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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**“This attack is  
being treated as  
an act of  
domestic  
terrorism.”**

*- Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed  
on the recent cyber-attack against  
the Eastern Band of Cherokee  
Indians*

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# Detention hearing held following cyber-attack

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**C**herokee Tribal Court opened the detention hearing for Benjamin Cody Long on the morning of Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 10:30 a.m. The hearing came two days after the initial arraignment hearing on Monday, Dec. 9.

Long has been charged with Felony Tampering with Public Records (In violation of Section 14-70.12(a)(3)) and Felony Obstructing Government Functions (In violation of Section 14-70.14(a)(2)).

The judge for Wednesday's hearing was Thomas Cochran.

The defendant's attorney was Brent Smith, and Shelli Buckner and Cody White represented the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI).

The EBCI Tribal prosecutors moved for Long to be detained, and brought two witnesses for testimony. Long arrived in the courtroom in street clothes and handcuffs just after 10:45 a.m. Following Long's arrival, the first witness was called to the stand.

Bill Travitz, the EBCI Director of Information Technology (IT), was the first witness. Tribal prosecutors were the first to question Travitz. He confirmed that Long was an employee in IT's Infrastructure Services Department,

and said that he should not have had access to his employee account at the time of the crime - the morning of Saturday, Dec. 7. Travitz said that this is because Long had just been suspended without leave on the morning of Thursday, Dec. 5 as advised by EBCI Human Resources.

Travitz said that prior to Long's suspension, he and others with significant access should not view the surveillance loggings from Tribal buildings. These orders were given by Anthony Brown, the manager of the Infrastructure Department. Following the meeting, Travitz said that Long made unauthorized entry in the loggings, and this was the reason

for his suspension.

Following his suspension, IT made the decision to disable Long's account. However, Travitz says that a 'servadmin' account was used to unlock Long's account on the morning of the incident. There are only three people who have access to the 'servadmin' account: Anthony Brown, Josh Oliver, and Long himself. Brown was called in to help resolve the issue at 7 a.m., after the attack had begun, and Oliver followed later that morning.

Travitz said that whoever encrypted the Tribal server with ransomware most likely had detailed knowledge of the servers. He said that timestamps on the firewall



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following the attack showed that the hacker quickly pinpointed each host server, and that it would have been extremely difficult to do so without having previous knowledge of the servers.

Smith took to questioning Travitz next. He first asked for clarification of how Long would have gained access to his account. Travitz said that they knew Long still had access to the 'servadmin' account, but said that the only way to deny that access would be to break the account, denying access to all. He also said that in hindsight, they should have broken the account, and they'll "learn from it."

Further in the questioning, Travitz said that the lead investigator for the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) was

Roger Neadeau, and that they were the direct contact between IT and CIPD. Travitz said that there are documents that show the fire-wall records, and that he did show them to Neadeau. He continued by saying he is uncertain if Neadeau has them as evidence.

Smith asked about Long's work history, and Travitz said that Long has not been previously suspended to his knowledge. He said that he has not known Long to leave the state during his time at IT either. Travitz has been in his position since Aug. 26 of this year. He did say that Long has been "counseled on multiple occasions by his supervisor" for "having a bad attitude".

Travitz then had several questions come from the Judge. Travitz confirmed that Long had

knowledge of the vulnerabilities of the Tribal server and access to any backups. He also said that he does not know if Long has downloaded or possesses any property of the server due to the current state of the servers.

Smith finished his questioning of Travitz by asking who is now working with IT. Travitz said that they are in contact with Homeland Security and the FBI Cyber Division, and that they have "tier one" support for the time being.

The second testimony came from Atreyu Queen, the manager of the EBCI Public Safety Communications Center. He said the network going down has had a direct impact on their services, especially 911 dispatch. Queen says that due to the shut down, they cannot use their Computer Assisted Dispatch system, and therefore are having difficulty supporting officers in the field. They cannot track the locations of callers, and must rely on the caller knowing their exact location. He also said that information on any suspects cannot be quickly provided to officers. Queen said there have been approximately over 100 calls since the incident on Dec. 5.

As an example, Queen said there was a vehicle accident over the weekend in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Due to the network issues, they received 13 calls and were delayed approximately 10-15 minutes.

Smith did not have any ques-

tions for Queen, and moved to call up the final witness, Robert Long. He is the father of the defendant, and resides in Swain County. Smith asked if he had a criminal record, to which Robert Long responded "no". Robert Long said that he would be willing to accept custody of his son in the event of release before the next court hearings. He also said that he would eliminate the use of all technological devices in his residence in that case, and that he would accept probation officers to check on the defendant.

The Tribal prosecutors had no questions for Robert Long, and this was the end of the list of witnesses. White gave the Tribe's position on the hearing, saying that "the Tribe is completely exposed" and that "we cannot afford to release" Long.

Smith said that they did not believe there has been a thorough investigation, and he suggested that the court consider posting bond in similar range to that of the state.

After hearing what they had to say, Judge Cochran said that he believed the evidence presented by the Tribe was strong, and the damage to the Tribe as a whole has been "immense and unprecedented".

Judge Cochran decided that Long would be detained without bond, and that the next court hearing will be on Wednesday, April 8, 2020.



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Wednesday, Jan. 8.**

# Tribe victim of cyber-attack, suspect arrested and arraigned

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SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

*(Note: This article was published at theonefeather.com on Monday, Dec. 9.)*

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) was the victim of a large cyber-attack on Sunday, Dec. 8, and a suspect was arrested and arraigned on Monday. The arraignment hearing for Benjamin Cody Long, 36, was held Monday, Dec. 9 at 1:30 p.m. in Cherokee Tribal Court.

After announcing two alleged felony charges against Long, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the session was suspended until 2:30 p.m. to allow for Long's attorney to arrive. Attorney Brent Smith arrived, and after short discussions with the Tribal prosecutors and the judge, he requested an extension of the

detention trial. According to Tribal law, this can be up to a five-day extension.

Continuation of the detention trial will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 8:30 a.m.

Below are the alleged charges against Long:

- \* Felony Tampering with Public Records. In violation of Section 14-70.12 (a)(3)

- Purposely and unlawfully destroy, conceal remove or otherwise impair the truth or availability of any such record, document or thing belonging to or received or kept by the Eastern Band Cherokee Indians.

- And Benjamin Cody Long did log into the EBCI Tribal network and placed ransomware to lock all documents and denying all users access to their documents.

- \* Felony Obstructing Government Functions. In violation of Section 14-70.14 (a)(2)

- Purposefully obstruct, impair,

or, prevent the administration of law or other governmental function, by force, violence, physical interference or obstacle, breach of official duty, or any other unlawful act.

- Benjamin Cody Long did log into the EBCI IT travel network and placed ransomware to lock all documents and denying all users access to their documents.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed declared a State of Emergency for the EBCI tribal government and addressed the Tribe in a video on Monday afternoon and stated, "Over the weekend, the EBCI was the victim of a serious cyber-attack. It is alleged, at this time, that the attack was carried out by a tribal employee. This attack was not made just against the EBCI tribal government but an attack directed against every tribal citizen and employee. Our tribal networks were attacked with ransomware that began to infect all of

our tribal systems."

He added, "As a result of the rapid response of our I.T. employees, the damage was contained. However, as a result, our servers are now powered down to protect our systems and data. The network will continue to be powered down so that the appropriate steps may be taken to ensure the security of our network."

Chief Sneed said the Tribe's emergency services are still functioning and there will be no interruption of services there. He spoke of the Tribe's finances and stated, "Our financial information is secure through our financial systems software provider. There may, however, be a delay in services while we work with the software company to implement temporary access to that system while preserving the security of our data."

He said the Cherokee Indian Police Department led the way in the investigation and other agencies have been involved including the FBI Cyber Security Response Team, the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

"This attack is being treated as an act of domestic terrorism."

Chief Sneed further stated, "It is during trying times such as these that the character and spirit of our Tribe always shines through. To our tribal citizens, I would ask for your patience, grace, and understanding during this very difficult time. To our tribal employees, all departments will continue to operate as normal making the necessary adjustments to deliver services in the most effective manner possible."



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## Message from Chief Sneed regarding cyber-attack

(Note: This message was delivered from Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed on Thursday, Dec. 12.)

The grace and understanding demonstrated by our employees has been greatly appreciated as the EBCI IT department continues to restore our network. I am happy to report that prior to this unfortunate attack our Treasury Division worked with our IT department and software providers to back up our financial information outside of our tribal network. This back up prevented any loss of data and

after establishing a temporary connection our Treasury Division expects to restore services rather quickly.

The IT department has completed the first phase of evidence preservation and containment, and will begin working to restore the EBCI network. I have tasked each Secretary under my charge to work with the IT department to determine a priority list of users who need to be restored. Naturally the first priority was police, fire and EMS who were back up and running rather quickly through some creative modifications. The next priority was assisting the Treasury Division and then Public

Health and Human Services. Other departments were placed on the priority list depending on need, and I ask that if you have a critical need that is not being addressed that you work with your Secretary to determine your place on the priority list and an appropriate timeline for restoration.

Thank you again for your patience and please join me in showing appreciation for the hard work each of our departments are doing to restore the network and find creative ways to continue to serve clients. A special thanks goes to the IT Director, Bill Travitz, and the entire IT team for their unyielding commitment to service

excellence and for working tirelessly in the midst of this crisis.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that within our democracy there is the presumption of innocence for all persons suspected of a crime. We must allow for the evidence to determine guilt or innocence. I would like to ask for your thoughts and prayers for the suspect and his family as they go through this very difficult time.

Please contact my office at 359-7002 with any questions.

Best Regards,  
**Principal Chief  
Richard Sneed**

## SPEAKING OF FAITH

### With God, age should make little difference

**REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON,  
PASTOR**

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Read Judges Chapters, 6 and 7 concerning Gideon...

"If one person in Scripture had to move from hell, to his overcoming with God and into victory—it was the 17-year-old Gideon," began Pastor Melton.

"God sent the Israelites a prophet who told the Israelites, 'I delivered you from Egypt, I freed you from a life of slavery; I rescued you from Egypt's brutality and then from every oppressor; I pushed them out of your way and gave you their land. And I said to you, 'I am your God' Don't for a minute be afraid of the gods of the Amorites in whose land are living' ... but you didn't listen..."

