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“macaw”

Sources: Allegro Cherokee Language Project (http://allegrocherokee.com/).
For pronunciation, also visit the website above.

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LONDON BOUND

Warriors of Anikituhwa to represent Tribe in London Parade

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Later this year, members of the Warriors of Anikituhwa will represent the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians overseas in a journey reminiscent of 1762. The group has received an invitation and will participate in the prestigious London New Year’s Day Parade on Jan. 1, 2019.

By doing so, they embark on a journey which will mark the first time in over 255 years that an official Cherokee delegation has visited England.

Ostenaco, Pigeon (reported in some instances as ‘Pouting Pigeon’), and Stalking Turkey visited England in 1762, escorted by Lt. Henry Timberlake, where they met with King George III and drew huge crowds during their stay.

Seven members of the Warriors of Anikituhwa will make the trip, which will last from Dec. 27, 2018 to Jan. 3, 2019, including: James “Bo” Taylor, John “Bullet” Standingdeer, Daniel Tramper, Sonny Ledford, Mike Crowe Jr., Jarrett Wildcatt, and Will Tushka. Several Cherokee women are slated to go as well such as: Tyra Maney, Kristy Maney Herron, Stephanie Maney, Dawn Arneach, and Delanna Studi. Charlie Rhodarmer, Sequoyah Birthplace Museum executive director, will portray Lt. Timberlake during the parade, and Ethan Clapsaddle, Museum of the Cherokee Indian program director, will represent the Museum on the trip.

“When I first heard about the trip, it triggered thoughts about the history part of it,” said Ledford. “I never thought I’d get a chance to go there...for us, as a people, having representation back in that country again after so many years – that’s what made my decision for me. If it was just a trip to go sight-seeing, I would have probably passed it up. But, to go over there and actually represent our people – because I know we’re going to have a lot of questions about our culture, language, and history – that’s what our group is about, educating people.”

He added, “Instead of them seeing us on a video or YouTube, they’ll actually get to meet us...I’m excited about it...representing our people is my main thing, I just want to do a good job.”

Wildcatt noted, “I see it as a big opportunity.
For one thing, it’s been over 250 years since a delegation of Kituwah people, Cherokee people, have gone to England. At that time, it was Ostenac, Pigeon, and Stalking Turkey. I don’t see us on the magnitude of those three, but it’s pretty cool. I’ve only been in the United States. I’ve never traveled out of the country, so, it’s going to be a little different. In a way, it’s going to be like a different world.”

He is looking forward to sharing with those in England. “I’m just going to take on this opportunity head-on and look at it as a way of representing our people and representing a way of life as a way to share our dances, our language, the way we are as human beings.”

Crowe said being able to go on the trip is humbling. “To be making the representation for Natives in general, and certainly our people, the Eastern Band in particular, in this day and age is humbling to have an opportunity like that. I think many people would jump at that chance, and of course, I was quick to say yes…this is right up our alley. This is the work that we’re supposed to be doing – representing the Eastern Band, representing Cherokees as a whole, so I’m thankful to have that opportunity. We also hope to retrace some of the places that those former delegations had traveled to in the 18th century.”

Rhodarmer said, “It will be a great honor to represent a gentleman and officer who recorded what Cherokee life was like in the mid-18th century in his memoirs. I admire his descriptions and detail to the songs, dances, clothing, food, houses, and just Cherokee life in 1762.”

The idea for the trip came about quite simply. Arneach, Museum of the Cherokee Indian executive assistant, was watching this year’s London New Year’s Day Parade on television with family and discussion ensued about the possibility of Cherokee people attending as a group. She contacted Parade officials and made an official request to be looked at a group.

A few weeks ago, she received a letter from Robert Bone, London New Year’s Day Parade Festival executive director, inviting the group to the Parade. Bone wrote, “The event is supported by The Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, and his Deputies representing the Queen. The event boasts a list of active patrons and supporters including The Lord Mayor of the City of Winchester, The Mayor of London, The Prime Minister, and The Minister of Culture of Great Britain. The New Year’s Day Parade is the largest event of its kind in the world with a street audience counted in hundreds of millions.”

Tyra Maney, an employee at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, is excited about the trip, “I think it’s really cool. We get people from England all that the time that come in and say, ‘I didn’t know the natives were still around.’ So, I think it’s a great thing to represent the Eastern Band and show them that we’re still here and we’re not in the past like they think we are.”
A group of four business partners have launched a distribution business with hopes of locating a warehouse facility soon on the Qualla Boundary. They have formed Seven Clans Brewing and are the first EBCI tribal members to privately own and operate an alcoholic beverage distributorship on the Boundary. Several distributors service the needs of Harrah’s Cherokee Casino and Resort, but none are tribal member owned.

The principals of this venture are Colette Coggins, who is vice president of the company; Morgan Owle Crisp, president; Travis Crisp; and Frank Bonomo. The primary interest in the business resides with Crisp and Coggins, both EBCI tribal members.

The idea for Seven Clans Brewery came from a business meeting on a different project. Through casual conversations, Morgan Crisp and Coggins discovered that they both had an idea for a brewing company and those conversations turned into a proposal and then the launch of their business.

“It has been about four years in the making,” according to Travis Crisp.

Morgan Crisp explained that it was a combination of planning and waiting for the right timing to start

the venture. Bear Waters Brewing in Canton is partnering/mentoring the start up. They are also the company’s production location, the actual brewing location, of Seven Clans Brewery’s unique offerings for their company.

Morgan Crisp says, “They are actually facilitating the brewing for us. It’s our recipes and we created everything, but they are going to be making it for us.”

They chose to contract brew instead of investing heavily in a brewing facility to reduce upfront costs and get their product to market quicker.

Coggins expects to build a facility for production “down the road” as profits from their offerings make it practical to do so and when laws permit. The partners are discussing locations and said it will depend on

what they feel is a right fit for their company as to where that brewery will be. Potential sites include Cherokee, the counties surrounding Cherokee, and even Tennessee.

Coggins related that one of the biggest challenges in getting to this phase of development has been public and community education. “It is a new business. It is a new adventure for us, for the people in Cherokee. There are a lot of concerns...a lot of misinformation floating around, and we have had to overcome that. It (Seven Clans Brewing) is all legal. It is all by the law.”

Both Morgan Crisp and Coggins stressed that only their products would be distributed by the company and only to wholesale permit holders. They plan to distribute both on and off the Boundary. They are the first wholesale distribution company that is locally, tribal member owned and operated. There are several other distributors who are not tribal members.

The recently-issued wholesale distribution permit is the first of its kind, according to Travis Crisp. “It is the first permit that I know of that is reciprocal with the state, for anything, not just alcohol or whatever. It is a huge step toward tribal sovereignty...what other permits that the Tribe issues do the state recognize?”

Coggins added that some of the negative comments included calls for the Tribe, as a government to do it themselves and reap the benefit. She says the reality is that the Tribe is already doing that in the form of the 30 percent additional Alcohol Commission surcharge imposed on any alcohol that is sold on the Boundary, in addition to the revenue from retail sales on the gaming properties.

Morgan Crisp stated, “Two points that I thought were interesting when I looked at the social media was that our own people didn’t realize that they could do their own business like this. We have this bubble where people are like ‘I can’t do anything outside of the Tribe for myself. I am only able to do what my Tribe allows me to do or what my Tribe gives me.’ It made me feel really sad.”

Coggins added, “We are our own worst enemy. We suppress ourselves or our neighbor more than the government ever has. We should all be supportive of one another. If you are doing a legal
business and you’re taking the risk, I think we should be proud of any of our neighbors.”

She feels that a tribal member who does business on the Boundary, creates jobs, revenue, and supports families for the Boundary should be encouraged.

One of the site locations mentioned for the Seven Clans Brewery’s distribution warehouse is the site of the old Cherokee Fun Park on US Hwy 441. Coggins had previously secured that site and had discussed creating a bear sanctuary, potentially in that location. “We actually have a master plan in the works right now for that piece of property that is known as the Fun Park property...We have never said that we were not doing a wildlife sanctuary there,” related Coggins.

According to the owners, there is high interest from other tribes about the Seven Clans Brewery and their product. They believe that their success is only limited by “how fast we can make it”.

Coggins and Morgan Crisp have chosen a name for their initial offering that has raised eyebrows and interest in the tribal community, even provoking a tribal member to start a petition to block the use of the name. The company is launching a craft beer titled “Mother Town Blonde” to christen the operation.

Asked about the thought process for naming the beverage, Morgan Crisp said, “I think, for me, when we started coming up with it, I was trying to figure out what is, maybe, a unifying word.”

She said that when she named the company “Seven Clans Brewing”, she could have used “Cherokee” but she didn’t want to be exclusive. She stated that she felt Seven Clans was more inclusive of the people and culture. “I was just trying to pinpoint where are we from; where did we start; what was our first town. I didn’t want to use our Cherokee word for that because I knew that it would be controversial and I didn’t want to share that word with everybody, so I used Mother Town.”

She chose to use the imagery of Selu for the label of the beverage because she felt it represented the strength of Cherokee women. She said that it is not a traditional way to share the Cherokee story and culture but it will help carry the Cherokee story to a new audience. She equated the business and brand to local, tribal artwork with the history and culture being presented in a new medium and with a new interpretation by younger people.

Both Coggins and Morgan Crisp stated that this was an attempt to honor their culture in their work. They also feel that there will be an added tourism benefit as a new generation sees their product and becomes interested in Cherokee.

She also pointed out that other, off Boundary-non-tribal, microbrewers routinely use Cherokee names and references on their alcoholic drink offerings with little to no public outcry.

When asked about the controversial nature of alcohol and merging Cherokee cultural references, Coggins stressed, “None of it is meant to be disrespectful, certainly not degrading, but to be promotional and proud. It is really not a negative thing...It’s all about choices”.

Morgan Crisp added, “I am not the same as my grandparents were. I am not the same Cherokee person that my dad was. We have different perspectives...now, I am doing something that promotes my culture, not because I have to, but because I choose to.”
A forensic audit of the Executive Office for the period October 2015 – May 2017 has been completed and delivered to Tribal Council for review. The audit was conducted by KPMG LLC and delivered to Tribal Council on Wednesday, Jan. 30.

