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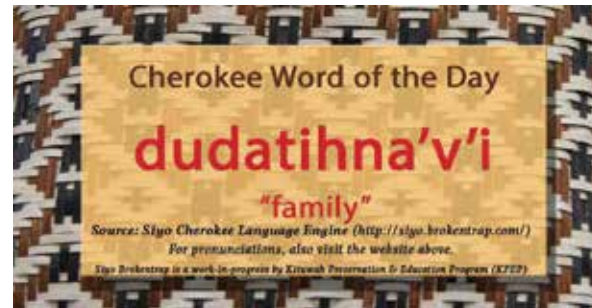
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Tribal Council closes protection order loophole

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An EBCI tribal member from the Birdtown Community was at her wits end earlier this year as she was being stalked by an individual, but she found no recourse. After going to the Cherokee Tribal Court, she was told there was nothing they could do so she was directed to go to Swain County.

She did. But, she was told because she lived on the Qualla Boundary that she was outside of their jurisdiction. She was stuck in a void of law. "I didn't know where to turn."

She turned to the law and approached several tribal leaders who helped her work with the EBCI Office of the Attorney General to draft legislation to close the void.

Tribal Council took action during its regular session on Thursday, Dec. 7 to close that void. By a unanimous vote (11-0) of those present, Council passed Ordinance No. 17 (2017) which established Chapter 50C in the Cherokee Code entitled Civil No-Contact Orders.

"This would create, in tribal law, something similar to what is available under state law," Michael McConnell, EBCI interim attorney general, said during discussion on the legislation. "If a person off the Boundary is being stalked or harassed in certain ways, they can go

to the court, in state court, and say, 'I need help. This person is causing me this problem'."

He added, "The court does its examination and determines whether a protective order should be issued. But, at least that mechanism is available. Up to now, that mechanism has not been available for tribal members seeking protection here in the Cherokee Court." McConnell explained that the Tribe currently has 50B Domestic Violence Protection Orders. "A 50B (Domestic Violence Protection Order) relies on the relationship between the two parties. There has to be an intimate relationship of some kind. This Civil No-Contact Order does not require that kind of relationship. It's available for anybody."

The legislation itself explains its purpose, "...this chapter is to provide protection within the territory of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to persons who have been the victim of nonconsensual sexual contact or stalking."

To obtain a 50C Civil No-Contact Order, one must file a complaint in the Cherokee Tribal Court or by filing a motion in an existing civil action. The complaint must be filed by the victim themselves or a competent adult on behalf of a minor victim. There are no court costs or fees associated with these filings.

According to the legislation, "After the petitioner files a complaint or motion seeking a civil no-contact order, a hearing on that petition or motion shall be set by the court for a date within 14 days of filing."

The legislation outlines seven possible forms of relief in the order including:

- 1) Order the respondent not to visit, assault, molest, or otherwise interfere with the victim.
- 2) Order the respondent to cease stalking the victim, including at the victim's workplace.
- 3) Order the respondent to cease harassment of the victim.
- 4) Order the respondent not to abuse or injure the victim.
- 5) Order the respondent not to directly or indirectly contact the victim by telephone, written community, or electronic means.
- 6) Order the respondent to refrain from entering or remaining present at the victim's residence, school, place of employment, or other specified places at times when the victim is present.
- 7) Order other relief deemed necessary and appropriate by the court, including assessing attorneys' fees to either party.

The tribal member was present for Thursday's session, but did not speak. Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose, who helped her get the ball rolling on the legislation, spoke to her and

stated, "I'm in support of this. Nobody needs to ever go through what you've been going through."

Tribal Council also passed Ord. 30 (2017) on Thursday which creates Cherokee Code Chapter 50D authorizing Permanent Civil No-Contact Orders against Sex Offenders on behalf of the Crime Victim. "One of the problems with the current state of the law is that somebody can get a protective order for a certain amount of time, but sometimes it doesn't last long enough," said McConnell. "This one would allow people, in certain settings, I would say egregious situations, to get a civil no-contact order that could run for many years and potentially a lifetime."

That legislation states that the new Chapter, "...is to offer a mechanism for providing lifetime protection within the territory of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to persons who have been the victim of sexual assault and abuse."

The filing and processes for the 50D action are virtually identical to that of the 50C.

Both ordinances will become law once ratified by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed.

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EBCI tribal flag displayed prominently at App State

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BOONE - The flag of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee now hangs in a place of prominence alongside the American, Chinese and Israeli national flags — and a variety of others — in Plemmons Student Union (PSU) on Appalachian State University's campus.

Around 250 members of the Appalachian, Boone, and Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian communities gathered for the historic flag installation ceremony in the solarium in PSU Wednesday morning, Dec. 6. More than 100 additional virtual attendees watched the ceremony via livestream, many from the Qualla Boundary — land owned by the Eastern Band of the Cherokee.

The placement of the flag of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee in its permanent home is “public recognition of the university’s five-year partnership with Cherokee High School, as well as an acknowledgment of the cultural heritage and presence of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee in this part of the state,” ASU Chancellor Sheri Everts remarked during the ceremony.

For the last five years, students at the school, which is on the Qualla Boundary, have had the opportunity to participate in the Gadugi Program through Appalachian’s Reich College of Education. Led by Dr. Allen Bryant, associate professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, the program’s goals include student recruitment and teacher education at the high school, with the ultimate goal of



Photo courtesy of Appalachian State University Communications

DISPLAYED: Chancellor Sheri Everts, along with several EBCI tribal members including Junior Miss Cherokee Dvdaya Swimmer and former Miss Cherokee Taran Swimmer, looks on as the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians flag takes a place of prominence in Appalachian State University’s Plemmons Student Union. (Note: *The One Feather* is aware that the flag shown in the photo is not the current tribal flag of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and has informed Appalachian State University thusly.)

working together — the meaning of Gadugi in Cherokee — to preserve Cherokee culture.

Through Gadugi, the students have the opportunity to earn college credits for an elective course offered by Appalachian. Classes are taught on site at the high school and through Skype and Google Hangouts by Bryant and Heath Robertson '05, a Reich College of Education alumnus, who gives up his daily planning period at CHS to teach the class.

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Darrell Kruger describes the Gadugi program as “an important partnership between Appalachian and the Cherokee High School that has evolved over almost 10 years of engagement.

Dr. Bryant’s leadership in conjunction with Chief Diversity Officer Dr. Willie Fleming is building a modest student pipeline between Cherokee and Boone.

“The permanent display of the flag of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee is both symbolic and substantive. This act recognizes the historical presence of the Cherokee in this part of Western North Carolina and the Gadugi project connects the past with the present, specifically around Cherokee educational folklore and personalities.”

Opening the ceremony, former Miss Cherokee Taran Swimmer, a Gadugi scholar from Cherokee, and her young cousin DvDaya Swimmer, wearing her Junior Miss Cherokee sash atop her native

dress, sang the Cherokee National Anthem. Bryant followed with words about the program, the importance of the flag’s installation and the meaning of Gadugi.

In his remarks, Bryant said Gadugi were the labor organization of the Cherokee nation. “Their function within society ... was to make sure the needs of all the people were met ... to ensure that the hungry were fed, the homeless were housed and the orphan found family.” They were successful, he said, because the Cherokee people “had made an unqualified commitment to equality and to human dignity. I want this flag to symbolize Gadugi. Not the program, but the ethic. Programs come and go, but values are eternal.”

Five students enrolled in the Gadugi Program attended the ceremony, along with several graduates of the program and a host of Cherokee family and supporters.

