:46 left in the game.

Both teams would score two more times in the contest. First, Cherokee's Thomas recovered a Murphy fumble at the Braves 20yard line. Two plays later, Welch caught a 59-yard touchdown pass from Crowe. The two-point try failed, and the Braves trailed 44-28 with just over three minutes left.

Then, Murphy's Murray ran 53 yards for the final score of the game to make it 50-28.

The JV Braves host the Rosman JV Tigers at Ray Kinsland Stadium on Thursday, Sept. 29 at 6pm.

Note: Official statistics are not taken for JV football. All stats provided here are taken by One Feather staff at the game.

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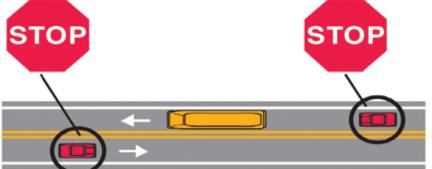
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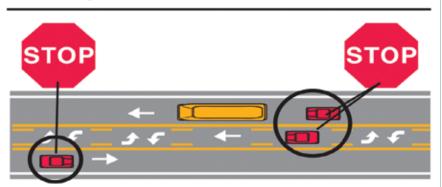
**CROSS COUNTRY** Wednesday, Sept. 21 Middle School Meet at Canton Middle School Middle School Girls Results 1 – Maetzin Sanchez (Macon) 13:452 – Mirian Smith (Hendersonville) 13:53 3 – Stephanie Jimenez (WMS) 14:02.26 4 – Maria Reyes (Cherokee) 14:02.66 12 – Rosa Reyes (Cherokee) 14:41.09 26 – Betty Lossiah (Cherokee) 15:35 30 – Destiny Mills (Cherokee) 15:4751 – Mykala McGaha (Cherokee) 16:4176 – Donna Thompson (Cherokee) 19:03 98 – Abigail Taylor (Cherokee) 21:42 **Girls Team Scores** 1 – Hendersonville 55 2-Brevard 60 3-WMS 123 (+53-176) 4 - Cherokee 123 (+76=199) due to the tie, the placement of the 6th runner was factored in **Middle School Boys Results** 1 – Rocky Peebles (Cherokee) 11:34 2 – Aiden Browning (FSI) 11:38 3 – Jackson Sawyer (A. Mont.) 11:49 12 – Danny Thompson (Cherokee) 12:53.79 18 – Cavan Reed (Cherokee) 13:44 25 - Dakota Siweumptewa (Cherokee) 14:04 71 – Braylon Arch (Cherokee) 16:0185 – Adam Reed (Cherokee) 16:58 89 – Jaylen McCoy (Cherokee) 17:32 99 – Dacian Lambert (Cherokee) 18:05

**Boys Team Scores** 1-Brevard 63 2nd-FSI 67 3rd-Hendersonville 87 4th-Cherokee 99 Saturday, Sept. 24 Ramble by the River – Asheville Christian Academy Invitational **Boys Championship Race** Division (Results per Big Kahuna Timing) 1 – Josh Ross (Draughn) 16:54.38 2 - Hayden Alexander (Thomas Jefferson) 16:59.39 3 – Andrew Hammel (Pisgah) 17:03.40 24 - Darius Lambert (Cherokee) 18:37.76 51 – Josiah Lossiah (Cherokee) 20:13.58 97 – Tihjah Lossiah (Cherokee) 22:37.50 99 – Eason Esquivel (Cherokee) 23:01.09 111 – Jordan Grant (Cherokee) 26:01.04 **Boys Team Scores** 1 - A.C. Reynolds 59 2 – Pisgah 63 3 - Smoky Mtn. 68 12 - Cherokee 308 **IV FOOTBALL** Thursday, Sept. 22 Murphy 50 Cherokee 28 **FOOTBALL** Friday, Sept. 23 Murphy 42 Cherokee 13 Hayesville 34 Rosman 12 Robbinsville 35 Andrews 0 **VOLLEYBALL** Tuesday, Sept. 20 Murphy 3 Rosman 0 (25-19, 25-11, 25-11Hayesville 3 Swain Co. 2 (17-25, 21-25, 25-7, 25-11, 15-10) Thursday, Sept. 22 Murphy 3 Swain Co. 0 (25-13, 25-23, 25-18)Hayesville 3 Hiwassee Dam 0 (25-11, 25-17, 25-18)

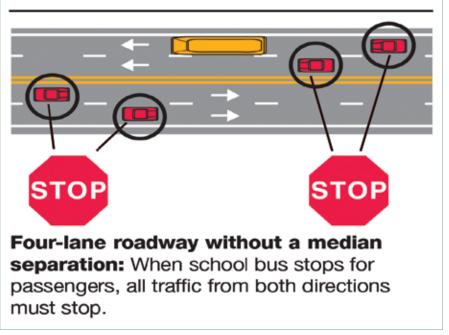
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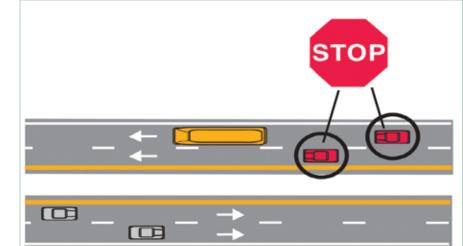


**Two-lane roadway:** When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop.

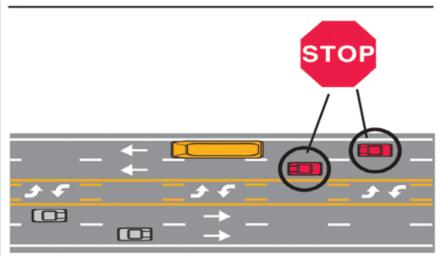


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#### Miss Cherokee Taran Swimmer's final report, farewell

September.

#### Sept. 2-4

I attended the Cherokee Holidays Celebration in Tahlequah, Okla. I had a really good time and was able to meet the new reigning Miss Cherokee, Sky Wildcatt and Junior Miss Cherokee, Lauryn McCoy along with several other royalty at this gathering.

#### Sept. 4

Upon my return home on Sept. 4, I was invited to attend the Apple Festival in Hendersonville and was asked to sing the Cherokee National Anthem and the Orphan Child. I was accompanied by Ogana Swimmer for the Cherokee National Anthem and I also was accompanied by Dvdaya Swimmer for the Orphan Child. I am so blessed to have a family who is always willing to help me out, so a special thank you to Micah and Carrah Swimmer for always letting the babies join me at the events.

#### Sept. 10 and 11

I traveled to Vonore, Tenn. and took part in the activities at the Sequoyah Birth Place. It was very interesting and I really enjoyed getting to sing with the Snowbird Choir as well as singing the Cherokee National Anthem.

#### Sept. 24

I was very honored to attend and take part in the unveiling of the bronze statue of our very own



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**ANTHEM:** Miss Cherokee Taran Swimmer sings the "Cherokee National Anthem", as Warren Dupree stands at attention, at an unveiling ceremony for a statue honoring PFC Charles George at the Charles George VA Medical Center in Asheville on Saturday, Sept. 24.

Charles George at the VA Medical Center in Asheville. This was a spectacular event, and I am so blessed and thankful to have be invited to attend. At this event, I was asked to sing the Cherokee National Anthem, and I was accompanied by Micah Swimmer. Having several members of my family who served and are serving in the military made this day very special to me. I can't say thank you enough for what all the men and women who served and are serving now and for all of their sacrifices that they have made for our country. I pray that God will continue to bless and keep

our tribe and help us to become even stronger as a nation.

#### Miss Cherokee Taran Swimmer's Farewell: The time is drawing near for

me to give up the title of Miss Cherokee. This whole experience has been so rewarding for me. I am not going to lie, it was very hard work, especially going to school full time. However, it is an experience that I will never forget and it has made me a better person. I have learned a lot from this experience and I know that it will only help me in my future endeavors. So many people have helped me from the time that I first decided to run for this title. I would like to say thank you to everyone, from those who gave me encouragement to those who went out of their way to help me during this experience. Not all of this was a walk in the park and I went through some hard times, but I had so much support and love from so many people. I know I could not have done this without all of my family, church family, pastor and all of my friends and former teachers. The prayers

see MISS CHEROKEE page 20



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather **QUEEN:** Zoey Walkingstick, an 8th grader, was named Cherokee Middle School Homecoming Queen during festivities at Ray Kinsland Stadium on Thursday, Sept. 22. She was escorted by Lorenzo Ramirez. Walkingstick was crowned by 2015 CMS Homecoming Queen Raylen Bark.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather **PRINCESS:** Ellise Stamper, a 6th grader, was named Cherokee Middle School Homecoming Princess. She was escorted by Kaden Smith and was also crowned by Bark.



CES photo

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**READING BRAVELY:** Shown are Cherokee Elementary School students who participated in this year's Read Bravely Summer Challenge, a program that encourages students to keep reading over the summer. Collectively, they read over 19,000 minutes. CES officials related they would like to thank not only these students and their families but also the Cherokee Phoenix Theatre for their support. Shown (left-right) back row – Izzy Raby, Miyalaya Pratama, Siddalee Thomason, Corbin Freeman, Gideon Freeman, Jasmine Robertson, Ostani Youngdeer, and Jayden Tramper; middle row – Gus Burgess, Stone Marlowe, Audree Edwards, Annie Tramper, and Phillip Saunooke; front row – Jeremiah Locust, Elijah Youngdeer, Isaiah Lightfoot-Underwood, and Cora Lightfoot-Underwood. Not pictured – Chaz Martens and Keaton Arch



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**KICKIN' IT:** Students celebrate an out during the 2nd Annual Cherokee Elementary School Kickball game between the faculty and the fifth grade students held at the CHS Softball Field on Wednesday, Sept. 21. The final score was Teachers 16 Students 9.