During the Budget Council session on Tuesday, Feb. 27, Council voted 11-0 (Painttown Rep. Lisa Taylor abstained) to approve Res. No. 134 (shown below), submitted by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, which states, “...that Tribal Council directs its legislative counsel, the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of Internal Audit and Ethics, and the Executive Office to coordinate and use their best efforts and all legal means to obtain satisfactory explanations, information, accountings and return of monies wrongfully paid, if any, from responsible parties identified in the KPMG forensic audit report...”

The first 10 pages of the report from KPMG can be seen online at: https://theonefeather.com/2018/03/tribe-to-dig-deeper-into-forensic-audit-findings/

Note that several parts have been redacted by the One Feather to protect the privacy of those not under investigation.

- One Feather staff report

WHEREAS, KPMG asked Mr. Jones to produce supporting detail for his billings, and Internal Audit has twice sent letters to Mr. Jones – in mid-December, 2017, and on February 2, 2018, asking him to produce supporting detail for his billings; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones has not responded to KPMG or to Internal Audit; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2017, Attorney General Danny Davis sent a letter to Mr. Jones enclosing copies of Mr. Jones’ invoices through May 18, 2017, and noting that except for one invoice, there were no itemized statements for the services rendered. Mr. Davis cited that the Tribe requires itemized statements and asked Mr. Jones to produce the statements; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones replied by letter dated August 17, 2017, that he would not turn over the records unless, it appears, the North Carolina State Bar tells him he has to; and

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2017, Interim Attorney General Michael McConnell sent Mr. Jones an email and again requested itemized statements and a copy of the question Mr. Jones sent to the North Carolina State Bar on the issue, and Mr. McConnell later discussed this with Mr. Jones by telephone; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones declined to produce the itemized statements or produce a copy of the question he sent to the North Carolina State Bar; and

WHEREAS, at Mr. Lambert’s direction, the Tribe paid Mr. Jones approximately $419,000.00, including $128,108.03 between April 17, 2017, and May 18, 2017, during the impeachment proceedings; and

WHEREAS, after November, 2016, Mr. Jones was paid with Tribal government funds based on invoices that merely reference “Special Projects for Chief” and provide no other detail. The Tribe was his client, and Mr. Jones has a legal duty to account to the Tribe for the money the Tribe paid.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians assembled, at which a quorum is present, that Tribal Council directs its legislative counsel, the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of Internal Audit and Ethics, and the Executive Office to coordinate and use their best efforts and all legal means to obtain satisfactory explanations, information, accountings and return of monies wrongfully paid, if any, from responsible parties identified in the KPMG forensic audit report of the Executive Office and Finance Office, for the period 2015 through May 2017.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that all resolutions that are inconsistent with this resolution are rescinded, and that this resolution shall become effective when ratified by the Principal Chief.
WANTED: GALLONS OF RAMPS FOR THE RAINBOW AND RAMPS FESTIVAL!

SELL US YOUR RAMPS AT THE FAIRGROUNDS EXHIBIT HALL
MARCH 19 STARTING AT 9 AM AND CONTINUING UNTIL WE GET 60 GALLONS FOR THE FESTIVAL

PAYING $60 PER "PACKED" GALLON FOR WHITE (NO MORE THAN 2" OF GREEN) AND $50 PER PACKED GALLON FOR GREEN (NO MORE THAN 4" OF GREEN). YOU MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD TO SELL AND BE A TRIBAL MEMBER (HAVE YOUR ENROLLMENT CARD READY). LIMIT OF 5 GALLONS PER TURN IN LINE. NO FROZEN RAMPS.

QUESTIONS?
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PLEASE! HARVEST YOUR RAMPS RESPONSIBLY!

Due to the increasing concern of wild ramp populations, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has initiated collaborations with the United States Forest Service and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. These collaborations have led to scientific projects evaluating our Cherokee traditional harvest method of cutting the ramps compared to the non-traditional method of digging the entire plant from the earth. The EBCI is currently in the middle of these projects and would like to stress the practice of our traditional harvesting method as opposed to digging and/or removing entirely. We feel confident that our traditional method of harvest will reflect positive results through science a more sustainable population in the wild if practiced correctly. We entrust in you that you have practiced the use of our traditional method of harvest as you collect these precious natural resources in the wild. As you harvest, please be mindful of the seven generation rule (The seven generation rule is to not take or over use a wild natural resource in a way that might impact its survivability or presence for seven generations after you pass or make the crossing. Traditional long term management for our landscape).

Provided by Tommy Cabe-Office of Environmental and Natural Resources
Tribal Court Report

Judgment Summary for Feb. 21

BRADLEY, Floyd Arnold
14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Dismissed on Plea
14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property – Guilty Plea, one year jail time suspended, one year probation, obtain Substance Abuse Assessment, credit for time served (2 days)
14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Dismissed on Plea
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14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Dismissed on Plea

DAVIS, Austin
14-15.6(b) Purchasing, Attempt to Purchase, Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons under 21 – Dismissed, Attending Treatment
14-40.62(a)(3) Simple Affray – Dismissed After Investigation

DRIVER SR., Michael Ray
14-15.5 Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public – Guilty Plea, active jail time (6 days), credit for time served (6 days)

GEORGE, Maria Gaudalupe
14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Guilty Plea, (no sentencing information given)
14-95.10 Drugs: Importing Controlled Substance – Dismissed on Plea
14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Guilty Plea, 90 days jail time suspended, deferred prosecution for 12 months, obtain Substance Abuse Assessment

REED, Twila Jaylyn
14-10.60 Larceny – Dismissed, Prosecuting Witness Failed to Appear

SEAY, Joseph Rick
14-40.56 Assault on a Female (DV) – Dismissed, Failure of Prosecuting Witness to Appear and Testify

SWAYNEY, Danny Lane
14-10.60 Larceny – Guilty Plea, Prayer for Judgment Continued

WACHACHA, Damien Riley
14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Guilty Plea, Judgment Stayed, 120 days jail time suspended, 12 months probation, obtain Substance Abuse Assessment
14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Dismissed on Plea
14-95.6(c) Drugs: Manufacturing, Selling or Delivering, Possessing with intent to sell or deliver schedule VI – Dismissed on Plea
14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance – Dismissed

WATTY, Ariella Jo
20-140 Reckless Driving – Guilty/Responsible, $15 fine, $190 court costs

Judgment Summary for Feb. 22

BRADLEY, Spirit Adando
14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Dismissed on Plea, sentencing information not provided
14-70.14 Obstructing Governmental Functions – Dismissed on Plea

FINGER, Brian David
14-40.1 Domestic Violence – Dismissed, Failure of Prosecuting Witness to Appear and Testify
14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree - Dismissed, Failure of Prosecuting Witness to Appear and Testify

JUMPER, Lyle Corwin
14-40.1 Domestic Violence - Dismissed, Failure of Prosecuting Witness to Appear and Testify

RATTLER, Allen James
14-40.56 Assault on a Female (DV) – Guilty Plea, 12 months jail time suspended, 12 months probation, home detention
14-5.2 Communicating Threats – Dismissed on Plea
14-10.9 Criminal Mischief (DV) – Dismissed on Plea
14-40.30 Kidnapping (DV) – Dismissed on Plea
The H.E.L.P. Program is now taking applications for Lawn Maintenance and Plowing

**Eligibility Requirements**

A. Must be an enrolled member of EBCI
B. Individuals applying for assistance must be living in the home.
C. Must be living alone or not have anyone between the age of 18 to 59 ½ physically capable of moving also living in residence.
D. Must be a Senior Citizen age 59 1/2 and above (including spouse)
E. Under Age 59 1/2 must be disabled.
   - Ineaple without use of wheelchair, walker, cane or other device.
   - Proof of Disability (Social Security Disability Statement) – **Required**

**Mowing**

- Client/Family is responsible for getting yard clear of any trash/debris.
- Residence must be on Tribal lands within the 3 county service areas: Swain, Jackson and Haywood.
- Seasonal – April 2nd 2018 - September 28th 2018.
- Mowing and weed eating will include a 50 ft. perimeter around the home including carports.
- Lawns moved outside the 50 ft. perimeter will be the home owner’s responsibility.

**Plowing**

- Is available up to a 100 ft. by 100 ft. area
- (1) garden per client

***Deadline for applications is April 2nd, 2018***

For further questions and concerns, please contact:

Joan Bradley - (828)359-6638
Jeremy Hyatt – (828)359-6925 or (828)736-2564

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**Surgical Weight Loss Seminar**

**Thursday, April 19**

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Coach Mintz, several Lady Braves receive conference honors

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Chris Mintz, Cherokee Lady Braves head basketball coach, was named co-Big Smoky Mountain Conference Coach of the Year along with Murphy’s Ray Gutierrez. This season, the Lady Braves were co-BSMC regular season champions with Murphy and they were runner-up in the conference tournament. Murphy’s Jessica Beckner was named Player of the Year.

Cherokee’s Tori Teesateskie, junior, and Shelby Wolfe, senior, were both named to the All-Conference team. For the year, Teesateskie, who surpassed the 1,000 point mark for her career this season, averaged 15.7 points and 3.8 rebounds per game. She finished with 298 points, 72 rebounds, 42 assists, and 40 steals. Wolfe averaged 11.4 points and 6.3 rebounds per game. She ended the season with 216 points, 119 rebounds, and 25 steals.

Three other members of the Lady Braves team were named Honorable Mention All-Conference including: Raylen Bark, Timiyah Brown, and Deante Toineeta. For the season, Bark, a sophomore, averaged 10.1 points and 1.9 steals per game and finished with 192 points, 56 assists, and 37 steals. Brown, a senior, averaged 6.5 points and 2.2 rebounds per game and finished with a total of 124 points, 42 rebounds, and 29 assists. Toineeta, a freshman, averaged 11.9 points and 2.5 assists per game. She finished with 227 points, 48 assists, and 24 steals.

Other selections for the BSMC All-Conference team included: Hailea Ricket, Hayesville; Jessica Buckner, Murphy; Aubrey Clapsaddle, Murphy; Sydni Addison, Murphy; Cambrie Lovin, Robbinsville; Erin Teesateskie, Robbinsville; Gracy Briggs, Rosman; and Lynsey Hicks, Swain County.

