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Cherokee One Feather



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herokee people have gathered traditional plants and medicines on their homeland areas since time immemorial. In recent years, some have met with legal issues when trying to gather within the confines of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

After much debate and work by leaders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and other tribes and National Park Service (NPS) officials, new regulations have been put into place whereby members of federally-recognized American Indian tribes will be able to legally perform traditional gathering of plants in national parks that encompass their traditional territory.

But, while the new rules took effect Aug. 11, tribal members will still have to wait until tribal and Park Service officials hammer out the details before they can start their harvesting.

EBCI and NPS officials met recently to begin discussions on the new regulations. "We held our first meeting with the National Park Service to begin the process to get an agreement signed that will allow our tribal members to once again be allowed to enter upon NPS lands and gather foods and medicines," said Principal Chief Patrick Lambert. "Our people have gathered foods and medicines for



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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians leaders meet with officials from the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to begin discussions on new regulations for the gathering of traditional plants by tribal members in the Park.

thousands of years, and we look forward to continue that traditional gathering with the support of the park officials."

He went on to say, "I would like to thank the National Park Service for coming to the table with great ideas and an open approach to making this a reality for enrolled members. The meeting went very well, and we are building a solid foundation with our partners in the National Park Service to create a process for approvals. We have a strong relationship established with Park Superintendent (Cassius) Cash and his team and the other agencies and research partners present in the meeting as well."

Superintendent Cash echoed Chief Lambert's sentiments about the meeting. In a statement, he said, "We look forward to working with the Tribe to both honor Cherokee Indian traditions and also carry out our agency's mission to protect these very special resources for future generations. I truly believe that we can achieve both of these goals by working together."

The first step in this process will be the completion of Environmental Assessments (EAs) and a finding of no significant impact (FONSI). Park officials related that the EAs will help managers "deter-

mine appropriate quantities and locations for traditional gathering that will ensure sustainability and protection of the selected species". Commercial gathering of the traditional plants is still prohibited. Jeremy Hyatt, EBCI Natural Resources director, related, "The EBCI Natural Resources department has built a strong research partnership with both the U.S. Forest Service and the N.C. Arboretum focused on culturally-important plants that will assist in the development of environmental assessments conducted by the Great Smoky Mountains National Park under the rule change agreement. We plan to expand research as well as develop outreach and training initiatives to assist in developing gathering agreements that work for both tribal members and the Great Smoky

Mountains National Park."

Hyatt said a letter being drafted by Chief Lambert now is requesting the agreement to include the traditional gathering of sochan and ramps. "Both plans have been identified as traditional gathering priorities at this time. It has been determined that the development of the Environmental Assessment for gathering sochan will commence prior to the assessment for ramps due to the availability of more scientific data supporting the premise that harvesting will not significantly impact park populations."

Park officials related they hope the EA for sochan will be completed in the next 12-18 months.

Hyatt added, "Discussions between NPS and EBCI representatives regarding ramp harvesting methods and data needs will continue concurrently with the development of the sochan EA. Therefore, the development of the ramp EA will take more time."

Jonathan B. Jarvis, NPS director, said in a statement on June 29 when it was announced that the rule changes were approved, "The changes to the gathering rule support continuation of unique cultural traditions of American Indians and support the mission of the National Park Service. This also respects tribal sovereignty and the government-to-government relationship between the United States and the tribes."

He visited Cherokee six years ago for a Tribal Consultation Meeting with EBCI tribal leaders. During the meeting, traditional gathering of plants was discussed and Director Jarvis expressed his support for changing the rule which he stated was "just wrong".

The 55-page rule reads in part, "The National Park Service is establishing a management framework to allow the gathering and removal of plants or plant parts by enrolled members of federally-recognized Indian tribes for traditional purposes. The rule authorizes agreements between the National Park Service and federally-recognized tribes that will facilitate the continuation of tribal cultural practices on lands within areas of the National Park System where those practices traditionally occurred, without causing a significant adverse impact to park resources or values."



Rally for Recovery to be held in Cherokee

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he message "Together we can get through it" is emblazoned on flyers advertising an upcoming event that is aimed at helping community health through recovery. In celebration of National Recovery Month, Cherokee Indian Hospital's Analenisgi Recovery Center is hosting the Cherokee Rally for Recovery on Tuesday, Sept. 13 from 3-7pm at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds.

The free event is open to everyone and will include free food, guest speakers, recovery information from various local organizations, music, raffles, giveaways, bouncy houses, and more.

"We wanted to create another opportunity to talk about recovery and also really provide an opportunity for all the different organizations that are already doing fabulous work to come together in one place and make sure the community knows about them," said Lara Conner, Analenisgi Recovery Center lead. "It's also going to be a venue where folks that are in recovery will be talking about their recoveries instead of it always being kind of hush-hush."

She said recovery information will be provided for those seeking

help from alcohol and drug addictions as well as emotional struggles. "We're going to talk about how we got well and what we're doing to stay that way and in all the different ways – the different pathways that you can come into recovery...our dream is to organize this every year."

Conner said speaking about these issues openly is important. "There's a saying in the 12 steps, 'you're as sick as your secrets'...I feel like the less we talk about it, it just sort of percolates there instead, and literally people just don't know about the resources available."

Kristi Case, MPA, Analenisgi Recovery Services manager, added, "We want to break down the stigma involved. We want to bring recovery to the forefront showing people that you can be successful community members who have jobs and lives and families. Out in the community, one of the speakers is a member of Council who's telling his story of recovery and giving people hope that anyone can get into recovery and turn their lives around."

Conner said another important message they wish to convey is that recovery can happen. "If it's all behind-the-scenes, then all that people hear is the really horrible stuff, when people are really

struggling and suffering.

They hear about all of those stories, but they don't hear about these success stories."

The event is being made possible due to a grant from Recovery Communities of

NC along with local funding. Harrah's Cherokee donated money for the free meal which will be provided. Locally, many organizations are participating in or have shown their support for the event including: EBCI Public Health and Human Services, Cherokee Indian Hospital, Full Circle Recovery Franklin, Appalachian Community Services, WNCAP, AA, NA, Indians in Sobriety, Nar-Anon, Life Recovery, Cherokee Civil Action Team,

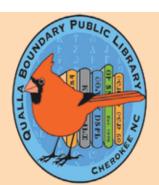
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Center, Cherokee Healing and Wellness Coalition, EBCI Family Safety,
Cherokee Child & Family Services,
Harrah's Cherokee, EBCI TERO
Program, EBCI Tribal Education &
Training, EBCI Tribal HR, Hardee's
of Cherokee, and Southwestern
Community College.

"We've been planning it for a few months now," said Case, "and, we've had a lot of participation from community members and other folks...we have support from Tribal Council and Chief Patrick Lambert to come and speak at our event in support of recovery."

Case went on to say, "It affects everybody. We're trying to make it about a healthy community, a healthy Cherokee. And, how do we do that? We come together. We support each other, and we also show folks what resources we have available because there are so many wonderful resources here."



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CIHA Launches new service with Suboxone

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onday, Aug. 29 started a new chapter for the Cherokee Indian Hospital as it went live with a service aimed at providing patients, with prescriptions, an opportunity to purchase Suboxone through its own pharmacy. This is in large part due to community concerns of affordability once a patient completes the 90-day Suboxone treatment program.

After the initial 90 days, it will be up to the patient to continue their treatment by taking financial responsibility in their recovery. The idea is to give a more reasonably-priced option within CIHA compared to other pharmacies and quell fears of Suboxone being purchased/sold illegally.

According to Jason White, acting CIHA Chief Pharmacist, the pharmacy can work more closely with CIHA providers on better regulations on how patients are picking up and using Suboxone. "The pharmacy will only sell/dispense Suboxone to patients with a legal prescription from CIHA," he said. "Patients will also be required to have a legal tribal or government-issued ID when picking up the medication."

Along with stricter regulations on purchasing Suboxone, patients will find a cost of at least 2.5 times less than at an outside pharmacy.

Per White, the rules to the CIHA Suboxone Self-Pay Program are as follows:

- There is a minimum purchase of a seven-day supply and a maximum of 28 days.



Photo by Jr. de Barbosa

Patients at Cherokee Indian Hospital, with a prescription, will now be able to purchase Suboxone through its own pharmacy.

- No partial prescriptions can be dispensed.
- CIHA Pharmacy can bill insurance and will charge a co-pay fee in place of the cash price of the medication if the patient has insurance.
- Sales can only occur during CIHA pharmacy hours
- o Monday -Tuesday, Thursday -Friday 8am-5:30pm
- o Wednesday 9am-5:30pm
- Patients must pick up their prescriptions in person and provide the appropriate identification at the time of purchase.
- Patients must make their appointments with their provider and/or clinic and must honor all requests for lab draws including drug screens.
- Patients must also honor requests for random strip counts.

Suboxone has been widely controversial since it was popularized as a medication used to treat opioid dependence. It is taken by placing a film strip underneath tongue or

inside cheek until it dissolves.

"The reality is that it is nearly impossible to just stop cold turkey," said Dr. Mary Ann Farrell, CIHA Outpatient Clinical Director.

"Suboxone is a drug, but it is a safer drug alternative."

Dr. Farrell states that while people are concerned about replacing one drug with another, it is important to know that Cherokee Indian Hospital does have a state-of-theart program for addiction that combines both medical care and mental health care.

CIHA works with Analensgi, a behavioral health and recovery center, in order to provide treatment plans that include group/ individual therapy.

Any patient interested in the Suboxone treatment program should contact Analensgi 497-6892, or if they need to switch from an outside pharmacy they must contact their CIHA provider.

Info: www.cherokeehospital.org

Cherokee P.D. instrumental in meth arrest



Rona Burrell Stone

Swain County deputies, along with Cherokee Indian Police officers who are members of the Drug Enforcement Unit, arrested Rona Burrell Stone, of Franklin, on Friday, Aug. 26 on three counts of Trafficking in methamphetamine, one count of resisting public officer, and one count of drug paraphernalia. She was also served with a fugitive warrant from Georgia. Stone was in possession of approximately 96 grams of meth at the time of her arrest. Scales, baggies and other assorted drug paraphenalia items were in her possession. After a traffic stop, Stone provided a false name and tried to hide the fact that she was also wanted in Georgia for drug trafficking charges. She was being held in the Swain County Detention Center on a \$750,000 secured bond as of Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Swain County Sheriff Curtis Cochran said, "This is an example of the hard work and dedication of the officers in this Office, and the working relationship we have with our neighboring agencies, that make all the hard work involved in a case like this to come to a successful end."

- Swain County Sheriff's Office

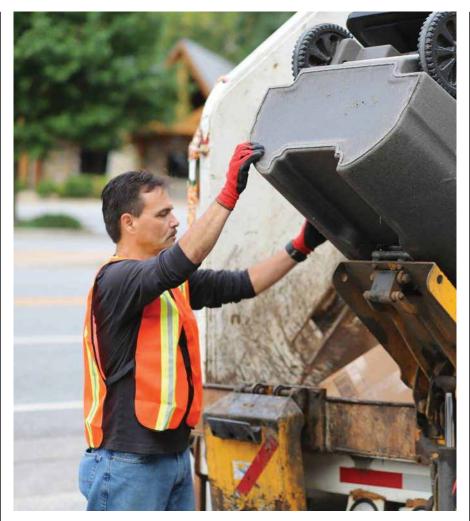
Chief's Monthly Report for August 2016

PRINCIPAL CHIEF PATRICK LAMBERT

et me begin my report to you for the Month of August 2016 by saying how deeply honored I am to be able to represent our Tribe as the Principal Chief. I praise God and thank Him every day for the abundance He has provided to our Tribe and me. I strive to live up to the example His Son set for us to live by and to honor the teachings of my elders. To me, these things speak of honor, integrity, truthfulness, humbleness, compassion, charity and more.

I begin this report with these values in the forefront of my mind to have a frank and honest discussion of the current state of affairs in our Tribal government. To me, the current state of affairs for our Tribe is bright. However, there are some who have proven they will try to stifle and roadblock progress for the Tribe at every step – all while claiming to do it in the name of good government.

Now let me be clear, the divisiveness and ugliness that we have seen lately on Council is just 2-3 members, not the vast majority of Council. The vast majority of Tribal Council wants to get something done for the people. The vast majority of Tribal Council wants to position the Tribe to be stronger for the future. I, like the vast majority of Tribal Council, are beyond tired of the political gamesmanship of 'who's up and who's down' or gotcha politics. Coming together is what is needed, and I remain open to working to accomplishing more



EBCI Communications photos

Chief Lambert works on an EBCI sanitation crew early in the morning on Saturday, Aug. 20.

together.

Remember just a year ago when all our people were rallied to defeat corruption, greed and self-serving interests? I know you and I do, but just that small few on Council didn't get that same memo, I guess? They think dissension, bickering, fighting, and hateful rhetoric is the way you like it. I have always brought the message of unity and that we can accomplish so much if we can just work together.