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This year's Trick-or-Treat Night will be held on Monday, Oct. 31 at the Acquoni Expo Center. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./ One Feather)

#### COMPILED By SCOTT MCKIE B.P. ONE FEATHER STAFF

#### Event: 4th Annual Cherokee Harvest Half Marathon and 5K

When: Saturday, Oct. 1, packet pickup and late registration from 6-7:45am, half marathon starts at 8am, 5K starts at 8:15am
Where: Acquoni Expo Center
What: This fourth annual event benefits the Madison Hornbuckle Children's Cancer Foundation. Each race is capped at 600 participants.
Cost: Half Marathon entry fees – \$50 before Sept. 30 or \$55 the day of the race; 5K entry fees - \$30 before Sept. 30 or \$35 on race day
Info: Register now at imathlete.com, greg@gloryhoundevents.com

#### **Event: Cherokee Indian Fair**

When: Tuesday, Oct. 4 through Saturday, Oct. 8

Where: Most of the events will occur at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds with a few Indian ball games occurring at the UNITY Field

What: Indian ball, Royalty pageants, Parade, carnival, arts and crafts displays and awards, Indian dinners... you know what the Fair is

Cost: EBCI tribal members and members of any federally-recognized tribe (must show enrollment card) receive free entrance. For all others, it is \$10 a day for 6 and up; five and under is free.

Info: Cherokee Welcome Center (800) 438-1601

#### **Event: .38 Special Concert**

Where: Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort Event Center

When: Friday, Oct. 7 at 9pm

What: This Jacksonville-based band started in 1974 and has had a string of hits including "Hold on Loosely", "Caught Up in You", and "If I'd Been the One".

Cost: Balcony seats \$22.50, Upper Floor \$25.50, Floor \$35.50

#### Info: www.ticketmaster.com

#### Event: KOA Fall Fishing Tournament

When: Saturday, Oct. 8 from 7:30am – 6pm Where: KOA Campground at 92

KOA Campground Road in Cherokee

What: This tournament features thousands of dollars in prize money, and is only open to KOA campground guests.

Cost: Fishing permit required (\$10 per person)

Info: 497-9187

#### **Event: Styx Concert**

When: Saturday, Oct. 15 at 7:30pm Where: Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort Event Center What: This Chicago-based band started in 1972 and has also had a string of hits including "Lady", "Come Sail Away", and "Mr. Roboto".

Cost: Balcony seats \$30, Upper Floor \$40, Floor \$50 Info: www.ticketmaster.com

#### Event: Hope Anchors the Soul Annual Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Walk/Run

When: Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 4pm Where: Little Snowbird Playground in the Snowbird Community near Robbinsville

What: This annual event, to promote breast cancer awareness, is being hosted by Cherokee Community Health – Snowbird and Jen's Divas and Gents.

Cost: There is no cost for the walk/ run, but t-shirts will be available for purchase at \$15/each.

Info: Jennifer Wachacha, RN, BSN, Public Health Nurse with Cherokee Community Health – Snowbird (828) 346-6990



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**WARRIOR:** Bo Taylor, a member of the Warriors of Anikituwah, hands out candy at last year's Cherokee Indian Fair Parade. This year's event is set for Tuesday, Oct. 4 with the them "Living Cherokee Strong".

#### Event: Groundbreaking for Snowbird Day Care Center

When: Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 2pm Where: 1220 Old Tallulah Road, Robbinsville, NC 28771 What: Groundbreaking for the new center Cost: Free Info: Monica "Tigger" Lambert 359-6700, monilamb@nc-cherokee.com

#### Event: Pink Bingo Game

When: Thursday, Oct. 20 at 1:30pm Where: Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds exhibit hall What: This bingo game, sponsored by Principal Chief Patrick Lambert and the Women's Wellness Center, is in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. You will receive an extra card if you wear pink to the event. Cost: Free Info: Denise Walkingstick 359-7008

#### Event: Martina McBride: Love Unleashed Tour Concert

When: Saturday, Oct. 22 at 7:30pm Where: Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort Event Center What: McBride, four-time Country Music Association "Female Vocalist of the Year", has sold 14 million album in the United States during her 25-year career. Cost: Balcony seats \$37.50, Upper Floor \$47.50, Floor \$57.50 Info: www.ticketmaster.com

#### Event: Groundbreaking for Birdtown Senior Athletic Center

When: Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 2pm Where: next to Birdtown Community Building What: Groundbreaking for new center Cost: Free Info: Monica "Tigger" Lambert 359-6700, monilamb@nc-cherokee.com

#### Event: Rumble in the Rhododendron Fly Fishing Tournament

When: Friday, Oct. 28 through Sunday, Oct. 30 Where: Cherokee Catch-and-

Release Waters at Raven's Fork, FishCherokee.com has a full map available

What: Two-person team competition with a guaranteed payout totaling \$10,000 for the top teams Cost: \$225 entry fee plus each person must have a Cherokee fishing permit

Info: FishCherokee.com, Cherokee Welcome Center (800) 438-1601, travel@nc-cherokee.com

#### Event: Annual Trick-or-Treat Night

When: Monday, Oct. 31 from 5:30-8:30pm Where: Acquoni Expo Center

Where: Acquoni Expo Center What: This free event features booths from area business and tribal programs and organizations. Kids get to trick-or-treat in a safe environment. You must be costume to trick-or-treat, and no outside bags are allowed Cost: Free Info: 359-6180, radocrow@ nc-cherokee.com or manuhern@

nc-cherokee.com

#### Indian Fair Parade parking information

If you are riding in the parade, there will be designated parking for you at the old Western Steer Steakhouse. This area will be blocked off for your use only. At the end of the parade, EBCI Transit Service will pick you up at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex and take you back to your vehicle at the old Western Steer Steakhouse parking lot. This service will run until 6:30pm. All vehicles that have parked in this area need to be moved that evening. Info: Cherokee Welcome Center 359-6490 or 359-6491

- Cherokee Welcome Center

#### Qualla Boundary Head Start openings

The Qualla Boundary Head Start program has openings for 3- and 4-year-old children at no cost. Enrollment applications can be picked up at the front desk of the Dora Reed Children's Center. The program offers health screenings, dental screenings, nutritious meals, engaging activities, parent activities, parent education, and other various assistance. Info: Laura Owl 359-6590

- Qualla Boundary Head Start

#### Museum hosting Native Writing Contest

The Museum of the Cherokee Indian is hosting a Native Writing Contest in three divisions: middle school, high school, and adult. There are three categories including: poetry (maximum 40 lines), research topic (1,000 to 2,000 words on any American Indian theme, bibliography must be included), and short story (maximum 2,500 words). First, second, and third place winners in each category and division will receive certificates



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**RECOGNITION:** John Waldroop (front row far right), Vietnam Veterans of American (VVA) Smoky Mountain Chapter 994 president, presents a plaque of recognition to Tim Richardson, owner of Happy Holiday Campground, and Frank Cucumber, an EBCI tribal member and VVA Chapter 994 founding member, in recognition of their fundraising efforts. Also shown in the photo are Chapter 994 members Lloyd Collier (back row) and Bill Talbott (front row far left). The presentation occurred on Thursday, Sept. 22 at the campground in the Wolfetown Community. Richardson and Cucumber were honored for their fundraising efforts on behalf of the VVA Scholarship Fund for Vietnam Veterans and Vietnam-era Veterans and their children and grandchildren. Last year, Chapter 994 awarded 13 scholarships of \$1,250 each to students in Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties. For more information on the scholarship, discuss it with your guidance counselor or contact the Chapter (828) 369-7890 (Monday – Friday from 10am – 2pm).

and all first place winners will also receive a prize from the Museum of the Cherokee Indian Gift Shop. Cherokee actress DeLanna Studi will serve as a special guest judge. Submissions will be taken Oct. 1 through Oct. 14 at 4pm and may be emailed to Dawn Arneach (arneach@cherokeemuseum.org), mailed to Museum of the Cherokee Indian, P.O. Box 1599, Cherokee, NC 28719, or hand-delivered to the Museum Box Office. Winners will be notified on Nov. 1. Info: Dawn Arneach 497-3481 ext. 207

- Museum of the Cherokee Indian

Seeking former pageant winners If you are a former Little Miss Cherokee, Junior Miss Cherokee, or Teen Miss Cherokee title holder, the Pageant Board would like to recognize you this year at the upcoming pageants. If you would like to be recognized, contact Yona Wade 788-0430 or Amanda Moore 788-0142.

- Pageant Board

#### Senior Fuel applications being taken

The Cherokee Senior Citizens Program is now taking fuel applications. Program guidelines include: 1. Must be 59½

 $Must be 59\frac{1}{2}$ 

2. Must be an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee

#### Indians

 Must live in the five (5) counties service area: Swain, Jackson, Cherokee, Graham and Haywood
 The residence where the fuel is to be delivered must be the primary residence of the senior citizen.