Other All-Conference Honorable Mention selections included: Kenzie Gunter, Andrews; Savanna Annis, Hayesville; Makayla Anderson, Hayesville; Jade Patterson, Hayesville; Ellie Martin, Murphy; Hailey Thompson, Murphy; Mickayla Morgan, Robbinsville; Liz Ayers, Robbinsville; Sierra Wachacha; Robbinsville; Ashlyn Dodson, Rosman; and Grace Cabe, Swain County.

COACHING AWARD: Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach, has been named co-Big Smoky Mountain Conference Coach of the Year. For the season, Cherokee was co-BSMC regular season champions and runner-up in the conference tournament.

SHOOTER: Cherokee’s Tori Teesateskie (#30) has been named to the Big Smoky Mountain All-Conference team. For the year, Teesateskie, who surpassed the 1,000 point mark for her career this season, finished with 298 points, 72 rebounds, 42 assists, and 40 steals.
DRIVING: Cherokee’s Shelby Wolfe (#14) has been named to the Big Smoky Mountain All-Conference team. She ended the season with 216 points, 119 rebounds, and 25 steals.

INSIDE GAME: Cherokee’s Timiyah Brown (#50) has been named Honorable Mention Big Smoky Mountain All-Conference. She finished the year finished with a total of 124 points, 42 rebounds, and 29 assists.

POINT: Cherokee’s Raylen Bark (right) has been named Honorable Mention Big Smoky Mountain All-Conference. She finished the season with 192 points, 56 assists, and 37 steals.

QUICKNESS: Cherokee’s Deante Toineeta has been named Honorable Mention Big Smoky Mountain All-Conference. She finished with 227 points, 48 assists, and 24 steals.

Search for thousands of Cherokee words at:
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Three Cherokee players, other tribal members on All-Star roster

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Three players from Cherokee High School and three other EBCI tribal members at other schools will participate in the annual Blue-White All-Star Game on Saturday, March 17 at 6pm at Enka High School. Cherokee’s Tye Mintz and Holden Straughan will play in the 66th Annual boys game. Lady Braves’ Shelby Wolfe will be joined by tribal members Erin Teesateskie (Robbinsville), Sierra Wachacha (Robbinsville), and Shay Tisho (Smoky Mountain) in the 42nd Annual girls game. All of them will play on the white teams respectively.

Information from the game’s committee states, “The premier fund-raising project of the Rhododendron Civitan Club is sponsorship of the annual all-star basketball games featuring outstanding senior players from western North Carolina high schools. The games began in 1953 before the Rhododendron Civitan Club was founded. Sam Patton, a former All-American basketball player while in the U.S. Army in 1944, initiated and managed the games. The first game played in 1953 had ten players taking part in a scrimmage game inside the American Enka Corporation Gymnasium. Four college coaches accepted invitations to attend that game.”

It goes on to state, “The objectives of the games are two-fold. The first is to offer outstanding basketball players in western North Carolina the chance to display their skills before college coaches, thereby giving some players the opportunity for a basketball scholarship and a college education which they could not otherwise afford. The second objective is to give the participants a chance to do something worthwhile for their fellow man. The talents and work of the players and coaches help those less fortunate to realize something that otherwise might not have happened had it not been for the money raised through these games.”

Mintz, Straughan, and Wolfe were all named to the Big Smoky Mountain Conference teams. Mintz averaged 15.0 points and 10.3 rebounds per game. On the season, she had 390 points, 268 rebounds, and 45 steals. Wachacha was named Honorable Mention Big Smoky Mountain Conference. She averaged 7.5 points and 4.9 assists a game. She finished the year with 209 points, 137 rebounds, 51 assists, and 76 steals.

Tisho was the Mountain Six Conference Player of the Year as well as garnering All-Conference honors. She also surpassed the 1,000 point mark for her career as she averaged over 15 points and 9 rebounds per game this past season.

Following are the full Blue-White rosters:

Boys White Team: Tye Mintz (Cherokee), Holden Straughan (Cherokee), Deland Thomas (Robinson), Tommy Brennan (Smoky Mtn.), Will Norris (Pisgah), Zion Walker (Asheville), Josh Walton (Enka), Lane Kervin (Tuscola), Jarred Swanger (Tuscola), and Zach de la Cruz (Franklin); coach – Adam Phillips (Smoky Mtn.)

Boys Blue Team: Hayden Brandon (Mt. Heritage), Kevin Silver (McDowell), Skyler McKinney (McDowell), Deacon Heath (Avery Co.), Sam Rennard (Roberson), Zyrion Wilkins (RS Central), Jace Dover (Reynolds), David Houser (East Henderson), and D.J. Garnett (Owen); coach – Ryan Stevens (Reynolds)

Girls White Team: Shelby Wolfe (Cherokee), Erin Teesateskie (Robbi-
binsville), Sierra Wachacha (Robbinsville), Shay Tisho (Smoky Mtn.), Jessica Beckner (Murphy), Heidi Shope (Franklin), Faith Robinson (Tuscola), Kourtney Krege (Tuscola), Aaliyah McCollum (Smoky Mtn.), and Madison Lloyd (Highlands); coach – Ann Gardner (Tuscola)

**Girls Blue Team:** Cierra Chandler (Mtn. Heritage), Allyah Whiteside (RS Central), Hali King (Mtn. Heritage), Morgan Buchanan (Mitchell), Kendall Marlowe (Owen), Hayley Creasman (McDowell), Hannah Jennings (Madison), Autumn Owen (Polk Co.), Charmee Miller (Rutherford), and Kendra Rose (East Rutherford); coach – Darius Fuller (RS Central)

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit, https://www.blue-whiteallstar.com

**LAY-UP:** Cherokee’s Tye Mintz has been selected to play in the 66th Annual Blue-White All-Star boys game. On the season, he had 288 points, 169 rebounds, 33 assists, and 34 steals.

**TIGHT SHOT:** Cherokee's Shelby Wolfe (#14) has been selected to play in the 42nd Annual Blue-White All-Star girls game. She ended the season with 216 points, 119 rebounds, and 25 steals.

**SCORER:** Robbinsville’s Erin Teesateskie (#12) has been selected to play in the 42nd Annual Blue-White All-Star girls game. On the season, she had 390 points, 268 rebounds, and 45 steals.

**DEFENSE:** Robbinsville’s Sierra Wachacha (#3) has been selected to play in the 42nd Annual Blue-White All-Star girls game. She finished the year with 209 points, 137 rebounds, 51 assists, and 76 steals.

**WORKING INSIDE:** Smoky Mountain’s Shay Tisho (#12) has been selected to play in the 42nd Annual Blue-White All-Star girls game. Previously, she was named the Mountain Six Conference Player of the Year.
Tori Teesateskie, a junior at Cherokee High School, and Shay Tisho, a senior at Smoky Mountain, both EBCI tribal members, have been named to the All-District 12 first team (western North Carolina) by the North Carolina Basketball Coaches Association. Both players surpassed the 1,000 point mark for their career this season.

Teesateskie, who was also named All-Big Smoky Mountain Conference, averaged 15.7 points and 3.8 rebounds per game and finished the season with 298 points, 72 rebounds, 42 assists, and 40 steals. Tisho, the Mountain Six Conference Player of the Year, averaged over 15 points and 9 rebounds for the season.

The rest of the All-District girls team included: Jessica Beckner (Murphy) who was named District 12 Player of the Year, Ciera Chandler (Mtn. Heritage), Shelby Grace (Tuscola), Lani Woods (Pisgah), and Coach of the Year – Susie Shelton (Mtn. Heritage).

Erin Teesateskie, an EBCI tribal member and senior at Robbinsville, was named to the second team. Also named to the All-Big Smoky Mountain Conference team, she averaged 15.0 points and 10.3 rebounds per game. On the season, she had 390 points, 268 rebounds, and 45 steals.

The remainder of the second team included: Amber Redmond (Erwin), Chesney Gardiner (Owen), Aubrey Clapsaddle (Murphy), and Gracy Briggs (Rosman). The third team included: Jaia Wilson (West Henderson), Emily Carver (Enka), Morgan Buchanan (Mitchell), and Heaven Nelson (Avery Co.).

Cherokee’s Tye Mintz, senior, was named to the boys All-District second team. He also surpassed the 1,000 point mark for his career this season and averaged 16 points and 9.4 rebounds a game. On the season, he had 288 points, 169 rebounds, 33 assists, and 34 steals.

The boys first team consists of the following: Ren Dyer (North Buncombe) who was named District 12 Player of the Year, Josh Cottrell (Hayesville), Isaiah Pruett (Reynolds), Landon Henley (Tuscola), Deacon Heath (Avery Co.), and Coach of the Year – Hank Newson (Mtn. Heritage).

The remainder of the second team included: Ben Beeker (Hendersonville), Deland Thomas (Rosman), and Callin Randolph (Mtn. Heritage). The third team included: Zeke Bradley (Swain Co.), Ben Bryson (West Henderson), Kyle Decker (North Henderson), Kalin Ensley (Hendersonville), and Brandon Aumiller (Mtn. Heritage).
ON THE SIDELINES

Tribal nations should be represented at the Olympics

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Like I’ve written about before, my family is really into winter sports. We watched as much of the Winter Olympics as we could, but, before that, we watched the World Cup races for all of those same sports throughout the season. We truly follow those sports like we do football.

As we were watching the opening ceremonies of this past Olympics, my daughter questioned why there were no tribal nations represented in the Parade of Nations and at the games period. Good question.

There have been some very notable American Indian athletes over the years including Jim Thorpe (Sac and Fox) who won gold in both the decathlon and the pentathlon events at the 1912 Summer Olympics in Stockholm, Sweden and Billy Mills (Oglala Lakota) who won gold in the 10,000 meter run at the 1960 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan.

But, they both competed for the United States of America.

My daughter’s point and wish is that tribal nations, sovereign tribal nations, should work to have their own teams.

It is actually not that far-fetched of an idea, and technically, it has already happened. The sport of lacrosse, no longer a recognized Olympic sport, was actually one of the competitive sports at both the 1904 Summer Olympics in St. Louis and the 1908 Summer Olympics in London. A team known as the Mohawk Indians, from the Six Nations Reserve, competed at the 1904 games.

Today, the Iroquois National Lacrosse team competes internationally under their tribal confederacy. And, they’ve been quite successful taking second place at the World Indoor Lacrosse Championships in 2003, 2007, 2011, and 2015 and third place at the 2014 World Lacrosse Championship. The team was officially admitted to the International Lacrosse Federation in 1987.