I live a straight and honest existence and will continue to fight against corruption and greed at every turn. With that said, let me share with you some truths about myself and please understand that I do not feel that I am better than anyone or more important than the person amongst us with the least means. I do not claim to be perfect and make mistakes daily. I tell you these truths so you may understand me better and to be as open and honest with you as possible. Here are a few:

• I usually begin with the assumption that others have the same values that I have as mentioned above and will treat everyone with

the utmost respect. I have been disappointed by this assumption many times in my life and several times since being elected to this position. I am a trusting person and look for the good in everyone and will often give people multiple chances to join me in the quest for the best road. After a while, however, I have had to face the fact that some people only understand greed, power, dishonesty, and no integrity.

- I am, by nature, polite, professional and respectful and because of this I think that some people that I am working with currently mistake these character traits as being weak or stupid. There are a couple of people who are just simple bullies and would rather see the whole Tribe fail as to see us all be successful. However, remember when we first started this journey, I asked and offered for us to work together, and in every Council I state that we need to work together. The Chairman made everyone a promise to work with the Chief's office if they voted him in as Chairman.
- I am fiscally-conservative and socially-progressive on most matters. These things were taught to me at a very young age and have always stayed with me. My Mom has always been a big saver and liked to keep everything and spend only on the things we needed and my Dad loved people, all people, and it didn't matter about the color of your skin, the clothes you wear or the lifestyle you maintain. So, I have grown to be a super-saver and accepting of everyone regardless of their station in life. This outlook on life and how to manage your affairs is what I brought to the table when

accepting this office and is how I am managing it now. This may not sit well with some who do not want to be held accountable or are used to being greedy with the Tribe's money or resources, but for which I do not apologize. As an example... the Tribe has traditionally always purchased the Chief and Vice-Chief an automobile... I still have NOT purchased a vehicle for myself and am driving a car that is the same model as many program cars. It was purchased for the finance office before I ever took office. I do not and did not have to have a new car – especially not a Cadillac Escalades or a Tesla to be prideful and boastful. So, if I were to get a new car, it will be something simple like a Ford Fusion or Kia Optima, something in the range of \$30k (not double or triple that amount). I am staying true to my teachings and leading by example. I believe in cutting expenses where we can and saving for the future. Especially not feeling or acting like I am "entitled." • I guess there will always be crazy rumors, and it seems some people

thrive on telling lies and creating drama in their lives. But, for me... I just work and go home. By the way, one of their silly lies is that I have bought a house and moved to Sylva or Highlands or wherever... Nope! Just a big fat lie. Me and Cyndi are the happiest we have ever been and are comfortably tucked in at 477 Goose Creek Road... Just as we have been for the past 30+ years (except for law school and military service). I have no desire to move or live elsewhere and still live in the same house that I was brought home to from the hospital after birth. We remodeled it about 10 years ago, but it is still the same footprint as when I was a new baby. The effort to create a buzz about my life is flat-



Chief Lambert (front, right) met with Cassius Cash (front, left), Great Smoky Mountains National Park superintendent, and other National Park Service officials on Monday, Aug. 1 to discuss plant gathering rules in the Park.

tering, but I'm just a work-a-holic and a home body otherwise, so nice try. Therefore, when someone tries to whisper some crap like that, first tell them it is a lie, and then if they insist ask who, what, when and where this info can be verified. I'd like to know myself. Haha.

• I will never ask someone to do something that I wouldn't do myself. I believe in the clear example of "servant leadership" and will do the same jobs that I ask of anyone else. This comes from a sense of being equals to everyone else and showing respect to those who are doing the heavy lift and hard work. As I have stated, this position of being Principal Chief is an honor and I will always respect the office. I will not lower myself to the disrespect shown by some. I started this journey to be Chief several years ago and spent a lot of time learning

and getting to know each of our communities and many families; and have been blessed with many great friendships that have developed over the past several years. I learned that our Cherokee Families don't ask for much, but they do ask for honest, accountable and truthful leadership from those they elect. I also expect the same and will always live by the same.

The following is an abbreviated version of my monthly report for August 2016:

Monday, Aug. 1

This morning, I was honored to be able to attend the Kick-off Breakfast to welcome back the Teachers and Staff for the Cherokee Central Schools. I had the opportunity to address the staff and teachers and first thanked them for all their dedication to our children and also ask them to help us in our fight against illegal drug use and underage alcohol abuse. I told them we were working to create new and mandatory educational opportunities within our schools to teach our kids about the real dangers of drug use and how horrifyingly real addiction to opiates and other illegal substance abuse is.

In the afternoon of, I had a meeting with Cassius Cash, Superintendent with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park Service and several of his staff. After our initial meeting, we attended a lunch at Brio wherein all the Council was invited and five attended. It was a great kickoff to a hopeful and bright future relationship with the NPS going forward. After the meet-

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ing, I had a meeting with legal staff and before ending the day I held a Project Development Working Group meeting to discuss projects and see where progress is needed. At this time, I am worried that the dissension created by a couple of bullies in Council is going to stop all our momentum to get some good developments accomplished for our Tribe, business community and Cherokee Families. As I stated earlier, I stand with the vast majority of Council to get some projects accomplished and look forward to moving forward.

Tuesday, Aug. 2

Budget Council

Wednesday, Aug. 3

In the morning, I had several meetings with enrolled members, drop-in visits on various issues. I love seeing people and welcome drop in visits, but am not always able to get them in right away. I am often tied up in other meetings and can't break free to see everyone, but please feel free to speak to anyone of my staff in the office if I can't see you right away.

This afternoon, we held another first from the Principal Chief's office! We know that every little bit helps and the needs for our families is high when it comes to purchasing school supplies. So, my office decided to hold the first ever "Backto-School Bash" at the fairgrounds. It was such a huge success that we ran out of supplies for our kids so we had to schedule another bash to help those out that didn't get anything on this day. We planned for 1,000 and had over 1,500 attend! Thank you to my staff and all the



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volunteers for this event. I am glad to help our Cherokee Families!

Thursday, Aug. 4

Tribal Council. The Vice Chief made some statements when we got to Council reports that appeared pre-planned and in concert with a couple of Council Members. insinuating that there have been some violations of policy in regards to personnel matters. All actions taken by my office are permitted under the law and policy. Just as I stated on air, I will fight for full accountability from all employees and will expect everyone to do their job. A fair days work for a fair days pay. That's all I ask. And is what our Tribe pays for. Maybe some don't believe the same, but I bet the men and women who are required to be in the trenches or on the machines every day and do the tough work as laborers, operators and administrators don't appreciate those

who find political means to skirt the rules and find cover for their misdeeds and neglect of their job responsibilities. I believe everyone who has a paying job has a responsibility to the employer, the EBCI, to fulfill their job duties and do a full days work. And, I know the vast majority of people agree with this.

Finally, after getting thru the theatrics of the morning, I got to give my reports. I introduced some new appointments within my administration.

- Juanita Wilson is the new Snowbird/Cherokee County Director.
- Terri Henry is the new Secretary of State
- Chris McCoy is the new Director of Communications.
- Albert Crowe is the new Realty Services Director.

Each of them are great additions to the Executive Staff and each are highly qualified and energetic and I welcome them aboard.

Friday, Aug. 5

I sponsored a "Lunch with the Chief" at the Snowbird Complex for all the Tribal employees in the Snowbird/Cherokee County area. I really enjoyed the couple hours we had together and took the opportunity to introduce Ms. Juanita Wilson as the new Director of Snowbird/Cherokee County Services.

Aug. 5-6

This weekend was the Annual Talking Leaves Trout Derby. It was very well attended, and I'd like to extend a thank you to all those that volunteered for this event. Also, this weekend was the Red Clay Cherokee Days annual event, and I want to thank our Cherokee men and women who took part in those events.

Monday, Aug. 8

Had staff meetings this morning

and a closed session of Council to discuss various legal issues facing our Tribe. After lunch, I held a follow up Project Development Working Group meeting.

Tuesday, Aug. 9

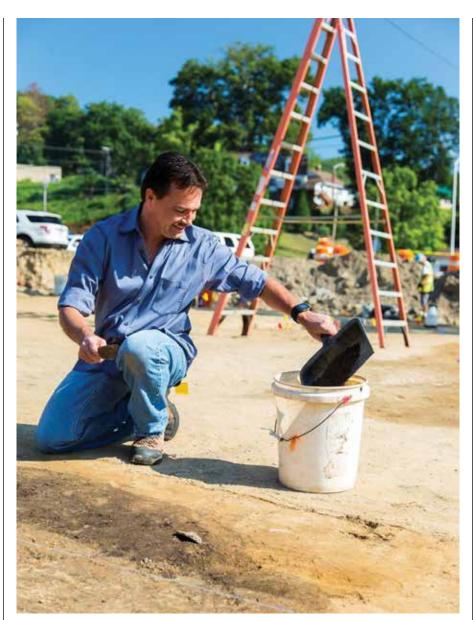
Today, I had several meetings with tribal members on various concerns and issues. I also had the opportunity to meet with the staff of the Cherokee Preservation Foundation and work toward ways to better compliment the Tribe's projects and goals with assistance from the Preservation Foundation. In the afternoon, we held a Capital Committee and reviewed various projects that are funded and the progress being made. I gave final approval for the Snowbird Child Care Center and look for a ground breaking on that project in the next few weeks.

Wednesday, Aug. 10

I held various meetings to create plans for our next steps in projects and initiatives. Also today it started becoming obvious that something needed to be done to protect the Tribal Employees at the BIA offices from federal prosecution by the BIA Superintendent McKee.

Thursday, Aug. 11

I issued administrative leave to all the Tribal Employees stationed at the BIA offices in order to protect them from threatened criminal prosecution for simply doing their jobs. It is required for them to expose records and make certain documents public in the simple course of their work but they were suddenly threatened with prosecution, so I made the decision to send them home with pay until the issue can be resolved.



Chief Lambert participates in the archaeological work at the old Cherokee Elementary School site on Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Friday, Aug. 12

Cyndi and I attended the funeral for a young lady that passed away in an unfortunate accident. Cyndi used to work with her many years ago and we have always thought of her as a beautiful person and know she was loved and cared for by many. Her family is in our prayers still.

Monday, Aug. 15

Had a Planning Board meeting at 1pm. At 2pm, we conducted the initial kick-off meeting with the NPS and in conjunction with

the Forest Service to establish a Compact with the Park to allow our enrolled members to again be allowed to enter upon Park lands and harvest our traditional foods and medicines. This is the beginning of a process that will take several months and perhaps over a vear to complete because there are many regulations and procedures that must be developed and agreed upon. So, please be mindful that it is still illegal to go onto Park lands to harvest ramps or any other foods and medicines until our agreements are finalized.

After the meeting, we had a Project Development Working Group meeting and reviewed the progress on the feasibility study being conducted on the big projects we have had under consideration. The results are still a few weeks away.

Tuesday, Aug. 16

Had a 9am meeting with BIA to discuss the problem hostile environment and threats issued to our tribal employees who work there. The BIA Superintendent and his assistant were present and appeared very agitated and almost angry. The Tribe's Attorney General spoke very clearly and forcibly about the need to protect our employees. We got agreement that the BIA would issue a statement in writing to guarantee that our employees could perform their jobs without threat of criminal charges.

Later in the afternoon at 1:30pm, a representative from a company called Switch from Las Vegas came to give a presentation on Data Centers. He spoke in general terms and gave ideas to Council on the business side of data centers.

Also on the 16th, at 2:30pm, we held a closed-door meeting with our federal and state Lobbyists to discuss strategies on many legislative issues facing our Tribe.

Wednesday, Aug. 17

We held a 2nd Back-to-School Bash for those that weren't able to receive school supplies at the first one. We had several come through to receive their supplies. It was great to visit with several kids of all ages and give them some advice about working hard, having fun

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and learn all they can. I was very grateful to receive a thank you in video from a young man that received some school supplies. He actually took the time to shoot a video showing all the supplies he received and told me he remembered what I told him and that he would do just that. I enjoy helping out our children and Cherokee Families when I can and it makes it worthwhile knowing that we helped someone in need.

Thursday, Aug. 18

We received a written confirmation back from BIA, and I requested all Tribal employees to return to their work at the BIA offices, as the threat of criminal prosecution was clarified and assurances given.

In the afternoon, we held a "Back-to-School Bash" in Snowbird for the kids there. It was a success and the kids had fun as well as the parents. It was good to see so many of my good friends. I always enjoy visiting the Snowbird Community. Thank you to all the volunteers there as well.

