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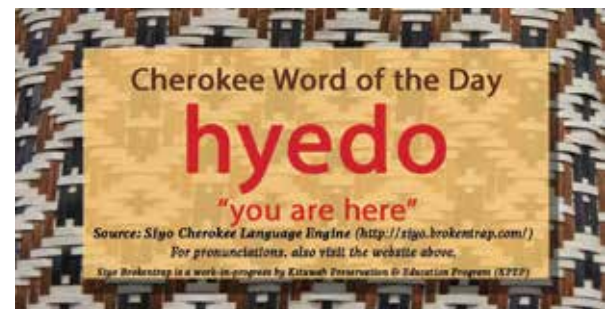
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Cherokee Fitness Complex renovations nearly complete

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Cherokee Fitness Complex was undergoing some minor renovations over the summer and fall, and those upgrades are nearly complete. The main areas of improvement included a replacement of the old Trane ventilation system, replacement of the basketball court surface, renovation of shower areas, and the draining and pressure washing of the pool.

“The Trane system is up and running,” said James Bradley, EBCI Secretary of Education, who noted previously that replacing the system will allow better air flow in the pool area which had really high humidity before. “They’ll do their final modifications once the pool is filled with water to make sure that it’s taking everything out of the air that needs to be taken out. That’s all set and ready to go.”

Bradley said the basketball floor re-surfacing is complete. “We’re in the process of taking down the old rims that are attached to the ceiling. We’ve got new rims that are mobile that most NBA courts have now so that we can utilize that space in different ways.”

The pool is tentatively set to re-open on Friday, Dec. 22. Bradley noted, “The insurance company sent someone out and had it inspected, and they did their report. And, then, just to make sure everything was ok, they wanted to get



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

ALMOST READY: The pool at the Cherokee Fitness Complex has been drained, pressure washed, and EBCI Facilities Management has patched a few, small hairline cracks. It is tentatively set to re-open to the public on Friday, Dec. 22.

an engineer here that specializes in pools.”

He added, “We got that report, and there were some hairline cracks on the edge of the pool, but the engineer said that was nothing to worry about and it could be fixed. So, Facilities came in and patched those. So, the pool has been painted. All of the repairs have been made. Everything has been pressure washed and cleaned up.”

Bradley said the Cherokee Fire Department is tentatively set to come over next week and fill the pool. “We will let that set for a cou-



NEW FLOOR: The Cherokee Fitness Complex logo is emblazoned in the middle of the new basketball court floor in the facility.

ple of days, and the pool company that we work with out of Franklin will come over and do all of the chemicals and get that set back up. Then, we'll have to keep testing that until we get those levels back up to what they need to be. People will see water in the pool, but the pool's not going to be ready yet. Another reason for that is that you have to take a shower to get into the pool, and the showers are almost finished."

The locker rooms are almost finished as well, and the new shower areas, complete with tile, are being painted. "The women's side is about 75 percent complete, and men's is about 60," commented Bradley. "Once we can open up the changing rooms again and people can take showers, then they'll have access to the pool."

One new amenity that is coming soon is a smoothie bar. "There's an area right beside the basketball court that is glassed in and was originally supposed to be a smoothie bar, but it never became that. So, they put a drainage area in there, and we already have the ice machine.

We've already contracted with a smoothie company, and we'll be opening a smoothie bar right after the New Year."

Bradley said many of the upgrades will be especially attractive to EBCI tribal employees. "You'll be able to go over, do your workout, take a shower in the nice, clean, new showers, grab a smoothie on the way out and go back to work."

He added that he would like to thank the community for their patience during the renovations. "I know it's been very arduous and annoying for people that want to utilize the pool, but we wanted to do everything at once and get everything done so that when we open back up everyone can utilize all of the spaces in the Fitness Complex.

Most of the renovation work has been completed by Owle Construction Company, a TE-RO-certified vendor.

A grand re-opening event will be set for early 2018.



GOALS: New, mobile basketball goals are now being utilized at the Cherokee Fitness Complex for a better utilization of the available space. The rims that were suspended from the ceiling are in the process of all being removed.




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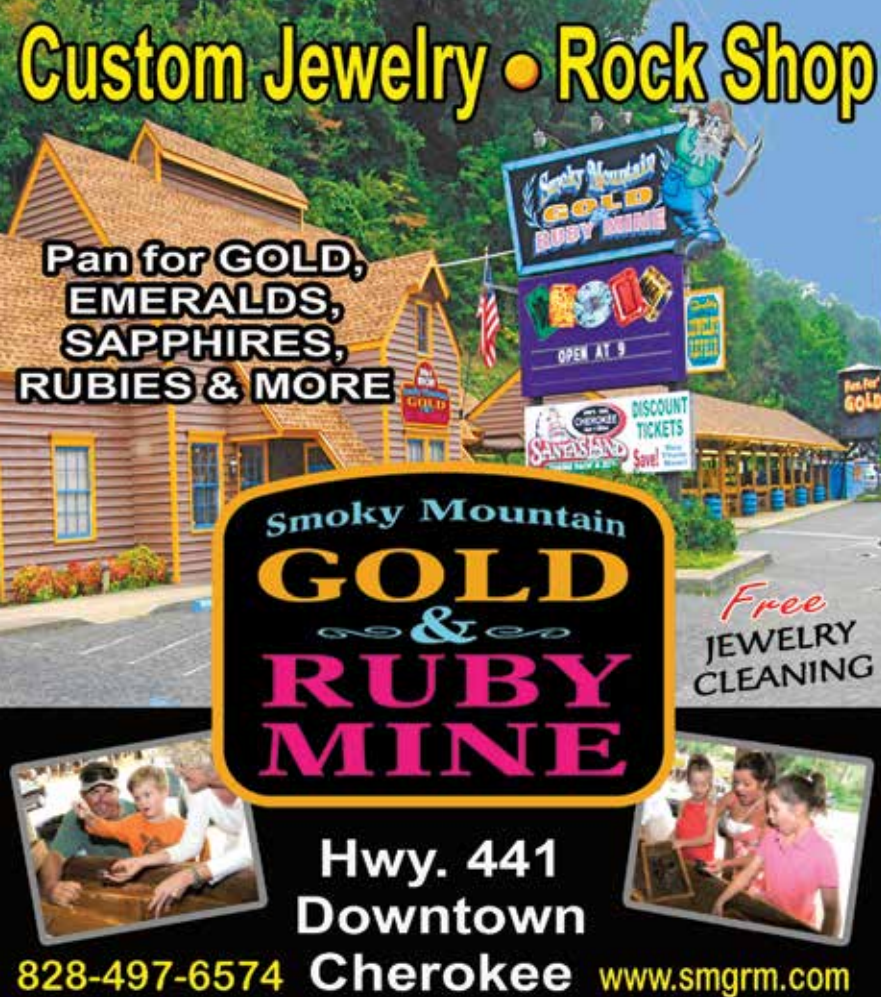
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LABOR: Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley (front row far left) donated to various Free Labor Groups within tribal communities of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians recently. He related that he plans to help keep the tradition of Gadugi, the Cherokee word for working together, alive within the communities. Shown (left-right) front row – Vice Chief Ensley; Raymond Mathews, Towstring Community; Bunsey Crowe, Big Y Community; second row – Big Cove Rep. Richard French; Tuff Jackson, Wolfstown Community; back row – Wolfstown Rep. Bo Crowe; Reuben Teesatuskie, Yellowhill Community.



LABOR GROUP: Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley (center) makes a donation to the Snowbird Free Labor Group recently. He is shown with Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Bucky Brown (left) and Roger Smoker, Snowbird Community Club.

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Public input sought for the rebuild of the Junaluska Museum

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ONE FEATHER EDITOR

The Project Management Office conducted a public meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 29 in the Snowbird Community to discuss the future rebuild of the Junaluska Museum, which was damaged and closed in 2015 by a storm.

During the meeting, participants (including Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, Cherokee County/Snowbird Reps. Adam Wachacha and Bucky Brown, Graham Co. Commissioner TJ Holland, and members of the Friends of Junaluska) discussed the creation of a plan for a new museum that would highlight the life and achievements of former Cherokee Chief Junaluska, as well as restore the current gravesite and memorial of Chief Junaluska in Robbinsville.