Lacrosse will not be in the 2020 Summer Games in Tokyo, but there has been speculation that it will be added for the 2024 Games. And, I’d bet that the Iroquois National team will make a bid to be there if that occurs.

The Olympic Charter is a little vague on how nations can become recognized by their organization. Article 4, Section 30, Number 1, states, “In the Olympic Charter, the expression 'country' means an independent state recognized by the international community.”

Well, to me, that sounds a whole lot like tribal nations, sovereign tribal nations.

Granted, there would be a massive amount of work that would go into this before it could become a reality, but that groundwork can start now. Indian Country is full of some of the most naturally-gifted athletes anywhere. Being able to train in their nation’s homeland and represent that same homeland would be a huge boost for many of these athletes, especially those who don’t have the resources to travel to Olympic training facilities.

I’ve written before that my favorite photographs are always ones that show emotion. It’s fun to take photos of great basketball shots or someone flipping upside down in football, but the pictures that really stick with me are ones of raw emotion.

One of my favorite photos I took last year occurred at the 1A state championship game. But, it didn’t have anything to do with play on the field, and, as a matter of fact, I took it before the game even started.

It’s a photo of Holden Straughan, an EBCI tribal member and senior member of that Braves championship team, carries the flag of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians into Carter-Finley Stadium in Raleigh prior to the start of the 1A State Championship game on Dec. 9, 2017.

Pride: Holden Straughan, an EBCI tribal member and senior member of the Cherokee Braves varsity football team, carries the flag of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians into Carter-Finley Stadium in Raleigh prior to the start of the 1A State Championship game on Dec. 9, 2017.

SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

PRIDE: Holden Straughan, an EBCI tribal member and senior member of the Cherokee Braves varsity football team, carries the flag of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians into Carter-Finley Stadium in Raleigh prior to the start of the 1A State Championship game on Dec. 9, 2017.
Mariah Bahe, of Navajo and Eastern Band Cherokee heritage, is a top-ranked boxer in the teen ranks with broad ambitions on her mind. She won the Intermediate Female 85lb. division at the USA Boxing Western Elite Qualifier Regional Open Championship held in Albuquerque, NM on March 4-10.

“I feel very thankful and motivated for whatever is to come,” said Bahe, who lives on the Navajo Nation in Chinle, Ariz. “I train every day, and I push myself to work harder and to be stronger each and every day. I think this tournament sets me off in 2018 and is just like a little warm-up for the Junior Olympics in West Virginia.”

The National Junior Olympics event is set for June 24-30 in Charleston, WV. With her win in Albuquerque, she qualified for the Elite Youth National Championship and Junior and Prep Open on Dec. 2-8 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mariah is coached by her father, John C. Bahe Jr., who is the head coach of the Damon-Bahe Boxing team. “My daughter is ranked number one in the USA at 13-14 years old 85lbs. She is an accomplished boxer and loves the sport with the dream of going to the Olympics.”

He added, “Mariah is an awesome boxer because she trains so hard.”

Her regular training routine consists of a warm-up with bag work, footwork, and coordination drills followed by a 45 minute to an hour cardio session. Next, comes an arm workout followed by a sparring session where she goes four to six rounds of defense followed by four to six rounds with her older brothers, all champion boxers.

“I am a proud coach as well as a proud parent of an amazing, talented athlete,” said John Bahe Jr. “No words can describe how she makes me feel being the only daughter I have with four older brothers. She stands her ground daily. I am thankful. My blessing and hope is that she achieves her goal of becoming an Olympic boxer.”

Photo contributed

BOXER: Mariah Bahe, of Navajo and Eastern Band Cherokee heritage, won the Intermediate Female 85lb. division at the USA Boxing Western Elite Qualifier Regional Open Championship held in Albuquerque, NM on March 4-10.
Miss Cherokee monthly report for January 2018

FAITH LONG
MISS CHEROKEE 2017-18

This January has been one for the books. I started my fourth semester at Carson-Newman University, and I have been preparing for my upcoming travel with my board. I started the year out sick, but I was surrounded by my family and friends. My dad cooked a great New Year’s dinner, which my siblings and I enjoyed. They made sure that I had leftovers to take back to college.

This month has been relatively uneventful as far as traveling back and forth from college to school. I was able to focus on homework and get back into the rhythm of things before heading to USET in Washington, DC. That was my first big trip, and I was so excited to attend.

Before traveling, I began working on a 10-page research paper. The scary thing about it was it had to be single-spaced. I finished it and made an A, thank goodness for that.

As I continue on to another month, I want to stress the importance of community and self-love. Working to better yourself in turn better the community. Take time for yourself. Read a book, walk a mile, or eat a ton of your favorite junk food. Self-love is important, and I definitely had a lot of junk food after that essay. Continue working for a better community with me this next month.

Sgi!

I would like to thank my board for their continued support and thank you to my family and the community for giving me the opportunities that I have been given.

If you would like to request Miss Cherokee please do so through emailing ebcimisscherokee@gmail.com

Cherokee Indian Hospital announces new Chief Dental Director

Cherokee Indian Hospital has announced that Dr. Christine Shook, who joined the staff in July 2016, has been selected as the new Chief Dental Director. This decision came after a lengthy process to find a replacement for Dr. Joyce Biberica, who retired after 12 years of service.

A graduate of the University of Tennessee School of Dentistry, Dr. Shook completed a year residency at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, which specializes in CEREC technology.

“I chose to work at Cherokee Indian Hospital due to the state-of-the-art dental technology that our clinic offers,” said Dr. Shook, “as well as the amount of compassion for patients that I saw during my interview.”

She brings with her vast experience in CEREC technology, which is ceramic reconstruction that allows a tooth crown or “cap” to be made in one day by scanning the tooth into a computer and designing and milling the crown chairside.

She hopes to keep CIHA Dental in line with the most effective dental technologies and techniques as well as continuing to encourage tribal members to make the CIHA Dental their clinic of choice.

“I want to continue to increase our staffing to meet the needs of our population,” she stated.

Dr. Shook is optimistic about the future, citing Dr. Biberica as a constant source of good advice during their overlapping time, and hopes to continue her legacy of great leadership for the clinic.

Chrissy Arch, COO, adds that Dr. Shook is already well on her way. “She really hit the ground running from day one. She has demonstrated strong leadership skills and we look forward to seeing what she can do in the coming months.”

To make an appointment, call the Dental Clinic front desk 497-9163 ext. 6478.

- Cherokee Indian Hospital public relations

DENTAL: Dr. Christine Shook, who joined the staff at Cherokee Indian Hospital in July 2016, has been selected as the new Chief Dental Director.
**EBCI alcohol referendum information**

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will hold a referendum on Thursday, May 31. The question asked will be: “To allow ABC permits to be issued to allow retail sales of alcoholic beverage on Tribal trust land at a Tribally-owned package store and ABC store.” Voter registration will close on Tuesday, May 1. You may begin to request your absentee ballot immediately. Absentee requests will be accepted through Wednesday, May 16. Absentee ballots must be received by the EBCI Board of Elections no later than Monday, May 21 at 4pm. Info: Board of Elections 359-6361

- EBCI Board of Elections

**Enterprise Waters closed for several weeks**

The catch and keep Enterprise Waters on the Qualla Boundary will be closed to all individuals from Saturday, March 17 through Friday, March 30. Opening day is Saturday, March 31, and the Opening Day Fishing Tournament is set for March 31 – April 1. Catch and release fly fishing in the 2.2 miles of Ravensford is open year-round.

Info: Paula Price, EBCI Natural Resources program coordinator, 359-6110

- EBCI Natural Resources Program

**Deadline for Yogi Crowe Scholarship approaching**

The Board of Directors of the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund reminds graduate and post-graduate students that April 1 is the deadline for requesting financial assistance from the Fund for summer semester. Applications and eligibility guidelines are available from any of the board members, from Tribal Education or from the Website www.yogicrowescholarship.org. Applications must be postmarked by the deadline date and mailed on or before the deadline. Applications not postmarked or received electronically by the deadline will not be considered.

For more information, contact any of the Scholarship Fund board members: Dr. Reva Ballew, president 631-1350; Dr. Jennifer Thompson, vice president 507-5997; Mary Herr, secretary 497-9498; Tamitha Fourskiller, treasurer 497-7034; Dr. Carmaleta Montiel 497-2717; Sunshine Parker 506-1952; Jan Smith 507-1519 or Shannon Swimmer 736-3191.

- Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund

**Cherokee Pre-K registration**

Registration for Cherokee Pre-K is being held now through Tuesday, May 1. Applications can be picked up at the HOPE Center. The child must be 4-years-old by Aug. 31 and meet the service priority guidelines. Info: HOPE Center 554-5101

- Cherokee Central Schools

**Cherokee Recreation notes:**

- Wrestling has started. It will not be held against your child for missing the first week. Practices will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at the Birdtown Gym starting at 5:30pm.
- Volleyball sign-up deadline is Friday, March 23. Parents will hear from Recreation regarding coaches, practice times, and other information. Practices will start Tuesday, April 3.
- Tee-Ball sign-up deadline is Friday, May 4. Parents should hear from Recreation by May 11 regarding all tee-ball information.

**Eastern Band Community Foundation announces Bill Taylor Scholarship**

Applications for the Bill Taylor Scholarship are now being accepted by the Eastern Band Community Foundation. This scholarship is available to all EBCI tribal members or their immediate family members who study Business/Business related curricula. The deadline to apply is June 1.

This scholarship was named in honor of previous Tribal Council Chairman Bill Taylor for his involvement and encouragement in bringing the gaming industry to Cherokee and has awarded $42,082 in scholarships since 2000. Awards are based on students meeting various eligibility requirements detailed on the NCCF website www.nccommunityfoundation.org. Applications can also be downloaded on this site under “Qualla Reservation”. For further information contact Norma Moss at normahmoss@gmail.com

The Eastern Band Community Foundation is an affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation. In addition to the website, like us on Facebook, follow us on LinkedIn and Twitter @NCCF for more information on the North Carolina Community Foundation.