5. Only (1) one service per residence

6. Only (1) one type of fuel per residence

7. All seniors must reapply every year

8. Must apply for the primary heat source only

9. Applications will start being taken in September. A notice will be put in the local papers as to what date.

10. Heating season is from Oct. 1 thru May 31.

11. Gas must be the primary heating source to receive a gas tank purchase.

12. A one-time purchase of a 320 gallon tank or purchase of the tank that is currently being used at the residence.

13. Only one gas tank per household. If clients already own a tank purchased with tribal funds such as HIP Program, Qualla Housing or any other program they will not receive another tank.

14. If a gas tank is purchased then the primary heat cannot be changed for three (5) years.

15. Client assumes all responsibility for the tank

16. All accounts must have a zero balance before any new funding will be applied for the new heating season.

17. It is the client's responsibility to pay for any fuel that is delivered over the budgeted amount (\$1000). Info: Kathy Smith 359-6860

- Cherokee Senior Citizens Program

#### Black Bear harvest data sought

In an effort to better manage the black bear population on tribal lands, the EBCI department of Natural Resources is giving away EBCI Black Bear Management Team hats to hunters who report harvest data and submit pre-molar teeth for aging. All participating hunters will also be eligible for a \$500 prize drawing at the end of the season. Report forms and tooth envelopes are available at the Fisheries and Wildlife Management office (Tribal Utilities Building, 1840 Paint Town Rd.) and the Natural Resource Enforcement office (517 Sequoyah Trail). Info: Caleb Hickman 359-6109

- EBCI Natural Resources

#### THPO seeking Mattie Oocumma relatives

The EBCI Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) is consulting on a project involving Meh-tih (Mattie) Oocumma (born about 1880). Her father is She-lola-note or James Oocumma (born around 1856), and her mother is Coo-ista or Easter Larch (born around 1857). If you are related to any of these individuals, and would like to participate or learn more about the project, contact Miranda Panther 359-6850 by Oct. 28.

> - EBCI Tribal Historic Preservation Office

#### Upcoming DNA testing schedule

The following dates are available to schedule appointments for DNA collection: \* Thursday, Sept. 29 \* Friday, Sept. 30.

Please check with the EBCI Enrollment Office 359-6465 prior to scheduling to make sure you are eligible for enrollment. The local collection site has been moved temporarily to 1526 Acquoni Road (old Court location). Appointments will be scheduled by the staff of 1 Family Services from 9-11:30am and 1-3pm.

To schedule an appointment at the local collection site, contact Michelle, Tribal Enrollment, 359-6463. To schedule an out-of-town appointment, contact Amber (918) 685-0478. All DNA questions should be directed to the staff of 1 Family Services.

- EBCI Enrollment Office

#### December 2016 per capita deadlines

The deadline to submit direct deposit forms for the December 2016 per capita distribution will be Monday, Oct. 3. All direct deposit forms must be notarized. Please bring a voided check for deposit into your checking account or a statement, on letterhead from your bank, indicating your savings account number and routing number for deposit into your saving account. The deadline to submit federal tax withholding forms, waivers, letters of administration, or court-ordered guardianship will be Friday, Oct. 14 at 4:30pm.

Forms are available at the Tribal Enrollment Office, located at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex, Monday through Friday, 7:45am until 4:30pm. Address changes will be accepted until Friday, Nov. 4 at 4:30pm.

- EBCI Enrollment Office

#### **Seeking Miss Cherokees**

The EBCI Miss Cherokee Royalty Board is requesting the attendance of all former Miss Cherokees at this year's Miss Cherokee pageant. The pageant will be held at the Cherokee Indian Fair on Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 8pm. Please wear your sash. Info: ebcimisscherokee@gmail.com or 736-0452

- EBCI Miss Cherokee Royalty Board

#### Cherokee Rodders Club awards scholarships

The Cherokee Rodders Car Club recently awarded the first Bob Smith Memorial Vocational Scholarships. The first recipients of the scholarships funds are: John Jenkins; Chase Crowe; and Ryan Tranter.

Members of the Club established the scholarship in November 2015 to honor their first president and charter member, Bob Smith, an EBCI tribal member from the Birdtown Community. Smith retired from the Cherokee Boys Club after 30+ years of service and served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Smith was well known as a "car craftsman and sculptor" all over the south, working out of his personal garage. He organized many car shows from the early 1980s until his death.

Each of the students received \$1,000 in scholarship funds which were presented to them

by Vice Chief Richard G. Sneed during the Rodders' August meeting.

Jenkins, of Bryson City, is a student in the Southwestern Community College auto technology program. Crowe, of the Yellowhill Community, is a student in the automotive systems technology program at Southwestern Community College. Tranter, of the Big Cove Community, is a student in the Johnson & Wales University culinary arts program.

The Cherokee Rodders have been working to increase the scholarship funds and will continue to do so during the annual car show which will be held Nov. 4-5 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. If you would like to make a donation, please mail to: Cherokee Rodders, Inc., Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 551, Cherokee, NC 28719.

Info: 497-2603

- Cherokee Rodders Car Club

## BURN PERMITS ARE NOW ONLINE

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> If you need additional information: 359-6153 or 359-6584 charbrys@nc-cherokee.com













Tuesday, Oct. 4 Parade Day

9am – Line-up for parade (people can start bringing in their floats.) 2:30pm – Parade Judging 4pm – Parade starts

6pm – Opening Prayer at Fairgrounds 6:05pm – Presentation of Colors, National Anthem (Cherokee Chamber), Cherokee Anthem (Miss Cherokee) 6:15pm – Welcome speeches by Principal Chief Patrick Lambert and Vice Chief Richard G. Sneed, Tribal Council recognition and speeches

6:20pm - Recognition of Grand Marshals

6:30pm – Warriors of Anikituwah 6:45pm – Baily Mtn. Cloggers 7:15pm – Kenya Safari Acrobats 7:45pm – Cherokee Chamber Singers 8pm – Miss Cherokee pageant 10pm – Gates close

#### Wednesday, Oct. 5 Children's Day

9am – Gates and Exhibit Hall open, present colors and prayer

10am – Wristbands for rides 10am – Archery begins at UNITY Field 10am – Ron Lighty 10:15am – Baby Crawling Contest 10:30am – Kenya Safari Acrobats 11am – Lunch 11:30am – Ron Lighty 12pm – Rides begin 12pm – Kenya Safari Acrobats 2pm – Kenya Safari Acrobats 2:30pm – Longest Hair Contests 3pm – Youth Stickball (6-9) at Fairgrounds 4pm – Youth Stickball (10-12) Big Cove vs Wolfetown at Fairgrounds 5pm – Barefoot McCoy

6pm – Little Miss Cherokee pageant 8pm – Teen Miss Cherokee pageant 9:30pm – Lip Sync Contest for Youth (12-16)11pm – Gates close

#### Thursday, Oct. 6 Elder's Day

9am - Gates and Exhibit Hall open 9:15am – Presentation of colors





#### Friday, Oct. 7 Veteran's Day

11am – Gates open 11am – Veteran's Lunch 11am – Swain High School Orchestra 12pm – Opening Ceremony 12:10pm – Invocation 12:15pm – Principal Chief Patrick Lambert

3:40pm – Youth Stickball (10-12) Big

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12:40pm – Quilts of Valor 1pm – Drill Team and Ceremony by Swain High School's Air Force JROTC 1:30pm – Drill Team and Ceremony by Cherokee High School's Army IROTC

2pm – Wings of SOAR/Birds of Prey 3pm – Honors Recognition for CIPD, CFD, CEMS, and CEM 3:40pm-Youth Stickball (6-9) Wolfetown vs Big Cove at Fairgrounds 5pm – Killed in Action honoring for SGT. John Burgess (U.S. Army) and PFC John Edward Oocumma (U.S. Army) 5:30pm – Men's Stickball, Big Cove vs Wolfetown, at UNITY 6pm – Vietnam Veteran's Memories 7pm – What is a veteran? 7:30pm – Traditional Dress Fashion Show 8pm – Closing Ceremony 8:15pm – Angel Flight 8:30pm – EBCI KIA Roll Call 8:45pm – Sounding of Taps 8:50pm – Closing remarks



12:20pm - Guest Speaker Niles Aser-



9pm – Osceola Boys 11pm – Gates close

#### Saturday, Oct. 8 **Community Day**

9am - Sign-up for Archery and Blowgun 10am – Archery and Blowgun at UNITY Field 11:30am – Community prayer 12pm – Wood chopping 12:30pm – Hammer Throw 1:15pm – Relay 2pm – Tug-of-War (Man vs. Man) 2:45pm – Men's Stickball, Hummingbirds vs Wolfetown, at UNITY Field 4pm – Youth Stickball (13-17) Big Cove vs Wolfetown at Fairgrounds 5pm – Principal Chief's Community Day Contest 7:30pm – Lip Sync Finals (17+up) 9pm – Kentucky Headhunters 10:30pm – Pretty Legs 11:30pm – Fireworks 12pm – Gates close

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## Pageants

These are the contestants for the Little Miss, Junior Miss, and Teen Miss Cherokee pageants scheduled during this year's Cherokee Indian Fair. (Photos courtesy of Yona Wade)



LITTLE MISS CONTESTANT Araceli Martinez-Arch



LITTLE MISS CONTESTANT Kaileeana Littlejohn



LITTLE MISS CONTESTANT Morgan Hernandez



LITTLE MISS CONTESTANT **Nevayah Panther** 



LITTLE MISS CONTESTANT Pippa Welch



LITTLE MISS CONTESTANT Selu Swayney



LITTLE MISS CONTESTANT Shawnee Kirkland

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JUNIOR MISS CONTESTANT Alitama Perkins



JUNIOR MISS CONTESTANT Praire Toineeta



TEEN MISS CONTESTANT Jade Ledford



JUNIOR MISS CONTESTANT Emma Taylor



JUNIOR MISS CONTESTANT Shelby Solis



TEEN MISS CONTESTANT Melah Perkins

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JUNIOR MISS CONTESTANT Jenna Cruz



TEEN MISS CONTESTANT Aweeusti Watty



TEEN MISS CONTESTANT Mystical Armachain



JUNIOR MISS CONTESTANT Marcela Garcia



TEEN MISS CONTESTANT Haylee Garland



TEEN MISS CONTESTANT Reece Welch

#### Lip Sync Competition at 104th Annual Cherokee Indian Fair Sign up now! Youth Division (12-16) - Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 9:30pm Adults (17+up) Ist round – Thursday, Oct. 6 at 9pm

Finals – Saturday, Oct. 8 at 7:25pm 1st and 2nd places will receive cash prizes and bragging rights. To enter, or for more information, contact Chris Watty (828) 359-6486.