Feedback from the group to the planning office on desired goals for the museum included cementing the life, legacy, and current context of Chief Junaluska with the contemporary Eastern Band (how was Chief Junaluska important and why is he important today); illuminating the history of the Snowbird Cherokee; serving as living history for youth and elders through a speakers bureau on site; recognizing Chief Junaluska as one of the Eastern Band's first veterans and highlighting the veterans that are from Snowbird; and providing a cutting-edge, state-of-the-art experience for the community and

visitors.

The Junaluska Museum could be an anchor for the Graham County economy and another tourism attraction for the region. The attendees of the meeting expressed that they hoped for a balance that allows community members to use the facility, and entertain and educate visitors who come to the museum.

Travis Sneed, EBCI Project Management Office, related that a balanced fiscal approach to master plan development is also important. The current space will only allow limited development and expansion and it may not be cost effective or beneficial to the community to overdevelop the existing site. Depending on what the community and the Tribe decides it wants from the project, the plan may include acquiring additional land suitable for any expansion that may be desired. The museum has a long-standing need for storage space for its artifacts. One of the potential outcomes from a new Junaluska Museum would be additional archival and exhibit space. Sneed also feels that this is a starting point in the community discussion regarding the project. There is much more work and communication that needs to take place to get to a final plan for the space. Ideas range from just refurbishing or rebuilding the existing structures on the property to siting an expanded museum on another piece of property and refurbishing the gravesite location. According to Sneed, more

discussion is needed before a solid plan may be established.

The house that sits on the property was a home-site that was repurposed as a museum. The gravesite was memorialized in 1910 by the General Joseph Winston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Photographs of the dedication ceremony are held at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian and have been featured in history books.

Assisting the Project Management Office in the development of a master plan for the site will be Aniwaya Design and Planning, whose company representative, Zeke Cooper, facilitated the meeting. Cooper stated, "We're excited to be a part of such a monumental project for the tribe and Snowbird Community. To be able to complete a master plan for the Junaluska Museum & Memorial is an honor

and responsibility that we take very seriously. Junaluska was a hero, war veteran, and an amazing leader. With help from the community, tribal departments and leaders, we will create a master plan that everyone is proud of."

Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley commented, "It was exciting to be a part of the meeting with the Snowbird community. Snowbird members expressed their pride in Junaluska and his accomplishments. They want the museum to portray the heritage and the way of life of the Snowbird Community. I look forward to working in collaboration with Snowbird on this project."

Travis Sneed and the Project Management Office will be continuing to take public input on the Junaluska Museum project. He may be contacted at travsnee@nc-chokeee.com or 359-6701.

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Anthony Shell sentenced following plea to Sexual Abuse of a Minor

Anthony Jason Shell, 34, was sentenced on Thursday, Nov. 30 in Federal Court in Asheville on his prior plea to one count of Sexual Abuse of a Minor. The Honorable Judge Martin Reidinger sentenced Shell to a term of imprisonment of 37 months in the Federal Bureau of Prisons, a term of Supervised Release for the rest of his natural life, and provisions regarding Sex Offender Registration in connection with Shell's offenses from August

of 2014.

Lead Tribal Prosecutor and Special Assistant United States Attorney Justin Eason said, "The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians have no greater or more precious resource than our children, and so crimes against children must be pursued to the fullest extent of the law. The people should know that cases of sexual abuse of children will be met with the harshest punishments and the most serious of

consequences. The Federal Courts provide an unparalleled forum for the administration of justice, and it is the obligation of the Prosecutor's Office to combat such offenses with every tool available to us."

He went on to say, "The Special Assistant United States Attorney status agreement allows for serious cases such as this to receive prioritization and attention from start to finish. Cherokee is fortunate to have an excellent working rela-

tionship with its federal partners. I would especially like to recognize the diligence and professionalism displayed by our Tribal Police in the investigation of this case, and to thank Det. Sgt. Larry Jenkins for his efforts in seeing this case through. This case should send a message to people who abuse children on the Boundary that they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, be it Tribal or Federal."

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FOOTBALL



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CHAMPS: Zak Perez, Tye Mintz, Holden Straughan, and Braves Head Coach Kent Briggs hold the 1A West Regional Championship plaque after Cherokee defeated Mitchell 42-28 on the evening of Friday, Dec. 1.

STATE-BOUND AND DOWN!

Cherokee on to state title game; Braves best Mountaineers in regional final

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

BAKERSVILLE - For the first time in 39 years, Cherokee (13-1) will be playing for a shot at a state football title. The Braves went on the road on the evening of Friday, Dec. 1 to defeat the Mitchell Mountaineers (12-2) in the regional final game by a score of 42-28.

"I'm just so proud of this football team," said Kent Briggs, Braves head coach, after the game.

"We said we had to stick together all season, and we did. We believed in each other. Even when we started out and they got ahead, we didn't flinch. I'm so proud. We've come so far by believing in each other, and that's what got us this victory tonight. We just kept fighting and did the things that we had to do to win."

With the win, the Braves advance to the 1A state championship game on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 12pm in Carter-Finley Stadium on the campus of North Carolina State University in Raleigh. They will face the undefeated North Duplin

Rebels (14-0) who beat Plymouth 12-6 on Friday night in the 1A East Regional final.

"One thing about our football team is that they've done really well on the road," said Coach Briggs. "We came up here, and we've been undefeated on the road. I said we've got one more road game to go, and we're very happy to play there and play for a state championship. We've got a lot of work to do, but we're going to enjoy this victory today and then start working towards next Saturday starting tomorrow."

Tye Mintz, Braves senior quarterback,

CRUNCH: Byron Locust, Braves senior lineman, puts a hit on Mitchell's Landon Miller. Locust finished the game with seven tackles.



overcame two early interceptions to lead the Braves offensively with 300 total yards. He completed 9 of 13 passes for 151 yards and one touchdown, and he rushed 23 times for 146 yards and three touchdowns.

"This is the best feeling I've ever had," he said immediately following the game. "I can't even describe it in words. "We kept our head up, and we kept fighting. We kept putting our faith in our coach and God. No matter how much adversity hit us, we kept coming right back at them. All glory to God and coach. They're the best we could ask for."

Cherokee's defense was led by Tye Mintz, Byron Locust, and Holden Straughan - who along with several other teammates have played together since youth football - with seven tackles each. Of the win and the team advancing to the state championship game, Locust commented, "It feels good. We worked hard for this. We worked all summer. I've been playing since pee wees for this opportunity right here. It's a blessing. I know my teammates, who I've been playing with forever, we have all been working hard for this."

Straughan noted, "It's a dream come true. This is the stuff you dream about at night when you're laying your head down. It's amazing. I'm glad to be doing it with these boys. They are my brothers, and I wouldn't do it with anyone else in the world."

On the night, he also had a fumble recovery and caught five passes for 54 yards and a touchdown in addition to throwing a 3-yard touchdown pass on a trick-play to Tye Mintz.

Looking to next Saturday's



HOLDIN': Cherokee's Holden Straughan (#20) fights off a hold from a Mitchell lineman en route to tackling Ben Robinson (#20) in the first half of Friday's regional title game. On the night, Straughan had seven tackles.

game, he noted, "Every week we have to get to work. There's a lot of flaws in this game. We have to take care of them. North Dublin is a veer team, so we have to run our veer defense and stop them like we did Swain."

Cherokee amassed 455 total yards of offense on the night. Helping Tye Mintz on the night was Isaiah Evans, junior running back, who carried the ball 28 times for 152 yards and one touchdown. Cade Mintz, sophomore wide receiver, caught four passes for 97 yards and had one interception on defense.

Mitchell jumped out on top first with a 15-yard touchdown by Bro-

dy Smith five minutes into the first quarter. The Braves tied the game two minutes into the second quarter as Tye Mintz ran three yards for his first rushing score of the night.

Midway through the second, Evans recovered a Mitchell fumble at the Braves 3-yard line, and Cherokee started a 97-yard drive that culminated in a 15-yard touchdown pass from Tye Mintz to Straughan.

Following a Mitchell punt, Cherokee got the ball back and drove down with the clock winding down before the half. The Braves got one more score in though as Straughan hit Tye Mintz on a 3-yard end-around touchdown

pass, and Cherokee led 21-7 at the half.