- Eastern Band Community Foundation

**Vendors sought for Spring Garden Fair**

Vendor applications are now being accepted for the Spring Garden Fair set for April 20-21 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Organizers are seeking vendors who sell garden items such as seeds, plants, seedlings, yard art, tools, bees, farm-related subjects, fairsies, bird houses, and canned or food products. They are also seeking educators to share information about composting, solar power, recycling, mulches, beekeeping, etc. All are welcome. This event is sponsored by the Offices of the Principal Chief and Vice Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and Legend Weaver Studios. For an application or more information, visit Facebook – Spring Garden Fair or email: legendweaverstudios@gmail.com

**Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program accepting applications**

The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program is currently recruiting EBCI tribal members who are undergraduate college students to participate in its 2018-2019 program. Undergraduate students with a minimum GPA of 2.75 enrolled in at least six credit hours per semester are eligible to apply by the deadline of 5pm on Monday, April 2.

The culturally-based leadership program gives students opportunities to develop strong leadership abilities and serve successfully in leadership roles. With the help of mentors, participants develop individual leadership plans, volunteer in their communities, and complete a group service project during a yearlong fellowship.

To obtain an application form stop by the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute located at the Cherokee Boys Club in the former Family Support building across from the garage between the hours of 8am – 4:30pm.

Fellows in the Jones-Bowman Program enjoy the following benefits by participating in the program:

- Participation in unique leadership opportunities that will develop their leadership skills.
- Community and culture involvement with an opportunity to give back.
- Meet other students interested in becoming leaders within the Cherokee community.
- Receive funding to support leadership opportunities.
- Receive guidance from outstanding mentors and build peer mentoring relationships.
- Programming is grounded in traditional core values: Strong Individual Character, Group Harmony, Spirituality, Sense of Place, Honoring the Past, Educating the Children, Sense of Humor.

The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award was established in 2007 to honor the memories and leadership of Principal Chief Leon Jones and James Bowman, founding members of the Board of Directors of the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program is a program under the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute; a department of the Cherokee Boys Club and is funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

Info: Alicia Jacobs alicjacoc@nc-cherokee.com, 359-5544
- Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program

**Rental Income (Schedule E)**
- EBCI Secretary of Treasury Cory Blankenship

**VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) available**

The 2018 offering of Tax Assistance begins Wednesday, Feb. 7. If your annual income is $54,000 or less, you are eligible to have your taxes prepared at no cost at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office at 876 Acquoni Rd, located next to the Yellowhill Community Building and covered basketball court. Bring with you the following items to your appointment:
- All income related forms such as: W-2, 1099 Misc., 1099-I, SSA-1099, etc.
- Photo ID. such as Driver’s License or enrollment card with picture
- Social Security Card and birth date of every member of the household
- Enrollment Card of federally recognized tribe for North Carolina Tax Exemption
- Bank Account Information if you want tax return direct deposited
- Last year’s tax return if possible
- The program does not do Rental Income (Schedule E), Dividend and Investment Income (Sch B) and Complex Schedule C.

To schedule an appointment, call the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office 359-6939 or 359-6933 and speak to any staff person.
- EBCI Cooperative Extension

**EBCI Enrollment deadline notice for new applicants**

In order to be considered for the June 2018 per capita distribution, completed enrollment applications for new applicants to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians must be submitted to the Enrollment Office by 4:30 pm on Thursday, March 15. Enrollment applications received after this date and time will not be considered for the June 2018 distribution.

An application will only be considered complete with a county- or state-certified birth certificate, certified DNA results and certification of all other Indian blood. To schedule an appointment at the local collection site, call Michelle Stiles 359-6463. Out-of-town applicants may contact Amber Harrison (918) 685-0478 to schedule an appointment in your area.

DNA testing must be collected by Wednesday, Feb. 28 in order for the results to be in by March 15. Any DNA collected after this date is not guaranteed to be returned by the deadline. Because of the extended amount of time in receiving a social security number for a newborn, an application will be considered complete without a social security card. However, an enrollment card will only be issued upon receipt of the social security card of a new enrollee.

Applications may be obtained from the Enrollment Office located at 808 Acquoni Rd. or at www.ebci.com.

Info: EBCI Enrollment Office (828) 359-6469
- EBCI Enrollment Office

**Per Capita Loan deadlines for upcoming cycle**

The EBCI Office of Budget & Finance is about to begin a new cycle of loan assistance for EBCI tribal members for the months of April – September. If you wish to begin receiving loan assistance in the month of April, you must submit a new application to the Finance Office. Applications will be accepted March 19-23, and the new application forms are available at the Finance Office and online at www.ebci.com/government/per-capita-loans/. Applications submitted on forms from previous cycles will not be accepted.

Following is the deadline schedule with check release dates in parentheses: March 19-23 (April 13), April 16-20 (May 11). No applications accepted in May, June 18-22 (July 13), July 16-20 (Aug. 10), Aug. 20-24 (Sept. 7)
- EBCI Secretary of Treasury Cory Blankenship

**THANK YOU LETTER**

Thank you from the Rattler family

To all of the people, a big thank you to those that helped with the dinner, bought a dinner, and also donated to the dinner. We couldn’t have done it without you all. We ask that the prayers keep coming and we will send some for all. We appreciate and love you all.

On behalf of the Walter, Theresa Rattler family, thanks.

Dave, Squirrellie, Clareece, Botch, Brionna, and Zay

**General Announcements are free of charge. Send to Scott at scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com or message them to us on our Facebook page.**
OBITUARIES

Charles “Ronald” Tomlinson
Charles “Ronald” Tomlinson, 73, of the Wolftown Community in Cherokee, passed away after a brief illness on Sunday, March 4, 2018 at his home.
He lived in Lakeland, Fla. for 51 years. He was a long haul truck driver and was of the Baptist faith. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Lambert Tomlinson; his children, Lisa Tomlinson of Lakeland, Fla., Patricia Ricks of Cherokee, Monica Ricks of Knoxville, Tenn., and Ray Ricks of Cherokee; four grandchildren; three great grandchildren; one brother, Donald Tomlinson of Lakeland, Fla.; one sister, Sharon Phillips of Lakeland, Fla.; and grandchildren who were the light of his life, Houston Reed, Rayna Ricks, and Dallas Ricks.
Ronald was preceded in death by his parents, Morgan Tomlinson and Willa Mae McKinsey Tomlinson; and two brothers, Jimmy Tomlinson and Jackie Deloy Tomlinson. Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 8 at Long House Funeral Home. Rev. Randall Miller officiated. Burial followed at the Tow String Cemetery. Pallbearers were Charles Young, Everett Reagan, Willie Lambert, William Lambert, Richard L. Lambert, Stephen Kirkland, Harold Reagan, Kasey Reagan, and Mike Ricks.

John Ricky Lossiah Jr. (Critter)
John Ricky Lossiah Jr. (Critter), 37, of the Yellowhill Community, went home to be with the Lord where he was greeted by his son, Caden Jayce, on Sunday, March 4, 2018.
Critter was a loving father, son, brother, and friend. He was an avid Carolina fan with a sense of humor like no other. His heart and love for others was immeasurable.
He is survived by his sons, Colby James Lossie and Colin Ja’Rae (Dragon) Lossie; his companion, Sammi Sequoyah; his parents, Charlotte Littlejohn, Rick and Kim Lossie; sister, Leslie Lossiah (Jesse Sneed); brother, Travis Lossie; sister-in-law, Leigh-Anne Ledford; nieces, Amila Lossie and Anna Watty; nephew, Keedan Lossie; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who loved him dearly.
He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, John Henry and Willa Mae Lossiah; maternal grandparents, Jim and Mollie Littlejohn; aunt, Elsie Wolfe; and uncles, Jim, Leonard, and Mike Littlejohn, all of whom were there to welcome him home.
Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 7 at Acquoni Baptist Church. Pastors Patrick Odell and Ercell Green officiated. Burial was at the Piney Grove Cemetery. Pallbearers were Channing George, Brant Grant, Jason Thompson, Cricket Driver, Mike Drakeford, and Travis Calhoun.

Ralph Edward Brady
Ralph Edward Brady, 55, of Cherokee, passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on Saturday, March 3, 2018.
He was retired and a veteran of the US Army.
Ralph is survived by his special partner, Tracy Manis; his mother, Blanche McCoy Vickers; his children, John A. Brady (wife Ashley) of Sevierville, Tenn., Dakota Brady (wife Ashley) of Sevierville, Tenn.; Katie Brady, Ashley Heflin (husband Justin), and Adam Dean Deleary; eight grandchildren, Nathan Brady, Jase Brady, Jordan Goins, Korbin Heflin, Gabby Brady, Nevaeh Brady, Nova Brady, and Hailey McClure; brothers, Robert Brady Jr., Frank James Brady, Rocky Eugene Brady, and William Joseph Brady; sisters, Keri Lynn Brady and Carmalita Brady; auntie Jan McCoy; and numerous cousins also survive.
Ralph was preceded in death by his father, Robert Brady Sr.; special daughter, Crystal M. Brady; and special grandpa, Frank McCoy.
No funeral services will be conducted.

Churches and Other Non-profit Organizations
Let us promote your special events! Give us the details and we will print your upcoming event for free!
Call us at 359-6261 or email scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com.
Fred B. Lunsford Part 2

Editor’s note: The One Feather solicited stories from our community’s veterans. Our intent is to honor them through their own words and remind everyone of the sacrifice of our armed forces and their families. After putting the call out, we received a call from Mr. Lunsford, who is a World War II veteran. He wanted to share his veteran’s story and told me that he wrote a book about his life which included his veteran’s story. He proceeded to give us permission to recount his story via excerpts from his book. You will find below the second in a series of excerpts from “Glory in the Mountains as The Sound of Many Waters” by Mr. Fred B. Lunsford, a veteran of the United States Army.

To Europe

When I arrived at camp, I received word that we were scheduled to ship out overseas soon. So, the process started. There were more examinations and shots. Different clothing and equipment were issued. We boarded the ship on April 6, 1944 at Pier 51. A big snow had fallen the night before. We all had to be loaded before daybreak. We sailed out of New York early in the morning while the snow was still falling aboard the British ship, Aquataina. It was the fourth largest ship in the world. It was hauling thirteen thousand troops plus the crew. It took us nine days across the Atlantic, zigzagging our course to dodge German submarines, arriving in Glasgow, Scotland and then boarding a train to Wells, England. There we slept in a tent in a cow pasture.