Samuel Esquivel, a senior at the high school, said the program encourages students to enroll at Appalachian. "Part of the reason I want to come to App State is because it's got a strong Cherokee presence. They teach Cherokee as a class and they're putting our flag in here. Cherokee as a culture and a people is getting recognition here, and that is very important."

Marianna Hornbuckle, a junior at CHS, concurred: "Our culture is important to us and being educated about it is really important."

In a brief exchange at the reception after the ceremony, one of the attending Cherokee, Mary Crowe, said her two older children "were in the (Gadugi) program. My son went here, to Appalachian, and my daughter is a freshman at UC Berkley. App State and the agreement with Cherokee High School has really given our students a head start. I'm grateful for that. My children are examples that it works."

Another of the seniors in the program, Robin Reed, said she hopes to study nursing and then return to the Qualla Boundary to work. Riley Crowe, also a senior, said she has applied to Duke University and to Appalachian. "I want to study linguistics and earn a law degree."

And then?

"Helping my people," she replied.

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FOOTBALL



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CHAMPS: The Cherokee Braves celebrate with the 1A State Championship Trophy immediately following their win over North Duplin on Saturday, Dec. 9 at Carter-Finley Stadium in Raleigh.

BRAVES WIN STATE TITLE

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RALEIGH - Neither rain nor sleet nor snow could keep the Braves from their appointed round of picking up their first state title this weekend. Cherokee (14-1) topped previously undefeated North Duplin (14-1) by a score of 21-13 to win the 1A State Championship, the first in school history, at Carter-Finley Stadium at North Carolina State University in Raleigh on the afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 9. Cherokee overcame a first-half deficit and lit-

erally all three of the above-mentioned elements to top the Rebels. Tye Mintz, Braves senior quarterback, was named the game's Most Valuable Player. Zak Perez, Braves senior lineman was named Defensive MVP for the team and Isaiah Evans, Braves junior running back, was named Offensive MVP for Cherokee.

"We said from the very first practice that the only goal we had this year was to win the state championship," Kent Briggs, Braves head coach, said during a postgame press conference. "We did that. We believed in each other, and we worked our tails off to get in this position and I'm so proud of our guys."

In his pre-game talk, Coach Briggs spoke to his players about the magnitude of the game. "I told them if we can just respect each other, play for each other, and love each other all the way to the end, great things are going to happen, and it did today."

Mintz, game MVP, completed 6 of 12 passes for 52 yards and he carried the ball 13 times for 111 yards and two touchdowns.

In the postgame press conference, he spoke highly of his teammates and Coach Briggs stating, "He's the one who keeps us going at the end of the day. Nobody sees it, but he's got a really tough fight. We see it because we're looking



LEAP: Tye Mintz (#1), Braves senior quarterback, leaps sideways into the end zone, past North Duplin's David Price (#24), for a score in the third quarter. On the day, Mintz carried the ball 13 times for 111 yards and two touchdowns and was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

every day. I feel like he brought us closer so we did what we had to do for him.”

One of the game’s highlights was a 51-yard touchdown run by Mintz in the fourth quarter that put Cherokee up by a score. “After that long run and we got the two-point conversion, that’s when I felt the game was ours, but we knew we still had to play defense and make our stops.”

Due to several turnovers, Cherokee was held scoreless in the first half. North Duplin went into the locker room up 7-0 following an 11-yard touchdown run by Colby Bass midway through the second quarter.

“They did a nice job defensively, and they kept the ball offensively. Sometimes, that’s the best defense you can have,” said Coach Briggs. “We came out in the second half and just played our game..after the first half, we knew we didn’t play our best game we could play and in the second half, we got out there to do what we could do.”

Coach Briggs said stopping William Archer, North Duplin quarterback, would be a key to the game. On the year, Archer gained more than 1,800 yards on the ground averaging over 130 per game. On Saturday, Cherokee’s defense held him to half of that (19 carries for 65 yards).

“When we did stop him (Archer), we’d stop them,” noted Coach Briggs. “I’ll have to give him a lot of credit. He’s a real competitor and a good football player.”

Perez said the Rebels’ veer offense was very hard to practice for, but the Braves held them to 203 total yards of offense, down from their usual 332 per game. On the game, Perez had nine tackles to lead Cherokee followed by Mintz



SCORE: Isaiah Evans (#5), Braves junior running back, powers between North Duplin defenders David Price (#24) and Arthur Pigford (#22) for a score to seal the deal in the fourth quarter. On the day, Evans carried the ball 19 times for 100 yards and one score and was named Offensive MVP for the Braves.

with 8.5 and Damian Blanton 6.5. Mintz also had an interception in the game.

“I really stepped up and left it on the line because I really wanted this for our community and our coaches,” said Perez. “I wanted everyone to be proud of us. It feels amazing.”

In the second half, Cherokee got on the board with a 5-yard touchdown run by Mintz with 4:38 left in the third quarter. He followed that up with his long run early in the fourth to make it 13-7 with 11:22 left in the game. Following a North Dublin fumble on their next

possession, Evans added another Cherokee score on an 11-yard run to make it 21-7. The Rebels added one more score in the game as Kenny Sheppard ran it in from four yards out to make the final score 21-13.

Cherokee’s fan base showed up in full force even in the face of a snowstorm that hit Friday, Dec. 8. One of the Braves’ biggest fans and supporters over the years has been Will Poolaw who has served as the team manager continuously for 17 years. “It feels great. We’ve been waiting for this for a long time,

since I moved to North Carolina, to be able to bring a state championship to the crowd.”

“This one is for Mr. (Ray) Kinsland for all he does for us and our coaches,” Poolaw added. “Thanks to all of the fans who came to Raleigh from Cherokee.”

Peanut Crowe, Cherokee Central School athletic director, commented, “This is just unreal, unbelievable. I couldn’t be no more prouder of this group of kids. It’s just unbelievable how good they did.”



I GOT THIS: Zak Perez (#54), Braves defensive lineman, takes on multiple North Duplin players. On the day, Perez had nine tackles to lead Cherokee, and he was named Defensive MVP for the team.

NATION: Holden Straughan, an EBCI tribal member and Braves senior wide receiver and defensive back, carries the flag of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians onto the field prior to kickoff.





CHEERFUL: Latika French, a member of the Cherokee High School varsity cheer-leading squad, cheers from the stands while bundled up for the cold. The squad cheered from the field and then from various spots in the bleachers throughout the game.

Cherokee fans won't get a ring, but they deserve one

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The Cherokee Braves hoisted the 1A State Championship trophy on Saturday, Dec. 9 in a wet, snowy, and cold Carter-Finley Stadium in Raleigh. The trophy was easy to lift because not only the players were helping to hold it up, but they were also being helped by a legion of loyal fans and an entire nation – the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

All season long, the Braves have been supported by some of the most loyal fans in high school sports – anywhere! How loyal are they?

Well, the fact that hundreds, maybe even a couple of thousand, came out for Saturday's game shows that dedication and loyalty. On Friday, Dec. 8, those of us who live on the Qualla Boundary (aka the Cherokee Indian Reservation) woke up to a blanket of snow with more coming down all day. No worries...we took our time and made the trek, which turned into a much longer trip than usual, to Raleigh over snow-covered Balsam and Black Mountains, and through slush-infested roads, all to support a team. But, that's what true fans do.

I wasn't able to get an exact count of Cherokee's fans in attendance on Saturday, but visually, they greatly outnumbered the opposing side's base. That is generally the case.

Cherokee fans of all ages came out for this game. There were tribal elders, teenagers, adults galore, students, younger kids, and even



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FANS: Cherokee Braves fans, such as Kelsey Jackson (left) and her father Tuff Jackson, showed up in full force to support the team in Saturday's 1A state title game in Raleigh.

a few babies in car seats (no fear, the ones I saw were snuggled up in layers of Pendleton blankets and covered completely by rain tarps – they were at cozy level twelve).