Cherokee extended its lead in the third as Tye Mintz dove in from one yard out just five minutes into the quarter. The point-after failed, and the Braves led by 20 (27-7). Mitchell answered just one minute later though as Ben Young ran 40 yards for a score to make it 27-14 midway through the third.

With one minute left in the third, the Mountaineers were driving and Cade Mintz intercepted a pass and returned it inside the 5-yard line to set up another Tye Mintz rushing touchdown. The Braves led 35-14 at the end of the fourth.

Cherokee would score once more on a rushing touchdown by Evans, and Mitchell got into the end zone two more times on two Young touchdown passes - one each to Noah Pitman and Jesse Pitman.

The final score was 42-28.

"This is a long time in the making here," said Peanut Crowe, Cherokee Central Schools athletic director. "There are two people that I wish were still alive to see this, and that is my grandpa John, he was such a Braves fan, and my dad. I would love for them to be here because they were 100 percent through and through Cherokee Braves!"

He went on to note, "This right here should prove to our younger kids what the value of a weight room and hard work is and all they have to do is take the example of our head coach. The man takes treatment every day and then he comes in."

Stay tuned for upcoming ticket information.

BEAST MODE: Tye Mintz, Braves senior quarterback, leaves a trail of Mitchell defenders on a run during Friday's game. On the night, he amassed 300 total yards including 146 on the ground and accounted for five touchdowns (three rushing, one passing, one receiving).



The Braves embody team unity

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

I take a lot of photos on the sidelines of games each season, but every now and then one of my photos really strikes me. After the Braves vs Thomas Jefferson game on Friday, Nov. 24, I took a photo of the Braves players holding their helmets up after their post-game talk and prayer.

I've taken photos of that before, but that particular moment really hit home for me. During the post-game talk by Kent Briggs, Braves head coach, and during the prayer by John Mitchell, fans from the opposing team were taunting the Braves. But, the Cherokee players remained steadfast. They remained calm. They remained unified. They put their helmets up in unity, and at that moment, it dawned on me.

That's why they have been so successful this year!

I watch a lot of sports, I mean a lot of sports, and commentators are always trying to figure out why this particular team was successful or why this team is not doing as well. It almost always deals with the "Xs and Os" chalkboard analy-



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UNITY: The Cherokee Braves hold their helmets high, in unity, following a playoff win against Thomas Jefferson on the night of Friday, Nov. 24.

sis of games and on-field work.

But, I feel that, many times, the unity of a team is overlooked.

Michael Jordan, my favorite all-time basketball player, once said,

"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships."

He would know...six rings can't be wrong.

Teamwork, team unity, comes from being intelligent and noticing that to win you have to be a team. You must work together, especially in a sport like football. Tye Mintz, Braves senior quarterback, is one of the best all-around players I've ever had the privilege of covering. That being said, he would be much less effective if his offensive line didn't block for him.

It takes a team effort. How many times have we seen Holden Straughan and Blake Smith work together in coverage in the Braves' defensive backfield? How many times have Byron Locust, Damian Blanton, and Will Davis combined on a group tackle?

Unity is everyone working for the same goals with the same thought processes in mind – no one more important than another. In actuality, a team is just a small community and the most successful communities are those which don't forget the last part of the word – unity.

Pubilius Syrus, a Latin writer born in 85 BC, once wrote, "Where there is unity, there is always victory."

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Cherokee fans encourage Braves

(Note: These comments were left by community members and fans of the Cherokee Braves football team on the Cherokee One Feather Facebook page.)

Virginia Minyard: Good luck Braves! Bring home state for everyone!

Tina Farmer: Good luck Braves!

Selena Herrera: GO BRAVESSSSSSS!!!!

Candy Ross: Good luck Braves

Tess Mauck: Good luck Braves! So proud of you!

Kat Hall: Go Braves! So proud!

Teresa Ellison: Y'all can do it!! Play it good!

Patricia Armachain-Wilson: Good luck Braves. Work as a family and a team. Work together. Go, win, fight.

Sally Mahan: Good luck Braves!!!!

Jesse Leibfried: Luck is when opportunity meets preparedness. Do us proud, Braves!

Rose McCoy: Good luck Mighty Braves. Be strong, stay strong as a team and bring that championship



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GO BRAVES: Led by Trevor Cagle, a senior on the CHS varsity cheerleading squad, Braves fans cheer during the regional final game at Mitchell on Friday, Dec. 1.

title on home

Esther Barnes: Good luck Braves!!! Proud of your team and dedication... bring it home

Debi Stamper: Always proud of our BRAVES!!!!

Richie Bottchenbaugh Jr.: Brave strong, brave proud.

Teresa Lambert Wolfe: Super proud of all of you. Just pray and play.

Christine Bradley: Your faith in God, your coaches, and each other has paid off. One more game men. Go to Raleigh and show everybody that when God is on your side, no one can be against you! And when you

are for each other, no one can defeat you! We love you all!!!! GO BRAVES!!!

Jama N Amy Anders: Outwork the opposition. Opposition comes in many forms; the teams you face, haters that doubt you, and even yourself. Continue to push through and silence it all.

Stephen Watson: Go, fight, win.

NedandStephanie Welch: Congratulations. I will do my best to come support you all in this game. This is an honor for you all.

Victoria Locust: GO BIG BRAVES!!!!!!

Tammy Qcumber: Let's go Braves! Show them you can overcome any obstacles. Go offense, go defense! It's your time! I am sooo proud of you! You know what you need to do to bring the title home! Go Tsalagi!

Kathie McCoy: Get mentally prepared Braves and remember, win or lose, we will still be proud. May the Creator continue to bless all of you in this endeavor.

Dwaine George: Gotta risk it for the biscuit!

Daphne Hoyle: Let's go, Braves! Remember to give it your all. You have the strength of a nation backing you! Win or lose, hold your head high and know you did your best!

Zacchaeus Mane: Finish strong as a warrior. Bring the title of victory home!!!

Caine Lambert: Y'all deserve to win state. Make the nation proud!

Charles Allison: From your Catamount friends and Soco Mtn. neighbors, bring it home Braves!

Raye Rufty Ratliff: From Candler, NC - you are brave, Braves! Prove it! Live it!

Renee Cole: Gentlemen,

the best things in life aren't free. It takes hard work and perseverance. Strive to be the best not only in this game, but in life. You will always have the love of your family and fans. Play smart and keep your cool. Don't let the refs control the game by your actions. We are at the NEXT and final game of the year... make it count and bring that trophy home to where it belongs. You all have worked hard this year and deserve it. Always a good day to be a BRAVE!

Micah Swimmer: "Those who stay will be surrounded by family and will give their all for Cherokee. For this is your home. When it is all said and done you will truly bleed maroon and gold." #BRAVENATION

Trudy Crowe: We believe in you. Keep a cool head and give it your best. We have watched you play all season, and we know you have what it takes. Now, just keep going, and believe in yourselves.

Ray Stamper: Win, lose, or draw, the Braves Nation is behind you. Make yourselves proud, and be the first to win a state title! Go Braves!

Linda Lehew: Proud of you guys!

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One Feather staff report; photo courtesy of Lenoir-Rhyne University Athletics

BASKETBALL: Kendall Toineeta, an EBCI tribal member and former standout for the Cherokee Lady Braves, is second in scoring for the Lenoir-Rhyne Lady Bears basketball team. She has 91 points (13/gm) in seven games. She is first on the team in minutes played (222) and steals (10) and second in rebounds (33). The Lady Bears are 4-3 on the season after a 79-68 win at Coker in Hartsville, SC on Wednesday, Nov. 29 in which Toineeta played 36 minutes scoring 11 points with three steals.



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RECOGNIZED: Jordan Maney, a senior member of the Cherokee Lady Braves varsity volleyball team, has been named Honorable Mention All-Big Smoky Mountain Conference.

VOLLEYBALL

Maney named Honorable Mention All-Conference

Jordan Maney, a senior member of the Cherokee Lady Braves varsity volleyball team, has been named Honorable Mention All-Big Smoky Mountain Conference. Jessica Beckner, Murphy, and Nikol Watson Edwards, Murphy, were named Big Smoky Mountain Conference Player of the Year and Coach of the Year respectfully.