While in Wells, we had more extensive training. However, because I had typing in high school, they sent me to London to Clerical School, and I became a Clerk Typist. When we got back to Wells, we were now ready for the Normandy Invasion. I went in on Omaha Beach, two or three days after the first wave of troops that stormed the beach. Some of my buddies were in that first wave and many of them were killed. We anchored ship out in the English Channel, and climbed down a rope ladder into a landing craft that took us to the shore. The front of the boat let down on the Beach, and we ran ashore through water about knee-deep. We ran toward a steep incline that rose quickly from the beach under enemy fire, coming from bunkers on the hill ahead. An enemy bullet hit my best friend as we climbed up the incline, but we had to go on and leave him there to die.

A short distance from the beach, we pitched our tents and dug in for a few days. Bulldozers were brought ashore. They dug a large channel and rolled the bodies of our comrades in the hole and covered them up. The is now the famous Cemetery in Normandy, with all the white crosses representing those who are buried there.

We were now in General Patton’s Third Army, moving across France with a tremendous, aggressive force and headed toward Germany. Many things happened that I could write about. It would take volumes to contain the happenings, but I will touch on a few highlights that I feel are very important. These things helped mold my life for the future.

Being a Christian, I tried to keep my eyes focused on Jesus in all situations. There were times when things looked very bleak and my faith was weak, but one thing I know, that He promised in His Word that He would never leave us or forsake me no matter how rough the times.

I was in a replacement company, attached to the Third Army. General George Patton was the Commanding Officer. We were there to replace those who were killed in battle and to face the enemy as we advanced.

I knew I had been assigned to the 839th Ordinance Depot Company. I had no idea where they were and they had no idea where I was. One day, we moved into a wooded area after we had passed Paris, France, about fifty miles. I found me a place in the forest where soft moss had grown on the ground that made a nice padding. I pitched my tent on this lovely mossy place. I was all set and crawled in my tent to relax a bit. We had been encoun-tering the enemy hostility during the day and traveling very slowly at night. I was very tired and the moss caused me to remember the old feather bed back home. I was lying there, praying, and thanking God for His protection as I listened to the sound of aircraft overhead, and the explosion of bombs. I had just dropped off to sleep, and I heard the harsh voice of our First Sergeant yelling out, “Lunsford, report immediately to the Company Tent”. I wondered, “What now?” The Company Tent was only about fifty yards away, so I was there right away. He said, “Tear your tent down, and pack up to move out”. A small Army truck was parked there with the 839th Ordinance Depot Company on the bumper. They had found me. I was replacing a young man that had been killed by a German booby trap. We headed north, seeing a lot of war-torn places along the way. After we had gone some distance, I saw my first German Buzz Bomb streaking across the pale blue sky. The Buzz Bomb was named by the American soldiers due to the harassing sound it made. This weapon was a guided missile, loaded with high explosives. It was set on a course so that when it was launched it had a particular target in mind. A jet-propelled engine drove it. When the fuel ran out, it fell to the ground and exploded when it hit the ground. Some of them were intended for London, England, others were for Belgium and Holland. Our anti-aircraft fighter planes would shoot them down, but wherever they hit, they caused mass destruction. However, the pilots of our P-51 Fighter Planes would fly up alongside the bomb when crossing the English Channel and take the tip of the wing of their plane and get it under the tip of the bomb’s wing and flip it up, causing it to fall into the water. This was a very risky operation, but it worked to stop the destructive weapon from reaching England.
COMMENTARY

Never a dull moment...issue.

WILLIAM LEDFORD

I keep writing these things and they keep vanishing, volumes two and three have gotten lost in the ether of the internet and things that I wrote about then are old news now. So much stuff has happened since then that if I revisit any now this piece would end up being 2,000 words and I’d lose most of you halfway through. So let’s get this show on the road. Again. The king is dead, long live the king. New England was the king, now they ain’t. The booze store is coming and now I can’t wait for the first Rez bar to open. The Large Orange King AKA Cadet Bone Spur wants a big ol’ parade with tanks and missiles because France has one. We’ve had another mass killing at one of our schools by a clown with an AR. The Russians did meddle in the last election and it’s now official, it’s considered treasonous not to stand and applaud Trump’s every word. And how was your month? Super Bowl 52 has come and gone. The reign of the New England Patriots, the dynasty of the 2000s, was snuffed and hopefully has come to an end at the hands of the Philadelphia Eagles and backup QB Nick Foles. Tom Brady has gotten older and when flushed from the pocket, he’s become a very average QB. Also, Foles is a better receiver than Brady. Or maybe Trey Burton throws a better pass than Danny Amendola. Or maybe Gisele was right, Brady cannot throw and catch the passes.

A thing that’s become ordinary but never ceases to shock and amaze me, we’ve had another mass killing by a random American armed with an AR type weapon. As usual our NRA supported politicians are shrugging off any attempts to ban the sales of AR-15s and the like instead opting to do nothing. Or they want to arm teachers and staff.

I watched his first State of the Union address muted with close captioning because the sound of him applauding himself (who does that?) with those soft, fleshy little hands reminded me of someone smacking two big ol’ semi-fresh fish together. I miss the subdued eloquence of Obama...these next 3 years are gonna be hell. As for the state of the union? As usual, he simply stirred the pot of discordance and discontent. His slogan should be: Making America Hate Again.

Trump made an off-hand remark/command/directive that our military should have a great big ol’ parade down Pennsylvania Avenue, just “like the one in France, only bigger and better”. Sounds stupid but people are taking this seriously. I guess we should just stop everything we’re doing and simply bring some tanks, and missile launchers, and troops and don’t forget the fighters to fly overhead...easy peasy. In Trumpland, the fun never stops.

Council has approved a tribal referendum for us to vote on opening alcohol sales via a package store or ABC-type establishment on the Rez. Dunno about the rest of you but I kinda knew this was just down the road when we approved alcohol in the casino. I also kinda knew that maybe some people had/have already started their plans to open their own store or get involved somehow.

Before all of you start wailing and screaming... no...the sky won’t start to fall if we do this. No, we’re not all going to hell. Well maybe some of us are, but not for this. And none of this business will make our happy alcoholics any more alcoholicky (is that a word?). We’ve had easy access to beer, wine, moonshine and whiskey on and near the Rez since I was a teenager and that was a looooooong time ago. And, there is a place called the Catamount just a hop and a skip off the Rez that sells alcohol to everyone, even us tribal members. And we don’t seem to have problems scoring beer and booze at the Sylva, Bryson City or Maggie Valley stores and driving home with it. Agree or not, the issue ain’t going away and it only makes sense that we keep that money at home.

Well, that’s all I got for now. There’s a whole lot more fun and games coming to us daily from Trumpland but intelligent people can’t stay there very long without a whole lotta insanity creeping in. Hmmm...that sounds like a title for new song...Whole Lotta Insanity. Performed by a band named Dead Zeppelin. See ya next time.

Ledford is an EBCI tribal member currently living in Albuquerque, NM.
Housing and Community Development (HCD) will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of two cabins. Cabins are 1-bedroom, 1 bath, and fully equipped kitchen. HCD will have an open house to view these cabins on March 22, 2018, from the hours of 1:30 pm—3:30 pm. Bid winners are responsible for moving the cabin and all moving costs for the cabin; additionally, they must be moved within 60 days.

All sealed bids are to be submitted to Homebuyer Services Coordinator Tina Larch at the HCD Office located at 756 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. Deadline to submit bids is Monday, March 26th, 2018. For more information, please call Tina Larch at 828-359-6912 or Michelle Stamper at 828-359-6904.
Benefits/Fundraisers

Benefit Dinner for Emalyn Cagle. March 16 at 11am Yellowhill Community Building. Emalyn will be traveling later this month to Duke University for a MRI on her brain. All proceeds will help with travel and stay in Durham. Menu: baked spaghetti, corn, garlic bread/toast, drinks/water, and dessert for $6. Delivery is available for four or more orders. Info: Amanda 497-0052 or (754) 332-3035

Elders Breakfast/Bake Sale Fundraiser. March 17 from 7am – 12pm at Tsali Manor.

Upcoming Turkey Shoots at Jesse Welch's Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. March 17 at 3pm, benefit for Charlie Hartline. March 24 at 5pm, benefit for Lynette Shell. Good prizes, good fun, good benefits. All are welcome.

Cultural Events

Cherokee Language Class. Wednesdays March 28; April 4, 11, and 18 from 6-8pm at Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore, Tenn. The cost of the class is $50 for all four evenings, and the class will be taught by Gil Jackson and Lou Jackson, both EBCI tribal members. Info: Museum (423) 884-6246, seqmus@tds.net

Free Syllabary Class. Every Thursday through April 26 from 7-8pm at Cherokee Choices conference room. Limited slots available. This if for EBCI tribal members ages 10 and up only. This is not a Cherokee language class. Info: Tara McCoy 359-5542

Cherokee Syllabary and Intro to Cherokee Class. Every Monday and Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm at the 3200 Acre Tract Community Center at 1000 Old Bryson City Road in Whittier. Everyone is welcome. Info: https://www.facebook.com/3200-Acre-Tract-Community-Center-1589774257745245/

General Events

Community Bingo. March 15 from 1 – 4pm at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. This event is sponsored by the Office of the Principal Chief, EBCI Community Department, and EBCI Commerce Division. Everyone will receive two bingo cards. To receive an extra bingo card, bring canned goods, toiletries, or other household items for donation to the Cherokee Children's Home.

Swain County Schools Native American Parent meeting. March 15 at 5:30pm at East Elementary Cafeteria. Topics of discussion will be on Swain County Schools' recent lockdowns and new procedures and concerns over school safety. Also, topics from last month's meeting will be discussed. Refreshments will be served.

