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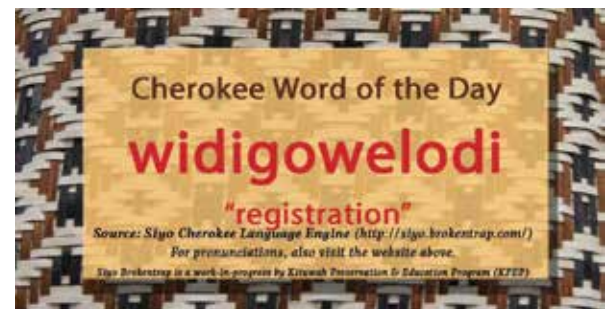
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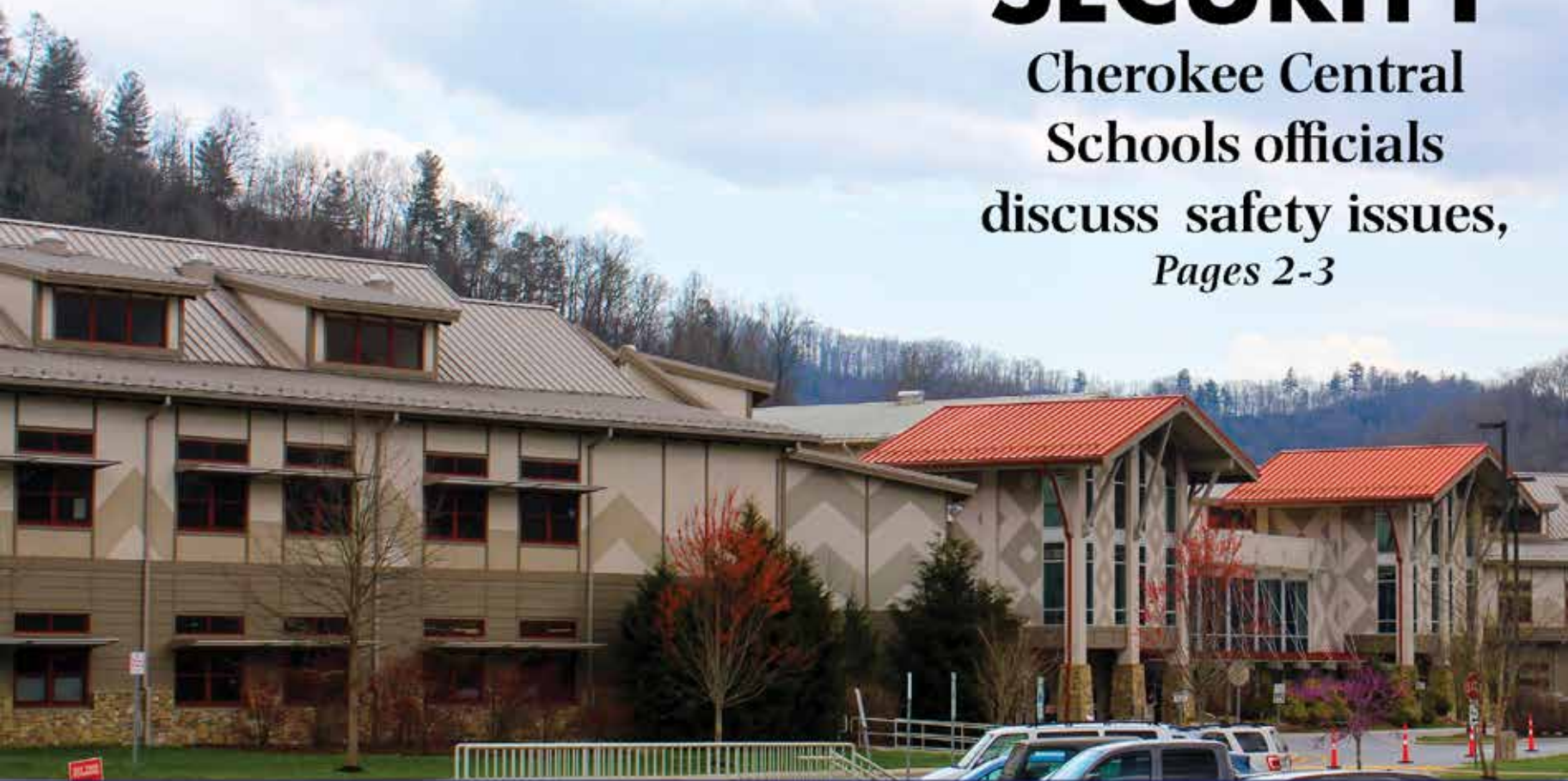
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Cherokee Central Schools officials discuss school safety

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School shootings and events affecting the safety and well-being of students across the country have become all-too-familiar these days. Officials at Cherokee Central Schools are well aware of these events and the threats affecting students nationwide.

“When I first started, the thought of someone hurting a child was just unheard of,” said Dr. Michael Murray, Cherokee Central Schools superintendent. “We didn’t build schools as prisons because our primary function is to educate, love, and nurture children. We’ve watched what we do change because of how society has changed and the evil that is out there where people actually think of harming children. We’ve upped our game every year trying to protect the most valuable resource we have which is our children. I’m pretty proud that in western North Carolina we’ve put that as a priority. You can’t teach them a thing if you can’t protect them.”

Dr. Murray noted that the school system has plans in place for such events, but he couldn’t divulge any of the details to the One Feather or the public. “The reality of it is that we do not want people to know all of the details of how we work every day on a continuous improvement model to keep the children safe.”

He added, “I’m worried that



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SAFETY: The Cherokee Central Schools campus, comprising Cherokee Elementary, Cherokee Middle, and Cherokee High Schools, has four school resource officers, 162 security cameras, and a complex safety plan in place to keep students safe.

people ask their child, ‘have you had active shooter training today?’ We don’t talk about active shooter training to children. We talk about things like lockdowns and shelter in place. We’re trying to find common themes that we can focus on that will fit multiple situations, and an active shooter training involves all of that.”

Debora Foerst, Cherokee High School principal, commented, “We do several things at CHS to make school a safe space. One thing we have started doing consistently is holding safety team meetings. This team is made up of representatives from various departments, and in

our monthly meetings, we review any incidents, discuss and address any concerns, and we leave with ‘next steps’, or assignments for our team members, that will make our school an even safer space.”

She went on to note, “We do have a complicated campus, but we work well with CCS security, our SROs, and tribal agencies to make sure our students and staff are safe. We also take all concerns very seriously. When we have a student, parent, or teacher share a concern, we investigate fully, utilizing Tribal law enforcement if/when necessary.”

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school campus has a Crisis Communication Procedure poster. “We do have a Cherokee Central Schools Crisis Management Plan, and that is not only practiced but talked about with safety committees on-going,” said Dr. Murray. “Each one of the three schools on this campus has safety committees in place that meet frequently and do practices and brainstorm.”

He said having all three schools in one campus is ideal for safety. “We are under one location. We are under a guarded, gated system, and I couldn’t be happier with the precautions that we have in place.” Four school resource officers (SROs) are on duty – one for each school and a supervisor. Of their role, Dr. Murray commented, “Their role is crucial. It’s a preventative measure. If the relationship starts in

the elementary school and continues in middle school, by the time they get to high school, the students have a trusting relationship and not an adversarial relationship with our SROs because they know that they love them and care about them and are going to make sure that they’re protecting them.”

Those relationships help in the overall safety of the school says Dr. Murray. “It’s absolutely wonderful for someone to say, ‘hey, officer, I noticed that this happened at my bus stop and somebody has put this on Facebook.’ Then, we can prevent something from happening. It is played down some, but a lot of things are prevented before they even get to the part that we’re seeing on the 6 o’clock news where children are being killed. And, I honestly believe that those types of

measures are more important.”

Foerst adds, “Relationships are key when it comes to safety. We encourage our teachers to have a good, positive relationship with their students. We seek to have a good, positive relationship with our students and with our parents. That way, if there are any concerns or fears, if they’ve heard anything or are worried about anything, they can come to us with those concerns. We take every one seriously. We investigate everything.”

In all, there are 162 security cameras in place at Cherokee Central Schools and all exterior doors remain locked. “We’ve limited access to schools because we’ve had to. Before that, we were wide open because we were nurturers. So now, we’ve limited access. We’ve put up gated systems, locking doors, and we funnel everyone through one entrance. When you restrict that, you make it a hard target. Before Columbine, you wouldn’t have found anybody that worried about locking all of your exterior doors. I did a walk-through yesterday and checked all of the exterior doors and didn’t find one propped up.”

He said the main issue behind all of the security is safety not to stifle students. “I think all of us are doing a better job at making this a harder target. We do not want it to be a prison. Children should still love education, and they need to feel that we love them and that we’re not trying to keep them com-

pletely isolated from the world. We still take field trips. They still have P.E. time and playtime...”

Recently, President Donald Trump brought up the idea of arming teachers to help prevent school shootings. Dr. Murray disagrees vehemently with this idea. “We are educators. I don’t support arming teachers. I never have. I never will. I think you’re asking people that are supposed to be shining light into doing something that they’re not trained to do, and I think the collateral damage would not be worth it.”

All threats to school safety are investigated. Therefore, false alarms and pranks end up being treated the same as bona fide threats and are a drain on manpower, time, and resources. Dr. Murray said sending students home for a day off of school can sometimes encourage that behavior.

“I would much rather relocate the kids, bring in a bomb dog and whatever measures law enforcement wants to do to clear my building, then bring them back. Therefore, we’ve not reinforced that you’re going to get a day off if you decide to scrawl something. There has to be some responsibility put back on the students and the families, and false alarms are not the way that we want to go. It wastes the resources and time of everybody, and for the kids caught doing that, there will be consequences.”



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Honoring the Tribe's Beloved

Tribe establishes Beloved Woman Committee, wall of honor

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Kimberly Smith, an EBCI tribal member, has studied the history of Beloved Women of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians since elementary school. Until now, there hasn't been an established set of procedures with the Tribe for designating an individual as a Beloved Man or Woman.

Tribal Council passed unanimously Res. No. 177, submitted by Smith, during its regular session on Thursday, April 5 that established the Beloved Woman Committee which, according to the legislation "shall develop and oversee the nomination process and commitments for the Beloved title".

The Committee will be comprised of the following: one Tribal Council representative, one member appointed by the Principal Chief, one member from the North American Indian Women's Association (NAIWA) Cherokee Chapter, and two community members (one male and one female) selected by the rest of the Committee.

"It's something that is much needed, and with the recent interest on this topic, there's been some confusion in our community about what exactly the qualifications are," said Smith during Thursday's discussion on the legislation.



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BELOVED: Amanda Swimmer (left) addresses Tribal Council following being bestowed the title of EBCI Beloved Woman on Thursday, Feb. 1 as her great granddaughter, Junior Miss Cherokee Dvdaya Swimmer, looks on and smiles. During its regular session on Thursday, April 5, Tribal Council established a Beloved Woman Committee and also approved the designation of a wall in the Council House lobby to honor EBCI Beloved Men and Women.

"What we know about these women has come from documentation by non-Natives. So, traditionally, this role was reserved for women, and on occasion men, who had done a lot for our community but were also affiliated with our military. Today, we've seen a significant decline in EBCI military engagement so the qualifications of this title need to evolve to suit the needs

of our contemporary culture."

She noted that the Committee will help bridge that gap. "This Committee is poised to where it can help bring those criteria to today's community, but also revitalize the traditional roles these Beloved people had within our community. It stands to give us the opportunity to really provide a platform for our Tribe to define our culture within

our own voice."

The legislation states the main objective for the Committee, "...it is necessary to preserve the integrity of the Beloved title, those esteemed with the honor, and ensure future nominations meet the high standards of this recognition."

Smith noted prior to the vote that she did not want to lead the Committee. "It should be creat-

ed within the community. If I'm appointed within a role, that's fabulous, but I want this to be something that came from the community and was led by the community, not by one individual trying to push this forward." She did state the Committee would be responsible for helping educate others about the title of Beloved within the Tribe, and she also offered up the idea of establishing a logo or other visual image for the Beloved title that people would readily recognize.