The Smoky Mountain All-Conference team includes: Kimonta Lloyd (Hayesville), Savanna Annis (Hayesville), Megan Woody (Hayesville), Beckner (Murphy), Hailey Thompson (Murphy), Aubrey Clapsaddle (Murphy), Grace Nelson (Murphy), Erin Teesateskie (Robbinsville), Elizabeth Ayers (Rob-

binsville), Sydney Orr (Rosman), Christa Galloway (Rosman), and Grace Cabe (Swain Co.).

The Big Smoky Mountain Honorable Mention team includes: Cheyanna Rattler (Andrews), Journey Clark (Andrews), Maney (Cherokee), Emily Thurmond (Hayesville), Alyssa McDaniel (Hayesville), Abby Carder (Murphy), Caitlynn Irwin (Murphy), Karlyn Matheson (Robbinsville), Harleigh Lane (Robbinsville), Mikayla Morgan (Robbinsville), Grace Owen (Rosman), Katelyn McKinney (Rosman), Alissa Smith (Swain Co.), and Brette Pattillo (Swain Co.).

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IT'S SHOW TIME!

The Cherokee Musical Theatre presented the second annual "Short Attention Span Theatre" in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center on the evening of Thursday, Nov. 30.

(Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather)



JUDGE: Brennen Foerst, a senior at Cherokee High School, performs "Hellfire" as Judge Claude Frollo from "The Hunchback of Notre Dame".



GIANT: Lucian Davis, an eighth grader at Cherokee Middle School, performs "Giants in the Sky" as Jack from "Into the Woods".



MATILDA: The Cherokee Middle School Chorus performs "When I Grow Up" from the musical "Matilda". Following that opening number, they performed a fun tune entitled "Gallop" by Ken Berg.



WHO AM I?: Eason Esquivel, a senior at Cherokee High School, performs "I Am Adolpho" as Adolpho from "The Drowsy Chaperone".



JOURNEY: Cece Lambert, a sophomore at Cherokee High School, performs "Journey to the Past" as Anastasia from "Anastasia".



ROYAL: Jake Sneed, Cherokee High School, performs "You'll Be Back" as King George from the hit-musical "Hamilton".



WELCOME: Marianna Hornbuckle, a junior at Cherokee High School, performs a monologue from "Welcome to U High".



WAVING: Ella Montelongo, a sophomore at Cherokee High School, performs "Waving Through a Window" from the musical "Dear Evan Hansen" along with other members of the Cherokee Chamber Singers. Following this number, the group also performed "You Will Be Found" from the same production.

Master Sergeant Thomas B. Harris

Master Sergeant Thomas B. Harris, an EBCI tribal member, is the Avionics Activities Security Manager for the 301st Fighter Wing. He assists the Wing Commander by maintaining the 301st Fighter Wing Security Operating Procedures for the 301st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

He develops, writes, and maintains security procedures for the wing and also serves as the Communications Security Responsible Officer.

MSgt Harris enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in March 1999 and he transitioned over to the Air Force in April 2006.

Due to his background in two services, he held various duties in the electronic repair field, to include ground radio repair and avionics systems maintenance.

He served as an electronics shop chief and primary marksmanship instructor for the 4th Electronic Maintenance Battalion. He deployed as an avionics technician for the 332nd Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Joint Base Balad, Iraq; specialist flight expeditor for the 8th Fighter Wing at Kunsan Air Base, South Korea; specialist flight expeditor for the 455th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan; and Under First Sergeant and unit transportation representative for the 457th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan.



Photo courtesy of Harris family

AIR FORCE: Master Sergeant Thomas B. Harris, an EBCI tribal member, is the Avionics Activities Security Manager for the 301st Fighter Wing.

Prior to his current position, he served as avionics technician and expeditor for the 301st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's Specialist Flight. While in this position, he oversaw the Aircraft Structural Integrity Program, Specialist Flight Equipment Manager, Upgrade Training Program Manager, and the Unit Deployment Monitor.

EDUCATION

2000: Marine Combat Training, School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, Calif.
2000: Basic Electronics Course, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

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2000: Ground Radio Repair Course, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

2003: Primary Marksmanship Instructor Course, Weapons Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.

2007: Electronic Principles Course, 332 Training Squadron, Keesler AFB, Mississippi

2007-2008: F-16 Avionics Systems Apprentice Course, 365 training Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Texas

2009: Airmen Leadership School, by correspondence

2009: F-16 Avionics Systems Jour-

neyman Course, by correspondence

2011: F-16 Avionics Systems Craftsman Course, by correspondence

2012: Associate Degree, Community College of the Air Force, by correspondence

2013: Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, by correspondence

2015: Joint Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Military Education Course, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

November 1999 – February 2000: recruit, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California

February 2000 – March 2000: student, Marine Combat Training, School of Infantry, Camp Pendleton, California

March 2000 – November 2000: student, Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, Twentynine Palms, California

December 2000 – March 2006: technician/shop chief, 4th Electronics Maintenance Company, Wichita, Kansas

April 2006 – December 2015: avionics technician, 301 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron-Specialist section, NAS Fort Worth JRB, Texas

July 2007 – August 2007: student, 332nd Training Squadron, Keesler AFB, Mississippi

August 2007 – January 2008: student, 365th Training Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Texas

January 2008 – March 2008: avionics technician, 332nd Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance

see **AIRMAN** next page

Cherokee Heritage Day as Cherokee Museum celebrates Snow Moon

Visit the Museum of the Cherokee Indian on Saturday, Dec. 9 for a day of fun activities celebrating the Cherokee month of Vsgiyi, known as the "Snow Moon." Activities are free of charge, sponsored by the Museum and the North Carolina Arts Council. This month's free workshops include making a clay medallion suitable for a Christmas tree ornament, and making a necklace with beads, suitable for a gift. Activities are appropriate for all ages and will be happening from 11am – 4pm. Everyone is welcome. The Museum Store is holding their annual Christmas sale 20 percent off most items purchased in the

store.

"We hope that people will come and bring their families to enjoy the day and immerse themselves in Cherokee culture," said Barbara R. Duncan, education director at the Museum. "They can meet Cherokee people who know a lot about their traditions, who really enjoy talking with visitors."

The day provides hands-on activities, demonstrations, and will end with sessions of storytelling. A dance workshop will be held on the green in front of the Museum, weather permitting.

Food will be available 10am - 5pm from Nikki's

Fry Bread. All presenters are EBCI tribal members.

Throughout the day, Cherokee arts and crafts will be demonstrated in the Lobby by EBCI Beloved Man Jerry Wolfe, Beloved Man who will demonstrate carving stickball sticks and Richard Saunooke who will demonstrate making moccasins and Wampum belts, and others.

Info: 497-3481 ext. 1003 or visit www.cherokeemuseum.org

- Museum of the Cherokee Indian

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Squadron, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing, Joint Base Balad, Iraq August 2010 – September 2010: avionics expeditor, 8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan AB, South Korea December 2013 – February 2014: avionics expeditor, 455th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan January 2016 – present: activities security manager, 301st Fighter Wing, NAS Fort Worth JRB, Texas July 2016 – November 2016: under first sergeant, 457th Expe-

ditionary Fighter Squadron, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Air Force Commendation Medal
Meritorious Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal with bronze star
National Defense Service Medal
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two bronze stars

Iraq Campaign Medal with bronze star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal with bronze star
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Korean Defense Service Medal
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

Air Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border and four oak leaf clusters

Air Expeditionary Service Ribbon
Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with three oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with bronze hourglass and four 'M' Devices

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship

Ribbon with bronze star
NATO Non-Article 5 Medal with bronze star

USMC ACHIEVEMENTS

4th Electronics Maintenance Company 2011 Marine of the Year
Primary Marksmanship Instructor (MOS 8531)
Range Coach (MOS 8530)
Marine Corps Rifle Expert Badge with fourth award clasp
Marine Corps Pistol Sharpshooter Badge
Marine Corps Martial Arts Program-Grey Belt

- Courtesy of Harris family and Steven Youngdeer American Legion Post 143



Engagement Announcement

Mrs. Nancy Martin, of Cherokee, is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter, Sarah Martin, whose father was the late Bruce Martin Sr., to Isaiah Ganilla, son of Carolina Donner, of Cherokee and Detroit/Torch Lake, Mich., and Vincent Ganilla of San Carlos Apache, Ariz. Sarah is a graduate of Western Carolina University and teaches at New Kituwah Academy. Isaiah is also a graduate of WCU as a recreational therapist and is employed by the Special Education Department at Cherokee Central Schools. A May wedding is planned.