"Israel had been delivered into the hands of Midian by God because the people of Israel had gone back to doing evil, in God's sight—like worshipping other gods. The people of Israel were forced to make for themselves hideouts in the mountains for seven years—caves and forts, because the Midianites invaded them every time they planted and raised their crops. Midianites would come and camp out on the Israeli lands after they had already planted and raised their crops and would eat all the crops, take Israeli livestock to eat, leaving nothing for the Israelites to eat, or raise for those next years, all the way to Gaza. With innumerable cattle, camels and people the Midianites were like an invasion of locusts that devastated their country. The Israelites, reduced to a grinding poverty by their actions, finally cried out to God for help.

"So afraid they were, like Job was—who let go of his joy in the Lord, which caused his mind to go crazy," Pastor Melton continued. "Wherever we may be weak,

remember God can bring us out. "Sinning always costs us more. While His Grace may cover sin, the consequences still may come. It will have a cost. Israel had had enough. 'It's too hard on us', they cried out to the Lord. 'We've got to do something else.' As soon as they acknowledged this, God began to work on their way out. Even if a higher power cannot do it, God can.

"God can use you. God is looking for someone to bless. Gideon, although only a teenager, God called him 'a mighty man of valor, a mighty warrior' in whom God was willing to change a nation. God is about to do a new thing in our midst. People who are bound, like to 'hang out' with others who are also bound. Cripples come along, 'I want to go with you where you are going.' 'We are poor. I'm a poor boy—but, little is much with God.'

"First step: to deliverance in our health, our marriage, to having no peace is to say in agreement with God, 'Let the weak say, 'I am strong.'

"Second step: is to know the enemy wants to tie you up, by your believing the enemy's lies. (Israel had worshipped the god they created—Baal.) They were to tear down Baal's altar and make an altar to God. (The altar is where you spend your time and have a designated place to praise and worship, read your Bible, prayer—talking with the Lord.) Gideon's father, Joash, even though his own son had destroyed the god they had created, must have realized it and told the people to 'let Baal plead for himself'. (The devil is a mouse with a microphone—he has no power—and he is not God's equal. Jesus told us how long the rebellion lasted in heaven, as He said, He saw satan fall like lightning to the earth. We are more than conquerors...)

"Your fight belongs to the Lord, so fight the good fight of faith in the Lord. Finances? We can say, 'When I am weak, He is strong. To overcome, we are to claim what the Word says. Even

see **FAITH** page 7

# WCU archaeological facility dedicated to former Cherokee village

**CULLOWHEE** – The Western Carolina University community celebrated renovations to a curation facility for archaeological collections associated with the Cherokee, including objects from the Trail of Tears and the Unicoi Turnpike, in a dedication ceremony held Thursday, Dec. 5.

The Trail of Tears was the forced removal of the Cherokee from their homeland, including what is now Western North Carolina, in the 1830s to present-day Oklahoma. The Unicoi Turnpike was the primary route of the Trail of Tears from WNC to eastern Tennessee.

The ceremony was attended by some 75 people, including the WCU Board of Trustees. The facility on the ground floor of the McKee Building is formally named Tali Tsisgwayahi “Two Sparrows Town” Archaeological Collections Curation Facility in recognition of the ancient Cherokee village that previously stood on the site of the Cullowhee campus.

The university’s ties to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are deep, with both undergraduate and graduate programs in Cherokee Studies, a Cherokee language program and one of the largest regional collections of Cherokee-related materials.

“It is only fitting that Western Carolina University, which is located on the ancestral homeland of the Cherokee people, provide a safe haven for the storage, curation and study of important historical artifacts that help to honor and tell the story of the people of Cherokee,” said WCU Chancellor Kelli R. Brown in opening remarks. “The university is truly



WCU photo

**Joyce Dugan**, a retired educator and the first woman elected principal chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, speaks at the dedication ceremony.

honored to be permitted to be the keeper of one of the largest collections of Cherokee-related materials in the Southeast, to be trusted with their care and safekeeping, and to be able to share access to these significant items with others, from both near and far.”

Joyce Dugan, former principal chief of the Eastern Band and a current WCU trustee who earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education from the university, said facility is a continuation of awareness of native peoples by the larger population.

“This creates a great responsibility for the university going forward,” she said. “An education is needed by this country on the accurate history of our people. This facility highlights Western Carolina University’s commitment to the



**Ceremony guests** check out artifacts that were on display.

preservation and enhancement of Cherokee history, of our heritage and of our traditional culture. As a member of the tribe and a former leader, and on behalf of the tribe, I think I am safe to say that we remain committed to assisting with your effort. I am really pleased and proud today to see this come about and that the indigenous people could be involved."

The Eastern Band tribal council has previously passed a resolution that WCU has responsibility as the official repository for U.S. Forest Service-owned collections of materials associated with the Cherokee Trail of Tears. The Forest Service provided a

\$175,000 grant for renovations to create a climate-controlled room, catalogued with easy access for researchers, that meets federal standards and is in accordance with tribal guidelines regarding Cherokee artifacts.

Melissa Twaroski, the U.S. Forest Service coordinator for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail on national forest lands, said the renovated facility is now "a wonderful place for study, and also will hopefully be a wonderful place for the Cherokee people to visit and the proper place for artifacts and archival material to be kept, here in the heart of the Cherokee homeland."

Brett Riggs, WCU's Sequoyah Distinguished Professor of Cherokee Studies, summed up the intent of both the facility and the dedication ceremony.

"The reason for this dedication and that name — Tali Tsisgwayahi — is that it was the ancient name of this place," said Riggs. "This development brings about new understandings and will continue to inform us about our collective past. So, we're bringing that identity back to western North Carolina with this unique facility, standing in the center of that ancient town."

- WCU release

**FAITH:** Pastor Melton's message from page 5

with sicknesses we can say, 'By Jesus' stripes, we were healed. Sickness cannot handle that. "Step three: Get up, arise! Worship, praise Him and God will show up and He will lift you up! Change your atmosphere, get up, take a walk, and go get some fresh air. Gideon told people—he was willing to be a leader—'God has given me something.' We all will follow someone who will start leading—even a 17 year-old. We don't need a 'fleece' when we can ask Him and hear Him. Call upon Him. Let Him talk to us. Thank Him. God will do it."

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## BASKETBALL

# Braves fall short while Lady Braves fly high against Swain

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When the Charles George Memorial Arena is as full as it was on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 10, you know it is either a playoff game or rival Swain County has come to town. The latter was the case as the Cherokee varsity basketball teams opened their 2019-20 Big Smoky Mountain Conference campaigns. The Lady Braves (2-2, 1-0 BSMC) got things going with a big 73-47 win. The Braves (2-1, 0-1 BSMC) started out well but fell short in the end 80-69 to the Maroon Devils.

## Lady Braves 73 Swain County 47

Swain County started out quickly in this game and jumped out to a 4-0 lead early on, but the Lady Braves got it going and ended up leading 15-12 at the end of the first period. Three minutes into the second, Cherokee led 23-20 and then went on an 11-5 run to lead 34-25 at the half.

The third period was all Cherokee, and the Lady Braves went on a 10-1 run in the first three minutes. For the period, Cherokee outscored Swain County 21-7 to take a commanding 55-32 lead at the end of the



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**Cherokee's Naomi Smith** goes inside for a shot as Swain County's Rabekka Wolfe defends during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 10. Smith finished the game with 7 points as the Lady Braves cruised to a 73-47 win.

third. Cherokee kept cruising in the fourth en route to a large 73-47 win.

The Lady Braves were led by Deante Toineeta with 21 points followed by Vivian Ross 12, and Rhyan Girty 10. Other Lady Braves scorers included: Aiyanna Lambert 9, Naomi Smith 7, Jordyn Martin 6, Kamia Wiggins 4, and Tierney Bradley 2.

The Lady Maroon Devils were led by Mazie Helpman with 20 points, followed by Savannah Smith with 12. Other Swain County scorers included: Ashton Younce 2, Amaya Hicks 4, Bri Ross 2,

Kiersten Smith 2, Haileigh Woodard 3, and Hannah Brown 2.

## Swain County 80 Braves 69

This game started out very slowly for both teams with Cherokee leading 1-0 after the first two minutes. With three minutes left in the first period, Cherokee had built a 15-7 lead and they led 20-14 at the end of the first. Cherokee kept a 5- or 6- point lead through the first six minutes of the second period. Swain took the lead with just over two minutes left before the half



**Cherokee's Chris Johnson** goes inside for a shot as Swain County's Nick Millsaps defends during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 10. Johnson finished the game with 7 points as the Braves fell to the Maroon Devils 80-69.

and led 29-26 going into the locker room.

The Maroon Devils came out of the locker room on fire and outscored the Braves 11-5 in the first three minutes and led by 14 points (51-37) with 2:30 left in the third. Swain County led 60-45 at the end of the third.

Swain County kept their double-digit lead for the majority of the fourth period. With just under three minutes remaining in the game, the Braves caught fire and went on an 8-1 run only trailing 71-65 with 2:38 left. But, several missed shots at the end cost the Braves and Swain

County held on for the 80-69 win.

Sterling Santa Maria led the way for the Braves with 22 points followed by Jordan Arkansas 12 and Treannie Larch 10. Other Braves scorers included: Chris Johnson 7, Sarron Johnson 2, Bobby Crowe 6, Don Bradley 4, and Dawson Bradley 6.

Donnavin Groenewold led the Maroon Devils with 27 points followed by Judaiah Littlejohn with 18. Other Swain County scorers included: Connor Hyatt 4, Aiden Pond 4, Gaige Jones 4, Noel Wolfe 8, Isaiah Collins 7, and Nick Millsaps 8.

## Lady Braves defeat Lincoln Charter



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**Cherokee's Vivian Ross**, left, fights for the ball with Lincoln Charter's Alyssa Wright during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 14. The Lady Braves won 68-61 to improve to 4-2 on the season. Cherokee was led by Deante Toineeta with 22 points followed by Ross with 19. Other Lady Braves scorers included: Naomi Smith 10, Zoey Walkingstick 5, Rhyne Girty 6, and Kamia Wiggins 6. Lincoln Charter scorers included: Wright 6, Natalie Hamlen 11, Morgan Brotherton 2, Felicity Fields 16, Lauren Horton 21, and Lila Moutselos 5.

