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# “We mourn our fallen...”

## Post 143 hosts Memorial Day Observance in Cherokee

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Cherokee soldiers who lost their lives in the line of duty were honored and remembered for their sacrifice during a Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 25. The Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 hosted the event at the Yellowhill Veterans Cemetery.

“The men and women buried here at Yellowhill, at Arlington, and in national cemeteries around the world paid a great price for the freedoms that we enjoy,” said Lew Harding, Post 143 Commander. “It’s hard to complain about the high cost of anything when you think about the high cost that they paid for our freedom and the lives that we live.”

Commander Harding added, “Today, we mourn our fallen...the flag-draped coffins of our fallen heroes and these white stones, here at Yellowhill, note the courage and the sacrifice that they gave on our behalf. So, it is my privilege, on behalf of a grateful nation, to pledge to them to work for greater peace, greater unity, greater forgiveness, and greater love.”

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bell in their honor and memory. The list included:  
WWI: Steve Youngdeer (US Army), Joe Kalonaheskie (US Army)  
WWII: Boyd Catt (US Army), Jacob Cornsilk (US Army), Adam West Driver (US Marine Corps), James R. Lambert (US Army), Samuel William Otter (US Navy), Blaine Queen (US Army), Mark Rattler (US Marine Corps), Isaac Ross (US Army), Joshua Shell (US Army), Sheridan Smith (US Marine Corps),

Vernon George Sneed (US Army), William Taylor (US Navy), Enos Thompson (US Army), Jeremiah Toineeta (US Army), Robert Austin Wahneta (US Marine Corps)  
Korea: Charles Arch (US Marine Corps), Charles George (US Army, Medal of Honor recipient)  
Vietnam: John Burgess (US Army), John Edward Oocumma (US Army)  
“They live in our history,” said Commander Harding. “They reside in our hearts, and they rest forever

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**Sgt. Cliff Long and Sgt. Alva Brown lay a wreath in honor and memory of EBCI tribal members that were killed in action in WWI, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam.**

in the arms of God.”

Richie Sneed, US Marine Corps veteran, gave Monday’s keynote address where he spoke about liberty, “What we must understand, as Americans, is that liberty has never come without a cost. If you and I are to have liberty, we must seize it, possess it, and defend it against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Liberty should be, and used to be, the highest ideal in America. Many excellent men and women have willingly laid down their lives to preserve this ideal and to preserve this nation.”

Sneed went on to say, “The idea of liberty may be dormant in this generation, it is not dead, and we who understand the virtue of liberty and the price that has been paid to preserve it have a solemn duty to remember those who have made it possible for us to enjoy the

benefits of their sacrifice and to instruct those who lack knowledge of the past.”

Following a patriotic reading by Col. Blankenship, a wreath was laid by him, Sgt. Alva Brown and Sgt. Cliff Long. The program also included a musical presentation by Shell who sang “In Honor of Those Who Served”.

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# JLC Meet the Candidates: Principal Chief

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## INTRODUCTIONS

**Candidate Patrick Lambert** thanked the JLC for taking the time to host the candidate forums and commended the JLC on performing a real good community function. He has worked as a Tribal Attorney as the Executive Director for the Tribal Gaming Commission for 22 years. "I drafted a lot of the laws that we are currently operating under today. The first summer I came home after I came home from law school, the Tribe didn't have a Code Book, what we call the Cherokee Code. I spent my first summer assembling, with the TOP, all the different laws, regulations, and ordinances that had passed up until that point."

Lambert mentioned his interpretation of the overall feelings within the community. "Over the past few years, we have been witnessing a complete loss of faith and respect in the Tribal Government. There's a big sense of greed and dishonesty, lack of ethics, and a real sense of entitlement that rips



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**Steven Straughan, Junluaksa Leadership Council member, asks a question during a Meet the Candidate forum for Principal Chief candidates held on Monday, May 18 in the Tribal Council Chambers.**

our government. It's this sense of entitlement that I will be fighting against if elected. I'm running for Principal Chief because I know we can do better."

Lambert also spoke on budgetary issues. "We can begin by cutting the wasteful spending, investing in our people, and making families a priority again. We got to be more accountable and stop all the wastefulness that permeates our system. A strong set of internal controls, ethics, and accountability is what I'll bring to the table. I will work nonstop to help restore faith and belief in the Tribal Government."

**Candidate David Wolfe** said he served the Yellowhill community (as a Tribal Council Member) for 10 years. He attended Western Carolina University and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in ac-

counting and finance. Wolfe said "I think this Tribe deserves a Chief that will work with Tribal Council, has leadership experience and has served Tribal Council, Tribal Government, and the people. I have that experience. I think this Tribe deserves three separate branches of government, legislative, executive, and judicial. Those three branches of government will help us as we take on social service issues dealing with children, families and that court system is going to be crucial how we deal with nurturing our families and protecting our children. I don't think anyone wants to go into a court system wants to be at a disadvantage. They are going to have a fair shake when they go into that court system and present their evidence. That would certainly benefit all Tribal members."

Wolfe discussed the economic

nature of the Tribe and the impact of the community. "The Tribe needs to diversify our economy. We have a casino that has performed very well. We have tourism and that was good for a time, but I think we need to go even further. We need to establish some businesses outside of Cherokee and bring some more businesses into Cherokee. We need to come up with a form of business structure the people can trust and be proud of. I've been in the communities, and they still have a real fear of Tribal government doing business. They still have a hard time trusting the government. I think, as we move forward, we get community involvement and experience from the community to come up with an avenue so that we can expand our business opportunities."

**Candidate Gene "Tunney" Crowe**, Tribal Council Member for the Birdtown Community for the last six years, said he has over 20 years of experience working with the Tribe in different capacities with the police force, the casino, and Natural Resources.

As the Birdtown Council Member, Crowe said, "We've brought legislation in here, we've passed it. We've listened to you and worked with you all a lot in those six years."

"To me, being a Principal Chief is helping to lead you guys in right direction when we're sitting in these seats (inside the Council House Chambers) so you know what to expect when you come on (addressing the JLC). That's what being a leader is, to be able to lead people and guide them.

"We've got to have a vision. We

have to know what we're wanting to do for the next several generations. My platform is helping us lead and guide us through those seven generations. We talk about economic development. We talk about diversification. We talk about new developments that will help our tribe grow and prosper. We've got the casino, which we can't rely on the casino for everything. We've got to diversify our finances coming into the Tribe just in case something ever happens to gaming."

Crowe also spoke on his plan to provide the community with better healthcare. "We need to provide better healthcare for each enrolled member. How do we do that? We provide services, we have a new hospital and one of my goals is to provide the best service we can."

#### **Candidate Timmy Ray**

**Smith** is the currently the Youth Sports Coordinator for the EBCI and the current President of the Native American Youth Organization (NAYO). Smith said, "You all know the issues and everyone out there knows the issues. Everyone out there knows exactly what the problems are."

Smith said, "I would just like the people to ask those people, they're businessmen, Council members, what has been going on the last 10 plus years? When I go places, why are people so upset with the council and executive board, which is the Chief and the Vice Chief? That's the questions I get asked. What are you going to do about this? What are you going to do about that? Why have the council and the Chief not been working together? Because, when I go places, that's what people have been saying."

He continued, "I'm running for this office because people have

come to me, and I've coached for 25 years. I've put boards together for these kids and coached every sport out there. That's my background, leadership with coaching. Learning how to handle these kids from a young age all the way up through high school, trying to make them productive people in society."

### **STANDARD QUESTIONS**

#### **1. What are your thoughts on staggered payments of the Minor's Fund Distribution?**

**Lambert:** "I fully support a new distribution plan. Let me be very clear; however, there's no mistake on my part or anybody's understanding. There's a clear acknowledgement that that's the young people's money. I look at this like it's almost any other trust set up out in the country. If you have a rich uncle, that rich uncle can decide when you may get some of those payments over the course of time because he's looking out for your best interest. I think, as a Tribal Government, that's what we need to do for our minors."

**Wolfe:** "I think if we do the financial education piece and get the education to the minors and families, I don't really think staggered terms would make a difference. Tax-wise it would, and if there's a tax advantage that we could capitalize and save you some tax dollars, I think we should explore all those. If there's a tax advantage that goes with staggered distribution, it could be a possibility, but I'd like to leave all those questions for the minors. That's going to be your issue that you will have to deal with."

**Crowe:** "I think it's a good idea, the reason being, we see that our kids go out and get all their money and within a month, it's gone with nothing to show for it. Not saying

all kids do that but some of them get involved with drugs. You've got people that come in and prey on those people. Another thing I'd like to see with those staggered terms is a tax break so you don't have to give all that money to the IRS."

**Smith:** "I think that needs to be something where we really sit down as a people and discuss. We need to get into the school systems and sit down and talk. If your family feels like you're ready to get that money when you're 18 years old, then we can set something up where you will get your money. I'd like to get some input from teachers."

#### **2. What are your thoughts about a Tribal Constitution?**

**Lambert:** "I've done a lot of thinking about this and it's something I've always been interested in. I went to law school, and the Tribal government needs a body of laws that are set in stone and can't be changed on a whim. You need a Principal Chief that will make this a priority. I will make passage of the constitution a priority for my administration."

**Wolfe:** "I support a Tribal Constitution. If we just take one piece at a time, it may take several years to get it done, but I think a Tribal Constitution would benefit all Tribal members. That way it limits the powers of government and the gives the rights back to the people. Every community has a personality, but you have to bring all these communities in to let them have their input and participation. Once you get the input and participation and everyone working on it, it would go a whole lot smoother."

**Crowe:** "I think it's a good idea. It will give the people the right to come in here (Council Chambers) if they have questions or whatever is-

sues they have. If they have a guide to go by, I'm in support of a Tribal Constitution."

**Smith:** "We need one. We've had a constitution drafted. It's been voted on 16 times. I don't know what the problem is. I don't know why Tribal Council keeps voting it down." He added, "We need to take a look at it and maybe it's something we do not need because it's so old. I'm pretty sure our Tribal elders who put that thing together years and years ago were looking out for the betterment of our Tribe and we don't need to just toss the one that we have, we need to take a look at it."

#### **3. What do you think the role of the Principal Chief is?**

**Lambert:** "The role of the Principal Chief is day-to-day operations. The Principal Chief has to develop an atmosphere of opportunity, fairness, honesty, accountability and those are the things a top leader of an organization, whether it be over at the casino like I did for several years or the Chief's office where you have a large body of employees or any other high level of executive. The goal and the purpose is to set forth a policy and atmosphere that will help employees grow and get the job done on behalf of the people. I'm running because I know we can do better. Right now, we're living under a large fear of employees under a cloud of fear and can't bring forward ideas. I think we have a lot of smart and talented people in this Tribe, and if we'd just listen to what people suggest and give them credit for their ideas, we'd move a lot further."

**Wolfe:** "The Principal Chief serves many roles. One of the most important is he presents the budget and over day-to-day. He represents the Tribe on all issues on the Na-

tional and State level.”

**Crowe:** “The role of the Principal Chief is to look out for everyone. He’s got to be the leader. He’s got to be the role model. He’s got to look out for our finances. He’s got to look out for elders and young people, and he’s got to look out for the Tribal operations of the whole Tribe. It’s definitely a huge responsibility but I’m ready to take that role on.”

**Smith:** “I think the role of the Principal Chief is something I’ve done for 25 years and that’s lead. I’ve led coaching football, basketball and I’ve seen kids come through my basketball program at Cherokee Life. I love to lead. It’s what I was born to do. I think this Tribe needs a leader that is going to be here for the people, not here for the money. I don’t care about the money. I’m here for the people.

People say, ‘Tim you’re loud.’ You’re right. I’m the loudest person on this reservation. I’m going to be loud for my people. I’m going to get us back to the Tribe we need to be.”

**4. How will you deal with criticism from others?**

**Lambert:** “You can probably ask people I’ve worked with about that. I’m not a person who gets hot-headed and has to keep doors closed. Being a father of three children and the boss of a lot of personalities, I’ve learned how to deal with criticism and give out compliments and pats on the back to employees who have done a good job.”

**Wolfe:** “You’re not going to make everyone happy. I know that. I’ve sat right there in that chair (pointing to the current seat within the Council Chambers) and made some of my own family mad at me. If

you’re open to everyone’s ideas and realize you’re representing everyone, every Tribal member, there’s no need to worry about the criticism. As long as you keep in mind, you’re doing the best for the Tribe, not only for that day but into the future.”

**Crowe:** “Respect. My dad has always told me if you respect others, they will respect you. I’ve had a lot of jobs where you deal with people, especially in law enforcement, where you deal with people who are unpleasant to deal with but if you treat those people the way you want to be treated, you’re going to get a long way in life. That’s what I plan on doing is treating our people with respect and treating them the way I want to be treated.”

**Smith:** “I’ve been a coach for 25 years, so I’ve been criticized every time I step on football fields, basket-

ball court...it doesn’t matter. I’ve got parents sitting in the stands from my team, criticizing me for making a call or parents on the other side criticizing me for destroying them when my teams do. I’ve been criticized all my life. That just comes along with being in the public eye. I can handle it well. If somebody wants to come and talk in a constructive manner, I’m going to be transparent. My doors always going to be open and I will listen to everyone if they want to come in a constructive manner to help this Tribe.”

**RANDOM QUESTIONS**

**1. How do you feel about term limits?**

**Wolfe:** “I don’t necessarily agree with term limits, I think the term time should be different for Council Members. I think it should be a



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staggered 4 year terms for Council Members. If you look at the current system, the first 6-8 months you're learning. After January or February of election year, you're not going to do a whole lot to press any issues. I think staggered four year terms would benefit the whole Tribe."

**2. What's your interpretation of Section 17? Do you support it or oppose?**

**Smith:** "Right now, the way I have interpreted it, I'm not for it right now. That's the majority of opinions I get from visiting with the Tribe. I have done a little more reading in the last couple of days and looking at some things, it is good and can be. It's been good for some Tribes out there. But right now, in the state that we're in and the things that are happening with our Tribe, and just like the question I asked earlier, do you trust Tribal Government? Probably 90-95 percent of the enrolled members do not trust Tribal Government, and I'm in that majority, so I can't go with Section 17 right now. Maybe later on down the road we can, when we get a new Council and get a new Chief, maybe we can take a look at it."

**3. A Legislator makes laws and debate issues with law, what**

**kind of legislation are you prepared to bring forth to council?**

**Lambert:** "Over the course of time, I'm sure there would be a lot of issues that come up. I think the most important is a strong ethics law and what ethics does is sets forth a base policy of what is considered right and wrong. It can be interpreted as whether someone should be getting something or not. Or whether their actions are straight up or not. I think there is also a lot of things we can to strengthen the Tribe and I will be working very strong to plan forth the constitution for protection of Tribal members rights and responsibilities. I'm going to be putting together a 90-day plan if I am successful through the primary on answering this question directly."

**4. Do you think the Tribal budget should be more transparent? If so, what steps could be taken to keep Tribal members informed?**

**Crowe:** "Yes I do. One of the steps I feel like we could do is take these Tribal budgets to our communities. Once we have them, that's a long drawn out process that Tribal Council and the Finance department go through every year. Transparency, absolutely, I'm all for that."



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## INTRODUCTIONS

### Candidate Richard Sneed

said if elected, he will serve as the bridge between the Executive Branch and the Tribe. Sneed said, "I bring my experience of working with young people to the table. My history has been working with the youth for the past 22 years. My heart has always been for young people because you guys (referring to the JLC) are the future and it's very encouraging to see all of you sitting here. My goal has always been to equip our young people and be involved in the community. I think we have a tremendous opportunity this election cycle because we will have a new Chief and it's time for some fresh leadership and fresh ideas. The greatest asset I think I have is I work great with everybody."