Free Line and Swing Dance Lessons. Thursdays on March 15, 22, and 29 at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Line Dance at 5:30pm, Beginners Swing at 6:15pm, and Advanced Swing at 6:45pm. Emerald Booth will be the instructor for line dance, and Bob Canady and Sherri Booth will be the instructors for the couples swing. Info: 788-0502

Swain County Democratic Party Whittier/Cherokee Precinct Meeting. March 15 at 6pm at Chestnut Tree Inn in Cherokee. Light refreshments. Guest speaker will be candidate Joe Sam Queen. All are welcome. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118

Community Drug Forum. March 15 from 6:30-9pm at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Everyone is welcome to attend the forum which will focus on discussions on solutions and problem-solving – what can be done to solve the problem? Bring your thoughts, ideas, and solutions. Open hearts and open minds. Info: David Jumper 788-0906


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Jackson County Democratic Party meeting. March 20 at 6:30pm at party headquarters at 500 Mill Street in Sylva. The meeting is open to all Democrats. Frank C. Burrell, chair of JCDP, will preside. Info: www.jacksondems.com

Swain County Democratic Party Convention. March 20 at 6pm at Swain County Senior Center in Bryson City. All Democrats are welcome. The 2018 Democratic Party candidates have been invited to speak. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118


Nancy Ward Dedication Ceremony. March 24 at 10:30am at her gravesite on Old Hwy. 411 south of Benton, Tenn. A new monument will be revealed and dedicated by the Nancy Ward DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Chapter and other DAR chapters as well as The Association of the Descendants of Nancy Ward. The public is invited to attend this free event. Info: becky@nanyehi.com

Poor People’s Campaign event. March 24 from 3 – 5pm at The Community Table in Sylva. An afternoon of listening and empowerment. The late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. called for a poor people’s campaign to challenge disparities in the United States. This event is free and open to everyone. Donations will be accepted to defray the costs. The event is being sponsored by the Jackson County Chapter of the NAACP and Indivisible Common Ground OFA-WNC.

Jackson County Candidate Forum. March 27 at 6:30pm at Jackson County Public Library Community Room in Sylva. The community is invited to engage with three individuals who have filed to run for the U.S. House of Representatives District 11 seat including: Robert Woods-

cherokee one feather/na tsalagi soquo ugidahli, week of march 15-21, 2018
Kananesgi Pottery Festival. **April 28** from 10am – 4pm at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Storytelling, vendors selling pottery, and presenters on Cherokee pottery. NAIWA will prepare food for sale. Admission is free.


Spring Sobriety Campout. **May 10-13** at Yogi in the Smokies Campground on Big Cove Road in Cherokee. AA, NA, Al-anon speakers; Talking Circles; marathon meeting; sobriety pow wow; fun and fellowship. Pre-registration $40 per person (children under 12 are free), $45 at the gate. Info: Herb 506-8563, firesidecircle@yahoo.com

**Health and Sports Events**

**Health Series at Jackson County Public Library.** A new, monthly health series entitled “Mind and Body: Health, Nutrition, and You” will be held at the Library. It is a partnership between JCPL, WCU, Mountain Projects, Appalachian Behavioral Health, Vaya Health, SAND, and Cherokee Mental Health. Upcoming dates include:
- April 24 at 6:30pm, Diabetes and Disease Prevention, Heal what Ails You
- May 1 at 6:30pm, PTSD: Invisible Wounds, Visible Healing
- May 15 at 6:30pm, Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention
- June 12 at 6:30pm, Drug Abuse, Addiction, and the Opioid Crisis
- July 10 at 6:30pm, Brain Health, a Look at Alzheimer’s and Dementia
- Aug. 14 at 6:30pm, End of Life Care and Planning

Info: Jackson County Public Library, 586-2016, www.fontanalib.org

**Swain County Dizzy Dean Benefit Co-Ed Softball Tournament.** **March 17** at Swain County Ballfields. $200 entry fee. Unlimited home runs with purchase of Dizzy Dean bracelet. Double-elimination, five girls/five guys, ISA co-ed rules apply. Info: Trent Crisp 736-1381, Riley Randall 788-4665, Larry Simonds (828) 200-7303

**Cherokee Recreation League Basketball Banquet.** **March 22** at Birdtown Gym. Menu is as follows: BBQ and Hotdogs

Pumpkin, 10-months-old, lives in the Big Cove Community with Mary Hill- Driver.

**Swain County NAYO Basketball Tournament.** **March 30-31** in Cherokee, NC. Hosted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Recreation Department, games will be played at the Birdtown Gym, Painttown Gym, and at Cherokee High School. Age divisions for boys and girls teams: 12-14, 15-17, age as of Aug. 1, 2017. Deadlines: Team entry form must be turned in by March 19, completed roster due by March 26. Entry fee: $150. Info: Mianna “Peaches” Squirrell 359-6896, miansqui@nc-cherokee.com or Shannon Bark 359-3345, shanbark@nc-cherokee.com

**Upcoming Pow Wows for March 16-18**

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.

**USU 45th Annual Echoing Traditional Ways Pow Wow.** **March 16-17** at Utah State University Fieldhouse in Logan, Utah. MC: Jerry Bear. Host Drum: Southern Soul. Info: Alina Begay (435) 740-4728, alina.begay@usu.edu, or Tyra Hardin tvhardin@gmail.com

**Rio Rancho Pow Wow.** **March 17** at V. Sue Cleveland High School Gymnasium in Rio Rancho, NM. MC: Terry Pecos. Info: Leigh Thunder (505) 319-5900, thunderleigh@gmail.com

**36th Annual Wa:k Pow Wow.** **March 17-18** at Tuscon, Ariz. MC: Ryan Rumley. Host Northern: Old School. Host Southern: Comanche Red. (520) 573-4014, wakpowwow@gmail.com

**44th Annual Northland College Spring Pow Wow.** **March 17** at Northland College in Ashland, Wisc. Info: Cassie Brown (906) 395-7323, cbrown@northland.edu


Community Club Meetings
Big Y Community Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Big Y Community Building. For information on renting the building for your special occasion, call Brianna Lambert 788-3308. The rental fee is $75 and $25 will be returned after cleaning.

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

Birdtown Community Club meets the last Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Community Building. Potluck starts at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6pm. Chairman: Stephen Watty, Vice Chairman: Kallup McCoy, Treasurer: Deb Slee. Secretary: Sasha Watty. The community building is currently not available for rent.

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

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

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

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

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

Support Groups/Meetings
Cherokee Diabetes Talking Circle. This group, for community members with diabetes or pre-diabetes and their family and friends, meets at Tsali Manor on the third Thursday of each month from 12-1pm. Info: Nilofer Couture, MPH, RD, LDN, CDE, 497-9163 ext. 6459 or Nilofer.Couture@cherokeehospital.org

AA and NA meetings in Cherokee. Alcohics Anonymous (AA): Tuesdays at 7pm at Cherokee Indian Hospital (CIH), Saturdays at 10am at CIH conference room Narcotics Anonymous (NA): Mondays at 8pm at CIH, Thursdays at 8pm at CIH, Fridays at 7pm at CIH encore room

Analenisgi Recovery Center weekly schedule for Fall/Winter 2017/18
NOTE: All classes/groups are open to all Analenisgi clients. Support groups marked with ** are open to the community.

Monads
Safety WRAP: 9 -10am Cherokee Culture: 11:15am - 12:30pm
Still Waters: 2-3pm
**Family Support: 5-6pm

Tuesdays
Native Plants: 8:30-10:30am Employment Skills: (second and fourth Tuesdays 11am -12pm)
Taming Salolis (Squirrels): 11am – 12pm
Emotions: 1-2pm
**Self-esteem: 2-3pm
**Life Recovery: 3-4pm

Wednesdays
Safety WRAP: 9-10am
Strong Hearts Women’s Group: 11am – 1pm
Healthy Boundaries: 1-2:30pm
Creative Writing: 2-3pm
**Family Support: 5-6pm
**Agape LGBT Group: 5:45-6:45pm
**HIV/AIDS/Hep C Support Group: (second and fourth Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm)

Thursdays
**Life Recovery: 8:30-9:30am
Connections (Brene’ Brown): 10:30-11:45am
Finding Tohi (Peace/Balance): 1-2pm
Uncle Skills Men’s Group: 3-4pm
Fridays
Creative Recovery: 9:30 am -12pm
Cherokee Language and Culture: 1-2:30pm
Popcorn and a Movie: 2:30-4pm
Info: Analenisgi Recovery Center 497-6892.
Times and dates may be subject to change.

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

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

Happenings listings are FREE of charge. Send your flyer(s) and/or event information to Scott at scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com or message them to us on our Facebook page.
FOR RENT
2BR, 1 bath mobile home. Quiet park in Ela, no pets. References/background check required. $450/month. $450/deposit. 488-8752. UFN

FOR SALE
FOR SALE by owners. Family owned/operated campground, established in 1965. Located on the banks of Soco Creek on the Cherokee Indian Reservation, Cherokee, NC. Within walking distance of downtown Cherokee and Harrah’s Casino. Within one - two miles of most major attractions in Cherokee. On approximately 12 acres, the campground consists of 11 cabins, 11 bunkhouses, and 33 campsites, including 23 FHU sites. Serious inquiries call 828-736-2765 for an appointment. Cherokee Campground and Craig’s Cabins. Must be an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. 3/22pd

SERVICES
Tax Preparation by Sandi – Can save you time and money. Monday thru Saturday 9am – 7pm. Located on Olivet Church Road. 507-5045. 4/12

Law Office of Shira Hedgepeth, Tribal Legal Advocate. For representation, call (828) 585-5044 or email shira@legal-decisions.com. Find us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/legaldecisions. 3/29pd

Oocumma’s Law Mowing Services. Attention all businesses and home-owners – are you looking for a reliable company to mow grass for a reasonable price? If so, please call for a free estimate at 508-5183. Licensed and insured. TERO-certified. 4/19pd

SEEKING
SEEKING Building or Vacant land for immediate leasing along - Casino Trail, Paint Town Road and Tsalagi Road (Downtown Cherokee.) For interest, please contact (954) 205-5092. 3/29

REALTY
Big Cove Community
The following is a list of tribal members that have documents to sign in the Tribal Realty Services Office. These are land transfers from both Tribal Members and the Eastern Band of Resolutions Abel Wolfe, Anna Belle Calhoun Shuler, Anthony Scott Taylor, Bri-anne B. Tsavatewa, Caren S. West, Carolyn Rae West, Carroll James Parker, Cecil Eli Walkingstick, Charlene Denise Lossiah, Denise Michelle Laney Cochran, Deweese Wolfe, Edmond Meroney French, Edwin Wolfe, Edwina Denice Driver, Elise Marie Thompson Watty, Elizabeth Ann Watty, Elliott Clark Shell, Elsie Cynthia Standingdeer, Flora Mae Calhoun Shelton, Frances Ann Wolfe Maney, Grace Magdalene Welch Lauver, Jackie Lee Johnson, James Kenneth Crowers, James Martin Saunooke, Jane Wolfe, Janice Claudine Driver, Jennifer Dawn West George, Jonah Wolfe, Joseph Michael Watty, Joseph Stephen Watty, Kimberly Dawn Crowe, Kristina Alyse Cochran, Laura Mae Saunooke, Maggie Lossiah, Marion Lucille Littlejohn Wolfe, Martha Faye Watty, Mary Ann Welch Thompson, Matthew Stephen Watty, Meroney George Shell, Michael Andrew Parker, Michael Jay Shell, Nellie Armachain Taylor, Norma Jean Smith Swayney, Samantha Lynell Panther, Sharon Lenell Welch Panther, Shawn David Calhoun, Stephanie Lynn Smith Hornbuckle, Susanna Calhoun Finger, Taleika Nicole Hill, Tony Anthony Johnson, Viola Yvonne Shell Garnett, Wendy Wynne West Ricks, William Dennis Calhoun, William Lawson Smith,

Agreement to Divisions
Mary Edith Reed Smith, Dennis Ray James, Frankie Nelle James Patencio, George Milton James, Eric Thomas Lambert, James Dwayne Lambert, Carla Marie Sneed Ballew, Howard Vincent Sneed, Patricia Eldean Sneed Lambert, Mary Louise Sneed Welch, Rena Janet Johnson Wachacha, Jackie Lee Johnson, Jacob Pete Johnson, Melissa Ann Maney

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

Proposed Land Transfers
James Kenneth Crowers to Mary Ann Welch Thompson for Big Cove Community Parcel No. 425 (Part of Parcel No. 330 & 331) containing 10.140 Acres, more or less.