When you're greeted at the gate by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed handing out free Braves rally towels, you know the game is big, and you know the team is supported. His office and that of Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, one of the biggest Braves supporters out there, sponsored the towels, and in addition to Chief Sneed and Vice Chief Ensley, there were enough Tribal Council representatives present to constitute a quorum. The Tribe provides that level of support which is incredibly rare and quite remarkable.

The game itself was tough. The conditions were probably tougher.

But, the Braves and their fans both prevailed on that fateful Saturday. That championship banner will forever hang in Ray Kinsland Stadium as a testament to the work ethic of a team and their coaches but also as a reminder of what can happen when a community, emphasis again on unity, comes together to support one another.

Olympic champion Usain Bolt once stated, "I'd like to say to all my fans out there, thanks for the support. And, to all my doubters, thank you very much because you guys have also pushed me."

There were those, I'm sure, who doubted that Cherokee could finish their goal. But, that's ok...those types of things make great locker room bulletin board fodder.

I'd like to conclude with an observation. After the game, Cher-

okee's players were obviously elated at winning the school's first football state title, but they still took the time to shake hands with, and in some cases hug, the North Duplin Rebels team. The Braves are good athletes, but more importantly, they're good sports.

I'll leave you guys with words from the late, great Vince Lombardi, "After all the cheers have died down and the stadium is empty, after the headlines have been written, and after you are back in the quiet of your room and the championship ring has been placed on the dresser and after all the pomp and fanfare have faded, the enduring thing that is left is the dedication to doing with our lives the very best we can to make the world a better place in which to live."

FOOTBALL

Braves named to All-Star rosters of two games

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Several senior members of the Cherokee Braves varsity football team have been named to different All-Star game rosters. Tye Mintz has been added to the Shrine Bowl roster, and Demetryus Bradley, Will Davis, Byron Locust, Zak Perez, and Holden Straughan have all been named to the FCA East vs West Classic.

Mintz, Braves quarterback who accounted for over 3,400 yards of total offense (1,988 yards passing and 1,593 yards rushing) was actually selected for his work in the season as an outside linebacker.

On the year, he had 66 tackles, five tackles for loss, and three interceptions.

The Shrine Bowl is set for Saturday, Dec. 16 at 2pm at Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC. For more information, visit: <http://shrine-bowl.com/> The FCA game is set for Dec. 16 at 1pm at Fannin County High School in Blue Ridge, Ga.

Bradley, Davis, Locust, and Perez were all named to the FCA game as offensive linemen. They anchored the Braves offensive line this season fostering two 1,000 yard rushers (Mintz with 1,593yds and Isaiah Evans with 1,329yds). Cherokee averaged 278.4 rushing



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ALL-STARS: Senior members of the Cherokee Braves varsity football team have been named to several post-season All-Star games set for Saturday, Dec. 16. Tye Mintz (left) has been named to the Shrine Bowl at Wofford College in Spartanburg and Zak Perez, Byron Locust, Will Davis, Holden Straughan, and Demetryus Bradley have all been named to the FCA East vs West Classic at Fannin County High School in Blue Ridge, Ga.

yards per game due to their blocking.

Straughan will play in the FCA game as a defensive back. On the year, he had 53 tackles, five tackles for loss, two sacks, two interceptions, and one fumble recovery.

Other area players will join the Braves on the North Carolina team for the FCA game including:

Andrews: Abe Christensen (DL), Cody Smith (DB)

Brevard: Stevie Benjamin (RB), Ethan Shook (LB)

Franklin: Carrington Houston (DB), Grant Stiles (RB)

Hayesville: Thomas Cothren (LB)

Murphy: Cody Cantrell (DL), Tanner Creelman (DB), Jake Hinckle (OL), DeAndre Jackson (WR), Katelyn Jones (kicker), Kadrian McRae (RB), Travis Seabolt (WR)

Robbinsville: Isaiah Bradley (DL), Will Hooper (WR), Josiah Phillips

(DL), Blake Sawyer (DL), Elijah Wachacha (LB), Ian Wiggins (RB)

Rosman: Tre Combs (DB), Jonathan Holliday (LB), Kameron Newman (DL), Deland Thomas (WR)

Smoky Mountain: Tristen Kenyon (WR), Tanner Norman (LB)

Swain County: Trey Spates (OL), Brodie Bowman (QB), Ice Littlejohn (LB), Logan Loftis (DL), Dylan McLeod (WR), Tanner Wiggins (RB/Punter)

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Tribe selects 2018 Remember the Removal Riders



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RIDERS: The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians representatives for the 2018 Remember the Removal bike ride are shown (left-right) in this photo taken on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 7: standing - Brooke Coggins, Ahli-sha Stephens, Lori Owle, Jan Smith; sitting - Seth Ledford, Nolan Arkansas, and Darius Lambert. Not pictured - Bo Taylor.

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has selected its representatives for the 2018 Remember the Removal Ride. Eight tribal members will join riders from the Cherokee Nation as they retrace the northern route of the Trail of Tears on a 950-mile bike journey.

Representing the EBCI will be: Jan Smith, Seth Ledford, Lori Owle, Nolan Arkansas, Brooke Coggins, Darius Lambert, Ahli-sha Stephens, and Bo Taylor.

The first Remember the Removal ride was held in 1984 by citizens of the Cherokee Nation. Twenty-five years later, in 2009, the event was revitalized and has been held every year since. The Eastern Band of Cherokee joined the ride in 2011, and this year will mark the seventh year of participation for EBCI tribal members.

“I felt like I’d always wanted to do it, and I was going to try it,” said Smith, a 61-year-old retired educator currently residing in the Yellowhill Community. “We’ll see how it goes.”

She added, “Because I’m a

tribal member and receive tons of benefits for being a tribal member and I just felt like I didn’t deserve those benefits but somebody made the sacrifice so I could have them. And, if this ride remembers that person or if I can answer any questions for anybody, that’s why I want to do it.”

Ledford, a 17-year-old junior at Smoky Mountain High School, is from the Wolftown Community and said he is very excited to go on the ride. “I was kind of nervous, but after a little while, it just went out and I got excited. I felt like I needed to do it to get closer to

heritage and my culture, and I feel like it will be a really good thing for me.”

Owle, 47, Cherokee Indian Hospital satellite clinic manager from the Birdtown Community, commented, “Since they started the Removal Bike Ride, it was something that really intrigued me, and it was something that I really wanted to do to retrace the steps of my ancestors on the Removal back to Tahlequah.”

Arkansas, 17, a senior at Swain County High School is from the Wolftown Community. He noted, “There’s been such a need, espe-

cially 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.”

Coggins, 23, will receive her master’s degree in clinical mental health counseling from Western Carolina University in May. The Birdtown Community member said, “I feel the need to create a sense of community here and to gain some insight into what our ancestors went through. Everyone says we are resilient people, and I think this is a great opportunity to actually experience it first-hand - the resiliency and the feelings that our ancestors had.”

“I feel the need to create a sense of community here and to gain some insight into what our **ancestors** went through.”

- Brooke Coggins, 2018 Remember the Removal Rider

Darius Lambert, 16, a junior at Cherokee High School from the Wolftown Community, is inspired by his family. “I’ve had a lot of family who have done the ride in the past, and they’ve encouraged me to submit an application. I was in Oklahoma when my uncle (Kevin Tafoya) came back, and seeing him was really emotional. I talked to him afterwards, and he said he came back as a different person. Learning all of this history and biking 950 miles to Oklahoma just changed him.”

