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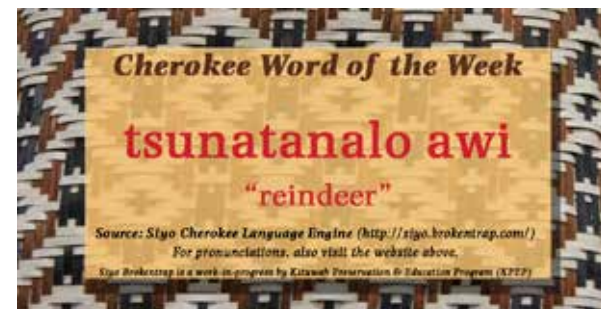
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Indian Child Welfare Act remains law for now

JOSEPH MARTIN
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On Oct. 5, a federal district court in Texas ruled that the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) was unconstitutional because it was a race-based preference law. The court also claimed it violated federal law by placing the authority of enforcement on state and tribal governments. On Dec. 3, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals granted a stay, leaving the law in place while the case of *Brackeen v. Zinke* goes through the appeals process.

Hannah Smith, an attorney with the tribe's Attorney General's office who works with ICWA cases, said, "The motion granting a stay in the *Brackeen* case is a great relief because two of the three states affected by the federal district court's decision were taking active steps to dismantle how the Indian Child Welfare Act was administered in those states."

Smith said two states had given directions to child protection agencies to ignore ICWA, which would've included notifying tribes when an Indian child had been taken into state custody, which would've given the tribes involved a chance to intervene and reunite the child with his or her family. "It is an unsettling time for Indian tribes in America. I'm grateful that the Fifth Circuit granted the stay prohibiting those states from refusing to apply the federal law's protections for Indian tribes. I'm also hopeful that the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals will uphold our country's legal precedent confirming the political status, not racial status, that Indi-

an tribes hold within American law. While this isn't the only legal issue raised in the case, it has the potential for being the most damaging."

Dan Lewerenz, a staff attorney with the Native American Rights Fund's (NARF) Washington office, said the stay means, "The Texas court decision has been put on hold until the Fifth Circuit can decide the case." In an effort to prevent unrest and having to enact an order only to possibly reverse it later, courts issue stays, Lewerenz said. "The district court did not stay its decision."

The law placed cases of Native American child custody under the jurisdiction of tribes, and its intent was to protect the integrity of Native American families and culture. The law gave preference to tribes and the children's families when it came to placement of native children.

The act's history is rooted in the boarding schools and policies of forced assimilation with the intentions to remove native culture from Native American children. Ultimately the practice intended to wipe it out of existence. Children were forcibly removed from their parents to be raised and educated in environments where their languages and traditions were prohibited, where harsh punishments resulted for violations. It tore families apart, caused a decline in the use of native languages and a decline in the practice of native traditions. It also caused a lifetime of trauma and psychological damage for parents and their children. The practice ended in the 1960s.

When the boarding schools closed, individuals carried on the

practice through adopting and fostering native children.

After the district court ruling, Principal Chief Richard Sneed introduced a resolution to Tribal Council to support and defend the law. Sneed said the law is one "that protects tribes and Indian people from the devastating effects of what had been decades of unchecked state and private agency removal of more than 30 percent of all native children from their homes and their tribal lands." Sneed said if the district court opinion stands, it will have a devastating effect on the sovereign relationship with the federal government. "The constitutional threats to the Indian Child Welfare Act also involved some of the same legal principles that protect inherent tribal sovereignty within the American legal framework."

Tribes have maintained that the issue is not one of race, but one of sovereignty, one that focuses on the status of tribes as political entities. Having jurisdiction over custody issues of native children is

part of that. NARF challenges the argument that the law was a race-based preference law. "We think the district court's decision was wrong about that."

Lewerenz said that all of the wording in the law relates to a government-to-government relationship. For example, the law defines "Indian children" as being tribal members and those who are eligible for membership. The eligibility definition was where the district court made one of its determinations. Lewerenz said that gives parents of native children time to enroll them. The district court also took issue with preferences, which, in order, place native children with family, other tribal members and other native families. He said that tribes have government-to-government relationships with the federal government on two fronts. One is each tribe individually has that relationship. The other relationship is tribes at large.

Lewerenz said the Fifth Circuit has tentatively scheduled the week of March 11 to hear the case.

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Senate passes legislation to aid justice for missing and murdered natives

One Feather staff reports

WASHINGTON – A bill to aid law enforcement in the location and prosecuting cases of missing and murdered Native American women and girls passed in the senate Dec. 6. Both the chair and vice chair of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs hailed its passage. The Office of Tribal Prosecutor also praised its passage.

Shelli Buckner, a tribal prosecutor, said the bill's passage is encouraging. "The number of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls is a tragic and epidemic issue in the tribal communities throughout North America. While Cherokee statistics do not approach that of other tribes, one missing or murdered woman or girl is one too many," she said. "The Office of the Tribal Prosecutor is optimistic that Savanna's Act will not only improve data collection and sharing so as to best inform the response of law enforcement to

violence against our most vulnerable victims, but also that this legislation will improve cooperation between tribal, state, and federal governments in response to domestic violence and all violence against women and girls."

Chair Sen. John Hoeven (R-N.D.) said, "Savanna's Act will provide Indian tribes with better access to databases that track missing and unidentified persons across the country," said Hoeven. "This will help bring greater awareness regarding tragic cases of missing and murdered Indians in the United States."

Vice Chair Tom Udall (D-N.M.) said, "I am proud to have worked with my colleague, Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-N.D.), to get this vital piece of legislation passed through the Senate," said Udall. "Native women go missing and experience violence at alarming rates but, too often, cases go uninvestigated and unresolved. Native women deserve better. Savanna's Act will improve data collection, enable information

sharing, and facilitate coordination between federal, state, and tribal law enforcement agencies to better address the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women. I urge the House to pass this bill and bring us one step closer to making sure that Native women receive the justice they deserve."

The bill now sits at the House of Representatives, but it currently remains on hold.

The bill is named for Spirit Lake Tribe of North Dakota member Savanna Greywind, 22, who while eight months pregnant was kidnapped and murdered. Her baby survived the attack and is now being raised by her father.

The bill improves tribal access to federal databases that track missing and unidentified persons, specifically Native Americans and Alaska Natives. It requires the Department of Justice to consult with tribes while developing national law enforcement and justice guidelines when responding to cases involving missing and murdered Native

Americans. It incentivizes federal, tribal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to incorporate these guidelines into existing processes. It provides tribes and law enforcement agencies with training and technical assistance relating to the implementation of the guidelines developed under this act, and it mandates annual reporting to congress on known statistics relating to missing and murdered Native Americans in the U.S.

The bill was introduced by outgoing Sen. Heitkamp on Oct. 5, 2017. The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs held a legislative hearing to receive testimony on the bill on Oct. 25, 2017. On Nov. 14, the Committee held a business meeting on the bill and ordered it to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

"In the meantime, as we work to move Savanna's Act through the House and onto the president's desk, I am committed to keeping the focus on this important issue," continued Udall.



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Talk of protests starts Council debate on rights

JOSEPH MARTIN
ONE FEATHER STAFF

The right to petition for a redress of grievances is one of the fundamental rights guaranteed to American citizens, and it's reaffirmed in the Indian Civil Rights Act and the tribal code of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The Tribe's law referring to protests of actions of tribal government was the center of a discussion that got heated at times and resulted in the removal of an activist and principal chief candidate.

Becky Walker submitted a proposal to amend the current code section relating to protests and rehearing of council decisions. Current code allows protests to be filed by those who are determined to be interested parties. Walker claimed that to restrict protests to those who were impacted by the decision amounts to a violation of tribal members' civil rights. She proposed striking the term "interested party" and replacing it with "enrolled member." "There was no interested party definition but there was an enrolled member denied a protest based on that term." Walker also is seeking to change the number of days one has to file a protest from ten calendar days to ten business days.

Acting Attorney General Mike McConnell

said, "Despite 30 years of practicing as an attorney, I'm not a tribal member. I'm going to ask Hannah Smith from my office to address this. She is a tribal member. She is an attorney. All of the people in our offices are attorneys. You have an attorney here (Tribal Council Attorney Carolyn West). I would request you ask her opinion on what..., the fallacies that Becky has presented. What she has presented is not accurate at all."

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed also took issue. "We have a redress for grievances." He said there is a process outside of protests to address those. "If you remember where this came about was I had made an appointment to the (Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission), which Missy Crowe wanted to protest. It was brought to light that day that she's not an interested party. The issue at hand was a personal issue between Missy Crowe (who has announced her candidacy for principal chief) and the person I appointed."

Chief Sneed said that he knows of no other government where its citizens have the level of access and can play a part in the process that tribal members do. "There's opportunity, ample opportunity on the front end for enrolled members to express their concerns. That process is wide open." Chief Sneed said that keeping the "interested party" definition in defines who should be heard. "The other avenue for redress

of grievances if somebody doesn't like a decision that was made is they can take it to court. That's part of the process. To try to include the Indian Civil Rights Act in this and saying that there's no redress of grievances and the people's voice is somehow being quashed in this is just completely false."

Crowe responded that much of the change and actions to challenges resulted because of protest, and that she plans to keep protesting. She denied that any of it was personal. "I've been coming before this council for more than 25 years. I have to allow you to know, every time I come into this council it has nothing to do with personal issues." Crowe continued to speak and vowed to continue protesting. "We're going to protest. We're going to bring it, whether we're interested parties or not." As Crowe continued to speak, after being told her time was up and after getting the gavel from Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha. Crowe was escorted out of the chambers by a Cherokee Indian Police Officer.

Tribal Council also heard from a member of the audience who urged them to kill the proposal. Michelle Stamper said it's up to those protesting to give valid arguments. "I think council gives enough time to every member to redress their grievances."

Council merges Qualla Housing and Tribal Housing

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Citing a need to better serve tribal members' housing needs, Tribal Council passed an ordinance to combine the services of Qualla Housing Authority (QHA) and tribal Housing and Community Development at the Dec. 6 session. Travis Smith, secretary of Housing and Community Development, said, "The services of

Qualla Housing, they're not going away."

With the merger real and personal property belonging to QHA is vested in and belongs to the Tribe. All judgments, liens, rights of liens and causes of action of any nature in favor of QHA remains and is vested in benefit to the tribe. Legal actions taken by QHA, whether pending against or taken by QHA continues as if the dissolution hadn't occurred, and the Tribe is

to be a party to such actions. The tribe also assumes any obligations of QHA, including debts. QHA's rules, regulations and policies will continue in full force.

The Tribe can set its own eligibility standards for housing, which could make a difference to casino and tribal employees seeking housing, but their incomes made them ineligible for services through QHA. Average salaries for casino and tribal employees are about

\$45,000. "This has been talked about for a long time," said Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell and QHA board member. "I'm hearing from a lot of employees that they're just tired of it sitting out there."

Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahnetah said that the tribe needs to start building houses. "I think this is the right direction to do that. We're not really losing Qualla Housing."

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Election law retabled as desire for more public input cited

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With 25 days left before Tribal Council can adopt changes to the Tribe's election laws, Tribal Council voted to retable a proposed ordinance Dec. 6 with changes and amendments. With an ordinance passed in September, changes can be made to election laws until Dec. 31. The election year is now defined as Jan. 1 – Sept. 30 that a general election takes place.

Wolftown Rep. Bo Crowe said he'd like to have more public input after hearing comments from his community. "They agree with some of the changes that's in the election ordinance, but they would like to come out and be able to have some input also."

The proposed changes address ineligibility for office, particularly for those who've been impeached and removed from office. It also addresses the certification process,

conducting recounts and runoffs, handling the filling of vacancies of offices, petitioning for referendums, early voting procedures, protests and irregularities, unlawful campaign activities and securing ballots and the Board of Elections' offices.

Election Board Chairperson Denise Ballard said that there has been plenty of time since Tribal Council started addressing the issue in April. "This is the last time council will meet to make these changes before the election year starts."

Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell said he'd be willing to come in to work on it during times that the tribe has off for the holidays. "How many times have we met on this election ordinance? I think it still needs more work," he said. "We can do our job and come in here and work. Whatever hours it takes to do that. Let's do this."

When Vice Chairperson David Wolfe asked Principal Chief Richard Sneed for a special called

council session he said, "Absolutely, there are members of the community that want to have time to comment, but they can't come down here during the work day. That's absolutely fine."

Chairman Adam Wachacha said that amendments will be carried over for discussion at that meeting. "I hope the election board will be looking at the same amendments to determine what will be policy."

Before the Nov. 13 work session, Acting Attorney General Michael McConnell said, "The request for changes grew out of questions and concerns raised in the last election cycle."