## Lincoln Charter tops Braves



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**Cherokee's Don Bradley**, right, brings the ball up court as Lincoln Charter's Anthony Davis defends during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 14. The Braves (2-2) were defeated 92-81. Cherokee was led by Sterling Santa Maria with 32 points followed by Bradley 15. Other Cherokee scorers included: Chris Johnson 7, Jordan Arkansas 10, Bobby Crowe 6, Treannie Larch 4, and Dawson Bradley 7. Lincoln Charter scorers included: Davis 14, Sam Cogan 16, Cam Bush 7, Elijah Burnett 2, Shiven Patel 8, Davis Al Hussaini 5, Axel Holm 14, Carter Seitz 6, Troy Fulton 8, Palmer Crichton 2, and Andrew Baich 10.

## Robbinsville nabs state title with 45-14 victory over Northampton

**D**URHAM – The Black Knights of Robbinsville ran off the first 31 points of the game on their way to a 45-14 victory over Northampton County in the 1A State Championship Game on Saturday, Dec. 14 at Wallace Wade Stadium in Durham. The victory earned Robbinsville the program's 14th NCHSAA State Championship and first since 2014.

Rylee Anderson was the star for Robbinsville scoring the game's first three touchdowns to push his team out to a 21-0 lead with 9:02 to go in the second quarter. Anderson cashed in two additional runs in the second half on his way to a fantastic 34 carry, 176 yard and five score stat line. He was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

Robbinsville also had a great rushing performance by Lex Hooper who carried 14 times for 125 yards including his 20-yard run to put Robbinsville up 38-14 early in the fourth. While the rushing attack was dominant for the Black Knights, their defense played exceptionally, only allowing the Jaguars 65 yards via the ground and 53 through the air.

Northampton County got on the board in the third quarter with Na'Jae Newsom hauling in a 23-yard scoring pass from Zion Kendall. Just over two minutes later Kendall broke free for a 15-yard touchdown run. The Jaguars finished the season 11-4, they were 5-1 in the Tar Roanoke 1A Conference. Northampton County reached the state championship



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**Robbinsville's Rylee Anderson** was named the Most Valuable Player in Saturday's game. He scored five touchdowns in the 45-14 victory for the Black Knights.

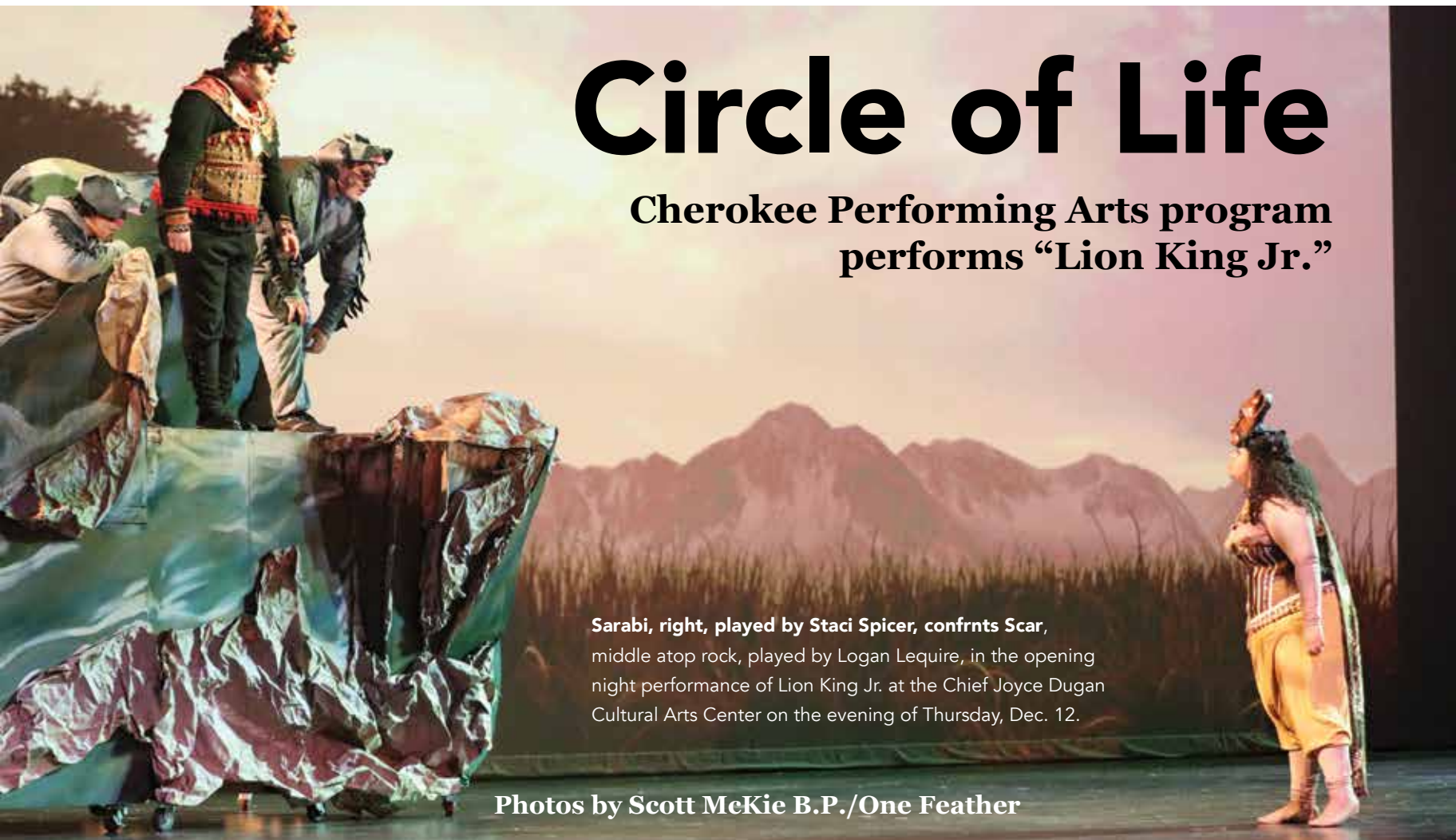
for the first time in school history and only the second time any school from the county made it to the finals, matching the 2005 team from Northampton-West.

Most Outstanding Players included: Robbinsville - Xavier Rattler (Defensive) and Lex Hooper (Offensive), Northampton - Ja'Vonte Scott (Defensive) and Zion Kendall (Offensive).

Robbinsville wrapped up the year 15-0, they were 6-0 as the champions of the Smoky Mountain 1A Conference. The Black Knights made the program's 17th appearance in an NCHSAA state championship game.

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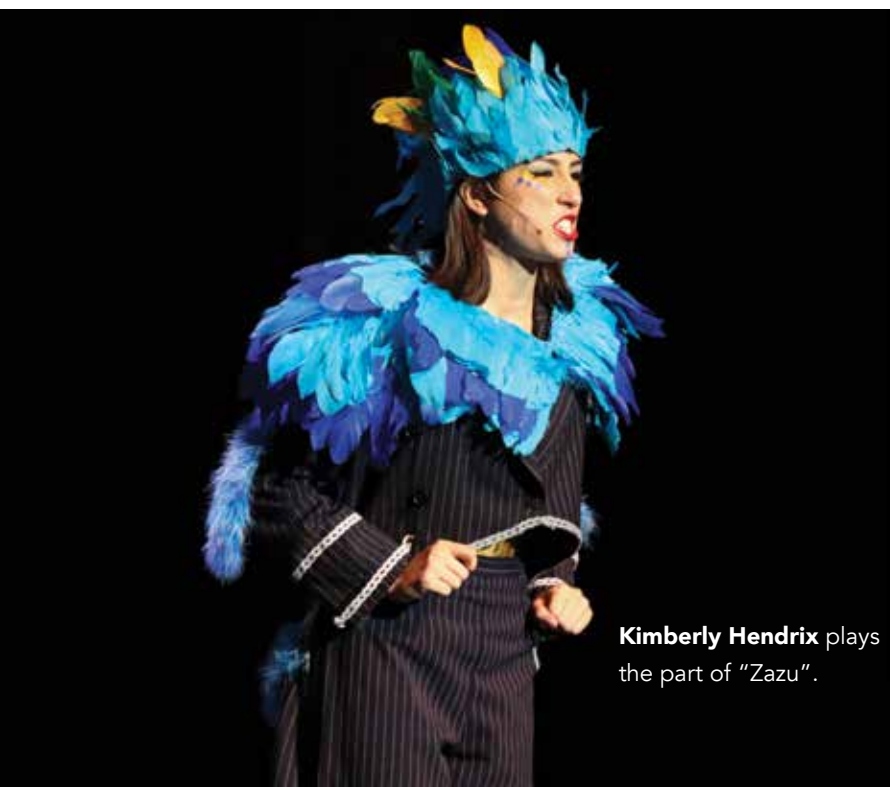


# Circle of Life

**Cherokee Performing Arts program  
performs “Lion King Jr.”**

**Sarabi, right, played by Staci Spicer, confrnts Scar,**  
middle atop rock, played by Logan Lequire, in the opening  
night performance of Lion King Jr. at the Chief Joyce Dugan  
Cultural Arts Center on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 12.

**Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather**



**Kimberly Hendrix** plays  
the part of “Zazu”.



**Timon, played by Julius Bolden, and Pumbaa, played by Dominyk Arch, perform**  
“Luau Hawaiian Treat”.



**Rafiki** is played by Ella Montelongo.



**The Lionesses** gather to mourn the loss of Mufasa. The Lionesses are played by (not in order): Autumn Greene, Ally Reed, Kimberly Hendrix, Staci Spicer, Cece Lambert, Amiya George, and Abigail Taylor.



**Scar** was portrayed by Logan Lequire.



**Old Simba** was portrayed by Billy Bailey.



**Set design, costumes, and props**, such as this giraffe, were under the direction of Megan Barnes, art director for the production.



**Banzai the hyena**, played by Lucian Davis, scares Young Nala, played by Amiya George, Young Simba, played by Brody Barker, and Zazu.



**Shown are Rafiki and Old Nala**, played by Cece Lambert.



**Baby Simba** is presented to Pride Rock by Rafiki while King Mufasa, played by Cris Rivera, and Sarabi look on.



**Bessie Swayney** portrays a baby elephant in the show finale.



## *Christmas Dinner in the Smokies*

### **SHEENA BRINGS PLENTY**

**M**erry Christmas!! This time of year is always my favorite. I love the lights, the songs, and the festivities, but I love the food more! I always loved baking and cooking with my mom and great grandma as a kid. The love of cooking and baking continued to grow for me as an adult and I even went to culinary school and got my degree in Baking and Pastry Arts. Christmas cooking and baking is especially exciting for me because I get to make fun recipes that I don't normally make.