Stephens, 33, Cherokee Elementary School admin., is from the Birdtown Community. She is an assistant coach on the Cherokee Middle School and High School cross country and track teams. “I want do to this to test my endurance and push myself to accomplish riding half-way across the country and doing a bike ride that long. Even if you’re scared to do something, terrified even, push yourself and prove to yourself that you can face your fears - get out there and do it.”

Taylor, a 48-year-old from the Big Cove Community, works as the executive director for the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. He was set to go on last year’s ride, but a crash days before departure derailed that plan. So, he’s giving it a go this year. Last year, Taylor told the One Feather, “It’s a challenge that I want to undertake. It’s a long way. I know it’s going to be physically, mentally, and spiritually challenging, but that’s something that I feel I need right now. I feel this is a time for me to reconnect with the culture again and get back to the grassroots of why I fell in love with the culture.”

The ride will depart in early June from New Echota, Ga. Look in the One Feather for more details on the 2018 ride as they are released.

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Cherokee Chamber Singers make the Tribe proud

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In the past few years, Cherokee has seen a surge of interest in musical theater and choral singing, due mainly in part to the programs going on at Cherokee Central Schools. The Cherokee Chamber Singers and the Cherokee Musical Theatre, both groups headed by Michael Yannette, Cherokee High School and Middle School director of choir and musical theater, have really upped the game for musical performance.

Their game has improved so much so that the Chamber Singers have been invited to perform at Carnegie Hall this upcoming March under the direction of famed conductor Dr. Andre' Thomas.

"When we started this year, the theme was this is our year to really achieve a different level of musi-



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BIG APPLE: The Cherokee Chamber Singers, shown singing at last year's Cherokee Veteran's Day observance, have been selected to sing at the world-famous Carnegie Hall next spring. The group is currently raising funds for the trip.

cianship," Yannette told me during an interview in October.

The Chamber Singers have performed at many events around the rez including Veteran's Day celebrations, the recent Ned Long Day celebration, numerous school events, and others. Each time, they never fail to impress.

The Cherokee Musical Theatre, featuring many of the same kids, started slowly several years ago, but is now performing to packed houses. Their recent "Short Attention Span Theatre" filled the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center and their spring performances of "Shrek: The Musical" are sure to do

the same.

In short, the students in these programs are great ambassadors of not only Cherokee Central Schools but also the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. When they perform at Carnegie Hall, they will break down so many barriers and glass ceilings that the entire place might fall down.

But, being the budding professionals that they are, they'll keep in singing.

The trip to Carnegie is not cheap, however. The Chamber Singers need your help. A fundraiser page has been set up for them with the goal of raising \$50,000: <https://wefundthem.com/donate/cherokee-high-school>

Yannette related during the recent "Short Attention Span Theatre" performance that the Office of Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed had donated \$10,000 to their cause. Other small donations are beginning to come in, and every little bit helps!

Plato, the Greek philosopher, has been quoted as saying, "I would teach children music, physics, and philosophy; but most importantly music, for the patterns in music and all the arts are the keys to learning."

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Ribbon-Cutting ceremony set for Snowbird Treatment Center

SNOWBIRD - Cherokee Indian Hospital will be hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday, Dec. 18 at 2pm at the new Snowbird Residential Treatment Center – Kanvwotiyi. Kanvwotiyi, in the Cherokee language, means “place where one is healed”. This facility is a state-of-the-art residential treatment center located in the Snowbird community of Graham County.

In 2015, the Tribal Council approved funding and directed the Cherokee Indian Hospital to develop a comprehensive system of care, a recovery community, for Cherokee people struggling with addiction and other challenges.

“I am so proud of what this community is doing,” said Doug

Trantham, assistant behavioral health clinical director. “While the whole country is confronting a crisis in opioid abuse, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is doing something about it. They are leading the way.”

Substance abuse is a crisis across the country and now Cherokee and Indian Health Service eligible individuals may access Kanvwotiyi and other services through Analenisgi or the Cherokee Indian Hospital. This program will accommodate up to 10 men and 10 women on a peaceful mountaintop, surrounded by nature’s beauty. Cherokee cultural themes are represented in all aspects of the facility design including men’s and women’s cottages, a lodge for intensive

programming, and grounds that provide opportunities for work, reflection and connection to culture and identity.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony is open to the public and parking will be limited with shuttle services to site provided at the Snowbird

Health Clinic at 96 Snowbird School Rd, Robbinsville, NC 28771.

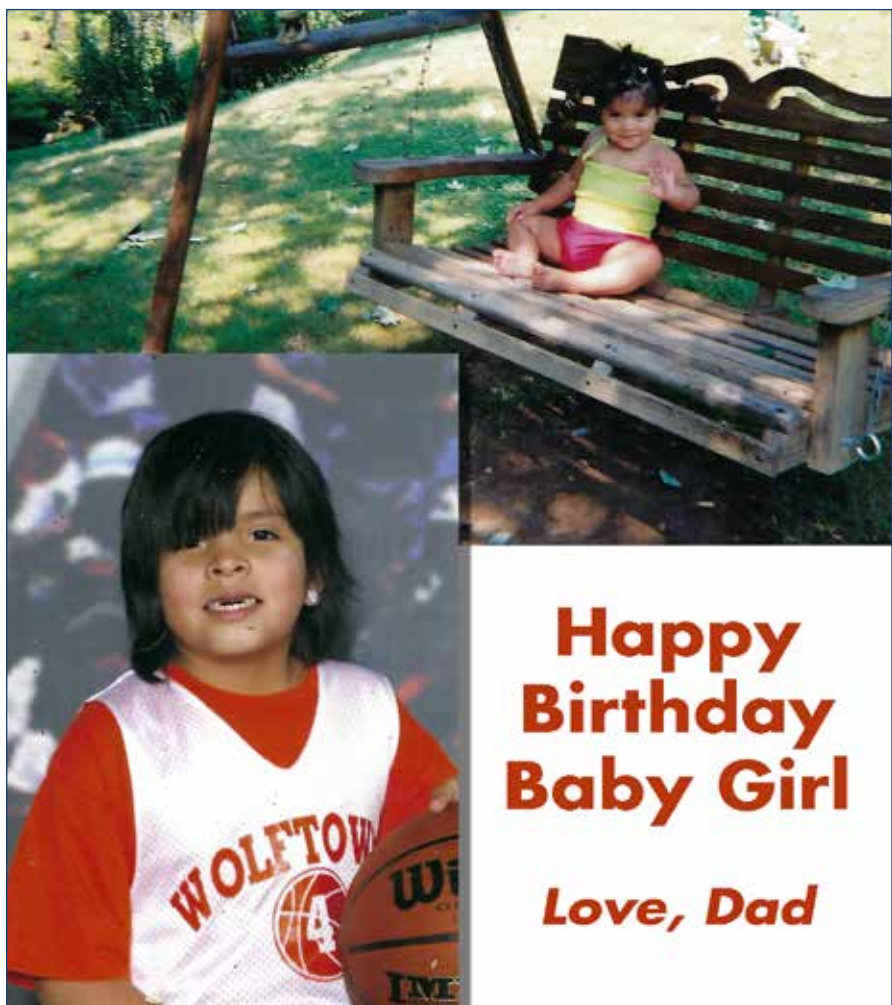
Info: Sheyahshe Littledave, public relations officer for Cherokee Indian Hospital, 497-9163 ext. 6207

- Cherokee Indian Hospital

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OBITUARIES

Bernice Welch Lambert

Bernice Welch Lambert, 76, of the Birdtown Community in Cherokee, passed away on Monday, Dec. 4, 2017 at Mission Hospital in Asheville.