Smith also noted that the actual honoring should be more reflective of Cherokee culture. "We need to have an honoring ceremony established so it's more traditional in what they receive and it's more unique to them instead of just getting a blanket that I have on my couch. It should be something that

truly embodies the title."

Peggy Hill, an EBCI tribal elder from the Yellowhill Community, stated, "Kimberly did come and presented the resolution, and NAIWA wholeheartedly supported this."

Following the unanimous vote, Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell commented, "I'm glad we passed this legislation, but I think we need to look traditionally at the roles of the Beloved. I know it was referenced in this legislation about what was written historically by Timberlake and others...when Council would convene, they were followed by the Beloved Women and the Beloved Men."

Amy Walker, an EBCI tribal elder from the 3200 Acre Tract, said it is important to remember the value system that was in place generations ago for Cherokee

people. "I wonder how many people, in today's society, really understand the value of who our ancestors were and the culture that they lived by. They couldn't lie to each other back then. They lived in such a high place spiritually that they knew and the people knew they couldn't lie to them. And, in today's time, lies slide out of different people's mouths very easily...so, when we talk about who deserves to be called Beloved, we need people who understand the value of who our ancestors were..."

There wasn't a time frame set for the actual establishment of the Committee during Thursday's meeting.

Later on in Thursday's session, Tribal Council passed unanimously Res. No. 179, submitted by Wolf-town Rep. Jeremy Wilson, which establishes a lobby wall in the Tribal Council House to honor all EBCI Beloved Men and Women.

"We've lost some magnificent people who have gained this title," said Rep. Wilson. "I think this title is very highly distinguished and deservedly so."

Referencing the photographs in the Council Chambers of the former Principal Chiefs of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, he noted, "I think it would be an honorable representation for us to do the same for Beloved Man and Beloved Woman. And, I think it would be a great thing for the families to come in and see that."

Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha stated, "I think it's a wonderful idea. To display anything of our Beloved Men and Women is truly honorable."

Becky Walker, an EBCI tribal member from the Birdtown Community, suggested having a biography included with each person's display. "Even though we know that Jerry (Wolfe) announced at the stickball games, that wasn't why he was given that title. It was for the work that he had done in the community. It was his real contributions to the people. So, I think the truest way to honor them is to tell their story...it's their legacy, and their legacy is how they impacted the lives of other people."

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Weighted vote issue debated in Tribal Council

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During last month's Tribal Council regular session, four representatives vote for a measure, seven voted against, and one abstained. The measure passed due to the weighted vote power of those four representatives. The issue of the weighted vote, a system where each individual Tribal Council representative's voting power is based on the population of their said community, came up again in this month's regular session on Thursday, April 5.

Tribal Council tabled Res. No. 184 (2018), submitted by Painttown Rep. Lisa Taylor and Big Cove Rep. Richard French, which called for Council to use a "one-man, one-vote" rule until a valid census can be accomplished for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Currently, a weighted vote system is used with Tribal Council representatives, according to Cherokee Code Section 117-12, having the following vote power: Birdtown representatives 12 percent, Wolfstown representatives 12 percent, Big Cove representatives 7 percent, Yel-

lowhill representatives 7 percent, Painttown representatives 6 percent, and Cherokee County – Snowbird representatives 6 percent.

The legislation states, "...a valid census to get the proper weighted vote for each Council member would require a counting of each living enrolled tribal member in each community and the truth is there has never been a valid census performed by the Tribe for the purpose of counting enrolled tribal members."

The legislation further stated, "...until it is possible for Charter Section 19 to be adhered to that Tribal Council votes shall be counted as traditionally and historically done on the basis of 'one man one vote' based solely on each Tribal Council Member being equal to one vote and each community having two votes..."

Several Tribal Council representatives said during discussion on the legislation on Thursday that acting on the resolution would violate the Tribe's Charter and Governing Document. Section 19 of that document states, "In order to provide equal representation to all members of the Eastern Band,

the members of the Tribal Council shall, in their deliberations, cast votes on a weighted basis, with the weight of each vote determined by each Council member. A tribal census, for the purposes of determining the weight of the votes to be cast by each Tribal Council member, shall be conducted prior to the 1981 tribal election and prior to the election each ten years thereafter to determine the number of enrolled tribal members residing in each township."

The Charter continues, "After the regular 1981 tribal election and each ten years thereafter, the Tribal Council, at its first regular meeting, shall determine the total number of votes to be cast in the Tribal Council and shall allot a voting authority to each Council member. The voting weight allotted to each Council member shall be determined by computing the mathematical ratio, fraction or proportion that exists between the number of enrolled tribal members residing in each township and the total number of enrolled tribal members. All Council members, including the Chairman, shall be entitled to vote on all issues."

After the legislation was read on Thursday, two moves were immediately made on the floor. Rep. Taylor made the move to table so language in parts of the resolution could be worked on and possibly amended. Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose made the move to kill and noted, "I don't think you can change this by resolution anyway...we might be violating our oath by trying to do it by resolution."

He later added, "Would it not have to go to a referendum vote for

the people to change it?"

Michael McConnell, EBCI interim attorney general, answered Rep. Rose and said, "Yes, you would have to have a referendum. I applaud Tribal Council for trying to stay focused on the idea of making sure that the votes represent the population of the community. I don't think you can get there using the vehicle of this resolution. It essentially asks you not to comply with the Tribal Charter until sometime in the future, and that's not an approach that you want to take."

He noted that this issue arose during last May's impeachment hearings and subsequent court actions. "The Cherokee Supreme Court, in summary, said, 'yes, this issue has been raised to us that there has not been a valid census done for awhile. The Supreme Court, in its decision, referenced 2001. The Court then went on to say that 'we recognize that there is a statutory mandate that a census be performed every 10 years; however, there is no express or implied provision that would require all legislative action to cease if that census is not performed'."

He added, "The Court is saying, 'Tribal Council, you still have to do your business'."

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed referenced a case that came before the U.S. Court of Appeals in 1973 known as White Eagle v. One Feather and said the 'one man-one-vote' plan would not be legal, "You can do more representatives which we're not going to do that. You can do a weighted vote, or you can redistrict...by referendum, the Charter would have to be changed, and when you redistrict recognize

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that parts of Birdtown will become parts of Yellowhill, etc...from the Supreme Court on down, this has been dealt with already that it violates the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment and the Indian Civil Rights Act. To say in the resolution, that this was imposed upon us by a federal court, I suppose you could say that, but this goes all the way to the Supreme Court of the United States. Our own Supreme Court has affirmed that the lack of a census does not negate the tribal government's necessity of it continuing to work."

Becky Walker, an EBCI tribal member from the Birdtown Community, said a valid tribal census was completed 18 years ago. "There was one done in 2000, and at that time, that census would have redistributed the weighted

vote, but the Council that sat at that time chose not to didn't they, because they knew that some of the larger communities their percentages were going to go even higher."

She went on to state, "That also means that the other communities lose. So, when you do this census and you come back in here and you vote to redistribute the percentages, those larger communities take your percentage. So, communities that are now six (weighted vote) could become four or five."

In speaking about several of the smaller communities, she noted, "Your community is going to have less representation."

Chief Sneed said he didn't see the point to tabling the legislation. "If Tribal Council wants to put it out for referendum to redistrict, we can do, but what I'm saying is this

legislation, in its current form, cannot be acted upon...procedurally, nothing can happen with this resolution...it's asking you to violate the Charter so I just don't see how you can carry it out."

Just prior to the vote, Rep. Rose stated, "I withdraw my move to kill, and I want to accept the 2000 census." His move didn't receive a second and the vote on the legislation was taken.

During the discussion, Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell inquired where

the currently planned census is in the planning stages. Chief Sneed said the process is going slowly due to hiring issues. Currently, only 39 people have put in applicants, about 100 short of the number needed.

"The issue there is they have to pass a drug test and a federal background check, and I think that's scaring some folks off," said Chief Sneed who said a work session will be needed to help resolve some of those issues.



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Attorney General to draft a “Cultural Protection Ordinance”

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The subject of rights of tribal members to use culturally sensitive words and imagery for business and product brands was debated during the regular session of Tribal Council on Thursday, April 5. In a resolution proposed by Jatanna Feather and Lea Wolf, they asked that “Tribal Council and Business Committee...disassociate all business with the Seven Clans Brewery brand and product that uses the Cherokee culture, heritage, history, and names as it is not honorable for our ancestors who are buried at Kituwah and those who have suffered or lost their lives at the hands of alcohol abuse...we ask Tribal Council to send a public statement to Harrah’s to cut all ties with any company that is abusing our culture, heritage, and identity to promote monetary gain”.

Debate started at approximately 5:15pm after Tribal Council elected to continue to hear resolutions to finish up the agenda instead of reconvening on Friday. Feather initially requested that time constraints normally in place for the hearing of resolutions be suspended to allow “us to discuss this”. Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha, from Snowbird/Cherokee County, polled the members of Council who agreed to suspend the time limits.

Feather, an EBCI tribal member from the Birdtown Community, expressed that she has 653 signatures on a petition against the use of the names “Mother Town” and “Seven Clans Brewing Company” from tribal members. She stated that, with her resolution, she was addressing a “public outcry” concerning the brewing company’s decision to use cultural names for their business name and product, which she and many who came to the podium, described as disrespectful to the Cherokee culture and people.

She equated the use of the names to desecration and destruction of Kituwah and the tribal members buried there. Feather stated that alcohol and its effects are a “direct assault on the sacred parts of our culture”.

Lea Wolfe, an EBCI tribal member from the Painttown Community, echoed the thought that the naming of the products was very dishonorable to the Tribe. She tied the use of the product names

to historical trauma, saying that using the Cherokee references furthered cultural assimilation, leading Cherokee people to mental illness and distrust. She said that the company owners “are doing this to their own people” through the use of these names on their product.

Collette Coggins, an EBCI tribal member from the Birdtown Community and co-owner of Seven Clans Brewing Company, said that she is a member of the Tribe and, as such, may create, own, operate any legal business that she chooses to do. She disagreed with the ability of the Tribe or group of citizens to manipulate a business or business owner, just because that didn’t like it.

“This is a private business,” she noted. “It is not open for discussion.”

She mentioned speaking with several tribal leaders, including Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, Vice Chief Alan “B.” Ensley, and Chairman Wachacha, who she said spoke with her in a respectful manner, saying that community members had expressed concerns about the name of the beer.

Coggins stated that the creators of the drink had a feeling about the reason behind the name than those who contacted tribal officials.

“It was not meant to be controversial or degrading,” she said. “It is each individual’s perception of what something means to them.”

Coggins said she had previously had a three-hour meeting with Feather, where she (Coggins) agreed to voluntarily discontinue “Mother Town Blonde Ale” after all the current run was distributed.

Coggins indicated that Feather had accepted that decision and “was perfectly fine with it”. Coggins insisted that she cares for and was thinking about her community in creating her product. “For every dollar that is made off of my beer on the Reservation here, we all as collective enrolled members make 30 percent% of it.”

She added that she feels that those bringing in the resolution are not concerned about the alcohol, but that they have a personal grievance with her. She stated that there are already companies distributing beers using Cherokee names and references, but there has been no public outcry against those.

Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke expressed that she did feel that the use of Mother Town on the alcohol product was disrespectful and had a

question about the use of Seven Clans without the permission of all three federally recognized Cherokee tribes. Interim EBCI Attorney General Mike McConnell explained that the tribes would have to obtain copyright or trademark protection for the words to dictate the use.

Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell said when he first saw the name he was shocked. He stated that he is pro-business and hopes that the company is successful. He said he feels that it is time to set guidelines to prevent the use of words that would be insulting to the Tribe. He feels we must respect and honor the things that define us as a people. He said that just because something is legal, doesn’t necessarily make it right.

Vice Chairman David Wolfe expressed that the current wording of the proposed legislation would not achieve the goal that Feather desired. He said he helped Feather to write an amendment to help with that.