The proposed law comes after a contentious Tribal Council election in 2017 in Birdtown. That election saw early voting with an insufficient number of ballots purchased in that community. It also saw initial results that put Birdtown's top two vote getters as Boyd Owle and Albert Rose. Ashley Sessions,

however, was 12 votes behind Rose in third place. Sessions asked for and received a recount, which got her 29 more votes. Rose received 12 more votes in the recount, but Sessions' gains put her in second place.

Rose protested claiming that the irregularities unfairly and illegally impacted the outcome. After the board, made up of Chairperson Denise Ballard, Roger Smoker, Annie Owens, Shirley Reagan, Pam Straughan and Margaret French (who signed "disagree" on the decision), reviewed the issue and set a runoff election between Sessions and Rose. Rose prevailed in the runoff.

It was also an election where an investigation determined that voter fraud may have occurred, as early and undervote ballots were tampered with between the general election and the runoff. The tribe is offering a \$25,000 reward for information.

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Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle praises the passing in conjunction with land in Coopers Creek going into trust. "This is great timing."

Vice Chief B. Ensley, who's been in tribal government for more than 20 years, said there were some good people who've been involved with QHA. "We knew it was coming at some point in time. We've got to come up with innovative ideas to put people in houses."

Qualla Housing Authority has had its share of controversy recently. FBI agents raided the facility in February of 2017 and removed file cabinets

full of documents. An Oct. 14, 2016 letter to then QHA Director Charlene Owle from Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Lee Edwards stated they were investigating allegations of fraud in the federally-funded program, and the program was instructed to not destroy any paper or electronic documents.

Questions about duplicating services, and costs of using outside services for accounting were also concerns. Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed said at the Nov. 1 session of council that merging the two programs' services would save \$2.5 million.

Chief Sneed said that through 10 years of audits, among the repeat findings is poor record keeping.

He also said duplicating services is costing the tribe money. "This is ten years plus of audits." Other issues Chief Sneed raised, particularly regarding how many homes had been built, were related to many tribal members not qualifying for some services because income levels have increased.

Smith said the changes would make the tribe the recipient of federal housing funds to address needs that are constantly growing. "With your support I hope we can continue to make that grow and provide housing not only for our enrolled members, but outsiders too. There's revenue opportunity there also."

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Rose Mechele Fish Long

*If love could have
kept her here,
she would still
be here with us
on Earth...*

We want to thank everyone for their support and love while Rose was trying her best to get well. Thanks for all her friends and relatives who kept one another company while we were hoping and praying she'd be fine. I know her husband and girls were always there for her. There was all her family and friends there no matter where she went to try and get well. For four weeks, she was in hospitals, but God had other plans for our good, beautiful, virtuous Rose.

Thanks to everyone for being there for her before I forget. Thanks to the women who worked along beside her most of her life and were her close friends – Cinthia, Vangie, Denise, and Anna, also her only sister, Beatrice. They were always there for one another. Sorry girls, you lost the best friend anyone could ever have, and we all need friends. Thanks to the leaders of Bethelbara Church for being there for her memorial service of which she was a member for so long.

Rose led a Christian life by always being there. She was a good inspiration and friend to others. I always hated it when she would leave a place she worked with children because I knew she was good for them. Lots of children will remember she made them a stronger and better person. Thanks to the teachers from Smokey Mountain Elementary for being there. Thanks to the singers: Gretchen McNabb, Missy Crowe, Zina and husband, and the Rock Springs Singers. Thanks goes to Rev. Morgan, J.C. Wachacha, and Jamie Arneach for giving the eulogy. You all did great. Thanks, it was a beautiful service even when the power was out. One of our son Barry's friends told his cousin who came from where he lives, "Her brothers have come to take her to Heaven. Lightning, thunder, and lots of rain. They say the rain is the angels crying." It rained and snowed for a week! To giving monetary support, thanks to all: Molly Grant, Sean Ross, Bobby Owle, Rose's friend Denise from Smoky Mountain School, Librarian Shannon Harper, and Beverly Hold from Oklahoma, Lloyd Carl, Ruby Crowe, her uncle and aunt, Bo Crowe, Boyd Owle, Cyrtal Davis, Lori for the hair and makeup, the ones that gave benefits while our Rose was in the hospital trying her best to stay here, and for the little family she dearly loved, Lou Johnson. Thank you. Also, Vangie, Geraldine Thompson, and those who helped them.

Thanks also to Donnie Owle and Trina. Any others I have let escape my memory, let me know and I will correct it. The dinner after the Memorial was such a thoughtful endeavor. It took the edge off such sadness. Thanks to all who were responsible for that. All the flowers and cards were beautiful. Rose would have appreciated all of them.

Again, thanks from the Long and Fish family.

P.S. Thanks for all the kind words after our great loss. We sure appreciate that and also her first cousin, William Bradley, for flying all the way from Delaware for the service.

Tennessee earthquake shakes tribal lands

JOSEPH MARTIN
ONE FEATHER STAFF

DECATUR, Tenn. - At about 4:15 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 12 the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) recorded an earthquake that registered 4.4 in magnitude. The epicenter was located about seven miles north northeast of Decatur, Tenn., which is about 60 miles north east of Chattanooga, Tenn.

The National Weather Service in Morristown, Tenn. said it was the strongest quake in the state since 1950. Shaking and rattling woke some up, and the effects could be felt throughout east Tennessee, western North Carolina, north Georgia and northeast Alabama. There have been no reports of damage or injuries.

The quake struck close to Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) Watts Bar nuclear power plant, but TVA officials have been inspecting Watts Bar and their other nearby facilities and reported no damage. TVA Public Information Officer Jim Hopson said there was never any

danger. "It is designed to withstand well into the six-plus range (magnitude). In the event a quake that severe happened, the nuclear facilities are designed to shut down and place themselves in a safe position. The other TVA facilities, hydro and fossil fuel-burning plants, also weren't damaged. Power production never stopped. Inspectors checked out all the plants nearby. "They found no issues," Hopson said.

Telecommunicator with Tribal dispatch Kara Howard came in to work at 6 a.m. that day. "We didn't get a call-in reference to it at all." However, some residents of Cherokee and other tribal lands felt the impacts of the quake. Some were woken by it. Some even reported strange animal behavior. Some didn't know what was bothering the animals. The USGS reports that animals can be predictors of earthquakes through strange behavior before they take place.

Samuel Barkley, of Whittier, said, "Dogs woke me up barking like crazy around 4 a.m. I didn't realize why until this morning."

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Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus

Dear Editor—

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?—Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence.

We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Francis B. Church-Editor of the New York Sun 1897

Tribal Court Report
Judgment Summary for Dec. 5

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

George, John Cameron
14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree – Dismissed on Plea (no sentencing information provided)
20-28 Revoked License – Dismissed on Plea
20-28 Revoked License – Dismissed on Plea

George, Michael Abraham
14-95.5(c) Drugs: Simple Possession of Marijuana – Dismissed, Voluntary

Gonzalez, Jacinta Hope – Guilty
Plea, obtain Substance Abuse Assessment, 90 days active jail time deferred for 1 year

Welch, Scott Anthony
14-5.2 Communicating Threats – Dismissed, Failure of Prosecuting Witness to Appear and Testify
14-40.62(a)(1) Simple Assault – Dismissed, Failure of Prosecuting Witness to Appear and Testify

CIPD Arrest Report for Dec. 3-10
The following people were arrested by the Cherokee Indian Police Department and booked into the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center. It should be noted that the following defendants have only been charged with the crimes listed and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Addresses have been redacted. Mugshots can be seen online at theonefeather.com

Sequoyah, Amanda Krystal – age 28
Arrested: Dec. 3
Released: Dec. 3
Charges: Communicating Threats

George, Harold Channing – age 37
Arrested: Dec. 4
Released: Dec. 4
Charges: Call and Fail

Huskey, Ursula Yvette – age 33
Arrested: Dec. 4
Released: Dec. 4
Charges: Probation Violation

Reed, Tamara Ann – age 24
Arrested: Dec. 4
Released: Dec. 10
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Davis, Waylon Dewight – age 33
Arrested: Dec. 5
Released: Dec. 5
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Taylor, Talia – age 27
Arrested: Dec. 5
Released: Dec. 5
Charges: Obstruct Police

Welch, Emerson Sequoyah – age 40
Arrested: Dec. 5
Released: Dec. 5
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

George, Shonica Raylene – age 36
Arrested: Dec. 6
Released: Dec. 6
Charges: Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance (two counts), Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Failure to Obey Lawful Order, Providing Contraband

Locust Jr., Luke Kerry – age 31
Arrested: Dec. 6
Released: Dec. 7
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Owle, Lloyd Edward – age 38
Arrested: Dec. 6
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear, Probation Violation

Standingdeer, Shena Dale – age 37
Arrested: Dec. 7
Released: Dec. 8
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Owl, Joshua Ryan – age 27
Arrested: Dec. 8
Released: Dec. 8
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Brady-Smith Jr., Billy Joe – age 24
Arrested: Dec. 9
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Miller, Joshua Alexander – age 25
Arrested: Dec. 9
Released: Dec. 9
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Penland, Alyson Laraine – age 27
Arrested: Dec. 9
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Aggravated Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property, Grand Larceny, Aggravated False Pretenses

Squirrel, Joshua Brent – age 23
Arrested: Dec. 9
Released: Dec. 11

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Arch, Erica Loraine – age 29
Arrested: Dec. 10
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance

Caley Jr., William Grant – age 37
Arrested: Dec. 10
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Probation Violation

Medford, Graham Ansel – age 27
Arrested: Dec. 10
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Morgan, Francis Armachain – age 43
Arrested: Dec. 10
Released: Dec. 11
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree (five counts)

Wilnoty Jr., Michael Warren – age 27
Arrested: Dec. 10
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Young, Harley Lewis – age 32
Arrested: Dec. 10
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Assault on a Female



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BASKETBALL

Braves, Lady Braves sweep Hayesville in home opener

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Following several postponements due to weather and other factors, the Cherokee Braves (1-1) and Lady Braves (2-0) finally got to play their home opener. The teams swept Hayesville at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 12. The Lady Braves won 74-59 and the Braves won an overtime thriller 52-49.

"I think the pace of the play was the way that we wanted to go," said Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach. "We're still turning the ball over too much, but our defense tonight was really good. We played hard. It's still early in the season. I wasn't sure that we could maintain that pace for the entire game. We came back in the second half and went straight man and that seemed to help us out."

Coach Mintz said he's hoping the team will continue to improve as the season goes along due to game time. "We're tired of practicing against each other. There's nothing like game experience.

We've got some young girls that need to play in some games so this is good for them. It's hard because the second game of the year was a conference game."

Both the Lady Braves and Lady Yellow Jackets came out even in the first period. Cherokee scored the first five points of the game, but Hayesville came back and actually took the lead at 16-15 with just over two minutes left in the first.



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Cherokee's Tori Teesateskie lines up a shot during a game against Hayesville in the Charles George Memorial Arena on Wednesday, Dec. 12. She led the Lady Braves with 24 points.

Tori Teesateskie, senior guard, hit a three-point shot with 1:18 left in the first to put the Lady Braves back on top and they led 24-22 at the end of the first.

The Lady Braves opened it up more in the second period, leading by as many as 12 at one point, and took a 42-33 lead into the locker room. Cherokee led by 7 points (46-39) three minutes into the third before going on a 9-3 run to lead 55-42 with just over two minutes left in the period. Cherokee led 58-45 at the end of third and extended that lead to as many as 18 in the fourth before Hayesville started coming back. The Lady Yellow Jackets went on a 13-4 run late to cut the lead to 8 (67-58) with two minutes left in the game. But, the Lady Braves pushed hard the last few minutes and ended up winning 74-59.

Teesateskie led Cherokee with 24 points followed by Deante Toineeta, sophomore guard, with 23. Other Lady Braves scorers included: Raylen Bark 4, Jamie Lossiah 2, Tigger King 1, Naomi Smith 12, Vivian Ross 4, and Zoey Walkingstick 4. Hayesville scorers included: Savanna Annis 17, Jade Paterson 10, Breannen Burnette 11, Hailea Rickett 7, Makayla Anderson 11, Brianna Foster 2, and Kynnlly McClure 1.

The Braves game was a barn-burner. "I'll take the win, but we've got a long way to go," Aaron Hogner, Braves head coach, said after the overtime win. "This group needs to find their identity. We lost three big guys last year – Holden (Straughan), Tye (Mintz), and Justus (Day) – that gave us that spark offensively when we needed it, and this team is still searching for our identity. We'll be fine. We will get in shape and get some continuity



Cherokee's Josiah Lossiah, senior guard, goes for a shot while Hayesville's Hayden McClure defends. Lossiah scored 11 points on the night.

on the offensive end."

Both teams got off to a slow start with Cherokee leading 8-6 at the end of the first and 20-18 at the half. In the third, Cherokee held a 4-point lead for most of the period. Hayesville did tie it up at 26-26 with 1:58 left in the third, but the Braves scored the last five points of the period to lead 31-26 going into the fourth.