She is survived by one daughter, Amanda Sue Lambert; special son, Dason Bryant; grandchildren, Erica Lambert, Ashley Brady, and Brett

Brady; great grandchildren, Kaiden A. Kristine Lambert, Tristan Armachain, and Journie "Little D" Armachain; two brothers, Kenneth Welch and Calvin Eugene Murphy; one sister, Inez Welch; former husband, Garfield Lambert; cousin, Candler Nations.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents, Jonah Welch and Olive Lowery Welch; one son, Ronald "Boog" Lambert; one daughter, Theresa Diane Lambert; brothers, Terry Welch, Tommy

Welch, Thurman Welch, and Johnny Welch.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Dec. 11 at Long House Funeral Home. Pastor James "Bo" Parris officiated. Burial followed at the Bernice Lambert Cemetery on Adams Creek in the Birdtown Community. Pallbearers were Brett Brady, Jake Welch, Dason Bryant, Michael "Flex" Armachain, Estefan Welch, and TK Soap.

THANK YOU LETTER

To the Members of the Richard "Yogi" Crowe Scholarship

I would like to say thank you to the Richard "Yogi" Crowe Scholarship for selecting me to receive a scholarship. With this scholarship, I will be able to attend the University of Kansas to pursue my master's degree in social work. The Social Work Program at the University of Kansas is a two-year program and without this scholar-

ship, the tuition would be difficult.

I am doing my first field practicum at Kaw Valley Center Health Systems in Kansas City, Kan. I am working as a family therapist with family preservation. The work is challenging, but the experience and knowledge is rewarding.

This placement has enabled me to work with the people in the Kansas City, Kan. area. I am working with many different races of people as well as the Natives in the area.

The scholarship helped me to pay my tuition and some other educational requirements. I look forward to earning this degree so that I can work with Native teens and young adults.

Again, thank you for the scholarship. The scholarship has helped tremendously. Sincerely,

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Reservation-wide Christmas Lighting Contest

The annual Reservation-wide Christmas Lighting Contest is sponsored again this year by the EBCI Division of Commerce and the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office. Each community club will hold their own respective lighting contest, and the first place winners from these will be submitted to the Cooperative Extension Office. To enter the contest in your community, contact your community club officers.

The deadline to enter is Friday, Dec. 15. Reservation-wide Contest prizes are: 1st - \$300, 2nd - \$200, and 3rd - \$100. Info: Cooperative



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An old adversary wants to make amends over the holidays. The decision is yours. But wouldn't it be nice to share the upcoming new year with another friend?

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) As news of your work gets around, expect to receive a special holiday "gift" from influential contacts who could help you launch your new projects in the new year.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Instead of fussing over what you didn't do to prepare for the holidays, relax and enjoy the kudos for a job truly well done. A happy surprise awaits you early next year.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The best way to shake off lingering holiday blues is to join loved ones in the fun and festivities of this special time. A confusing situation starts to make sense in upcoming weeks.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Special emotional rewards mark this holiday time for Leos and Leonas who are able to open up to new relationships and the possibilities they offer in the upcoming year.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your efforts to make the holidays especially memorable for some people will be rewarded in some unexpected (but very welcome) ways in the upcoming year.

Extension Office 359-6939
- EBCI Cooperative Extension Office

Tribal Construction tree-cutting and brush pick-up

Everyone wanting this service will need to do an application in the Tribal Construction office.

*Guidelines for Tree Cutting

*Qualifications:

10 Tree Limit (Must be a hazard to house.)

1. Trees must be marked with ribbon or paint
2. Provide TCP with a property map
3. Leave a good working number in case they need to reach you
4. If there is an aggressive animal please chain up or put away

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be assured that your efforts to make this holiday special for everyone won't go unnoticed by those who could make some important changes in your life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Lots of folks want you to light up their holiday parties. But try to take some quiet time 'twixt those glittering galas to spend with some very special people.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While the current round of holiday revels has your social life on the fast track, someone special might want to keep pace with you next year, as well.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Enjoy all the fun you deserve at this holiday time. However, don't lose sight of the need to check out some of the changes the new year is expected to bring.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) What happens during this holiday time can help clear up some of the confusion jeopardizing a once-stable relationship. Follow your instincts on what to do next.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your holidays are brightened by new friends eager to become part of your life. But don't forget to spend time with that one special person. (You know who!)

BORN THIS WEEK: You have the ability to encourage people to reach their potential by setting an example with your own efforts.

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5. Only one application per year
6. Trees must be located on Tribal land

*Disqualifications:

1. They will not cut trees near storage sheds, satellite dishes or garages.
2. They will not clear along drive ways.
3. They will not clear for house sites.
4. They will not cut trees for rental properties.
5. They will not cut trees on deeded property or off the reservation

*Guidelines for Brush Pick up

1. Make sure brush is beside road and/or easy to access for a large truck.
2. Must not contain trash, metal or building materials
3. We will not pick up brush at Rentals
4. Brush must be located on Tribal Land
5. No Stumps (blocks) or logs over 6'

Info: Uriah Maney 359-6134 or Sarah Toineeta 359-6132

- Tribal Construction

Handicapped and Disabled Christmas Check program guidelines

All applicants must be EBCI tribal members between the ages of birth to 59 years old and must be handicapped and/or disabled. A statement from Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability (SSD) is required. Doctor's statements will no longer be accepted. Applications must be submitted by Friday, Dec. 1 at 4:30pm. Senior Citizens (age 60 and over) will automatically receive a check. There is no need for seniors to re-apply. Christmas checks will be distributed by Friday, Dec. 15.

Applications can be picked up at the Tribal Council House. Info: Celia Smith 359-7011, cecsmith@nc-chokeee.com

- Office of the Principal Chief

Bear information sought by Fish and Wildlife

Bear season is now open and will run through Sunday, Dec. 31. Please report your take to Cherokee Natural Resources along with the first premolar tooth (or allow them to extract it) to determine age. Freeze or keep other samples on ice that could decompose. If possible, Natural Resources wishes collect a little hair, weight, location, sex and the effort it took to harvest (number of hunters in party and hours put in). There will be a \$500 draw from those that submit samples and information. Submit samples and information at their office at 1840 Painttown Road, next to Cherokee Bingo. Info: 359-6110, ebcifw@gmail.com

- Cherokee Natural Resources

Senior Citizens Fuel Assistance applications

The EBCI Senior Citizens Program has begun accepting Fuel Assistance Applications.

Applications will be available at Tsali Manor, Snowbird, and John Welch Senior Centers. If you are applying for Electric Heating Assistance, bring a current bill and the last four digits of the Social Security number of the individual whose name the bill is in as well as your EBCI enrollment card. If you do not use the contract companies, it is your and your company's responsibility to get your delivery invoices turned in to the program.

- EBCI Senior Citizens Program

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One meaningful gift you could give for your family this Christmas

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

“Strange, isn't it? Each man's life touches so many other lives. When he isn't around he leaves an awful hole.”

- Clarence the Angel in the 1946 film “It's a Wonderful Life”

I don't mean to be a downer in the season of comfort and joy, but you are going to die. Doctors have determined that the human mortality rate is 100 percent. The minute you are born, you begin to die, and die you will.

It is something that we can't totally control. Death may come at any time, regardless of how you feel or what you do to attempt to stop it. Ready or not, death comes to all.

Sorry, I have probably watched one too many medical shows. But the truth is, it is not only smart to think about what happens after you are no longer here, it is actually compassionate to do so. George Bailey, the lead character in that amazing holiday film, learned the value of a life in the form of those that he affected. He had measured his life based on monetary successes and failures, and nearly killed himself before he discovered that love and relationship mattered more than anything money could buy.