#### THANK YOU LETTERS

#### Thank you to Yogi Crowe Scholarship Fund

Dear Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support as I continue to advance my education. As one of this year's recipients, I am grateful for the opportunities this award will provide my family and me. Because I am a non-traditional student, I rely on the education department and student loans to help finance my education while raising two growing boys. Receiving this scholarship will help reduce my financial burdens and provide additional backing.

I have just begun my graduate career at the University of Kansas and I can already report that my academics are off to a good start. My plan is to complete my MBA while working for the University as a student coordinator with the department for community health. In my undergrad I worked as a volunteer in the community. I hope to be able to serve those in our community in the near future. My educational pursuits would not

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and love that they sent me made everything wonderful and I thank them from the bottom of my heart.

To my mother, thank you for always pushing me and building me back up when I get knocked down. We get fussy at each other, but I know that you are the reason I work hard in everything I do. I love you so much and I hope I continue to make you proud. To my grandparents, Virgil and Jessie Swimmer, I am so glad that you were here to share this year with me and I pray that you are with me for many more. I love you both and I am so happy that you came to so many events with me. To my aunt Tracy, thank you for always stepping in and helping out. You supported me from the start and gave me nothing but love and encouragement. My Uncle Jerry, thanks for always encouraging me and pushing me to be myself. To Aunt

Rina, Flora, Mary and Gig, thank you for all of the love and support that you gave me. To my cousins Shannon, Courtney, Gabe, Gina, Javan, Shane, Naomi, Micah, thank you for always helping out when needed and just being there for me. To Radonna and Madison Crowe and my cousin. Heather Younce. you guys are truly magic makers. You helped me when I had no idea what was going on and believed in me from the start and made it so much fun during practice and the night of the pageant. During the night of the pageant I was so nervous and scared, but being around you three made all of the nerves go away. You filled my dressing room with laughter, support and love, so thank you from the bottom of my heart. To Paisley Raby and Carrah Swimmer, thank you for taking time to come and do my hair that night and for the other events that you all helped out with as well. To Miss Dvdaya, you were there since day one helping me with my talent.

be possible without the generous support from the Yogi Crowe Scholarship Fund and our Tribe's Higher Education Department. Thank you for enabling this opportunity!

> Sincerely, Luke Swimmer

#### Thanks for support during son's injury

I would like thank churches; EMS; Cherokee Choices; Cherokee School and School board; coaches; teammates; Right Path Program, the HELP program for the ramp; Cherokee Boys Club; my mom and dad McKinley and Patricia Owle;

During rehearsals we both made each other better and pushed each other. I went from, "I have a lot of work to do" (she said this when I showed her my princess wave) to becoming Miss Cherokee. To Ogana Swimmer, you were my rock and I am so proud to have you by my side at the singing events. I know you get a little shy, but I was so happy when you shook the rattle for me during the Cherokee national anthem. You even kept me in line by getting on to me for not singing the chorus four times. After that, we made sure we sang it four times. There was no room for error. And to Uwelug, I was so happy to be able to visit your class and help you wash your hands. I wished I could have stayed longer to finger paint with you. I have the best friends in the world from WCU. Kristin Collins, Kristen Bolejack, Phoebe Brooke and Emily Jones. I would not have survived school and being Miss Cherokee without you all. You were there to lift my spirits when

my grandma, Helen Arch; Tina Swimmer; Tonya Carroll; Jennifer Thompson; and family and friends for all their concern and support for my son, Jay Swimmer, during his injury. I can't express the appreciation and love. He is doing well and healing fast.

Thanks for the prayers, food, flowers, ones who purchased soup at the fundraiser and donations. I am so humbled to part of a community that reaches out in a time of need.

> Sgi, **Tara McCoy** Jay Swimmer

things got hard and you were there for the good times as well. I thank God for putting you all in my life and continuing to bless me with wonderful people.

In the next few days I will no longer be Miss Cherokee, and a new young lady will fill my place. But, even though my reign as Miss Cherokee is ending, my journey as Taran Swimmer is not even halfway done. I believe that this experience is something that you are supposed to take away from. When the crown is passed down you do not lose a part of yourself. you will always have the feeling of being Miss Cherokee. Miss Cherokee is a strong, proud, and intelligent Native American woman who is a leader and a role model. Once you become Miss Cherokee you will have an experience that no one can take away. To the next Miss Cherokee, I wish you a wonderful, exciting, and one-of-a-kind experience. Sgi for the last time.

## One Feather deadline - Friday at 12noon

#### Harris Hospitals' Chief Nurse earns patient safety credential

YLVA and BRYSON CITY - The Certification Board for Professionals in Patient Safety (CBPPS) recently recognized Anetra Jones, chief nurse executive for Harris Regional Hospital and Swain Community Hospital as a Certified Professional in Patient Safety (CPPS). Jones has executive leadership responsibility for nursing, emergency departments and urgent care, medical staff services and the quality, safety and regulatory department for the hospitals.

Jones earned this credential in part by passing a rigorous, evidence-based examination that tests candidates on their competency in patient safety science and applica-



Harris Regional photo Anetra Jones

tion. Jones has been with the hospitals since 2013 and previously served in executive leadership roles for hospitals in Georgia, Alabama and Florida. Her clinical experience includes service at the bedside as a nurse in critical care and intensive care, pediatric intensive care, and post-trauma units.

Jones received a master's degree of public health from the University of Alabama at Birmingham where she also obtained her bachelor's of science degree in nursing. She holds a Nurse Executive Advanced certification from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

"Earning this credential attests to Anetra's professional competency in patient safety science and application," said Tejal K. Gandhi, MD, MPH, CPPS, President, CBPPS. "This achievement demonstrates her expertise in this critical discipline and positions her among those committed to and leading patient safety work."

"Patient safety and experience are what we focus on each minute of every day in our hospitals and outpatient facilities," said Steve Heatherly, CEO of Harris Regional Hospital and Swain Community Hospital. "The patient safety credential that Anetra earned highlights this focus and we are proud of her commitment to patients, families, employees and physicians."

> Info: www.cbpps.org - Harris Regional Hospital

#### OBITUARIES

#### Sharon "Shoogie" Ann Sequoyah

Sharon "Shoogie" Ann Sequoyah, 49, of Cherokee passed away Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016 at Greenville Memorial Hospital in Greenville, SC.

She was born Nov. 17, 1966 in Bryson City to the late Charles Wilbur Sequoyah and Lula Wolfe Sequoyah.

She is survived by two daughters, Alyson Penland of Live Oak, Fla. and Kerry Penland of Cherokee; four grandchildren, Wilbur Sequoyah, Lula Sequoyah, Julyssa Sequoyah, and Asher Ivey; and six sisters, Carol Standingdeer, Cindy Ayers, Frances Sequoyah, Reva Sequoyah, Lolita "Ike" Sequoyah, and Sammi Sequoyah.

In addition to her parents, Sharon was preceded in death by one daughter, Kori Addison Penland; and two brothers, Lewis Sequoyah and Charles Sequoyah.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Sept. 22 at the Straight Fork Baptist Church with Rev. Charles Ray Ball officiating. Burial followed in the Sequoyah Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Sequoyah family.

#### Denise B. Howard

Denise B. Howard passed away peacefully in Asheville Memorial Hospital on Friday, Sept. 23 in Asheville at the age of 58.

Denise is survived by her husband, Dennis R. Howard; parents, Phillip and Jean Brooks; siblings, Tonya Rochester and Phil Brooks; children, Brian Davis and Courtney Bolick; and her grandchildren, Reagan and Aiden.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 1 at 3pm at Whittier Church of God.

All are welcome to attend and celebrate Denise's life.



Photo courtesy of Kathi Littlejohn

**1,000th VISITOR:** Dee Smith (left), owner and manager of the Elvis Museum located in the Wolfetown Community, is shown on Wednesday, Sept. 21 with the 1000th visitor to the museum, Michael Jackson from Ohio. Jackson received a gift bag with Smith's book, "When Elvis Died, my Mother Cried", as well as several handmade items with Elvis' photo. Smith started the Elvis Museum five years ago.