Hayesville caught up in the first few minutes of the fourth and took the lead with about a minute left. The Yellow Jackets led 44-41

with 41 seconds left in regulation. Nine seconds later, Tihjah Lossiah, senior guard, hit a three-point shot from the left corner to tie the game at 44-44 which is how it would end in regulation.

Now, on to the four-minute overtime.

Hayesville's Hayden McClure got things going with a bucket at the 2:35 mark to give the Yellow Jackets a two-point lead. Josiah Lossiah, Braves senior guard, answered as he knocked down a 3-point shot from the top of the

key to give Cherokee a 1-point lead (47-46) – a lead they would not relinquish as they went on to take the 52-49 win.

Josiah Lossiah and Sterling Santa Maria led Cherokee with 11 points each. Other Braves scorers included: Tihjah Lossiah 7, Ethan Crowe 5, Bobby Crowe 3, Blake Smith 6, Kyler Hill 3, and Nate Crowe 6. Hayesville scorers included: Mark Cothren 6, Dwain Cook 10, Hayden McClure 14, #23 (no name on roster) 11, and Jake McTaggart 8.

BASKETBALL

Lady Braves get big win at Swain; Braves lose close one

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BRYSON CITY - The Cherokee Lady Braves (3-0) led the entire game as they remained unbeaten with a big 79-51 win at Swain County on Friday, Dec. 14. Deante Toineeta, sophomore guard, led the way for Cherokee with 23 points followed by Tori Teesateskie, senior guard, with 19.

"I thought we played really well tonight," said Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach. "It's probably the best game that we've played this season. We're just going to keep getting better and better, and as we get into game shape, it'll become easier and easier. I thought our defense and our pressure was the difference. We made them turn it over a lot and we made some great shots."

The Lady Braves kept the pressure on the Lady Maroon Devils from start to finish. When asked how they can keep up that pace throughout a game, Coach Mintz noted, "We run like crazy in practice, and we practice against ourselves on pressing. They don't quit and they hustle all the time. That's a credit to them and how hard they work to get ready for it."

Cherokee scored the first seven points of the game and had extended a 16-5 lead five minutes in. By the end of the first period, the Lady Braves led 21-10. They hit a hot streak in the second period and extended that lead to 42-18 at the half.

The Lady Braves kept a 22-point lead for most of the third period which was more even than the first



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Cherokee's Deante Toineeta, sophomore guard, tries to block a pass from Bri Ross, Lady Maroon Devils sophomore, during a game at Swain on Friday, Dec. 14. Toineeta led all scorers with 23 points on the night as the Lady Braves won 79-51. Both ladies are members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

two, and Cherokee led 58-36 after three. They went on a 10-2 run in the first two minutes to extend the lead to 30 points (68-38) and went on to take the 79-51 win.

Other Lady Braves scorers on the night included: Raylen Bark 6, Jamie Lossiah 2, Tigger King 4, Naomi Smith 15, Vivian Ross 4, Prairie Toineeta 2, Zoey Walkingstick 2, and Moira George 2. Lady Maroon Devils scorers included: Ashton Younce 8, Savana Smith 6, Bekkah Wolfe 3, Bri Ross 4, Mazie Helpman 18, and Taylor Collins 12.

The Braves (1-2) had another barn burner on Friday night as they came up just short to the Maroon Devils 84-82 after having trailed by as many as 13 points in the second half.

Cherokee got out to a good start in the game scoring the first seven points and leading 12-2 midway through the first. Swain got going in the final minutes of the period and only trailed the Braves by four points (21-17) at the end of the first.

The teams tied up in the first two minutes of the second and went back-and-forth for most of the period. Swain hit some shots in the final minute and took a 40-34 lead into the locker room. The



Sterling Santa Maria (#34), Braves junior forward, goes for a shot over several Maroon Devils players during a game at Swain on Friday, Dec. 14. He finished the game with 10 points.

third period was tight and Cherokee outscored the Maroon Devils 14-12 to only trail by four (52-48) going into the fourth.

Swain came out for the final period on fire and took a double digit lead midway through. Cherokee, trailing 66-54 with 4:40 left in the game, went on a 20-8 run

to get right back into the contest. The Braves trailed by four points for most of the final minutes, cutting the lead to three with six seconds left, but ended up just short as Swain took the 84-82 win.

Josiah Lossiah, Braves senior guard, led all scorers with 33 points. Other Cherokee scorers

included: Tihjah Lossiah 4, Ethan Crowe 2, Bobby Crowe 8, Blake Smith 13, Seth Smith 5, Nate Crowe 7, and Sterling Santa Maria 10. Swain's scorers included: J. Littlejohn 31, Zeke Bradley 24, Jesse Waldroup 6, Gaige Southards 12, Hunter Call 4, and Bradley Vestal 7.

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Smoky Mountain senior games players qualify for nationals

RALEIGH - At the 2018 North Carolina Senior Games State Finals Oct. 1 – Nov. 18, the Smoky Mountain Senior Games had 68 participants bring home a total of 141 medals. Out of the 68 participants, 63 of them qualify for the 2019 National Senior Games - the Senior Olympics.

The Nationals will be held in the Albuquerque, N.M. area in 2019. These athletes qualified in sports such as golf, basketball, pickleball, and cycling - just to name a few. This delegation of Smoky Mountain Senior Games participants will be competing against qualifiers from 49 other states, the District of Columbia and Canada.

Senior Games Coordinator Lindsy Cauley said, “The National Games competition is a biennial event and is held in different sites across the United States. We are honored to have this special group of winners represent Jackson County, Qualla Boundary, Swain County, and Smoky Mountain Senior Games at the next National Senior Games.”

Local qualifiers were: Johnson Arch, Cheryl Beyal, Aubrey Bigmeat, Loretta Bolden, Dean Bradley, Marlene Brown, Kathy Burgess, Alan Carvalho, Berney Clayton, Lyman Clayton, Carlotta Crowe, Edith Crowe, Loretta Crowe, Mary Crowe, Sylvester Crowe, Trudy Crowe, Melvin Cucumber, Jack Davis, Patty Edgemon, Edgar Ensley, Jonathan Feather, Dinah Grant, Lou Jackson, Carmen Junaluska, Dennis Junaluska, Mark Junaluska, Kathi Littlejohn, Leroy Littlejohn, David Livingston, Helen Livingston, Ruth Lossiah, Willard McCoy, Florence Moose, David Neesam, Annie Oocumma, Carolina Oocumma, Annie Owens, James Owle, Lisa Penick, Karla Reed, Harriet Sampson, Dorothy Smith, Jan Smith, Laura Smith, Sherry Smoker, John Squirrel, David Swayney, Toni Tahquette, Frank Taylor, Jonah Taylor, Lisa Taylor, Pepper Taylor, Rod Taylor, Margaret Teesateskie, Perry Teesateskie, Elnora Thompson, Darrel Toineeta, Howard Wahnetah, Rose Welch, Gwendolyn Wildcatt, Lawanda Williams, Katherine Youngbull and Lulie Youngdeer.

North Carolina Senior Games is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing year-round health promotion and education for adults 50 years of age and better and is sponsored statewide by the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services. For more information about how to be a participant, sponsor or volunteer at your local Senior Games, contact Cauley 631-8032.

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BOXING

Bahe places second at USA Boxing National Championships

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Mariah Bahe, a member of the Navajo Nation with Eastern Band Cherokee heritage, took second place in the Junior Girls 95lb division at the USA Boxing Elite and Youth National Championships held Dec. 1-8 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Bahe defeated Carina Rojas, from Las Vegas, Nev., in the semifinals before losing a split decision to Jackaline Garcia, of Rawlins, Wyo., in the finals.

“I thought this tournament was a good experience, and I am proud of how well I competed and how I performed,” said Bahe, who resides in Chinle, Ariz. on the Navajo Nation. “I think that this was a little step to where I want to be and it was just a great experience.”

According to Team USA Boxing, over 700 boxers competed in the National Championship event.

She qualified for the National Championships by winning her division at the USA Boxing Eastern Elite Qualifier and Regional Open Championship held in October in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Bahe, a freshman in high school, has been in the sport of boxing since she was 5-years-old. She



Photo courtesy of Bahe family

Mariah Bahe, a member of the Navajo Nation with Eastern Band Cherokee heritage, took second place in the Junior Girls 95lb division at the USA Boxing Elite and Youth National Championships held Dec. 1-8 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

started out watching her brothers and sisters in the Damon-Bahe Boxing Gym in Chinle, and she started competing six years ago the age of 8.

Following the National Championships, her father and coach, John Bahe, stated, “It was so amazing to be here with such an amazing young lady. It was her first time in the Junior Olympic

division, and we’re thankful for a silver medal at the national tournament. We are truly blessed by an awesome God.”

In an interview with the One Feather following her regionals win in October, Mariah Bahe stated, “My goal is to compete at the 2024 Paris Olympics – to show every girl out there that anything is possible.”

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An unforgettable journey...

EBCI selects Remember the Removal Riders for 2019 event

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The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has selected its representatives for the 2019 Remember the Removal ride. Ten 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: Dr. Blythe Winchester, Manuel Hernandez, Dre Crowe, Monica Tafoya, Skye Tafoya, Zach Goings, Keyonna Owle, Micah Swimmer, Danielle Toineeta, and Tonya Carroll.

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 marks the eighth year of participation for EBCI tribal members.

This year's EBCI riders are a varied group, which is common each year. "I love what the RTR ride and preparation represent," said Dr. Winchester, 41, a geriatrician at Cherokee Indian Hospital and certified medical director at Tsali Care Center from the Wolfstown Community, who said that the training



Photo by Corlee Thomas-Hill

The 2019 Remember the Removal riders from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are, left to right, Blythe Winchester, Manuel Hernandez, Dre Crowe, Monica Tafoya, Zach Goings, Keyonna Owle, Micah Swimmer, Danielle Toineeta, and Tonya Carroll. Not pictured: Skye Tafoya.

and cultural learning that will take place prior to the ride is just as important to her as the actual event. "I believe connecting more with my heritage and culture, while developing more of an understanding of historical trauma, will help me be a better person and healer."

She added, "A person I admire and respect told me recently that there are doctors who are coincidentally Cherokee, but I am a Cherokee who is coincidentally a doctor. That statement really affected me in a positive way, and I want to continue to do everything I can to preserve that and make my family, patients, and community members

proud."

Crowe, a 21-year-old senior at Mars Hill University from the Big Y Community, commented, "I chose to sign up for the RTR ride because I am interested in learning more about our language, history, and culture so that I can be a part of the preservation of our culture as a whole. Also, I want to be educated more about the trauma my ancestors faced that shaped our Tribe into what it is today. This ride will be a great opportunity to create friendships, learn, educate, and push myself out of the comfort zone."

Owle, 35, a tribal liaison for

the TCGE (Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise) Board of Advisors from the Birdtown Community, said, "Selfishly, I signed up for myself; to learn more about my family history, tribal history and culture. I also wanted to prove to myself that I am strong enough to do this ride and take on the challenge."

Hernandez, 35, a member of the Big Y Community employed with the Tribe's Public Health and Human Services division as a regulatory and compliance department training coordinator, said his reason for signing up for the ride is simple. "I want to gain more knowledge of my Cherokee history

and retrace the steps of the Trail of Tears.”

Danielle Toineeta, a 25-year-old member of the Painttown Community who is a business applications coordinator at Cherokee Indian Hospital, said the ride is something she’s wanted to do for a few years and this feels like the right time. “I want to do it to honor our ancestors and the things they went through, and I want to take on a challenge much bigger than myself and to prove to myself that I can do anything I set my mind to.”

Micah Swimmer, 32, Painttown Community, has dedicated his life and career to preserving the Cherokee language and culture. The adult language and education coordinator at Kituwah Preservation and Education Program, he noted, “I chose to sign up for the ride so

that I could learn more about the Trail of Tears and the events that took place.”

Skye Tafoya, 29, Wolfstown Community, is an artist and holds a Bachelor’s of Fine Arts degree from the Institute of American Indian Arts and a Masters of Fine Arts from the Pacific Northwest College of Art. “I signed up for RTR to connect with the history of our Cherokee tribal people. I want to honor my ancestors and show my gratitude for our continued resiliency to maintain our identity and presence in this world.”

Tonya Carroll, 33, Birdtown Community, works with the Cherokee Boys Club Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute. “I want to do the Remember the Removal bike ride for the whole experience; becoming part of a team, the physical

challenge, learning more about Cherokee history and culture in general, and learning more about my ancestors that were on the actual Removal. I think there is more significance in learning the history of a place if you can actually be in that place while learning, and this is the perfect opportunity for that. Past participants tell me it is a life-changing experience, and I am looking forward to the challenges and rewards of the experience.”