The amendment proposed was worded, “...to ask Tribal Council to instruct (the Attorney General) to establish an ordinance that would regulate the use of cultural, traditional business names that appear derogatory in nature to be established in 120 days.”

McConnell stated that he would carry out any direction from the Council, and did identify challenges, including defining what would be considered “derogatory” for the purposes of the legislation.

There were several members of the community who expressed their beliefs concerning the use of “Mother Town” and “Seven Clans” on the brewery product, some citing cultural concerns, while others supported the business owner’s use of “Seven Clans”. At times during the discussion, speakers expressed personal insults and attacks, some racial in nature.

Throughout the session, Chairman Wachacha called for civility and professional conduct. Tribal Council voted to amend and then unanimously approved the resolution giving the Attorney General’s Office 120 days to propose an ordinance. Seven Clans Brewing Company’s operations were not affected by the adoption of this resolution and will continue to operate with its name intact.

FOOTBALL

Younce signs with Emory & Henry

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BRYSON CITY – Brier Younce, an EBCI tribal member and senior at Swain County High School, signed a letter of intent on Friday, April 6 to play football next year at Emory & Henry College.

“We praise his level of commitment that it takes to do the things to get to the next level,” Neil Blankenship, Swain County head football coach, said during Friday’s signing. “The biggest day is when they get through and graduate at the next level. I would like to congratulate Brier and his family on going to the next level at Emory & Henry.”

Younce finished his career as a Maroon Devil with 66 total receptions for 1,208 yards and 14 TDs. This past season, he led the team with 35 receptions for 729 yards and 8 TDs. In addition, this past season he also returned 6 punts for 59 yards and had 5 interceptions including one he returned for a touchdown.

“I think it’s really exciting,” said Younce on going to play college football. “There’s not many people



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CUTLINE: Flanked by his family, Brier Younce (second from left), an EBCI tribal member and senior at Swain County High School, signs a letter of intent on Friday, April 6 to play football next year at Emory & Henry College in Virginia.

who have the opportunity to go and play at the next level.”

He plans to study either mechanical or electrical engineering at Emory & Henry.

“I’m super proud,” said Amanda Younce, Brier’s mother. “He’s worked hard and he deserves it.”

When asked how long he’s dreamt of playing college football,

she said, “Since he was a pee wee.”

Emory & Henry College, located in Emory, Va., is a Division III school and competes in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

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Arkansas accepted to Yale, Stanford

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Nolan Arkansas, an EBCI tribal member and senior at Cherokee High School, has been accepted to two of the most prestigious universities in the country. Now, he just has to decide whether to attend Yale University in New Haven, Conn. or Stanford University in California.

He was at his brother's basketball game when he checked his email and found out that he'd been accepted to Yale which has a 6 percent acceptance rate according to U.S. News and World Report. "I was so in shock that I didn't really know how to feel so I didn't get happy, I didn't get emotional. I just said, 'hey, I just got into Yale'. I looked at my mom and she was crying because she was happy."

A similar situation occurred last Friday when he found out that he'd been accepted to Stanford who has an even lower 5 percent acceptance rate per U.S. News and World Report. He was scooping ice cream at his job and he took a break and checked his email and found out. "Again, I was just so shocked that I didn't know how to feel so I just went



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SCHOLAR: Nolan Arkansas, an EBCI tribal member and senior at Cherokee High School, has been accepted to both Yale and Stanford universities.

back to making ice cream."

Arkansas said he hasn't made an official decision yet, but he's leaning towards Yale.

While he is close to a decision on the school, he hasn't decided yet what he will study. "I'm interested in lots of things. I like to write short stories and poems, but I'm also really interested in working with the Cherokee language. One of the things I like about Yale is that it has one of the biggest archives of Cherokee language manuscripts. So, if I go there, I will be able to study Cherokee linguistics and then come back and help with language and cultural revitalization."

Yale and Stanford weren't always on Arkansas' radar. "My first three years of high school, I was thinking that I would probably end up at UNC – Chapel Hill or the University of Tennessee. But, in my junior year, I applied to a program called LEDA (Leadership Enterprise for a Diverse America), and that was a program for students who are from unique socio-economic backgrounds all across the country and it was hosted on the campus of Princeton University."

While in the seven-week long program, Arkansas had the opportunity to visit the campus of Yale and also meet

with representatives from Stanford. He was also recently featured in a Washington Post article (https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/invisible-no-more-how-advising-programs-are-finding-new-talent-for-top-colleges/2018/03/27/4f5e-c1a8-1b10-11e8-9de1-147dd2df3829_story.html?utm_term=.bce5276cb5d7) about programs such as LEDA.

This summer, prior to starting his college career, he will represent the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians on this year's Remember the Removal bike ride to Oklahoma. Previously, he told the One Feather, "There's been such

a need, especially lately, for the community to get back in touch with both their culture and their history. And, I felt that I should be a person to sort of propagate that and try to help out. I feel that the bike ride is one of the first steps I need to take in getting back into both the culture and history."

When asked what advice he would give to eighth or ninth grade students wishing to gain acceptance into a top tier university, Arkansas commented, "Get involved with things that you're passionate about. Make sure that you don't have lots of days where you're sitting at home doing nothing. You want to make sure that you're always involved in these extracurricular activities – these things that you can about and want to make better."

He added, "Obviously, you have to have good grades all through high school, but it doesn't stop there. Good grades are not the only thing that matters. You have to be taking all of the honors classes and the AP classes that your school offers. You want to show colleges that you have a tough schedule and you're managing it well."

Community Garden Kits distributed

This year's community garden kit giveaway landed on the start of a beautiful spring day. The EBCI Cooperative Extension Office hosted the 15th Annual Cherokee Community Garden Kit Giveaway on Monday, April 2 beginning at Tsali Manor. This year's kit was composed of a set of strawberry crowns, white onion bulbs, North Georgia candy roaster seed, peaches and cream corn seed, southern giant curled mustard seed, early prolific straightneck yellow squash seed, mammoth sunflower seed, October bean, moon and stars watermelon seed, creasy greens seed, and turkey craw pole bean seed.

The kit was furnished through Long Family Farm and Gallery, a local business operated by Harold and Nancy Long. Several seed packets were grown by the Longs, which include candy roaster, squash, sunflower, turkey craw pole bean, October bean, and watermelon seed.

"It is a pleasure of this Tribe to support and partner with an enrolled member to contract for this supplies in the kit," said Joey Owle, EBCI Secretary of Agriculture. "The Longs package the seed by hand and were present at each distribution location to support our communities."

Cooperative Extension



Photos courtesy of EBCI Cooperative Extension

GARDENS: Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed (left) and his wife, Trina (right), speak with Nancy and Harold Long during the 15th Annual Cherokee Community Garden Kit Giveaway at the Yellowhill basketball court on the afternoon of Monday, April 2. The kits were furnished through Long Family Farm and Gallery, a local business operated by the Longs.

finished out the distribution in Cherokee County at the John Welch Senior Center in Cherokee County and Jacob Cornsilk Complex in Snowbird on Wednesday, April 4.

If you have not picked up your kit, Cooperative Extension will continue distribution at the Cooperative Extension Office on Acquoni Rd. through Friday, April 13. Due to the strawberry crowns being distributed bare root, it is unlikely that any will be available after April 6 because they need to be planted soon!

- EBCI Cooperative Extension



KITS: Garden kits are distributed at Tsali Manor on the morning of Monday, April 2.



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New Kituwah Pow Wow held at WCU



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SOCIAL: Ogana Swimmer, a student at New Kituwah Academy, leads the Cherokee Bullfrog Dance during the New Kituwah Pow Wow which was held at Western Carolina University on the morning of Wednesday, April 4. The event began with Cherokee social dances and was followed by pow wow dances. Swimmer performed the grass dance during the pow wow portion of the program.



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JINGLIN': Morgan Hernandez dances an intertribal song in her jingle dress.

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event held in Cherokee



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WALK: A Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event was held in Cherokee on the morning of Friday, April 6 as part of the International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault, and Gender Violence. The walk began at the Cherokee Youth Center and ended at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Kevin Primo, EBCI Human Resources Dept. and Cherokee High School head soccer coach, walks in heels as his wife, Shannon Swimmer (left), Cherokee Tribal Court Judge, looks on.



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LIGHTHEARTED: While bringing light to an important issue, the mood on the walk was fun as Darius Thompson (left) and Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed (foreground right) have a laugh.



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Tribal members attend AISES Leadership Summit

ALPINE, Calif. - Since 1977, the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) has worked to substantially increase American Indian and Alaska Native representation in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields — as students, professionals, mentors, and leaders.

The 2018 AISES Leadership Summit held recently in Alpine, Calif. included representatives from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians including: Michael Thompson, Kayla Johnson, Shana Lambert, Tonya Carroll, Tara McCoy, Savannah Hicks, and Cherokee Nation member Alicia Jacobs.

Jacobs, Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program leadership specialist and AISES Board of Directors said, “Attending the AISES Leadership Summit provides EBCI professionals and students with unsurmountable opportunities and guidance in the STEM fields creating an impact on local workforce development.”

Hicks, Carroll, McCoy, and Jacobs conducted a leadership presentation “Defining, Developing, and Driving Towards the Future: The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian’s Approach to Leadership and Community Development” which focused on the Tribe’s holistic and



Photo by Michael Thompson

LEADERSHIP: The 2018 AISES Leadership Summit held recently in Alpine, Calif. included representatives from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians including (left-right) - Savannah Hicks, Tonya Carroll, Tara McCoy, Kayla Johnson, and Alicia Jacobs. (Not pictured are Shana Lambert and Michael Thompson).

multi-generational approach to leadership development within their tribal community, through the work of the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute.

Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program Fellow Kayla Johnson attended as the AISES Region 7 Representative serving in a capacity that strengthens this region and representation of the EBCI.

Hicks, Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program mentor, said, “The AISES Leadership Summit provides an opportunity to learn

from other professionals in STEM fields along with allowing me to share the work I am doing here in the Eastern Band community to support our students. I appreciate the opportunity to continue learning leadership skills and how to apply them in my community.”

Thompson noted, “It was a pretty cool conference. A lot of educated natives in one place and, of course, a lot of joking around. The sessions I attended were interesting but only lasted about an hour. There were a couple I could’ve

stayed in all day. This was my first time visiting an AISES event and it would be nice to go to another at some point.”

Lambert, a Jones-Bowman Fellow, said, “After attending many sessions throughout the course of the Summit, I feel that my understanding of leadership and my ability to apply leadership skills to my life have been strengthened. The cultural components of several of the sessions made the lessons I learned especially applicable to my practice as a future nurse.”

Jacobs, a Jones-Bowman leadership specialist, said, “It is an honor and privilege to continue building the relationship between the EBCI community and the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute programs with national organizations such as AISES. Providing leadership opportunities and growth for EBCI native youth is my passion and when our students are being recognized on a national level it is very exciting.”

Attending the AISES Leadership Summit was made possible through funding from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation for the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute, a department of the Cherokee Boys Club.

- Alicia Jacobs,

Jones-Bowman Leadership Specialist

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Grow a Row looking for participants

Grow a Row, a giving and learning garden project sponsored by the Office of the Principal Chief and Legend Weaver Studios, is looking for individuals, youth groups, churches, community clubs, etc. to plant, harvest, and donate the bounty of a garden to those in need. Groups will work with their peers to make a difference in their community while learning gardening basics and the importance of community service. Groups are welcome to participate at any stage in the Grow a Row project from garden planning and planting to harvesting and donating to local participating agencies.

To commit to the project, email legendweaverstudios@gmail.com or check out the group's Facebook page. Participating groups or individuals will sign a Group Commitment or Agreement outlining involvement and time commitment.

Info: Cherokee Grow a Row Facebook page or Spring Garden Fair Facebook page

- Cherokee Grow a Row

EBCI alcohol referendum information

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

21 at 4pm. Info: Board of Elections 359-6361

- EBCI Board of Elections

Eastern Band Community Foundation announces Bill Taylor Scholarship

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

Awards are based on students meeting various eligibility requirements detailed on the NCCF website www.nccommunityfoundation.org. Applications can also be downloaded on this site under "Qualla Reservation". For further information contact Norma Moss at normahmoss@gmail.com

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

- Eastern Band Community Foundation

New Opportunity School for Women at Lees-McRae College now accepting applications

BANNER ELK — The New Opportunity School for Women at Lees-McRae College will kick off its 14th year during the summer session June 10–30. Registration for the session is now open.