# The Great Cherokee One Feather Spooky Story Contest

This is the Cherokee One Feather's first creative writing contest of 2016! Three categories are available-Adult, Middle/High School and Elementary age groups. The story may be a personal experience or totally imaginary. The setting may be sometime in the past, in present day or in the future. September 2, 2016 to September 30 at 12:00 pm Adult Category winner prize: \$100 Middle & High School Elementary School Category winner prize: \$25

No employee of the Cherokee One Feather or member of the Cherokee One Feather Editorial Board is eligible to submit for this contest. The Editorial Board will review and determine a winner for each category. The One Feather staff will check the submissions for plagiarism and will disqualify any submission found to have been copied from another source or to contain language inappropriate for the readership. The decisions of the staff and board are final. Stories may be submitted in hard copy to the Editor's office at the Ginger Lynn Welch Building, Suite 149, mailed to the Cherokee One Feather Editor, Post Office Box 501, Cherokee, NC 28719 or emailed to <u>robejump@nccherokee.com</u>. All entries must be received by noon on September 30, 2016. Any submission may be featured in future editions of the Cherokee One Feather.

Adult rules: In addition to general rules above, no publicly published Cherokee legends may be submitted. Personal or family paranormal, supernatural or unexplained experiences are acceptable. Submission word limit is 1000 words. One submission only per person will be accepted for judging. The One Feather will not correct grammar and may disqualify a submission with spelling and grammar errors.

High School, Middle School, and Elementary School rules: In addition to the general rules above, stories may use characters from Cherokee legends but may not duplicate any publicly published legend. One submission per person will be accepted for judging. The One Feather will not correct grammar and may disqualify a submission with spelling and grammar errors.



## Search Cherokee's Sex Offender Registry at this link:

## http://nc-cherokee.nsopw.gov/

## Community Groups

#### Houses of Worship

**Acquoni Baptist Church.** 497-6521 (h) or 788-0643 (c)

Antioch Baptist Church. Coopers Creek Road.

Beacon of Hope Baptist Church. (828) 226-4491

**Bethabara Baptist Church.** 497-7770

**Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church.** 497-4141

**Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church.** 497-4220

**Boiling Springs Missionary Baptist Church.** 488-9202

**Cherokee Baptist Church.** 497-2761, 497-3799 (fax)

**Cherokee Bible Church.** 497-2286

**Cherokee Church of Christ.** 497-3334

**Cherokee Church of God.** (828) 400-9753

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

**Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church.** 674-2690

**Cherokee United Methodist Church.** (336) 309-1016, www. cherokeemission.org

**Cherokee Wesleyan Church.** 586-5453

**Christ Fellowship Church.** Great Smokies Center.

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

Jesus is the Light Full Gospel Ministries. 736-9383

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

**Macedonia Baptist Church.** 508-2629 dconseen@gmail.com

**Olivet United Methodist Church.** (336) 309-1016, www. YouTube.com/user/OlivetUMC, www.Olivet-UMC.org

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.** 736-5322

**Piney Grove Baptist Church.** 736-7850.

Rock Hill Baptist Church. (828) 356-7312

Rock Springs Baptist Church. 497-9455, 736-1245 (cell)

Sequoyah Sovereign Grace Church. 497-7644

**St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church of Cherokee.** (828) 280-0209, cherokeeepiscopal@gmail.com

**Straight Fork Baptist Church.** 488-3974

Waterfalls Baptist Church. Wrights Creek Road. Whittier United Methodist Church. 497-6245

**Wilmot Baptist Church.** 2015 554-5850

Wrights Creek Baptist Church. 497-5262

**Yellowhill Baptist Church.** 506-0123 or 736-4872

#### **Community Clubs**

**Big Y Community Club** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Big Y Community Building. Bunsey Crowe, president, 497-6339 or 788-4879

**Big Cove Community Club** meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the Big Cove Rec. Center. Chairman Sam Panther 497-5309 or Secretary Consie Girty 736-0159 or walerb@gmail.com

**Birdtown Community Club** meets the last Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Community Building. Potluck at 6pm, meeting at 6:30pm. Jody Taylor, chairperson, 736-7510

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

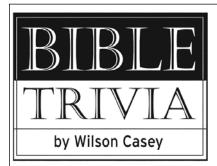
**Snowbird Community Club** meets the first Tuesday of each month or the Tuesday before the Tribal Council meeting. Roger Smoker, chairman, (828) 4798678 or (828) 361-3278,rogersmoker@yahoo.com

#### Wolftown Community Club

meets the first Monday of each month at 7pm at the Wolftown Gym Until further notice, meetings will be held at the gym due to water damage at the Community Building. Tuff Jackson, chairman, 788-4088

Yellowhill Community Club.

First Tuesday of every month unless it's a holiday. Reuben 497-2043



1. Is the Book of Samaria in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. Solomon said what biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder? *Woman's scorn, Evil brother, Tax collector, Wine* 

3. From Acts 7, who was the first person martyred for his belief in Jesus Christ? *Apollos, John the Baptist, Jehu, Stephen* 

4. Besides Jonah, what other prophet ministered in Nineveh? *Nathan*, *Paul*, *Nahum*, *Philip* 

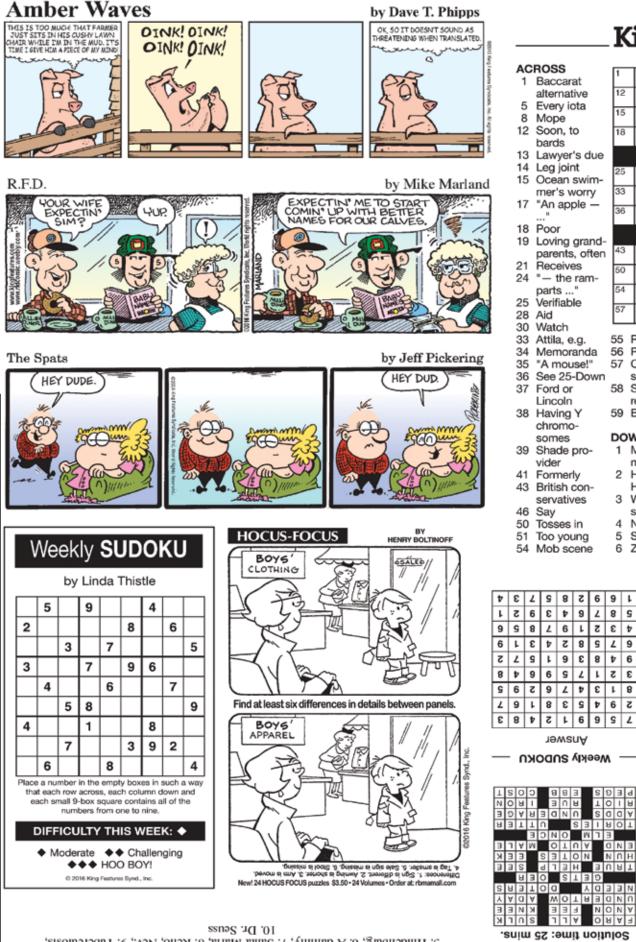
5. From 1 Kings 2, what was the number of wives of King Solomon? *3*, *50, 100, 700* 

6. Who was the "Gloomy Prophet"? Gehazi, Joel, Jeremiah, Jehoshaphat yeuu

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Wine; 3) Stephen; 4) Nahum; 5) 700; 6) Jere-

Wilson Casey's two new books — "101 Reasons to Vote For" and "101 Reasons to Vote Against" Hillary Clinton—are now available!

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#### King Crossword

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1. COMICS: What is the name of Batman's butler?

2. LITERATURE: Who is the leader of the wolves in "The Jungle Book"?

3. GEOGRAPHY: Which two islands in the Mediterranean Sea are governed by Italy?

4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was president during World War I?

called in Great Britain?

topher Columbus' flagship?

disease once called "consumption"?

author wrote, "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose"?

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5. HISTORY: What was the name of the airship that exploded over New Jersey in 1937?

6. LANGUAGE: What is a baby's pacifier

7. EXPLORERS: What was the name of Chris-

8. NICKNAMES: What U.S. city calls itself

"The Biggest Little City in the World"?

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10. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: What children's

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Event listings are free of charge. Send your event name, date and time, location, and contact info to scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com

#### Fundraisers/Benefits

#### Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser.

**Sept. 30** from 11am – 1pm at the Cherokee Youth Center. This is a benefit for Alea Tisho to help with travel and medical expenses associated with her rehabilitation following a car accident. The dinner will include spaghetti, corn, salad, bread, and a drink for \$8. Deliver is available for four or more dinners. Info: Melissa 736-2166 or Kelsey 788-7675

Turkey Shoot. Oct. 1 at 10am at Jesse Welch's residence in the Big Cove Community. This is a fundraiser for the Big Cove Men's 40-and-over Stickball team.

**Tahnee's Kids Fund #NODAPL** Donation Drive. Oct. 1 from 10am – 1pm at Dora Reed Center. Camp supplies needed include: tents, sleeping bags, blankets, ropes, tie downs, shipping containers, reusable plates and utensils, tarps, walkie talkies, laundry soap, lighters, firewood, snow tires, and First Aid equipment. Clothes needed include: jackets, winter clothes (all sizes), and rain clothes. Info: Taylor Wilnoty 269-1994

**Ballroom Dance Class Fund**raiser. Tuesdays Oct. 11 - Nov. 1 from 5:30-6:30pm at the Qualla Community Building at 184 Shoal Creek Loop in Whittier. All proceeds will go to the Qualla Community Club for maintaining the

Community Building. Cost is \$10 per person per class or \$35 for the four-week session. Info: 497-9456

#### **General Events**

Bingo. Sept. 29 at 1:30pm at the Yellowhill Community Building. Everyone will receive two bingo cards. If you bring something for the Dialysis Center, you can get two additional cards. Items needed are: candy corn, graham crackers, hard candy, lollipops, individual snacksize newtons, popcorn (unsalted), vanilla wafers, rice krispies, and Ritz crackers. Four-card limit. This free event is sponsored by Principal Chief Patrick Lambert.