Talking Leaves Bookstore

Christmas 2017 Giveaway!

Friday, December 1 – (3) \$100 Gift Certificates & (1) Pendleton Blanket

Friday, December 8 – (3) \$100 Gift Certificates & (1) Pendleton Blanket

Friday, December 15 – (3) \$100 Gift Certificates & (1) Pendleton Blanket

Friday, December 22 – (7) \$100 Gift Certificates, (3) Pendleton Blankets, & (1) Pendleton Jacket

Visit us today
to enter!



Reservation-wide Christmas Lighting Contest

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

The deadline to enter is Friday, Dec. 15. Reservation-wide Contest prizes are: 1st - \$300, 2nd - \$200, and 3rd - \$100. Info: Cooperative Extension Office 359-6939

- EBCI Cooperative Extension Office

Tribal Construction tree-cutting and brush pick-up

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

*Guidelines for Tree Cutting

*Qualifications:

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

1. Trees must be marked with ribbon or paint
2. Provide TCP with a property map
3. Leave a good working number in case they need to reach you
4. If there is an aggressive animal please chain up or put away
5. Only one application per year
6. Trees must be located on Tribal land

*Disqualifications:

1. They will not cut trees near storage sheds, satellite dishes or garages.
2. They will not clear along drive ways.
3. They will not clear for house sites.
4. They will not cut trees for rental



Photo courtesy of New Kituwah Academy

ATTENDANCE: The following had perfect attendance for the month of November at New Kituwah Academy – Early Childhood: front row (left-right) – Sean Slee, Tobias Pheasant, Maddux Beck, Tyrion Bustos; middle row - Charlie Bigwitch-Queen, Colin Winchester, Marijane Tafoya, Misha Slee, Tatum Jackson, Trinnity Arch, Elias Littlejohn, Catcuze Tiger; back row - Caroline Oocumma, Skylar Bottchenbaugh, Chelsea Murphy, Jaidan Wolfe; not pictured – Andreas Ramirez and Rosie Sneed.

properties.

5. They will not cut trees on deeded property or off the reservation

*Guidelines for Brush Pick up

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

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

- Tribal Construction

Handicapped and Disabled Christmas Check program guidelines

All applicants must be EBCI tribal members between the ages of birth to 59 years old and must be handicapped and/or disabled. A statement from Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability (SSD) is re-

quired. Doctor's statements will no longer be accepted. Applications must be submitted by Friday, Dec. 1 at 4:30pm. Senior Citizens (age 60 and over) will automatically receive a check. There is no need for seniors to re-apply. Christmas checks will be distributed by Friday, Dec. 15.

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

- Office of the Principal Chief

Bear information sought by Fish and Wildlife

Bear season is now open and will run through Sunday, Dec. 31. Please report your take to Cherokee Natural Resources along with the first premolar tooth (or allow them to extract it) to determine age. Freeze or keep other samples on ice that could decompose. If possible, Natural Resources wishes collect a little hair, weight, location, sex and the effort it took to harvest (number of hunters in party and hours

put in). There will be a \$500 draw from those that submit samples and information. Submit samples and information at their office at 1840 Painttown Road, next to Cherokee Bingo. Info: 359-6110, ebcifw@gmail.com

- Cherokee Natural Resources

Senior Citizens Fuel Assistance applications

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

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

- EBCI Senior Citizens Program

OBITUARIES

Dwight Walkingstick

Dwight Walkingstick, 67, of the Big Cove Community in Cherokee, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Nov. 27, 2017 at his residence.

Dwight enjoyed fishing, hunting, four-wheeling, camping, spending time with his family and friends by the fire, and picking his guitar. He was loved by many and will be missed by all.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Smith Walkingstick; two daughters, Frances Luther and Melissa Walkingstick Fryer and her husband Dillon and their mother Rosmary Walkingstick; his furry son, Lorenzo Lucky Walkingstick; step sons, Gary Wallin (wife Denise), and Bryan Wallin; grandchildren, Tara Walkingstick, Alex Luther, Ozzy Luther, Cherokee Fryer, Lakota Fryer, Chloe Wallin, and Chase Wallin; 10 great grandchildren; brothers, William Walkingstick (wife Wanda), Donnie Walkingstick, Jerry Walkingstick, and Tony Walkingstick; sisters, Linda Sue Walkingstick and special friend Daniel Boone, Lois Mabe and her husband Ray; and

several nieces and nephews also survive.

Dwight was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin Walkingstick and Esther Swayney Walkingstick; one great grandson, Dillon Fryer Schweppe; and two sisters, Fay Locust and Teresa Riviera.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Nov. 30 at the Straight Fork Baptist Church. Pastor Charles Ray Ball officiated with burial following the service at the Kate Hill Cemetery in the Big Cove Community. Pallbearers were Alex Luther, Ozzy Luther, Andrew Locust, Denver Shepherd, Danny Walkingstick, and Kevin Watty.

Long House Funeral home served the Walkingstick family.

Elsie Rogers Kimsey

Elsie Rogers Kimsey, 100, of Whittier, passed away in her home following a brief illness on Sunday Dec. 3, 2017.

She was born July 24, 1917 to the late Oscar and Edna Warren Rogers in Cherokee County, NC.

Elsie was predeceased by her husband of 51 years, Charles Kimsey; two brothers, Clarence 'Ting' Rogers and Charles Rogers; four sisters, Alice Rogers, Shirley Arch, Lois Parish, and Ruth Garrett.

Elsie is survived by one brother, Harold Rogers.

Elsie was the mother of six children, four of whom are deceased, Jason Albert Rose, Lillian Faye Rose Shetley, John Wayne Rose, Jr. and Isaac Thomas Rose. The surviving children are daughters, Wanda Lee Rose Weldin (Barry) and Freda Lois Rose Wright (Bud, deceased).

Elsie is survived by 11 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, and six great great grandchildren.

Elsie had many interests and activities. It was readily apparent to her children the love and concern that she displayed to them and for them throughout her life. We feel blessed by the Lord to have been with her during her last years. With sadness and joy she will be missed.

A private graveside service was held on Monday, Dec. 4 and interment was at Campground Cemetery.

We'll tell you what we want. What we really, really want.



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The strong, silent type

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

December 7, 1941 marked the first time that foreign forces attacked a state of the United States. The Japanese planned a sneak attack on America, a preemptive strike to weaken our country as we contemplated entry into the second World War. Just the mention of this date brings images to mind, black and white images of burning and sinking ships, floating uniformed bodies, and tattered flags. The country went from a state of mourning, to a state of rage, and then to a mindset of resolve. Those lives lost would not be allowed to be taken in vain. The devastating blow that the Japanese thought they had delivered to America became a rallying point for millions of Americans to engage in a country-wide crusade. The mantra for America throughout the war was "Remember Pearl Harbor!"

Throughout the history of the United States, men and women have stepped up to provide national service by participating in the armed forces. Many of those men and women have been Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians tribal members. If you visit the veterans' memorial located beside Tsali Boulevard, you'll see the extensive list of those who have passed. Granite slabs etched with over 1,100 names of friends and kin. Every community and clan is represented among the names etched in stone.

Among those who served and are still with us are the men and women of Steve Youngdeer Post 143, Cherokee warriors who served with honor in the armed forces. We still get the privilege of seeing these soldiers in action as they work, many times on a volunteer basis, in our communities, and through ceremonies in which they bear the colors of our Tribe and of America.

Unless you are looking, you rarely see a vet. They may wear a cap or sport a jacket with their campaign or battalion patches on it, but they are

typically quiet and don't gravitate to public forums to a great degree. For many, it is a matter of honor and pride to stand for and help others, and they feel like they can't do that to their best ability if someone is having to take care of them. So, they battle their giants alone. They certainly have a brotherhood amongst themselves, esprit de corps, but they refuse to be a burden to each other and many of our aging veterans are the strong, silent types that won't ask for what they think is a hand-out, even from a brother-in-arms.