Monica Wildcatt-Tafoya, 38, Wolfstown Community, is the manager of the Cherokee Children’s Home. “Although it is a fraction of what our ancestors endured, I believe one of the truest ways to experience this part of our history is to be a rider through the stories that are tied to historic places along the trail. My husband and children

are tied to both sides of the Trail and that is super special to me.”

Zach Goings, 33, Birdtown Community, works as an assistant casino manager for table games at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort. He hopes to gain a better understanding of the Trail of Tears. “I’ve spoken to a lot of people who have went on the ride, and they talk about it being a life-changing experience to be in the same places as our ancestors were. I want to have these experiences and see these places for myself.”

The ride will depart in early June from New Echota, Ga. Look in the One Feather for more details on the 2019 ride, including date and time for the annual send-off event at the Kituwah Mound, as they are released.

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WCU holds two commencements to honor fall class, summer graduates

CULLOWHEE – A pair of graduating students delivered the primary addresses Saturday (Dec. 15) as Western Carolina University held commencement exercises to recognize the academic accomplishments of its fall class and a group of alumni who completed requirements to receive their degrees last summer.

WCU's fall class includes about 765 students who recently have been finishing academic work for their degrees. Members of the fall class were joined in the ceremonies by alumni who completed academic requirements during summer school and who already have received degrees.

Commencement for undergraduate and graduate students from the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education and Allied Professions, and Fine and Performing Arts was held at 10 a.m. That was followed by a 3 p.m. ceremony for undergraduate and graduate students from the colleges of Business, Health and Human Sciences, and Engineering and Technology. Both events were held at Ramsey Regional Activity Center.

James Driver Blythe, a criminal justice major from Cherokee, addressed his fellow graduating students and others in attendance during the morning commencement. An enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Blythe is believed to be the first Native American student ever to deliver the primary address at a WCU commencement. He spoke about the opportunities that have been



WCU photo

Graduating student Driver Blythe, an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, delivers the primary address at the commencement for WCU's College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education and Allied Professions, and David Orr Belcher College of Fine and Performing Arts on Saturday, Dec. 15.

provided to him at WCU, including serving as vice president of the campus Native American student organization, traveling to Washington, D.C., to meet with political leaders and journeying around the world to New Zealand to conduct field work and community service. Blythe told the audience that his most memorable accomplishment at WCU was being asked to be the guest speaker at the WCU Department of Intercultural Affairs graduation celebration last spring, where he spoke about his life as a

tribal member and what it would mean to him to receive a college degree. He then relayed to the audience statistics indicating that only 10 percent of Native Americans in the U.S. graduate from college, while the number for the overall population is 20 percent. Blythe said those numbers "are a constant reminder that I must strive to succeed so that this number increases on behalf of all Native American students across the U.S., but also to directly impact our young people within my community."

"WCU has welcomed me and numerous other enrolled members with open arms from day one," he said. "This degree will prove to many that it can and will be done. My peers need to know that we can succeed and become the future that we desire to be."

The son of Terri Taylor and Larry Blythe, Driver Blythe said his after-graduation plans include working in case management or juvenile services, dedicating his efforts to assisting young people who find themselves in criminal hard-

ship and improving his community. Emma Mahala Mooney, a Dobson resident who earned her business administration and law degree as a distance student, provided remarks for the afternoon commencement. She told the audience that her late grandmother had a wise saying: "Life is like a spider's web."

"Just like spiders, we begin to weave our web," Mooney said. "We work to connect the web – our movements intentional and our outcome purposeful, one step at a time, never truly knowing what it looks like until the very end. But once it is complete, it is this beautiful design that will never again be replicated. The college journey that we have taken thus far is much like this, too. Each of us is so different, but we all have shared the same goal. Semester by semester, day by day – some of us, perhaps, assignment by assignment – we have worked tirelessly to make this happen."

Mooney issued several challenges for the graduating students, alumni and other audience members. "First, be mindful of yourself and others, recognizing the significance of your actions and the impact that you have on others," she said. "Second, learn when it is time to think and when it is time to act, because the difference can be crucial. And finally, once you are ready to act on your change, be patient and take small steps, but also move with the tenacity to get you where you are trying to go, just like the spider weaving his web. It will be sticky and sometimes you may not know exactly how it all comes together, but strand by strand, you will work toward the completion of a beautiful web."

Mooney is currently employed as an account manager for the ben-

efits administrator ProBenefits Inc. She said her plans for the future include furthering her career at that business while looking for opportunities to engage in her passion of business development. She is the daughter of Candy Lowe and Scott Mooney.

Another WCU distance student who participated in the afternoon ceremony, Ivana Babic Deschenes, traveled all the way from Bellevue, Washington, to get her diploma. Deschenes, who earned her master's degree in project management, had never set foot on the WCU campus until she arrived in Cullowhee for commencement Saturday.

WCU Interim Chancellor Alison Morrison-Shetlar delivered the charge to the graduating students and alumni. "Graduates, each of you have worked diligently, passionately and tirelessly, earning the distinct privilege to be seated before us today," she said. "You have believed in your dreams. You have set sights on your goals. You have completed all the difficult and necessary tasks to reach this day, a day that represents one of the most significant milestones in your lifetime. A milestone that makes possible a future of unlimited possibilities. "Graduates, it is now up to you to create the world in which you wish to live," Morrison-Shetlar said. "It is your freshly born ideas that will create sustainable environments, it is your vision of the future that will eliminate poverty and hunger, it is your ability to take your educational experience and apply it to create international innovation and collaboration, and most importantly, it is your ability to believe in peace, justice and equality that will make those a reality for all. Graduates, the future is yours and the world is

counting on you."

Other speakers for the ceremonies included Bryant Kinney, vice chair of the WCU Board of Trustees, who congratulated the graduating students and alumni on behalf of the trustees and University of North Carolina System leadership; and Ed Holland, president of the WCU Alumni Association.

Both commencements included

recognition for all the graduating students and recent alumni who are active duty members of the military, veterans or members of the National Guard and Reserves. Those students were distinguished by red, white and blue honor cords. A complete list of the university's new graduates will be announced following the posting of grades from final examinations.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be busier than you had expected right now. But between the socializing rounds and the workplace tasks, there are opportunities for special moments with that certain someone.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your creative approach leads to a quicker-than-expected solution to a workplace problem. Now you can devote more time to that proposal you hope to introduce by midmonth.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Technological glitches create problems early on. But by midweek, all runs smoothly once again, and you're well and truly on your way to meeting all your deadlines.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your energy levels are high, and you feel you can handle everything that comes along. But try to take a break from your hectic pace for some quiet time with someone close to you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Before you pounce on that shiny new opportunity, take more time to check it out to see how much substance actually lies beneath all that glitter. A family member has important news.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A personal situation you thought was resolved resurfaces, thanks to a possibly well-intentioned move that went awry. Deal with it as soon as possible. Accept the help of a trusted friend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) That goal you set way back when is finally in sight. Maintain your focus on achieving it, and don't allow yourself to be distracted by unimportant demands for your attention.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A temperamental flare-up creates negative feelings that need to be dealt with immediately. But things once again go well after the apologies are made and hurt feelings are soothed.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An early impulsive act causes confusion. But all is smoothed over once explanations are made. Expect a friend or family member to ask for your kind and always wise advice.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might have to do some juggling of your priorities, as a personal matter appears to require more time and attention. Put your pride aside and accept help from those who offer it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your creative aspect is strong. Not only does it help you accomplish your goals, but it also inspires others. This could lead to a potentially rewarding collaboration opportunity.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be careful about making major decisions when you're not really committed to them. And resist any pressure to do otherwise. Better to delay action until all doubts are resolved.

BORN THIS WEEK: You set goals and are rarely distracted by any attempt to move you off the path you've chosen to reach them.

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OBITUARIES



Debra Shan Goshorn

Debra Shan Goshorn, 61, passed on Dec. 1, 2018, surrounded by her loving family and friends after a valiant fight against cancer. While her time on Earth ended too soon, Shan lived a prolific and abundant personal and professional life. As an Eastern Band Cherokee Indian artist, her multi-media artwork brought light to human rights issues, particularly those that affect Native American people today.

She is survived by her mother, Edna Saunooke Goshorn of Cherokee; her husband of 33 years, Tom Pendergraft of Tulsa, Okla.; four daughters, Natalie Pendergraft of Tulsa (Erika Hardin), Carolee Pendergraft of Tulsa, Sommer Pendergraft of Charleston, SC, Neosha Pendergraft of Tulsa; one son, Loma Pendergraft of Seattle, Wash.; two sisters, Diane Goshorn and Donna Goshorn Beck, both of Cherokee; nephew, Brandon Beck of Sylva; special cousin, David Goshorn of Arnold, Md.; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by

her father, John C. Goshorn Jr.; maternal grandparents, Anderson and Stacey Powell Saunooke; and paternal grandfather, John C. Goshorn Sr.

Shan was born in Baltimore, Md. and grew up in nearby Bel Air, Md. After graduating from Bel Air High School, she attended Cleveland Institute of Art, and the Atlanta College of Art. She moved to Tulsa, Okla. in 1981, where she lived the remainder of her life. Shan utilized many mediums in her career including hand-tinted photography, paint and metalwork, however she became most widely known for her basketry. Woven in traditional and non-traditional Cherokee style, her baskets were constructed with contemporary materials such as images, documents, treaties and maps to tell the story of Native people. Shan has achieved international impact with her work. Her archival materials were requested and donated to the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian for future scholarly research. She was also identified by the Museum of the Cherokee Indians as the 14th living Cherokee able to create baskets using the difficult double-weave technique. Her work belongs to over twenty museum collections worldwide. Presently, her show "Resisting the Mission" is on exhibition at the Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 29 at the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa at 1 p.m.

A local memorial will be held on Saturday, Jan. 5 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ken Blankenship room of the Museum of the Cherokee Indians.

Donations in honor of Shan may be made to the Institute of

American Arts (www.iaia.edu) and to Wing It (www.tulsaaudubon.org/wingit).

I tsv go hv ya...until we all see you again.

Kevin B. Smith

Kevin B. Smith, 46, of Cherokee, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Dec. 10, 2018. He was the son of Cindy Queen Taylor and Gary Dean Smith.

Kevin was preceded in death by his grandparents, Edgar and Minnie Queen Smith; two uncles, Allen Boyd and Wesley Queen; and step dad, Freeman Littlejohn.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a fiancée, Sheena Crowe; two children, Joseph Smith and Kayla Smith Garcia (Adan); two sisters, Ginger Cucumber (Derrick) and Deanna Smith; two uncles, Abraham (Lula) and Lawrence (Sharon) Queen; three grandchildren, Junior, Yammy and Addy Garcia; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Cherokee United Methodist Church on Friday, Dec. 14. Burial followed at the Minnie Queen Cemetery in Painttown Community.

The family would like to say, "Thank you for all that you have done during this difficult time."

Pallbearers are family and friends: Abe Jackson, Adam Panther, Stanley Queen, Greg Smith, Sammy Walkingstick, and Kevin Nations.

Jonathan Smith

Jonathan Smith, 35, of Whittier, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Dec. 10, 2018 at Mission Hospital in Asheville.

He is survived by his mother, Belva Smith; one sister, Jennifer Smith; one brother, Derek Wallace;

grandparents, Raymond and Helen Owle; one aunt, Janet Owl; uncles, James Owl, R.V. Smith, and Tracy Smith; cousins, Jeremy Taylor and Chip Robertson; and friends, Linda and Johnny George.

Jonathan was preceded in death by his father, Dean Smith; and grandparents, Karen Byrd and R.V. Smith Sr.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Dec. 13 at Long House Funeral Home. Pastor Percy Cunningham officiated. Burial followed at the Owle Family Cemetery in Whittier. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Phoenix Johnson

Phoenix Johnson, 39, of the Birdtown Community in Cherokee, went to her heavenly home on Monday, Dec. 10, 2018 at Mission Hospital.

She was the daughter of Eva Taylor and the late Charles Johnson of Wewoka, Okla. She was the granddaughter of the late Emma Taylor. Phoenix was also preceded in death by Dover Watty (Father of her children).

In addition to her mother Eva, Phoenix is survived by two daughters, Adrianna Locust and Awee Watty; one son, Ashton Watty; one grandson, Choogie; two sisters, Carly Johnson (KC) and Erin Shular (Joe); one brother, Erik (Kim); four nieces, Taylor, Rayven, Cici, and Evelyn; one great niece, Bella; one great nephew, Dahvie; three nephews, Collin, Izzy, and Gus; six aunts, Louise, Bear, Trina, Shirley, Goose, and Delores; and four uncles, Goliath, Enos, Butch, and Gary.

Family will have a private ceremony at a later date.

Long House Funeral Home is assisting the Johnson family.

Abraham Wachacha

Abraham Wachacha, 61, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018.