### Candidate James "Bud"

Smith said he believes the Executive Office needs to become more involved. "I think the Executive Office needs to support and be more involved in what you're doing (re-



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**Taylor Nelson and Lou Montelongo, both members of the Junaluska Leadership Council, are shown at the Meet the Candidates event for Vice Chief candidates on Monday, May 18 at the Tribal Council Chambers.**

ferring to the initiatives of the JLC). As a teacher and Vice Chief, I would really enjoy working you guys in getting this legislation handled. I think if you put the weight of the Executive Office behind some of these issues, we can get some results. That's probably what it's going to take.

**Incumbent Larry Blythe** shared a short story about a young man who approached his office regarding the advice he would give to young people. He said, "You have to get an education. Use your resources wisely and hold on to your values that are instilled by your parents and grandparents. Develop a strong work ethic."

Blythe has served in Tribal office for 26 years, eight in the Paint-town community, six in the Wolfetown community and 12 in the office of Vice Chief. He said,

"I've served 12 years in the office of the Vice Chief, and I believe I have displayed the dedication and commitment that's necessary to do the job as your Vice Chief. I have the experience to continue to do the job as your Vice Chief."

He also mentioned his office policy. "I've worked 12 years with an open door policy. That means, you don't have to have an appointment to come see me. I try to meet with each person who comes, and I deal with people with dignity and respect by hearing their issues and giving the best answer I can."

**Candidate Dan McCoy** has served 27 years on Tribal Council, 18 of which as Chairman. McCoy said, "I have a lot of pride in my leadership role and have got a lot of problems resolved. I have the ability to work with the Executive Branch and Legislative Branch of

all the people around this table, to get all the projects resolved and questions answered by having the ability to work with other people."

He continued, "The Tribe has been faced with many critical issues including: the drug epidemic, quality care for our senior citizens, education, and being good stewards of our Tribal assets. Education is very important for our young people, and that program is going well now, but it's subject to falter at any time. Being good stewards of Tribal assets, that means the Tribal funds that belong to all the people, being good stewards and extending those funds. There has been a lot of questions asked about the expenditure of all Tribal funds. Something to remember, our Cherokee people have always been tougher than the tough times we went through. These troubled times have not changed our character and hasn't changed in what we believe in or the basic notion that everyone should get a fair shot in the future. I believe there should be equality and all abide by our laws."

## STANDARD QUESTIONS

Each candidate was given a specific time limit for all four questions.

### 1. What are your thoughts on staggered payments of the Minor's Fund Distribution?

**Sneed:** He believes in financial training for the youth. "I think financial literacy training has to begin at the elementary level." Sneed also advocates for there being a choice that the parents can be involved in. "I think the Tribal government has a responsibility to implement some kind of change just because of all the damage



we've seen done. Financial literacy training has to be first and foremost; it begins at the elementary level."

**Smith:** "I not sure that's the answer." Smith said he believes the answer lies with the youth themselves. "This is an issue for you guys and so that's where I think the solution should come from. When I mentioned before the Executive Office supporting this council (JLC), if we were to provide you with the legal support, the financial guidance, and to make some decisions on that, then I think the answer should come from you guys. It's your issue."

**Blythe:** "I think it would be a good idea. I think the bigger issue is education on money management...we have to ensure that the child that is receiving the money gets the benefit of the money, but I think there are going to have to be some internal controls put into place to ensure the check goes to you, as minors for your use."

**McCoy:** "I personally think it needs to be done. I've seen a lot of wasteful spending of a lot of our young people. I think this group needs to be a part of the planning, along with the Tribal Council because it's got to be put in law for staggered payments. They must have a plan to go by."

**2. What are your thoughts about a Tribal Constitution?**

**Sneed:** He said public education on the need for a Constitution is needed. "We've been operating off a charter since 1981, but what a charter doesn't do that a constitution will do is a constitution outlines and enumerates the rights of the people. It then enumerates the privileges granted to the government." He added, "Rights cannot be taken from you. Privileges can be

taken away." Sneed said the rights of the people must be written "very concise and very specific". "I also believe in that Bill of Rights, there needs to be some provision for a free press. We don't have that right now and what I mean by that is the Cherokee One Feather is owned by the Tribe. So, there can be influence from political officials if the paper begins to print things that are investigative type journalism and things that are happening. You have to recognize, that it has been called the 4th branch of government as a free press."

**Smith:** "We've outgrown the Compact, thirty years ago, that was fine. We need to throw the weight of the Executive Office. If you don't have an Executive Branch of government who believes in a constitution, you're not going to get one. First of all, we need to have an Executive Branch that supports it. I know Tribal Council supports it and you guys (JLC) have worked long and hard on it. I think collectively, we can get it done. I think the missing element is the organizational and logistical skill to make it happen."

**Blythe:** "I've always supported a constitution. I think it's very difficult to get a constitution passed as a whole. Let's look at parts of a constitution that would be voted on by members and that may be a better way to pass a whole document."

**McCoy:** "I think that needs to be done. I have two resolutions in my packet that establish the committee of 2014 when resolution was passed for this group be a part of that constitution. We definitely need one to separate this government."

**3. What do you think the role of the Principal Vice Chief is?**

**Smith:** "The Vice Chief has got to

be informed about everything that's happening in our government. On a moment's notice, the Vice Chief could have to step into that role. What I see happening in the Vice Chief's office now is not what I would like to see happening in that office. I don't think the Vice Chief's office should be running programs. I think the Vice Chief's office is a good place to become more involved in our communities and get more of our people's voice into our government through councils like this (JLC), elder's council, and things like that."

**Blythe:** "It's a tough job. You're like a CEO of the Tribe. The Chief and Vice Chief are day to day operation. We have 170 programs with over 1,200 employees that we deal with daily to put the services out to our people."

**McCoy:** "The role of what the Vice Chief is what they did in the past. My role is going to be different. You heard the comment made, open door policy, well, I'll have a truly open-door policy and will seek the input of the people to work with the issues that come before the Executive Branch. I will have a voice in those negotiations."

**4. How will you deal with criticism from others?**

**Smith:** "You need to understand that not everyone's going to agree with you and they have that right to disagree. I think any criticism, like any other judgement, if you evaluate it for it's merits, if there's any truth to it, you may need to change what you're doing or change your plans. That's how you grow as an individual."

**Blythe:** "I think very well. From the political side of it, you have to have a really thick skin. You're not going to please everyone. There's just no possible way. I go into each

day with prayer. Criticism, sometimes, are people who are angry about something that affected their life or family. You have to respond to that in a positive and encouraging way and put yourself in the other person's shoes. You have to have empathy for what the issues are and once you get to that understanding of where the anger is coming from and criticism of me and what I've done, then you're able to deal with the issue. I think I deal with it pretty well."

**McCoy:** "If it's favorable criticism or constructive criticism, I can deal with it good. If it's negative and unjustified criticism, I'll just ignore it."

**RANDOM QUESTIONS**

**1. What are your thoughts on enrolled members electing the Chief of Police?**

**Smith:** "I think that could be an elected position. I don't think that could work in our present system. For that to be an elected position, we'd have to do a couple of things. First of all, we would have to put some qualifications on the Police Commission and give them some authority to manage that position. The Chief of Police can't be managed from this room (Council Chambers) or those rooms over there (Chief and Vice Chief Offices). We would have to have a true Police Commission with authority to manage that position. Then it would be effective and it could work."

**2. Do you believe there's enough being done about Domestic Violence?**

**McCoy:** "No. I don't know how to handle that because I don't have access to private homes where domestic violence takes place. But,

there's definitely not enough being done about domestic violence. We don't never know where it's going to happen. We don't never have control of individuals, and I don't want no control over individuals in their own home. But, I do want something done about domestic violence."

**3. How would you get away from the casino as the Tribe's**

**main source of revenue and look up the alternative sources for economic growth opportunities?**

**Bylthe:** "That's a broad question, but let me try to answer it fairly quickly. With the casino, we have our eggs in one basket, so to speak. So, diversity is the word I use." He said it is important for the Tribe to look at many opportunities beyond

just retail. "The Tribe could create an enterprise such as we did with the casino and we could ask those enterprises to look into 8a opportunities. The Tribe owns property in pretty close proximity, and we have opportunities through our tax incentives that we can recruit businesses that can come and not only locate on Tribal land, but we have opportunities to look at different types we don't have available to us at the moment."

**4. Give three examples of youth-based initiatives you'd like to implement near here.**

**Sneed:** "The most imperative is the financial literacy training, but it has to start at the elementary level. There has to be a mindset shift where little kids are saying, I'm rich. I'm going to have all this money. A second, there has to be a different take on what it means to

be Cherokee. Implement some sort of servant leadership program. I'd like to see this at the high school level. We're the only school system in the state of North Carolina still using the senior project. What I'd like to see is a quarterly project where students would go into the communities, just like the Cherokee Day of Caring, but do that every quarter. We could partner with another Tribe who is not as well off and begin to build relationships like email pen pals with students on other reservations and at the end of the school year, we could take the senior class and go do a project and partner with the other Tribe. The third is drugs and alcohol. I really look at that as a symptom of a bigger problem. We have to look at greater education when it comes to prevention with drugs and alcohol."

# CHS honors 57 Students for classroom excellence

## AMBLE SMOKER ONE FEATHER STAFF

Cherokee High School held their annual Academic Awards Banquet on Tuesday, May 19. Fifty-seven students who held a 90 or better grade point average through the first three quarters of the 2014-15 school year, were recognized and honored for their exceptional work inside the classroom.

Shannon Swimmer, a 1997 graduate from Cherokee High School, delivered an emotionally heartfelt personal story on overcoming obstacles and busting through the adverse statistics set against Native American children. The story centered on her personal struggles with despair and the perseverance she commandeered to help write a better ending for herself. She shared with the students, "You're at the beginning of your lives. An opportunity is laid out before you. Things might not always go as planned but that doesn't mean you should give up. Life might get hard and you might want to quit, but you're important and the world needs you."

The following students were honored:

**12th grade:** Lacey Arch, Reagan Bernard, Dre Crowe, Avery Davis, Olivia LaCombe, Kaycee Lossiah, Alexis McCoy, Kendall Toineeta, Peri Wildcatt.

**11th grade:** Michael Arch, Kristen Driver, Christian Ensley, Virginia Grant, Davis Littlejohn, Chloe McEntire, Jason McMillan, Annleata Montoya, Autumn Payne, Samantha Rauch, Kieran Sequoyah, Alexis Smith, Autumn Smith, Laurel Welch.

**10th grade:** Payton Bradley, Avery Guy, Dan Long, Kendra Ayanna Panther, Aaron Smart, Richard Smith, Mikhail Swimmer, Jayce Watty, Lukas Ray Woodard.

**9th grade:** Shannon Albert, Tony Bernhisel, Tristin Bottchenbaugh, Isaiah Bowman, Marley Bradley, Riley Crowe, Josilyn Driver, Jordan Grant, Scarlett Guy, Gabriel LeBron, Samantha Lee, Christina Littlejohn, Kaley Locust, Tye Mintz, Cherith Owle, Ashenee Pheasant, Lidia Ramirez, Robin Reed, Kyra Sneed, Jerome Thompson, Tiarra Toineeta, Natasha Walk, Anya Walsh, Macie Welch, Shelby Wolfe.



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**Kendall Toineeta (center), CHS 2015 Valedictorian, was honored for her classroom excellence during the annual CHS Academic Awards Banquet on Tuesday, May 19. She is shown with her parents, Sunshine (left) and Bruce Toineeta.**



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**"Life might get hard and you might want to quit, but you're important and the world needs you."**

- Shannon Swimmer,  
keynote speaker

# What is Section 17?

**SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**  
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It's been over a year since Tribal Council passed a resolution (No. 182 – 2014) authorizing a draft to be crafted for a Section 17 corporate charter for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The main goal, per Res. No. 182, "is seeking economic diversification" that will benefit the Tribe into the future.

Section 17 is literally the seventeenth section of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 (sometimes known as the Wheeler-Howard Act). It states in full, "The Secretary of the Interior may, upon peti-

tion by at least one-third of the adult Indians, issue a charter of incorporation to such tribe: Provided, that such charter shall not become operative until ratified at a special election by a majority vote of the adult Indians living on the reservation. Such charter may convey to the incorporate tribe the power to purchase, take by gift, or bequest, or otherwise, own, hold, manage, operate, and dispose of property of every description, real and personal, including the power to purchase restricted Indian lands and to issue in exchange therefore interests in corporate property, and such further powers as may be incidental to the conduct of corporate

business, not inconsistent with law, but no authority shall be granted to sell, mortgage, or lease for a period exceeding ten years of any of the land includes in the limits of the reservation. Any charter so issued shall not be revoked or surrendered except by Act of Congress."

Jason Lambert, EBCI Commerce Division director, said the goal of a Section 17 corporate charter is revenue diversification for the Tribe. "Gaming has been extremely good to us. It comprises an overwhelming majority of the revenue for the Tribe currently...the goal is how do we diversify our revenue stream?"

He said economic diversifica-

tion was one of the goals as outlined in the 2012 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. "The first objective under that goal was to development a structure to govern and manage tribal enterprises."

Lambert added, "It's a means to help segregate business and politics. It's been done very successfully in other Tribes. A Section 17 chartered corporation is a federally-chartered corporation."

"So, we said that we need to diversify our revenues," he said. "We need to create a separate and distinct entity to do that. One of the primary reasons do to that is the protection of tribal assets such as

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**GENEROSITY** - Habit of giving without expecting anything in return

**ETHICS** - Behavior based on what is morally good and bad, right and wrong

the Minor's Trust Fund. If suit were to come against one of our business, we don't want that to negatively impact our Endowments or any of our accounts."

According to the Tribal Business Structure Handbook, published by the BIA through the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, Tribes and their corporations are separate entities under the law. "The execution of a judgment against the corporation is limited to the business activities of the corporation and to 'assets specifically pledged or assigned' to the corporation."

It continues, "The property of the corporation is at risk in the amount necessary to satisfy creditors and developers. However, property owned by the tribal governmental body is still protected by sovereign immunity and is safe from the execution of a judgment against the corporation."

Lambert said that a Section 17 corporation carries the tax advantages carried by the Tribe itself – that being no federal corporate tax.

Federal IRS Revenue Ruling 94-16 states, "Neither an unincorporated Indian tribe nor a corporation organized under Section 17 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 is subject to federal income tax on its income, regardless of the location of the activities that produced the income."

Once approved, a Tribe can suspend a Section 17 corporate charter itself. Lambert stated that there is a process to officially dissolve the charter. He said once the process was begun, the shareholders and the Board of Directors would send notice to the Secretary of the Interior of their intent. "To actually dissolve the corporation, it would have to be in some act of

Congress, but, at the same time, we can suspend the activities of the corporation without going through the whole process."

Lambert related that probably 80 percent of the language in a Section 17 corporate charter is the same as other state-chartered corporations, but there are some differences. "The holding company, as a whole, can never be sold. It rests with the shareholders who are the enrolled members of the Eastern Band."

Even with the passage of Res. No. 182, a Section 17 charter is still a ways off for the Tribe. "The resolution was just an authorization to draft. So, now we're in the drafting phase...the corporate charter is not going to be approved this fiscal year. We're not going to get an approved charter from Interior this fiscal year even if we submit today."