Friday, Aug. 19

Today, I signed a 638 contract with the BIA for the new Jail and Justice Center. This 638 contract was pursued during last administration but hit several snags along the way. We were able to negotiate a contract that will provide almost 3 million dollars in this year directly to us from the BIA plus an annual recurring amount payment of almost 1 million yearly. 638 con-

tracts are important to do because this is a clear exercise of our sovereignty and goals of self-determination. We have extremely bright, energetic and capable members in our Tribe that can do these functions of government far better than some government people sitting in a federal office at the BIA at Nashville or DC. I am proud to pursue these efforts on behalf of our Tribe to chart our own course and create our own future.

Saturday, Aug. 20

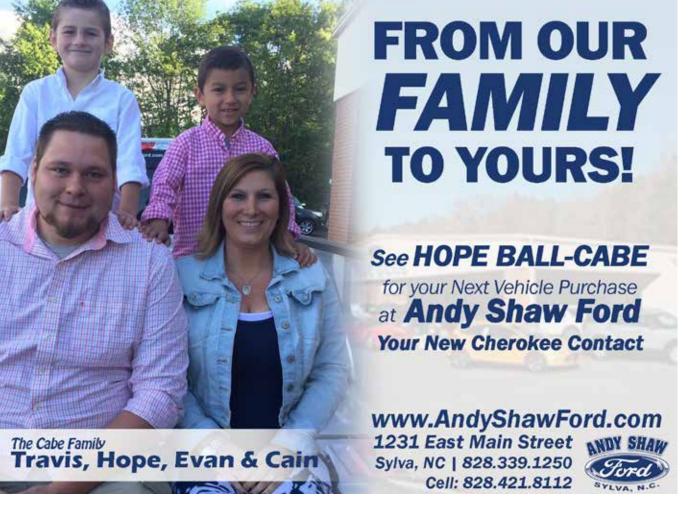
(Saturday morning at 6:45am) I had a very interesting morning. Today was one of those days when I decided to show people that I mean what I say. I won't ask anyone to do a job that I wouldn't do myself, and that I will freely lead by example. I got up and reported

to work with the sanitation crew and worked the rear of the trash truck for a full run thru the route. It was very insightful to learn what a great job our sanitation department employees do for all of us. Working in that environment is not only hard work but can be quite dangerous. I was happy to work alongside some very dedicated Tribal employees. At the beginning of the shift, I received a safety briefing first thing, then my uniform (a caution vest and gloves) and then I stepped up on the back of the truck and helped pick up trash at several homes and businesses. After working with them I certainly have a newfound respect for the men and women that work in that department. You all do a great job for all of us. THANK YOU!

Wednesday, Aug. 31

Today, I had the pleasure of joining the ground crew at the old elementary school site to learn what the archaeologists have discovered since working there for the past month. I was honored to be able to actually dig and recover a broken pot that was from the time period of 1500 to 1650. It was amazing thinking about that in the sense that the last person to have touched that pot, prior to me digging it out of the ground, was over 400-500 years ago!

There has also been found many other artifacts of pottery that date as early as 1100 AD, and other items such as trade beads, arrow points and spear points, summer and winter home structures and also a few graves. The graves are left undisturbed and geo located for later reference so any future construction in the area will not disturb them. I am proud that I ordered a Phase II archeology



study on this site so we can gain more understanding and how our ancestors lived in the area and to protect their graves.

One thing that I was reminded of is that we do not have any place for our own artifact curation. Back during the campaign, one idea that I proposed was to develop and build a Cherokee National Library & Archive in order to get all our historical documents and artifacts under one roof. This is very much needed because all the artifacts that are being unearthed and recovered here and elsewhere are being stored off the Oualla Boundary in storage facilities that are not under our Tribal control or protection. I plan to bring forth legislation to make this National Library & Archive a reality in order to protect our own history and artifacts. Our history is documented and spans thousands of years and it is up to us to protect it and the graves of our ancestors.

Also, on this last day of the month I issued a full day off for admin leave on Friday, Sept. 2 to all Tribal employees for the Labor Day Weekend Holiday. I truly appreciate all your hard work and hope everyone had a great weekend!

The month of August was successful overall, and I know if I keep doing the right thing, keep looking to God for strength, guidance and patience and keep the interests of our Tribe and Cherokee families out front, then the right results will follow.

I hope these reports over the past year have been helpful to give you a window into my daily efforts on your behalf and that you can see that I am a dedicated servant. With your approval, prayers and help I will continue to do what I am doing. I have a vision to diversify

our economy in order to help build long term financial protection for our Tribe. We are in jeopardy from other areas (such as Atlanta) to develop gaming and will be severely hurt financially if we aren't ready for the potential of reduced gaming revenue. I still believe that Tribal Government is capable of doing great things for the people. We as a government are completely capable of doing more than one thing at once. We can walk and chew gum at the same time. We have bright and talented employees in our Tribe and at the Casino and with Council working with me we can get things moving.

We have been in office for almost a year and I've presented several projects and pieces of legislation. We were 71 percent strong in the election and it still holds true today, and I believe we are even stronger today. Perhaps, I've stepped on a couple of toes along the way, which was not my intention, but no one can question my loyalty to my God, my Tribe or my Family, and I am living up to my word... doing what I said I would. I feel a strong sense of responsibility to ensure that Tribal Government is responsive to the needs of the people. My biggest goal is to advance the interests of our Tribe to add to the quality of life for our enrolled members and Cherokee Families.

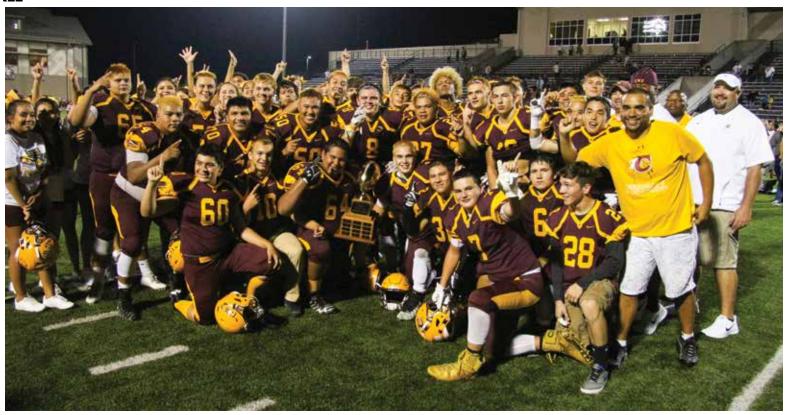
The hallmark of my leadership style is ethics, honesty and integrity above all else. Lead from these principles and the right results will follow.

Thank you for spending some time with me in reading this month's report. God bless you and your family and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.





FOOTBALL



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

The Cherokee Braves celebrate with the Battle of the Nations trophy following their dramatic 26-25 win over Choctaw Central on Friday, Sept. 2 at Ray Kinsland Stadium.

BRAVES WIN BATTLE OF THE NATIONS

Evans leads Cherokee with three touchdowns

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

ONE FEATHER STAFF

t wouldn't be a Battle of the Nations game if it didn't come down to the wire. This one was no different as Cherokee (2-1) edged the Choctaw Central Warriors (0-3) by one-point 26-25 to win the annual game (although it really is a battle) at Ray Kinsland Stadium on Friday, Sept. 2.

"We played hard and we fought hard," said Kent Briggs, Braves head coach. "We really lost our composure several times because of the emotion of the game, and we just have got to learn to be better and be better controlled. Everything that the referees called on us, we probably earned...we can't win many football games if we're giving the opponents so many opportunities because of our emotional mistakes."

He said his team calmed down and got better in the second half. "We found a way to win the football game, and I'm very proud of our men for fighting. We're proud of them for hanging in there and being tough during tough times. We have to give a lot of credit to that football team. They're a good football team. They've got good players.

I thought it was a hard fought battle...it's a big game, and I'm very proud of our young men to bring the trophy home to where it belongs – in Cherokee."

Isaiah Evans, Braves sophomore running back, led the way for Cherokee with 19 rushes for 91 yards and three touchdowns. Tye Mintz, junior quarterback, threw for 126 yards and ran for 24 yards and a touchdown. Almost half of Mintz's passing yards were to Shane Swimmer, junior wide receiver, who had four catches for 61 yards.

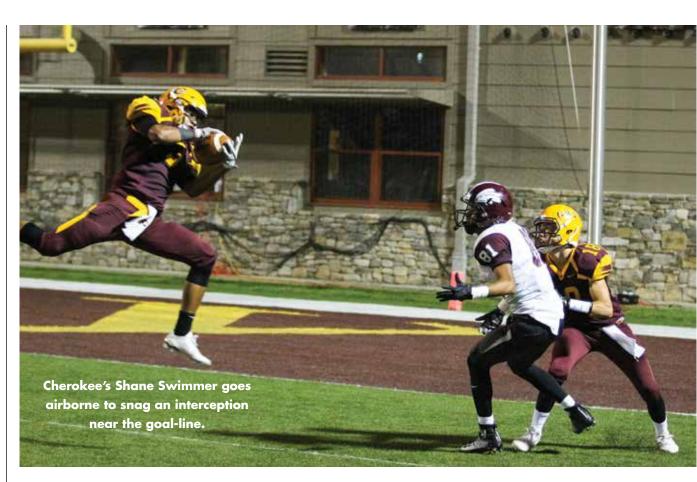
Anthony Toineeta led Cherokee defensively with seven tackles followed by Dodge Crowe-Moss, Holden Straughan, Dawson Wilnoty, and Byron Locust with six each. Swimmer had five tackles and an interception in the game. George Swayney and Zak Perez finished the game with four tackles each. Straughan also had an interception.

Cherokee got the ball first in this contest, but were forced to punt after a three-and-out. Choctaw started their first drive at their own 14-yard line at the 9:47 mark of the first quarter. The Warriors put together a 13-play drive that took five minutes off the clock and ended with a 20-yard field goal by Andrew Sockey to make it 3-0 with 4:44 left in the first.

Both teams would punt on their next two possessions.

The Braves started their fourth possession of the game at their own 10-yard line. On the fourth play of the drive, Choctaw's Jeremiah Robinson intercepted a Mintz pass and ran it back 20 yards for the first touchdown of the game. Graviel Velasco added the extra point, and the Warriors led 10-0 with 6:11 left

see **BATTLE** next page





Isaiah Evans (#5), Braves sophomore running back, runs past the outstretched arms of Choctaw's Chris Cotton (#55) en route to a touchdown. Evans led Cherokee with 19 rushes for 91 yards and three touchdowns.

BATTLE: Braves defeat Choctaw, from page 11

in the half.

The Braves stormed back though. Following the kickoff, they started in good field position at their own 43-yard line and put together an 8-play drive that culminated in a 4-yard touchdown run by Mintz. The two-point try failed, and Choctaw held a 10-6 lead with 97 seconds left in the second.

Choctaw punted following a three-and-out on their next possession. Cherokee got the ball back with 10 seconds left, but simply ran out the clock and trailed 10-6 at the half.

The Warriors got the ball first to start the second half. After starting at their own 40-yard line, Choctaw moved the ball down the field. On the ninth play of the drive, Choctaw faced a 4th and 23. Zane Lilly threw a pass deep into Cherokee territory that was intercepted by Swimmer at the 2-yard line. Swimmer had a huge return that was brought back due to a block in the back penalty, and the Cherokee set up shop at their own 35-yard line.

The Braves moved the ball quickly down the field garnering three first downs in a row. The drive stalled some, and Cherokee faced a 4th and 10 from the Choctaw 25-yard line. Mintz found Straughan on a 15-yard pass play down to the Warriors 10. On the next play, Evans carried the ball to the one-inch line. Then, on the following play, he carried it in for his first score of the night.

Evans ran for the two-point conversion to give Cherokee a 14-10 lead with 4:36 left in the third.

Choctaw wasted no time in answering.

After starting their next drive in



Dawson Wilnoty, Braves senior linebacker, escorts his grandfather, former Principal Chief Ed Taylor, out for the coin toss. Chief Taylor and the late Phillip Martin, former Principal Chief of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, helped organize the first Battle of the Nations.

good field position at their own 41-yard line, the Warriors put together a 10-play drive that culminated in a 7-yard touchdown run by Joshua Jordan. Velasco added the extra point, and the Warriors took the lead again at 17-14 with 22 seconds left in the third quarter.

The Braves started their next drive, their eighth of the game, at their own 42-yard line. Eleven plays later, Evans ran nine yards for his second score of the night. The two-point conversion failed, and Cherokee led 20-17 with 8:42 left in the game.

Cherokee's defense stepped up on Choctaw's next possession. Locust had a big sack on second down to bring up a 3rd and 14 on the Choctaw 46-yard line. Toineeta broke up a pass on third down, and

Straughan intercepted a Lilly pass on fourth down and returned it to midfield.