The holidays can be a lonely, depressing time for our aging population, and particularly for our elderly veterans. This is also true of our families who have active duty servicepersons who are deployed away from home. Look for opportunities to share love and appreciation to those who gave up a portion or all of their lives in defense of freedom and provided the environment that we flourish in today. It doesn't take much time, money, or effort to make a veteran's holiday brighter. If you see a veteran in a restaurant, offer to buy his meal. If you are next to a vet in a grocery line, buy her groceries for her. If you live next door to a veteran, offer to help decorate their home for Christmas. Give to your local veteran assistance organizations. Encourage your friends who are veterans to get their information to the American Legion post. The number is 497-9647. The post has programs and services that our vets to help vets in need. Most of all, share your time with a veteran. They will cherish nothing more than the opportunity for a little human interaction and sincere conversation.

December 7 reminds us of the sacrifices of those who stand in the breach. It didn't matter if you were a cook in the kitchen of a naval destroyer, an engineer working on a battleship motor, or a Seaman Recruit mopping the deck of a PT boat, when the bombs started exploding and the bullets started hitting. All were soldiers in the line of fire. As we remember those who have served and are serving, let's pay back a little of what we owe.

COMMENTARY

USET leader addresses President Trump's remarks he calls "offensive"

Dear Mr. President -

On the heels of Thanksgiving and at the conclusion of Native American Heritage Month, a month set aside each year with the purpose of recognizing the significant contributions that America's first peoples have made to the United States, I was saddened, shocked, and appalled by the level of disrespect you displayed during yesterday's honoring of World War II Native American Code Talkers. Your continued use of the name "Pocahontas" in a derogatory manner, and for partisan political gain, is not only an insult and dishonor to her legacy, but an insult to all Native peoples. Furthermore, to honor the sacrifice and bravery of these warriors with a portrait of President Andrew Jackson in the foreground is tone deaf, at best, considering the deplorable and shameful acts that he committed against Native peoples as a General and as President of the United States.

Mr. President, your words yesterday run contrary to those you set forth as part of your recent Native American Heritage Month Proclamation in which you stated the following:

"American Indians and Alaska Natives are inextricably linked with the history of the United States. Beginning with the Pilgrims' arrival at Plymouth Colony and continuing until the present day, Native American's contributions are woven deeply into our Nation's rich tapestry. During National Native American Heritage Month, we honor and celebrate the first Americans and recognize their contributions and sacrifices. Native Americans have influenced every

stage of America's development. They helped early European settlers survive and thrive in a new land. They contributed democratic ideas to our constitutional Framers. And, for more than 200 years, they have bravely answered the call to defend our Nation, serving with distinction in every branch of the United States Armed Forces. The Nation is grateful for the service and sacrifice of all American Indians and Alaska Natives. My Administration is committed to tribal sovereignty and self-determination. A great Nation keeps its word, and this Administration will continue to uphold and defend its responsibilities to American Indians and Alaska Natives. Together, we will strengthen the relationship between the United States Government and Native Americans."

Mr. President, these proclamation words properly convey the respect and dignity that we deserve, which were unfortunately woefully absent from yesterday's event. They convey an understanding about the role, influence, and sacrifice of Natives towards the growth, development, and prosperity of this country; a country which has ultimately become the strongest, wealthiest, and most influential governing power the world has ever known.

Mr. President, as you stated in your proclamation, not only does a great Nation keep its word, but its exceptionalism is directly attributable to its ability to forge truth and reconciliation with its shameful and immoral acts. It is no secret, however, that our people have been waiting hundreds of years for the United States to keep its word; to look us in the eye as sovereign nations and live up to the agreements

forged in the exchange of resources. In doing so, Tribal Nations and the United States will finally be able to move forward with a relationship rooted in diplomacy and mutual respect for each other's inherent sovereign rights and authorities.

Mr. President, as Native Americans, we are most often a marginalized and forgotten people in our own homelands. However, despite a legacy of numerous federal assimilation and termination policies against us, we have persevered against the greatest of odds. We continue to contribute to the story, prosperity, economy, culture, and defense of this great country. And yet, we continue to face the indignity of our stories being told for us in ways that devalue and ignore these contributions, stories which misrepresent America's role in the atrocities committed against our people. It is nothing less than a slap in the face, then, to watch you perpetuate this disparagement at an event meant to "honor" us.

Mr. President, as you stated in your remarks yesterday, Native peoples have been here "long before anyone else". As you also stated during your election victory speech not so long ago, "the forgotten men and women of our country will be forgotten no longer." With both of these sentiments in mind, we deserve much better than what was offered yesterday. Grave injustices have been perpetrated against Native peoples since the beginning of this democratic experiment. It is time for Native Americans to finally receive the honor and respect we rightfully deserve in our own lands.

Mr. President, Tribal Nations stand ready to forge a better tomor-

row for all humanity in partnership with the United States. A great Nation does keep its word and the first step toward fulfillment of America's promises is not just words, but action. While yesterday's offensive display was a giant step backward in our relationship, there is still time for you to actually deliver on the sacred promises made to the first peoples of this land. You possess the power and opportunity to create change for the good; the power and opportunity to heal and unify instead of divide. You can choose to do better. You must do better. The moment, though hundreds of years in the making, is now.

Sincerely,

Kirk Francis

President of USET SPF/USPTF

Chief of the

Penobscot Indian Nation

Families
Opening their hearts
Supporting
Teaching and
Enable children to
Reach their potential



Celebrating milestones and
Acknowledging the little things
Reaffirming the value of
Every child.

The Family Safety Program is in need of caring people like you to become foster parents. Please contact **Nikki Toineeta at (828) 359 1520.**

There's a fine line between...issue

Observations and random thoughts
Vol. 27.1

WILLIAM LEDFORD

I hope everyone enjoyed feasting on Turkey Day. I certainly did. Turkey is my weakness in late November and late December. I actually can't stand the stuff any other time. I keep hearing people state, "I lost some weight" and I wanna say yeah, I know, I found it. I need to exercise. The only problem is, I hate exercising. It's such a waste of time when I could be somewhere warm, over-eating and very happy. Oh well.

Alabama's GOP candidate for Congress, one Roy Moore, deposed judge, woke up one day to accusations from women who had kept their mouths shut about him and his preferences for stalking teenage girls while an assistant DA years ago. One accuser stating that she was 14-years-old and he in his 30s when Moore attempted to have sex with her. The number of women stepping forward are now eight and counting. Moore denies all, naturally, and admitted that he first noticed his wife when she was a teen. This was supposed to vindicate him I suppose, to me it just made him seem even creepier. Oh yeah, and it seems that he may have also been banned from a mall in Alabama for creeping on teenage girls.

The Alabama GOP, along with many evangelicals, has attempted to equate Moore with Joseph from the Bible. Some have stated that his guilt only amounts to the theft of a lawnmower, a misdemeanor...

yep...you read that right. Some evangelical preachers have condoned his behavior stating that he was only seeking purity by stalking young girls. A few others have hinted about the age of consent in Alabama and still others have attempted the tried-and-true technique of discrediting the accusers for waiting this long not seeing the irony evident here. That irony being that women once were put through absolute hell for speaking out and too many predators used their power to silence them. There's a fine line between Southern conservatism and bat crap crazy and these people have crossed over. But then, it's Alabama, crazy lives in Alabama, 'nuff said.

Add Al Franken to the list of offenders. The once un-funny SNL guy who's now Senator from Minnesota (BTW, he's funnier as a politician), who has been vociferous in speaking out against the degradation of women is now one of those guys accused of sexual abuse. One of his accusers, Leeann Tweeden, has photo documentation of his pretending to grope her while she was sleeping on a plane after presenting a show for deployed soldiers. Way to be classy Al.

The list in show business is also growing. Kevin Spacey was outed not only as a physically-abusive predator, but the supposedly unknown fact that he is gay was also brought to the forefront. He was outed as a gay man because he was a sexual abuser. Only comedian Louis C.K. has admitted to being guilty of the stories about him. That takes cajones. Of course that's

what he was guilty of exposing women to but that's gotta be a story for a later time.