Lambert said once a draft is completed, the Tribe will petition the BIA and turn in the draft at the same time. Once received, BIA will review the draft which he said can take 6-12 months. "Once the BIA sends back their approved draft, then the Council has to ratify it. Once its ratified and signed by the Principal Chief, then you can look at the seating of the Board."

Once the Board is seated, the policies (fiscal, personnel, etc.) of the corporation would be decided. "Some people are concerned about a lack of specifics in a corporate charter. That is by design because you don't want to overly constrain yourself with a corporate charter. Afterwards, when your Board is in place, you can develop by-laws."

Lambert stated, "This is nothing new for this Tribe. We have the Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise (TCGE) that has a Board, and they

have certain actions that they can and cannot do. We have the Cherokee Broadband Enterprise. We have the Cherokee Boys Club. I think a lot of people forget that the Cherokee Boys Club is an incorporated entity through the State of North Carolina."

In the current draft form, the Board of Directors in the corporate charter will consist of five people appointed by the Principal Chief and approved by the Tribal Council. Elected officials will not be allowed to serve on the Board. "The Chairperson of Council, or their designee, and the Principal Chief, or their designee, do get to sit on the Board in a non-voting capacity," said Lambert.

The home office of the corporation will be in Cherokee, and Lambert said it will more than likely

mean more job opportunities in the area. "I'm sure there will be employment opportunities in the drop-down companies that will be developed or acquired by the holding company itself. I think there are opportunities for us to do things here (Cherokee), but, at the same time, we cannot be shortsighted to think that everything must be based here. We have to take advantage of larger markets that are out there."

Lambert concluded by saying, "At the end of the day, the enrolled members of the Tribe are the shareholders and they're the owners. We want to build something that they're proud of. We want to build something that will diversify revenue so that, we as a Tribe, can continue to maintain a high level of service."



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## Tribal Court Report

### Judgment Summary for April 22

#### **BRADY, Cody Shay**

14-60.30 False Pretenses – Dismissed With Leave to Refile

14-10.31 Robbery - Dismissed With Leave to Refile

14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property - Dismissed With Leave to Refile

14-10.60(c) Grand Larceny - Dismissed With Leave to Refile

#### **BURGESS, John Henry**

14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Dismissed Upon Completion of Drug Court, Judgment Stayed, Drug Court, \$1000 DARE

14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Dismissed Upon Completion of Drug Court, two years jail time stayed, \$1000 DARE

#### **CRAIG, Pamela**

14-5.2 Communicating Threats – Dismissed, Did Not Submit to Jurisdiction

#### **CROWE, Ina Luzene**

14-40.62(a)(1) Simple Assault – Dismissed, Prosecuting Witness Failed to Appear

#### **FRANKIEWICZ, Myka**

14-10.41 Breaking and Entering – Dismissed, Did Not Submit to Jurisdiction

#### **GEORGE, Jon Tanoli**

14-95.6(b) Drugs: Manufacturing, Selling or Delivering, Possessing with intent to sell or deliver schedule I, II, III, IV, and V - Dismissed With Leave to Refile

14-95.10 Drugs: Importing Con-

trolled Substance - Dismissed With Leave to Refile

14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V - Dismissed With Leave to Refile

#### **HILL, Johnathon**

14-70.22 Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court – Guilty Plea, No Contest, credit for time served

#### **LEDFORD, Katelynn Hope**

14-10.60 Larceny – Dismissed on Plea

14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property – Guilty Plea, No Contest, credit for time served (10 days)

#### **LEDFORD, Lola**

14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass – Dismissed at Complainant's Request

#### **POWELL, Jacqueline**

14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Dismissed After Investigation

#### **SEQUOYAH, Jeremy Isaac**

14-60.30 False Pretenses – Dismissed Upon Completion of Drug Court, 60 months jail time stayed, remanded to Drug Court, \$200 fine, \$140 court costs, \$250 attorney, \$362 restitution ordered

14-10.40 Burglary - Dismissed Upon Completion of Drug Court, 12 months active jail time stayed, \$250 fine, \$140 court costs, \$50 restitution ordered

14-10.40 Burglary - Dismissed Upon Completion of Drug Court, 12 months active jail time stayed, \$250 fine, \$140 court costs, \$1,612.54 restitution ordered

14-10.40 Burglary - Dismissed Upon Completion of Drug Court, 12 months active jail time stayed,

100 hours community service, obtain Substance Abuse Assessment, \$250 fine, \$140 court costs, \$500 attorney, \$14,849 restitution ordered

14-10.40 Burglary - Dismissed Upon Completion of Drug Court, 12 months active jail time stayed, \$250 fine, \$140 court costs, \$1,500 restitution ordered

#### **SMITH, John P.**

14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass – Guilty Plea, No Contest, 30 days jail time suspended, six months probation, credit for time served (2 days), \$190 court costs

#### **TEESATUSKIE, Shauna**

14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance – Dismissed for Compliance

#### **TOINEETA, Victoria Eden**

20-29 False Information – Guilty Plea, No Contest, credit for time served (10 days)

#### **TOLLEY, Lawrence Allen**

14-40.54 Assault Inflicting Serious Bodily Injury (DV) – Admits PV, active jail time (180 days), credit for time served (282 days)

14-40.55 Assault with Deadly Weapon (DV) – Admits PV, active jail time (180 days), credit for time served (282 days)

#### **WILDCATT, Carrie Irene**

14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass – Dismissed on Plea

14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree – Dismissed on Plea

### Judgment Summary for April 29

#### **ARMACHAIN, Linda Marie**

14-10.9 Criminal Mischief – Dismissed, Prosecuting Witness Failed to Appear

14-70.19 Resisting Lawful Arrest –

Dismissed on Plea

14-5.2 Communicating Threats – Guilty Plea, No Contest, credit for time served (2 days)

#### **BLACKFOX, Cassandra**

14-10.9 Criminal Mischief – Dismissed, Prosecuting Witness Failed to Appear

#### **BRADLEY, Linda**

14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance – Dismissed for Compliance

#### **CROWE, Dora Dreylyn**

14-40.62(a)(1) Simple Assault – Dismissed, Settled in Mediation

#### **GEORGE, Joseph**

14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass – Guilty Plea, Prayer for Judgment Continued, PJC 12 months, stay away from Harrah's Casino property

#### **GEORGE, Simon**

14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance – Guilty Plea, Prayer for Judgment Continued, child may not have any unexcused absences

#### **HERRERA, Gary Lynn**

14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance – Guilty Plea, Prayer for Judgment Continued, child may not have any unexcused absences

#### **IVEY, Phoenix Johnson**

14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance - Guilty Plea, Prayer for Judgment Continued, child may not have any unexcused absences

#### **JUMPER, Joshua E.**

14-60.30 False Pretenses – Dismissed, Settled in Mediation

14-60.30 False Pretenses – Dismissed, Settled in Mediation

#### **QUEEN, Hugh Nolan**

14-40.56 Assault on a Female –

Dismissed, Prosecuting Witness  
Failed to Appear

**SANTIAGO, Amanda**

14-10.60 Larceny – Guilty Plea, No Contest, active jail time (704 days), \$959.52 restitution ordered  
14-10.40 Burglary - Guilty Plea, No Contest, active jail time (704 days), \$959.52 restitution ordered  
14-70.22 Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court - Guilty Plea, No Contest, active jail time (704 days), \$959.52 restitution ordered  
14-10.60 Larceny - Guilty Plea, No Contest, active jail time (704 days), \$959.52 restitution ordered  
14-2.2 Criminal Conspiracy - Guilty Plea, No Contest, active jail time (704 days), \$959.52 restitution ordered  
14-10.15 First Degree Trespass - Guilty Plea, No Contest, active jail time (704 days), \$959.52 restitution ordered  
14-10.60 Larceny - Guilty Plea, No Contest, active jail time (704 days), \$959.52 restitution ordered  
14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass – Guilty Plea, No Contest, \$959.52 restitution ordered  
14-10.31 Robbery - Guilty Plea, No Contest, active jail time (704 days), \$959.52 restitution ordered  
14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property - Guilty Plea, No Contest, active jail time (704 days), \$959.52 restitution ordered  
14-10.31 Robbery - Guilty Plea, No Contest, active jail time (704 days), \$959.52 restitution ordered

**SEQUOYAH, Danica J.**

14-15.6(b) Purchasing, Attempt to Purchase, Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons under 21 – Dismissed After Investigation

**TOINEETA, Alisha**

14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance – Guilty Plea, Prayer for Judgment Continued, child may not have any unexcused absences

**WHITEMAN, Darran**

14-40.1(b)(1) Domestic Violence – Bodily Injury – Guilty Plea, No Contest, 12 months active jail time, sentence to run concurrent with previous sentence

**Judgment Summary for May 6**

**OOCUMMA, Azalea A.**

14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree – Guilty Plea, Prayer for Judgment Continued, PJC one year, \$190 court costs

**SAUNOOKE, Brittany C.**

14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Guilty/Responsible – First Offenders Program, complete Drug Education Program within 150 days

**SAUNOOKE, Robert Osley**

14-5.2 Communicating Threats – Dismissed, Prosecuting Witness Failed to Appear

**WATTY, Jonah David**

14-25.12 Disorderly Conduct – Guilty Plea, No Contest, 30 days jail time suspended, one year probation, waive court costs and fines  
14-5.2 Communicating Threats – Guilty Plea, No Contest, 30 days jail time suspended, one year probation, waive court costs and fines

**YATES, Christian Joseph**

14-25.2 Drugs: Possession >1.5oz Marijuana – Dismissed Upon Com-

pletion of Deferred Prosecution

**Judgment Summary for May 13**

**BRADY, Corie**

14-40.64 Reckless Endangerment – Guilty Plea, Prayer for Judgment Continued, PJC one year, \$190 court costs

**CROWE, Nikki Nichole**

14-40.62(a)(1) Simple Assault – Dismissed on Plea  
14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Dismissed on Plea  
14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Dismissed on Plea  
14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Guilty Plea, No Contest, six months jail time suspended, one year probation, obtain Substance Abuse Assessment, \$200 fine, \$190 court costs \$1000 DARE  
14-2.2 Criminal Conspiracy – Dismissed on Plea  
14-10.9 Criminal Mischief - Dismissed on Plea  
14-10.41 Breaking and Entering - Dismissed on Plea  
14-10.60 Larceny – Guilty Plea, No Contest, six months jail time suspended, one year probation, obtain Substance Abuse Assessment, credit for time served (30 days), \$200 fine, \$190 court costs, \$1000 DARE

**PARTON, Anna**

14-10.60 Larceny – Guilty Plea, No Contest, \$190 court costs  
14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property – Guilty Plea, No Contest, \$190 court costs

**SEAY, Kamie**

20-28 Revoked Driver's License – Dismissed on Plea  
20-28 Revoked Driver's License – Dismissed on Plea  
20-28 Revoked Driver's License – Dismissed on Plea  
20-138.7(a)(1) Transporting an Open Container of Alcoholic Beverage – Dismissed on Plea  
14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree – Dismissed on Plea  
20-28 Revoked Driver's License – Dismissed on Plea  
20-28 Revoked Driver's License – Dismissed on Plea  
20-138.1(a) Driving While Impaired – Guilty/Responsible, 120 days jail time suspended, one year probation, 24 hours community service, credit for time served (30 days), \$500 fine, \$190 court costs

**SEAY-CALHOUN, Kamie Louise**

20-28 Revoked Driver's License – Dismissed on Plea  
20-141(a) Exceeding a Safe Speed – Dismissed on Plea

**TEESATESKIE, Summer**

14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property – Guilty Plea, No Contest

**WHITECOTTEN, Raymond Dakota**

14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Dismissed Upon Completion of Deferred Prosecution

**ZEPEDA, Travis Aron**

14-25.14 Public Nuisance – Guilty Plea, No Contest, credit for time served (5 days)

### Tribal Court Docket for June 3

*Note: This is a schedule for Tribal Court, and defendants are scheduled to appear on the dates listed. It should be noted that the following defendants have only been charged with the crimes listed and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

**BIRD, Isaac William**

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

**BRADLEY JR., Walter Andrew**

14-34.10 Weapons Offense  
14-40.50(b) Assault With a Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious Injury

**BRADY, John Casey**

14-40.56 Assault on a Female (DV)  
14-40.62(a)(1) Simple Assault  
14-10.64 Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle  
14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V  
20-28 Revoked Driver's License

**BRADY, Rocky Eugene**

14-95.6(c) Drugs: Manufacturing, Selling or Delivering, Possessing with intent to sell or deliver schedule VI  
14-95.5(b) Drugs: Aggravated Possession of Marijuana

**BURGESS, John L.**

14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V

**CROWE, Kevin K.**

14-5.2 Communicating Threats  
14-10.9 Criminal Mischief

**CUCUMBER, Chelsea Aimee**

14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

**GEORGE, Chadwick**

14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance  
14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance  
14-95.5(c) Drugs: Simple Possession of Marijuana  
14-95.5(c) Drugs: Simple Possession of Marijuana  
14-95.5(b) Drugs: Aggravated Possession of Marijuana  
20-141(a) Exceeding a Safe Speed

20-28 Revoked Driver's License

**LEDFORD, Katelynn Hope**

14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property

**LEDFORD, Misty Ann**

14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

**LEDFORD, Mitchell James**

14-10.60 Larceny

**LITTLEJOHN, Shira Lynn**

14-10.60 Larceny  
14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property  
14-60.30 False Pretenses  
14-60.4 Fraudulent Use of Credit, Debit, or Bank Card

**LOSSIE, Timothy Marc**

20-111(2) Expired Registration Plate

**MARTENS, Robert Glen**

14-60.10 Forgery  
14-60.11 Criminal Simulation  
14-60.30 False Pretenses  
14-10.15 First Degree Trespass  
14-10.40 Burglary  
14-10.41 Breaking and Entering  
14-10.60 Larceny  
14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property  
14-60.30 False Pretenses  
14-10.60 Larceny  
14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property  
14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property  
14-60.4 Fraudulent Use of Credit, Debit, or Bank Card

**MCCOY, Rickenna D.**

20-28 Revoked Driver's License

**MCCOY, William Tyler**

14-95.5(c) Drugs: Simple Possession of Marijuana  
14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of

Drug Paraphernalia

**PHEASANT, Brandon Charles**

20-28 Revoked Driver's License  
14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property  
14-10.60 Larceny

**SEQUOYAH, Imadeanne A.**

14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property  
14-60.30 False Pretenses

**SHERRILL, John Charles**

14-10.60 Larceny

**SNEED, Thad Dustin**

14-10.41 Breaking and Entering  
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14-10.60 Larceny  
14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass  
14-2.2 Criminal Conspiracy  
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14-60.30 False Pretenses  
14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property

**TAYLOR, Edward Dwayne**

14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

**WALDROUP, Brandon Eugene**

14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass

**WALKINGSTICK, Tony**

14-95.5(c) Drugs: Simple Possession of Marijuana

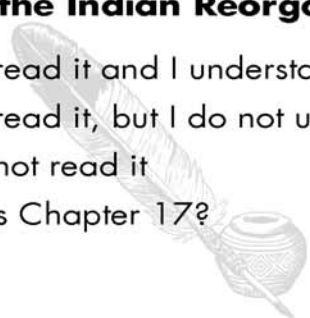
**WOLFE, Justin Chase**

14-34.10 Weapons Offense  
14-40.30 Kidnapping  
14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree  
14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

### Cherokee One Feather Poll of the Week Results

#### Have you read and do you understand Section 17 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934?

I have read it and I understand it	<b>38%</b>
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**USSET presented plaques and blankets to show appreciation of their military service to EBCI tribal members Sam Lambert and Ernest D. Panther during the opening ceremonies of the 2015 Semi-Annual Meeting in Mashantucket, Conn. on Monday, May 18.**

# EBCI veterans honored by USSET

**M**ASHANTUCKET, Conn. - USSET presented plaques and blankets to show appreciation of their military service to EBCI tribal members Sam Lambert and Ernest D. Panther during the opening ceremonies of the 2015 Semi-Annual Meeting in Mashantucket, Conn. on Monday, May 18.