You have people who love and care about you. And, there are also those you love and

care about. You spend decades building relationships, mostly without even thinking about it. Time, love, and tenderness are creating bonds that will last, well, until you die. About your spouse, you may have even recited the vow, “Till death do we part”. There is nothing you wouldn't do for him, her, or them.

No one likes to think about death. One specifically doesn't like to think about his own death. But, if you love your wife, husband, friends, and family, that is exactly what you need to do. Some folks go to the trouble of taking out life insurance. Actually, it is usually no trouble at all, because many insurance companies make it as simple as checking a box on a form and paying a monthly premium. If you work, your employer will pull the premium out of your check before you get your pay. That policy is a good start, but there is more you need to think about.

I had thought about the possibility of getting a will for several years. I am not a morbid person (at least I don't think I am), but it began to occur to me that those that I love would have to make decisions about me and my possessions at a time of great grief and stress. One of the most difficult times in life is the death of a loved one. And, if that loved one doesn't leave instructions for his final wishes and the

distribution of his wealth, those decisions are left to a spouse, sibling, or other descendants, depending on what the law and government determine are eligible beneficiaries.

It was listening to acting EBCI Attorney General Mike McConnell during a Tribal Council session that finally made me realize the importance of getting that will done. Without a will, your spouse or family members will have to wait for the government to determine who will ultimately receive your estate. And, while the law spells out a succession of relatives and relations that might be eligible for your estate, there may be battles among your kin and friends over “who Robert really wanted to have stuff or money,” for example. We have all seen passionate battles over what's left after life. Even in a simple situation, say you plan to give your spouse everything after you die and the law says your spouse would get it all anyway, having a last will and testament will speed the process of consolidating your estate for him or her to take possession.

So, I made an appointment with our EBCI Legal Assistance Office and spoke with attorney Tim Lewis. When the receptionist put me on his calendar, she gave me a one-page worksheet to fill out prior to meeting with

see **EDITORIAL** page 24

Church Events

Cherokee Bible Project reception. Dec. 22.

If you volunteered for the organization in the past year, and you have not received your invitation, you are asked to contact them at the number provided. Info: (888) 743-7775, <https://sites.google.com/site/chokeeebibleproject/>

General Events

Cherokee Elementary School's "The J.O.Y. of Christmas" Program. Dec. 14 at 6pm at Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center.

Performances by Cherokee Elementary Traditional Dancers, Singers, Chorus, and Jump Rope.

Cherokee Youth Center 1st Annual Christmas Bazaar. Dec. 15 from 2-6pm (DATE CHANGE).

First-come, first-serve (10 tables), \$10 a table. Info: Melissa Bodfield 359-8113

Holiday Homecoming at Oconaluftee Visi-

tor Center. Dec. 16 from 10am – 3pm. Park staff and volunteers will provide hands-on traditional crafts and activities from 10am -12pm, and an acoustic old time jam session will be held from 1-3pm. Hot apple cider and cookies will be served on the porch with a fire in the fireplace. All activities are free and open to the public. Info: 497-1904

Cherokee Historical Association presents "A Year with Frog and Toad". Dec. 16 at 7pm at Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. This is the winter production of the Mountain-side Performing Arts School. This is a free event. Info: marina@chokeeeadventure.com, 497-3652

Holiday Dance. Dec. 30 from 7:30-10pm at Yellowhill Activity Center. Fun evening of song and dance featuring the Rick Morris Band. Light refreshments. \$20/per couple.

Free Legal Clinics in Cherokee and Snowbird. Get free legal advice from attorneys from EBCI Legal Assistance, Legal Aid of NC, and University of North Carolina law students.

- **Snowbird Civil Clinic. Dec. 19** from 10:30am – 2pm at Snowbird Community Library at 60 Snowbird School Road. Expunctions, wills, divorces, and custody (state and tribal law)

- **Cherokee Wills Clinic. Dec. 19** from 9:30am – 3pm at Tsali Manor, 133 Tsali Manor Road. Wills, healthcare power of attorney, financial power of attorney, and advanced directives.

- **Cherokee Civil Clinic. Dec. 20** at EBCI Cooperative Extension office, 876 Acquoni Road. Expunctions, divorces, and custody (state and tribal law). To make an appointment, call EBCI Legal Assistance Office 359-7400. Priority will be given to those with appointments.

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Turkey Shoot. Dec. 16 at 5pm at Jesse Welch's residence in the Big Cove Community. This is a benefit for Jesse Welch. Good food, good prizes, good fun.

Health/Sports Events

Cherokee Healing and Wellness Coalition meeting. Dec. 14 at 11:30am at Agelink Ernestine Walkingstick Conference Room. Everyone is welcome for a potluck lunch and planning for 2018. Meat will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert along with a drink. Learn more about the Coalition and their mission to promote wellness, recovery for adults, and substance abuse prevention programs focused on youth implementing the Cherokee Core Values and the Cycle of Healing. Info: (828) 331-8688 or 497-9498

Free Yoga Class Schedule. Ginger Lynn Welch Complex Community Rooms. Gentle Yoga on Mondays from 12-1pm. All Levels Flow Yoga on Tuesdays from 12-1pm. Both of those classes provide an option to leave at 12:45pm. Evening Yoga on Tuesdays at 5-6pm. Mats and props provided for all classes. No classes on tribal holidays. Sponsored by Cherokee Choices: A Diabetes Prevention Program. Info: Robin 359-6785, robibail@nc-chokeee.com

Upcoming Pow Wows for Dec. 15-17

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.

Sioux Empire Wacipi. Dec. 15-17 at W.H. Lions Fairgrounds in Sioux Falls, SD. Emcees: Ruben Little Head and Jerry Dearly. Info: www.siouxempirewacipi.net

Community Club Meetings

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

\$25 returnable clean-up fee.

Big Cove Community Club meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the Big Cove Rec. Center. Info: Chairman 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. To reserve the building for your special occasion, call Faye McCoy, treasurer, 226-5194 (\$50 fee with \$20 key deposit).

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

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

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 Diabetes Support Group. This group, for community members with diabetes or pre-diabetes and their family and friends, meets

at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Demonstration Kitchen on the first Tuesday of each month from 4:30-5:30pm. 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 ence 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 Thursday 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)
and 4:30-5:30pm (Linda Johnson).
Groups are led by registered dieti-
cians. 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

Event listings are FREE of charges.
Submit the information to Scott at
scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com or
message us on Facebook.

EDITORIAL: The importance of
wills, from page 21

Mr. Lewis. The form is very simple
and helped me prepare the infor-
mation that he would need to craft
a will. This is a service that the
Legal Assistance Office offers free
of charge to community members.
My meeting with Mr. Lewis took
about 20 minutes and, at the con-

clusion, he told me he could have a
draft ready in about a week.

Within a will, you may set out
what you would like done with your
remains, how you would like to be
memorialized, direct where you
would like your material posses-
sions to end up, whether that is to
a loved one, friend, pet, charity, or
wherever you chose to leave it. A
will can take some very difficult,

stressful, and painful decisions
away from your loved ones at a
time of trauma and grief. This is
one tangible way to show your
spouse, family, and loved ones that
you care; not necessarily that you
are leaving them your materials,
but that you are not burdening
them with decisions about your
personal business. And, all of your
decisions contained in a will are

confidential and may remain so
until your passing.

So, do something that will make
life easier for your loved ones. Sign
up to create your will at the EBCI
Legal Assistance Office ([https://
www.facebook.com/EBCILegalAs-
sistanceOffice/](https://www.facebook.com/EBCILegalAssistanceOffice/)) 359-7400. It may
be the best Christmas gift you will
give to your family and yourself.