The program's mission is to improve the educational, financial and personal circumstances of low-income women who live in or

hail from the Southern Appalachian region.

The three-week residential session includes instruction in creative writing, public speaking, interviewing and Appalachian literature. Experienced volunteer instructors also teach basic accounting, computer and resume writing skills and how to navigate the college application process. Internships in the local community provide the opportunity to explore career paths. Women participating in the program attend cultural events, such as concerts, theatre productions, and a series of lectures related to local Appalachian culture. There is no cost to the students attending this program. Assistance with childcare costs and travel costs are available. Applicants should have or be working toward a GED or high school diploma, be of low-income and have an interest in a new career and/or higher education.

Founded in 1987 in Berea, Ky., the New Opportunity School for Women opened an expansion site at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk in 2005. The program at Lees-McRae has now graduated more than 130 women.

Info: NOSW Director, Jennie Harpold, (828) 898-8905 or harpoldj@lmc.edu.

- Lees-McRae College

Right Path Adult Leadership Program accepting nominations

The Right Path Adult Leadership Program (RP) is accepting nominations for participation in the 2018-19 program. This program is for enrolled tribal members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (CN), and the United

Kituwah Band (UKB). Participants will learn Cherokee history and culture, and to develop leadership competencies. Participants will meet two days per month, for 12 months, and will engage in case study work, classroom lectures, and experiential learning.

Candidates must be age 18 and over, have a high school diploma or GED. Knowledge of Cherokee culture and/or experience in a professional environment is a plus.

Deadline for submission: Letters of nomination will be accepted by mail, email, or in-person delivery, June 22 by 5pm, to the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute located at the Cherokee Boys Club on, Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC, Attention, Tara McCoy, Right Path:

- Mail: Attention: Tara McCoy P.O. Box 507 Cherokee, NC 28719. Must be postmarked on or before June 22, 2018.

- Email: taramcc@nc-chokeee.com

- In-person delivery: Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute at Cherokee Boys Club at 134 Boys Club Loop off of Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719 (across from the CBC Garage)

The Right Path Adult Leadership Program is a culturally-based leadership program under the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute. The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute is a department of the Cherokee Boys Club and is funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. For more information, please contact Tara McCoy, Right Path Leadership Specialist at 828-359-5542 or taramcc@nc-chokeee.com.

- Right Path

Adult Leadership Program

Cherokee High School Honor Rolls – 3rd Quarter

9th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Braylon Arch, Rhyen Ghirty, Da'quan Jumper, Hayley Kever, Kalista Luther, Mattie Maney, Destiny Mills, Rocky Peebles, Adam Reed, Rosa Reyes, Daniel Thompson, Deante Toineeta, Trent Wolfe, Shalyn Barker

Alpha Honor Roll: Anthony Allison, Judson Bradley, David Bushyhead, Eeyannah Catolster-Sexton, Maya Cruz, Ayden Evans, Dreyton Long, David Maney, Shashoni Panther, Caden Pheasant, Elizabeth Reyes, Maria Reyes, Abbigail Space, Felicity Watty, Rashonda Wolfe

Beta Honor Roll: Justus Armachain, Sullivan Beckman, Darius

Bigwitch, Samantha Cole, James Davis, Jonathan Frady, Marcela Garcia, Dawson George, Ryanne Junaluska, Jiah Lossiah, Richard Mata, Serbando Mata, Shania Mathis, Christina Saunooke, Isaac Saunooke, Braden Taylor, Zayne Taylor-Hernandez, Derek Thomas, Zoey Walkingstick, Kayleigh Wolfe

10th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Raylen Bark, Tierney Bradley, Christopher Gammon, David Hartbarger, Destyni Johnson, Mykel Lossiah, Breanna Mangold, Brandon Wolfe

Alpha Honor Roll: Destiny Hernhisel, Taylin Bowman, Maiya Davis, Toby Johns, Acecia Lambert, Alexa Ledford, Tyler Ledford, William Pheasant, Bessie Swayney

Beta Honor Roll: Jeffrey Bradley, Bobby Crowe, Aiyana Cruz, Jacob

Griffin, Kimberly Hendrix, Braimes Jim, Michael Kalonaheskie, Dalericka King, Shalina Little, Brian Littlejohn-Bigmeat, Lauren Luther, Cade Mintz, Jacob Norton, Hallah Panther, Cameron Reed, Samantha Salazar, Sterling Santa Maria, Daryn Smoker, Staci Spicer, Bessie Swayney, Jake Wiggins

11th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Jimiqua Driver, Joaquin Layno, Terence Ledford, Jarron Lossiah, Juanita Paz-Chalacha, Shirley Peebles, Blake Smith, Jacee Smith, Emma Stamper

Alpha Honor Roll: Annie Durant, Danicka Huskey, Dustin Pheasant, Niobie Redus, Seth Smith, Malakai Tooni, Derek Torres, Jamie Lossiah

Beta Honor Roll: Logan Blankenship, Jayden Crowe, Joshua French, Joshua Girty, Jerod Honwyte, Darius Lambert, Josiah Lossiah, Tihjah Lossiah, Brianna Murphy, Bekah Panther, Samuel Sneed, Lataya Taylor, Tori Teesateskie, Alyssa

Tramper, Tiffany Walkingstick, Amaris Watty, Jaia Watty, James Wolfe

12th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Simone Blake, Marley Bradley, Matthew Climbingbear, Josilynn Driver, Rick-ey Evans, Brennen Foerst, Nathan Gaddis, Scarlett Guy, Gabriella Milholen, Robin Reed, Gavin Squirrel, Natasha Walk, John Watty, Tsali Welch, Shannon Wolfe, Shelby Wolfe

Alpha Honor Roll: Nolan Arkansas, Antonio Bernhisel, Oshaunacee Brady, Timiyah Brown, Jesse Crowe, Jerome Thompson

Beta Honor Roll: Jonah Bernhisel, Carrie Conseen, Damian Esquibel, Samuel Esquivel, Latika French, Jordan Grant, Shane Holbrook, Shawn Larch, Tye Mintz, Courtney Owle, Lidia Ramirez, Breece Saunooke, CeAnna Saunooke, Kyra Sneed, Seth Sneed, Daniel Tramper, Anya Walsh

- Cherokee High School

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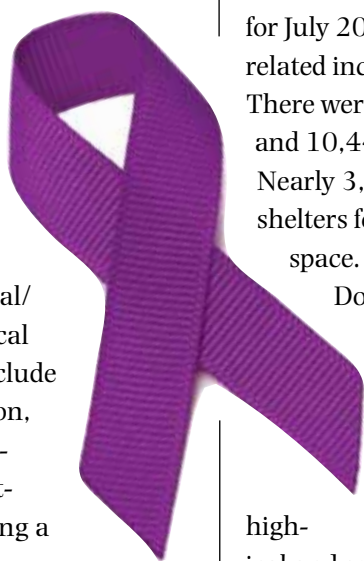
BUSINESS: James Panther, Carolina Vasquez, and Isaiah Chekelee received their Cherokee Business Training certificates on Friday, April 13 from Sabrina Arch (right), EBCI Enterprise Development.

Facts and stats about domestic violence

Domestic Violence is unacceptable and should not be taken lightly. Legal definitions of domestic violence vary, but it is characterized by a pattern of abusive behavior involving power and control. The Cherokee Code provides relief through criminal charges or a civil no contact order for individuals who have experienced physical or emotional abuse by an intimate partner or household member.

Domestic violence can be physical abuse or sexual abuse, but may also take the form of emotional abuse, financial/economic abuse, and psychological abuse. Abusive behaviors can include but are not limited to: intimidation, manipulation, humiliation, isolation, terrorizing, coercion, threatening, blaming, or physically injuring a person or animal.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV), an average of twenty (20) people are physically abused by an intimate partner every minute in the United States. This equates to more than 10 million abuse victims yearly. Every nine seconds a woman is beaten or assaulted. Intimate part-



ner violence is responsible for 15 percent of all violent crime and 19 percent of intimate partner violence involves a weapon. The presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500 percent.

The North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement published a statistical report for July 2016- June 2017 on Domestic Violence related incidents occurring in North Carolina. There were 99,164 crisis hotline calls answered and 10,440 victims received shelter services. Nearly 3,900 victims were referred to other shelters for lack of resources and available space. Services provided by North Carolina

Domestic Violence Agencies include: information, advocacy, job counseling, job training, financial and health education.

American Indians and Alaskan Native women are at a significantly higher risk for domestic violence, physical and sexual assault, and murder. According to a study from the National Institute of Justice, approximately 84 percent of American Indian and Alaskan Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime including 66 percent who have been victims of psychological abuse. Fifty-nine (59) percent of Native women report being in relationships with non- Native men and

approximately two-thirds of Native women who are sexually assaulted are attacked by non-Native men. The rate of interracial violence experienced by American Indians and Alaskan Natives is far higher than the rate experienced by African American or Caucasian victims.

Until the expanded version of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA) passed in 2013, tribal courts in the 567 federally recognized Native American tribes across the country did not have jurisdiction over non-Native offenders. Simply put, these non- Native offenders were essentially granted immunity for their crimes. Currently, some tribes, including the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, that meet due process requirements have been granted jurisdiction over non- Natives who commit violence against women on tribal lands.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, have questions or need assistance there is help available 24/7. Call the EBCI Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program Walkingstick Shelter 359-6830 or the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).

- EBCI Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program

EBCI WIC Program discusses pecans

April is National Pecan Month, which means it's time to learn a little more about pecans. According to ilovepecans.org, the United States produces about 80 percent of the world's pecan crop, and the pecan capital of the country is Albany, Ga. Since 2012, the American Heart Association has certified select pecan halves and pieces as a heart healthy food.

Here are some nutrition facts about pecans:

- they contain 19 vitamins and minerals in 1 serving
- 1 ounce provides 10 percent of the recommended Daily Value for fiber
- they are a natural, high-quality source of pro-

tein that contain very few carbohydrates and no cholesterol

- they are naturally sodium-free making them an excellent choice for those on a salt or sodium-reduced diet.

For a snack, grab a serving (about 20 pieces) of pecans this month to celebrate and/or take a drive to the pecan capital because it's only about a six-hour drive from Cherokee.

- EBCI WIC Program

Cherokee turkey hunting season

Cherokee's spring turkey hunting season is open April 14 - May 19. You are invited to participate as a field reporter and submit turkey harvest data to the EBCI Natural Resources

program. This information is important to help the department maintain a healthy turkey population on Cherokee lands. Call 359-6109 after a turkey is harvested with some or all of the following information: location and date of kill, number of days hunted to kill the bird, turkey's approximate age (adult or juvenile), turkey's spur length, and turkey's beard length.

- EBCI Natural Resources program

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EBCI VETERANS

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Warren Dupree 508-2657
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OBITUARY

Theresa Arch Rattler

Theresa Arch Rattler, 73, of Wrights Creek in Cherokee, passed away Saturday, March 31, 2018 at her residence.

Theresa (aka Nan) was a loving mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend. She loved to cook, do her bead work, sew, and crochet but most of all playing bingo. Nan always welcomed everyone with open arms and no one ever left her house hungry. Although she is no longer with us and no longer in any pain, she will be deeply missed, always. She was a member of the Cherokee Wesleyan Church.