Lambert is a Vietnam veteran who served three west Pacific tours and two Vietnam tours of duty while serving in the United States Navy from 1966-72. He earned the rank of Boatswains Mate 3rd Class and served on board the Landing Craft Carrier LKA USS Union.

Panther is a retired staff sergeant from the United States Air Force who enlisted in 1955 and was assigned to the 3555th Instal-

lation Group at Perrin Air Force Base in Texas. He retired in 1975 with more than 21 years of service. In addition to his service, which took him to Japan and various points in the United States, Panther was also on special detail as participant in the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy.

"You are not just veterans of the United States Armed forces," Brian Patterson, USSET president, said to Lambert and Panther. "You are valued warriors who have protected our Tribal nations' sovereignty and are honored members of Indian Country. The plaques and blankets are only small tokens of the tireless work and service you have given to Indian Country by promoting veteran affairs."

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# Bradley, Toineeta named CHS Athletes of the Year

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Cherokee High School seniors Jaron Bradley and Kendall Toineeta were named the Athletes of the Year at the annual Athletic Awards program held Thursday, May 21 at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. Bradley won the James "Hogeye" Taylor Memorial Male Athlete of the Year Award and Toineeta won the Bertha Saunooke Memorial Female Athlete of the Year Award.

Bradley was on the varsity Braves wrestling team and took second place in the NCHSAA 1A State Wrestling Tournament. He was also a standout member of the 2014 Braves football team. Toineeta, who is headed to Lenoir-Rhyne College on a full basketball scholarship, led the Lady Braves basketball team to its fourth straight Sectional Championship, another trip the NCHSAA 1A Regional Basketball Tournament, and set a new scoring record at CHS. She also excelled on the varsity girls Cross Country and Track and Field teams.

Shawn Crowe, emcee for the evening, thanked the community and families for their involvement



AMBLE SMOKER/One Feather photos

**Jaron Bradley (left) won the James "Hogeye" Taylor Memorial Athlete of the Year Award at the Cherokee High School Athletic Awards program on Thursday, May 21**

in the programs this past year. "All of you have a part in these athlete's achievements, especially the parents."

A full listing of awards is as follows:

#### **Junior Varsity Volleyball**

Louanna Montelongo – Offensive MVP

Lucy Reed – Defensive MVP

Brionna Jumper – Coach's Award

#### **Varsity Volleyball**

Sarah McMillan – Offensive MVP

Macie Welch – Defensive MVP

Kaycee Lossiah – Coach's Award

#### **Charlie Stamper Memorial Academic Athlete**

Kendall Toineeta – Female

Jason McMillan – Male

#### **Varsity Cheerleading**

Kristen Driver – MVP

Shadow Long – Coach's Award

#### **Ladies Golf**

Bree Stamper – MVP

Peri Wildcatt – Coach's Award

#### **Most Determined Athlete**

Peri Wildcatt – Barbara Sequoyah Memorial

Dustin Johnson – Ray Owle Memorial

#### **Varsity Cross Country**

Kendall Toineeta – Woman's MVP

Devona Reed – Coach's Award

Aaron Smart – Men's MVP

Xau Sadongei – Coach's Award

#### **Vernon Hornbuckle Memorial Christian Athlete**

Shelby Wolfe – Female

Trace Lambert – Male

#### **Junior Varsity Football**

Tye Mintz – Offensive MVP

Isiah Evans – Defensive MVP

Travis Hart – Coach's Award

#### **Varsity Football**

Brandon Buchanan – Offensive MVP

Kennan Panther – Defensive MVP

Jason McMillan – Coach's Award

#### **Noah Powel Memorial Leadership Award**

Sidnie Yanez – Female

Brandon Buchanan – Male

#### **JV Girls Basketball**

Alyssa Land – Offensive MVP

Devona Reed – Defensive MVP

Lou Montelongo – Coach's Award

#### **JV Boys Basketball**

Tye Mintz – Offensive MVP

Carson Wildcatt – Defensive MVP

Jeff Girty – Coach's Award

#### **Varsity Girls Basketball**

Kendall Toineeta – Offensive MVP

Tiffany Riggins – Defensive MVP

Peri Wildcatt – Coach's Award

#### **Varsity Boys Basketball**

Dustin Johnson – Offensive MVP

Jason McMillan – Defensive MVP

Kennan Panther – Coach's Award

#### **Varsity Wrestling**

Jaron Bradley – MVP

Anthony Toineeta – MVP

#### **Ray Kinsland Honorary Best Sportsmanship**

Hye Long – Female

Xan Sadongei – Male

#### **Ladies Soccer**

Alyssa Land – Offensive MVP

Samantha Rauch – Defensive MVP

Tysha Sampson – Coach's Award

#### **Men's Golf**

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Christian Ensley – Coach's Award

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Kendall Toineeta (left) won the Bertha Saunooke Memorial Athlete of the Year Award at the Cherokee High School Athletic Awards program on Thursday, May 21.

**Chief John A Crowe Memorial – Most Dedicated Athlete**

Kaycee Lossiah – Female  
Kennan Panther – Male

**Junior Varsity Softball**

Tikka French – Offensive MVP  
Chelby Driver – Defensive MVP  
Christina Littlejohn – Coach's

**Award**

**Varsity Softball**

Hye Long – Offensive MVP  
Lacy Arch – Defensive MVP  
Dre Crowe – Coach's Award

**Varsity Baseball**

Jace Watty – Offensive MVP  
Jace Girty – Defensive MVP  
Jason McMillan – Coach's Award

**Peaches Squirrell Honorarium**

Dre Crowe – Miss Brave

**Noland Crowe Honorarium**

Jason McMillan – Mr. Brave

**Varsity Girls Track/Field**

Kendall Toineeta – MVP Track  
Shelby Wolfe – Coach's Award

**Varsity Boys Track/Field**

Anthony Toineeta – MVP Field

Tye Mintz – Coach's Award

**Bertha Saunooke Memorial Female Athlete of the Year**

Kendall Toineeta


**James "Hogeye" Taylor Memorial Male Athlete of the Year**

Jaron Bradley

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### Swain girls finish season in second round

The Swain varsity girls soccer team, which includes several EBCI tribal members, is shown following a 4-0 loss to Elkin in the second round of the 1A state playoffs on Friday, May 15. The Lady Maroon Devils won 2-1 over South Davidson in the first round. Shown (left-right) front row - Erin Zwick and Lilia Sauza; middle row - Kayla Johnson (EBCI), Sydney Garrett, Amy West (EBCI), and Emelye Sneed (EBCI); back row - Abigail Durisseau and Storm Ledford (EBCI). Two EBCI tribal members are not pictured including Brynnae Rhinehart and Haley Cooper.



Photo by Ed Overstreet

### Clements shoots 40 in final match

Jake Clements, an EBCI tribal member and senior at Dorman High School (SC), is shown at a match against Mauldin and Riverside High Schools. Clements shot the low score for his team. He played the final match of the season at the school's home course of Carolina Country Club in Spartanburg, SC on Tuesday, May 19, and Clements shot a 40 on the course finishing third for his team.

# Cherokee Life taking youth football, cheerleading registrations

Cherokee Life Recreation will begin taking youth football and youth cheerleading sign-ups on Thursday, May 28. You may call any of the Cherokee Life Recreation facilities (Birdtown, Big Cove, Painttown, Wolfetown, Big Y) sign your child up. Cherokee Life is also looking for cheerleading coaches. Info: Youth Sports Coordinator 359-6891 or 736-8220  
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# Cherokee Indian Fair Theme announced

**ROBERT JUMPER**  
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

The second Cherokee Indian Fair meeting for the 2015 Fair took place on Monday, May 18. Those present for the meeting included: Angela Hernandez, Chris Watty, Angela Hull, Josie Long, Nikki Nations and Janet Owle. Frieda Huskey, EBCI Events and Fairgrounds supervisor, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

The primary item on the agenda for the committee was the selection of the theme for this year's Fair. During a publically advertised contest this spring, 19 entries were received from EBCI tribal members with their ideas for the theme. All 19 were reviewed by the committee. The theme has to be appropriate for the Cherokee Indian Fair marketing, fair parade floats, community and individual art and displays. Important to the committee is that the theme represent the

culture and people. The committee voted to use the theme "Weaving Dreams and Traditions Into Our Future". The winning theme was submitted by Ernestine Lossiah, and she will receive \$100 for her effort.

Also discussed in the meeting was the selection of grand marshal or marshals for the Fair. A few possibilities were considered and the committee finally chose to recognize the crafters of the Tribe. Having identified who they wanted to be grand marshal, the committee set about finding crafters to represent the many crafters of the Qualla Boundary. Janet Owle, EBCI Cooperative Extension Office director, will be working with Qualla Arts and Crafts Cooperative to get a list of crafters together for the committee to consider. A representative group of crafters will be asked to ride on the float in the Fair as grand marshals.

Huskey told the group that she



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**Chris Watty, Janet Owle, and Frieda Huskey, along with other members of the Fair Committee, review the theme submissions being considered for this year.**

and Mollie Grant, EBCI Pageant Committee, had discussed the Fair schedule for the junior pageants, and the plan is to have the pageants on the following days: Tuesday at 7pm, Wednesday at 6pm and Thursday at 6pm.

The meeting concluded at 6:30 pm. The next scheduled meeting of the Fair Committee will be Monday, June 15 at 5:30 pm at the Exhibit Hall. Everyone is invited to attend and be a part of the planning process.

## CHEROKEE HISTORY

### Notes on Scoya

**TJ HOLLAND**  
JUNALUSKA MUSEUM

Just east of Andrews is Worm Creek. Like many of the place names in the Cherokee world, there is a story to this place besides a seemingly odd name. Worm Creek takes its name from a man. Scoya, or Worm, was not a headman or a chief, so the records surrounding his life are not as rich as others. But, there is enough information available to tell a part of his story.

According to court testimony, Scoya fought with Junaluska at the Battle of Horse Shoe Bend

in 1814, and by 1834 he lived with his family on Valley River.

Like all other Cherokees who lived in the Cherokee Nation at the time of the Removal, Scoya and his family planted their crops in the spring of 1838. They believed that the terms of the Treaty of New Echota would be overturned and the Cherokee Nation would not be removed - a cause that Chief John Ross fought for from the time the Treaty was signed.

There was a provision in the Treaty of New Echota that allowed for Cherokees to remain if their health or age would prevent them from removing west. Scoya received a certificate of citizenship from Gen. Nathaniel Smith, Superintendent of Cherokee Removal, that allowed him to remain east during the Removal

due to his wife's poor health. It was believed at the time that she suffered from "rheumatism" or rheumatoid arthritis. Records do not give us her name but do say that her condition "...nearly deprived her of the use of her limbs."

In spite of this, Scoya was arrested and taken to Fort Cass to be removed. He would escape near the Ohio River and make his way back east. At the same time, Scoya's wife and family found refuge with George Washington Hayes. This is the same man who, as a N.C. State Representative, would draft the land grant to Junaluska in 1847.

After the conclusion of the Removal efforts at the end of 1838, Scoya and his family settled with Oochella's band in Wolfstown.

# 250 volunteer for Cherokee Day of Caring

For many centuries, the Cherokee have assisted members of their tribe who need help, perhaps tending a garden, fixing a roof, lending a hand with painting or yard clean up.

During this year's daylong Cherokee Day of Caring event held on Thursday, May 14, approximately 250 volunteers stepped forward and assisted families or individuals in particular need. That evening, nine "Quiet Heroes" and one "Good Neighbor" who have served their communities unselfishly were honored at a special dinner at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds.

The Cherokee Preservation Foundation, Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort and the Office of the Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians sponsored the 11th annual Cherokee Day of Caring.

"Cherokee Day of Caring provides an opportunity for all community members to share their collective voice of dedication to our community and its people," said Annette Clapsaddle, Cherokee Preservation Foundation executive director. "We are proud to be a part of it and honored to work alongside



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**Volunteers work on home repairs in the Big Cove Community during the annual Cherokee Day of Caring on Thursday, May 14.**

such passionate volunteers."

Cherokee Preservation Foundation officials stated, "Special thanks go out to EBCI Tribal Facilities, Qualla Housing, The Cherokee Boys Club, Robbins & Morton Construction, Huskey's Painting and Cherokee Electrical for providing assistance to ensure the success of the day."

The 2015 Cherokee Day of Caring Committee included the fol-

lowing individuals: Deb Owle, Janna Hyatt, Ashleigh Stephens, Candy Bradley, Gary Driver, Cindy Squirrel, Bob Driver, George "Sonny" Sneed and Dinah Grant.

Day of Caring Projects were completed at the following locations: Towstring – Dewey Cochran, Big Cove – Cassie Hill, Yellowhill – Guy and Annie Owens, Painttown – Suzanne Hornbuckle, Big Y – Merle Lossiah, Wolfetown –

Ned and Mary Smith, Birdtown – Charles Buchanan, 3200 Acre Tract – Susie Huskey Green, Snowbird – Agnes Adams, Cherokee County – Tamara Lee Johnson, and Qualla Boundary Overflow Project: Betty's Place Cancer Support Center.

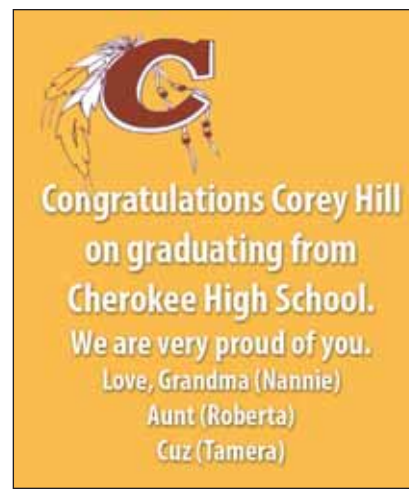
The Quiet Heroes Awards went to: Towstring – Rachel Mathis, Big Cove – Lori Blankenship, Yellowhill – Maxine Teesateskie, Painttown – Lisa Taylor, Big Y- Donald Long, Wolfetown – Marisa "Sis" Cabe, Birdtown – Amy Walker, Snowbird – Nathan Bush, and Cherokee County – Earl Hubbs. Ray Williamson won the Good Neighbor Award which goes to "a non-EBCI tribal member who gives of themselves unselfishly to benefit the entire Tribe".

- Cherokee Preservation Foundation



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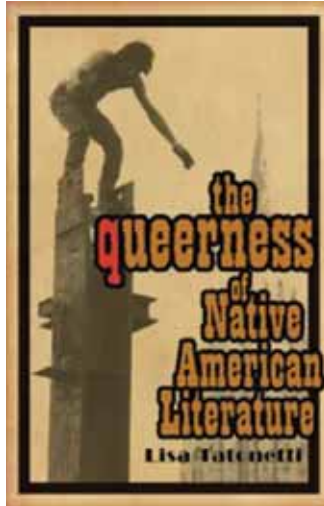
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## BOOK REVIEW

“The Queerness of Native American Literature” is a **scholarly look** at the genre

**KATHY de CANO**  
ONE FEATHER REVIEWER

Lisa Tatonetti’s “The Queerness of Native American Literature” is the result of her research into the relationships between the late twentieth century literary renaissances encompassing both Native American literature and gay literature. Unshelving works from the seventies and beyond, both obscure and well-known, she shows how closely knit the two literary genres are, arguing



that the Two-Spirit element has always been part of Indigenous American cultures and subsequently, the literature. She further sup-

ports her view by going beyond what has been written, reviewing oral histories of a variety of nations as well.