#### **Swain County Democratic Par-**



ty Whittier-Cherokee Precinct Meeting. Sept. 29 at 5:30pm at the Birdtown Gym. Candidates are invited to attend and everyone is welcome. Agenda items include preparing for the November election and staffing Swain County Democratic headquarters.

Anti-Drug and Youth Empowerment Presentation. Oct. 4 at 8:30am at Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. This event is being sponsored by the Cherokee Civil Action Team and will feature a video presentation, speakers, and discussions. Info: tsali77@hotmail.com. 736-6056

**Candidate Issue Forums. Oct. 3** at 6pm and Oct. 13 at 7pm at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. Oct. 3 will be the County Commissioner Forum with Jackson County candidates at 6pm and Swain County candidates at 8pm. Oct. 13 will be for state level candidates for the Senate District 50 and House District 119 seats. This non-partisan forum is organized by Occupy WNC and The Canary Coalition. The sponsoring organizations will lead off each forum with selected questions. In addition to questions from the sponsors, all those attending will be given the opportunity to submit written questions. Questions originating from EBCI tribal members will be given first priority. Info: Allen Lomax (828) 226-0506, allen@ allenlomax.com

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian Community Day Prayer Circle. Oct. 8 at 11:30am at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend

this event sponsored by Principal Chief Patrick Lambert.

French Family Reunion. Oct. 8 at 2pm at Rock Springs Baptist Church. Bring a covered dish. Chicken will be provided. All family and friends are invited.

**Principal Chief's Community Day Contest. Oct. 8** at 5pm at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds amphitheater stage. Six communities, six participants per community in a fastest eating contest. \$1,000 prize, trophy and a pizza party with the Principal Chief for the winning community. Contact your Tribal Council representative if you would like to participate. This event is sponsored by Principal Chief Patrick Lambert.

John Crowe and Mary Bigwitch Family Reunion. Oct. 9 from 1-4pm at Big Y Community Building. Potluck dinner. Bring a covered dish and reconnect with or get to know family. Info: Lisa Sampson 506-6064

#### Health/Sports

#### Strength Training for Women Program. Thursdays (Sept. 29, Oct. 13, 20, 27, and Nov. 10)

from 12:05-12:40pm in the Ginger Lynn Welch Community Rooms. Pre- and Post-fitness testing with goal setting. Learn benefits, proper alignment, and skills in strength training using light weights and exercise bands. Attend three out of five classes and earn a free set of weights and exercise band. Open to all women. No experience needed. Space is limited. Info: Robin Callahan, RD, LDN, MHS 359-6785, robibail@nc-cherokee.com Diabetes Empowerment Education Program (DEEP). Wednesdays from 12-1pm (Oct. 12, 19, 26 and Nov. 2, 9, 16) at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority Conference Room. Improve your eating habits. Increase your physical activity. Use the community resources available to you. Info: Nilofer 497-9163, nilofer. couture@cherokeehospital.org; or Robin 359-6785, robibail@ nc-cherokee.com

**Kidney Smart class. Oct. 17** from 3-4:30pm at EBCI Public Health and Human Services administrative building. This free class is about Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) and is provided by DaVita. Understanding how your kidneys work, practice kidney health practices, review common medicines for CKD, and more. Info: Sue Caldwell, RN, DaVita 631-0430

**Caregiver Class. Oct. 18** from 10-11am at John Welch Senior Center in Marble. Classes are for family members serving as a caregiver to a loved one. This is free. Info: Angela Prince (828) 835-9741

#### 1st Annual USET Scholarship Fund Softball Tournament.

**Oct. 21-22** in Cherokee. This event is being hosted and sponsored by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, USET, and Cherokee Life Recreation. Divsions: Women 18+ and Men 18+ (1st place - \$1,500 and 2nd place - \$500 for both divisions). Must be a member of a federally-recognized tribe to participate. Entry fee is \$250 per team. Entry fee may be paid by money order, cashier's check payable to Cherokee Life Recreation, or cash. All entry fees will go to benefit the USET Scholarship Fund. Entry deadline is Oct. 7. Info: Tim Smith 359-6891 or Adam Lambert 736-7016

#### Benefit Golf Tournament for USET Scholarship Fund. Oct.

**23** at Sequoyah National Golf Course. Registration starts at 8am, Shotgun start at 9am. Lunch will be provided. This event is being hosted by the Tribal Council. Info: Tasha Martinez 359-6721 or Michelle Thompson 359-7022

#### Upcoming Pow Wows for Sept. 29 - Oct. 2

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.

**Colorado River Indian Tribes Native American Days Fair & Pow Wow Expo. Sept. 29 – Oct. 1** at Manataba Park in Parker, Ariz. MC: Bobby Whitebird. Host Northern: Battle Lake. Host Southern: Bucwild. Info: Jonah Jones (480) 707-7937

**25th Annual Comanche Nation Fair. Sept. 30 – Oct. 2** at Comanche Nation Headquarters in Lawton, Okla. Emcees: Eddie Mahseet, Gene Sovo. Head War Dance Singer: Victor Tahchawwickah. Info: (580) 492-3241, info@comanchenation.com

**28th Annual Meherrin Nation Pow Wow. Sept. 30 – Oct. 2** at Meherrin Tribal Grounds in Ahoskie, NC. Info: Patrick Suarez (336) 416-4913, meherrinpowwow@gmail.com

**Redding Rancheria Stillwater Pow Wow. Sept. 30 – Oct. 2** at Shasta District Fairground in Anderson, Calif. Info: (530) 225-8979, powwow@redding-rancheria.com

Moccasin Trail Pow Wow at 34th Annual Atwood Lake Fall Festival. Oct. 1-2 at Atwood Lake Park in Mineral City, Ohio. Info: Beverly Angel (330) 364-1298

#### Jamestown Settlement Intertribal Pow Wow. Oct. 1-2 at

Jamestown Settlement in Williamsburg, Va. MC: David White Buffalo. Host Drum: Thunder Voice. Other Drums: Pretty Elk, White Buffalo. Info: Duane Baldwin (757) 253-4403, duane.baldwin@jyf.virginia. gov

#### **Ongoing Events**

#### AA and NA meetings in

**Cherokee.** Nar-Anon (family support): Mondays at 6pm at Church of Christ. 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

**VFW Bingo. Every Tuesday at the Governor's Island VFW.** Early bird at 5:30pm, regular games at 7pm. Info: Billy Whitt 488-3547

**Elvis Museum** is now open on Hwy 19 (2289 Wolftown Road). New hours 11 am to 3 pm Tuesday-Saturday.

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## Don't hit your wife!

#### **ROBERT JUMPER** ONE FEATHER EDITOR

L is a tragedy of modern society that, after thousands of years of human development, we still experience, on a regular basis, the outrage of domestic violence. By now, you would think that people using physical intimidation and violence towards family members would be relegated to third world countries were the rule of law and social education is minimal.

Domestic violence, up to and including murder, makes a regular appearance in our community's arrest report and court docket. According to a collaborative research effort that included the Center for Disease Control, 35.6 percent of all women and 28.5 percent of all men "in the U.S. have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime. An estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year. Eighty-five (85) percent of domestic violence victims are women". One of the many sad bullets or statistics reported was that most incidents of domestic violence are not reported.

Why do people hurt the ones they say they love? Is it because they have such low self-image that they feel like that they must vent their frustration by verbally or physically acting out? I think they are so emotionally and mentally weak that they are afraid to take out their aggression on "someone their own size". They also know that their chances of retribution are likely smaller if they take their frustrations out on a family member. Since they live with their victims, in many cases, they learn who they can prey upon without getting reported. Like children who quickly learn how far they can push their parents before being disciplined, domestic violence offenders are often seen begging the forgiveness of their victims; repeatedly promising to "do better" or "it will never happen again".

Domestic violence shows up on our arrests reports regularly from charges of offensive touching to full blown aggravated assaults. If you hang around the water cooler for a moment or two, you will hear co-workers searching for answers for friends or family members who are living in abusive relationships and suffering from physical and/or psychological attacks. Victims are called names, demeaned, devalued, battered and, in some cases, murdered. When the offender is brought out into the light for their behavior, many resort to stalking, brutalizing and eventually killing their victims.

One thing that has always been a source of astonishment to me is the ability of relationships that are supposedly built on love being some of the most violent in our society. There is currently a debate in our Tribe concerning how we handle the growing issue of drug abuse. Many argue that drug abuse is a disease that should be treated. Others contend that society should be protected from drug offenders as criminals and that offenders are best protected from themselves through incarceration. Recent special events show divisiveness in opinion and the very difficult decisions our society must make in order to address the drug problem.

The issue of domestic violence offenses is just as complex and emotional as that of drug abuse. Drug offenders will cite deficiencies in upbringing and society as reasons for their abusive nature. Domestic violence offenders will relate the same causes. I attended a portion of the Heroin Summit hosted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and moderated by Principal Chief Patrick Lambert. Listening to some of the parents and loved ones of drug addicts was gut-wrenching - Cherokee mothers and fathers, sharing their painful stories of sons and daughters who chose a substance over relationship and family. One could argue that these parents are too, victims of domestic abuse.