Cherokee turned the ball over on downs on the ensuing possession, and Choctaw took over at their own 19-yard line. On first down, Lilly hit Brison Dixon on a 60-yard pass play. After the catch, Dixon fumbled the ball which was recovered by Swayney who returned it to the Cherokee 30-yard line.

Five plays later, Evans ran 12 yards for his third touchdown of the night. The two-point try failed, and Cherokee led 26-17 with 1:49 left in the game.

But, this is the Battle of the Nations game...it wasn't over yet.

On the ensuing kickoff, Choctaw's Sockey returned the ball 60

yards to the Cherokee 14-yard line. An offsides penalty by the Braves took the ball inside the 10-yard line. Cherokee's defense tightened and made three stops in a row. But, on fourth down, Dakota Kennedy ran it in from one yard out. Kennedy then ran for the two-point conversion to make it 26-25 with just over 20 seconds left in the game.

The Warriors tried an onsides kick that was recovered by the Braves who ran out the clock to take the one-point win and the Battle of the Nations trophy.

The Braves travel to Cosby, Tenn. on Friday, Sept. 9 to play the 1-1 Eagles.

(Note: Defensive stats were compiled by One Feather staff at the game.)

ON THE SIDELINES

Freedom of speech is great, but these are just kids

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

ONE FEATHER STAFF

n this age of social media, the world is literally in our hands through the marvel – or scourge, whichever you prefer – that we call the internet. The internet has provided us with unlimited access to information, knowledge, and educational resources, and in turn, we've responded with memes, videos of people falling down, and site after site after site of people giving their opinions on everything from sports to movies to politics.

I am a staunch supporter of free speech. However, I am not a fan of that speech when it becomes

unnecessarily hurtful, especially towards children. As I've written before, many times adults forget that the ones playing high schools sports are not adults themselves but just kids...some as young as 13 or 14.

In the heat of the moment of games, we oftentimes hear really inappropriate things yelled out at these young student-athletes. But, what really gets me is the mean-spirited, many times anonymous, comments made on internet sites.

I'm proud to work for a newspaper that doesn't put up with that sort of behavior. A few years ago, I was asked to write policies for

the One Feather regarding news coverage, journalism ethics, etc. I made a point to include a clause in there about sports coverage as it relates to student-athletes which reads. "Cherokee One Feather staff will refrain from harsh criticisms in articles or photo cutlines."

When writing my sports articles, I am about the facts as all sports writers should be. When I'm doing this column, I can interject my opinion. There is a huge difference, but that's another column.

There's a real difference in writing about things such as fumbles, interceptions, turnovers in basketball, etc. and criticizing the players that made them. Most people covering high school sports have enough decorum to do the same as I do and stick to the facts. If a team loses, they lose. If they're outscored 59-0...well, that's what happened. Report it. But, undue criticism doesn't do anyone any good, and it's counterproductive to what student-athletes and their schools are working towards and that's increased self-confidence and self-esteem.

I wish the same could be said of many sports sites around the coun-

try and on individual Facebook pages. It is never okay to harshly criticize high school children playing a sport for fun. It just isn't It's ridiculous enough to yell these things at them during the game, but to post them online for the whole world to see is just wrong. I really feel the old adage, "if you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all" comes into play here.

With our policy, the One Feather doesn't allow comments such as this on our Facebook page. I can say though with pride for Braves fans and those who follow our page that we have never had to delete such a comment. That is just about incredible, but it is true. I hope the One Feather never has to.

Over the summer, my daughter was awarded a free trip to Washington, DC for being a winner in this year's Young Native Writers Essay Contest. While there, she visited the Newseum and purchased a shirt for me that reads, "Freedom of speech is not a license to be stupid".

I think that shirt just about sums it up. Go Braves!

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Making the grade

Sequoyah National is ranked in the Top 20 in North Carolina by Golf Magazine

AMBLE SMOKER

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HITTIER – The Sequoyah National Golf Club was listed as one of the top 20 golf courses in North Carolina in the September issue of Golf Magazine. The ranking comes on the heels of a dramatic change in operation and approach to course management by ClubCorp Golf, who took over management duties in the fall of 2014. Golf courses who receive these rankings are typically judged on condition, challenge, design, and service, all areas Sequoyah National employees emphasize towards guests.

"It's an honor to be on the list alongside (golf) courses like Pinehurst No. 2, Pinehurst No. 4, and Tanglewood," related Kenny Cashwell, General Manager of Sequoyah National. "It should be a tremendous boost to the golf operation (here) and our reputation in our community. What this team has done is created a product the Tribe could be proud of."

In the fall of 2014, the course conditions at Sequoyah National fell under heavy duress and the outlook was bleak for locals and visitors who utilized the course. Many golf and travel websites chastised the course with a string of scath-



Photo courtesy of Sequoyah National Golf Club

The Sequoyah National Golf Club was listed as one of the top 20 golf courses in North Carolina in the September issue of Golf Magazine.

ing reviews with threats of never returning. One reviewer stated, "4 of the greens had virtually no grass. Like putting on a gravel road. (sic)"

"My first week here, a gentlemen rated us a one, and the only reason he gave us a one is because he couldn't give us a zero," said Cashwell. "Flash forward to January of last year, on TripAdvisor, we've had 100 percent five-stars with the exception of one four-star. I think that's primarily attributable to the hard work Brandon and his team have put in."

A major contributing factor to the reversal of conditions at Sequoyah National is the amount of time and effort put into the course by Golf Course Superintendent, Brandon Burns. It is not uncommon for the early bird golfers to meet Burns working on the course in the early morning hours before the sun completely rises. Alternatively, it not uncommon for Burns to still be working as the twilight golfers drive their cart back to the clubhouse following their round.

"In the summer, grass gets under a lot of stress and we have to stay here and watch it," explains Burns. "You can't leave it at 1:30. You have to be with it all the way until 6pm, usually. We try to alleviate as much stress on the grass as possible. It needs a lot more attention than other golf courses."

Burns continued, "The first summer (2015) was about having grass and wasn't 100 percent about playability. "This year, one of the main goals was concentrating on playability and continual improvement. I think that led to

people noticing us more and more.'

The team at Sequoyah National is confident their renewed outlook will help drive tourism in the Cherokee area.

"Hopefully, in the future, it brings in more cliental, more tournaments, and more golfers on the course," related Carr Crowe, an EBCI tribal member who is the head golf pro at the course. "With people seeing the ranking, maybe that gives guests a good reason to visit the mountains and play golf while visiting the area, as opposed to traveling elsewhere."

The Sequoyah National Golf Club is an enterprise of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and managed by Sequoia Golf Management, a division of ClubCorp.



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Macie Welch (#5), Lady Braves setter, prepares for a set during a home match against the Highlands Lady Highlands on Tuesday, Aug. 30. Highlands won 3-1 (25-21, 25-14, 18-25, 25-19).

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 2

Cherokee 26 Choctaw Central (Miss.) 25

Mitchell 34 Andrews 7

Murphy 42 Carolina Wildcats 0

Union Co. (Ga.) 61 Hayesville 7

North Henderon 31 Swain Co. 28

Madison 44 Rosman 22

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Saturday, Sept. 3

Pee Wees

Murphy 44 Cherokee 0 Robbinsville 30 Cooper Basin (Tenn.) 0

Termites

Murphy 6 Cherokee 0 Jackson Co. 30 Swain Co. 0

Mites

Murphy 24 Cherokee 8 Robbinsville 40 Copper Basin 0 Swain Co. 28 Jackson Co. 0

Midgets

Murphy 6 Cherokee 0

Swain Co. 38 Jackson Co. 0 Robbinsville 42 Copper Basin 0

VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Aug. 30

Highlands 3 Cherokee 1 (25-21, 25-14, 18-25, 25-19)

Murphy 3 Hiwassee Dam 0 (25-15,

25-10, 25-14)

 $Hay es ville\ 3\ Andrews\ 1\ (25\text{-}15,$

25-10, 23-25, 25-14)

Swain Co. 3 Robbinsville 0 (25-13,

25-23, 25-21)

Thursday, Sept. 1

Hayesville 3 Cherokee 0 (25-6, 25-15, 25-7)

Swain Co. 3 Rosman 2 (23-25, 25-21, 25-19, 22-25, 16-14)

Robbinsville 3 Highlands 0 (25-14, 25-13, 25-12)

JV VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Aug. 30

Highlands 2 Cherokee 0

Thursday, Sept. 1

Hayesville 2 Cherokee 0



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Rodeo time!

Livia Crowe, an 8-year-old EBCI tribal member, rides during the Mutton Bustin' contest at the 4th Annual Seven Clans Rodeo on Saturday, Sept. 3. The two-day event, which started on Friday, was sanctioned by the Southern Rodeo Association.



Adams, Goshorn win in Santa Fe

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he Eastern Band of Cherokee
Indians is known for its talented
artists. Two EBCI tribal members
proved that to be true as they won

awards at this year's SWAIA (Southwestern Association for Indian Arts) Santa Fe Indian Market.

Joshua Adams took first place in the Abstract Sculpture Division – Wood Category and Shan Goshorn won a second place ribbon in the Outside the Southwest Bas-

kets Division – Contemporary Category.

"It being my first year entering sculpture, I had zero expectations for an award this year," said Adams. "The sculpture category is, by far, one of the strongest classes at Indian Market and to be recognized by the judges at SWAIA is a dream come true. I was honored just to be in the same category with some of my favorite artists."

He won for a piece entitled "False Faced God".

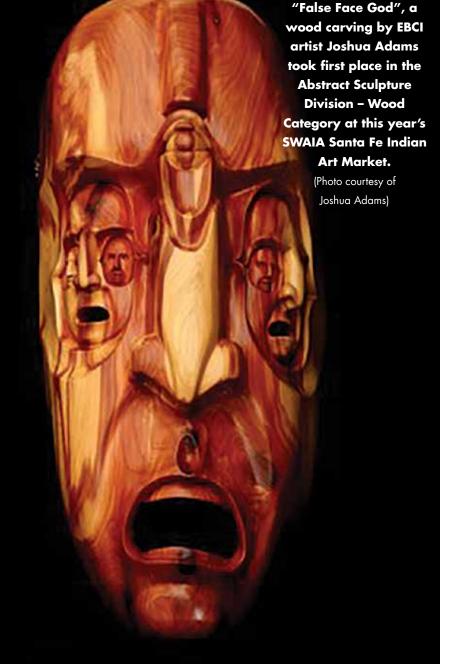
"It is an attempt to create a vision of God through Cherokee culture pre-Christian assimilation," said Adams. "Very little remains of our ancient religion, and the importance of a god head figure in any religion is extremely important. I chose to carve seven faces in honor of the seven clans and the sacred number seven - each face having its own independent space, vet ultimately being part of one ultimate being."

On the title of the piece, he related, "The title is based upon a culture term I continually ran across in my study of traditional Cherokee mask lore – False Face being the description of Cherokee masks carved by our ancestors for ceremonial use. It is my vision for the great Creator or God."

Goshorn won for a unique basket entitled "Swept Away".

"The idea for this piece – including the title – visited me in a dream," she commented. "The resulting work is a 3-D interpretation of the basic Cherokee basketry pattern called 'Water', a design which is included around the base and the rim. The finished basket is woven in a familiar Cherokee weave but expanded so the entire basket assumes the zig-zag of the pattern."

She said that basket arose from a trip she took with her daughter to the Carlisle Indian Boarding School site in Pennsylvania. "Wrapping around the basket is a mournful, evening photo of the Tuckaseegee River flowing through the ancestral Cherokee homeland. This image, along





with the river-like shape of the basket and plunging blue interior, epitomizes the deep sorrow and dark tide of removal experienced by Indian communities throughout the northern hemisphere over the sweeping loss of their children and way of life. The interior features reproductions of the Carlisle student roster as evidence that we remember and honor the sacrifices these children were forced to endure."

Both artists have placed in Santa Fe previously. Adams won a first place award in Diverse Arts – Woodcarving at least year's event and Goshorn won a first place award in basketry at the event in 2014 and 2015 and was named Best in Class in 2013.

Next year's Santa Fe Indian Art Market is set for Aug. 19-20, 2017. Info: www.swaia.org



Photo courtesy of Shan Goshorn

"Swept Away", a unique basket by EBCI artist Shan Goshorn took a second place ribbon in the Outside the Southwest Baskets Division – Contemporary Category.

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Wilson's photos featured in Fayetteville art show

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hether it's capturing the wings of a hummingbird or patiently waiting on a mountainside for an elusive shadow to be cast, Jeremy Wilson will be there with camera in tow. The EBCI tribal member's photography is being featured currently in an art installation entitled "Contemporary Art Forms by America's First People".

The exhibit, sponsored by the Arts Council Fayetteville/Cumberland County, is on display now until Saturday, Oct. 22 at the Arts Council located at 301 Hay Street in Fayetteville. Gallery hours are Monday who are living and creating today."