I'm going to toss out a number for you; 219. As in, 219 years of white male Presidents of the United States. America has had 227 years of male Presidents counting Barack Obama and seems like classic de-evolution. The whole thing has devolved into President Donald J Trump. This President seems to think that being President is the same as starring in a truly bizarre reality show. Never a week goes by without him tweeting some stupid stuff or saying stupid stuff. Oh, to his followers and himself, he's a great man and he's sticking it to Washington. To the rest of us, it's going to be long, long three years of having it stuck to us.

Our beloved POTUS has done it again. During a show of honoring Native combat veterans at the White House, the Navajo Code-talkers, Trump thought that it was an ideal time to once again use his favorite racial insult and refer to Elizabeth Warren as "Pocahontas". I once referred to Trump as a rube, a Gomer, that observation has not changed. And...did anyone happen to catch the portrait hanging in the room as Trump hosted the Codetalkers? It was good ol' Andy Jackson, the 7th POTUS, the degenerate, racist, sociopath whose brain functions were possibly damaged by untreated syphilis. Yep, that guy. Another insult to Natives?

Our President has a love/hate relationship with the news media, well, all except Fox News because CNN, CBS, ABC, NBC all ignore

what he claims to have done and instead focus on what he actually does, and says, and tweets. Fox News ignores all of the negative things and instead spins the stories to reflect positively on him and his actions. Fox News is basically a propaganda machine, not a legitimate news outlet. They are funny though. The funniest thing is, they are unintentionally funny and that is hilarious.

Colin Kaepernick, yes, the NFL guy, is in the news in Indian Country for showing up at the Alcatraz Indigenous Peoples Sunrise Gathering on what Natives call UnThanksgiving Day. This tradition of gathering at the site of the Native protest in 1969 has been a tradition since 1975. Colin was there to support the people again. I say again because last year he gave \$50,000 to the Standing Rock clinic in North Dakota. Naturally, conservatives loved him for his actions by calling him a traitor with one of the more enlightened Trumpians even suggesting that he should just sacrifice a "white baby". Yep, she said that. Never lose vigilance folks because these people, these Trumpkins, are our worst enemy.

In a wonderfully fine example of "I told you so", the Keystone Pipeline, the pipeline guaranteed not to leak...has sprung a leak. Oh, at first they called it a "small leak", only 5,000 barrels. But, the new assessment is 210,000 gallons of leaking crude oil. Not a small leak. TransCanada has crews busy on clean up. No word yet on the envi

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Asbestos in our homes

Did someone in your family die from cancer? Do you have breathing or lung problems?

These health issues and more can come from exposure to asbestos. Remodeling my house, I asked for a dumpster which was denied because of the possibility of asbestos in my home that was built in the 70's. Many houses on our reservation still have asbestos in it.

A short investigation has shown a major concern on the wellbeing of the people on the Cherokee reservation. People living in Cherokee housing may be exposed to highly toxic materials and want to have it removed. Everybody who wants the asbestos removed from their home is invited to come to the meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 6pm at the Yellowhill Community Building next to the basketball court on Acquoni Road. Expected to attend are members from the hospital staff, the Health Department, Qualla Housing, the Executive Office, council members, people living under these conditions, and people who have lost loved ones due to these conditions.

The purpose of this meeting is to bring attention to this ongoing issue that causes many health problems and deaths. When we unify our efforts, we can formulate a plan to remove this health hazard from our homes, for the wellness of our children and grandchildren.

You can also contact me personally for more information.

General B. Grant
497-3370

LINE: Commentary from William Ledford, *from page 21*

ronmental impact. I have a word...no, sorry, I can't use those words.

This time of year is always tough for me and my family, all of my family. Oct. 28 is the anniversary of my father, Bill Ledford, walking on and beginning the journey. We love you dad, grampa, great grampa, and we miss you. But, we know that you're keeping an eye on us, like you always did. Yeah, when you're keeping that eye on us, remember, I didn't do what you think you saw me do.

Finally, I'll end this by reflecting on the words of a deep philosopher who once said, "My parents are getting old and it's time to put them in a nursing home. But, I live with my parents and I don't wanna live in a nursing home..." See ya next time.

Ledford is an EBCI tribal member currently residing in Albuquerque, NM.

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Facebook Weekly Question Responses

Note: The following comments were made on the Cherokee One Feather Facebook page to our weekly question:

The One Feather is creating a holiday wish-list. Tell us what you would like to see the EBCI tribal government do for the community in 2018.

(Note: Some responses to this particular question were printed in last week's paper. The thread on Facebook re-ignited with many more comments so we're printing some of those here.)

Gabrielle Teesatuskie: Create a monthly pot luck for all communities to come together as one Tribe and band together as one. Stop all the disagreements with one another and bring something here for our young people to do besides be on the street and doin and selling drugs. Come as one Tribe; we can come together and clean Cherokee up.

Haleigh Price Woodard: Drug test for per cap checks!

Angel McKinney: Make getting a home loan easier; no the pain, headache, impossible thing that it is now. And, help the people who are elderly and disabled.

Sonja Cline McCoy: We need halfway houses with job training and responsibilities during treatment and homeless shelters with job training. (My) other wish is to have prosecutors get tough on elder abuse and neglect and protect them from family members getting their per caps.

George Swayney: Let us have all of our big money all in one check. Don't split it up. Heck, it's ours. We earned it. It's not anyone else's. So, what if people spend it fast or not? It's their choice, but there's some people out here who actually want to buy a house and land or maybe a vehicle, and we can't do nothing with just \$18,000.

Carissa Murphy: Honestly, all I want is for ya'll to start telling the truth, and that doesn't cost a dime.

Takoma Bird: Make bear hunting legal year-round and be able to bait year-round with natural bait like state land; and also to be able to hunt more than eight dogs to a party.

Matt Bryant: I wish the Tribe would allow our members to be more self-reliant and responsible for their own lives. I wish they would end this "sense of entitlement" that is killing our people and prosperity.

Sky Nicole Sampson: I think a community pool would be fantastic!

John Toineeta: Our own banking, health and auto insurance, retail store, a housing program where we could exchange our per cap for our own house, our own chain of gas stations...that's a start.

Sam Maney: To quit worrying about adding on to the casino and actually add on to the Tribe so there's more to do around town.

Maney Zacch: Less people complaining about things.

Michael Bradley: How about

internet services and cell phone service for all of Cherokee? Why are we so far behind all the other towns?

Tim Rattler: How about a monthly check so everybody can choose their own life and afford it. Entitled or not, it's the people's money.

Donna Toineeta Lossiah: Finish up the internet installation for Wolfetown. All the fiber was installed awhile back, from Soco straight to the top of Soco Gap, and then it abruptly stopped!

Bradley Welch: I wish we could all get along like we used to in middle school. I wish I could bake a cake filled with rainbows and smiles and everyone would eat and be happy.

Carol Bernhisel: Internet Project up Soco Mountain completed; sooner the better.

Payton Parker: To see the Tribe actually working together instead of bickering with each other.

John Toineeta: Soco does need internet access. After all, it is 2017, soon to be 2018, so don't you think it is time?

Erin Sherill: Focus on other ways to thrive the community. The casino will not last forever, so I think looking for another "big source" of the Tribe's income would be beneficial. (A) good start is more events at the Fairgrounds; big waste of space if it isn't being used.

Elaine Armachain: Another grocery store - Ingles or Bi-Lo

Jane Brashear: Show more re-

spect for the tribal elders, especially the ones in long-term care.

Marana Bradley: Housing

Hillane Lambert: Provide a homeless shelter and soup kitchen with a program to help those folks get on their feet. Also, more attention to struggling young families needs.

Will Roberts: How about listen to the people fo ra change? The people are the true Tribe, not the elected officials lately!

Elizabeth Owl-Myers: New nursing home and assisted living

Dustin Armachain: I would like to see the Tribe bring other Native American performers as a showcase performing singing and dancing and storytelling where we give them center stage sharing their culture maybe a couple times a month or so during the summer months. Yes, we have our own culture, but (it) would be nice to bring diversity to Cherokee in the same way that we bring big name performers to the casino.

Candy Johnson: Internet access for all...the Tribe spent enough money on Balsam West. They could have bought a MiFi for every family and provided internet. Instead, the haves have internet and the have-nots do not. Typical.