James Kenneth Crowers to Mary Ann Welch Thompson for Big Cove Community Parcel No. 458 containing 0.035 Acres, more or less.

James Kenneth Crowers to Mary Ann Welch Thompson for Big Cove Community Parcel No. 457-B (Remainder of Parcel No. 457) containing 0.391 Acres, more or less.

James Kenneth Crowers to Mary Ann Welch Thompson for Big Cove Community Parcel No. 457-A (Part of Parcel No. 457) containing 1.081 Acres, more or less.

James Kenneth Crowers to Mary Ann Welch Thompson for Big Cove Community Parcel No. 332-A (Part of Parcel No. 332) containing 0.502 Acres, more or less.

James Kenneth Crowers to Mary Ann Welch Thompson for Big Cove Community Parcel No. 332-B (Part of Parcel No. 332) containing 2.002 Acres, more or less.

James Kenneth Crowers to Mary Ann Welch Thompson for Big Cove Community Parcel No. 333 containing 13.101 Acres, more or less.

James Kenneth Crowers to Mary Ann Welch Thompson for Big Cove Community Parcel No. 529 containing 2.065 Acres, more or less.

I SHOULD PROBABLY GET A RIDE HOME.

BUZZED DRIVING IS DRUNK DRIVING

NHTSA
Application and job description can be picked up from the Receptionist at the Boys Club Information window between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (828-497-9101). The selected applicant must submit a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory. Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates or readvertise positions without notice.

**Positions Open**

*Please attach all required documents*

*eg: Driver’s license, Enrollment, Diplomas, Certificates*

**Closing Friday, March 16, 2018**

1. Administrative Assistant - Heart to Heart Child Advocacy - PHHS (L5 $25,830 - $32,288)
3. Teacher (Multiple) - Qualla Boundary HS/EHS - PHHS (L7 $31,078 - $38,848)
4. Cook - Qualla Boundary HS/EHS - PHHS (L4 $23,616 - $29,520)
5. Director of Snowbird and Cherokee County Services - Executive (L14 $58,794 - $73,493)
6. Youth Development Professional - Cherokee Youth Center - CERS (L3 $21,484 - $26,855)
7. Program Manager – Heart to Heart Child Advocacy Center – PHHS (L12 $49,200 - $61,500)

**Closing Friday, March 23, 2018**

2. Administrative Assistant - Qualla Housing Authority - Housing (L7 $31,078 - $38,848)
3. Housekeeper / Light Duty - Housekeeping - Operations (L3 $21,484 - $26,855)
4. Detention Officer (Multiple) - Corrections - CIPD (L7 $31,078 - $38,848)
5. Evidence Control Custodian - CIPD (L7 $31,078 - $38,848)
6. Assistant Education Coordinator - Emergency Medical Services - Operations (L9 $37,474 - $46,843)
7. Supervisor - H.E.L.P. - Housing (L10 $41,082 - $51,353)

**Open Positions**

2. Paramedic Full-Time – EMS – Operations (L8 $34,112 - $42,640)

Download Applications and Job Descriptions and Apply Online at:

www.cbcia.com/jobs
EMPLOYMENT

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:
Residential Treatment Center Manager - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center
Optometrist
Hospitalist
Pedodontist
PTR Registered Nurse - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center
RN - Tsali Care Center (2 Positions)
Emergency Hire RN – Inpatient Emergency Hire Dental Assistant II (2 Positions)
Dental Assistant II (1 Position)
Dentist – Satellite Clinics Cherokee County & Snowbird
Dentist
Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care (11 Positions)
Certified Medication Aide - Tsali Care LPN – Tsali Care (2 Positions)
RN MDS Coordinator – Tsali Care
PTI Registration Receptionist Clerk (2 Positions)
To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions are open until filled. Indian preference does apply.

The Oconaluftee Indian Village is looking to fill the following positions for the 2018 Season:
*Tour Guides/Greeters *Crafters
*Historical Re-Enactors *Concession
*Gift Shop *Box Office *Janitor/ Maintenance *Gardener

We are looking for people who are outgoing; who take pride in their culture and who are willing to educate the public about Cherokee History and Culture. We want applicants who have great work ethics and are willing to work weekends and holidays. An application and job description can be picked up at the Cherokee Historical Association Office, located across from the Museum of Cherokee Indians.

Guidelines:
• Indian Preference applies (Except specific historical reenactment roles)
• Must be 17 yrs. old or older (Except for mentoring program)
• Must make it through interview process
• Must be able to show up at 8:30am and work until 5:00pm when required.
• Must be able to work in varying work environment and varying conditions.

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:
RN – Emergency Room Maintenance Mechanic
To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close March 15, 2018 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply.

Job Opening: Cherokee Friends-Cultural Specialist
The Museum of the Cherokee Indian is looking for one person for the Cherokee Friends program. April through November (part time hours). Cherokee Friends present programs to the public at the Museum and throughout the Cultural District, wearing historical clothing. Must have excellent skills for working with the public. Knowledge of Cherokee history and culture a plus, but will also be trained by the Museum. Job will include public speaking, cultural demonstrations, and walking through the Cultural District. Employment is dependent on passing a drug test and background check. Indian preference applies. Stop by the Museum Box Office for an application. 3/29pd

Museum Now Taking Applications
The Museum of the Cherokee Indians is now taking applications for both Full-time and Part-Time Seasonal workers. Pick up an application at the Box Office, must be able to work weekends and pass drug test.
3/29pd

Phoenix Theatres Cherokee 6: Assistant Manager
Summary of Position
Position Responsibilities: - Monitoring of theatre staff and guest experience - Daily Opening & closing operational duties - Ensuring quality film & facility presentation - Offering fresh, appealing and quick food & beverage service - Maintaining a clean, safe and comfortable environment for theatre guests
Requirements
- Must be able to show up at 8:30am and work until 5:00pm when required.
- Must work weekends
- Must be 17 yrs. old or older (Except for mentoring program)
- Must make it through interview process
- Must be able to work in varying work environment and varying conditions.
- Must be able to work across from the Museum of Cherokee Indians.

Legal Notices

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
The Cherokee Court
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File Nos.: EST 13-037; EST 13-038;
EST 13-039; EST 13-045

In the Matter of the Estates of:
Darrell Taylor (d. 12/26/2012);
Shawn David Calhoun (d. 1/27/2013);
Lena Yvonne Hornbuckle (d. 4/28/2013);
Jim Driver, Jr. (d. 3/9/2013)

All persons, firms, or corporations having outstanding claims or interest in these estates are hereby notified of a hearing to settle the

Knoxville, TN 37923
Attention: HR Department
3/22pd
above named estates at the following date and time or be barred from making any further claims against the estate.

EBCI Justice Center
March 20, 2018 at 1:30 PM

FILE NO: 17-SP-047
JONAH BIDDIX
v.
KAMI ESQUIVEL
TO: KAMI ESQUIVEL
TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is MINOR NAME CHANGE. You are required to make defense to this pleading not later than April 24, 2018 said date being 40 days from the first date of this publication, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This is the 15th day of March 2018. K. Denise Hallauer-Fox Attorney for Plaintiff
EBCI Legal Assistance Office
P.O. Box 2280
Cherokee, NC 28719
828-359-7400
C.C. & N.C.G.S._1A-1, Rule 4(j1).

4/5pd

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Request for Proposals

The EBCI Office of the Human Resources seeks competitive proposals for a Personnel Policies and Procedures Developer on a contractual basis.

This project requires: (1) the development of a comprehensive policy and procedures manual to provide a guideline for all tribal departments and their employees. The EBCI employees approximately 1200 employees throughout 80 departments within 9 divisions. The Personnel Policy and Procedures will need to clearly state the benefits and responsibilities of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians employment. It is also the resource to inform employees of policies and procedures and to promote standard practices among all personnel. The Personnel Policies and Procedures will also need to serve as a guideline to employees informed of relevant facts about their employment. The developed manual will maintain the Tribe’s compliance while adhering to employment laws, industry standards, trends, best practices, and other HR program aspects. (2) Close collaboration with the Human Resources Secretary and other tribal Departments to ensure inclusion of all relevant workplace practices and processes. Consultants will require expertise in working with large tribal groups and/or other large municipal groups.

Qualifications include:

- Experience: Previous extensive experience developing large scale policy and personnel guidelines, manuals or best practices for large municipalities or tribal entities. Managing projects effectively, including time-sensitive deadlines.
- Education: Bachelor’s degree in Human Resources, Public Administration, Public Policy or other management related field. 3-5 years post-baccalaureate paid professional work history.
- Interested individuals should submit a brief letter proposal including the following information:
  - Name and contact information
  - Copies of certifications
  - Relevant work experience

Proposals due by March 16, 2018.

Please email proposals to Tara Reed, Manager of the EBCI Human Resources Division, tarareed@nc-cherokee.com.

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The EBCI Office of Human Resources reserves the right to decline any proposals received.

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