From the legal/prosecutorial prospective, tribal leadership is involved in strengthening protections for victims. One long-time advocate is former Tribal Council Chairperson and current EBCI Secretary of State Terri Henry. She has also served on the board of the Indian Law Resource Center. The Center

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#### Poll Responses

Note: The following comments were made on the Cherokee One Feather Facebook page and website to our weekly poll question: Should the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians invest dollars into stricter enforcement of drug laws or treatment and rehabilitation? In other words, should the Tribe treat addition as a disease or a criminal offense?

**Danny Owl:** It won't really matter because they are slapped on the wrist when they got to court.

**Nellie Brady:** It should be treated as both! First and foremost, quit letting these people off so easily on their crimes!

Lauren Crowe: There are many times it should be treated as both, but we can't apply a cookie cutter plan to every person. I fear that our drug-addicted friends, family, and neighbors will be thrown into a treatment program and then be provided very little support after they complete the 30-60-90 program. Truth: treatment programs are helpful, but not nearly as important as the rehabilitation and support needed when their program is complete. All too often, those in recovery are released right back into the poisonous environments they came from. This is where we desperately need a comprehensive rehabilitation plan and support network. As a side note, suboxone is not the answer.

#### Susanna Hernandez-Gray:

Disease, unless the addict harms others or steals or commits robbery. Simple possession should be treated with treatment, rehab, job training, and work skills classes.

**Sheree D. Peters:** I believe both, but most of all, we need to help people to overcome addiction. Each addict is someone's child, parent, or sibling. They need help.

Ashley Sessions: Addiction is a disease. When you're on the outside looking in, you think it's a choice and they want to do what they are doing. When it is close to home and you watch one suffer, you then realize it is a serious disease. They need treatment and not 30-90 day programs. They need real treatment, and that's a year or longer. I think starting treatment with the first offense is our best option because thelonger you wait, the more dependent they become.

Jatanna Feather: Treat it as a disease. Jail only sobers people up. Long-term treatment and rehabilitation is the answer! And, incorporating our culture into treatment is important. Knowing where we come from will allow us to know where we are going. It helped me! I also say no to Christian-based rehab, but that's just me. Our ways are just as important if not more important.

**Charles West:** Treat it like a disease because it is. If alcoholism is, so is addiction, unless they are notorious repeat offenders, then jail... lay the hammer down! Offer real treatment, and the Tribe has to be on board fully. It can't shun members because they are in treatment! While you're at it, start having court rule these women that keep popping babies out that withdraw and don't have anything to do with them get their tubes tied so it goes no further. But, if men are doing the same, they can be fixed too.

Daphne Tahquette: What about boot camp-style programs that bring the mind back to nature? It works the body and mind to overcome other obstacles and makes it focus on things other than cravings. Do the long-term treatment, but also make them do a boot camp-style program.

**Gaby Menze:** It is a disease, and it is difficult to help people. But, if people sell drugs, it is criminal. So, we should help the ill people and put the others in a program that they learn how bad the selling is.

Driver Blythe: If the person is willing to get help in the first or second time offense, then yes, I believe we can work with them and get them clean. I'm not for the people who are selling drugs. Whether people like it or not, they're spreading the disease and problem on this reservation. I'm not for the people who have been arrested 12 times and given the opportunity to get clean and just didn't even want to get help. You can force somebody into rehab, but they have to want the help. We need better programs, and we need to stop acting like this isn't a problem because I'm tired of seeling people I went to school with get hospitalized or, even worse, ending up dead.

**Tina McCulloch:** There is more evidence of it being a disease. Even if it's a choice to begin, once it becomes an addiction there are chemical changes in the brain which makes it a disease. We imprison more people in the U.S. than any country in the world, and the largest percentage of those are drug charges. So, obviously that system is not working. We also need to focus on prevention. Programs that start in grade school that address the causes of people starting drugs in the first place. There is curriculum that has been tested and shown to reduce the indicences of youth trying drugs. If we can keep them from starting, the battle is won.

**Quetseli Baker Truesdell:** It needs to be both depending on the circumstances. Not everyone and every situation is the same.

Shell Nelson: I do believe that addiction is an illness or caused by mental or emotional illness and trauma. But, if they break the law then they must follow the law. That being said, we have the ability to create a system that addresses both of these titles for the addicted. Yes, we can! Decriminalize marijuana. Decriminalize, not legalize. As the research is hard to deny that this helps the crime and the addicted who are on harder, scarier drugs or prevents crime or addiction to said harder or scarier drugs. This would also give the chronically-ill and the terminally-ill access to relief from their constant suffering as they could possess an amount determined by legislation.

**Kina Armachain:** I think it should be both. Then, help them when the treatment is over with a place to live and line up a job for these people. And, they also need a place to go for counseling/support groups to help them stay clean and on the straight and narrow line... to make better choices in life. Just knowing someone is there for them also helps.

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#### **More Poll Responses**

Jackie Beck: Addiction is a disease...period. I've been fighting it for over 14 years now. I've been to treatment several times. I've been in and out of jail and prison I don't know how many times! My disease has taken everything from me but my life. But, until the person has hit rock bottom, nothing will change. I was lucky enough to still be alive. I've been in recovery for almost six months now, and I'm loving it. I had to change one thing - everything! But, I'm still facing obstacles everyday ... my disease was treated criminally and not as a disease.

**Jim Parker:** Let's use the person's per capita to send them away from Cherokee to maybe somewhere like the rehab in the Carribean. They're paying for it, and maybe getting them away from Cherokee for awhile will help. Then, it that fails, start taking away tribal benefits and so on. Let's give first offenders a chance anyway.

**Tim Rattler:** Treatment...stop making everything about that per cap check...Tribe acting like European greedy tax humans...stop the civilization and start tradition.

**Kevin Hart II:** Knowing certain members of my family, I'd say serving a very hard time in a loony bin or rehab wouldn't even help them. Make it more of a criminal offense I say.

**David Mayberry:** It's a choice to do drugs, not a sickness.

**Utsilugi Galanvdv:** How about we legalize marijuana? It has been shown to be the anti-gateway drug especially in cases of opioid-addicted users. Open up the avenue. If legalized, some of these people will just stick with marijuana...studies show an overwhelming amount of people do. The Tribe can really set precedence for the rest of North Carolina with legalization as well as the rest of the southeast.

Neil Ferguson: It's both. Many users are pitifully trapped in a never ending cycle, but when some start trafficking in it themselves, I draw the line. One good step would be to aggressively prosecute, then banish, dealers regardless of their enrollment status. It's bad enough that non-Indians are selling drugs to the Cherokee, but it's especially heinous when an EBCI member is poisoning his own people. Once a banishment is in place, it has to be rigorously enforced with no waffling from the courts or politicians.

**Leanna Arch:** Criminal - hold them accountable for bringing stuff into the rez.

Douglas McCoy: I hate that it is viewed as a disease. People are addicted to sugar more than drugs. Do we call them sick? It isn't a disease. It's a choice. Sorry if it offends people who have bought into the 'addiction as diseasse literature', but it's not our obligation to help people who we think are diseased. They are human. They make choices like you or me. As long as those choices do not interfere with mine, then I have no say. The 'problem' is that prohibition causes crime, real crime. That crime is what interferes with our freedom. We should punish crime, and if our people choose that they want treatment, then help them. We have to move on. We cannot

heal what is not sick. We can only create opportunity for better choices and punish those that interfere with everyone else's. I think the idea of prohibition is both arbitrary and futile. We need to be real and proactive.

**Jamile Shaheen:** Let them pay for their treatment and rehabiliation. They got addicted to the drug. What's next...addiction to your PS4? They want the drug and paid for it and how they need treatment and rehabilition. So, they can pay for it.

**Donnie Smith:** Chain gang them sober. Rehab doesn't work. It's a waste of resources.

Sam N Nete Crowe: Addiction is a disease. It's not going to change anything by raising fines. We need to help people overcome their insecurities and find a way to incorporate them into society without being judgmental. Everyone has an addiction whether they will admit to it or not. There needs to be a rehabilitation center that is a mandatory six months to a year of treatment because 3-30 days is not long enough for anyone to be truly clean. It's an ongoing battle, everyday, for the rest of your life to decide to stay sober.

Michelle Bradley Wesley: I think both depending on the seriousness of the offense and the level of addiction a person has. I believe laws need to be put in place to punish mothers who give birth to addicted babies. Seems lik epeople talk about it, but no one takes action on it.

**Billie Jo Rich:** Stricker fines and jail for dealers and traffickers, but

generally, retribution is not shown to be a deterrent for crime. We should take a restorative approach.

**Alexander Cacciloa:** Treat addiction as a disease! Look to Portugal for an example.

**Alan Thompson:** Both - underage abuse of any kind needs to be treated. If, as an adult, stricter penalties need to be enforced. There must be consequences for actions before hamr to others occurs.

**Jeff Switzer:** It's a disease, and the Cherokee as well as all of America should treat it as such. Jail is for murderers, rapists, child molesters, and thieves. Do you see the difference? Peace brothers and sisters

**Kyle Gene Chapa:** How about cops actually doing something about it? Plenty of times, people have made deals in the Food Lion parking lot. I live on Rough Branch and have to worry about my 5-year-old sister finding a needle because the police let it go on. Maybe doing their jobs is the first step before pouring more money into something they should already be doing.

**Oscar N Jess Hernandez:** I agree. The court system also needs to do their job and quit letting them off with a slap on the wrist. That might help as well. I seel all these people getting busted and back out on the street the next second. Just to make the headline, then out and about to do the same thing...it's so sad. I just fear for my younger children as well as our Tribe's young children. Something seriously needs to be done.