She is survived by her husband, Walter Rattler; daughter, Dawn and husband Dave Jumper; step-daughters, Debora and Loretta; grand-daughters, Clareece Rattler, Karina Squirell, Brionna Jumper, Brianna

Lambert, and Ness and husband Frank John; very special great grandsons, Zaynon, Andre, Liam, and Benny; special nieces, Jessica Maney and sons; Arlene Squirrel and family; special nephews, Booger Arch and Horace Arch; special friends, The Golden Girls Mary Oocumma and Mary Jumper, Bo Crowe, Tiff Panther, G-Pa Poke, and Daniel Carrol. Theresa was preceded in death by her brothers, Bud Arch, Charles, Frederick, Clayton, Trean, and George Craig; and sisters, Sis, Belle, Vang, and Pauline.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 4 at the Cherokee United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at the Rattler Cemetery on Wrights Creek. Pallbearers will be among family and friends. Long House Funeral Home assisted the Rattler family.



WCU STUDENT PROFILE

Marcie Blythe is an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Sylva, NC. She is pursuing a Bachelors in Nursing at WCU. She is currently pursuing her dream job of becoming a ER Nurse and plans to continue working in Cherokee to help take care of the community.

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Freedom of speech takes a step backward

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The cause of a free and open press took a hit last week, albeit a symbolic one, in the Tribal Council Chambers on Thursday, April 5. A member of the press, Holly Kays from The Smoky Mountain News, was directed to leave the Council Chambers at the direction of the Tribal Council. She was removed following a vote of 11 Council members to one to ban any media except for the Cherokee One Feather from the Tribal Council chambers during sessions.

We do not have confirmation on exactly what happened to precipitate this action by the Tribal Council. The move was made by Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke and while she did not discuss the reason at the time she made her move, she did provide some insight during the Budget Council session held on Tuesday, April 3. She addressed the issue during the Principal Chief's report, "I know that there is freedom of the press and freedom of speech and all of that, but Tribal Council, I am going to ask you to ask Holly not to enter these chambers, because she called me the other day and said can I quote you and I said 'no, don't make me look ignorant', because she had a different quote from what I had said, but she did anyway...The Smoky Mountain News is not quoting us right, so I am going to ask Tribal Council to ask her to step out. That would be my suggestion."

On Thursday, the move was to remove all media except for the "Cherokee press". Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha clarified the move to state Cherokee One Feather.

The action is primarily symbolic. Kays was in Chambers at the time of the vote and Chairman Wachacha immediately directed her to leave the Chambers, but not the building, and told her that it was fine for her to sit in the lobby of the Council House. Even if the order had been to remove her from the building, she may watch Tribal Council sessions via Internet livestream or the government channel on Cherokee Cablevision.

One thing that should concern us about a member of the press being removed from the

Chambers is that there was no due process. Kays was not given any opportunity to defend her alleged actions.

Rep. Saunooke is a highly respected leader and member of our community, and she is known for her integrity in office. And, while there is no reason to doubt her words on April 3, and non-Native people do not have standing in our Tribal functions, unless they are granted by our leadership, to summarily banish anyone from the Chambers is an act that gives us pause. Regardless of what we may think of Holly Kays and/or The Smoky Mountain News, many of our people read their articles and are documented in their pages. Tribal Council should have given her the opportunity to at least comment, explain, or defend herself, prior to removing her from the Chambers.

The vote taken was a broad-brush action that literally bans all media except for the Cherokee One Feather from the Chambers during Tribal Council sessions. If the grievance was with the reporting of Kays and The Smoky Mountain News, then why ban all media outlets? One of the responsibilities of the press is to document and hold government accountable. The press is held accountable by our fellow media and journalists.

We think this action sends a message that should be concerning to anyone interested in a free press. While the Cherokee One Feather strives to provide unbiased news free of political influence, we will forever be perceived as being swayed by the government because we are a tribal program. Even if the elected officials maintain a communications distance from us, our laws are not strong enough to prevent manipulation of the Cherokee One Feather, should they choose to do so.

We push ever forward to secure protections under the law that will provide the community a truly free press, but, in the meantime, outside media provide the valuable service of assisting the One Feather in the documentation of tribal history. News media is often referred to as the "first draft" of history. And to document history accurately, we want as many scribes reporting it as possible.

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Cultural appropriation and commercialism

WILLIAM LEDFORD

I want to start this edition with my best wishes to the family of Dr. Wolfe who has walked on. He was a Cherokee National treasure. It behooves us to understand that he came from a time when we as a people were on the way out, the “Vanishing Race” as they called us then, but Dr. Wolfe never lost his language nor his history nor his culture and throughout his life passed those down to enrich our little ones. We have to honor his spirit and continue to enrich our young ones. Thank you Dr. Wolfe for everything.

Now, back to the fun and games. There’s never a dull moment anymore, anywhere, something is always happening, all of the drama is wearing me out. They’re playing odd man out at the White House. The odd man just won’t leave so everyone else seems to be going. Who’s next? I’ve lost track.

Survivors of the shootings at Parkland High School in Florida and kids across the country decided they’ve had enough and demanded changes in existing gun laws. The GOP elected reps decided that doing nothing was fine, so that’s what they’ve done. President Trump derided them by saying they shouldn’t be afraid of the NRA and proposed actual changes. Then the NRA came to visit, Trump was whistling another tune after they left. Nothing is to be done, except for bump stocks being banned.

I am going to assume that a few people on the Rez are members of the NRA. It only makes sense be-

cause there are actual Washington (insert racist slur here) fans on the Rez. I’m also positive that the folks from the neighboring towns that fly flags on their Ford trucks are. And, I will proudly state here and now, I am not. I’m not anti-gun by any stretch of anyone’s imagination because I grew up with guns. But, I don’t need to join a little club to own a gun. And, though they may get the little boy, or girl, in all of us excited, nobody needs an assault rifle. Oh, we want one but we don’t need one. Difference.

President Donald J. Trump actually said that if he’d been in Florida during the killings he’d probably have run into to the school, armed or not. I’ve seen him freak out over an eagle, a sudden sound startled him badly at a rally in Albuquerque, and he had five deferments including one for bone spurs to avoid serving in Vietnam so yeah... no he wouldn’t have.

The NRA talking heads and your GOP Congress-hacks all divert any discussions about again banning AR type weapons toward a standard line about “taking away our guns”. It’s all pure horse crap, and I call BS. Nobody is talking about “taking away” hunting rifles, shotguns, handguns. The White House talking point now is a mental health restriction with teeth to prevent nutjobs from having a dangerous weapon. I think it’s kinda sad funny that Trump already signed an executive order dissolving Obama’s order regarding these restrictions to mental defectives buying guns. He does put on such a sad face when making speeches about the thing he ordered gone.

Under the proposed mental health restriction, Trump would not pass that evaluation.

I have a dilemma, coupled with an enigma, wrapped around a conundrum, but it’s strictly personal. I applaud the two home-girls branching into the business of beer making because Native women becoming business owners is something that I support. But, at the same time, I don’t support the cultural appropriation and commercialization for their business or wares any more than if it was an outsider using our traditions and history to sell stuff. As for the business, many names that represent the area come to mind, none being Seven Clans Brewing with Mother Town Blonde Ale being the first offering. Another name, any other name comes to mind. Maybe Oconaluftee Craft Brewery or something like that. And, the beer, also another name - maybe Sequoyah Blonde, Junaluska Stout, Yonaguska Summer Ale, Trail of Tears Dark, Boudinot Bitter or Tsali Pale Ale were all taken?

But, herein lies the dilemma and the realization, our Cherokee culture is ours, it’s not mine to restrict and it belongs to all Cherokee, whether we agree on its blatant commercialization or not. I figure considering with all of the names used by the craft shops downtown we might be kinda used to it by now. But, I will say this, if anybody asks me about it I’ll say I don’t know anything about them, they must be from Oklahoma. *Ledford is an EBCI tribal member currently residing in Albuquerque, NM.*

Thank you youth for courteous treatment

Several months ago, I had surgery on my knee and during that time I was debilitated, it was necessary for me to use a walker. Being an avid sports fan, I started attending basketball events at the high school as soon as I could. It was during this time that I was the recipient of compassion and respect shown to me by many students, and I want to acknowledge the care shown to me.

Every time I attended a game, there would be a student who noticed me and would come to my aid, either to open and hold a door, help me in the elevator or offer to bring me coffee. I was so impressed with the care these students showed me and want to acknowledge them somehow.

Currently, we hear so many negative comments about our youth, and I want to say that I have hope in them. Whoever has been an influence on them, whether as a teacher, support staff, parent, grandparent, or public role model, is to be commended for their efforts. Remember that there is a youngster being affected and is internalizing your teachings.

Thank you for what you are giving to our young people...to care and respect their elders.

Sincerely,

Sylvester Crowe
Yellowhill Community

Benefits/Fundraisers

Frybread Fundraiser. April 12 from 10:30am – 2pm at Yellowhill Activity Building. Nikki's Frybread will be serving with proceeds going to help offset travel costs for the people going to the London New Year's Day Parade with the Warriors of Anikituwah. To pre-order, Nikki (865) 599-9987, Stephanie Maney 508-3697

Cultural Events

Symposium commemorating the Cherokee Removal. April 11 from 8am – 4:30pm at Western Carolina University Center Grand Room. The symposium is entitled "Cherokee Challenges & Tribulations: Exploring Scholarship, Memory, & Commemoration" and will commemorate the Cherokee Removal and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the National Trails System Act. This event, which is free and open to the public, is hosted by Western Carolina University, WCU College of Arts and Sciences,

WCU Dept. of History, National Trail of Tears Association, and the North Carolina Trail of Tears Association. Speakers include: Jack Baker, Mike Wrenn, Dr. Ben Steere, Dr. Brett Riggs, and more. Info: Dr. Susan Abram (828) 227-2735, smabram@wcu.edu; Dr. Anne Rogers (828) 349-1341, rogers@wcu.edu

Cherokee Stamped Pottery Workshop.

April 20-21 from 9am - 4pm at Art Studio of the Ken Blankenship Education and Research Wing of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Tammy Beane, of Collinsville, Ala., will teach how to make traditional Cherokee stamped pottery. The cost for the two-day workshop is \$25 for EBCI tribal members. The workshop will cover the history of stamped pottery, and participants will learn to make large bowls that are hand-coiled and stamped. For information and to register: Museum of the Cherokee Indian 497-3481, ext. 1000, or you can sign up in person at

the Museum store

Cherokee Heritage Day. April 21 from 10am – 4pm at Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Blowgun (weather depending), woodpecker shell carving, feather capes to view, kid's games, GIS story map of historical events from 1700-1840 by Lamar Marshall (1pm), storytelling (2pm), music and dance (3pm). Info: 497-3481

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

Cherokee Syllabary and Intro to Cherokee Class. Every Monday and Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm at the 3200 Acre Tract Community Center at 1000 Old Bryson City Road in

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WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

APRIL 9-15, 2018

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckaseigee River	Stocking April 3, 2018	Mid-day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout	BWO, Midges, Black Stone Flies, Quill Gordons, Black Caddis	Frenchies, Girdle Bugs, Egg Patterns, Woolly Buggers, Copper John's, Hare's Ear, Pheasant Tail
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	N/A	Mid-day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	BWO, Black Stoneflies, Quill Gordons	BWO, Girdle Bugs, Woolly Buggers, Zebra midges, Frenchies, Golden Stones, Hare's Ear, Pheasant Tail
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Follow posted regulations-wild trout	Mid-day	Rainbow, Brown, and Brook Trout	BWO, Black Stoneflies, Midges, Quill Gorgon	Woolly Bugger, Girdle Bugs, Blue Wing Olive, Zebra midges, Frenchies, Golden Stones, Hare's Ear, Pheasant Tail

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BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, APRIL 9	TUESDAY, APRIL 10	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11	THURSDAY, APRIL 12	FRIDAY, APRIL 13	SATURDAY, APRIL 14	SUNDAY, APRIL 15
AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	GOOD	BETTER	BEST
8:42 AM-10:42 AM 9:06 PM-11:06 PM	9:29 AM-11:29 AM 9:53 PM-11:53 PM	10:16 AM-12:16 PM 10:39 PM-12:39 PM	11:02 AM-1:02 PM 11:25 PM-1:25 AM	N/A 11:48 AM-1:48 PM	12:12 AM-2:12 AM 12:35 PM-2:35 PM	12:59 AM-2:59 AM 1:23 PM-3:23 PM