Three of Wilson's photographs are on display at this exhibit including 12" x 24" canvases entitled "Shadow of the Bear", "Clingman's Dome Sunrise", and "Hummingbird".

In thinking of the exhibit as a whole, he commented, "Contemporary art can be defined differently depending on which artist you're talking to, but the definition of contemporary art is capturing creation in the moment. So, for 'Shadow of the Bear', I watched it unveil itself."

Wilson said sitting on Whiteside Mountain in mid-October waiting for the shadow requires patience. "You're watching this thing appear from start to finish so you're actually watching it live happening in front

of you – a rare phenomenon that only happens twice a year. So, to be able to capture that from start to finish would be my definition of contemporary – capturing that creation in the moment."

Photos such as his "Hummingbird" piece which literally stops the wings of the bird in a moment in time, take a different kind of patience. "That's something that you're capturing as it swoops in. That's something that you just don't get. For me, it took an hour to get that photo. You're

talking changing shutter speeds, light and things of that nature, and for me, that's the artful part of it."

The artistry of photography is what draws Wilson, "A lot of people think, when they're not artists, that you just do it and that I just walk up to the bird and say, 'hey, let me take your photo', but you have to really be patient and you have to really be inspired by the moment. For most people, they just see the hummingbird come in, get its food from the feeder and take off, but for me, I'm watching the detail of how all of that is going."

He said once, while sitting by a feeder, he could feel the wind coming off of a hummingbird's wings. "When you're outside of contemporary art or art in general, you kind of look at life in black and white, and you're just going through it. But, being a photographer has allowed me to see life in detail."

Wilson said his best photographs sometimes aren't planned.

On a trip up to Clingman's Dome in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on a foggy, rainy morning, he captured one of his favorite shots. "I drove all the way up there so I was trying to find something to take a photo of while I was up there so I found some water coming off a rock. So, I said to myself I'll try to test my ability to capture water coming off of a rock using a high shutter speed. I felt it getting a little bit warmer, and the rain was tapering off when I saw some light coming through, bouncing off rocks, and I could see the sun trying to come out. So, when that happened I looked behind me and it was all clear and there was this giant rainbow."

Patience is the key. "For me, being a photographer, while I'm up there I'm using my time to try to find something to capture, and while I'm being patient, I turn around and there's this huge, possibly once-in-alifetime event, that's cascading all across the sky as a double rainbow."

To view or purchase photos from Wilson, visit his website at http://www.jeremywilsonphotograph.com/. For more information on the exhibit, contact the Arts Council Fayetteville/Cumberland County (910) 323-1776, admin@theartscouncil.com



Photo by Jeremy Wilson

"The Shadow of the Bear" is one of three photographs by EBCI tribal member Jeremy Wilson being featured in an exhibit by the Arts Council Fayetteville/Cumberland County entitled "Contemporary Art Forms by America's First People".

- Thursday from 9am - 5pm, Friday from 9am - 12noon and Saturday from 12-4pm.

Information from the Arts Council states, "While art by America's First People is deeply rooted in tradition, the work in this exhibition is contemporary and shows the perspective of Native American artists

Blythe named AISES region representative

hloe Blythe, a EBCI tribal member and a Fellow in the Jones-Bowman Leadership Award program (JBLA), has been selected to serve as the Region 7 Representative for the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES).

She is currently studying business management at Queens University in Charlotte. This appointment gives Blythe the opportunity to be an ambassador for the Tribe and collaborate with other native students on a national level.

Special Initiatives Director of the JBLA pro-



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Society (AISES).

gram, Alicia Jacobs, notes, "It is important that our students participate on a national level to gain experience networking with members of other Tribes. This further develops their leadership skills and ultimately benefits the Tribe as a whole when they return to the community."

Lisa Paz, from the AISES organization, stated, "We are happy to announce that Chloe Blythe (EBCI) has been elected as the new Region 7 Student Representative. AISES college chapters are divided into seven geographical regions, each with its own Regional Student Representative. Regional Reps serve as liaisons between the National AISES Office and the national and regional student body.

Regional Student Representatives are elected by the members in that region. **Student Representatives** evaluate common issues and concerns and make recommendations for ways to improve AISES' member services. AISES' Region 7 is made up of the Southeast United States: Alabama, Delaware, District Of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia The mission of AISES is to substantially increase the representation of American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, First Nations and other indigenous peoples of North America in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) studies and careers."

The Jones-Bowman
Leadership Award Program
congratulated Chloe and
applauded her commitment to high academic
standards, leadership, and
professionalism. They stated that she exemplifies the
best qualities of the Eastern
Band of Cherokee Indians
community, the Queens
University community, and
the Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program.

- Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program

Cherokee Youth Entrepreneurship Venture benefits Costa Rican Schools

s major corporations around the globe are rethinking their business models to achieve the quadruple bottom line (people, planet, profit, and purpose), a group of high school students from the Qualla Boundary is moving into their fourth year of a successful social entrepreneurship venture that uses its proceeds to improve schools in Costa Rica.

Each year, Sequoyah Fund, a nonprofit community loan fund, works with a group of 10 high school students to operate TuYa Café, a coffee business that was originally developed by 2014



Photo courtesy of Cuny Communications **Tuya Café is part of the Costa**

Tuya Café is part of the Costa Rica Eco Study Tour.

program participants. Since it's launch, TuYa Café has sold over 600 pounds of coffee and earned over \$14,000 in revenues.

"Each year with the students is really exciting," said Hope Huskey, Associate Director of Sequoyah Fund. "They always try – and succeed – in surpassing last year's sales numbers. It's great to see their competitive spirit come out to benefit a good cause."

In addition to sales experience, students get lessons in marketing and business finance through the program. "Our goal is to not only instill entrepreneurial values in our youth, but also to help them understand how they can use these skills to bring good to others, their local communities, and other communities around the world," related Huskey.

All net profits are directed towards service projects for Costa Rican schools. Participating students actually travel to Costa Rica each summer to provide labor for the improvements. This year's students focused most of their efforts on Tortugeuro Elementary where they worked on various beautification and technology improvement projects, as well as established a

recycling program.

"Our students are always considerate of the environment, and take time to incorporate some kind of environmental aspect into their work," said Huskey. Last year's students installed solar panels in Cabecar School, and groups have planted trees the past two years.

Tuya Café is part of the Costa Rica Eco Study Tour, a leadership development program that educates students in the areas of cultural diversity, service, environmental sustainability, and entrepreneurship. The program is made possible through a partnership of the Cherokee Preservation Foundation, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cooperative Extension Program, and Sequoyah Fund.

- Cuny Communications on behalf of Sequoyah Fund

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

Family Wellness Program starting

The Cherokee Turning Point Family Wellness Program is starting Monday, Sept. 12. The family program will consist of six group education sessions held Mondays from 4:30-6pm in the Ginger Lynn Welch Community Room. Supper will be provided, and the sessions will focus on physical activity, nutrition, stress management, and goal tracking.

The requirements for the program include: child must be an EBCI tribal member between the ages of 7-12, child must be overweight (>85th percentile BMI) or at high risk for diabetes, and the child and parent or primary caregiver must commit to attend at least five out of the six sessions.

Space is limited. To sign-up:
Robin Callahan, MHS, RD, LDN, 359-6785, robibail@nc-cherokee.com;
Rose James, RN, 359-6787, rose-jame@nc-cherokee.com; or Chrystal
Frank, MS-MPH, RD, LDN, 4979163 ext. 6806, chrystal.frank@
cherokeehospital.org

- Cherokee Choices

Senior Fuel applications being taken

The Cherokee Senior Citizens Program will be taking fuel applications starting Monday, Sept. 12. Program guidelines include:
1. Must be 59½

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

3. Must live in the five (5) counties service area: Swain, Jackson, Cherokee, Graham and Haywood

- 4. 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 resi-
- 7. All seniors must reapply every year
- 8. Must apply for the primary heat source only

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- 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
- 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

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 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

Per Capita notice for new applicants

New applicants must submit a complete EBCI enrollment application to the Enrollment Office by 4:30pm on Thursday, Sept. 15 to be considered for the December 2016 per capita distribution. Enrollment applications received after this date will not be considered for the December distribution. Applications are available at the Enrollment Office located in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex at 808 Acquoni Road.

Complete applications include:

- a County-certified birth certificate and
- Certified DNA results sent directly from the lab to the Enrollment Office. *DNA Testing must be performed on or before Friday, Aug. 26 to obtain the results before the Sept. 15 dead-

line.

0478.

• Applications for newborns will be considered for enrollment without the social security number. However, an Enrollment Card will not be issued until the Enrollment Office receives the social security number for the new enrollee.

To schedule a DNA test in Cherokee, contact Michelle at the Enrollment office 359-6463.

To schedule a DNA test out of town, contact Amber Harrison (918) 685-

The Enrollment Office now accepts Voluntary Assignments of per capita for the cost of DNA Testing. For details, contact Melanie Lambert at the Enrollment Office 359-6465.

To request an application and for all other questions, contact the Enrollment Office (828) 359-6469, 359-6467 or 359-6465.

- EBCI Enrollment Office

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 Preser-

vation 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:

- * Friday, Sept. 9
- * Wednesday, Sept. 14
- * Friday, Sept. 16

- * Wednesday, Sept. 21
- * Friday, Sept. 23
- *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 is at the EBCI Tribal Enrollment office located at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. 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

CHA presents "Unto These Hills" awards

The Cherokee Historical Association and "Unto These Hills" production celebrated employees with awards that were presented at the closing night ceremony on Saturday, Aug. 13.

Top of House Award for dedication and professionalism:

Georgeanne Simmons and Jaylon Lossiah

Youth Awards for Performance and Professional conduct: Falon Welch and Cavan Reed

Cherokee Spirit Award: Wesley Bird

Lewis Harding Service Award: Martha Sampson

Ray Kinsland Dedication Award: Erma McMillan

Shirley Welch Memorial Plaque: "Miss Shirley was a valued and loved

employee that we lost last year," said CHA officials. "We wanted to keep her memory alive and pay tribute to her years of devotion by placing this plaque in the village in her honor."

The following EBCI tribal members participated in this year's "Unto These Hills" production:

Big Cove Community: Fala Welch, Falon Welch, Cavan Reed, Dorian Reed, Aaliyah Reed, and Jarius Gloyne

Birdtown Community: Martha Sampson, Alyssa Sampson, Lizzie Hull, Chayton "Bee" Cruz

Painttown Community: Devon Cucumber, Matthew Tooni, John Tooni

Wolftown Community: Arianna Toineeta, Praire Toineeta, Wesley Bird, Michael Crowe Jr., Blaze Crowe, Rabekka Wolfe

Yellowhill Community: Tamara Sampson

Waynesville: Gabriel Dial, Kayden Dial

CHA officials also commented, "Cherokee Historical Association would like to express our appreciation for our enrolled members who have supported us over the years. We have had a multitude of talented, professional and loyal enrolled artists that have been a part of our company since the very first performance in 1950. We are truly blessed to have worked with so many creative families and are looking forward to the tradition continuing into the next generation."

- Cherokee Historical Association



One Feather deadline Friday at 12noon





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Harrah's Cherokee hosts SCC Foundation gala

The Southwestern Community College Foundation held its Bluegrass, Blue Jeans & Bling gala on Saturday, Aug. 13 at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort. The fundraiser netted more than \$55,000 for the Student Success Campaign used to support student scholarships. Presenting sponsor for the gala was Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, which hosted the event for the second straight year and donated more than \$10,000. Among those in attendance were (left-right) Rhoda Clark, Brian Debuty, Trina Sneed of Cherokee, Vice Chief Richard G. Sneed, Myra Lambert, Tommy Lambert, Manuela Luebeck, and Jeremy Hyatt of Dillsboro.

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you for support, donations

I want to thank everyone who donated to us and helped us out as we took supplies to the Sacred Stone Camp on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. We even received supplies from people in Georgia. It was just fantastic that everyone helped out. We ended up with 32 cases of water, camping gear, various materials, food, and baby supplies. Thank you to everyone who helped in this effort.

Sarah Crow

Birdtown Community

Thank you from Junior Miss contestant

I would like to take this time to say thank you to everyone who purchased an Indian Taco or frybread and chili on Aug. 26. I also want to say thank you to those of you who donated. My mom, dad, Cousin Earl and Cousin Elnora worked very hard on this day, and I want them to know that I appreciate it very much. I know that it's hard work to have a fundraiser, and I'm thankful I have family and friends so willing to help out. I am preparing to run for Junior Miss Cherokee on Tuesday, Oct. 6, and I am hopeful that I will be able to represent not only my family but the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Praire Monique Toineeta "Iwodi"

Miss Cherokee report for July, August 2016

TARAN SWIMMER

2015 MISS CHEROKEE

iyo, greetings to all, I hope everyone is having a great summer! Here is my report for July and August 2016

July 1-3

I attended the 4th of July pow wow and had a great time. It was nice spending time with the other royalty that attended the pow wow and watching all of the dancers from all age groups compete.