Among the writers she compares are Paula Gunn Allen, Maurice Kenny, Janice Gould, Sherman Alexie, Louise Erdrich, Jorge Manuel Manzano, and Thomas Bezucha. She proposes that scholars should approach these and other Native writers “...engaging specifically queer Indigenous literary history...to reconsider foundational moments in Native stud-

ies.”

This new focus, she asserts, will not only provide new avenues for scholarly engagement of the body of literature but also strengthen decolonization efforts.

Tatonetti is an associate professor of English at Kansas State University. She also coedits “Sovereign Erotics: A Collection of Two-Spirit Literature.” Her work in “The Queerness of Native American Literature” will be of interest to literary scholars, particularly those who study In-

igenous literature, and perhaps to avid readers or film buffs of Native works as well. The casual reader, however, should note that it is in no way light reading or of an entertaining nature.

*Kathy de Cano, originally from Kentucky, has lived in Swain County since 1999. She is the department chair of World Languages at Swain County High School where she teaches Spanish language classes and co-teaches Cherokee language classes with Mary Brown.*

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### Arson investigation team

The Cherokee Fire Department has a relatively new member of the team that is already aiding in investigations. Sam, shown with his partner, Lt. Jeremy Blankenship, is an arson investigation detection dog. The team, which is certified by the APCA (American Police Canine Association), has been working together for several months and has already investigated two fires. Sam is a two-year-old Golden Retriever and has been officially sworn-in through the Tribal Court. Blankenship has been with the Cherokee Fire Department since 2004.

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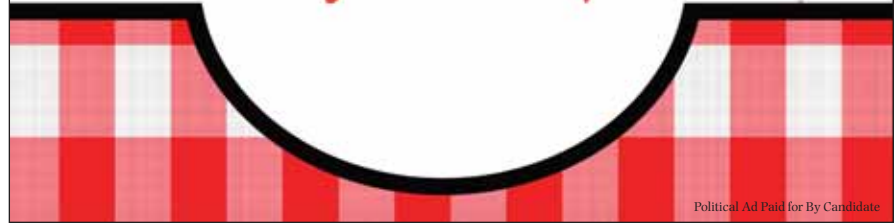
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**C**herokee Seed Corn Inc. has been awarded a \$10,123 grant from the Evergreen Foundation based out of Waynesville. The grant is to help renovate 10 rooms and a kitchen/dining area at the Home Stead Motel to serve homeless veterans.

The Veteran Housing is the pilot project for the 7th generation programs that Cherokee Seed Corn Inc. is focused on. Plans are to expand to family housing to reconnect veteran families as the veteran is more capable of adjusting to civilian life. Future projects will be announced as funding becomes available.

"Veteran Statistics show that on any given night more than 300,000 veterans are living on the streets or in shelters in the U.S," states information at [veteransinc.org](http://veteransinc.org). "That number is rapidly growing due returning veterans from the recent wars."

Veteransinc.org also reports, "Primary causes of homelessness among veterans are:

1. Lack of income due to limited ed-

ucation and lack of transferable skills from military to civilian life (especially true of younger veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan)

2. Combat-related physical health issues and disabilities
3. Combat-related mental health issues and disabilities
4. Substance abuse problems that interfere with job retention
5. Weak social networks due to problems adjusting to civilian life
6. Lack of services"

"Board members of the Cherokee Seed Corn Inc. are very thankful for the support from the Evergreen Foundation to make our facility a place where veterans will be connected with services as they work on a positive future," Cherokee Seed Corn Inc. officials said in a statement. "We have received a grant from Focus of the Appalachian to print brochures and create a website which should be completed in May. We also recognize our fundraising team who work hard for us. Jaime Welch and Cindy West have been heading our fundraising and coming up with creative ideas to move us forward."

## Cherokee resident graduates from Montreat College

**MONTREAT** - Montreat College graduated 125 students during its Spring Commencement Ceremony in Montreat on Saturday, May 9. One of those graduates is from Cherokee.

Keterri Cagle-Bradley, wife of Dean Bradley and mother of Britnee Gibson, Rhiannon Hull, and Nick Bradley, graduated from Montreat's School of Professional and Adult Studies with a master's degree in business administration.

- Montreat College

## Bill Taylor Scholarship taking applications

The Bill Taylor Scholarship, named in honor of a previous Tribal Council Chairman for his involvement and encouragement in bringing the gaming industry to Cherokee, is available to all EBCI tribal members or their immediate family members who study Business/business related curricula. This Scholarship application and others are available through the Eastern Band Community Foundation, a local affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation.

Scholarships are awarded based on students meeting various eligibility requirements detailed on [www.nccommunityfoundation.org](http://www.nccommunityfoundation.org)

, where applications also can be downloaded. Please search under "Qualla Reservation". Applications also may be available at area high schools. The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, June 1. Info: Frela Owl Beck [gsbeck1@cherokeenc.tv](mailto:gsbeck1@cherokeenc.tv) or visit [www.nccommunityfoundation.org](http://www.nccommunityfoundation.org)

– Eastern Band Community Foundation

### Upcoming DNA testing schedule

The following dates are available to schedule appointments for DNA collection:

- Thursday, May 28
- Monday, June 1
- Tuesday, June 2
- Wednesday, June 3
- Thursday, June 4

- Friday, June 5
- Wednesday, June 10
- Thursday, June 11
- Friday, June 12
- Wednesday, June 17
- Thursday, June 18
- Friday, June 19
- Wednesday, June 24
- Friday, June 26

Please check with the EBCI Enrollment Office 554-6465 prior to scheduling to make sure you are eligible for enrollment. The local collection site is at the EBCI Tribal Enrollment office located at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. Appointments will be scheduled by the staff of 1 Family Services from 9-11:30am and 1-3pm. To schedule an appointment at the local collection site, contact Michelle, Tribal Enrollment, 554-6463. To schedule an out-of-town appointment, contact Amber (918) 685-

0478. All DNA questions should be directed to the staff of 1 Family Services.

– EBCI Enrollment Office

### New Kituwah holding open enrollment

New Kituwah Academy will be accepting applications for the 2015-2016 school year for: Infant classroom, 1-year-old classroom, 2-year-old classroom, Pre-Kindergarten classroom, and Kindergarten classroom. Applications may be picked up at the New Kituwah Academy front desk. Info: 359-6401 or [kylishul@nc-cherokee.com](mailto:kylishul@nc-cherokee.com) (elementary) or [micaswim@nc-cherokee.com](mailto:micaswim@nc-cherokee.com) (early childhood)

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# Class of 2015

Following are the graduates of Cherokee High School plus EBCI graduates from other high schools and colleges. Congratulations to all graduates.



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Cherokee



**Treannie Arch**  
Cherokee



**Reagan Barnard**  
Cherokee



**Joseph Benjamin**  
Cherokee



**Ashley Bradley**  
Cherokee



**Jaron Bradley**  
Cherokee



**Nesta Bradley**  
Cherokee



**Alexandra Brown**  
Cherokee



**Brandon Buchanan**  
Cherokee



**Dora Crowe**  
Cherokee



**Steven Daggs**  
Cherokee



**Avery Davis**  
Cherokee



**Christine Davis**  
Cherokee



**Christian Driver**  
Cherokee



**Alexander Garcia**  
Cherokee



**Jarren Girty**  
Cherokee



**Shaundene Grant**  
Cherokee



**Miracle Hicks**  
Cherokee



**Corey Hill**  
Cherokee



**Nichalus Hill**  
Cherokee



**Orion Holmberg**  
Cherokee



**Dustin Johnson**  
Cherokee



**Olivia LaCombe**  
Cherokee



**Nigel Ledford**  
Cherokee



**Matthew Lee**  
Cherokee



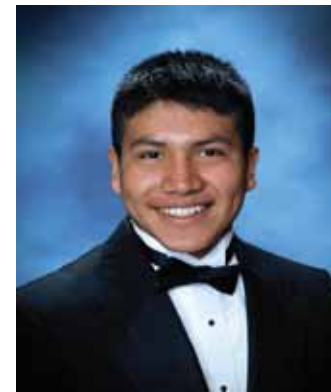
**Elijah Littlejohn**  
Cherokee



**Madison Hye Long**  
Cherokee



**Shadow Long**  
Cherokee



**Channing Lossiah**  
Cherokee



**Kaycee Lossiah**  
Cherokee



**Robert Maney**  
Cherokee



**Alexis McCoy**  
Cherokee



**Brandee McMillan**  
Cherokee



**Simon Montelongo**  
Cherokee



**Christina Owle**  
Cherokee



**Jared Panther**  
Cherokee



**Tahnaya Perez**  
Cherokee



**Makayla Pheasant**  
Cherokee



**Kevin Plummer**  
Cherokee



**Tiffani Rigger**  
Cherokee



**Xan Sadongei**  
Cherokee



**Nicholas Swayney**  
Cherokee



**Kendall Toineeta**  
Cherokee



**Abby Wahnetah**  
Cherokee



**Rebecca Walkingstick**  
Cherokee



**Ryan Walkingstick**  
Cherokee



**Kelly West**  
Cherokee



**Kyndra Wiggins**  
Cherokee



**Cole Wildcatt**  
Cherokee



**Peri Wildcatt**  
Cherokee

**Not pictured for  
Cherokee High School:**  
Nickolas Cucumber  
Summer Everhart  
Nathan Gaddis  
Taylor Johnson  
Bailey Littlejohn  
Justice Welch  
Martika Welch  
Andrea West



**Brianna Bird**  
Swain



**Chloe Blythe**  
Swain



**Briana Bowman**  
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**Chase Catolster**  
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**Katherine Cooper**  
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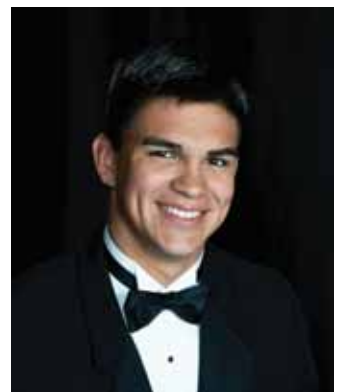
**Kayla Johnson**  
Swain



**Storm Ledford**  
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**Shepherd Martin**  
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**Spencer McCoy**  
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**Jamy Oocumma**  
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**Nathaniel Rogers**  
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**Emelye Sneed**  
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**Emily Taylor**  
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**Nicholas Thomas**  
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**Kobe Toineeta**  
Swain



**Amy West**  
Swain



**Dakota West**

Swain



**Sarina Wolfe**

Swain

**Not pictured for Swain  
County High School:  
Gracia Bradley  
Jason Coffey  
Erin Kaniah James  
Antoinette Mae Toineeta  
Dallas James Walk**



**Gaige Cox**

Murphy



**Graham Solo**

Southwest HS, Green Bay, WI



**Kyle Gene Chapa**

Jackson County Early College



**Matthias Crow**

Jackson County Early College



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## OBITUARIES

### Richard Delano Huskey Sr.

Richard Delano Huskey Sr., 56, of the Painttown Community, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, May 18, 2015 at his residence at 74 Cleona's Drive with his loving family by his side. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of Frances Huskey Green and was member of Rock Springs Baptist church.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Ruth Lambert Huskey; uncles, Junior Huskey, Ted Huskey; and aunt, Phyllis Eller.

He is survived by his wife, Vanessa Smith Huskey of the home of 37 years; daughter, Kelly Cleona Smith and son-in-law Travis Kent

Smith; son, Richard Delano Huskey Jr.; grandsons, Kenton Rayce Smith and Koen Dash Smith; sisters, Elvis Crisp with husband Theron Crisp, Connie Rose with husband James Rose, Tina Green Uffort; brothers, Charlie Green with wife Sherry Green, Billy Green with wife Tammy Green, Alvin Green with wife Theresa Green; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Yellowhill Baptist Church on Wednesday, May 20. Pastor Ben Reed officiated. Burial took place immediately after the services in Bethel Cemetery.

Pall Bearers were Benny Graves, Randy Cook, Moe Davis, Ronald Bowman, Sam Evans and Tre Toineeta.

Long House Funeral Home as-

sisted the family in the final arrangements.

### Martha Catherine Elizabeth Jackson St. Clair

Martha Catherine Elizabeth Jackson St. Clair, 55, of Cherokee went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late Elijah and Geneva Sneed Jackson. She was a member of Old Antioch Baptist Church. She was the director of the Cherokee Ceremonial Grounds for many years, a teacher at the Head Start Program for 15 years, and also a secretary at the Cherokee Boys Club under Age Link for five years.

She is survived by her husband

of 37 years, Wallace St. Clair Jr.; children, Sharon Bradley and husband Jason, Howard, Ricky and Terry Morgan, and Skye Littledave, all of Cherokee; special grandchild, Kathleen Long; many grandchildren; her sister, Mary Littledave of Cherokee; three brothers, Mark H. Jackson and wife Sherrie of Anchorage, Alaska, Bud Smith, and Buck Squirrell, both of Cherokee; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were on Saturday, May 23 at Old Antioch Baptist Church. Revs. Denny Crowe, Danny Little, Ben Reed and James (Bo) Parris officiated with burial in the Jarrett Blythe Cemetery.

Pallbearers were family and friends.



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### CMS students visit WCU on cultural field trip

The 8th graders from Cherokee Middle School were hosted recently on their end-of-the-year cultural field trip at Western Carolina University's Mountain Heritage Center by the Cherokee Center, Cherokee Language Program and the Office of Admission. Shown in the photo is Hartwell Francis, Ph.D., director of the Cherokee Language Program at WCU, making name buttons for the students, using Cherokee syllabary. Information sessions with Roseanna Belt, Cherokee Center director; Heather Hill from the Office of Admission; Tom Belt, Cherokee Language Program coordinator; and Dr. Lisa Lefler, Culturally-Based Native Health at WCU; were part of the visit.

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**Merchant Night**  
May 28  
**Local Night**  
May 29  
**Open to Public**  
May 30

Pre-Show: 7:30  
Show: 8:00

**Unto These Hills**



Photo by Lynne Harlan/Cherokee Indian Hospital

## Students tour Hospital site

Cherokee Elementary Students toured the construction site at the new Cherokee Indian Hospital on Thursday, May 21.

## THANK YOU LETTER Thank you for fundraiser success

KoLaNvYi A Na Ne Tso V S Gi Bingo Funraiser was a success. We would like to thank all those who helped make it a fun event. Donations included: Cherokee Bottle water, Cherokee Food Lion, Granny's Kitchen, Ruth Crisp Steakhouse, Beast@foxxinc, Cherokee Golf Course, Cherokee Phoenix Theatre, Council candidates in-

cluded: Perry Shell, Consie Girty, Richard French, Mary Thompson, Teresa McCoy, and the KoLaNvYi Community for all your support.

*Sgi, KoLaNvYi NaNeTso V SGI*

## Free Summer Meals at Cherokee Schools

Cherokee Central Schools has been approved as a free summer feeding site which includes breakfast and lunch from June 4-17.

Breakfast will be served from 7:30-8am, and lunch will be served from 12-12:30pm.

This is under the "Seamless Summer Option Program", a summer feeding program which operates under the United States Department of Agriculture.