He was the son of the late Rhiley Wachacha and Lucinda Axe Wachacha. He was also preceded in death by his niece, Maggie Lynn Wachacha; siblings, JD Wachacha, Emily Wachacha Reed, Catherine Wachacha Long; and his grandparents, Jarrett and Maggie Axe Wachacha "Beloved Woman". Abraham served for 18 years on Tribal Council and served as vice chairman. He was an avid Chicago Cubs and Buffalo Bills fan. He was a member of Zion Hill Baptist Church.

He was a graduate of Robbinsville High School class of 1976. He is survived by the mother of his children, Renee Gonzales; three sons, Adam Wachacha and wife Heather, Eugene Wachacha both

of Robbinsville, Damien Wachacha of Murphy; 10 grandchildren, Zane, Sierra, Xander and Xamuel Wachacha, Bently Lambert, Jacey Underwood, Zarah Wachacha of Robbinsville, Zirryiah, Zavyian and Zueri Cox-Wachacha of Murphy; one great grandchild, Jonathan Axe Hayes Wachacha; two brothers, Mike Wachacha of Robbinsville, JC Wachacha and wife Jeanne of Cherokee; one sister, Ellen Wachacha Bird (Beloved Woman) of Robbinsville; and many other family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m. Friday at the Snowbird Community Complex. Preachers Henry Ethridge, Michael Rattler, Noah Crowe and James (Bo) Parris will officiate with burial in the Wachacha Cemetery.

The family will receive friends starting at 6 p.m. Thursday at Zion Hill Baptist Church.

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UT Graduate School funds available

The Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund has announced that the University of Tennessee Graduate School will soon be notifying them soon of the available funds for a 2019-20 fellowship. UT will provide a fellowship to a graduate or doctoral student recommended by the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund. To apply for the 2019-20 University of Tennessee fellowship, students must apply to the Scholarship Fund by making a request in writing to the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund Board of Directors, P. O. Box 892, Cherokee, NC 28719 by Friday, Feb. 1, 2019 to be considered for this fellowship. If more than one application is received, the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund Board

of Directors will make a recommendation to UT Graduate School as to who should receive the tuition waiver based upon need.

- Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship

Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation launches Fellowship

WINSTON - SALEM – The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation (ZSR) is excited to announce the launch of its All For NC Fellowship. Applications for the Fellowship are now available on the Foundation's website. The All For NC Fellowship is one of three initiatives that the Foundation is supporting under its Exploratory, Visionary Ideas Strategy as part of All For NC: Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation's Framework for Grantmaking and Learning.

Through the All For NC Fellow-

ship, the Foundation is seeking to invest directly in young innovators, change makers, visionaries, entrepreneurs and risk takers between the ages of 21 and 35 with bold ideas for how to make a difference in North Carolina and its communities. The Fellowship is a 12-month program designed to provide funding, coaching and mentoring to young people who have a vision and plan that could contribute to a better life for North Carolina's people and communities.

Selected Fellows will receive an individual stipend of \$75,000 (pre-tax) for personal and project expenses incurred during the Fellowship.

Applications for the All For NC Fellowship are due by Jan. 25, 2019 by 12 p.m. (noon).

Semi-finalists will be selected to interview and present to a group of panelists during the weekend of March 15-17, 2019. The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation Board of Trustees will select up to five Fellows in May 2019. Preference likely will be given to Fellows with projects or initiatives that have moved beyond an initial idea and have some momentum.

Learn more about the All For NC Fellowship here: <https://www.zsr.org/all-for-nc>. Questions about

the All For NC Fellowship should be directed to info@zsr.org.

- Z. Smith Reynolds

Foundation release

Mission to hold RN Open House

Are you a registered nurse with less than one year of experience? Or will you graduate from a nursing program by May 2019? Mission Health invites you to learn more about our New Graduate RN Residency Program at an Open House on Monday, Jan. 14 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The event will be hosted at Mission Health's Cancer Center at 21 Hospital Drive in Asheville. The program is open to any new nurses in the community, as well as current Mission Health team members. You'll learn about opportunities in many practice areas across Mission Health and talk with nursing managers and directors. You'll even be able to begin the application process for the program.

The New Graduate RN Residency Program offers year-long, full-time (or part-time in some areas) paid nursing positions. These give new nurses the opportunity to grow in their nursing practice and gain clinical experience across a variety of settings in a supportive

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environment that includes mentoring, professional development and peer support. Areas of specialty may include Medical-Surgical Adult Care, Progressive Care/Step-down, Behavioral Health, Emergency Department, ICU/Critical Care, Maternal/Newborn/NICU, Surgical Services, Pediatrics and/or Staffing Pool.

The program is offered at multiple locations throughout Mission Health, including several of our regional hospitals in western North Carolina.

Qualified applicants must be a graduating new nurse or have less than one year of experience as a registered nurse. In addition, applicants must have graduated from a program accredited by the National League of Nursing Accredited Commission (NLNAC) or Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and must have a North Carolina RN license by the date of employment. Five references, including at least two from clinical instructors or supervisors, are required. Successful applicants must make a one-year commitment to the program.

Info: Kathy Smith, MSN, RN, ONC, RN Residency Program Coordinator at Kathy.Smith@msj.org or (828) 213-5875.

- Mission Health release

December newsletter from the Cherokee WIC Program

It's National Pear Month so let's get informed about the health benefits of pears according to www.organicfacts.net and why we should increase consumption of them especially this month to celebrate it being their month.

- A single serving provides 18 percent of the daily requirement for

fiber intake.

- One of the lowest-calorie fruits, an average pear has just over 100 calories, which is only 5 percent of daily calorie allowance of a healthy diet.
- They're a good source of Vitamin C and other antioxidants such as Vitamin A and flavonoid compounds like beta-carotene, lutein and zeaxanthin, all of which help rid the body of free radicals which cause cancer cells and/or other devastating conditions.
- Excellent source of potassium which is a well-known vasodilator, meaning it lower blood pressure and increases blood flow to all parts of the body.
- Helps with anemia or other mineral deficiencies due to a high content of copper and iron in them. Also has a high mineral content of magnesium, phosphorus and calcium.
- Also, a good source of folic acid, which helps reduce the chance of neural tube defects for babies in utero

Some ways to incorporate more pears in your diet is to use them as a side for breakfast with a breakfast bar or mix with cottage cheese or yogurt. They are always a good fruit to use in deserts as well such as in a muffin, tart, or pie. You can always eat them for a snack due to them being one of the lowest calorie fruits.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

- Cherokee WIC

THANK YOU LETTERS

Dear Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your continued support as I finish

up MBA. I am very fortunate to continue to receive this award, it has truly been a blessing to my family and I.

This spring semester will be my last and I am beyond excited. To recap, I am set to graduate with my MBA with an emphasis in Marketing and Leadership Management. I am continuing to work with communities in the Kansas City, Kansas area that has the highest murder rates for youth in the state. I have been working with a few high schools in that county teaching leadership and life skills to try and reduce the violence. The objective is to create young leaders that can then go to city councils, town hall meetings, etc. and confidently voice their concerns and provide solutions. Again, my educational pursuits would not be possible without the generous support from the Yogi Crowe Scholarship Fund and our Tribe's Higher Education Department. Thank you this opportunity!

Sgi,

Luke Swimmer

CFWNC awards Educational Grants to Swain County High School

The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina announced recently two grants totaling \$1,600 for Swain County High School from the Learning Links grant program, which provide local teachers with funding for activities designed to make required coursework engaging and relevant for their students. Funds will purchase necessary materials for a Latin American cultural and arts celebration and guitars for a music class.

"Since the Learning Links grant program awarded its first grants in

1995, the need to support teachers and students has increased as public funds for education continue to decline," said CFWNC President Elizabeth Brazas. "We are grateful to the generous people who created the endowments, and donors who add additional funds, that together provide field trips, hands-on experiments, STEM projects and more that support the work of teachers and benefit students across western North Carolina."

Learning Links offers grants up to \$800 per teacher to public school teachers in Avery, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford and Swain counties to provide experiential learning projects for students. The goal is to increase students' enthusiasm for learning and school. The grants are made possible by the Ben W. and Dixie Glenn Farthing Charitable Fund, the Cherokee County Schools Endowment Fund and the Dr. Robert J. and Kimberly S. Reynolds Fund of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina. This year, 70 grants were awarded totaling \$95,736.

The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina inspires philanthropy and mobilizes resources to enrich lives and communities in eighteen counties in western North Carolina. Last year, the Foundation facilitated \$18 million in charitable giving.

Info: The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina **(828) 254-4960 or visit www.cfwnc.org**

- Community Foundation of Western North Carolina

River Kane to host Inaugural Christmas Toy Drive for Cherokee Youth

River Kane, an emerging rock band based out of Cherokee, is hosting their inaugural Christmas Toy Drive benefitting Cherokee Youth at their upcoming concert on Friday, Dec. 21 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds.

“Music brings people together,” said Kyle Chappa, River Kane’s lead singer. “Music has helped me throughout my life and the band thought, what better way to bring kids and the community together than through music and a toy drive for Cherokee’s youth.”

Chad Cucumber, guitarist for River Kane, said, “Kids deserve a Merry Christmas, even when the family is struggling. Christmas is a time for happiness, but for some, it can also include hardships. Growing up, my family and I sometimes struggled during Christmas making

sure the bills were paid and we had food on the table.”

Cucumber continued, “We hope this show will help some families, both young and old.”

The band’s much anticipated return to the stage will feature local EBCI rap artists Banished DG, Kid Savvy, and Jinuine.

Admission is \$5 at the door or free with an unwrapped toy to be donated to kids in need at the Cherokee Youth Center. River Kane is also donating 50 percent of ticket sales from the door directly to the Cherokee Youth Center.

River Kane is a Cherokee rock band with Kyle Chappa on vocals, Chad Cucumber on guitars, Dakota Bryson on bass, and Kyle Pete on drums.

- Special to the One Feather



Photo courtesy of The Smoker Agency

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Wolftown Rep. Jeremy Wilson (left), who is also a professional photographer, presented Tsali Manor with a portrait of the late Beloved Woman Amanda Swimmer on Monday, Dec. 17. Swimmer was a regular at the tribal senior’s center, and the staff truly misses her. Rep. Wilson said, “She’s always going to be there.” Joining Wilson during his presentation was Senior Citizens Program Manager Debbie West and Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,

from Cæ'sar Au-gus'tus, that all the world should be taxed.

2 ¹(And this taxing was first made when Cy-re'ni-us was governor of Syr'i-a.) ¹Acts 5:37

3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4 And Jo'seph also went up from Gal'i-lee, out of the city of Naz'a-reth, into Ju-dæ'a, unto the city of Da'vid, which is called Beth'le-hem; ²(because he was of the house and lineage of Da'vid;) ¹Mic. 5:2 ²Matt. 1:16

5 To be taxed with Ma'ry his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping ¹watch over their flock by night. ¹Or, the night watches

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of Da'vid a Sav-

iour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 ¹And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ¹Ps. 103:20; Heb. 1:14

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, ¹good will toward men. ¹John 4:14

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Beth'le-hem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Ma'ry, and Jo'seph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Ma'ry kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

21 And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was

Simeon and Anna called 'JE'SUS named of the angel conceived in the womb.

22 And when the purification according to the law of Mo'ses was accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him.

23 (As it is written of the Lord, Openeth the womb, and bringeth forth the holy to the Lord.)

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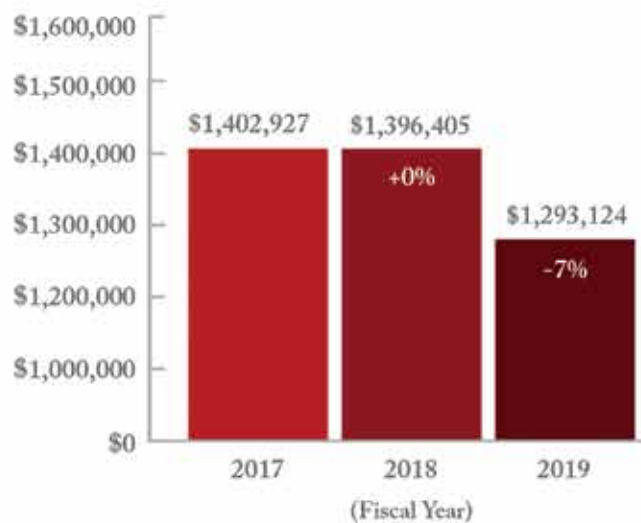


How will Cherokee affect you?

Overview

This document provides a snapshot of various performance metrics pertaining to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. It culls data from several sources annotated throughout. The following Tribal Levy and Privilege Tax data is supplied by the EBCI Division of Commerce and covers the month of October for each of the years noted.