Thursday, July 7

The Miss Cherokee Royalty Board organized a Miss Cherokee information night. This event was set up so any young lady interested in running for Miss Cherokee could come out and talk with our Current Miss Cherokee and former Miss Cherokee's about their experiences and also ask questions that they might have regarding running for this title. We had a few young ladies who attended this event and I think it went well. I would like to encourage as many young women from our tribe to consider running for this title. It is a lot of work but the work is well worth it. I have learned so much from this experience and I know it will only help me as I move forward in my life. I am so thankful to everyone who has invited me to attend their event this

Thursday, July 14

I attended the 25th Silver anniversary for Tsali Manor which was held at the Casino Hotel. I was very honored to have been able to



sing the Cherokee National Anthem, and I enjoyed spending time with my grandparents, Jessie and Virgil Swimmer, my aunt, Marina Swimmer and my great grandmother, Amanda Swimmer, while at this event. There was a great turn out for this event and I had a great time. Thank you Deb West for the invite.

Saturday, July 23

I had a meet-and-greet at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Thank you Ethan Clapsaddle for setting this up for me. I enjoyed meeting the many visitors that came through the museum.

Monday, Aug. 1

I attended the Soil & Water Conservation 2016 NACO southeastern Regional Meeting. I was asked to sing the Cherokee National Anthem after the presenting of the colors from the Steve Youngdeer Post. Thank you Warren Dupree for the inviting me to take part in this event.

Friday, Aug. 5

I had the privilege to take part in the 1st day of the Talking Trees Trout Derby and work with the EPA booth. At the booth, I took part in working with the kids who were getting registered for the derby. There was a Wheel for kids to spin or as questions/issues associated with Environmental Health. I had a fun time doing this, and I also learned a few things myself. Unfortunately, due to family issues, I was unable to attend on Saturday for the actual derby, but I heard it was a huge success. Thank you Rosie McCoy and Kim for Friday.

Monday, Aug. 8

I had the honor of taking part in welcoming back the returning students at the Cherokee Middle School for their new school year. I would like to thank Joel Creaseman for asking me to take part in welcoming our students and staff for another great year of school.

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of their summer and nothing but best wishes to all of the children who are returning to school. May God continue to bless our Tribe, leaders and our people.

Wednesday, Aug. 24

I attended the VAWA Tribal Trial Advocacy Training and had the privilege to sing the Cherokee National Anthem.

I have enjoyed attending all of the events that I have been invited to, and I have enjoyed sharing the talent that God has blessed me with during these events. If you have an event coming up and you would like for me to attend, please email me ebcimisscherokee@gmail.com or you can contact my mother, Tina Swimmer, 554-5027 or 736-6624

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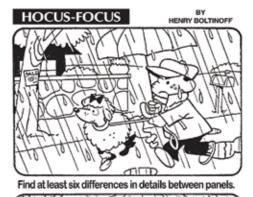
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- 4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many time zones does China have?
- 5. MOVIES: Who starred in the movie "Mommie Dearest," and what actress did she portray?
- 6. FOOD & DRINK: What ingredient gives gin its distinctive taste?
- 7. MYTHOLOGY: The Minotaur and his labyrinth were said to be located on which Greek island?
- 8. ACRONYMS: What does ROM stand for?
- 9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: About how many eggs can a queen bee lay each day?
- 10. TELEVISION: What was the name of the family dog on "The Simpsons"?
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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) 479-

8678 or (828) 361-3278,roger-smoker@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 Darius in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- From Philippians 4, what does the apostle Paul instruct us to do rather than worry? Cry, Pray, Love, Talk
- How long did the journey of Ezra take from Babylon to Jerusalem? 4 days, 4 months, 4 years, 40 years
- 4. What creature did the prophet Joel have a vision of? Locust, Flies, Viper, Leeches
- From John 18, who asked, "What is truth"? Moses, Paul, Pilate, David
- All of Job's children were killed in a ...? Flood, Fire, Wind, Stampede

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Pilate; 6)

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Not just another Fair

ROBERT JUMPER

ONE FEATHER EDITOR

ess than a month to go and we will be celebrating a century's old tradition. The dates for this year's Cherokee Indian Fair are Oct.
4-8. Certainly, the Cherokee people have been having harvest celebrations long before the 20th century, but it was in the 1900s that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians decided to capitalize on the drawing power of the culture to use the Fair as a tourist attraction.

Some have characterized our Cherokee Indian Fair as akin to an annual county fair. With its carnival rides and agricultural exhibits, the Fair does have a look and feel of a local fair. Food judging and vending booths are not unique to our celebration. Lots of other fairs have those.

The Destination Marketing program, under the direction of Tonya Carroll, and the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds staff, under the direction of Frieda Huskey, spend much money and manpower to provide a special experience for our people and the guests who come to visit.

Each day has a special theme and a "day organizer" is assigned to line up the entertainment that will fill up their particular day. For several years now, the day planners have primarily been assigned from the staff of the Welcome Center. For as long as I can remember, Josie Long, along with her staff, has coordinated the Cherokee Indian Fair Parade. A few years ago, she also was tasked with planning the entire day of the parade. Similarly, each day is created, given the funds available, to provide a good balance of games, food and stage entertainment. Entities from throughout the tribal organization and communities come together to form the five day event, including pageant boards and committees, Harrah's volunteers, stickball enthusiasts, PHHS, CIPD, EMS, CFD and many other tribal programs with impressive acronyms.

The Agricultural Extension Office and Qualla Arts and Crafts have, year after year, played a critical role in the execution of the Fair. They coordinate and execute the receiving and judging of the agricultural, arts and crafts submissions from the communities and Cherokee people for the exhibition that occurs every year at the Fair. Long hours are spent coordinating, promoting and encouraging the communities to participate in community displays that represent the pride and past of each unique community on the Qualla Boundary. They also create a prize structure for group and individual entries. All of the entries are organized and displayed, all before the gates open on the first day of the Fair.

And, like at many other group gatherings, one shouldn't be surprise to see a politician or two. With the federal, state and local elections only a couple of months away and the mid-term tribal election just one year away, the Cherokee Indian Fair is the prime event for hand-shaking and baby-kissing.

There is something very different about our celebration. While the tourists are welcome and they are still a part of the reason we have the Fair, the Cherokee people use the Cherokee Indian Fair as a reunion time. When you come to the Fair, you will see Cherokee elders gathering around fences and fires, laughing and "cutting up" with each other or telling each other what it will take to solve the great issues of the day. Cherokee children will bob and weave in and out of the crowd; chasing each other in play. Members of Cherokee families that live far away will plan enough vacation time to come home and ride with the family to the gather at the fairgrounds. Jokes will be told, tales will be stretched, and you will probably hear a little gossip shared.

More than the bright lights and carefully decorated booths, the Cherokee Indian Fair is about people. Actually, it is about the Principal People. I have had the joy and pleasure of being involved in the planning and execution of this signature event of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in years past. It is a time when we put our best foot forward. We honor our children, elders, veterans and community. We play Cherokee games and eat Cherokee food. We celebrate Cherokee ingenuity, talent and beauty. Now, I ask you, who would want to miss that?

Poll Responses

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

How would you like to see the old Cherokee High School property used?

Sam Blythe: World's largest strip club and bar! Vote in the booze and import the women!

Orion Holmberg: Community college

Tracy Crowe: How about a school for autism and other handicapped kids? The school could help the kids learn to do more for themselves and they could cook and do things there. That way, they can have some independence, and that way, our kids would not have to move away from their homeland.

Reno Cucumber: All of the Cherokee departments; tired of running all over town (BIA, water, housing)...that would make it a lot easier.

Neil Ferguson: Regional Event Center and new Fairgrounds...tear down the old building and build an arena-type venue on the existing footprint. Keep the outdoor areas for parking and outdoor events. Buy out the hotels on either side. Tear them down and expand the parking and outdoor venue space.

Gene Rickman: Paintball... employment, cash flow, entertainment...so many possibilities for different types of games like a zombie area...free for all area, team play

Leslie Lossiah: I've said it before...

turn it into an arts institute where people can learn their traditional crafts, clothing, etc. There are many people, myself included, willing to teach people these things.

Joey Owle: A 100-story skyscraper that offers floors for rent to Fortune 100 and 500 and start-ups alike. There businesses could benefit from the absence of a state tax, which is a perk. It could house a convention center, tribal government offices, and a food court. The football stadium could be converted into a park for outdoor public recreational space (of which is less limited) for relaxation, sporting, or meeting space. The baseball field could be turned into a food court area for new, healthy options that we don't have currently. Ok, it does not have to be 100 stories, but I think we need a building, or multiple facilities, that could serve as a 'business district' that would house more opportunity.

Melanie Parton: I think they should fix it up and put all tribal offices in it. Then, you wouldn't have to run to two or three different places to do things.

Evan Watty: It's condemned isn't it? I think it has old asbestos-type water lines throughout or at least in some of the insulation. Tear it down.

Cody Gloyne: Build a race track/drag strip.

Steven McCoy: Turn it into something for the veterans.

Susan Davis: Assisted living complex for people with disabilities to include children/youth who can't be cared for full-time in the homes

because of the challenges that come with certain disabilities.

Ben Smith: Trade School

Dustin Chastain: Make it a mall.

Anthony Sequoyah: All tribal programs under one roof

Dennis Ray Burgess: Community college for those of us who act too Cherokee to actually go elsewhere... anything going towards drug and alcohol rehab should be considered. I don't know of a single family in Cherokee not dealing with these issues. Training for introduction into the workforce would be great. They could have a safe place to come like the kids on "Billy Jack".

Elizabeth Owl-Myers: Assisted living and nursing home...our current Tsali Care Center is old and not large enough to give residents privacy...many residents there are voung with disabilities and would be happier in an environment more suited to them...could provide a large screened-in area so residents could sit outside when it rains. They only have the overhang over the entrance right now. Nature is such a huge part of our feeling of well-being, we need to provide the best possible environment for our elders and disabled.

Stevie Ray Sherrill: It doesn't matter the suggestions we give because in the end they are still going to do whatever they want with it. They always have and always will. This is a way to keep the communities off their backs because "they asked the people", and they will say we didn't come up with any good ideas.

Selena Torres: I think it would be awesome to rent out the rooms to crafters as studios/personal craft shops - maybe even have business hours. Turn it into a mini-mall of some sort giving crafters an actual place to work with space of their own for a reasonable price.

Keri Brady: We have no place for our mentally ill children that are getting older. The family cares for them until they get too old to do so. I think we need a compound where they can not only live but socialize and walk outside and have space to move about without feeling caged up. This place would be a perfect space for that...plenty of land for walking trails, sitting areas, gazebos for when it's raining...the endless.

Kevin Michael Swimmer: I'm down with paintball - indoor and outdoor.

Angela Diaz: Science and Technology Center...another thought is a Business and Law Center...I have seen where natives need legal representation and can't get it or it's not trustworthy.

Lisa Sampson: Renovate it and turn it into a mall. It is a waste of money to just keep tearing things down and paying to build a new building. That one building could house a lot of tribal offices. It could be turned into an entertainment complex. It has many things it could be used for. It's cheaper to renovate than to build yet another building.

Dorthey Williams: A shelter for homeless or a place for women and children to start over or for job training.

Elsie Biddix: Well, the Chief is talking about the outlets; there you go, put them in there and be done with it, or like some others have suggested, a rehab or all tribal offices in one building. All sugggestions are awesome, but yes, let's keep our youth in mind also. Why should our children have to travel all the way to Asheville or wherever to enjoy the Fun Factory or any kind of fun for that matter! A water park would look nice right there also.

Citrus Bigwitch: The longer it sits there the more it's being vandalized with people busting windows and more people sleeping around inside. There's a few around that don't have a place to lay their head so where do they turn to? Go head and take a walk around, you can see the damage. The Tribe had

better kick it into gear.

Gladys Penick: Use this as a mall. Save money - renovate it and turn it into a mall. Rent out space for crafters. It would be a great place for tourists to come and witness crafts being handmade and sold, and it's big enough to house many shops. The Tribe needs to save money and draw tourists. There's no need to build more buildings when we have nice ones almost ready to use.

Sammi Nikole Bedillo: Some parents that were teen parents in high school most likely got a GED or finished high school, but a hard thing for parents is getting a college degree. Some have trouble getting from work to school and back to their kids if they don't have any

help. I think it would benefit those young parents if we had a college in town.

Ashley Sessions: A community college for sure...it would be amazing if there was a childcare center inside that is affordable for the mothers/fathers taking classes. Yes, we have Dora Reed, but they do not offer enough slots. It's really hard for parents to work or even go to school with no childcare available.