When you're taking on something as big as Christmas dinner, planning is the key! I usually spend about a week or so thinking about and planning out my Christmas menu. Once I get the

menu down, I move on to a grocery list. Then I lay out all my recipes and plan out my time so I can be organized and everything gets done at the same time. This also allows me to not get overwhelmed when I am in the middle of everything. (see below for my organizational time management list) Also, be sure to plan out your utensils, pans, and serving plates so be sure you have enough of what you need.

Whether you cook a big meal, or a little meal, or go out for Chinese like in "A Christmas Story", take time to look around and truly enjoy it. Each year is another gift that we should be grateful for. I hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday season full of warmth, love, peace, and joy.

### **Time Management list**

(make pumpkin roll a day ahead and chill)

1. Chop and cook mushrooms. Set aside.
2. Mix rolls. Set in laundry room to rise.
3. Sear beef, brush with mustard, wrap, and chill - 20 minutes.
4. Divide roll dough and place on pans. Preheat oven to 425.
5. Snap beans and cut sweet potatoes, place in bowls and cover. Set aside. Wrap beef in pastry - chill 15 minutes.
6. Bake rolls - reduce heat to 400, cool rolls on rack.
7. Glaze Wellington again and put in oven - 20 minutes
8. Wash, peel, cut potatoes - boil water for beans, bring beans and potatoes to a boil.
9. Reduce oven temp to 350 - put in sweet potatoes
10. Drain, mash potatoes, keep warm. Pull out Wellington - rest on cutting board. Raise oven to 400.

11. Pull out sweet potatoes - plate.
12. Plate Wellington, rolls, mashed potatoes.
13. Pull out pumpkin roll, slice.
- 14 Serve!



### **Gordon Ramsay's Beef Wellington**

Yield: 4 servings

14 ounces flat cap or button mushrooms  
salt and pepper to taste  
2-3 Tablespoons olive oil  
26 ounces beef fillet, dry  
1-2 Tablespoons English or Dijon mustard  
6-8 slices parma ham or prosciutto  
1 roll puff pastry  
All-purpose flour, for dusting  
2 egg yolks, beaten

1. Pulse mushrooms in a food processor (or chop very finely) to a rough paste. Season with salt and pepper. Heat a tablespoon of olive oil in a small pan over medium-high heat and add mushroom paste. Cook for about 10 minutes to cook out all the moisture. Set aside to cool.
2. Heat the remaining 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a frying pan or cast iron skillet over medium-high. Season the beef with salt and pepper and sear on all sides. Set aside too cool.
3. Once the beef has cooled, brush it on all sides with the mustard.

4. Lay out a layer of plastic wrap onto a table or countertop. Layer the parma ham or prosciutto onto the plastic wrap, overlapping slightly. Top with mushroom paste, then place mustard-covered beef in the middle. Using the plastic wrap to help, wrap the parma over the beef tightly. Twist the ends of the plastic wrap so it seals the beef package tightly. Chill for 15-20 minutes.

5. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

6. On a clean countertop or table, sprinkle a small amount of flour and unroll puff pastry. If it is not already, use a rolling pin to flatten the puff pastry to 1/4-inch thick. Unwrap the beef package and set it in the middle of the puff pastry. Brush pastry with the egg yolk and roll the pastry around the beef package tightly. Cut off excess and pinch the edges around the beef tightly so no part of the beef is showing. Place seam-side down onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Brush the outside of the puff pastry with the egg yolk. Chill 15 minutes.

7. Glaze the puff pastry again with the egg yolk and score the top shallowly with a knife. (Don't cut all the way through the puff pastry. This is just for decoration.)

8. Bake for 20 minutes in the middle of the oven. Then reduce the heat to 350 degrees and bake another 15 minutes. Remove from the oven and place on a cutting board to rest. Allow it to rest for 15 minutes more.

### **Sixty-minute rolls**

Yield: 12-24 rolls

1/2 cup low-fat milk  
1/4 cup granulated sugar  
2 teaspoons salt  
3 Tablespoons butter  
3 packages (1/4 ounce each) active dry yeast  
1 1/2 cups warm water (105-115 degrees)  
5-6 cups all-purpose flour



1. Place milk, sugar, salt, and butter in a small saucepan. Heat over low until the butter melts and sugar dissolves. Cool to lukewarm.

2. Dissolve yeast in warm water in a mixer bowl. Add lukewarm milk mixture and 4 1/2 cups of flour. Attach bowl and dough hook to mixer. Turn to speed 2 and mix about 1 minute.

3. Continuing on speed 2, add remaining flour, 1/2 cup at a time, and mix until dough clings to the hook and cleans the sides of the bowl, about 2 minutes. (Depending on the moisture in the air, you may or may not use all of the flour. Just add flour until it cleans the sides of the bowl.)

4. Knead on speed 2 about 2 minutes longer, or until dough is smooth and elastic. Dough will be slightly sticky to the touch.

5. Place the dough into a large greased bowl that is twice as big as the amount of dough. Cover with plastic wrap and place in a warm place, free from draft, about 15 minutes (I put mine on top of my dryer and turn the dryer on). Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

6. Turn dough onto lightly floured surface. Cut into 12-24 equal pieces (depending on how many rolls you want). Roll each piece into a ball. Place on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper and allow to rise in a warm place free from draft about 15 minutes. (They are ready if an indentation remains when you poke it with your finger. If the indentation pops back out, allow to sit another 5 minutes and check again)

7. Bake 10-12 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from pans immediately and cool on a wire rack.



### Sheena's pumpkin roll

Yield: 12-16 servings

#### Cake:

- 3 whole eggs
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 can pumpkin puree
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- 1/8 teaspoon cloves
- 1 teaspoon baking powder

#### Filling:

- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2 Tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease and line a sheet pan 10" x 15" x 1". Set aside.
2. For the cake, beat the eggs with a whisk or in a mixer with the whisk attachment until VERY thick. Then, while beating, stream in the sugar gradually. Add the pumpkin and vanilla.
3. Add the flour, salt, spices, and baking powder. Beat just until smooth.
4. Pour into the prepared pan and smooth the top.

5. Bake 12-15 until springy. Invert immediately onto a kitchen towel that has been sprinkled generously with powdered sugar. Starting at one of the short ends, roll the cake up in the towel and allow to cool completely to room temperature.

6. Meanwhile, make the filling. Beat the cream cheese and butter together until thoroughly mixed. Scrape the bowl down frequently. Add the powdered sugar and vanilla and beat until smooth.

7. Once the cake has cooled completely, unroll it and spread the filling evenly over it. Re-roll, removing the cake from the towel. Place on a serving plate and sprinkle with powdered sugar. Serve.



### Green beans

- 2 pounds fresh green beans
- 1 Tablespoon butter
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder

1. Snap tops and bottoms off of beans. Snap into 1 inch pieces.
2. Bring a large pot of water to a rapid boil.
3. Add the beans and boil for 10 minutes.
4. Drain beans and return them to the pot. Add butter, salt, pepper, onion powder, and garlic powder. Stir and taste. Adjust seasonings, if necessary.

### Roasted sweet potatoes with brown sugar and pecans

Yield: 2-4 servings

- 2 large sweet potatoes
- olive oil
- salt
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup pecan halves, or chopped pecans

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Grease a sheet pan with enough olive oil to coat the bottom.
2. Peel and chop the sweet potatoes into 1/2-inch cubes. Spread onto the prepared sheet pan, turning each piece to coat. Sprinkle with salt.
3. Bake for about 20 minutes until soft and lightly browned on the bottom.
4. Sprinkle the brown sugar and pecans over the sweet potatoes and stir to combine. Place on a serving plate. Serve.

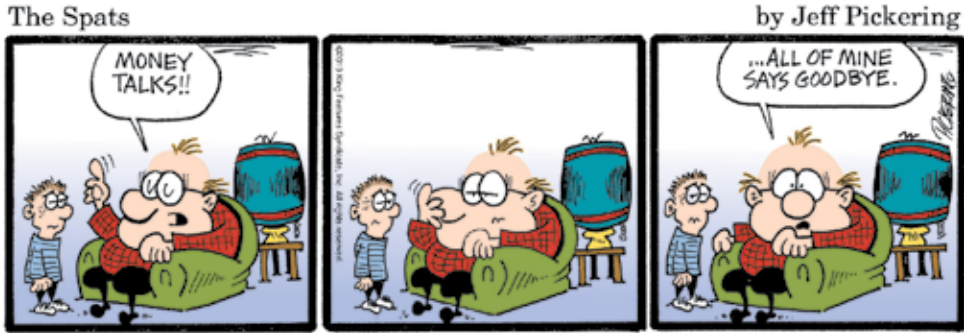
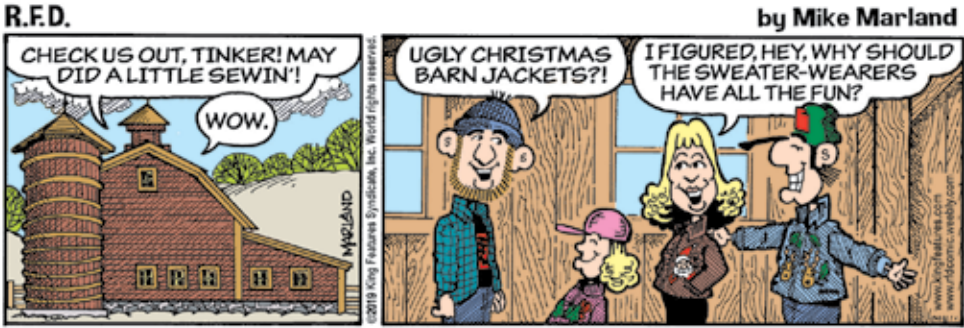
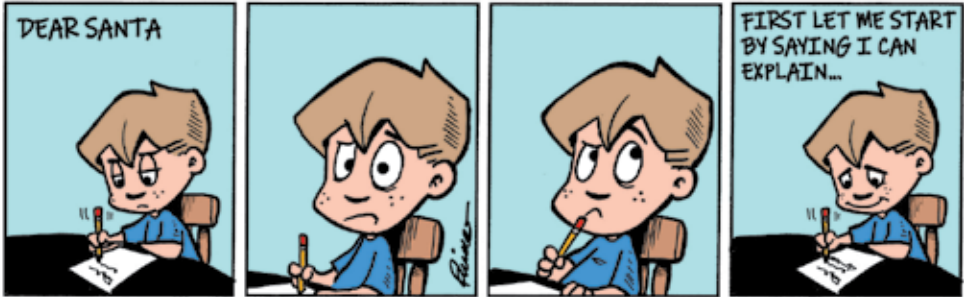
### Sheena's mashed potatoes

Yield: 4-6 servings

- 8 medium to large russet potatoes, washed
- 3 Tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup milk
- 3/4 cup parmesan or dubliner cheese, shredded
- salt and pepper to taste
- garlic powder to taste

1. Peel potatoes. Chop into 1/2-inch cubes and place in a large pot. Cover with cold water and bring to a boil.
2. Boil until potatoes are tender and fall apart when pierced with a fork.
3. Turn off the heat and drain. Place potatoes back into empty pot and back onto burner to make the remaining moisture evaporate. (You want dry, dry potatoes)
4. Add butter and begin mashing. Once the potatoes are mashed and the butter is melted in, add the milk a little at a time and stir after each addition. (For thicker potatoes, use less milk.)
5. Add the cheese, stir, and taste. Then add salt, pepper, and garlic powder to taste.