Total Tribal Levy



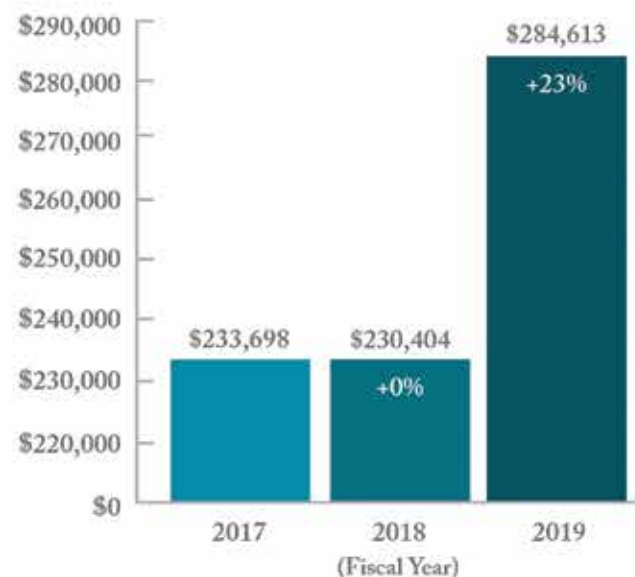
Total Levy and Privilege Tax Collections

Since the EBCI Destination Marketing Organization's role is to promote overnight visitation and increase commerce amongst non-gaming entities, we have segmented them out:



Total Privilege Tax

In the case of Privilege Tax, gaming vs. non-gaming collections are only available beginning in 2016. Therefore, data for Total Privilege Tax contains both gaming and non-gaming taxes collected.



Website Analytics for VisitCherokeeNC.com (October 1-31, Year Over Year)*

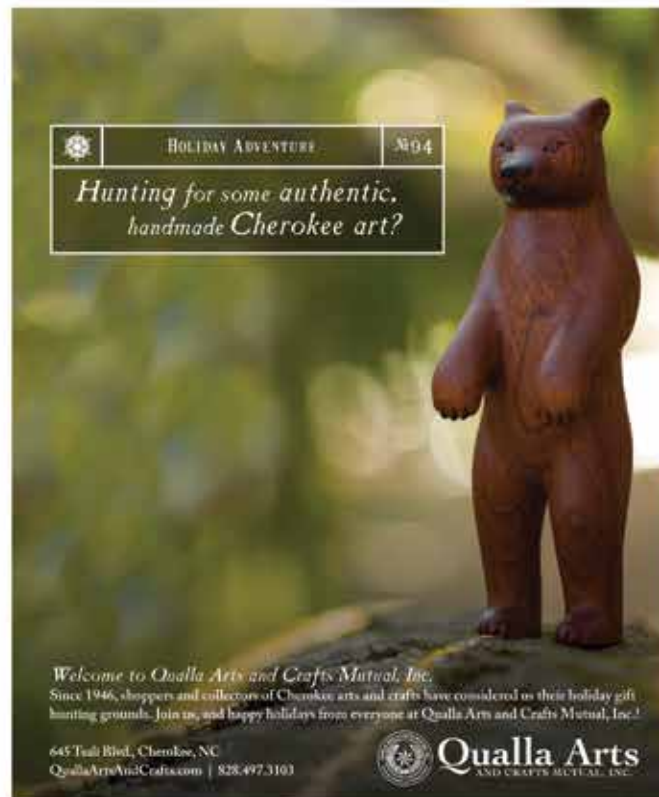
Fiscal Year	Sessions	% Change	Users	% Change	Pageviews
2016:	78,416	-	62,240	-	238,519
2017:	87,430	+12%	73,298	+18%	236,401
2018:	80,270	-8%	66,959	-8%	204,283
2019:	99,729	+24%	84,422	+26%	226,098

"Website analytics" is data derived from activity on VisitCherokeeNC.com. "Sessions" are periods of time that a user is active within the site.

"Users" are visitors to the site. "Pageviews" are the total number of website pages that are viewed by users.

*Source: Google Analytics, 12/12/18

This Month's Featured Work



As you know, Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual, Inc. is a treasure trove for handmade gifts and a great resource for gift givers this time of year. To highlight that fact to folks who aren't aware, the DMO will be running this print ad throughout the month of December.

Social Media (October 2015–November 2018)*



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452,765 Likes



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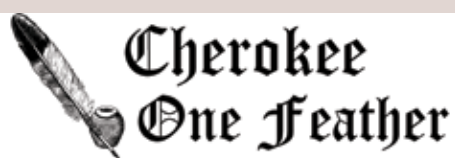
292,549 Pageviews



Twitter

1,302,230 Tweet Impressions

*Source: JB Media, 12/12/18



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Orphans, Elders, and Victims

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is one of the most family-minded communities in the world. No municipality I know comes together like this one when trouble arises. Whether it is sickness, poverty, or some other malady, you can bet that the community will rally behind the sufferer with support and emotional comfort. We show compassion, empathy, and sympathy (notwithstanding how we sometimes behave when we get in front of cameras in the Council chambers).

This time of year, Christmas, people across our Tribe and the country tend to soften and be more generous, with our money, if not our time. Charitable giving increases during December and one hopes that this is because of kind and compassion hearts and not merely because this month is the last chance to offset some of the impact of tax season, which follows shortly after the holidays.

I once heard our PHHS leaders tell Council about the difficulties they have in securing adoption of older kids. They said young children, particularly infants, are easily placed in homes with loving families. But those who are near or have entered their teenage years are difficult to place. The challenges of raising or getting a teenager integrated into a family are much harder than those of a young child. Prospective parents know that guiding a person who is closer to adulthood than childhood will be emotionally and physically draining. Parenting is as much about relationship building as it is discipline. By the time they reach their teen years, many orphans have likely already decided that they will never be a part of a family and have put up an emotional wall; hardened themselves to the reality that they must get through their lives without one. And yet, they need the love a family brings as much as any child without a place to call home. Real love involves sacrifice, and the only question is what price we are willing to pay for it.

I was in a meeting over the weekend, and we discussed the plight of our elderly. A practice more common than we would like to think is possible it

that of, what one of my colleagues called, "granny dumping." If we all live long enough, we will eventually need someone to take care of us in the waning years of this life. Unfortunately, some families or family members don't see it a need or responsibility for caring for their family's elderly once they reach the state of being unable to care for themselves. So, they find a nursing or rest home and put their elders there. Don't get me wrong; it is a loving act of kindness when a family is physically unable to provide for a family elder to find a good nursing facility for them to live out their remaining days. It is a gut-wrenching experience to come to that stage in life, both for the elder and for the family. We all someday will get to the point that it is dangerous for us to be alone, due to the risk of falls, medical requirements, and mental instability. Even after this happens to us, we will still need our families. And many times, what is happening in rest homes and nursing facilities is that once the elder arrives, visits from family steadily decline over time and end up with lonely elders sitting in the hallways of a nursing facility for most of their remaining years. They hunger for affection and company. They beg for a little conversation and attention. They try, as best they can, to substitute the kindness of a stranger for the relationship of a family that has moved on without them.

Many women and some men live in constant fear. They fear the partner that at one time said that they were the most important person in the world to them. Check out some of the statistics on domestic violence (courtesy of www.thehotline.org). "Over 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States-more than 12 million women and men throughout a year. 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men aged 18 or older have been the victims of severe physical violence by an intimate partner. Nearly half of all women and men have experienced psychological aggression by an intimate partner. A child witnessed violence in 22 percent of violent partner cases and 30 to 60 percent

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Cherokee's young people need varied music shows

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

My wife and I recently watched a short documentary on YouTube entitled “Metal from the Dirt” which covered a fledging, and growing, metal band scene on the Navajo Nation. Most of their shows are put on out of the backs of trucks or on make-shift stages, and it works. In a small-town environment, those shows and that scene provide not only an outlet for youth, but it also helps with that ever-present statement by a lot of Rez kids nationwide – “there’s nothing to do here”.

In the documentary, Jerold Cecil, who manages Navajo group I Don’t Konform, states, “There’s a lot of bands, heavy-metal bands, on the Navajo reservation. And for reason this music, this subculture, seems to permeate with the youth.”

Every time I go to an event locally, I see tons of Cherokee kids, Rez kids, wearing black band t-shirts. My daughter’s closet is

comprised of probably 90 percent black band t-shirts. It’s not just metal bands, but punk bands, skater bands, and more - bands that aren’t in the norm; bands that don’t make the Billboard charts often, if ever.

The problem is that there isn’t any place here in Cherokee to go see any bands like this. To my knowledge, there aren’t that many local bands like this so having a do-it-yourself scene like at Navajo Nation would be difficult starting out...but, it’s something I would encourage. For those of you guys and gals into this type of music, go out and buy some cheap instruments and start playing. You’ll learn as you go. Playing is the important thing.

Several years ago, my friend, Amble Smoker, lead singer of a metal band known as Pride Before a Fall, organized an awesome metal show at the Yellowhill Activity Center. His band and several others, including the well-known Michigan group Heartsick, played, and it was

a great show. We need more of that here in Cherokee.

We always here talk about the youth coming first, and with 2019 being an election year I’m sure we’ll be inundated with such speech. Well, then, it’s time for the wants of the youth to come first. Contrary to popular opinion, they’re interested in more than just their “big check”. With all of the community centers and gyms that are located here in Cherokee, it wouldn’t be hard to find venues for shows featuring metal, punk, hip-hop and other genres not really seen much, if at all, here in western North Carolina.

Youth into country music must feel like they’re at a buffet while kids into metal and real punk must feel like the little birds at a park looking around on the ground for crumbs. Now, don’t get me wrong, there’s nothing wrong with country music...I like the real stuff (Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Chris LeDoux – look him up if you don’t know who he is), but it is very readily avail-

able here in the mountains, and it just doesn’t seem to be as popular among the younger crowd.

Plus, metal is fascinating to me. I usually gravitate more towards older rock (The Beatles, The Doors, David Bowie, Queen) and alternative (Nirvana, U2, REM), but being a drummer and bassist, I appreciate the musicianship of metal above all other rock genres. And, speaking of genres, how can you not be fascinated with all of the varied types of metal music: Viking metal, Black metal, Alternative metal, Death metal, Sludge metal, Celtic metal, Pirate metal (my personal favorite), and tons of others.

These shows could be hosted, at first, by tribal or community programs, but it would be awesome to see that root really take hold and have younger tribal members begin to host their own shows. It will work.

Scott Ian, founding member of the thrash metal band Anthrax, once said, “Why would heavy metal ever go away?”

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of perpetrators of intimate partner violence also abuse children in the household.”

To escape the abuse and possibly to preserve their lives and the lives of their children, many domestic violence victims seek the help of organizations who will house them in undisclosed housing, hiding them away until a resolution may be found for their situation. They must abandon their homes, family, and friends, unable

to divulge their location for fear of their perpetrator. Many times, escape means leaving with just the clothes on their backs-often alone and with no means of support other than the organization who takes them in.

Yes, this time of year, we soften. But loneliness, pain, and suffering don’t take a break the rest of the year and only become noticeable at Christmas time. We drop a coin or a bill in a red kettle or drop a load of clothes once a year at the local thrift store, and we get a warm, fuzzy feeling in

our hearts. We did our good deed for the year, and that should keep our spirits lifted until the end of 2019. Right?

The end of a year is also a time for reflection and resolutions. Let us all resolve to do better in 2019- to love more, to reach out more, to be more available with time, not just money. Visit the lonely. Nurse the sick. Love the unloved and the ones we perceive to be unlovable. And, unlike our annual commitment to get on the treadmill or cut out the sweets, let’s keep these resolutions.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the fantastic staff of the Cherokee One Feather - Scott McKie Brings Plenty, Joe Martin, Phile-nia Walkingstick, and Sally Davis. They have worked hard to keep you informed this year, and I would say have done a great job — our gratitude to those who read and support the One Feather, including the leadership of the Commerce Department, the Executive Office, and Tribal Council. We wish you a safe, happy, and prosperous Christmas and New Year!

Do restrictions on protests violate rights?

JOSEPH MARTIN
ONE FEATHER STAFF

I've covered governments both on and off tribal land. They've ranged from Tribal Council and its committees to school boards, from county commissions to town councils and aldermen. I can say this with confidence, none of the other governments hold a candle to the Tribe when it comes to tribal members having access and a say in its operations.

Currently the Tribe tabled a proposal to amend its law on protests. Submitter Becky Walker wants to change the wording from "interested party" to "enrolled member,"

which means any tribal member can file a protest on any legislation. If passed as submitted, that means I as an enrolled member can protest, for example, a recognition of heirs resolution for a family of which any connection I had would be extremely remote. That isn't right. If this proposal passes as submitted, it has the potential to slow tribal government to a crawl, to the point it would get nothing done.

This is something that doesn't exist in the surrounding local governments, nor does it exist in the state or federal government. One can't just file something stating "I protest" in any of those circumstances and expect to get

anywhere. Does it violate First Amendment rights for a redress of grievances in those instances? No, it doesn't.