Rose Long: Convention Center and Native Mall, ballroom style venue with a Native flair, rent out that auditorium

Teresa Lambert Wolfe: A major sports complex would be nice - something for kids to enjoy.

Roberta Panther: It needs updating and to be used for our youth like football and basketball. Stop taking these places away from our children. They need places to practice and hold games.

Alexander Cacciola: Use it to teach! Trade school/community college...don't forget to have agriculture classes.

Nikki Charlene Toineeta: Bigger Youth Center

Wayne Kalonaheskie: Vo-Tech space...or maybe convert to products made "rezz style" (coffee cups, silk screening shops, caps, etc.)... made here products

Robert Price: Make Tribe's offices all in one place.

Amy PostOak: New Kituwah Academy was told they could use it

weren't they? The school is growing and could definitely use the space!

Darrell Pyle: Convention Center

Victoria Marie Wolfe: Make it into a bowling alley and skating rink that would give people who visit Cherokee with kids something to do as a family.

Brenda Sosebee: It is a pretty place, and I hope it can be used in an educational way!

Jody Bradley: Put all tribal offices in it - one-stop shop for all tribal services. Use the auditorium for events, Council meetings, concerts...leave the walking track.

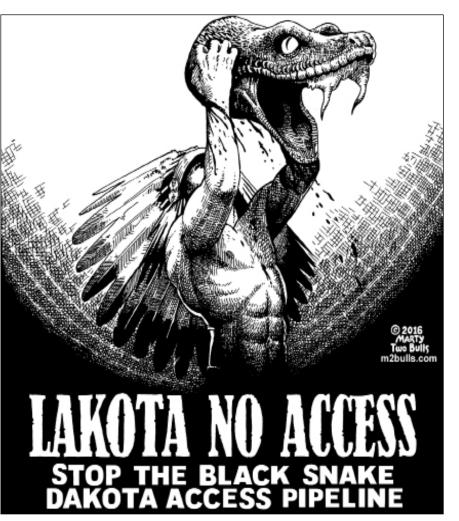
Caleb Bird: Indoor skate part and ball court

Geraldine Deena Singleton: The homelss (shelter) was a good idea, but I would go a little farther and say homless vets!

Gary Shay: Let some of the vendors that line the street set up their wares in there.

Michelle Bignault: Vocational school

Larissa Teesateskie: I don't think making it a one-stop shop for tribal programs will make the processes more efficient or faster at all. The processes are still faster for certain people. I think it always will be, and I don't think that's ever going to change. So, whatever is done at that site or with the building, I just hope it's something that benefits everyone.





General Events

Democratic Men Fish Fry Fundraiser. Sept. 9 from 5-8pm at Mark Watson Park in Sylva. The dinner will feature catfish, corn on the cob, coleslaw, and desserts. The Moon and 2 Stars String Band will also perform.

Cherokee Rally for Recov**erv. Sept. 13** from 3-7pm at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Free family event, free food, guest speakers, music, raffles, giveaways, and bouncy houses. On-going AA, NA, Nar Anon meetings. Information on resources and services from local organizations will also be available. This rally is to celebrate National Recovery Month and spread the message that people do achieve sustained recovery from alcohol, drugs, and emotional struggles; as well as other life challenges. Everyone is welcome.

CHA auditions for "Seusical Jr." Sept. 13 from 6-8pm at the Cherokee Historical Association office located at 564 Tsali Blvd. Rehearsals will start Thursday, Sept. 15 and continue every Tuesday and Thursday until the performance later in the fall. No experience is necessary. Everyone is welcome to audition—from the beginning actor to the seasoned professional. Info: Marina Hunley-Graham 497-3652, marina@cherokeeadventure.com

Cataloochee District Tiger Fun Day. Sept. 17 from 9am – 2:30pm at Wolftown Community Center. Day of events for Tiger Cubs including shooting sports, crafts, games, and lunch. Each Tiger must

be accompanied by an adult for the entire day. The cost per Tiger is \$9 and includes patch, activity, and a meal for Tiger and adult.

Cherokee Heritage Festival.

Sept. 17 from 10am – 3pm at the Cherokee Homestead Exhibit located next to the Clay County Historical Arts Museum in Hayesville. This free event is sponsored by the Clay County Communities Revitalization Association and the Clay County Travel and Tourism department. Oconaluftee Village dancers; Cherokee storyteller Davy Arch; famed Cherokee potter Amanda Swimmer; Cherokee Nation flute player Dan Hollifield; Reed's Frybread; demonstrations of fire-building, dart-making, and blowgun

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techniques by Darry Wood; and more. Info: Sandy Nicolette (828) 389-3045, mountaincabin2@ frontier.com

Sports Events

Multisport Team Competition Fall Adult League. Tuesday evenings. Registration ends Friday, Sept. 2. Five men/five women per team. \$15/person. This program is being presented by the Cherokee Life – Recreation program. Info: 359-6890

Upcoming Pow Wows for Sept. 9-11

Note: This list of pow wows was compiled by One Feather staff. The One Feather does not endorse any of these

dances. It is simply a listing of ones occurring throughout the continent. Please call before traveling.

47th Annual United Tribes
Technical College International
Pow Wow. Sept. 9-11 at UTTC in
Bismarck, ND. Emcees: Lawrence
Baker, Vince Beyl. Info: www.unitedtribespowwow.com

47th Annual Coharie Indian Cultural Pow Wow. Sept. 9-10 at Coharie Tribal Grounds in Clinton, NC. Info: Coharie Tribal Center (910) 564-6909, http://www.coharietribe.org/pow_wow_11. html

96th Annual Southern Ute Fair Contest Pow Wow. Sept. 9-11



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ht Sky Ute Fairgrounds in Ignacio, Colo. Info: (970) 799-3149, (970) 563-0255, corlisst@yahoo.com, mike@ksut.org

Indian Summer Festival. Sept. 9-11 in Milwaukee, Wisc. MC: Dylan Prescott. Host Drum: Rock Hill. Info: (414) 604-1000, indiansummer@wi.rr.com, www.indiansummer.org/contest-powwow/

4th Annual Dark Mountain
Pow Wow and Native American
Festival. Sept. 9-11 at W. Kerr
Scott Dam and Reservoir in Wil-

kesboro, NC. MC: Raymond Clark. Host Drum: Medicine Horse. Info: Joy (336) 486-0429, nativeamericangatherers@gmail.com

Mendota's 17th Traditional Wacipi. Sept. 9-11 at St. Peters Church Grounds in Mendota, Minn. MC: Gary Charwood. Info: Sharon Lennartson (651) 452-4141, mendotadakota@gmail. com, www.mendotadakota.com

Native American Heritage Festival. Sept. 9-10 in Cushing, Okla. Info: (918) 306-1547, DCRA.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) After much traveling this year, you're due for some settled time with family and friends. Use this period to check out situations that soon will require a lot of serious decision-making.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Keep that keen Bovine mind focused on your financial situation as it begins to undergo some changes. Consider your money moves carefully. Avoid impulsive investments.

ĠEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll need to adjust some of your financial plans now that things are changing more quickly than you expected. All the facts you need haven't yet emerged, so move cautiously.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Personal and professional relationships dominate this period. Try to keep things uncomplicated to avoid misunderstandings that can cause problems down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) That elusive goal you'd been hoping to claim is still just out of reach. But something else has come along that could prove just as desirable, if only you would take the time to check it out.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to get away for some much-needed rest and relaxation. You'll return refreshed and ready to take on the workplace challenge that awaits you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Confidence grows as you work your way through some knotty situations. Watch out for distractions from well-meaning supporters that could slow things down.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Consider spending more time contemplating the possibilities of an offer before opting to accept or reject it. But once you make a decision, act on it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're in a very strong position this week to tie up loose ends in as many areas as possible. Someone close to you has advice you might want to heed.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Congratulations. This is the week you've been waiting for: After a period of sudden stops and fitful starts, your plans can now move ahead with no significant disruptions.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're in an exceptionally strong position this week to make decisions on many still-unresolved matters, especially those involving close personal relationships.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The new moon starts this week off with some positive movement in several areas. A special person becomes a partner in at least one of the major plans you'll be working on.

BORN THIS WEEK: You work hard and get things done. You also inspire others to do their best. You would do well heading up a major corporation.

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13th Annual Andersontown Pow Wow. Sept. 10-11 in Athletic Park in Andersontown, Ind. MC: Dee Ketchum. Host Northern: Kingfishers. Host Southern: Strong Heart. Info: (765) 203-9770, debbie.webb@andersontownpowwow. org, http://www.andersontownpowwow.org/

29th Annual Trail of Tears Pow Wow. Sept. 10-11 at Cherokee
Trail of Tears Commemorative Park
Pow Wow Grounds in Hopkinsville,
KY. Info: (270) 886-8033, (270)
885-9096, www.trailoftears.org

16th Grand Village of the Kickapoo Park Pow Wow. Sept. 10-11 in Leroy, Ill. Info: Angelo Padro (309) 262-3043, Mrspadro@yahoo.com

Grand Valley American Indian Lodge 55th Annual Traditional **Pow Wow. Sept. 10-11** at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids, Mich. Info: (616) 364-4697

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): Mon-

days at 8pm at CIH, Thursdays at

8pm at CIH, Fridays at 7pm at CIH

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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.



Trading Post

FOR SALE

For Sale – Like new 72" x 14" 2 bedroom, 2 bath, one with a shower and garden tub, mobile home. Nice walk-in closet, central h/a, washer, dryer, dishwasher all included on a 4 to 5 acres of trust land. Call Madge at (865) 548-3489. \$65,000. 9/8pd

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For Sale - 2000 Chevy Blazer, 4x4, automatic, AC, heat, radio, CD, very dependable. \$2,000 or best offer. (828) 736-5171. 9/15

For Sale – 1999 Town and Country van. Automatic, AC, heat, radio and cassette player. 2 sliding side doors, \$1,700 or best offer. (828) 736-5171. 9/15

BUYING

Buying Wild Ginseng 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday starting September 1st at Elders Exxon HWY 74. Green only until September

15th then green or dry. Also buying Star Grub Root. Call Ricky Teem (828) 371-1802 or (828) 524-7748 9/8pd

YARD SALES

Indoor yard sale at Yellowhill Activity Building on Sept. 10 and 17. For information call Janet Arch 736-4138.

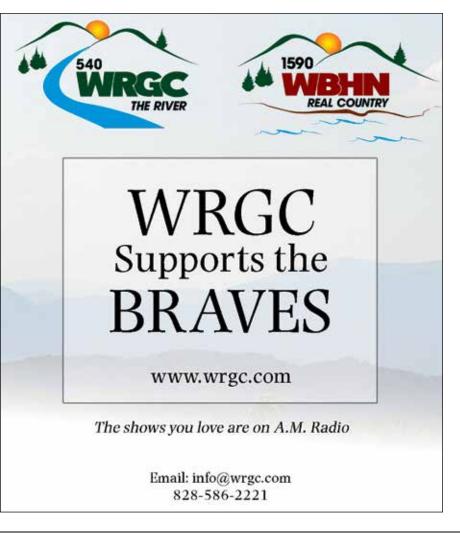
SERVICES

Babysitting everyday – nights and weekends included. Will work with casino schedules. Includes meals, snacks, and crafts. References available. Call Marlanne at (828) 736-1089 and leave message. 9/15

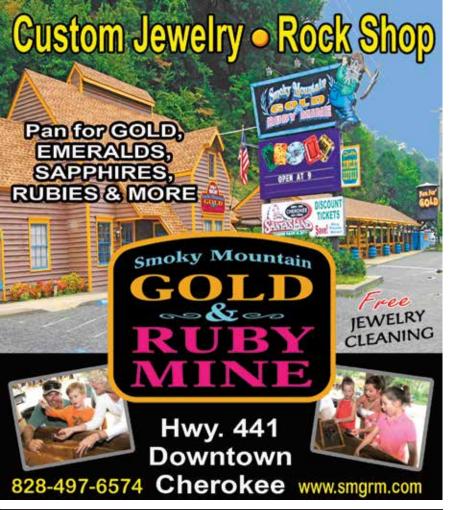
WANTED

Wanted – Land on 3200 Acre Tract on Old Bryson City Road off Hyatt Creek Road (preferable) or any area in Cherokee. Call (828) 788-0929 or (828) 788-1587 and leave a message if no answer. 11/24pd

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Visit HarrahsCherokeeJobs.com or call 828.497.8778 for a complete listing of jobs.