All individuals who are 18 years of age and under, as well as those over 18 who meet the state agencies' definition of mentally or physically disabled, may receive free meals. Meals will be served in

the Cherokee Elementary cafeteria. Participants with special diet needs must turn in a written diet order from their current health care provider to the school nutrition director or the cafeteria manager in advance. Info: Janette Broda, school nutrition director, 554-5090 or [jhammett@cherokeecentral.gaggle.net](mailto:jhammett@cherokeecentral.gaggle.net)

*- Cherokee Central Schools*

**BIBLE TRIVIA**

By **WILSON CAVEY**

1. Is the book of Judges in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 2 Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is ..." Independence, Freedom, Patriotism, Liberty
3. Which scripture contains, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death"? Ruth 4:10, Job 7:2, Psalm 23:4, Amos 1:1
4. Though lame on both feet, what descendant of Saul continually ate at King David's table? Mareshah, Methusael, Micah, Mephibosheth
5. Under what type of tree would the children of Israel come to Deborah for judging? Palm, Sycamore, Fig, Cypress
6. From Matthew 8, who was the first woman that Jesus healed? Paul's sister, Naomi, Peter's mother-in-law, Deborah

ANSWERS: (1) Old; (2) Liberty; (3) Psalm 23:4; (4) Mephibosheth; (5) Palm; (6) Peter's mother-in-law

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**Acquoni Baptist Church.** 722 Acquoni Road. 497-7106. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Morning Worship 11am. Sunday Evening Worship 6pm. Sunday Choir Practice 7pm. Monday Visitation and Singing 6pm. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6pm. Pastor Ed Kilgore (497-6521 (h) or 788-0643 (c))

**Antioch Baptist Church.** Coopers Creek Road. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Service 11am. Sunday Night Service 6pm. Wednesday Night Bible Study 7pm. Pastor Danny Lambert

**Beacon of Hope Baptist Church.** Sunday Worship 11am. Wednesday Service 7pm. Pastor Wesley Stephens (828) 226-4491

**Bethabara Baptist Church.** 1088 Birdtown Road. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Service 11am and 7pm. Wednesday Service 7pm. Youth Meeting Wednesday 7pm.

**Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church.** 6183 Big Cove Road. Sunday School 10am with a Cherokee Language class for adults. Sunday Morning Worship 11am. Sunday Evening Worship 6pm. Wednesday Prayer Service 7pm. Monthly Business Meeting is first Wednesday 7pm. Pastor James "Bo" Parris 497-4141

**Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church.** 7710 Big Cove Road. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Worship Service 11am. Wednesday Night Service 7pm. Pastor Doris McMillan 497-4220

**Calico Church of Christ.** Big Cove Community. Sallie Bradley 497-6549

**Cherokee Baptist Church.** 812 Tsalagi Road. Sunday School 9:45am. Sunday Worship 11am. Sunday Evening Worship 6pm. Youth

Classes Wednesday 6:30pm. Wednesday Worship 6:30pm. Pastor Percy Cunningham 497-2761, 497-3799 (fax)

**Cherokee Bible Church.** Olivet Church Road. Sunday Service 11am. Wednesday Service 7pm. Pastor Randy Miller 497-2286

**Cherokee Church of Christ.** 2350 Old Mission Road and Hwy. 19. Sunday Bible Study 10am. Sunday Worship 11am. Sunday Evening Worship 6pm. Wednesday Bible Study 6pm. Minister Jim Sexton 497-3334

**Cherokee Church of God.** 21 Church of God Drive. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Worship Service 11am. Sunday Night Service 6pm. Wednesday Night Service 7pm. Pastor Charles Griffin (828) 400-9753

**Cherokee Church of the Nazarene.** 72 Old School Loop off Big Cove Road. Sunday Morning Service 11am. Continental Breakfast served Sunday 10:30am. Sunday Evening Prayer Service 6pm. Wednesday Bible Study 7pm. Food and Clothing Ministry M-Th 4-8pm. Pastors Lester and Lisa Hardesty 497-2819

**Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church.** Located behind the Wolfetown Gym. Sunday School: 10am, Sunday worship: 11am, Sunday evening worship: 6pm. Wednesday night worship: 6pm. Welcoming our new Pastor: Louise Stamey (828) 492-0366

**Cherokee United Methodist Church.** Hwy 19 – Soco Road. Sunday Worship Service 11am. Wednesday night family night starting with dinner at 6pm then Bible classes for all ages. Pastor John Ferree (336) 309-1016, www.cherokeemission.org

**Cherokee Wesleyan Church.** Hwy 19 across from Happy Holiday Campground. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Worship 11am. Wednesday Prayer meeting 6pm (except third Wednesday of Month at Tsali Care 6pm). Rev. Patricia Crockett 586-5453

**Christ Fellowship Church. Great Smokies Center.** Sunday Service 11am. Wednesday Service 6:30pm. Pastor Richard Sneed 736-8912

**Ela Missionary Baptist Church.** Hwy 19 South. Sunday school 10am, Sunday worship 11am, Sunday evening worship 7pm, Wednesday evening worship 7pm. All visitors welcome. Pastor Larry W. Foster

**Goose Creek Baptist Church.** Sunday School – 10am, Sunday Worship Service 11am, Sunday Evening Services 6pm. Pastor – Bro. James Gunter

**Jesus is the Light Full Gospel Ministries.** 1921 US 441 N. Sunday service 10am. Thursday service 7pm. Pastor Margie Hall 736-9383

**Living Waters Lutheran Church.** 30 Locust Road. Sunday Service 11am. Wednesday service 7pm. Pastor Jack Russell 497-3730, pr-jack@frontier.com, lwcherokee@frontier.com

**Macedonia Baptist Church.** 1181 Wolfstown Rd. Sunday School 10am, Sunday Morning Worship 11am, Sunday Evening Worship 6pm, Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7pm. Pastor Bro. Dan Conseen, 828-508-2629 dconseen@gmail.com

**Olivet United Methodist Church.** 811 Olivet Church Road. Sunday School 9am. Sunday Service 9:45am. Rev. John Ferree, www.olivet-umc.org.

Search "John Ferree" to watch sermons on YouTube.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.** 82 Lambert Branch Road. Saturday Spanish Mass 7pm. Sunday Mass 9am. Pastor Peter Shaw 736-5322

**Piney Grove Baptist Church.** Grassy Branch Road. 736-7850. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening Service 6pm. Wednesday Worship 6pm.

**Rock Hill Baptist Church.** Sunday Services 11am, Thursday Bible Study 7pm. Pastor Red Woodard (828) 356-7312

**Rock Springs Baptist Church.** 129 Old Gap Road. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Service 11am and 6:30pm. Wednesday Service 6:30pm. Pastor Greg Morgan 497-9455, 736-1245 (cell)

**Sequoyah Sovereign Grace Church.** 3755 Big Cove Road. Sunday Service 11am. Sunday Bible Study 1pm. Wednesday Night Bible Study 7pm. Pastor Tim James 497-7644

**St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church of Cherokee.** 82 Old River Road. Holy Communion Sunday 9:30am. Rev. Everett Fredholm, (828) 280-0209, cherokeepiscopal@gmail.com

**Straight Fork Baptist Church.** Big Cove Loop. Sunday school 10am. Sunday morning worship 11am. Sunday evening worship 6pm. Wednesday night prayer service 7pm. Youth group meetings also. Pastor Charles Ray Ball 488-3974

**Waterfalls Baptist Church.** Wrights Creek Road. Sunday Morning 10am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6:30pm. Pastor James "Red" Bradley

**Wilmot Baptist Church.** Thomas Valley Road. Sunday school: 10am, Worship: 11am, Sunday night worship: 6pm, Wednesday prayer service: 7pm, every other Thursday night (Youth night) singing, bible

study and crafts: 6pm. Pastor: Johnny Ray Davis

**Wrights Creek Baptist Church.** Wrights Creek Rd. Sunday School 10am. Sunday Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening Service 6pm. Wednesday Night Bible Study 6pm. Visitors welcome. Pastor Dan Lambert.

**Yellowhill Baptist Church.** Sunday School 9:45am. Sunday Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening Service 6pm. Wednesday Night Service 7pm. Pastor Foreman Bradley 506-0123 or 736-4872

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**Security Officer** part time (shift varies) \$10.50  
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**Service Connection Agent** full time/part time \$10.25  
**Service Assistant** part time \$6.25 + Tips  
**Food & Beverage Cashier - Selu Garden Cafe** part time \$9.01  
**Barista** (day shift) full time & part time \$9.01  
**Food Runner - Chefs Stage Buffet** (2nd shift) \$8.00  
**Poker Dealer** part time (swing shift) \$5.25 + Tips  
**D/R Poker Supervisor** (shift varies) base \$18.80-\$28.73  
**Service Connection Agent (Call Center)** (shift varies) full time \$10.25  
**Front Desk Clerk** (shift varies) part time \$10.51  
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**Administrative Coordinator** (shift varies) \$10.24  
**Analyst II** (day shift) \$34,769-\$53,791

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**Cocktail Server - Essence Lounge** (shift varies) \$5.95 + Tips  
**Food Runner - Selu Garden Cafe** (day shift) \$8.00  
**Sales Associate** (2nd shift) \$9.01  
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**Food & Beverage Cashier - Food Court** full time & part time (shift varies) \$9.01  
**Senior Executive Casino Host** (shift varies) \$34,769-\$53,791  
**Service Assistant - Chefs Stage Buffet** (shift varies) \$6.25 + Tips  
**Valet Parker** part time (shift varies) \$7.00 + Tips  
**Gaming Host** (shift varies) part time \$5.25+Tips  
**Cage Cashier** (shift varies) \$10.70  
**Bartender/Server - Catering** (shift varies) \$9.00 Bartender \$5.25 + Tips - Server  
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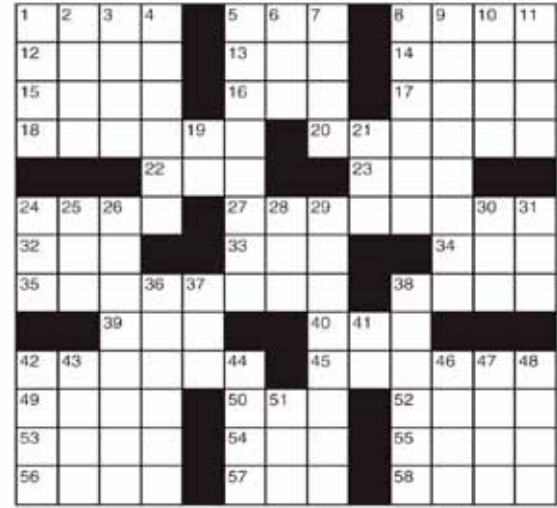
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# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Talk show host Kelly
- 5 Urban transport
- 8 Bridge coup
- 12 "American —"
- 13 Tramcar fill
- 14 Blood (Pref.)
- 15 Cat call?
- 16 "Gosh!"
- 17 State with conviction
- 18 Hero meat
- 20 Dervishes
- 22 Still
- 23 Profit
- 24 Intends
- 27 Butt holders
- 32 "The Raven" writer
- 33 Placekicker's pride
- 34 Ball-bearing item
- 35 Discourtesy
- 38 With 3-Down, info for interbreeding
- 39 Rage
- 40 Altar affirmative
- 42 Canada's capital
- 45 Rang out
- 49 Bygone flock



- of New Zealand
- Coll. transcript no.
- Irritating vapor
- Initial chip
- Last (Abbr.)
- Great Lake
- Clarinetist's need
- Storm center
- On pension (Abbr.)
- Across
- Nonstop
- Think deeply
- Exist
- Vegan's no-no
- Half a dinner-table pair
- Rise
- Cupid's specialty
- Takes blades to blades
- Yours truly
- Pismire
- Spring mo.
- Chit
- Ponder
- 28 "Help!"
- 29 Be indecisive
- 30 Longing
- 31 Witness
- 36 Got the lead out?
- 37 Fresh
- 38 Happy Gilmore, e.g.
- 41 Accomplish
- 42 Mr. Sharif
- 43 Color quality
- 44 Malaria symptom
- 46 Entice
- 47 Send forth
- 48 Landowner's paper
- 51 Thickness

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by Linda Thistle

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## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

- ★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
- ★★★ HOO BOY!

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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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## King Crossword

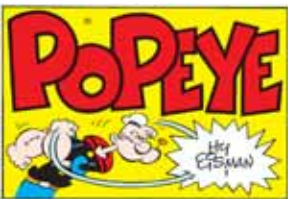
# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of the island where Thomas the Tank Engine (of children's books and film) and his friends live?
2. GEOGRAPHY: In what U.S. state is Mount Rushmore located?
3. SPORTS FIGURES: What sport made Jack Dempsey famous?
4. LITERATURE: In what year did J.D. Salinger publish the novel "The Catcher in the Rye"?
5. MOVIES: In what year was the film "The Dirty Dozen" released?
6. MYTHOLOGY: According to Greek myth, what was the name of the monster with 100 dragon heads?
7. LANGUAGE: What is the practice of anthropophagy more commonly known as?
8. HISTORY: What Native American tribe did Pocahontas belong to?
9. MUSIC: In what country was composer Frederic Chopin born?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How old was Theodore Roosevelt when he was sworn into office?

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Trivia Test Answers  
 1. Sodor; 2. South Dakota; 3. Boxing; 4. 1951; 5. 1967; 6. Typhoon; 7. Cannibalism; 8. Powhatan; 9. Poland; 10. 42



**Flower needs** BY BRENDA WEAVER

- Most flowering plants need a site where sunlight falls 6 to 8 hours a day all through the growing season.
- Good soil – not too sandy, not too sticky, with enough organic matter to make it drain well and be inviting to plant roots – is essential for successful flower gardening.
- Perennials can take a year or more to get established and bloom, but the effort will pay off for years. If you want flowers now, get annuals.

Source: www.burpee.com



**HUBERT - - By Dick Wingert**



**Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS**

**A**LL TOO OFTEN IN GOLF ONE BAD SHOT LEADS TO ANOTHER OR TO AN EVEN WORSE SHOT.

ANGER AND FRUSTRATION CAUSE MORE OF THESE UGLY CHAIN REACTIONS THAN A SUDDEN LOSS OF SWING SKILLS.

WHAT YOU HAVE TO WORK ON IS "BLANKING OUT" THE BAD SHOTS, BY FORCING YOUR MIND TO FOCUS TOTALLY ON THE RECOVERY SHOT YOU NOW HAVE TO PLAY.

IN OTHER WORDS, AS FAST AS YOU CAN "SWITCH OFF" THE FAULT AND "SWITCH ON" THE REMEDY.

"Tell you what I WILL do, though—I'll mention to the judge that you took it with a smile."

## Community Club Meetings

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

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

**Birdtown Community Club** meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Community Building. To reserve the building for your special occasion, (\$50 fee with \$20 key deposit). Info: Jody Taylor, chairperson, 736-7510

**Paint Town Community Club** meets the last Monday of each month at 5:30pm at the Community Building. Info: 497-3731, ChairPTCC@gmail.com

**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 Monday 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.

## Groups/Clubs

**Acting and musical theatre classes.** Weekly at the Mountainside Performing Arts School (Unto These Hills). Acting class is every Tuesday from 6-7pm for ages 8 and up. Musical theatre is held every Thursday evening from 6-7pm for ages 5 and up. Community Theatre is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8pm for ages 14 and up. These are open to everyone. Info: Marina Hunley-Graham, school instructor, 497-3652

**American Legion Auxiliary-Steve Youngdeer Post 143** meets on the third Monday of each month at the Steve Youngdeer Post on Acquoni Road.