# Amber Waves



## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Plant on mantle is missing. 2. Man has black. 3. Fireplace has more stones. 4. Mitten is missing. 5. Shirt zipper is gone. 6. Earmuff has added band.

# King Crossword

### ACROSS

1 Grill fill  
6 Easily split rock  
12 Give in  
13 Beer gut  
14 Fitting  
15 "Camelot" role  
16 First victim  
17 Bullets and such  
19 Big bother  
20 Director Kazan  
22 Unruly group  
24 Trouble  
27 Taj Mahal city  
29 "— Mis-behavin'"  
32 New Orleans neighborhood  
35 Criterion  
36 Yanks  
37 Sauce source  
38 That girl  
40 Send forth  
42 Raw rock  
44 Sheltered  
46 Capri, e.g.  
50 Swiss city  
52 Country  
54 TV's Superman portrayer  
55 Nasal qualities  
56 First-born  
57 Have a hunch

### DOWN

1 "— Your Enthusiasm"  
2 Reed instrument  
3 More than enough  
4 Whopper  
5 Unwavering  
6 Unwanted email  
7 Ricochet, in billiards  
8 Shack  
9 Occupies  
10 Gulf War mis-sile  
11 "Comin' — the Rye"  
12 Masseur's workplace  
18 Theater canopy  
21 Fond du —, Wis.  
23 Scull need  
24 Sternward  
25 Angel  
26 Diminished  
28 Increases  
30 Ultramodernist  
31 Have a go at  
33 Ultimate  
34 "— was saying ..."  
39 Icicles' homes  
41 Saturn's largest moon  
42 Storybook baddie  
43 Stagger  
45 Survive  
47 Deadly septet  
48 Playgoers' box  
49 Type measures  
51 Previous night  
53 Shock and —

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## CHRISTMAS BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. GOVERNMENT: When was the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency founded?

2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What gift arrives on the 10th day in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?

3. MOVIES: What was the name of Shirley MacLaine's character in "Terms of Endearment"?

4. PERSONALITIES: At which sport did Babe Didrikson Zaharias excel in the 1940s?

5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How do baleen whales eat?

6. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Which early American statesman once said, "A good conscience is a continual Christmas"?

7. MUSIC: Which singer was nicknamed "The Material Girl" in the 1980s?

8. BIBLE: What was Moses' wife's name?

9. INVENTIONS: Who is credited with discovering X-rays?

10. MEDICAL: What does the Ishihara test gauge?

Last-minute gift? "Test Your Bible Knowledge: 1,206 Questions to Sharpen Your Understanding of Scripture," by Wilson Casey, is available in bookstores and online.

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# 'Tis the season



Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather

**Christopher Streets, left, and Chris Watty**, both Cherokee Welcome Center staff, lead out the 2019 Cherokee Christmas Parade in their 'pink nightmare' outfits from "A Christmas Story". The Parade was held on the afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 14.



The Cherokee High School band offered up some holiday tunes.



Miss Cherokee Amy West



**Teen Miss Cherokee Haley Smith**



**Junior Miss Cherokee Nevayah Panther**



**Little Miss Cherokee Georgia Girty**



**The main man** waves to the crowd.



**Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed**, left, throws gifts to the crowd.



**The EBCI Senior Citizens Program/HELP program** float took second place in the Business/Tribal Entity division. Float results, per the Cherokee Welcome Center, include: Community Division - Big Y Community, first place; Business/Tribal Entity Division - Swain County 4-H, first place; EBCI Senior Citizens Program/HELP Program, second place; and Cherokee KOA, third place.



**Eva Hill**, from the Big Cove Community, volunteered to distribute candy during the parade.

## OBITUARIES

### Tashina Shaylee Welch Miller

Tashina Shaylee Welch Miller, 23, of Robbinsville, passed away Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019 at Duke University Hospital.

She was born in Buncombe County to Freeman Welch of Coleman, Fla. and Lynn Welch and Benny Smith of Murphy. Tashina was a homemaker.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her husband, Brian Miller; two sons, Brian Miller Jr. and Landen Miller; two brothers, Dalton Welch and Ryan Garrett; three sisters, Sarah Welch, Justice Welch, and Chantel Garrett; nieces, Iva Welch, Rory Wachacha, LaikLynn Palmer, Hadley Welch, and Ollie Bradley; and one nephew, Dwayne Wachacha.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Dec. 5 at the Townson-Rose Funeral Home Chapel in Murphy. Pastor Thomas Camacho and Pastor Bo Parris officiated. Burial was in the Little Snowbird Baptist Church Cemetery in Rob-

binsville. Pallbearers were Freelin Welch, Reggie Welch, Dave Jumper, Corey Jumper, Jake Smith and Paul Smith.

You may send tributes to the Miller family at [www.townson-rose.com](http://www.townson-rose.com)

Townson-Rose Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements.

### Herman Luke Crowe

Herman Luke Crowe, the one-month-old son of Joel Daniel "JD" Crowe and Maritsa Stefani Wachacha, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019 at 10:16 a.m. after being rushed to the Cherokee Indian Hospital.

Luke, as his family knew him, was just at the start of his life and his unexpected departure leaves the family in mourning. Along with his parents, little Luke leaves behind siblings, Joshua Daniel Crowe, Jordan Crowe, Lakota Crowe and Ajaidyn Crowe; uncles, Jarrett Crowe, Elijah Wachacha and Herman Wachacha Jr.; grandmothers, Berdina Wolfe, Shirley Littlejohn-Crowe, and Megan Wa-

chacha; and grandfathers, Herman Wachacha Sr. and Reggie Cox. Herman Luke is preceded in death by a great-aunt, Cynthia Wachacha and great-uncle, Travis Wolfe.

The family received friends on Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Zion Hill Baptist Church on Corn Silk Branch Rd. in the Snowbird Community of Robbinsville. A funeral followed the visitation at the Church with the Rev. James "Bo" Parris officiating. An immediate burial followed the service in the Ledford Cemetery in the Snowbird Community with Elijah Wachacha and Reggie Cox acting as pall bearers.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family in the final arrangements.

### Carl Ellis Parker

Carl Ellis Parker, 59, of Cherokee, passed away unexpectedly at his residence on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019.

Carl was the son of the late Ellis Edgar Parker and Zenobia Vera (Wilnoty) Parker. He was

a carpenter by trade but had also made his way as a machinist in the past. He was a pleasure to be around by those that knew him. His children shared that "Dad was a kind man who always stood up for what he believed in no matter what the cost. He was always a sucker for a good joke and he certainly had a knack for turning frowns into smiles. He will always be missed and will forever remain in our hearts."

Carl leaves behind his children, Selena Zenobia Parker of Transylvania Co., Candice Parker Cox of Henderson Co., Ashley Parker of Henderson Co., and Christopher Ellis Parker of Henderson Co.; brothers, Raymond Lee Parker of Henderson Co. and David Edgar Parker of Cherokee; sister, Shirley Hubbard of Cherokee; grandchildren, Dawson Russell Cox and Tobias Allen Griffin; niece, Sierra Juarez; nephews, Ellis Larson and Jeremy Parker; and cousin, John Crow.

The family received friends on Wednesday, Dec. 11 in the Chapel of Long House Funeral Home in Cherokee between. A funeral followed the visitation in the Chapel with Mr. Mark Crowe officiating. Long House Funeral Home of Cherokee assisted in the final arrangements.

### Natasha Rashae Pheasant

Natasha Rashae Pheasant, 23, of Swain County went to be with the Lord on Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019. She was born on Feb. 19, 1996 to Beverly Pheasant. Tasha was spontaneous, funny, and always willing to help others. She was a true best friend and was always there for anyone when they needed her. She loved spending time with her family.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by a son, Maddox



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



*Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.*

LUKE 1: 26, 27

Pheasant; her maternal grandmother, Hattie Panther; one sister, Callie Long (Sterling); two brothers, Tristen Long Sr. and Kyle Pheasant (Grace); several nieces, Kayandra Youngdeer, Deanna and Dolly Long, Kylex Pheasant, and Hypatia Long; several nephews, Ostani Youngdeer, Jayden Taylor, Tristen Long Jr., and Eli Youngdeer; two uncles Sammy and Ernie Pheasant; and three aunts, Totsie Welch (Joe), Pam Pheasant, and Brenda Lossiah.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at Straight Fork Baptist Church. The Reverend Bo Parris and the Reverend Jim Park officiated. Kyle Pheasant, Ostani Youngdeer, Tristen Long, Sterling Bennett, Dustin Pheasant, Nat Wade, and Brent Lossiah served as pallbearers. Burial followed at the Straight

Fork Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends on Tuesday, Dec. 10.

#### **Wayne McMillan**

Wayne McMillan, 73, of Whittier went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019 at his residence. A native of Swain County and proud member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, he was the son of the late Clifford and Mary Brady McMillan.

He was a member of Big Cove Pentecostal Church.

Wayne was preceded in death by his brothers Jerome Brady, Alfred Brady, Earl Howard, and Larry McMillan.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Doris Cook McMillan; daughter Candina McMillan Cabe; grandson Benjamin Brown; brothers Tommy and Herman McMil-

lan; sister Leola McMillan; and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held Thursday, Dec. 12 in the chapel of Crisp Funeral Home.