When it comes to the current law, unamended to read "interested party," it doesn't violate First Amendment rights, nor does it violate the Tribe's equivalent, the Indian Civil Rights Act. In fact, the Tribe can have no protest law on legislation at all, and it still wouldn't amount to a rights violation. The right to demonstrate, petition for redress of grievances, is still there. If someone objects to how council carries out its functions, or objects to something in its agenda and wishes to organize a demonstration, there are legal ways to do it. Apply for a permit, follow the terms of the permit, and have at it. This is applicable at the local governments outside of the reservation too.

However, there are other avenues tribal members have. They can submit legislation to amend or rescind laws. This has been a common practice, and sometimes it works well. This is an avenue that really doesn't exist with local governments around us, nor state, nor federal governments. It's rare, if ever, that they accept proposed legislation just written by their constituents. In fact, it's rare they accept a proposal that wasn't drafted by an attorney.

If the results don't address the grievances, then there's the courts. If a tribal member or members don't like the actions of tribal leaders on issues, or they should not like the inaction of tribal leaders on some issues, they can file suit

in court. This has happened. The actions against Tribal Council pay raises and roadside zoos have been examples of this, and with an institution whose main function is to review the legality of some practices or actions, it's the perfect place for it. Outside of Cherokee, this is also common practice.

When the argument is made that to regulate protests amount to a civil rights violation, that argument doesn't hold water. No other government that has tribal members as constituents provides the level of input and access for tribal members to participate. And the rights to free speech, press, practice of religion, peaceably assemble or petition for redress of grievances are not absolute. If they were, there'd be porn in the checkout aisle of Food Lion, human sacrifice in the streets and Asheville's topless rallies would spill over onto the Qualla Boundary. Regulation of expression is allowable, and the courts, both tribal and Supreme, would probably agree.

Bottom line is, for all the flaws of our tribal government, it's our tribal government. And I appreciate the level of participation I'm allowed to have in it, even if I'm disappointed in the results. I haven't seen that level of access at any of the other governments I've covered. The protests and rehearing law really should only change "calendar" days to "business" days. That's reasonable, but restricting it to interested parties needs to remain as it is. That's if the law is even necessary to begin with when you have all the other avenues of redress.

Missing the Christ of Christmas

PASTOR NICK SMITH

A familiar decoration at Christmas is the Nativity Scene. Some people adorn their homes with small statues or their yards with large illumined figures of the Nativity. We know the characters all too well. There is Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the wise men, angels, and, of course, the baby Jesus. All of these individuals are found in the Bible's account of the Christmas story. There is another person that the Scriptures mention. This man will never be present in any decoration or Nativity scene, nor should he be. He is mentioned in the Gospel of Matthew in the

context of the birth of Christ but he was certainly not present at Jesus' birth. The man's name was Herod. He was appointed to be king of Israel by the Roman Empire. History knows him as Herod the Great but there was nothing great about him. He certainly built great buildings and accomplished great things but he was an evil man. Herod did vile and despicable things, even to his own family. The Roman emperor once remarked, "Better to be one of Herod's pigs than one of Herod's sons." Herod's life was marked by corruption and hedonism. His death was tragic as he spent his last days insane and paranoid, even believing that the

ghost of his wife, the wife whom he had killed, was haunting him. What is so tragic about Herod is not the evil that he did. No, that's expected. We all know thousands of stories of corrupt leaders doing very bad things. What is so tragic about Herod is that he was so close to meeting Jesus and yet he failed to do so. Herod missed Christmas. Far worse, Herod missed the Christ of Christmas. The Gospel of Matthew 2:1 says, "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem." Wise men traveled from the east, following a star, to worship this new king that was born in Bethlehem. They first traveled to Jerusalem and discussed this with Herod. Matthew tells us that Herod sought the advice of his counselors and the religious leaders of the day. They informed him of Old Testament prophecy that foretold the Messiah being born in Bethlehem. Herod could have traveled with the wise men and worshipped Jesus along with them. Instead, Herod lied to those eastern travelers and concocted a horrible plan of killing young boys in an attempt to kill Jesus and to eradicate any threat to his own throne.

Herod is a lot like many people today. True, most have never done anything evil on the scale of Herod, but how many miss Christmas? Have you ever missed Christmas? Imagine waking up on December 26 and you suddenly realize that you slept through Christmas. There was no Christmas tree, no opening of gifts, and no spending time with the family. No person

would enjoy missing Christmas. But like Herod, how many miss the Christ of Christmas? One must know that Christmas is really not about a tree or gifts. It is a time when we celebrate the birth of a King. It is a time when we celebrate that God would become a man. The greatest tragedy of Herod is he was so close. He resided in Jerusalem and Jesus was born in Bethlehem. That's a distance of 5.7 miles. Herod missed Jesus by 5.7 miles. He should have traveled the 5.7 miles along with the wise men. He should have bowed, laid his crown at the feet of baby Jesus, and worshiped. Herod should have acknowledged and believed that he was a sinner in need of a savior. He should have trusted that the baby who was laid in a manger would one day be placed on a cross for sinners. Instead, Herod missed Christ. If you miss the Christ of Christmas, like Herod, you will have achieved much only to lose it all. You would have gained the world only to lose your own soul. You would have won earth only to lose heaven; won earth only to receive hell. You would have wasted everything. Don't be like Herod. Learn from the wise men. They traveled from the east and gave Jesus what He deserved, precious gifts and adoration. The old poem says it best, "Only one life, twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last." Do not miss Christmas. Do not miss Christ.

Nick Smith is the pastor of Lake Junaluska First Baptist Church in Clyde, North Carolina



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Turkey Shoot at Jesse Welch's Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. Dec. 22 at 5 p.m., sponsored by Tracy West. Good prizes, good fun, good benefit. All are welcome.

Church Events

Cherokee Wesleyan Church Christmas worship service. Dec. 25 at 11 a.m. at the church. After the worship service there will be a Christmas brunch and time of fellowship. Info: Pastor Patricia Crockett 586-5453

General Events

Wolftown Community Club Evening of Christmas Music. Dec. 20 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Any

singers who would like to participate, contact Tammy Jackson 788-4098 or Mary Long 506-2857. Refreshments will be served. All are invited to join in an evening filled with music and fellowship.

Cherokee's New Year's Eve Firework. Dec. 31 at 10:30pm. Visible from the Cherokee Welcome Center and the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds parking lot.

NAIWA dinners. Poor Man's dinner, Jan. 4, 2019, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Yellowhill Activity Center. W/bologna, fried potatoes, pinto beans, cornbread, dessert, and drink for \$10. Indian Dinners, Jan. 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Yellowhill Activity Center. W/chicken,

bean bread, fat back, beans and hominy, cabbage, potatoes, dessert and drink for \$10.

Community Groups

Constitution Committee meets on Monday from 6 -8pm at the Shawn Blanton EOC Building in the IT Conference room. All are welcome to attend. Info: Lloyd Arneach 269-6498, Bo Lossiah 508-1781

Support Groups

Cherokee Living Well and Diabetes Talking Circle. This group, for community members with diabetes or pre-diabetes and their family and friends, meets at Tsali Manor on the third Thursday of each month from 12 - 1pm.

Info: Nilofer Couture, MPH, RD, LDN, CDE, 497-9163 ext. 6459 or Nilofer.Couture@cherokeehospital.org.

AA and NA meetings in Cherokee. 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.

Analensisgi Recovery Center weekly schedule

Monday:
Wrap: 9:15 - 10am
Finding Tohi: 10 - 11am
Cherokee Culture: 11am -

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WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

DECEMBER 17-23, 2018

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckasegee River	N/A	All Day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout	Caddis and BWO	Caddis, BWO, Squirmy Worms, Girdle Bugs, Eggs, Wolly Bugger, Prince Nymph
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	N/A	All Day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	BWO & Caddis	BWO, Stoneflies, Pheasant Tails, Girdle Bugs, Zebra Midge, Copper John
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Follow posted regulations-wild trout	All Day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Brook Trout	BWO, Stoneflies, Caddis	Pheasant Tails, Blood Midge, Frenchies, Golden Stone, Prince Nymph, Girdle Bugs

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MONDAY, DEC. 17	TUESDAY, DEC. 18	WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19	THURSDAY, DEC. 20	FRIDAY, DEC. 21	SATURDAY, DEC. 22	SUNDAY, DEC. 23
AVERAGE+	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	BETTER	BETTER	BEST	BETTER++
8:07 AM-10:07 AM 8:29 PM-10:29 PM	8:52 AM-10:52 AM 9:16 PM-11:16 PM	9:41 AM-11:41 AM 10:07 PM-12:07 AM	10:34 AM-12:34 PM 11:02 PM-1:02 AM	N/A 11:31 AM-1:31 PM	12:00 AM-2:00 AM 12:31 PM-2:31 PM	1:02 AM-3:02 AM 1:33 PM-3:33 PM

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. The main Christmas story is paraphrased from what two New Testament books? *Mark/John, Acts/Romans, Matthew/Luke, Jude/Revelation*
2. About how old was Jesus when the wise men (Magi) arrived with their gifts? *1 day, 2 weeks, 2 months, 2 years*
3. Where did the angel Gabriel appear to Mary saying, "Blessed art thou among women"? *Nazareth, Tyre, Ninevah, Gazi*
4. How many times does the word "Christmas" appear in the Bible (KJV)? *Zero, 1, 2, 7*
5. In what city of Judaea was Jesus born? *Damascus, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Gezer*
6. Who plotted to kill the baby Jesus? *Archelaus, Herod, Pontius Pilot, Caesar Augustus*

ANSWERS: 1) Matthew/Luke; 2) 2 years; 3) Nazareth; 4) Zero; 5) Bethlehem; 6) Herod

Wilson Casey's book "Test Your Bible Knowledge" makes a great Christmas gift. It's available in stores and online.

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12:30pm
 Step by Step: 1:30 - 2:30pm
 The 12 Steps of Yoga (located at Cherokee Choices): 2:30 - 4pm
 Recovery Support: 4:30 - 6pm
 Hi-De-Nv (Come with me) Recovery Support Group: 5 - 6pm
Tuesday:
 Emotions: 9 - 11am
 Life Recovery: 3 - 4pm
Wednesday:
 Wrap: 9:15 - 10am
 Wild Wednesday: 10:15am - 12pm
 Adulting 101: 12 - 1pm
 Healthy Boundaries: 1 - 2pm
 Soulfrit: 2 - 3:30pm
 Staff Meeting: 3:30 - 4:30pm
 We Belong: 5 - 6pm
 Peacemaking Support Circle: 5 -

6pm
Thursday:
 Life Recovery: 8:30 - 9:30am
 Staff Meeting: 9 - 10am
 Mindfulness Crochet: 10:30am - 12pm
 Creative Writing: 1 - 3pm
 Employment Skills: 3 - 4pm
Friday:
 Wrap: 9 - 10am
 Creative Recovery: 9 - 11am
 Courage to Heal: 11am - 12pm
 Fit for Recovery : 12:45 - 2:15pm
 Cherokee Language & Culture: 2:30 - 4pm
 All classes are open to clients of Analenisgi. The only classes that are open to the public are: Life Recovery, Recovery Support, Two

Spirit and Peacemaking Support Circle. Info: 497-6892.

CIHA Bariatric Support Groups meet every second Tuesday of the month at Snowbird Library from 11am – 12pm (Chrystal Frank) and 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 from 5:30 – 6:30pm 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

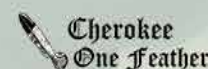


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Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements



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

Cherokee Children's Home Part-Time Resident Counselors

Opening Date: Dec. 13, 2018
Closing Date: Until Filled

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

The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory. Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates or readvertise positions without notice.