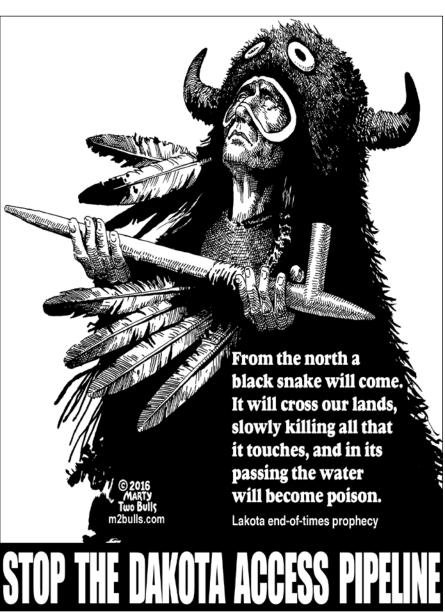
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#### More Poll Responses

**Travis Rice:** Treatment - addiction is a disease that owns you until you become strong enough to own yourself again and you can heal yourself.

Alexandra Taylor: Addiction is a disease, not a moral deficiency. As a recovering addict, it's been my experience that jail does not help an addict. Yes, it gives them accountability for their actions, but it does not help them find a new way to live. Most get out of jail and are right back to doing the same things. It's a never ending cycle. Just like another disease, addiction only gets worse the longer it goes untreated. But, also, an addict can't get better if they don't want help, and the reality is that some people are perfectly content with living the way they are and getting high. And, that's what puts stigma between the ones who are content with getting high and the ones who want to get better but are trapped in addiction.

**David Brewin:** I think there needs to be a difference made between the dealers and manufacturers who sell this poison and the addicts who need some rehab and treatment.



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**Bambi Armachain Sneed:** Both, addiction is a disease. They definitely need the rehab. And, also, make fines harsher for dealers.

**Nathan Bush:** What's the difference betweeen drugs and alcohol? And, don't say "one is legal".

Sharla Wolfe: Most o fthe people are repeat offenders. It's not a disease. They are perfectly aware of the decisions they make. Sure, help them with treatment. If they mess up, treat it as a crime. You can't get clean unless you want to. Treatment won't help unless the

#### individual is ready.

**Ellen Pitt:** The pushers should be dealt with swiftly and severely. The addicts need treatment courts where there will be constant care and supervision. Treatment courts work!

Alexis McCoy: Guys...it's not a disease. It takes them to want to quit beforfe they will go to rehab. Forcing them to go to jail will just hurt them more and want them to want that drug just that much more.

#### **DOMESTIC:** Editorial from page 32

reports "Indian woman are 2.5 times more likely to be assaulted and more than twice as likely to be stalked than other women in the country". She is also a vocal and instrumental supporter of changes to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and pushed for changes to allow tribal courts to prosecute non-Native spouses and partners, which was formerly not allowed by law and created a loophole for offenders to escape legal consequences of domestic violence.

One of the speakers at the Heroin Summit was Dr. Stephen Loyd, who stated that his addiction was to heroin (he is currently 12 years clean and works with the federal government to arrest and convict drug dealers and addicts). He said one of the things that must change in our war on drugs is how we, as a society, looks at drug abusers. That may also be true for domestic violence offenders.

EBCI Attorney General Danny Davis at the same Summit, offered that, in his experience, incarceration and fines do work as a preventative measure. Society, for the most part, believes that incarceration and fines also work well in cases of domestic violence. I think there is also an element of rehabilitation and treatment that that must be enhanced in both areas. Like drug addiction, domestic violence hits all walks of life and every station of society. From the poorest to the richest, domestic violence may be found in any family.

I wish it could be as simple as telling men simply, "Don't hit your wife". But, family members, counselors and law enforcement have been saying this to offenders and abusers for centuries, yet, women and children, and, yes, sometimes men, still suffer. More effort needs to be placed on determining cause and effect, and society must insist on solutions that will alter mindsets as well as behavior.

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Someone from your past could arrive with welcome news concerning your future. Meanwhile, avoid taking sides in a workplace confrontation until you have more facts to go on.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A decision about a relationship could have longer-lasting consequences than you might imagine, so be sure of your facts before you act. A trusted friend can help.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A strained relationship could be restored with more personal contact between the two of you. Letting others act as your go-between only adds to the ongoing estrangement.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) New facts could mean taking a new path toward a goal you've been hoping to reach. However, be sure all your questions are answered before you undertake to shift directions.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) This is a good week for all you fine Felines to turn your attention to some important considerations, such as your health, your job situation and the status of important relationships.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Avoid making a quick decision about a matter that needs more study. Keep your mind open for possibilities, even if they don't seem plausible — at least not yet.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You might welcome the emphasis on openness in relationships that mark this period. But it's a good idea to avoid sharing personal secrets with people you hardly know.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) There are still some questions that need to be asked and answered before you can feel confident enough to make a potentially life-changing decision.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Some lingering effects from a now largely resolved work-place confrontation could make things difficult for you. Act on this before it becomes serious.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You feel you're finally in control of your own life after months of making compromises and concessions you never felt comfortable with. Congratulations.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) No sooner do you decide to pass on one job offer than another suddenly turns up. This one might not have everything you're looking for, but it's worth checking out.

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#### EMPLOYMENT

#### JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

LEAD TEACHER AGELINK ORGANIZATION: Cherokee Boys Club, P. O. Box 507, Cherokee, NC 28719 DEPARTMENT: Child Care Depart-

ment – Agelink OPENING DATE: September 21,

2016

CLOSING DATE: Until Filled REQUIREMENTS: Must have GED or High School Diploma, NC Child Care Credentials 1 and 2

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

The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory.

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Applications and job descriptions are available at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Human Resources Office, Monday – Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm. For more information please call 828 497-9163 and ask for Teresa Carvalho, Sheila Brown or Sherrene Swayney. These positions will close on October 7, 2016 @ 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply and the original CIHA job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **10/6pd** 

#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-055 In the Matter of the Estate of

Eugene Thompson

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: December 8, 2016

Geraldine Thompson, PO Box 654, Cherokee, NC 28719. **9/29pd** 

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-056 In the Matter of the Estate of Mary E. Lambert

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: December 15, 2016

Robert Wahnetah, PO Box 1474, Cherokee, NC 28719. **10/6pd** 

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File Nos.: EST 10-009; EST 09-063; EST 06-046; EST 09-012 In the Matter of the Es-

#### tates of: David Cucumber (d. 1/11/2010); George Owl (d. 11/20/2009); Dennis Teesateskie (d. 07/01/2006); Billie Mae Allison West (d. 03/13/2008).

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. Courtroom 1 EBCI Justice Center October 13th, 2016 at 1:30pm **10/6pd** 

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-058

#### In the Matter of the Estate of Althia Ann (Lossie) Cruz

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Date to submit claims: December 14, 2016

Adrianne Ramirez, PO Box 2014, Cherokee, NC 28719. **10/6pd** 

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-057

#### In the Matter of the Estate of Sandra K. Gunther

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from their recovery.

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Date to submit claims: December 14, 2016

Rory Gunther, 1819 Adams Creek Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **10/6pd** 

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-049 In the Matter of the Estate of

#### Beth Gunter

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

Date to submit claims: December 14, 2016

Betty George, 78 Hoot Owle Cove Road, Whittier, NC 28789. **10/6pd** 

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-050

#### In the Matter of the Estate of Juanita W. Hornbuckle

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: December 14, 2016

Kurt Stewart, 46 Wa-Lel-La Drive, Cherokee, NC 28719. **10/6pd** 

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-059 In the Matter of the Estate of Michael Ray French

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

Martha M. French, PO Box 1625, Cherokee, NC 28719. **10/20pd** 

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-061 In the Matter of the Estate of Roberta Mollie Blankenship

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

Date to submit claims: January 4, 2017

LLOYD ARNEACH, SR, PO BOX 861, Cherokee, NC 28719. **10/20pd** 

#### BIDS, RFPs, etc.

The Cherokee Tribal Court seeks competitive proposals for the Guardian Ad Litem Attor**ney Advocate position.** These services will be paid on a contractual basis by the Cherokee Tribal Court. Job descriptions are available upon request from the Court.

Interested individuals should submit a brief letter proposal including the following:

1. Name and contact information 2. Copy of North Carolina State Bar License

3. Work experience with former employer's references

Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before September 23, 2016 will receive priority over late submissions. Please mail or fax to: Cherokee Tribal Court, ATT: Katlin Bradley, Judicial Fiscal Agent, P.O. Box 1629, Cherokee, NC 28719

(828) 359-6203 (voice) (828) 359-0012 (fax)

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The Cherokee Tribal Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **10/6pd** 

#### Requests for Qualifications (RFQ)

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee Department of Transportation 680 Acquoni Road Cherokee. North Carolina 28719 Phone: (828) 359-6530 Project: Ammons/BlueWing/Galamore Road Design for Reconstruction The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting sealed proposals for Road Design of the following roads: Ammons Sequovah Rd, Blue Wing Church Rd, and Galamore Bridge Road. The deadline for submitting proposals will be October 14th, 2016 at 4:00p.m.

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

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### SCHEDULE

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Little Miss Cherokee Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 6pm

Teen Miss Cherokee Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 8pm

Junior Miss Cherokee Thursday, Oct. 6 at 7pm

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