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Judges in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. By Roman reckoning, what time of day did Jesus meet the Samaritan woman at the well? *Daybreak, Noon, Mid-afternoon, Dusk*
 3. On the island of Patmos, to whom was the book of Revelation given? *John, Paul, Matthew, Luke*
 4. Who hid 100 prophets in two caves and supplied them food and water? *Solomon, Philemon, Obadiah, Hosea*
 5. On what day did God create the evening and the morning? *3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th*
 6. The Semites were descended from Shem, the son of whom? *Moses, Noah, Paul, Jacob*
- ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Noon; 3) John; 4) Obadiah; 5) 4th; 6) Noah
- Visit Wilson Casey's new Trivia Fan Site at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.
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Whittier. Everyone is welcome. Info: <https://www.facebook.com/3200-Acre-Tract-Community-Center-1589774257745245/>

General Events

Joy Harjo to participate in Visiting Writer Series at UNC Asheville. April 12 from 7-8:30pm at UNC Asheville's Lipinsky Hall Auditorium. Harjo, a member of the Mvskoke Nation, has won the William Carlos Williams Award from the Poetry Society of America and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Native Writers Circle of the Americas. This event, part of UNC Asheville's Visiting Writers Series and the American Indian and Indigenous Studies Series, is free and open to everyone. Info: (828) 251-6853, events@unca.edu

Indivisible Swain County NC meeting. April 16 at 6pm at Calhoun House Hotel at 135 Everett Street in Bryson City. Guest speaker will be a representative from Dr. Scott Donaldson who is a candidate for the House of Representatives in the May Democratic primary. All are welcome. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118

Kindergarten Registration for Swain County Schools. April 17 from 8am – 12pm at West Elementary and April 19 from 8am – 12pm at East Elementary. It is imperative to attend registration day as the number of expected students is used to calculate the number of needed teachers. Appointments for Kindergarten registration may be made by calling the school secretaries or Katrina Turbyfill 488-2110, kturbyfill@swain-mail.org

Community Meeting on Economic Development Goals and Project. April 17 from 5:30 – 7pm at Ginger Lynn Welch Complex Community Room. High-priority economic development projects being considered by the Division of Commerce will be discussed, and community members will be asked for their thoughts and comments. The final list of projects will become part of the 5-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Dinner will be served at 5pm. RSVP by Friday, April 13 so they can know how much food to order. To RSVP, visit:

<https://goo.gl/cDQPbi>. Info: Doug Cole, EBCI Tribal Planning Office, 359-6709, dougcole@nc-chokeee.com

Swain County Democratic Party meeting. April 17 at 6pm at Swain County Senior Center at 125 Brendle Street in Bryson City. Guest speaker will be Steve Woodsmall, Ph.D., candidate for House of Representatives in the May primary election. All are welcome. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118

Jackson County Democratic Party meeting. April 17 at 6:30pm at party headquarters at 500 Mills Street in Sylva. The meeting is open to all Democrats. Frank C. Burrell, chair of JCPD, will preside. Info: jacksondems.com

Kindergarten Information Night. April 19 from 5 – 6:30pm at Qualla Boundary Head Start and Early Head Start multi-purpose room. There will be booths with Kindergarten teachers from Cherokee, Smokey Mountain, and Swain East Elementary schools. Applications and school information will be available. Refreshments will be served.

Foster Care Recruitment Community Meeting. April 19 at 5:30pm at Family Safety office. Do you have questions about foster care? Questions will be answered and information distributed. Light snacks will be provided. Info: Sasha Sampson or Nicolas Squirrel at Family Safety 359-1520

Third Annual Spring Garden Fair. April 20-21 at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Friday from 12-6pm and Saturday from 9am – 2pm. Plants, seeds, yard art, tools, education. Sponsored by Office of the Principal Chief. The American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post 143 Auxiliary will host the Good Thyme Café. This event is free and open to the public. Info: legendweaverstudios@gmail.com

Cleaning Up the Mountains. April 21 from 9am – 12pm. This is a community litter sweep in conjunction with Jackson County Public Works. Materials, bags, safety vests, gloves, instructions, and road and community choices will be given

on April 14 at 1pm at the Jackson County Public Library Community Room. Volunteers and groups are needed to cover all secondary roads on April 21. Rain date – April 28 from 9am – 12pm. Info: Mike and Norma Clayton 506-9241

K-9 Public Demonstration. April 24 at 6pm at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. A public demonstration featuring working K-9 teams will be presented. The event is being co-sponsored by the EBCI Natural Resources Enforcement Department, the Cherokee Fire Department, and the American Police Canine Association.

Smokey Mountain Elementary Kindergarten registration. April 26 from 8:30am – 4:30pm at the school. Info: 497-5535

Kananesgi Pottery Festival. April 28 from 10am – 4pm at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Storytelling, vendors selling pottery, and presenters on Cherokee pottery. NAIWA will prepare food for sale. Admission is free.

2nd Annual Joey Parker Memorial Ride. April 28. This ride, for SxSs, ATVs, UTVs, and dirt bikes, will be held through the backcountry trails of the Qualla Boundary in memory of Joey Parker. Info: www.joeyparkermemorial.com

16th Multicultural Women's Development Conference. April 27-28 at Hinton Rural Life Center in Hayesville. Cost: \$95. Limited space, register online at: www.onedozenwhocare.org. Info: (828) 371-0363, 321-1000, or 361-8378, woodford@dnet.net

Cherokee Youth Center Fall Open Enrollment for Kindergarten. May 2 at 7:30am. The Center will take the first 25 kids to sign up. Children must be at least 5 years old and enrolled in Kindergarten. Info: Cherokee Youth Center 497-3119

Foster Care Classes begin. May 3 at 6pm. Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting classes. Info: Sasha Sampson or Nicolas Squirrel at Family Safety Program 359-1520

CES Kindergarten Registration Night. May

8 from 4 – 6 pm in the Cherokee Elementary School Lobby. Students must be 5 years of age by Aug. 31, 2018 to be eligible to enroll. Parents should provide the following: child's birth certificate, current physical/health assessment is required, up to date and complete immunization record, EBCI students must provide a copy of enrollment card, and non-EBCI enrolled students must provide social security cards and/or custody papers. All documents, along with a completed enrollment application, will be accepted starting at 4:30pm on May 8 after a brief Meet the Teachers orientation during Kindergarten Registration Night. Request for teachers will be taken in a date and time stamped order in which completed packets are turned in. Completed packets must

include all listed items above. Info: CES office 554-5020, Ahli-sha Stephens 554-5021, or Tina Cooper 554-5024.

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

Cherokee Customer Celebration. May 19 from 10am – 8pm and May 20 from 10am – 2pm at Cherokee Welcome Center. Local traditional artisans, food vendors, traditional dances, storytelling,

prizes, games, and music. Info: Cherokee Welcome Center 359-6490 or 6491

Remember the Removal Riders send-off ceremony. June 1 at 5pm at Kituwah Mound. Food catered by Granny's Kitchen.

Swain Arts Center Summer Arts Camp. June 18-21. Activities will include Cherokee storytelling, arts and crafts instruction from Cherokee artisans, and field trips to significant historical and cultural sites in Swain County. Spaces available for 25 students who have completed grades 3-5. The camp is funded in part by a grant from RT-CAR (Revitalization of Traditional Cherokee Artisan Resources) and the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. Registration will be open until May 19 or until the spaces are filled. There is a \$25 fee for the camp. To register, www.swain.k12.nc.us. Info: Rachel Lackey, Swain Arts Center director, 488-7843, rlackey@swainmail.org

myFutureNC Listening Session. July 12 from 2 – 5pm at Cherokee Central Schools. myFutureNC, a statewide education commission focusing on educational attainment for all North Carolinians, is holding a series of listening sessions to hear from communities about what they perceive as their region's economic strengths and identify the education opportunities that are most needed to capitalize on those strengths. This session will focus on Native perspective and will include Dr. Beverly Payne and Yona Wade from the Qualla Education Collaborative. Info and RSVP at: <https://www.myfuturenc.org/listening-sessions/>

Health and Sports Events

Archery at Big Y Gym. Each Tuesday at 6pm. All shooters are welcome. Deino and Allen, both certified instructors, will be assisting.

Autism Society of North Carolina free workshop. April 12 from 6 – 8pm at Snowbird Community Library near Robbinsville. The workshop is entitled "An Experiential Empathy Training: Understanding Unseen Disabilities". To register: Kathleen Dolbee, ASNC, autism resource specialist, 506-6788, kdolbee@autismsociety-nc.org or register online: www.autismsociety-nc.org

Healthy Spring Fair. April 19 from 8:30am – 2:30pm at Cherokee High School. Info: Yolanda Saunooke 359-6784, yolasaun@nc-cherokee.com

Cherokee Alzheimer's Support Group meeting. May 1 at 5:30pm at Tsali Manor. Develop a support system. Exchange practical information on caregiving challenges and possible solutions. Share feelings, needs, and concerns. Learn about community resources. Completely confidential. Info: 359-6860


Bike Rodeo. May 5 from 10am – 12pm at Beloved Women's and Children's Building. This is for ages 5-14. Helmets will be provided. Bike raffles. Info: Tsalagi Public Health 359-6240

Mother's Day 5K Trail Walk/Run. May 12 at Kituwah Mound. Registration from 7:30 – 8:30am. Walk/Run begins at 9am. Registration fee is \$15 for adults before April 29 and \$20 afterwards.


CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Dart and Kilo, 1-year old American shorthair male cats, live in the Big Cove Community with Tina, Taran, and Robert.



Is your pet your best friend? If you'd like to have your pet (whatever that may be) featured as the **Cherokee Pet of the Week**, send a high resolution photo, type and name of pet to: scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com, or message us at the One Feather Facebook page.

Registration is \$5 for kids 12 and under and elders 59+. Registration fee ensures shirt and medal. Proceeds will go towards Cherokee Children's Home. Online registration – runsignup.com. Info: Yolanda Saunooke 359-6784

Upcoming Pow Wows for April 13-15

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.

24th Annual University of Iowa Pow Wow & Round Dance.

April 13-14 at University of Iowa Field House in Iowa City, Iowa. Info: studorg-ui-nasa@uiowa.edu, <https://powwow.uiowa.edu/>

Flagstaff High School 38th Annual Pow Wow. April 13-14 at Flagstaff High School in Flagstaff, Ariz. MC: Rick Yazzie. Info: Darrell Marks (928) 773-8124, dmarks@fUSD1.org

25th Anniversary Sturgeon Feast & Celebration Pow Wow.

April 14 at Menominee Indian High School in Keshena, Wisc. Host Drum: Wolf River. Info: Jean Cox (715) 799-3757

Wisconsin Annual Spring Pow Wow. April 14 at Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisc. Info: Michael Williams (920) 445-1601, wunksheekuw@gmail.com

20th Annual Chumash Day Native American Pow Wow & Intertribal Gathering. April

14-15 at Malibu Bluffs Park in Malibu, Calif. Info: Adrianna Fiori (310) 456-2489 ext. 279 or (310) 317-1364, afiori@malibucity.org

29th Annual Woodlands & High Plains Traditional Pow Wow.

April 14 at Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse in Fargo, ND. MC: Mickey Hodges. Host Drum: Buffalo River. Info: Jered Pigeon (701) 231-7267, jered.pigeon@ndsu.edu

11th Annual Gathering of American Indian Veterans.

April 15 at Casino Del Sol Conference Center in Tuscon, Ariz. Info: Laura Ybarra (520) 792-1450, laura.ybarra@va.gov

Community Club Meetings
Big Y Community Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at

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

Big Cove Community Club

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

Birdtown Community Club

meets the last Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Community Building. Potluck starts at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6pm. Chairman: Stephan Watty, Vice Chairman: Kallup McCoy,



WCU ALUMNI PROFILE

Brandy Davis graduated from Western in 2010 with a Bachelor's in Clinical Laboratory Studies. She is from Cherokee, NC and is an enrolled Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians tribal member. Her first job after graduation was at Carolina Internal Medicine in Asheville. She is now a compliance officer at Public Health and Human Services. She is also currently enrolled in the Masters of Healthcare Administration program at A.T. Still University. She has 1 child, Sidney Crowe, with her husband Chester Crowe. When asked about sharing a memory from her time here at WCU she replied; "Being the oldest married kid in class."