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

Closing Friday, December 21, 2018

1. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Community/Education/Recreation (L3 \$21,484 – \$26,855)
2. Housekeeper I Light Duty – Housekeeping – Support Services (L3 \$21,484 – \$26,855)
3. Driver – Transit – Support Services (L4 \$23,616 – \$29,520) Apply
4. Community Health Representative – Tsalagi Public Health – PHHS (L4 \$23,616 – \$29,520)
5. Certified Medical Assistant – Tsalagi Public Health – PHHS (L5 \$25,830 – \$32,288)
6. Nutrition/Fitness Education Coordinator – Cherokee Choices – PHHS (L10 \$41,082 – \$51,353)
7. Utility Worker – Tribal Construction – Operations (L4 \$23,616 – \$29,520)
8. Project Monitor - Housing & Community Development - Housing (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
9. Emergency Management Specialist - Emergency Management - Public Safety (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
10. Family Safety Social Worker - Family Safety - PHHS (L10 \$41,082 - \$51,353)

Closing Monday, December 24, 2018

1. Financial Analyst II – Budget & Finance – Treasury (L12 \$49,200 – \$61,500)
2. Accountant – Budget & Finance – Treasury (L7 \$31,078 – \$38,848)
3. Treasury Specialist – Budget & Finance – Treasury (L13 \$53,792 – \$67,240)
4. Utility Worker (Sanitation) – Solid Waste – Administration (L3 \$21,484 – \$26,855)
5. Teacher Assistant – Qualla Boundary EHS/HS – PHHS (L4 \$23,616 – \$29,520)
6. Cook Aide – Qualla Boundary EHS/HS – PHHS (L2 \$19,598 – \$24,498)

Open Until Filled

1. Medical Social Worker – Tribal In Home Care Services – PHHS (L10 \$41,082 – \$51,353)
2. Telecommunicator (Multiple) – Public Safety Communications Center – Public Safety (L7 \$31,078 – \$38,848)
3. Certified Nursing Assistant – Tribal In Home Care Services – PHHS (L4 \$23,616 – \$29,520)
4. Director of Information Technology – I.T. (L15 \$64,206 – \$80,258)
5. Conservation Outreach Coordinator – Natural Resources – Agriculture & Natural Resources (L9 \$37,474 – \$46,843)
6. Part-Time Paramedic (Multiple) – EMS – Public Safety (L8 \$16.40 – \$20.50 per hour)
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RN – Tsali Care Center
PTR RN – Tsali Care Center
RN Supervisor – Tsali Care Center
PTI CNA – Tsali Care Center (6
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tions)
PTI LPN – Tsali Care Center (3
Positions)
CMA/LPN – Primary Care
Ward Clerk – Tsali Care Center (2
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Positions)

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MANDARA Spa Job Postings

Position: Massage Therapist

Job Description: The Massage Therapist role is to provide and maintain the highest standards of massage therapy and recommendations for home care. A massage therapist must provide excellent guest care, and create a feeling of rest and relaxation for spa guests, resulting in high retention and increased treatment and retail sales.

Applicants must possess a current NC massage license, applicants

must be self motivated and responsible. Required to have open availability, work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

Position: Cosmetologist

Job Description: To provide high quality, professional hair and nail services to clients. Educate the guest regarding home maintenance and the benefit of additional services.

Applicants must be self-motivated and responsible. Required to have open availability, work evenings, weekends, and holidays. Able to maintain a professional appearance at all times. Able to maintain work station in accordance with North Carolina State Board sanitation/sterilization procedures. Must have a current NC cosmetology license. We are currently offering a sign on bonus for this position.

For more information, contact Bruce Taylor, Spa Director 828-497-8550. **12/20pd**

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

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Residential Technician – Snowbird
Residential Treatment Center (2
Positions)
CMA/LPN – Primary Care

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close December 20, 2018 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **12/20pd**

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Master Level Therapist – Snowbird
Residential Treatment Center
Targeted Case Manager Supervisor

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close December 27, 2018 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **12/20pd**

Southwestern Community College has a full-time temporary position

(Jan 7, 2019 – Mar 31, 2019) for a Cleaning Technician. Work 3pm – 12 am Mon.-Thurs and Fri 12 pm – 4 pm. High School Diploma or equivalent. See job description and apply at <https://southwesterncc.hirecentric.com/jobs/151118.html>. **12/20pd**

Tribal Alcohol Beverage Control Commission has the following job available: Alcohol Law Enforcement Officer – level 1

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description from Amanda Younce at the Tribal Alcohol Beverage Control Commission Office between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday -Thursday. This position will close 01/04/18 at 4pm. Indian preference does apply and a current Job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of TABCC application. **12/20pd**

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS
BY PUBLICATION
EBCI THE CHEROKEE COURT
CHEROKEE, NC
FILE NO.: DV 11-028
CLEO DYER
v.
DANIEL DYER
TO: DANIEL DYER
TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been

filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is the RENEWAL OF A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER. You are required to make defense to this pleading not later than December 24, 2018, said date being 40 days from the first date of this publication, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This is the 14th day of November, 2018.

Tim Lewis, Attorney for Plaintiff,
EBCI Legal Assistance Office,
PO Box 2280, Cherokee, NC 28719
828.359.7400

N.C.G.S._1A-1, Rule 4(j1).
12/29pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-080

In the Matter of the Estate of Cassandra Blackfox

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

David Blackfox, P.O. Box 20, Cherokee, NC 28719, **12/20pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-075

In the Matter of the Estate of Jess Alvin McCoy

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

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Doris Sharp, P.O. Box 755, Cherokee, NC 28719, **12/20pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-082

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Dianne Sue Wildcatt**

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Stephen Kirkland, 118 Field Rd., Whittier, NC 28789, **1/10pd**

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE
INDIANS TRIBAL COURT
IN THE MATTERS OF CODYNAH,
MINOR CHILDREN

TO DEWEESE BUSHYHEAD:
TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled actions. The actions were filed on July 20, 2018 in the Tribal Court, Cherokee, North Carolina, Case No. CVJ 18-50, 51, 52. The nature of the relief being sought is ADJUDICATION OF NEGLECT/DEPENDENCY/MENTAL-

LY OR EMOTIONALLY INJURED FOLLOWED BY AN APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION. You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than January 28, 2019 in the Cherokee Tribal Court and upon your failure to do so, the Petitioner, Family Safety Program, seeking service against you, will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This the 27th day of November 2018. /S/ Sybil Mann, (N.C. Bar # 16729), Attorney for Petitioner, EBCI Public Health and Human Services Department of Human Services Family Safety Program, PO Box 666 Cherokee, North Carolina 28719, (828) 359-1559. **12/20pd**

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE
INDIANS TRIBAL COURT
IN THE MATTERS OF CODYNAH,
MINOR CHILDREN.

TO JERRY LEE LOSSIAH JR:
TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled actions. The actions were filed on July 20, 2018 in the Tribal Court, Cherokee, North Carolina, Case No. CVJ 18-50, 51, 52. The nature of the relief being sought is ADJUDICATION OF NEGLECT/DEPENDENCY/MENTALLY OR EMOTIONALLY INJURED FOLLOWED BY AN APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION. You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than January 28, 2019 in the Cherokee Tribal Court and upon your failure to do so, the Petitioner, Family Safety Program, seeking service against you, will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This the 27th day of November 2018. /S/ Sybil Mann, (N.C. Bar # 16729), Attorney for Petitioner, EBCI Public Health and Human Services Department of Human Services

Family Safety Program, PO Box 666 Cherokee, North Carolina 28719, (828) 359-1559. **12/20pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-083

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Barbara Ann Hornbuckle
George**

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Jason Ray George, 39 Hornbuckle Dr., Cherokee, NC 28719. **1/17pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 18-084

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Amanda Mabel Swimmer**

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Donald Lee Swimmer, P.O. Box 790, Cherokee NC 28719, **1/16pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 18-005

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Lorenzo Dwight Walkingstick**

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Frances Louise Luther, 4 Shirley's Way, Leicester, NC 28748. **1/24pd**

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

**REQUEST FOR
QUALIFICATIONS**

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Housing & Community Development Office (HCD) is seeking Requests for Qualifications from qualified firms who can demonstrate experience and expertise in Architectural Design and Engineering of Housing Developments. Work will be completed in the Campcreek area of Jackson County, N.C., the property is in close proximity to the Qualla Boundary of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Work will include a Master Plan for 205 acres that will include Low/Moderate income housing, workforce housing, retail space, mixed use areas and greenspaces to be included. Please use reference EBCI-CAMPCREEK-1001, a hard copy of the RFQ documents can be obtained from the EBCI HCD Office at 756 Acquoni Road Cherokee, N.C. 28719, as well a PDF copy can be sent upon request if submitted to the email below. Questions regarding RFQ requirements or scope of services may be directed to:

Places of Worship

Abundant Life Apostolic Church. 828-488-8937
Acquoni Baptist Church. 497-6521 or 788-0643
Antioch Baptist Church. Coopers Creek Road.
Beacon of Hope Baptist Church. (828) 226-4491
Bethabara Baptist Church. 497-7770
Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church. 497-4141
Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church. 497-6918
Boiling Springs Missionary Baptist Church. 488-9202
Cherokee Baptist Church. 497-2761, 497-3799 (fax)
Cherokee Bible Church. 497-2286
Cherokee Church of Christ. 497-3334
Cherokee Church of God. 497-4190, 497-5977
Cherokee Church of the Nazarene. 497-2819
Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church. 674-2690
Cherokee United Methodist Church. (336) 309-1016,
www.cherokeemission.org
Cherokee Wesleyan Church. 586-5453
Christ Fellowship Church. Great Smokies Center.
Goose Creek Baptist Church. 631-0331 or 497-3512
Jesus is the Light Full Gospel Ministries. 736-9383
Living Waters Lutheran Church. 497-3730,
prjack@frontier.com, lwcherokee@frontier.com
Macedonia Baptist Church. 508-2629 dconseen@gmail.com
Olivet United Methodist Church. (336) 309-1016,
www.YouTube.com/user/OlivetUMC, www.Olivet-UMC.org
Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. 736-5322
Piney Grove Baptist Church. 736-7850.
Rock Hill Baptist Church. (828) 356-7312
Rock Springs Baptist Church. 497-9455, 736-1245
Sequoyah Sovereign Grace Church. 497-7644
St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church of Cherokee.
280-0209, cherokeepiscopal@gmail.com
Straight Fork Baptist Church. 488-3974
Waterfalls Baptist Church. Wrights Creek Road.
Whittier United Methodist Church. 497-6245
Wilmot Baptist Church. 554-5850
Wrights Creek Baptist Church. 497-5262
Yellowhill Baptist Church. 506-0123 or 736-4872

Please contact the church of your choice for

T.W. Saunooke, Housing Production Manager, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Office: 828-359-6903, Cell: 828-788-4824, thom-saun@nc-chokeee.com. **12/20pd**

Request for Proposals

The Cherokee Tribal Court seeks competitive proposals for a Guardian ad Litem Attorney Advocate. This GAL Attorney Advocate will assure the protection of a child's legal rights by taking all action necessary to zealously represent the child's best interest. This service will be paid on a contractual basis from the Cherokee Tribal Court. Interested individuals should submit a brief letter proposal including the following:

1. Name and Contact Information
 2. Copies of Certificates and Licenses
 3. Relevant Work Experience
- Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before December 31, 2018 will receive priority over later submissions. Please mail or email proposals to: Amber Shuler, Court Administrator Cherokee Tribal Court, PO Box 1629, Cherokee, NC 28719 ambeshul@nc-chokeee.com

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The Cherokee Tribal Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **12/20pd**

Harrah's Cherokee Casino Parking Garage, Cherokee, NC

FINFROCK DC, Inc.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PROPOSALS for this project will be due from all interested bidders at the time and date shown below:

Receipt of RFP Deadline - Date:

Jan. 11, 2019 / Time: 5:00 pm

Proposal Documents may be obtained by filling out the attached subcontractor information sheet and returning via email to: tradcliffe@finfrock.com.

Receipt of Subcontractor Information Due: Dec. 21, 2018

All proposals must be submitted via email to the following contacts:

TO: Todd Radcliffe, Project Manager / tradcliffe@finfrock.com

CC: Evan Stamper, TERO Compliance Officer / evanstam@nc-chokeee.com

A Project Information Session will be held on Dec. 19, 2018 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm at the TERO office located at 810 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC, 28719. All interested bidders are encouraged to attend.

Scope of Work Requirements: Ground plus 5 level 2,638 car Pre-cast Parking Garage. This project consists of but is not limited to: Masonry, Misc. Metals & Bollards, Hollow Metal Doors & Frames, Storefront, Painting, Signage, Striping, Plumbing, and HVAC.

All Proposals must remain valid for a period of One Hundred and Eighty (180) days.

Any selected entity shall be required to follow any and all requirements of the Tribe and the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) and other applicable rules and regulations.

GENERAL CONTRACTOR:

Finfrock DC, Inc.
2400 Apopka Blvd.
407-293-4000 Ph
Apopka, FL 32703
407-297-0512 fax

12/20pd



Ethics Awareness

The Office of Internal Audit and Ethics will be providing Ethics Awareness sessions on the Code of Ethics and Rules of Procedure as laid out in the Cherokee Code 117-45. Please join us in 2019 at your community club:

Community Club Schedule 2019			
CLASS	ID	DAY	LOCATION
Big Y Community Club	Jan. 8, 2019	TUESDAY	Big Y Community Building
Painttown Community Club	Jan. 28, 2019	MONDAY	Painttown Community Building
Birdtown Community Club	Jan. 31, 2019	THURSDAY	Birdtown Community Building
Big Cove Community Club	Feb. 5, 2019	TUESDAY	Big Cove Community Building

Contact Information:

Barak N. Myers, Ethics Officer

PO Box 455
738 Acquoni Rd
Cherokee, NC 28719
E: baramyer@nc-chokeee.com | P: (828)359-7074

Donald Parker II, Ethics Specialist

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