#### **Joyce Smoker Gregory**

Joyce Smoker Gregory, 57, of the Snowbird Community, went home to be with the Lord Monday, Dec. 11, 2019. A lifelong resident of Snowbird, she was the daughter of Mollie Smoker Lossiah of Cherokee and the late Michael Wachacha. Joyce was adopted as an infant by her late grandmother, Amanda Smoker. In addition to her father and grandmother, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Ellis Gregory; one daughter, Brandi Powers; one sister Betty Jackson; and one brother, Donald Lossiah.

Joyce was a full-blooded mem-

ber of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and she spoke the Cherokee Language fluently. She was a member of Zion Hill Baptist Church. She was an amazing mother to six children and "me maw" to 13 grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Brent Powers, Brittany Powers, Bethany Powers, Brianna Powers, and Rosie Gregory all of Snowbird; 13 grandchildren, Brina, Bradley, Raven, Bentley, B.J., Braxton, Alexandria, Blaze, Blake, Braylon, Briley, Delilah, and Nylah; and one brother, Irvin Lossiah.

Funeral Services were Monday, Dec. 16 at Little Snowbird Baptist Church. Rev. James (Bo) Parris, and Noah Crowe officiated with burial at Hickory Gap Cemetery.

**The Cherokee One Feather thanks Principal Chief Sneed,  
Vice Chief Ensley, Tribal Council  
and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
for another amazing year!**

**We also appreciate our faithful readers and advertisers.**

**We wish you all a very  
Merry Christmas  
and**

**Happy New Year!  
We'll see you in 2020!**

# WCU recognized again in Princeton Review's 'Guide to Green Colleges'

**CULLOWHEE** – Western Carolina University has been listed by The Princeton Review as one of the most environmentally responsible colleges in North America for the ninth consecutive year.

WCU is included in the 2019 edition of the education services company's "Guide to Green Colleges." The guide profiles 413 higher education institutions that were found to have strong commitments to green practices and programs during the company's survey of nearly 700 schools. Criteria for making the guide included the schools' academic offerings and initiatives, campus policies and practices, and green career preparation for students.

"These schools are standouts for their exemplary commitments to sustainability," said Rob Franek, editor-in-chief of The Princeton Review. "With initiatives ranging from solar-powered residence halls and tray-less dining halls to robust offerings in environmental studies, they are, each in their own ways, outstanding institutions for students seeking to study and live at a green college."

Franek said a company survey indicated a high level of interest among college applicants and their parents in environmental and sustainability issues. This year, 64 percent of the 11,900 teens and parents polled said having information about a college's commitment to the environment would affect their decision to apply to, or attend, a school.

WCU's inclusion on the "green colleges" list comes as the campus community is holding a series of programs and events in conjunction with the university learning



WCU photo

**Students enjoy** a sunny day at WCU's Electron Garden on the Green, a power-producing 10-kilowatt solar photovoltaic system and hammock hanging lounge.

theme for academic year 2019-20 – "Sustainability and Environment." The campus theme committee is accepting requests for support for spring semester programs and events through Jan. 30, and requests must be submitted through the form found at [go.wcu.edu/campustheme](http://go.wcu.edu/campustheme).

Lauren Bishop, WCU's chief sustainability officer in the Office of Sustainability and Energy Management, said highlights of the university's green efforts include the work of David King, the campus energy manager. "He has accomplished major goals with our energy conservation efforts and has saved WCU a significant amount of money," Bishop said. King said WCU this year is expected to surpass \$1 million in total avoided costs due to investments in metering and energy saving projects since 2013. "House Bill

1292 allows us to reinvest any documented energy savings into future energy-related projects, which creates a positive feedback loop as savings grow and allows us to replace antiquated equipment that's well beyond its shelf life," he said.

"Our most recent project at the Health and Human Sciences Building takes the classroom schedule from 25Live (a space reservation software used by faculty and staff) and pushes it down to the building automation system that controls the heating and cooling, which can account for 40 to 50 percent of a building's energy usage," King said. "The result is that we are not heating and cooling unoccupied spaces; instead, we're conditioning spaces based on actual class schedules instead of a general schedule at the building level. Combined with

a previous building tune-up and optimization project, energy usage has been reduced 25 percent and \$50,000 per year at HHS compared to its first year of operation in 2012."

Bishop also cited the work of the Sustainable Energy Initiative, a student committee "that continues to show strong leadership on campus," and the efforts of Dana Brown, WCU's new recycling coordinator, who is "making major process improvements to help meet our recycling goals." One example of that is the implementation of a 50 percent diversion rate for all demolition projects on campus, Bishop said.

For more information about WCU's sustainability efforts, contact Bishop at 828-227-3562 or [lbishop@wcu.edu](mailto:lbishop@wcu.edu).

-WCU release

# High School Equivalency program at SCC celebrates a new class of graduates

**S**YLVA—Dressed in a royal blue cap and gown, with a glowing Christmas tree behind her and a smile from ear to ear, Emma Hull received one of her greatest gifts of the year: new opportunity.

A Cherokee native who is part of the Mother Town Healing Program offered through the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO), Hull walked across the stage on Thursday, Dec. 5, at Southwestern Community College to finally have the moment she has been waiting on for so many years. Along with several of her peers, she received her High School Equivalency Diploma.

With her parents, four children and fiancé cheering her on from the crowd, Hull became one of the many graduates who have found success since SCC's College and Career Readiness (CCR) program began offering High School Equivalency Boot Camps this past summer.

Each semester, CCR hosts classes that allow participants to earn their high school equivalency diploma in an accelerated program. Students attend class Monday through Friday for five weeks. Each week, the students prepare for and take one subject test. Upon passing all five tests, they receive their high school equivalency credential and are invited to attend a graduation ceremony.

"It's not as hard as I thought it would be, but you definitely have to stay committed, and you can't let yourself get overwhelmed," said Hull. "I took it day by day, test by test."

Hull credits her instructor, Robin Weber, with helping her stay on track and always being prepared for the next step.

"If you actually do what Ms.



SCC photo

**SCC's December High School Equivalency graduates** from Cherokee are Jason Wade (left), William Wilnoty, Emma Hull, Richard George and Nicholas Devaney.

Weber says, you will make it through this program. There's no doubt about it," said Hull. "Always do your homework. You've got to put in time inside and outside of the classroom. Several times I've stayed up till 1 a.m. on the weekend doing homework. You can do this, but you have to put in the time."

Hull says getting her high school equivalency through the CCR program has opened many doors for her, especially with TERO.

"Now that I've got my high school credentials, I can become an intern in the Mother Town Healing Program, and from there I can apply for full-time tribal jobs. The possibilities have really opened for me," said Hull.

One such possibility is here at SCC.

"My family and fiancé have pushed me to go further, and I've decided I want to do my associ-

ate's degree here at SCC. I really want to start in Spring and keep the momentum going," said Hull. "I'm not sure exactly what I want to do, but I want to be here. The instructors are wonderful, and I finally feel like I can see a future for myself."

Hull isn't alone in feeling inspired and motivated by the boot camp program.

Richard George, also a Cherokee native, has already enrolled at SCC to start the Paralegal Technology program in January.

"Just go. This was a great experience. The program wasn't easy, but it was easier than I had imagined. I had built it up to be so much harder in my mind," said George. "I would recommend the program to anyone, and I've already recommended it to several people."

As for Weber, she's proud of all her students no matter what their next step may be.

"They all have such bright futures ahead of them, and I know that whatever they may do, they will succeed," said Weber. "These students are truly an inspiration to me."

The CCR program offers high school equivalency in both Macon and Jackson Counties. The next boot camp will be held Feb. 18 - March 27 at the Macon Annex. Another boot camp will be offered from April 6 - May 15 on SCC's Jackson Campus. Classes will run from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday. For those who cannot attend during the day, evening classes will be offered for each county.

For more information on SCC's High School Equivalency program, contact Kay Wolf at [k\\_wolf@southwesterncc.edu](mailto:k_wolf@southwesterncc.edu) or (828) 339-4262.

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## COMMENTARY

# The presumption and loss of innocence

**ROBERT JUMPER**  
 ONE FEATHER EDITOR

This will be the last printed edition of the Cherokee One Feather for 2019. Scott McKie Brings Plenty has been at the One Feather for over 20 years and many of those years has put together the stories, advertisements, public announcements, and photos, and assembled those into a printable version of what you know as the weekly newspaper. Scott created the layout template and has won North Carolina Press Association awards for what has become the look of the One Feather. His expertise in this area is unmatched.

This week, his talents were put to the test. Since much of our data is stored on tribal servers, the One Feather, along with many other tribal programs, lost access to information necessary to perform their daily tasks. The One Feather

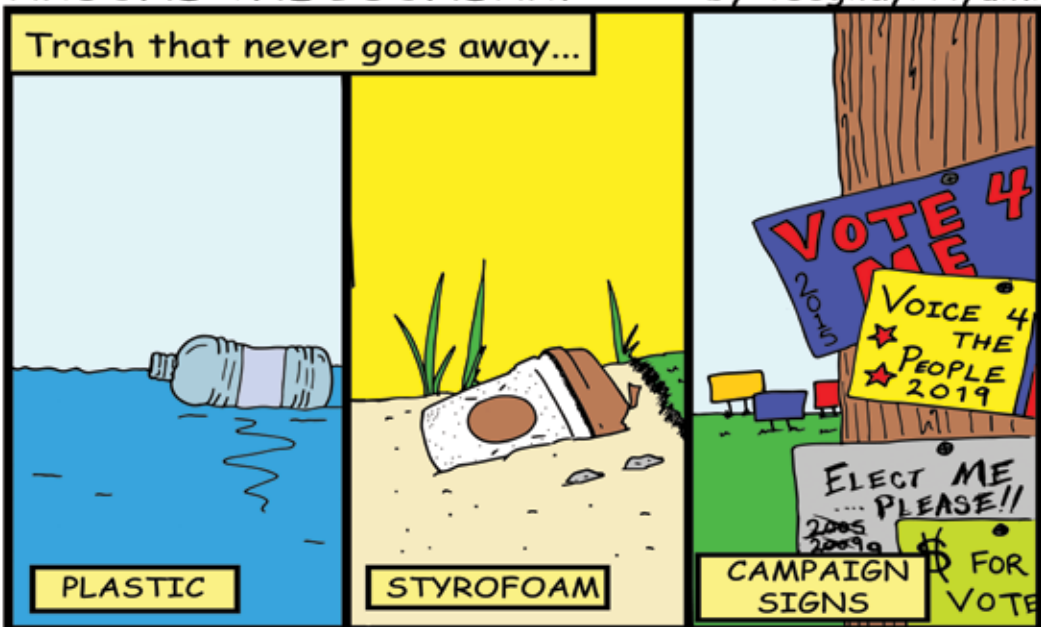
templates and the programs we typically use to produce the paper were and are inaccessible for the foreseeable future. While the Tribe's Information Technology department is working diligently and feverously, repairs are being prioritized to essential services and restoring the network, as it should be. As one colleague within our government stated, "we are in uncharted territory".