**Bee Keepers** meet the second Thursday of every month at 7pm at Southwestern Community College (old Almond School)

past Bryson City. Info: Bill Williams 488-1391

**Cherokee Children's Coalition** meets the last Thursday of each month at 11am at the Agelink School Age Conference Room.

**Cherokee Runners** meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 5pm at the Age Link Conference Room. Anyone interested in walking or running, no matter your fitness level, is invited to join. See their Facebook page or check out their website at [www.cherokeerunners.com](http://www.cherokeerunners.com).

**Cherokee Speakers Gathering** is normally held on the fourth Thursday of every month. All Cherokee Speakers and Cherokee Language learners are welcome to enjoy a potluck dinner and an evening of fellowship in the Cherokee language. These events are sponsored by the Kituwah Preservation & Education Program and in part by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. Info: Myrna Climbingbear 554-6406 or email [myrnclim@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:myrnclim@nc-chokeee.com)

**EBCI 4-H Archery** meets every other Tuesday from 5:30-7pm. Beginners to advanced, ages 5-17. Must have a responsible adult present and turn in a notarized 4-H application. Info: Chumper Walker, EBCI 4-H agent, 359-6936

**North American Indian Women's Association (NAIWA) Cherokee Chapter** meets the second Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Recreation Center. Info: Carmaleta Monteith, chapter treasurer, [Carmaleta@msn.com](mailto:Carmaleta@msn.com)

**Yellowhill Judo Club** meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-8pm at the old Cherokee High School weight room. Classes are free. Info: Will Lambert 736-1600

**Support Groups Cherokee Cancer Support Group** is a non-profit organization assisting cancer patients and care-givers on the Boundary, indiscriminately. The support group meets the first Thursday of each month at 5:30pm at Betty's Place, 40 Goose Creek Rd. Betty's Place is staffed from 10am - 2pm Monday - Friday. Personal fittings can be arranged during these times as well. Info: 497-0788, email: [cherokeeCSG@gmail.com](mailto:cherokeeCSG@gmail.com), P.O. Box 2220, Cherokee.

**Jackson County Breastfeeding Support Gathering** meets the first Saturday morning of each month at 10:30am at the Smoky Mountain OB/GYN office located across from Harris Regional Hospital. Meetings are free and everyone is welcome. Info: Stephanie Faulkner 506-

1185 or Teresa Bryant 587-8214

**U tu gi (Hope) Nar-Anon Family Support Group** meets on Mondays at 6pm at the Church of Christ (beside bingo) on Old Mission Road. Info: (828) 226-0455

## Outdoor World

### Erratic Lure Presentation Key to Catching Big Bass

When I think back about big bass I've caught, one thing comes to mind and that's lure presentation. An erratic retrieve, in most cases, has produced many of my biggest bass.

Why is that? Because this retrieve most closely mimics live forage. When danger threatens, they are going to do something different, like speed up, retreat, go crazy, play possum or try to hide. In most cases though, they will move out like a late freight train.

Lures such as plastic worms, jigs, spinnerbaits (slow-rolled), crankbaits (fished in a stop-and-go retrieve) and even topwater lures can be worked erratically to imitate a frightened baitfish.

The best thing I can tell you is if you want to catch big bass, watch how baitfish react when a fish is after them, and then try to duplicate that reaction with whatever artificial bait you're using.

By Larry Whiteley, Host of the award-winning Outdoor World Radio  
For more tips, go to [basspro.com](http://basspro.com) and click on 1Source News & Tips



## Church Events

**Brush Arbor Gospel Singing in the Spring. June 5-6** at 7pm just past Jacob Cornsilk Community Center in Snowbird. Everyone is welcome. Bring a lawn chair. Featured singers include: Walking by Faith, Wilson Family, Styles Family, Long Oak Quarter, Cougnell Family, Forgiveness Quarter, Cable Family, and Welch Family.

## General Events

**Community Chorus Practice. Every Thursday evening** from 6-8pm at the Cherokee Baptist Church. J. Gilbert is the choir leader and anyone who enjoys singing is welcome. The Chorus is currently practicing patriotic songs for an upcoming concert.

**Cherokee History in the Library. May 28** at 5pm. Lamar Marshall will present "The Historical Ecology of the 1700 Cherokee Territorial Claim". Marshall, founder of Wild South and the current board chair for WildLaw, will discuss how Cherokees used fire to maintain grassy plains, strawberry plains and buffalo habitat. Everyone is welcome.

**20th Annual Indians in Sobriety Campout. May 28-31** at Happy Holiday Campground. Free to EBCI tribal members (bring enrollment card). Speakers, raffles, t-shirts, 50/50, and more. Info: Jody 736-7510

**Cherokee Tribal Child Care Services Open House. May 28** from 9am – 5pm at the Dora Reed Center. Tour the Center, visit classrooms, meet with staff, and learn about services and activities. Info: 359-6592

**Meet Polly Jo Castorena. May 28** at 5pm at Littlejohn Campground. Wolfetown Tribal Council candidate Polly Jo Castorena is hosting a hot dog cookout.

**Campaign get-together for David Jumper. May 30** at 4pm at Wolfetown Gym. Everyone is welcome.

**Tennessee Statehood Day. May 31** from 12-5pm at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum near Vonore, Tenn. The Museum's 1809 blacksmith shop will be open with demonstrations. Learn about Cherokees in the Civil War and corn husk doll making demonstrations. All Statehood Day activities are free and also enjoy free admission to the Museum. Info: (423) 884-6246

**NPR journalist to talk at Cherokee Museum. May 31** at 2pm at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Steve Inskip, NPR journalist, will speak about his new book, "Jacksonland: President Andrew Jackson, Chief John Ross, and Great American Land Grab", in the event which is free to the

public. The author will talk, discuss, and sign books, which will be available for purchase through the Museum store. Info: Barbara R. Duncan 497-3481 ext. 306 or [bduncan@cherokeemuseum.org](mailto:bduncan@cherokeemuseum.org)

**Remember the Removal send-off ceremony. June 5** at 4pm at Kituwah.

**Book signing and release party. June 6** from 11am – 5pm at Bearmeat's Indian Den. Lawrence Thackstone, author of "The Devil's Courthouse", will be on hand to sign his books and talk about his 2017 release entitled Spearfinger. Everyone is invited to attend.

**8th Annual Trooper Shawn Blanton Scholarship Golf Tournament. June 12** at Sequoyah National Golf Club. Proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund. Four-man Captain's Choice, \$400 per team (includes golf, prizes, gift bag

and lunch). Registration at 8am, Shotgun Start at 9am. Info: Tony Belcher (269) 569-1100, [TWBelcher@aol.com](mailto:TWBelcher@aol.com) or David Blanton 507-4606

**Cherokee Cancer Support Dinner Fund Raiser - June 13** from 5pm to 8pm at the New Yellowhill Community Building. Menu is Prime Rib, Fixings, Tea, and Dessert. \$15 Tickets can be bought at the door. This event is being sponsored by Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort.

**HIV National Testing Day. June 26** from 10am – 2pm in the EMS parking lot on Acquoni Road. This event is being sponsored by EBCI Community Health. The public is encouraged to attend. According to an article published in Nature on April 8, "Scientists are presently working to produce a vaccine that will mount an effective attack against HIV.

## Upcoming Pow Wows

*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.*

**Jack King Memorial Pow Wow. May 29-30** at Eastern Shawnee Tribal Pow Wow Grounds in West Seneca, Okla. MC: John Arkeketa. Head Southern Singer: Gene Ortner. Info: Justin Barrett (918) 533-6299, [barrettjustin@hotmail.com](mailto:barrettjustin@hotmail.com)

**Spirit of Indigenous People Traditional Pow Wow. May 30** at Seattle Center Mural Amphitheatre in Seattle, Wash. MC: Washie Squetimkin. Host Drum: Bad Soul. Info: Annette (206) 324-9360 ext. 2114, [annettes@sihb.org](mailto:annettes@sihb.org)

**Osage Tribal Princess Sorority Honor Dance. May 31** at Osage County Fairgrounds in Pawhuska, Okla. MC: Carla Whiteman. Head Southern Singer: Jason Buffalohead. Info: Charlene Toehay (918) 637-1624

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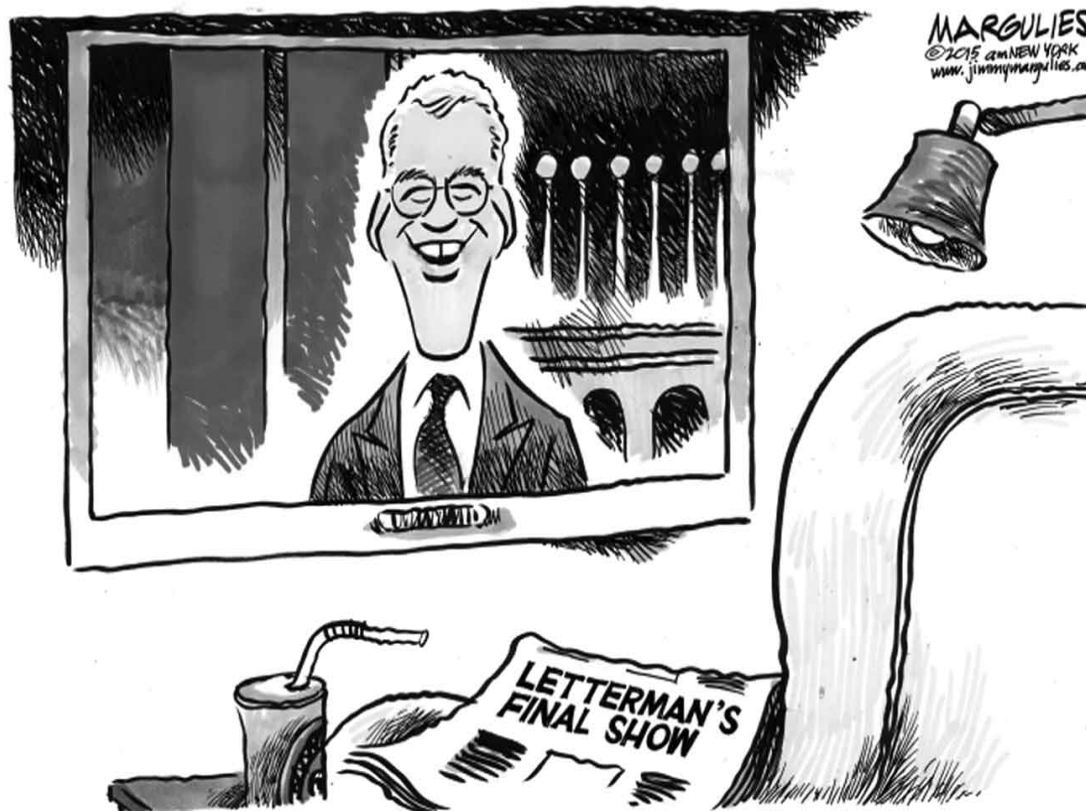
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## TRADING POST

## FOR RENT

**FOR RENT - 2 bedroom/1 bath** mobile home, Quiet Park in Ela. No Pets, references/background check required 400 month/300 deposit – (828)488-8752. **7/15pd**

**Lease to Own ½ acre to ¾ acre lots.** Also Lots and mobile homes lease to own. Call for more information (828)506-0578. **6/10pd**

**For Rent: Birdtown,** 3br/1ba. \$750 per month. Annual lease with first, last and security required. No pets. 828.421.5604 **6/10pd**

## FOR SALE

**Starter home 2 bedrooms** – 1 bath singlewide \$19,995 cash price. Call (828) 667-8701. **5/28pd**

**Three bedrooms – two baths,** 900 sq. ft. singlewide. \$29,995 cash price. Call (828) 667-8701. **5/28pd**

**Brand new 1500 sq. ft. Doublewide.** 3 bedrooms – 2 baths. \$39,995 cash price. (828) 667-8701. **5/28pd**

**Living Room – Den Model.** 4 bedrooms – 2 bath 1800 sq. ft. doublewide. \$49,995 cash price (828) 667-8701. **5/28pd**

**Trade In's needed!!** All models ok. Call (828) 667-8701. **5/28pd**

**1999 Fleetwood singlewide** 14x80 3 bedroom, 2 bath New Hardwood Floors, New Kitchen Cabinets, - \$12,000 Cash – Must Move. Call Alex (828) 776-2681. **5/28pd**

**For Sale – 1993 Mazda MPV,** 245,000 miles, one owner. Well-maintained, good multi-purpose vehicle. **\$1,500. 828-788-4539. 5/28**

## YARD SALES

**Yard Sale May 22nd and 23,** 50 Byson St. Bryson City, refrigerator, freezer side by side, Microwave, air condition, tools, chairs, end tables, pads, glassware, knives & much more 488-8957. **5/27pd**

**Rummage Sale:** Lots of good used home furniture, rugs, stove, TV, household items, clothes, and much more!! Hungry Bear Restaurant, Hwy 441 South Cherokee. Friday & Saturday, June 5 & 6. 8:30am. (828) 226-0994. **6/4pd**

**Yard Sale - June 6th -** 8:00am Living Waters Lutheran Church 30 Locust Road Cherokee, NC. Baby items, clothing household, etc.

## BUYING

**Attention: Nelson is still buying junk** cars/trucks and scrap metal. Located in Bryson City, please call (828) 269-3292. **7/9pd**

**The Oconaluftee Indian Village is seeking to buy/purchase the following materials and dyes.** Carving Wood: Hickory, Walnut, Maple, Buck Eye, Bass Wood, Locust (Ball Sticks & Bows), and Oak (basket handles and masks); Rivercane for Blow Guns and Baskets. Dyes: Yellowroot, Walnut (bark & hulls), Butternut, Bloodroot. Please come to the Oconaluftee Indian Village on WEDNESDAY'S from 9:00am-11:00am. If you have any questions please come by or call Keredith Owens, Village Manager at 497-2111 ext.203 to leave a message. **5/28**

## REALTY

**Cherokee Community**  
The following is a list of tribal members that have documents to sign in the BIA Realty Office. These are land transfers from both Tribal Members and the Eastern Band by Resolution.  
Philip Perry Arkansas, Ireta Lynn Thacker Arkansas, Nick Bradley, Jr., Wanda Lee Smith Bradley, Rebecca Smith Bridges, Robert Warren Cooper, Carol Edward Crowe, Sherry Lynn Crowe, Willis Demetric Davis, Mary

Francis Smith Ensley, April Dawn Huskey Fisher, Kandance Rhean Griffin, Mark Howard Jackson, Charles Kenneth Johnson, Doris Lee Johnson, Michael Keeton, Charles Thomas Lambert, Lana Jo Lambert, Alice Mae Catt Lewis, Kenneth Malcom Lewis, Jr., Mary Gean Jackson Littlejohn, Charlotte Littlejohn, John Ricky Lossiah, Jr., Billie Joe Lossie, Rose Marie McCoy, Verlon Andrew McCoy, Larry Leland Miller, Annie Marie Saunooke Owens, Vera Lynn Davis Rickman, Stanley Harold Ross, Joshua Herrell Saunooke, Letina Renee Saunooke, Phillip Brandon Saunooke, Rynda Lynn Marie Saunooke, Tabitha Herbold Saunooke, Verlin Sequoyah, Janice Carol Dugan Smith, Sheridan Smith, Martha C. Elizabeth Jackson St. Clair, Henry Dean Standingdeer, Ken Lumar Standingdeer, Ricky Lee Standingdeer, Michael Thompson, Parent or Guardian of Timber Solee Sampson Rattler, Parent or Guardian for Augustina Virginia Saunooke  
**Agreement to Divisions**  
Eric Thomas Lambert, James Dwayne Lambert, Joseph Lloyd White, Rena Janet Johnson Wachacha, Jackie Lee Johnson, Melissa Ann Maney, Jacob Pete Johnson, Mary Edith Reed Smith, Dennis Ray James, Frankie Nelle James Patencio, George Milton James, Carla Marie Sneed Ballew, Howard Vincent Sneed, Patricia Eldean Sneed Lambert, Mary Louise Sneed Welch, Harley Arapa-

hoe Grant, Michael Shannon Grant, John Walter Grant, Amy Ernestine Grant Walker

**Proposed Land Transfers**

Susan Bradley Jones to Sharon Elizabeth Bradley, Judson Gregory Bradley, Helena Ann Bradley Lipscomb, and Glen Joseph Bradley, Jr. for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 676 (Part of Parcel No. 356), containing 1.532 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Lida Fay Walkingstick Locust to Dennis Persimmon Carrier Littlejohn for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 378-K (Part of Parcel No. 378-I), containing 1.500 acres, more or less.