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We are offering both introductory and advanced training in facilitating peacemaking circles for dispute resolution in our families and our communities. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a circle keeper, join us for the first level of training. If you attended our training in October, 2017, come for the advanced part of the training and practice in Peacemaking Circles.

To Register Call Patti Long 828-359-8117
EBCI Community Dispute Resolution Program

Indigenous Peacemaking Initiative
Native American Rights Fund



CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida
SŌHi AD RVLTŌJ DŌŌYL



Jem, a 1-year-old
Chihuahua, lives
with Alia Lambert
in the Painttown
Community.



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-chokeee.com, or message
us at the One Feather Facebook page.

Wildland Fire Safety

Every year, wildfires burn across the U.S., and more and more people are living where wildfires are a real risk. But by working together, residents can make their own property — and their neighborhood — much safer from wildfire.

Action steps for around your home:

- **CLEAR** leaves and other vegetative debris from roofs, gutters, porches and decks. This helps prevent embers from igniting your home.
- **REMOVE** dead vegetation and other items from under your deck or porch, and within 10 feet of the house.
- **SCREEN** in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating.
- **REMOVE** flammable materials (wood piles, propane tanks) within 30 feet of your home's foundation and outbuildings, including garages and sheds. If it can catch fire, don't let it touch your house, deck or porch.
- Wildfire can spread to tree tops. **PRUNE** trees so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet from the ground.
- **KEEP** your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to reduce fire intensity. Dry grass and shrubs are fuel for wildfire.
- Don't let debris and lawn cuttings linger. **DISPOSE** of these items quickly to reduce fuel for fire.
- **INSPECT** shingles or roof tiles. Replace or repair the shingles that are loose or missing to prevent ember penetration.
- **COVER** exterior attic vents with metal wire mesh no larger than 1/8 inch to prevent sparks from entering the home.
- **ENCLOSE** eaves and screen soffit vents using 1/8 mesh metal screening to prevent ember entry.

AND DON'T FORGET...



The more actions a community takes, the more fire adapted it becomes. Learn how you can make a difference in your community. Visit www.fireadapted.org and www.firewise.org for more information.



FACT

- ! There are more than **45 million** homes near or in the wildland.
- ! More than **72,000** U.S. communities are now at risk from wildfire.



Your Source for **SAFETY** Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

FOR RENT

2BR, 1 bath mobile home. Quiet park in Ela, no pets. References/background check required. \$450/month, \$450/deposit. 488-8752. UFN

FOR SALE

2005 Ford Taurus \$1900. One Owner 153,000 miles. Good tires, cold air. 788-0688. 12/14

Barnett Ghost Crossbow 350. New, never been fired. Comes with quiver, cocking rope, three bolts, three broadheads. \$350. (828) 341-5552. 12/14

Business for sale by owner. Family owned/operated campground, established in 1965. Located on the Cherokee Indian Reservation, within walking distance of downtown Cherokee and Harrah's Casino. Within one mile of most major attractions in Cherokee. On approximately 12 acres, the campground consists of 11 cabins, 11 bunkhouses, and 33 campsites, including 23 FHU sites. Serious inquiries call 828-736-2765 for an appointment. Must be an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. 12/21pd

SERVICES

Law Office of Shira Hedgepeth, Tribal Legal Advocate, For representation, call 828.585.5044 or email shira@legal-decisions.com. Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/legaldecisions>. 12/21pd

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certificates are available. Please call : 828-926-3183, 5474 Soco Rd. Maggie Valley, NC. 12/14

REALTY

Proposed Land Transfers

Albert Earl Martin, Jr., to Kara Darlene Martin McKinney for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 1180 (Part of Parcel No. 662), containing 0.989 Acre, more or less.

Samuel Leroy Thompson to William Lawson Smith for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 518, containing 0.966 Acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Claudette Parker Williams to Angela Lynn Moore Whitley for Wolfetown Community Parcel No.

862-C (Remainder of Parcel No. 862), containing 10.155 Acres, more or less.

Claudette Parker Williams to Angela Lynn Moore Whitley for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 862-B (Part of Parcel No. 862), containing 2.348 Acres, more or less.

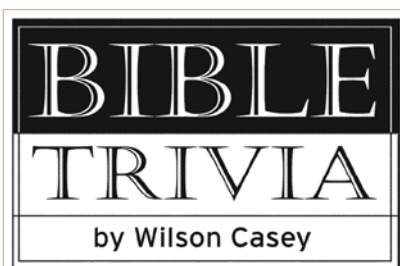
Frederick Lloyd Wilnoty, II, to James Lastbear Wilnoty for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 863 (Part of Parcel No. 645), containing 0.821 Acre, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Clarence Steven Arch to Maybelle Watty for Big Cove Community Parcel No. 649-D (Part of Parcel No. 649), containing 4.081 Acres, more or less.

Brandy Darlene Davis to Carrie Marie Davis for Upper Cherokee Community Parcel No. 167-D, (Part of Parcel 167), containing 0.480 Acre, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon. (Undivided Interest)

Allen Sequoyah to James Leonard Sequoyah, Jr., for Upper Cherokee Community Parcel No. 385-A (Part of Parcel No. 385), containing 2.462 Acres, more or less.

Darrell Junior Huskey to Johnny Ferlin Huskey for 3200 Acre Tract Community Parcel No. 34 (Part of Parcel No. 10 & 19), containing 3.60 Acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.



1. Is the book of Immanuel in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which Old Testament prophet said the most about the birth of Christ? *Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, Jeremiah*
3. From Matthew 1:18, when Mary became pregnant, she and Joseph were ... ? *Married, Engaged, Just friends, Strangers*
4. What priest was told he would not die until he saw the Savior? *Joazar, Matthias, Simeon, Elioneus*
5. Where does the Bible tell us Jesus was born on Dec. 25th? *Nowhere, Matthew 3:4, Mark 1:1, Luke 7:7*
6. Who informed Joseph that the baby's name was to be Jesus? *Herod, Pilate, Mary, an angel*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Isaiah; 3) Engaged; 4) Simeon; 5) Nowhere; 6) an angel

Wilson Casey's 2018 Golf Trivia box calendar makes a great gift. It's available in stores and online at RSVP.com.

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Cherokee One Feather
1st Annual Christmas Sweater Contest

Individual/Couple Division
First Place - \$50

Family/Group Division (three or more people)
First Place - \$50

Pet Division
First Place \$25 gift card

Send your photos to us on Facebook or to Scott at scotmckie@nc-choerokee.com. Please include name(s) and community.

The deadline to enter is Friday, Dec. 15 at 12pm

Cherokee Tribal Bingo Job Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: Dec. 13, 2017

CLOSING DATE: Dec. 20, 2017 at 4pm

NAME OF POSITION: FT Concession Attendant

NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 1; SHIFT: Evening

SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Must be able to oversee concession area. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Most importantly, demonstrate confidentiality. One year experience preferred. Must obtain a valid NC Drivers License and High School Diploma or GED.