Slowly, we are finding ways to work around the damage done by the "cyber-attack" that, according to the charges filed in Cherokee Court, occurred on Dec. 7. It is an interesting irony that this crippling attack on the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians occurred on the anniversary of one of the most infamous attacks in world history.

Scott has recreated the template from memory, and, if you are reading this in print, it is due to his considerable talent.

## AROUND THE BOUNDARY

by Tsegilayi Ayuini



@aroundthebound828

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We have had previous discussions about the need for governmental focus on Information Technology. All our tribal services and economic development depend on a strong, fast, broad, and secure IT structure. To their credit, the staff of the IT department have been very diligent in implementing security and educating end users about the threats that exist from outside cyber-attackers. Unfortunately, according to the most currently available information, it looks like this attack was from within our own ranks of tribal employees or, at least, attackers were able to get inside the system with tribal credentials.

We know that IT has protocols to somewhat protect attacks from occurring from the inside, because when any employee terminates from EBCI, one of the first responsibilities of that employee's super-

visor is to notify IT to terminate their access to all things electronic.

It will likely be weeks before we know the full extent of the security breach. It will likely be months before we hear the full story, and details of what happened and, hopefully, why. Then again, we may never know exactly.

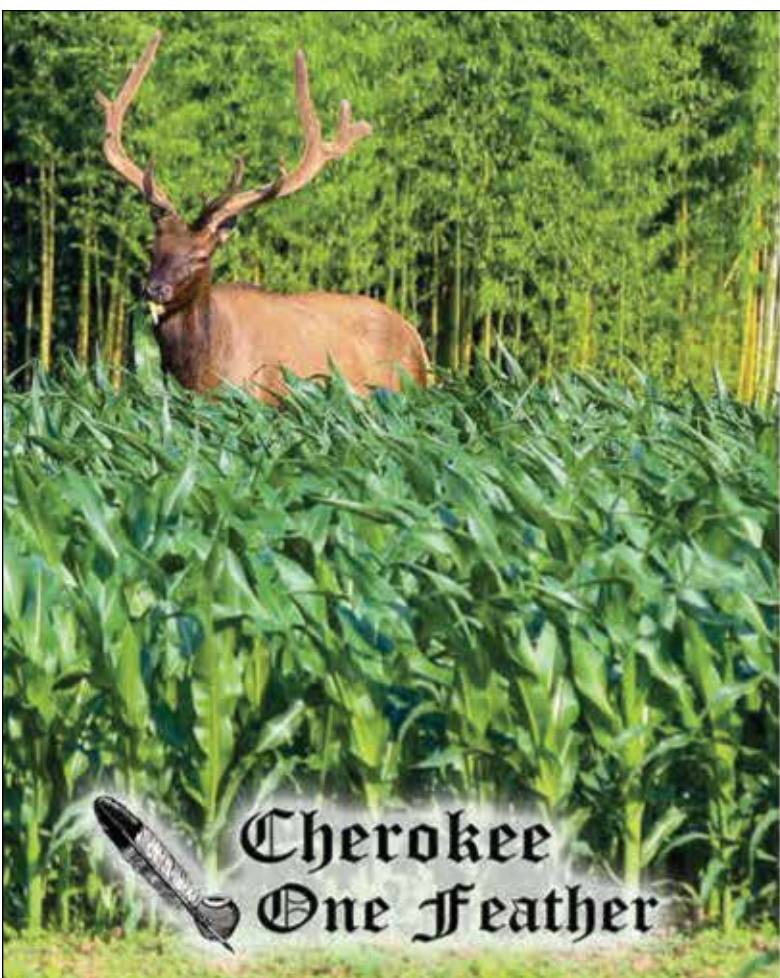
We have had well-meaning folks make comments on social media making comparisons to other, city or state-wide cyber-attacks. With due respect to all, no one in the public knows enough about this breach to give meaningful projections or advise on solutions. The best thing we can do for our leadership, IT department, and the hundreds of public servants attempting to provide services under extreme conditions, is to support them with our encouragement and patience.

I picked up on something else

on our social media page and that is there are those of us out there that may be rushing to judgement regarding the person suspected of causing the cyber-attack. Assumption of innocence is something we struggle with individually and as a people. When we post an arrest report, we also post a statement to remind those who read it that a person has a right to the presumption of innocence until they have received a trial and a judgment, either from a judge or jury of their peers. I know it is hard to hear the summary of charges and evidence against a suspect and not jump to the conclusion of guilt or innocence, but that is what we need to do. Trying one of our community members in the court of public opinion is unfair and ugly. We simply don't know enough to about what happened and who did it to condemn anyone.

It is easy to look at the damage and be angry. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in essence, has been violated. If it were some lost of data, possibly some equipment replacement, and some employees inconvenienced, we might be able to laugh about it later. It was much more. Essential services, like 911, were compromised to a point that it is taking hours, days, and months to resolve. The public that we all serve could be negatively impacted because of this loss. And when you experience loss at that magnitude, you want someone to hold accountable. You want vengeance.

But, we are a society of justice, not vengeance. And justice demands that, in the case of this suspect or any other, that we allow the courts to determine guilt or innocence.



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**Roaring 20's Ball. Dec. 31** at 8 p.m. at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Council Fire Ballroom. A one-night only charity event hosted by Cherokee's local non-profit Mavericks Tsalagi Sunshine. Info: [www.facebook.com/MavericksTsalagiSunshine](http://www.facebook.com/MavericksTsalagiSunshine)

## Cultural Events

**Feather cape workshop. Jan. 6-17** (Monday through Friday) from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Museum of the Cherokee Indian. \$20 per person. 10 people max. Join the Atsila Anotasgi cultural specialist at the museum to create your own feather cape. Yarn for the base will be provided. Must bring your own feathers. For registration, email Dakota Brown at [dakota.brown@chokeeeuseum.org](mailto:dakota.brown@chokeeeuseum.org).

**Refresher Cherokee Language class. March 2, 9, 16, 23** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum's Multi-purpose Room in Vonore, Tenn. The cost of the class is \$40 for all four evenings. The class is a beginner, intermediate, and advanced refresher course and will be taught by Lou Jackson, Brett Jones, and Joel Turner – all members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Register by Jan. 13 by calling (423) 884-6246 or [seqmus@tds.net](mailto:seqmus@tds.net)

## General Events

**Free Legal Clinics. Dec. 18** at the Graham County Courthouse in Robbinsville and the Swain County Courthouse in Bryson City. Free expunction and divorce services

from attorneys and UNC law students. This free event is hosted by Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc. and the EBCI Legal Assistance Office. An appointment is not required, but priority will be given to those who call ahead. To make an appointment, call 586-8931 and ask about the "December civil clinic".

## Swain County Schools Native American Parent Meeting.

**Dec. 19** at 5:30 p.m. at East Elementary cafeteria. A brief meeting will be held followed by a Christmas-themed weaving activity with paper, hot chocolate, cookies, and Christmas music in Tsalagi.

## Drop-in celebration of retirement for Dr. David Cozzo.

**Dec. 19** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at

EBCI Cooperative Extension office. Words of praise and humor at 11:30 a.m. Food and drinks provided. Dr. Cozzo has served as the director of RTCAR for 15 years.

## Great Smoky Mountains

**National Park Holiday Homecoming event. Dec. 21** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Oconaluftee Visitors Center. Visitors of all ages will have the opportunity to experience a traditional Appalachian Christmas through hands-on crafts and activities and an ol'-time musical jam session. Info: 497-1904

## Swain County Democratic Party Whittier/Cherokee

**Precinct Potluck Supper. Jan. 14** at 6 p.m. at Chestnut Tree Inn. Info: 497-9498

## Support Groups

**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

Mondays  
Be Assertive, Not Aggressive: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.  
Parents Supporting Parents: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Acceptance (open to community): 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Tuesdays  
Abstract Recovery: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
Strong Hearts: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Life Recovery (open to community): 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Wednesdays

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## WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL

### WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

DECEMBER 16-22, 2019

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
<b>Tuckasegee River</b>	Stocked Tuckasegee River in Webster Nov. 5 and 7. Stocked Tuckasegee River in Bryson City Nov. 13.	All Day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout	Caddis, Stones, Blue Wing Olives	Rubber Leg Pheasant Tail, Egg Patterns, Hot Bead Pheasant Tails, Woolly Buggers, Soft Hackle Hares Ear, San Juan Worm
<b>Chattooga &amp; Whitewater Rivers</b>	N/A	All Day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	Caddis, Stones, Blue Wing Olives	Rubber Leg Pheasant Tail, Egg Patterns, Hot Bead Pheasant Tails, Woolly Buggers, Soft Hackle Hares Ear, San Juan Worm
<b>Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River &amp; Small Streams</b>	N/A	All Day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Brook Trout	Caddis, Blue Wing Olives, Parachute Adams	Caddis, Orange/Yellow Stimulators, Frenchies, Walts Worms, Bead Head Pheasant Tail

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### BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, DEC. 16	TUESDAY, DEC. 17	WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18	THURSDAY, DEC. 19	FRIDAY, DEC. 20	SATURDAY, DEC. 21	SUNDAY, DEC. 22
AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE+	AVERAGE
4:17 AM-6:17 AM 4:45 PM-6:45 AM	5:12 AM-7:12 AM 5:38 PM-7:38 PM	6:04 AM-8:04 AM 6:29 PM-8:29 PM	6:54 AM-8:54 AM 7:19 PM-9:19 PM	7:44 AM-9:44 AM 8:09 PM-10:09 PM	8:34 AM-10:34 AM 8:59 PM-10:59 PM	9:24 AM-11:24 AM 9:50 PM-11:50 PM

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W.R.A.P. Class: 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Creative Writing: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Adulting 101: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Communication 101: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

We Belong – Two Spirit (open to community): 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Peacemaking Support Circle (open to community): 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Thursdays

Life Recovery (open to community): 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Putting off Procrastination: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Radical Acceptance: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Healthy Boundaries: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Fridays

W.R.A.P. Class: 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Creative Recovery: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Depression and Anxiety: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

All classes are open to clients of Analenisgi. Classes open to the community are noted. Info: 497-6892

### **CIHA Bariatric Support**

**Group** meets every second Thursday of the month at Cherokee Indian Hospital from 12-1pm in the Soco Gap Training Room.