Lida Fay Walkingstick Locust to Zoey Elise Littlejohn for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 378-M (Part of 378-I), containing 1.000 acres, more or less.

Lida Fay Walkingstick Locust to Jasmine Michelle Littlejohn for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 378-J (Part of Parcel No. 378-I), containing 1.500 acres, more or less.

Lida Fay Walkingstick Locust to Khristian Thunder Littlejohn for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 378-L (Part of Parcel No. 378-I), containing 1.000 acres, more or less.

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

## EMPLOYMENT

# EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

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



## Positions Open

**\*Please attach all required documents\***

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

### Closing May 29, 2015 @ 4 pm

1. Inventory Controller Assist/Compliance Officer- Facility Mgt (\$27,680-\$34,600)
2. Part-Time Driver- Transit (\$23,040-\$28,800)(2 Positions)
3. Education Program Specialist- Tribal Education (\$30,320-\$37,900)
4. Maint Utility Worker Temp- Destination Marketing (\$20,960-\$26,200)
5. Field Tech- Water & Sewer (\$30,320-\$37,900)(2 Positions)
6. Cook Aide- Tribal Child Care (\$19,120-\$23,900)
7. Family Support Coordinator- Tribal Child Care (\$30,320-\$37,900)(2 Positions)
8. Lead Collections Processor- Budget & Finance (\$30,320-\$37,900)
9. Manager- Education & Training (\$52,480-\$65,600)
10. Accounts Payable Processor I- Education & Training (\$23,040-\$28,800)
11. Accounts Payable Specialist- Budget & Finance (\$36,560-\$45,700)
12. Part-Time Driver- Transit (\$23,040-\$28,800)(2 Positions)

### Closing June 5, 2015 @ 4 pm

1. Aquatics Coordinator- Cherokee Life (\$33,280-\$41,600)
2. Manager- Graham Co Ind Edu (\$40,080-\$50,100)
3. Lead Teacher- Tribal Child Care
4. Rec Aide (Part Time)- Cherokee Life (\$20,960-\$26,200)(4 Positions)
5. Rec Aide- Cherokee Life (\$20,960-\$26,200)
6. John Crowe Complex Supervisor- Cherokee Life (\$36,560-\$45,700)

### Open Until Filled

1. EMT-P (Part-time) – EMS
2. Teacher- Tribal Child Care
3. Teacher Assistant- Tribal Child Care
4. Attorney General- Legal
5. Kituwah Academy Teacher
6. Detention Officer- CIPD
7. Electronics Document Specialist- IT
8. Teen Unit & Media Supervisor- CYC
9. Education Curriculum Manager- Tribal Child Care
10. Education & Training Program Specialist- Tribal Child Care
11. Accounting Coordinator II- Budget & Finance

## Public Health & Human Services

### Open Until Filled

1. C.N.A- Tsali Care Center
2. Intervention Project Coordinator- Domestic Violence
3. Housekeeper- Tsali Care Center
4. Cook Aide- Tsali Care Center
5. Office Coordinator- Cherokee Choices

Download Applications & Job Descriptions

[NC-Cherokee.com/HumanResources/Employment/Job-Opportunities](http://NC-Cherokee.com/HumanResources/Employment/Job-Opportunities)

## Part-Time Magistrate

The Cherokee Court is now taking applications for (1) part-time contract Magistrate position.

These positions will substitute for the full-time magistrates at the Cherokee Court while the magistrates are on leave status. Familiarity with the Cherokee community and with a court system (state, federal, or Tribal) is preferred. Ability to work with the public and to handle conflicts is required. Following training, this position will have full authority to make all magistrate-related decisions, including issuing warrants and subpoenas and other duties as assigned by the Chief Justice.

Education and experience: Requires any combination of at least 4 years of education or practical work experience or education in a legal or law enforcement-related field. Position will require both in-office and on-call performance of duties.

Qualified candidates must be willing to submit to drug testing and background checks.

Interested applicants may come by the Cherokee Court and ask for Donna Toineeta-Lossiah (359-1075) to pick up an application. Applications must be received by 4:30pm on May 29, 2015. **5/28**

**Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee is seeking ambitious, career-minded individuals for the following positions:** Male Spa Host, Female Spa Host. Applications available at the Spa front desk or by email. Contact Lauren Crowe, 828-497-8527, [laurenw@mandaraspa.com](mailto:laurenw@mandaraspa.com). **5/28pd**

## THE CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

### PTI RN IN PATIENT

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description from Teresa Carvalho or Deb Toineeta at the Cherokee Indian hospital Human Resources Office between the hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm Monday – Friday. These positions will close 06/05/2015 @ 4pm. Indian preference does apply and the original CIHA job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application.

Applications and job descriptions are available at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Human Resources Office, Monday – Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm. For more information please call 828 497-9163 and ask for Teresa Carvalho or Deb Toineeta. These positions will close 6/05/2015 @ 4pm. Indian preference does apply and the original CIHA job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of CIHA application. **6/4**

## LEGALS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 15-027

**In the Matter of the Estate of  
Arlene Ledford Watty**

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

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

Date to submit claims: August 4, 2015

McKinley E. Watty, 100 Charles Pheasant Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **5/28pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 15-026

**In the Matter of the Estate of  
Catherine Oocumma Gentry**

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

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

Date to submit claims: July 28, 2015

Libbi Swayney, PO Box 1961, Cherokee, NC 28719. **5/28pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 15-023

**In the Matter of the Estate of  
John Wesley Swayney**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate

are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

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

Date to submit claims: July 21, 2015

Andrea Swayney, P.O. Box 224, Cherokee, NC 28719, or Lynette Swayney, 84 Katie Littlejohn Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **6/4pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 15-031

**In the Matter of the Estate of  
Willis Albert Queen (Jim  
Queen)**


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

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

Date to submit claims: August 12, 2015

Heather Queen, PO Box 1310, Whittier, NC 28719. **6/10pd**

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**VOTE**   
**TIMMY RAY SMITH**  
**Principal Chief**  
**Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians**  
**Thursday, June 4th 2015**



My idea of what a Principal Chief should be is a person who sees to the needs of his or her people regardless of who they are, what their social status might be or what family they belong to. The Chief should see to it that every enrolled member is treated equally, with respect and that their needs are met in a timely and courteous manner. The Executive Office should do its best to coordinate day to day services so that people do not spend days and hours running from one department or office to another in order to achieve their goal.

There is no excuse for the Drug Abuse affecting this community and the way our local authorities and leaders have been handling these issues. The hospital and health care system should be held to a higher standard and accountable when it comes to medicating and diagnosing our people.

There are all kinds of possibilities to make our tribe grow and flourish. We need to diversify our employment opportunities and not rely totally on the casino and tribe for jobs. Too many of our youth are graduating from college only to return home and find there are no jobs for them.

Many of you have told me you want to see "change". I am not part of the problem or a member of the "good old boy system". I am not beholding to any person or special interest group. I am about the community as a "whole", and nurturing our people to take back our rich heritage. If you want change, go to the polls and vote for change. Make your vote count. If you want transparency in government, you need change. If you want to see fairness and equality in your government, vote for change. This election is not about ME, it is about YOU!

I have lived and worked in Cherokee all my life. I am acutely aware of the problems we face as a nation and "we" can do something about it but it will take us all, working together to find solutions to our problems in order to move forward.

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## LEGALS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. EST 15-033

### In the Matter of the Estate of Barbara Cooper Strickland

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

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

Date to submit claims: Aug. 21, 2015

Casey Cooper, 79 Sam Brady Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **6/18pd**

## BIDs, RFPs, etc.

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

2015 Cherokee Indian Fair Sound/Light Production and Entertainment  
SCOPE OF WORK

Services to be provided:

Contractor shall furnish all services, personnel, labor, goods, equipment, tools, materials, supplies, transportation, tests and supervision required to complete the Work described in this paragraph:

Contractor Shall:

- Shall supply necessary sound and light equipment for all activities on the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds Amphitheatre stage. In addition, provide suitable PA system for grounds and exhibit hall.
- Provide qualified/certified personnel to rig equipment and operate sound and light equipment for the duration of the Fair (October 6-11, 2015).
- Meet the requirements of entertainer/performer riders.
- Meet the insurance and Tribal risk management requirements for using the Amphitheatre stage.
- Have all necessary certifications, licenses and/or permits to perform duties required.
- Price shall not exceed Bid Price.
- Sub-contract or otherwise secure the following acts:

See full Request for Proposal for specified acts.

Full RFP may be viewed at [theonefeather.com](http://theonefeather.com) or a printed copy from the following contact:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) COORDINATION

The point of contact for this Request for Proposal (RFP) shall be:

Frieda Huskey, Events & Fairgrounds Supervisor, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, PO Box 460, Cherokee, NC 28719, Phone: (828)359-6492,

Fax: (828)554-6475, Email: [friehusk@nc-cherokee.com](mailto:friehusk@nc-cherokee.com)

**6/4**

## Changes coming to Cherokee Hospital Driveway

Beginning June 8, 2015 the Cherokee Indian Hospital will have a new driveway. Patients and staff will now turn left at the entrance and circle the new facility to reach the parking area for patients and the emergency room. This change is to accommodate the re-surfacing and improvement of the current driveway and some parking spaces for the current hospital. The expected time for these improvements is approximately a month. Unless delays are caused by weather the driveway is expected to be open July 12, 2015.

CIHA staff will continue to park off site during this work. The anticipated opening of the new Cherokee Indian Hospital is October 15, 2015. More community tours will be available in the future.

**ONE FEATHER CONTACT LIST**

For all of your questions, comments, concerns, and compliments:

**Main Phone Line:**  
**(828) 359-6261**

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[www.facebook.com/pages/Cherokee-One-Feather/](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Cherokee-One-Feather/)

**Patrick LAMBERT**

for Principal Chief

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or go online to our website at [www.patricklambertforchief.com](http://www.patricklambertforchief.com)

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## ANNUAL HOUSING FAIR



Hosted by EBCI Housing and Community Development, a fun filled day full of useful information pertaining to Housing needs. Lots of Vendors offering a variety of products, and a chance of winning a great door prize.

Contact person: Faye McCoy  
828-359-6912  
Date: June 26, 2015  
Time: 9:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.  
Ceremonial Grounds Event Hall



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## Leadership with a Vision



After spending 8 1/2 years in the United States Navy, and with more than 20 years serving the tribe in various capacities, I understand the value and purpose of a sound strategy. Over the last few weeks I have worked diligently to put forth real ideas and solutions for leading our Tribe. I believe that it is vital that you, as voters, have our specific plans and platforms on which to make a decision. It is easy to say that I am for this, or against that—but that's not my way, that's not the Cherokee way, and you as voters deserve to hear specifics on how we, as candidates, will lead our nation. I ask for your vote on June 4!

### Economic Development

- Diversification—Set an appropriate structure that allows us to use our sovereign advantages to diversify our revenue streams.
- Develop new attractions on existing plots of trust land, including Cherokee County. Projects must focus on the Levy and Privilege Tax generated.
- Small Business—It is time to make TERO Work better for our enrolled members, and make it easier for our members to get into (and succeed) in business

### Healthcare/Elders

- Implement a Senior Campus for ease of access to primary healthcare services
- Initiatives to encourage healthier communities

### Education

- Higher Education should be better focused on the individual needs and situations of the students.
- Internship Programs
- Identify and address individual needs earlier in education, such as tutoring or advanced studies opportunities

### Public Safety

- A monthly dashboard, that will serve as a report card to the community. It will identify the number of crimes, the types of crimes, how many have been solved, and how many convictions have been obtained.
- Implement a timeline to provide continual updates to victims on their cases.
- A focus on programs that gets our upper law enforcement officials involved in our communities.
- Set the following priorities for the Chief of Police and the Police Commission:
  - Reduce the number of Breaking & Entering crimes
  - Reduce the presence of drugs in our communities and drug-related crimes
  - More responsive investigations that shorten the timeline from when the crime is committed to when a conviction is obtained

### Cultural & Natural Resources

- New enrichment programs for language and cultural arts
- Return of traditional lands
- Leverage Federal and State relationships

If you have any questions, please reach out to me at 828-788-0074 or [tunneycrowe@icloud.com](mailto:tunneycrowe@icloud.com)

## **To Native American Farmers or Ranchers or the heir of one who was denied a USDA farm loan or loan servicing between 1981 and late 1999**

Some funds paid in settlement of *Keepseagle v. Vilsack* remain unclaimed and will be distributed in accordance with a process established by the Court. The case claimed that USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The Court seeks input from class members about how the remaining funds should be distributed. Of the \$680 million paid to settle the case, approximately \$380 million remains. The Settlement Agreement approved by the Court directs that unclaimed funds be given to non-profit organizations to serve Native American farmers and ranchers.

The deadline to file a claim has passed. **There is no new claims process.**

### **Who is included?**

The Class *includes* all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

- Farmed or ranched or attempted to do so between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; and
- Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

The class *does not include* individuals who:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23 1997; or
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

### **Proposed use of the Funds**

There are several competing options for how to distribute the funds.

*First*, Plaintiffs propose to modify the Settlement Agreement, subject to Court approval, to distribute the funds as follows:

- \$342 million distributed by a Trust, overseen by Native American leaders, to non-profit groups to serve Native farmers

& ranchers over a 20 year period.

- \$38 million be distributed quickly to non-profit organizations serving Native farmers & ranchers, identified by Class Counsel and approved by the Court.

The Trust would make grants to organizations providing business assistance, agricultural education, technical support, or advocacy services to Native American farmers and ranchers, including those seeking to become farmers or ranchers, to support and promote their continued engagement in agriculture. The USDA has agreed with this proposal.

*Second*, Marilyn Keepseagle proposes to distribute all remaining funds as additional damages paid to successful Track A claimants alone. The USDA opposes this proposal.

*Third*, other class members have asked to use the funds to pay claims that were initially denied or to permit new claims to be filed.

*Fourth*, the Choctaw Nation has argued that no changes should be made.

### **How can I share my views?**

If you want to tell the Court of your support of or opposition to any proposal for use of the remaining funds, you may submit written comments, postmarked no later than **June 15, 2015**, to:

Chambers of the Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan  
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia  
333 Constitution Avenue N.W.  
Washington, DC 20001

The Court will hold a hearing on **June 29, 2015 at 9:00 AM EDT** in Courtroom 24A at the address above. If you want to speak to the Court in person, you may attend the hearing. Your written comments will be considered by the Court even if you do not attend the hearing.

**For more detailed information call 1-888-233-5506 or see [www.IndianFarmClass.com](http://www.IndianFarmClass.com)**