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

POSITIONS OPEN

Please attach all required documents

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

Closing September 9, 2016 at 4:00pm extended due to Labor Day holiday

Administrative Assistant- Facility Management (\$31,078 - \$38,848)

2. Network Specialist- IT (\$41,082 - \$51,353)

3. Laborer (4 positions)- Help/Rehab (\$23,616 - \$29,520)

4. Sergeant Detective/ Child Victim Unit- Heart to Heart CAC/CVU (\$45,018 -\$56,273)

5. Utility Worker- Solid Waste Operations (\$21,484-\$26,855)

6. Truck Driver/Crew Leader- Solid Waste Operations (\$34,112 - \$42,640)

7. Family Safety Social Worker (2 positions)- Family Safety (\$41,082 -\$51,353)

Closing Monday, September 12, 2016 at 4:00pm due to Labor Day holiday

1. Legal Services Attorney- Civil Law (\$64,206-\$80,258)

Tribal Prosecutor II- Criminal Law (\$83,722-\$104,653)

3. Community Health Representative- Community Health (\$23,616 - \$29,520)

 Family Safety Supervisor (Re-advertisement)- Family Safety (\$49,200-\$61,500)

5. Human Resources Clerk/ Receptionist- Employment (\$25,830 - \$32,288)

Closing Friday, September 16, 2016 at 4:00pm

 Family Safety Social Worker- Family Safety (Re-advertisement) (\$41,082 -\$51,353)

Open Until Filled

1. Patrol Officers - CIPD (\$34,112 - \$42,640)

2. Detention Officer - Detention Services (\$31,078 - \$38,848)

3. Part Time- Paramedic - Tribal EMS (\$34,112 - \$42,640)

4. RN Supervisor - Tsali Care (\$49,200 - \$61,500)

Cook Aide – Tsali Care Center (\$19,598 - \$24,498)

6. RN - Tsali Care Center (\$45,018 - \$56,273)

7. C.N.A. – Tsali Care Center (\$23,616 - \$29,520)

Accounting Coordinator II - Finance (\$41,082 - \$51,353)

Academy Curriculum Developer – KPEP (\$41,082 - \$51,353)

Language Specialist Assistant – KPEP (\$25,830 - \$32,288)

Language Specialist – KPEP (\$31,078 - \$38,848)

Family Partnership/Lead Teacher – KPEP (\$34,112 - \$42,640)

Early Childhood Language Specialist – KPEP (\$31,078 - \$38,848)

Internal Auditor (3 positions) - Internal Audit (\$41,082-\$51,353)

Natural Resource Officer- NRE (\$34,112 - \$42,640)

Download Applications & Job Descriptions NC-Cherokee.com/HumanResources/Employment/Job-Opportunities

EMPLOYMENT

THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOS-PITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

FT RN / IN PATIENT

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WCU Health Service is seeking a Medical Assistant responsible for assisting throughout health services to aid patient care and business operations; intake and assessment, obtain vital signs assist the provider with minor procedures. Assist with pre-certification and referrals. Demonstrated possession of the competencies necessary to perform the work. Preference of certification through the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA.) Full time, 11 month, estimated hiring range: \$30,000-\$32,000. WCU is an equal opportunity/access/affirmative action/ pro disabled & veteran employer. Visit http://jobs.wcu.edu/postings/5267 to apply. **9/8pd**

Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings (open until filled):

 Director of Child Nutrition - Must have a degree from a four year college or university in foods nutrition, dietetics, home economics, business administration -or- related field with at least five years' experience in food service in a commercial or institutional setting and two years' experience at the management or administrative level, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Registration of Dietetics preferred. (\$51,815 - \$60,199)

- •High School Guidance Administrative Assistant-Must have AA Degree in secretarial, business, or office related field; -OR- specialized training or work experience in business office management and related technical skills area. (\$27,293 \$31,981)
- •Elementary Teacher Assistant-Must have Associates Degree -or- 48 semester hours of study at an institute of higher education. (\$27,293 \$31,981)
- •Head Varsity Men's Basketball Coach-Previous successful experience preferred. Seasonal.
- •Food Service Worker-Part Time as needed; HS/GED Diploma required.
- •Custodian-Part Time as needed; HS/GED Diploma required.
- •Security-Part Time as needed; HS/ GED Diploma required. APPLY ONLINE at: https://phl. applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/ onlineapp/ or visit www.ccs-nc.org for more information. **9/8pd**

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Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort is seeking NC Licensed Massage Therapists and Licensed Cosmetologists to meet our growing business demand! Also seeking energetic individuals for the following hourly positions: Male Host, Female Host. Candidates must pass background check and drug test. Please contact the Spa at 828-497-8550 or email resume to laurenw@mandaraspa. com for consideration. 9/8pd

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- * Shuttle Bus/Cat Tran Driver
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- * Assistant Professor (Hospitality & Tourism)
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

(RFQ) FOR

REHABILITATION SERVICES

FOR

H.E.L.P./REHAB AND RENTALS The EBCI Housing & Community Development is seeking qualified contractors/professionals who specialize in general residential rehabilitation and repair for Tribally owned properties and rental developments, including but not limited to, removal and replacement of shingled and metal roofs, removal and installation of flooring, plumbing, electrical, HVAC repairs, remodeling of bathrooms/kitchens, rough and finish construction. construction of decks and handicap accessible ramps, and painting Also services for lawn mowing and landscape maintenance, dumpster, portable toilets, fire extinguishers,

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mold abatement, asbestos abatement, water damage assessments, locksmith, and pest control. Qualified contractors will be expected to begin work upon issuance of a contract. Several contractors/trade professionals may be selected. Selections will be based on hourly price and qualifications. The EBCI reserves the right to reject any and all submissions based on lack of qualifications.

The work to be performed under this request is subject to Tribal Ordinance 280, Chapter 92 Tribal Business preference law. TERO certified and qualified vendors will be given preference. Bidders should possess, or be in the process of applying for, an Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians business license. Deliver sealed proposals via in person, FedEx, or mail to: Housing & Community Development, ATTN: Darrell Brown, HCD Rehab Manager, PO Box 455 - 756 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719

Deadline for sealed bid submission is Thursday, September 29th, 2016 by 4:30pm. Contact Darrell Brown darrbrow@nc-cherokee. com for questions or comments at (828) 554-6910. **9/15pd**

LEGAL NOTICES

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: Nov. 18, 2016

Kurt Stewart, 46 Wa-Lel-La Drive, Cherokee, NC 28719. **9/8pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-052

In the Matter of the Estate of Byrdie Junaluska

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: November 23, 2016 Kevin Hart, II, 2695 Old #4 Rd.

Kevin Hart, II, 2695 Old #4 Ro Whittier, NC 28789. **9/15pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-051

In the Matter of the Estate of Lula R. Owl

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: November 23, 2016 Lucille Wolfe, PO Box 878, Chero-

Lucille Wolfe, PO Box 878, Cherokee, NC 28719. **9/15pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-053

In the Matter of the Estate of John Squirrel

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: November 23, 2016
Beulah E. Benfield, Box A-5 Tsali Manor Street, Cherokee, NC 28719. **9/15pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 16-046

In the Matter of the Estate of Tommy Littlejohn

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: November 30, 2016 Rachel Littlejohn, PO Box 588, Cherokee, NC 28719. **9/22pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians The Cherokee Court Cherokee, North Carolina File #CV-10-7007

Shirley Littlejohn Crowe, plaintiff v.

Francisco Javier Pech-Balladares, defendant

1. That the Plaintiff is a citizen and resident of the Eastern Band

of Cherokee Indians Reservation. Cherokee, North Carolina. Shirley Littlejohn Crowe is an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The Plaintiff, Shirley Littlejohn Crowe resided on the Reservation, in the State of North Carolina, for a period of at least thirty (30) days next preceding the institution of this action. 2. That the Defendant, Francisco Iavier Pech-Balldares is not an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and does not currently reside on the Reservation. Defendant's last known address is Painttown Court. 1741 Painttown Road, Cherokee, North Carolina 28719.

- 3. That this Court has jurisdiction pursuant to Chapter 50-10 (a), (b), and (c); whereas (a) the Plaintiff has resided within the territory of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for at least (30) days and (b) the Plaintiff has been separated from the Defendant for at least (30) days preceding the institution of this action and (c) the Plaintiff believes the bonds of marriage between the parties are irretrievably broken.
- 4. That the Plaintiff and Defendant were duly married on or about the 18th day of November 2005, and did live together as man and wife until approximately the month of June 2008 at which time the parties separated, and have since that time, continued to live separate and apart, never having resumed the marital relationship which formerly existed between them.
- 5. That the Plaintiff and the Defendant have no minor children born of said marriage.
- 6. That the Plaintiff is entitled to and wished to resume the use of

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her maiden name, Shirley Littleiohn Crowe.

WHEREFORE, THE PLAINTIFF PRAYS THE COURT FOR THE FOL-LOWING RELIEF:

- 1. That the Plaintiff be granted an Absolute Divorce from the Defedant upon the ground of thirty (30) days separation and the Plaintiff's belief that the bonds of marriage are irrestrievably broken.
- 2. That the Plaintiff be allowed to resume the use of her maiden name.
- 3. For such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper. Shirley Littlejohn Crowe, Plaintiff Pro Se, 2243 Wolfetown Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **9/22pd**

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.

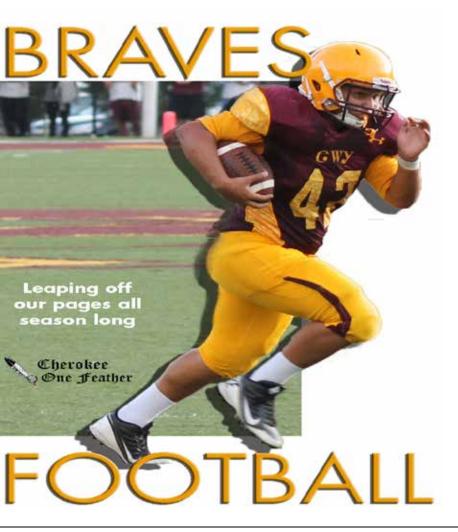
Date to submit claims: December 8, 2016

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

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Qualla Housing Authority



(QHA), an Indian Housing Authority, with offices in Cherokee, North Carolina is soliciting proposals from independent auditors to perform a comprehensive financial and compliance audit of its financial statements as required under the Single Audit Act. This audit will be performed on the fiscal year October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016 with the option of extending the contract for one to two years. The following program accounts will be included in this audit:

- * 265 Mutual Help homeowner units
- *144 Conventional rental units *25 HOME Units
- *325 Mortgage/Rehab Loans

This audit is to be conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the requirements of the applicable HUD Audit Guide and other HUD handbooks. Prime considerations in selecting the best proposal will include, but not be limited to, the auditors' previous experience in conducting PHA/IHA audits, and the auditors capacity to conduct such audits, including those involved with automated accounting systems.

In addition, preference will be given to those auditors who qualify under the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act which requires that, to the greatest extent feasible (1) preference and opportunity for training and employment shall be given to American Indians and (2) preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to American Indian organizations and American Indian-owned economic enterprises.

All qualified auditors presenting a proposal must present appropriate proof of insurance and be licensed to conduct audits in the State of North Carolina. Selection of an auditor shall be in accordance with QHA procurement policy and HUD regulations regarding PHA/IHA entities. In addition, QHA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to waive any irregularities in this Request for Proposal.

Proposals should be submitted to Charlene Owle, Housing Director, Qualla Housing Authority, P. O. Box 1749, Cherokee, NC 28719. Proposals will be accepted up to 4:00 p.m., September 23, 2016. Proposals received after this time and date will be rejected. **9/15pd**

Requests for Proposals

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Department of
Transportation
680 Acquoni Rd
P.O. Box 2400
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
Phone: (828) 359-6530
Project: Paving and Striping,

Echota Church Rd
The Eastern Band of Cherokee
Indians' CDOT Office is requesting
sealed bids for paving and permanent pavement markings on Echota
Church Rd (BIA 432). Project is
located in the Birdtown Community off of McCoy Branch Rd. The
deadline for submitting proposals
will be September 15th, 2016 at 4
p.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.

You may request the full RFP

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and bid requirements for proposals through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact CDOT at (828)-359-6530. **9/8pd**

Request for Proposals

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Housing and Community Development (H.C.D.) 756 Acqoni Road Cherokee N.C28719 Phone 828-359-6910

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians H.C.D Office is requesting sealed proposals For Propane gas supplier for the H.E.L.P Disabled heating assistance program. This proposal will cover delivery of propane to disabled clients in the five county area. This proposal will also include labor for setting of tanks

line sets and service calls on gas fixtures. Bids must be submitted to the TERO office on or before September 5-2016 at 4:00 pm. Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, tribal procurement policies, applicable and federal rules regulations, and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement . You may request the full RFP through the H.C.D. office .If you have any questions or comments contact H.C.D. at 828-359-6910. 9/8pd

The Cherokee Tribal Court seeks competitive proposals for the Guardian Ad Litem Attorney 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 re-

ceive 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. 9/22pd