Groups are led by registered dietitians. Info: CIHA Nutrition Dept. – Nilofer Couture 497-9163 ext. 6459, Linda Johnson ext. 6317, Chrystal Frank ext. 6806, or Jean Walborn ext. 7569

### **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 M – F 10am – 2pm and provides counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals. Info: 497-0788

### **Cherokee Alzheimer's Support Group**

**meets** the first Tuesday of every month 1 p.m. at In-Home Care Services in the Beloved Women's & Children's Center second floor). This group is presented by The Alzheimer's Association Western Carolina Chapter. Info: 359-6860

**Life Recovery Tsa La Gi Family Support Group** meets on Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Macedonia Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

**Life Recovery Tsa La Gi Bible-based 12-Step** meets on

Tuesdays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Analenisgi.

### **Community Clubs**

**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 Chairperson Cindy West, 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: Joi Owle, Treasurer: Deb Slee. Secretary: Sasha Watty. The community building is available for rent.

**Paint Town Community Club** meets the last Monday of

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

### **Snowbird Community Club**

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

### **Wolftown Community Club**

meets the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm at the Wolftown Community Club Building. Info: Tuff Jackson, chairman, 788-4088; Jesse Sneed, vice chairman

### **Yellowhill Community Club**

meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Yellowhill Activity Center unless it's a holiday. Info: Bo Lossiah 508-1781, Lloyd Arneach 269-6498, Reuben Teesatuskie (building rental) 497-2043

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Your love of the holidays creates a special bond between you and the people in your life. Use this as a way of building stronger relationships that will carry over well beyond this time.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A new approach could go a long way toward resolving a painful estrangement, especially at this holiday time. And since your aspects favor friendship this week, why not go ahead and try it?

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your positives continue to dominate, and any negative factors that squeeze in can be dealt with easily. The secret is to tackle them at once and not allow them to benefit by your neglect.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Good news: A colleague's remarks could help you move toward ultimately resolving that persistent workplace situation. Meanwhile, enjoy the holidays with loved ones.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) No one reflects the bright holiday more than all you Leos and Leonas who love the shimmer and glimmer of the season. P.S.: There just might be a very special something from Santa.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Celebrate the holidays by being more receptive to new experiences. Overriding the Virgo reluctance to try new things could be the best gift you've given yourself in a long while.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Good news about a loved one makes the holidays even more festive. Expect some unexpected gifts, so be prepared with a few nicely wrapped packages of goodies to offer in return.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) The holiday season provides an opportunity to meet new people, some of whom you might even consider "worthy" enough to join the Scorpio's select group of friends.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You always bring your own wonderful sparkle and light to the holidays, and don't be surprised if this year someone special reaches out to respond to your warmth in kind.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Togetherness is the dominant theme for the Goat's holiday celebrations this year. That means reaching out to bring everyone you care for into your very own special circle of light.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A reminder of a very special moment from the past makes the holidays more memorable for the romantic Aquarian. New friendships hold the promise of a romantic future as well.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Getting into the swim of things for all you party-loving Pisceans is easy enough this holiday season. And, of course, you can expect to impress people wherever you go.

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## EMPLOYMENT

## LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
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File No. 19-104

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**Defendant.**

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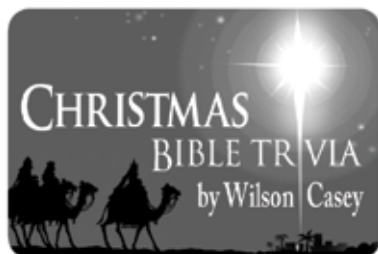
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## Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Isaiah;  
3) Engaged; 4) Angel appearance; 5)  
Jerusalem; 6) Does not



1. 1947
2. Ten Lords-a-Leaping
3. Aurora Greenway
4. Golf
5. Filtration
6. Benjamin Franklin
7. Madonna
8. Zipporah
9. Wilhelm Rontgen
10. Color blindness

### — King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

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### — Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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9	7	1	5	3	2	8	4	6
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### (Open until Filled unless otherwise indicated):

- **High School JROTC Instructor** - Must have Associate's degree. All applicants must have an excellent record of military performance, be within one year of retirement or have retired within the last three years. Please visit the website for full job description and requirements.
- **Elementary School Media Coordinator** - Must have a valid NC Media Coordinator certification. Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in education discipline applicable to assignment. Master's degree preferred. Successful prior teaching experience for the appropriate grade levels preferred.
- **Full Time Custodian** - Must have a high school diploma or GED.
- **Special Education Teacher Assistant** - Must have an Associate's degree or two years (48 semester hours) of study at an institute of higher education. Must be willing to obtain CPI certification.

\*\*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](http://www.ccs-nc.org) for more information.

Clerks Office. This case management system would need to include but is not limited to record keeping for civil, criminal, family safety, juvenile, small claims, special proceedings, domestic violence, and estate cases.

Qualified software developers must develop this database within a designated time frame and would need to have knowledge of court case management systems and Tribal Laws. The selected developer will be required to enter a contract with the Tribe and will provide services as an independent contractor. The selected developer will work directly with the Cherokee Tribal Court, but the contract and services will be managed by the Tribe's Attorney General pursuant to Cherokee Code Sec. 114-2(e). Proposals must be submitted in writing. They are

due at or before 4:30 p.m. on December 31, 2019.

Submit proposals to: Amber Shuler, Administrative Officer of the Court, PO Box 1629, Cherokee NC 28719. Email: ambeshul@nc-chokeee.com or Fax: 828-359-

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Please be advised that Indian preference in contracting applies. See the EBCI Tribal Employment Rights Office and Cherokee Code Chapter 95 for information regarding Indian preference. **12/18pd**

**Thank you to all of our loyal readers for a great 2019! Look for our first issue hitting the streets on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020.**



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Closing Thursday, December 19, 2019

Behavioral Health RN – Analenisgi  
CNA – Tsali Care Center

### Closing Thursday, December 26, 2019

Billing Technician II

### Open Until Filled

Residential Technician/Behavioral Health (Multiple)  
Clinical Manager/Analenisgi Inpatient  
Master Level Therapist/Analenisgi  
Analenisgi Outpatient Supervisor  
Behavioral Health RN - Analenisgi  
Dental Hygiene Supervisor  
Residential Technician – Kanvwtiyi  
Medical Lab Technician

Family Safety Team Supervisor  
Medical Technologist  
Dental Assistant I  
Dental Assistant II (2 positions)  
Clinical Pharmacist  
Pharmacy Technician II  
Training/Development Specialist  
PTI Radiology Technologist  
Master Level Therapist – grant position  
Cultural Coordinator  
Emergency Hire Food Service Worker  
Food Service Worker  
Dietary Services Supervisor  
Data Analyst – Managed Care  
Clinical Informaticist – Managed Care  
RN Supervisor – Tsali Care Center  
RN – Tsali Care Center (multiple)

PTI RN – Tsali Care Center (multiple)  
PTI LPN – Tsali Care Center  
PTI CNA Medication Aide – Tsali Care Center (multiple)  
Driver/Medication Aide – Tsali Care Center  
CNA Medication Aide – Tsali Care Center (multiple)  
Cook Aide – Tsali Care Center  
Cook – Tsali Care Center  
CNA – Tsali Care Center (multiple)  
PTI CNA – Tsali Care Center (multiple)  
Credentialing Clerk  
PTI RN – Inpatient  
LPN – Cherokee Justice Center  
Psychiatrist – Inpatient/Outpatient  
Physician – Emergency Room

**To apply, visit [careers.cherokeehospital.org](http://careers.cherokeehospital.org)**

If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR Dept. at (828) 497-9163 ext. 6343.

## Good Housekeeping

### Smoked Ham With Fresh Strawberry Sauce

We created this impressive glazed ham for winter entertaining, but it's perfect for a buffet any time of year.

- 1 (12-pound) smoked whole ham, fully cooked
- 3 pints strawberries
- 2 tablespoons dark brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 jar (10- to 12-ounce) orange marmalade
- Radish sprouts or watercress sprigs, for garnish

1. Remove skin and trim some fat from smoked whole ham, leaving about 1/4 inch fat. With knife, score fat covering on ham crosswise, just through to the meat, into 1-inch-wide strips. Place ham on rack in large roasting pan (about 17 by 11 1/2 inches). Insert meat thermometer into center of ham, being careful that pointed end does not touch bone.

2. Bake ham in 325 F oven 3 to 3 1/2 hours until thermometer reaches 140 F (15 to 18 minutes per pound). If ham browns too quickly, cover with a tent of foil.

3. About 30 minutes before ham is done, prepare strawberry sauce: Reserve 1 pint strawberries for garnish. Hull remaining strawberries. In 3-quart saucepan with potato masher or back of slotted spoon, mash strawberries. Stir in brown sugar, cornstarch, salt and orange marmalade; cook over medium heat until mixture thickens slightly and boils, stirring frequently.

4. To serve, place ham on warm, large platter. Arrange radish sprouts and reserved whole strawberries around ham. Serve with strawberry sauce. Serves 24.

• Each serving: About 250 calories, 12g total fat, 60mg cholesterol, 1,770mg sodium.

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# SYRINGE SERVICES PROGRAM

Beginning November 12, 2019 Syringe Service Program Hours will be as follows:

## WHEN

**Mondays: 9:00am—5:30pm**

**Tuesdays: 9:00am—5:30pm**

**Thursdays: 9:00am—5:30pm**

**Fridays: 9:00am—5:30pm**

## WHERE

**174 John Crowe Hill Drive**

*(above the Beloved Women & Children's Building)*

**Cherokee, NC 28719**

A syringe service program is a community-based public health program for people who use drugs by injection. Communities with Syringe Service Programs have a reduction in the number of improperly discarded used syringes, decreased transmission of HIV, Hepatitis C, and other blood borne diseases.

**828-359-6879**

**WWW.CHEROKEE-PHHS.COM**

## SERVICES PROVIDED

- ◇ **Syringes**
- ◇ **Safer Injection Supplies**
- ◇ **Biohazard Containers/Sharps Containers**
- ◇ **HIV/HCV Testing & Referrals for Care**
- ◇ **Naloxone by referral**
- ◇ **Safer Injection Education**
- ◇ **Referrals for Drug Treatment, Medical Care, and Community Resources per request**
- ◇ **Community Syringe Disposal**