NAME OF POSITION: FT Cashier

NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 2; SHIFT: Evening

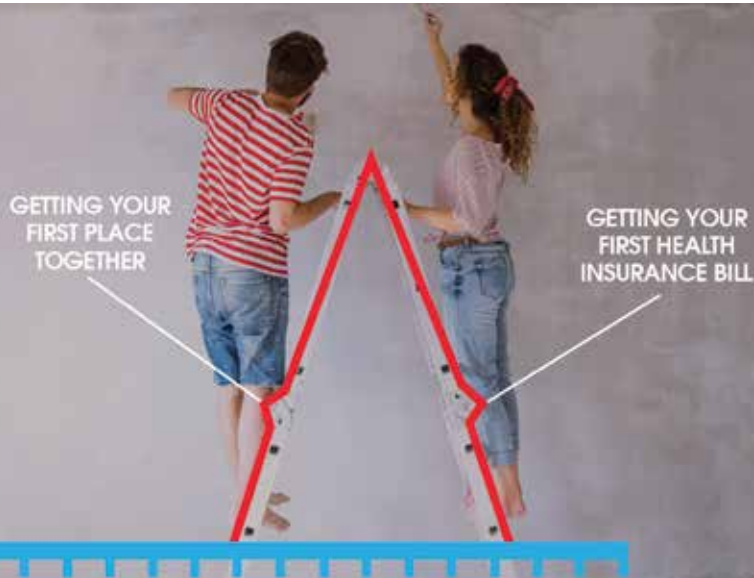
SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Most importantly, demonstrate confidentiality. One year cashier/cash handling experience required. Must obtain a valid NC Drivers License and High School Diploma or GED.

NAME OF POSITION: Paper Room Controller

NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 1; SHIFT: Evening

SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Most importantly, demonstrate confidentiality. Knowledge of purchasing and inventory preferred. Must obtain a valid NC Drivers License and High School Diploma or GED.

THE TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE, AN ENTERPRISE CREATED BY THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS, RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL APPLICANTS AND EMPLOYMENT IS SUBJECT TO THOSE TERMS WHICH THE TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE DEEM APPROPRIATE. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO QUALIFIED MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS. Applications and a complete job description may be picked up at the Tribal Bingo Hall and returned to April Bradley.



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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 Thursday, December 28, 2017

1. Collections Processor - Budget & Finance / Treasury (L6 \$28,372-\$35,465)
2. Finance Analyst II - Finance / Treasury (L12 \$49,200-\$61,500)
3. Family Safety Social Worker (Multiple) (L10 \$41,082-\$51,353)
4. Senior Services Coordinator - Cherokee County Senior Citizens - Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L5 \$25,830 - \$32,288)
5. Evidence Control Clerk - Police Department - Public Safety (L7 \$31,078 - \$38,848)

Closing Friday, December 15, 2017

1. Utility Worker - Tribal Construction - Operations (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
2. Community Development Assistant - Cooperative Extension (L6 \$28,372 - \$35,465)
3. Teacher (Multiple) - Qualla Boundary HS & EHS - PHHS (L7 \$31,078 - \$38,848)
4. Youth Development Professional - Cherokee Youth Center - CERS (L3 \$21,484 - \$26,855)

Open Positions

1. Paramedic Part-Time - EMS - Operations (\$10.33 - \$12.91 per hour)
2. Paramedic Full-Time - EMS - Operations (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
3. Family Safety Social Worker (Multiple) - Family Safety - PHHS (L10 \$41,082-\$51,353)
4. Traffic Officer - Police Department - Public Safety (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
5. Patrol Officer - Police Department - Public Safety (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)

Download Applications and Job Descriptions and Apply Online at:

www.ebci.com/jobs

EMPLOYMENT

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Safety and Security Manager
Emergency Hire RN – Inpatient
Emergency Hire Food Service Worker
RN – Tsali Care Center (4 Positions)
To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close December 14, 2017 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **12/14pd**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
The Cherokee Court
Cherokee, North Carolina

**Estate File Nos.: EST 94-09; EST 10-08;
EST 12-069; EST 13-004; EST 13-015;
EST 13-017; EST 13-018**

In the Matter of the Estates of:
Frances B. Parker (d. 03/04/1994);
Ronnie Sevier Huskey (d.
02/05/2010);
James David Griffin (d.
09/04/2012);
Clifford Gerard Parker (d.
12/01/2012);
Jonathan Arch (d. 06/18/2012);
Tsa ni A li ti sqi Youngdeer (d.
12/01/2012);
Martha Ann Ross (d. 02/15/2013)

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
December 20, 2017 at 1:30pm
12/14pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-067

In the Matter of the Estate of Samantha Renee Larch

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
TION

William D. Larch III, 2093 Old
#4 Road, Cherokee, NC 28719.

12/14pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-068

In the Matter of the Estate of Joan Jacobs

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
TION

Sandra Owle, P.O. Box 1646, Cherokee, NC 28719. **12/14pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-072

In the Matter of the Estate of Lucetta Hill Ward

All persons, firms and corpo-

rations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
TION

Consuela Girty, P.O. Box 898, Cherokee, NC 28719. **1/11pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-071

In the Matter of the Estate of Doris West Catt

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
TION

Marina P. Catt, P.O. Box 671, Cherokee, NC 28719. **1/11pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-73

In the Matter of the Estate of William Perry Pheasant

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

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

below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
TION

Melissa Queen, P.O. Box 1017,
Cherokee, NC 28719. **1/18pd**

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OF GEN- ERAL CONTRACTORS

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is soliciting for Professional Land Surveying Services in Cherokee, NC.

The scope of work will consist of, Professional land surveying of 1-3 acres house site parcels on EBCI lands located in Jackson, Swain, Haywood, Graham and Cherokee counties of North Carolina. Professional Land Surveyors will be required to follow North Carolina Rules and laws of surveying.

Surveyors will also be required to follow EBCI Survey Standards of surveys also.

Proposals for Surveying Services are due to the EBCI Realty, GIS & Surveying

Department office by 4:30 PM on December 14, 2017. The office is located 257 Tsali Blvd P.O. Box 1630 Cherokee, NC 28719.

More information can be obtained from: David Wyatt, GIS / Surveying Program Manager, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, 257 Tsali Blvd, P.O. Box 1630, Cherokee, NC 28719. Phone: 828-359-6947, Cell: 828-226-9564 Email: daviwyat@nc-cherokee.com.

Each bidder must show evidence that it is NC licensed as a Professional Land Surveyor.

12/14pd



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians **TRIBAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

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CERTIFICATION PERIODS:

- ZERO INCOME (LITTLE CHANCE OF CHANGE) – Every 3 months
- ZERO INCOME (FREQUENT CHANGES IN INCOME) – Every month to 2 months
- STABLE (NON-CHANGING INCOME) – 12 months
- ELDERLY/DISABLED (FIXED INCOME) – Up to 24 months. Must be contacted every 12 months to make sure they want to continue services.
- SELF-EMPLOYED – Recertification should fall when they receive the majority of their income.

GROSS INCOME (20% EIC DEDUCTION):

- PAID WEEKLY – Gross amount of check x 4.3 = Gross monthly income (before 20% deduction)
- PAID BI-WEEKLY – Gross amount of check x 2.15 = Gross monthly income (before 20% deduction)

DEDUCTIONS:

- 20% - (0.20 x Gross Income)
- Utility Deduction - \$300.00
- Medical Deductions – Medical costs >\$35.00
- Child Support - Paid
- Dependent Care Expenses

Household Size (FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standards)

1	(\$1,165)	6 (\$2,975)
2	(\$1,514)	7 (\$3,323)
3	(\$1,862)	8 (\$3,672)
4	(\$2,220)	*Each additional member (+\$349.00)
5	(\$2,598)	

EBCI Per Capita and Per Capita Loans are NOT considered as income at this time. Please, feel free to contact the Tribal Foods Office (828-359-9751) for detailed eligibility requirements and to schedule an appointment.
Thanks from the TFDP Staff.

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Cherokee One Feather

One Feather year coming to a close

The last One Feather print issue for 2017 will hit the streets Wednesday, Dec. 20.

We will not print the weeks of Dec. 27 or Jan. 3.

Our first issue of 2018 will come out Wednesday, Jan. 10 with a deadline of Friday, Jan. 5 at 12pm.

***Thanks for a
great year!***



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