Cherokee
Center

Treasurer: Deb Slee. Secretary: Sasha Watty. The community building is currently not available for rent.

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

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

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

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

Community Groups

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

Support Groups/Meetings

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

AA and NA meetings in

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

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

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

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

Safety WRAP: 9-10am
Strong Hearts Women's Group: 11am – 12pm
Healthy Boundaries: 1-2:30pm
Creative Writing: 2-3pm
**Family Support: 5-6pm
**Agape LGBT Group: 5:45-6:45pm
**HIV/AIDS/Hep C Support Group: (second and fourth Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm)

Thursdays

**Life Recovery: 8:30-9:30am
Connections (Brene' Brown): 10:30-11:45am

Finding Tohi (Peace/Balance): 1-2pm
Uncle Skills Men's Group: 3-4pm
Fridays
Creative Recovery: 9:30 am - 12pm
Cherokee Language and Culture: 1-2:30pm
Popcorn and a Movie: 2:30-4pm
Info: Analenisgi Recovery Center 497-6892.
Times and dates may be subject to change.

CIHA Bariatric Support Groups

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

Cherokee Cancer Support

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

EDITORIAL: One Feather against press ban, from page 19

We would like to thank the Tribal Council and Executive Office for their faith and confidence in us. They, and the readership, have been very supportive of our efforts. We

would ask the Council to reconsider the action taken on April 5, and rescind the banishment of outside media from the Council chambers. If there are issues with specific journalists or media outlets, and it is necessary to consider banning it, then the parties should be heard

in a fair hearing. Removing media and impeding the documentation of news is a matter of great consequence and should be handled as such.

We honor our elder stateswoman, Painttown Representative Tommye Saunooke, and we do not

condone any disrespect to her. We feel that there are different avenues to justice that would better serve the causes of accuracy in reporting and free press than the action taken on April 5.

Keep up with the news at:

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electric, three bedroom, septic in, dock, southern exposure, private. (828) 788-6879. 4/19pd

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SEEKING

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Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

- **Part-time Security** - High school diploma or GED required. Shift varies.
- **Cultural Program Coordinator** - Master's degree preferred; Bachelor's degree required in Business or office related field. Work experience in business office management organization and related technical skill areas. Must have experience with budgets and grant writing. Must be sociable when dealing with the community. Experience with Cherokee Language and Culture preferred.
- **School Psychologist** - Minimum requirement of a Master's Degree in psychology and have at least three year's experience working in a school setting. Must hold state license to practice school psychology.
- **Volleyball Coach** - Must have HS diploma or GED; and must have previous successful experience.
- **Middle School Special Education Teacher (Dreamcatchers-Autism Class)** - Must have valid NC Teaching license.
- **Middle/High School Special Education Teacher (Pathseekers)** - Must have valid NC Teaching license.

Applicants who have retired from EBCI or other affiliated entities must wait a period of 6 months before applying for employment. Applicants who have accepted the Early Retirement Incentive Plan (ERIP) from EBCI or affiliated entity must wait 3 years before applying for employment.

APPLY ONLINE at:
<https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/>
 or visit www.ccs-nc.org for more information.

CHEROKEE DAY OF CARING

EVENT DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 17TH 2018.





The Cherokee Day of Caring (CDC) Committee is currently taking nominations for projects now through the last day of February for this coming year's Day of Caring on Thursday, May 17th 2018. This day otherwise known as Ga-Du-Gi or "Free Labor", consists of volunteers from different organizations coming together to help tribal members improve their homes, yards, gardens and other buildings. Once nominations are received the CDC committee will assess nominations and select projects that can be completed within a six-hour window and that meet guideline specifications.

Nomination Criteria:

- Nominated person must be an EBCI enrolled tribal member
- Residence must be located in one of the ten EBCI communities



Please submit all nominations to:

DEB OWLE AT CHEROKEE PRESERVATION FOUNDATION
 Phone Contact: (828) 497-5550
 EMAIL: dowle@cherokeepreservation.org

"AS PEOPLE, WE'VE ALWAYS HELPED EACH OTHER. THAT'S HOW WE WERE RAISED."



Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements



Cherokee Boys Club P.O. Box 507
Cherokee, NC 28719

Full-Time Resident Counselor
(Cherokee Children's Home)
Until Filled

Part-Time Resident Counselors
(Cherokee Children's Home)
Until Filled

Residential Social Worker
(Cherokee Children's Home)
Open until filled

Training Technician(Schedule/Testing)
Oconaluftee Job Corps
Opens March 28, 2018; Closes April 11, 2018

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

The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory. Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate.

The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates or readvertise positions without notice.

Today

9:30 AM Pretend to arrive on time

10:00 AM Coffee break

11:30 AM Figure out a lunch spot

12:00 PM Lunch

1:30 PM File something

2:00 PM Staple something

3:30 PM Second lunch

4:30 PM Remove staples

5:00 PM File something else

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EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

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



POSITIONS OPEN

Please attach all required documents

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

Closing Friday, April 13, 2018

1. Education Tutor Grades 4-6 - Graham County Indian Education - Snow-bird/Cherokee County Services (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
2. Public Safety Communications Manager - Public Safety - Operations (L12 \$49,200 - \$61,500)
3. Assistant Education Coordinator - Emergency Medical Services - Operations (L9 \$37,474 - \$46,843)
4. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant - Kituwah Academy - CERS (L5 \$25,830 - \$32,288)
5. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant (Part-Time) - Kituwah Academy - CERS (L5 \$12.42 - \$15.52 per hour)

Closing Friday, April 20, 2018

1. Ground Maintenance (Multiple) - Public Works - Operations (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
2. Teacher - Qualla Boundary HS/EHS - PHHS (L7 \$31,078 - \$38,848)
3. Stock Clerk - Commodities - PHHS (L7 \$31,078 - \$38,848)
4. Disbursements Processor - Disbursements - Treasury (L6 \$28,372 - \$35,465)
5. Advertising Sales Coordinator - One Feather - Commerce (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
6. Special Events Assistant - Destination Marketing - Commerce (L6 \$28,372 - \$35,465)
7. Certified Nursing Assistant - Tribal In-Home Care Services - PHHS (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
8. Domestic Violence Intake Worker - DV Program - PHHS (L \$25,830 - \$32,288)
9. Victim Services Coordinator - Heart to Heart Child Advocacy Program - PHHS (L6 \$28,372 - \$35,465)
10. GIS Mapping Tech (Multiple) - GIS - Realty (L7 \$31,078 - \$38,848)
11. Survey Technician - Surveying - Realty (L6 \$28,372 - \$35,465)
12. GIS Web Application Developer - GIS - Realty (L12 \$49,200 - \$61,500)
13. GIS Land Record Clerk - Civil Law Department - Attorney General's Officer (L5 \$25,830 - \$32,288)
14. Destination Marketing Director - Destination Marketing - Commerce (L15 \$64,206 - \$80,258)

Open Positions

1. Paramedic Part-Time - EMS - Operations (\$16.40 - \$20.50 per hour)

Download Applications and Job Descriptions and Apply Online at:
www.ebci.com/jobs

EMPLOYMENT

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Residential Treatment Center Manager - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center

Optometrist

Pedodontist

PTR Registered Nurse - Snowbird

Residential Treatment Center

RN – Tsali Care Center (2 Positions)

Emergency Hire RN – Inpatient

Dental Assistant II

Dentist – Satellite Clinics Cherokee

County & Snowbird

Dentist

Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali
Care (11 Positions)

LPN – Tsali Care

LPN- Behavioral Health

RN MDS Coordinator – Tsali Care

To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions are open until filled. Indian preference does apply.

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Emergency Hire - Supply Warehouse
Technician

Supply Warehouse Technician

Payroll Officer

Kitchen Supervisor - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center

Clinical Staff Pharmacist

To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close April 12, 2018 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **4/12pd**

The EBCI Natural Resource Department is looking for an indi-

vidual to join our team as a paid intern for summer 2018. The ideal candidate has interest/experience working with underground storage tanks. Please email resumes and any questions to Derek Tahquette at: johntahq@nc-cherokee.com. **4/12pd**

Job Opening: Cherokee Friends-Cultural Specialist

The Museum of the Cherokee Indian is looking for one person for the Cherokee Friends program, April through November (part time hours). Cherokee Friends present programs to the public at the Museum and throughout the Cultural District, wearing historical clothing. Must have excellent skills for working with the public. Knowledge of Cherokee history and culture a plus, but will also be trained by the Museum. Job will include public speaking, cultural demonstrations, and walking through the Cultural District. Employment is dependent on passing a drug test and background check. Indian preference applies. Stop by the Museum Box Office for an application. **4/26pd**

Museum Now Taking Applications

The Museum of the Cherokee Indians is now taking applications for both Full-time and Part-Time Seasonal workers. Pick up an application at the Box Office, must be able to work weekends and pass drug test. **4/26pd**

Unto These Hills is seeking seasonal Top of House workers for the 2018 season. Seasonal positions available: Ushers, Concession, Box Office and Gift Shop Workers. Applications and job descriptions can be picked up at the Cherokee Historical Association's main office

located at 564 Tsali Blvd. Cherokee, NC across the street from the Museum. You can also visit our website cherokeeadventure.com and apply online. **4/19pd**

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Tribal Option MCO Director

To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close April 19, 2018 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **4/19pd**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
The Cherokee Court
Cherokee, North Carolina
**Estate File Nos.: EST 13-002; EST 11-023;
EST 11-006; EST 10-051;
EST 12-049; EST 12-053
In the Matter of the Estates of:
Mildred Messer Cisneros,
(d. 11-23-2012)
Clarence James Deck,
(d. 3-8-2011)
Arnulfo Luis Librado, Jr.,
(d. 12-11-2010)
Elsie Marie Johnson,
(d. 7-29-2010)
Margaret Ann Adams,
(d. 7-22-2012)
Beatrice Edith Maney Carver,
(d. 8-6-2012)**

All persons, firms, or corporations having outstanding claims or interest in these estates are hereby notified of a hearing to settle the above named estates at the following date and time or be barred from making any further claims against the estate.
EBCI Justice Center
April 26, 2018 at 1:30 PM

4/19pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-018

In the Matter of the Estate of Earl McMillan

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Christopher McMillan, 49 Vinson Drive, P.O. Box 684, Bryson City, NC 28713. **4/26pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-019

In the Matter of the Estate of Edna Locust Hornbuckle

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Lily Hornbuckle Bradley, 294 Johnson Bradley Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **4/26pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-017

In the Matter of the Estate of Christy Lou Wachacha

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Gail M. Wachacha, P.O. Box 1028,
86 Hilda Queen Road, Cherokee, NC
28719. **4/26pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-020
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Beverly Joyce Sprinkle**
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Lewis W. Sprinkle, 41 Boone Hill CT.,
Johnson City, TN 37615. **5/3pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-024
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Laury Kay Brady**
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.
Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Misty Brady-Buchanan, 95 Gene
Crowe Dr., P.O. Box 820, Cherokee,
NC 28719. **5/3pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-023

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Samuel Brady Jr.**

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Misty Brady-Buchanan, 95 Gene
Crowe Dr., P.O. Box 820, Cherokee,
NC 28719. **5/3pd**

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Request for Proposals

The EBCI Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program (DV/SA Program) seeks competitive proposals for a Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Counselor on a contractual basis. The DV/SA Program seeks a certified counselor with expertise in the fields of domestic violence and sexual assault to counsel its clients who are survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual assault

Qualifications include:

- Education: Licensed social worker or counselor in the state of North Carolina and have a minimum of a Master's Degree in one or more of the following fields: mental health counseling, marriage and family therapy, social work or related field.
 - Experience: A minimum of Two (2) years of social services or related experience.
- Interested individuals should submit a brief letter proposal including the following information:
- Name and contact information
 - Copies of certifications

• Relevant work experience
Proposals are due Thursday, April 26.

Please email proposals to Marsha Jackson, marsdavi@nc-chokeee.com, Manager of the EBCI DV/SA Program.

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The EBCI DV/SA Program reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **4/19pd**

Requests for Proposals

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Senior Citizens Program
145 Tsali Manor St
Cherokee, NC 28719
Phone: 828-359-6860

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Senior Citizens Program is requesting sealed proposals from qualified contractors to provide propane gas and related services for Senior Citizens who are members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Bid packets may be picked up at Tsali Manor starting April 11, 2018. The deadline for submitting proposals will be April 25, 2018 by 4:30 p.m. Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded with legal documents to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement.

If you have any questions, please contact Krisna Ashe at 828-359-6294. **4/19pd**

Request for Proposals

Transportation Safety Plan
Requested by the: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Call for Proposals

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is seeking a qualified individual

or firm to develop a strategic tribal Transportation Safety Plan that will meet or exceed U. S. DOT Federal Highway Administration standards, and has the ability to produce a valid 432 text file

Full RFQ available at CDOT offices located at 680Acquoni Rd. Cherokee NC 28719

Proposal Due Date: 5-3 -2018: CDOT must have 4 sealed copies received by 10:00am (late submissions are not considered)

Proposal Submission Method: U. S. mail, other delivery services, or hand deliver

Proposal Submission Address:
ATTN: Darrell Brown Planner Cherokee DOT, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
P.O Box 2400,
Cherokee NC 28719
E-mail: darrbrow@nc-chokeee.com,
Phone: 828-359-6530
Fax: 828-497-2448

4/19pd

**CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL
AUTHORITY**

CIHA Tribal Option
Business Functions

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
The North Carolina Medicaid 1115 waiver demonstration for Medicaid managed care will be implemented statewide. S.L. 2015-245 requires the 1115 waiver demonstration to include statewide and regional contracts ("Prepaid Health Plans," or PHPs) with both Provider Led Entities (PLEs) and Commercial Plans. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) will bid to be a PLE Tribal Option with a regional PHP contract that considers and addresses the unique cultural, behavioral health, and medical needs that are often the root causes of health issues among federally

recognized tribal members. The Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority is a political sub-unit and legal entity of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. It serves as a primary health system for the EBCI and has the delegated authority to manage the Programs, Functions, Services and Activities formally provided by the United States through the Indian Health Services Agency, consistent with the authority established in the Indian Self Determination Education and Assistance Act and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and all subsequent amendments.

To achieve its desired outcomes, this Tribal Option demonstration must involve the whole community and be founded on the strengths, values and beliefs of the Cherokee People. The CIHA strives to improve the health of the Cherokee population through its efforts to reflect the Cherokee values of spirituality, group harmony, strong individual character, strong connection to the land, honoring the past, and educating the children. Health care services and facilities should incorporate cultural elements that reflect a 'sacred healing environment' and the Cherokee connection to the earth below the trees. It is essential that these programs operate as fully integrated elements of the Tribe's overall service array. These services must offer gender-specific treatment, address chronic medical conditions, treat co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorders, and have the capacity to address the needs of pregnant women and women with children. The services must emphasize the delivery of evidence-based treatment that is founded in traditional Cherokee beliefs and healing practices. The 1115 waiver will authorize the contracted PHPs to offer

"in lieu of" or "value added" services specific to their networks. The State and CIHA will work together to identify culturally competent "in lieu of" services including acupuncture, biofeedback, therapeutic massage, healing touch, and chiropractic services.

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is for the solicitation of bids for integral business functions that will be needed to plan, implement, and sustain the CIHA PLE Tribal Option within the North Carolina Medicaid managed care environment. The Tribal Option will provide the full array of medical, behavioral health, and pharmacy services covered by the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Plan (NC Health Choice) programs to all persons eligible for EBCI health services (enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, as defined in Cherokee Tribal Code, Sec. 49-2; direct lineal descendants; members of other federally recognized Native American Tribes and Alaskan Natives; and a small number of others eligible for EBCI health services under Indian Health Service guidelines) who live within the defined CIHA Tribal Option geographical area. The Tribal Option area comprises the five county Contract Health Service Delivery Area (CHSDA) which includes Cherokee, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, and Swain Counties (counties that comprise Tribal Trust lands).

The federal definition of an Indian Managed Care Entity (IMCE) is, "a managed care organization. . . that is controlled (within the meaning of the last sentence of section 1903(m) (1)(C) of the Social Security Act) by the Indian Health Service, a Tribe, Tribal Organization, or Urban Indian Organization, or a consortium, which may be composed of one or

more Tribes, Tribal Organizations, or Urban Indian Organizations, and which also may include the Indian Health Service." The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is the only federally recognized Tribe in North Carolina, and its Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority will control the Provider Led Entity (Tribal Option) that operates under a regional PHP contract with the State.

As the single State agency for North Carolina's Medicaid program, DHHS may obtain federal authority to operate a Medicaid managed care program through its proposed Section 1115 Demonstration waiver that was last amended in November of 2017. The waiver is currently pending approval with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). In its waiver application, DHHS included the possible establishment of an IMCE PHP contract referenced as a "Tribal Option." The waiver application language reads: "The State and EBCI will continue to collaborate in the development of

a Tribal Option that considers and addresses the unique cultural, behavioral health and medical needs of federally recognized tribal members." The tribal demonstration will be a shared risk health plan.

- The complete Request may be accessed on the CIHA website: cherokeehospital.org (search Tribal Option) or by contacting Lacey Kilby at lacey.kilby@cherokeehospital.org or (828) 497-9163 ext. 6299
- Any questions or clarifications concerning this bid should be directed to Lori Lambert, CFO at (828) 497-9163 ext. 6462 or lori.lambert@cherokeehospital.org. The deadline for submitting questions is April 24, 2018.
- All proposals must be submitted to: Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority Attention: Lacey Kilby, Contracting Assistant
Caller Box C-268 (U.S. Postal Service delivery)
1 Hospital Road (physical address)
Cherokee, NC 28719. **4/19pd**

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List of deceased members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (Oct. 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018)

This is a list of deceased members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, per EBCI Enrollment Office, whose estate is entitled to a pro rata share of the deceased members per capita distribution of net gaming revenues for the period Oct. 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018 pursuant to Section 16C-5 of the Cherokee Code.

This section does not apply to deceased minors. Distribution to the estate of a deceased member may be made only to the authorized, or court appointed, fiduciary, affiant, executor or administrator of the estate. The Enrollment Office must have on file a letter or written document from the Cherokee Court or other court appointing a fiduciary, affiant, executor or administrator for the estate. Please submit, in person, to the Tribal Enrollment Office at 808 Acquoni Rd., Ginger Lynn Welch Complex, or mail to Enrollment Office, PO Box 2069 Cherokee, NC 28719.


Please report the death of an enrolled member to the Enrollment Office (828) 359-6465, 6467, 6468 or 6469.

Each person is shown with their date of death, full name and executor(s):

10/1/2017 Daniel Lambert, Executor Nick Lambert
10/12/2017 Glenn Davis Sr.
10/12/2017 Charles Steven Lambert, Executor Uriah E. Lambert
10/16/17 Megan Judi Terrell, Executor Suzanne Terrell
10/17/2017 Lois Ondria Pensavalle, Executor Agatha B. Guy
10/18/2017 Judith Kay Biello, Executor Jennifer S. Nelson
10/22/2017 Marion Louise Teesateskie, Executor Robert Ray Teesateskie
10/23/2017 Helen Kristine Buchanan
10/25/2017 Ronald Garfield Lambert, Executor Garfield Burnett Lambert
11/5/2017 Doris West Catt, Executor Marina P. Catt
11/5/2017 Nathanael Zechariah Shinkman, Executor Larry R. Hornbuckle
11/8/2017 Joseph Saunooke, Executor Joseph Saunooke Jr.
11/12/2017 Ronald Waymon Driver

11/12/2017 Melissa Ann Jumper
11/12/2017 Lucetta Ward, Executor Consuela Girty
11/15/2017 Davina Jean Ricco
11/20/2017 Marvin Ballard French
11/20/2017 Edna Hornbuckle
11/23/2017 Hazel Vivian McCollough, Executor John S. McCollough
11/27/2017 Gladys Evelyn Crisp
11/27/2017 Lorenzo Dwight Walkingstick, Executor Patricia Smith Walkingstick
12/1/2017 Wilfredo Thomas Gomez
12/1/2017 David Francis Owle Jr.
12/3/2017 Kamie Helen Calhoun
12/3/2017 Elsie L. Kimsey, Executor Clerk of Superior Court
12/3/2017 Winona Grace Lambert
12/4/2017 Bernice Lambert
12/12/2017 Charles Quentin Almond, Executor Doris Hunt
12/12/2017 Gary David Lambert Jr.
12/14/2017 Tim Adam Catolster
12/14/2017 James Clifford Smith
12/15/2017 Victoria Lynne Garcia
12/20/2017 Roberta Ann Davis
12/23/2017 Joseph Melvin Driver
12/25/2017 Delia Rose Houk
12/26/2017 Wanda June Baumgardner
1/2/2018 Samuel Brady Jr.
1/4/2018 Jackie Warren Saunooke, Executor Mary Ellen Saunooke
1/6/2018 Leonard Carson Lambert, Jr., Executors Daniel L. Goodyear and Michael C. Lambert
1/6/2018 Robert Lee Queen
1/9/2018 Wallace Monroe Rogers
1/12/2018 Bonita Elizabeth Dillon
1/12/2018 Emmaline Lambert
1/16/2018 Wayne Carver
1/16/2018 Iona Marinda Jean Sneed
1/20/2018 Wesley Queen
1/20/2018 Lance Michael Toineeta
1/22/2018 William Jackson Haigler
1/28/2018 Tara Renee Pheasant
1/30/2018 Rita Marie Wildcat
2/4/2018 Wanda Lee Bradley
2/5/2018 Kenneth Earl Locust, Executor Kenneth Earl Locust II
2/9/2018 Gene Leonard Murphy
2/19/2018 Stephen Eric Lossiah

2/21/2018 Jamison Dean French
2/21/2018 Victor Raydean French
2/21/2018 Joel Daniel Toineeta
2/22/2018 Kirby Lind Dunlap
2/24/2018 Beverly Joyce Sprinkle, Executor Lewis W. Sprinkle
2/27/2018 Christy Lou Wachacha, Executor Gail M. Wachacha
3/3/2018 Ralph Edward Brady
3/4/2018 John Ricky Lossiah Jr.
3/4/2018 John Charles McLeymore Jr.
3/8/2018 Clinton Buchanan
3/9/2018 Greg Allen Smith
3/10/2018 Corena Mae Wilcox
3/11/2018 William Theodore Taylor
3/12/2018 Sandra Annette Land
3/12/2018 Jeremiah Wolfe
3/20/2018 Linda Kay Bradley
3/20/2018 Tony Dean Goodson
3/22/2018 James Henry Newcomer
3/23/2018 Steven Darrell Ledford
3/26/2018 Sadie Sue Green
3/30/2018 Leroy Jumper
3/31/2018 Theresa Rattler



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Make Your Voice Heard!

Community Meeting on Economic Development Goals and Projects

Honoring the traditional core value of Group Harmony, we are holding a community meeting for EBCI members. We will share high-priority economic development projects being considered by the Division of Commerce, and ask community members for their advice.

The final list of projects will become part of the 5-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Come and share your thoughts!

Meeting organized by BWB Solutions, contractor to the Division of Commerce. Questions? Contact Doug Cole, Strategic Planner, EBCI Tribal Planning Office. P: 828-359-6709. Email: dougcole@nc-choerokee.com.

Tues. April 17, 2018

5:30-7:00 pm

**Ginger Lynn Welch
Community Room**

*Dinner served at 5:00 pm
Children welcome*

**Please rsvp by Friday
April 13, so we know
how much food to order.
To RSVP, click here:
<https://goo.gl/cDQPbi>**

**Please invite other
EBCI members !!!**

Funding generously provided by the
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