Trudy Crowe: A family option for activities not tied to the casino, such as a small outdoor water park and pool, development of a better housing complex for elderly and disabled, and hiring enrolled college graduates and making the hiring process open and fair.

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Currently, North Carolina charges Native Americans for hunting and fishing licenses. Which of the following options would you prefer?

(A) No fee for enrolled Native Americans

(B) Reduced fees for enrolled Native Americans

(C) Leave things as they are

Jennifer Rapaich: We’re supposed to be allowed to hunt and gather, period; because we do it for food, not sport and we know how to properly do these things without depleting or destroying the natural cycle of plants and animals to reproduce.

Andy Washington: Pencil me in for an (A)

Karen Wood Alley: No fee

Doug Reed: “A”, Virginia already does it.

Janice Sutton: A

Evan Watty: Leave things as they are. There hasn’t been any problems with it and nobody complained until they realized they could probably get them for free.

James Russell: I’ll take C! Forty dollars (\$40) for big game hunting license which includes fishing...\$1 for tags...don’t we get enough hand-outs as enrolled members already? If you can’t afford \$40 a year even with per cap, then you probably shouldn’t even be hunting.

Tiffany Simmons Cooper: A

NedWelch’s Grass and Brush Trimming: I don’t do big game hunting, and I have my lifetime fishing license. So, it doesn’t matter to me. But, if it was really a problem, why wait until now to make a complaint?

Devan Winkler: I agree with James Russell.

Faye McCoy: A

Rita Mandola: A

Elsie Calhoun: A...it’s our land anyways.

Debi Lemmond Bourgeois: A

Linda Lebew: A...that’s how we have lived from the beginning of time.

Marsha Shelton: A

Brian Bigmeat: A

Dianne Corn: A

Raye Rufty Ratliff: A or B - why not? But hold Native Americans to the same laws and rules.

Rosalyn Mays: B! We still have those who don’t go by the rules!

Lorna Howell: A

Kina Armachain: A

Jackie Hayes: A

Dalton Welch: A

James Hatfield: C. Us Indians need to get rid of the attitude that the government still owes us everything. They don’t. This attitude won’t bene-

fit the future success of our people in any way.

Krystal Bailey: A

Carol Jackson: A

Renee Cole: A, it’s our aboriginal right to hunt and provide for our families.

Michael Johnson: A

Penny Everett: A

Rosalie Cabe Lewis: A

Kierstyn McCoy: B

Yona Sequoyah: C

Tammie Chekelelee: A

Darlene Whitetree: A

Sherry Adams: A and C

Greta Lane: No fee

Kelsey N Crowe: A

Debi Fisher Martin: C

Nichole Effird: C...I don’t mind at all paying for my license each year.

Benny Whaley: B

Lashonna Geter: A

Jim Simon: A

Johnny Williams: Why should we pay for what’s ours?

Earl H. Pizumi: No fees for natives

Raz Lemmons: On Boundary land, it should be free - outside of national park...hunting on forest service or

private lease should be charged like any other citizen.

Rhonda Barnes: A

Henryetta Gloyne: A...Native Americans shouldn’t have to pay (to) hunt or gather food!

Shanna Keeswood: No fees to Native Americans

Tammy Coffey: A

Isiah D. Davis: C

Kim Sneed Lambert: No fees for Native Americans

Tracy Autry: B...It shows fairness to all, a break for Native Americans, and will continue to add to the economy.

Mary Huckaby: A

Michael Bright: A

Kat Songbird: A

Mil Ann McCoy: A

Shannon Ross: The state of Kansas allows any member of a federally-recognized tribe a lifetime hunting and fishing license. I feel like this should be something we, as Native Americans, should be given. It’s our inherent right.

Lori Childers: C

Liz Sequoyah: B

Cindy Brown: A

Maranda Bradley: Reduced

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December 17, 1 p.m.–6 p.m.



This festive event is full of beautiful Christmas lights and authentic Cherokee legends,
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Highlights include:

- Santa's Workshop for craftmaking and pictures with Santa
- "Christmas at Home" parade on December 16 at 5:30 p.m.
- Ice skating on our state-of-the-art synthetic rink
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Wildland Fire Safety

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Action steps for around your home:

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

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Cultural Events

WCU Cherokee Studies lecture. Dec. 5 at 6pm in Ken Blankenship Education and Research Wing of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Dr. Jane Eastman, WCU Cherokee Studies Program, will present a lecture entitled "Archaeology & A Small Town: Hayesville Embraces Cherokee History and Culture". This event is co-sponsored by the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, the Qualla Boundary Historical Society, and the WCU Cherokee Studies Program.

Cherokee Heritage Day. Dec. 9 from 11am – 4pm at Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Celebration of the Cherokee month of Vsgiyi, known as the "snow moon". Activities are free of charge, sponsored by the Museum and the North Carolina Arts Council. Make a clay medallion suitable for a Christmas tree ornament, dance workshop, craft demonstrations, and more. Info: 497-3481, www.cherokeemuseum.org

Church Events

Revival. Dec. 4-8 at 7pm nightly at Straight Fork Baptist Church. Preaching by Brother Steve Smith. Everyone is invited.

Cherokee Bible Project reception. Dec. 22. If you volunteered for the organization in the past year, and you have not received your invitation, you are asked to contact them at the number provided. Info: (888) 743-7775, <https://sites.google.com/site/cherokeebibleproject/>

General Events

Community meeting to discuss asbestos issues in Qualla Housing homes. Dec. 6 at 6pm at Yellowhill Community Building. Info: General Grant 497-3370 or 736-5543

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society Holiday Party and Silent Auction. Dec. 7 at 6:30pm at Swain County Regional

Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Drive in Bryson City. Music, food, shopping, refreshments. This is open to the public, and there is no admission charge. Donated auction items are tax-deductible and will be accepted through the morning of Dec. 7. Donations may be dropped off Monday through Friday from 8am – 12pm at the SCGHS Library at 200 Main Street in Bryson City. Info: 488-2932

Cherokee Community Chorus Christmas Cantata and Holiday Music. Dec. 9 at 7pm at Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center and Dec. 10 at 7:30pm at Cherokee Baptist Church. The Chorus will present "O Holy Night" under the direction of J. Gilbert and with pianist Sharon Bradley. Admission is free.

4-H Informational Session. Dec. 11 at 5:30pm at EBCI Cooperative Extension Office. Info: Sally Dixon, EBCI 4-H agent, 359-6936

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WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT



DECEMBER 4-10, 2017



WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckasegee River	Stocked Oct. 3-4.	All Day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout, & Smallmouth Bass	BWO, Midges, Dark Stone, Crane Fly	BWO, Y2Ks, Mop Flies, San Juan Worms, Girdle Bugs, Dally Llamas, Woolly Buggers, Egg Pattern
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	N/A	Morning & Evening	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	BWO, Crane Flies, Stoneflies	Stimulators, Elk Hair Caddis, BWO, Stoneflies, Dally Llamas, Girdle Bugs, Woolly Buggers, Pheasant Tails
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Follow posted regulations-wild trout	Morning & Evening	Rainbow, Brown, and Brook Trout	BWO, Stoneflies, Midges	Pheasant Tails, Elk Hair Caddis, Orange Stimulator, Dark Midge, Woolly Bugger, Girdle Bugs, Blue Wing Olive

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TUESDAY, DEC. 5
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2:04 AM-4:04 AM
2:35 PM-4:35 PM

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6
AVERAGE

3:07 AM-5:07 AM
3:37 PM-5:37 PM

THURSDAY, DEC. 7
AVERAGE

4:07 AM-6:07 AM
4:36 PM-6:36 PM

FRIDAY, DEC. 8
AVERAGE

5:04 AM-7:04 AM
5:31 PM-7:31 PM

SATURDAY, DEC. 9
AVERAGE

5:56 AM-7:56 AM
6:22 PM-8:22 PM

SUNDAY, DEC. 10
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Christmas Concert featuring Yona Wade. Dec. 11 from 6-7pm at Jackson County Library Community Room in Sylva. Wade, an EBCI tribal member, will be accompanied by Tracey Bailey, pianist, and Kathy McConnell and Kitty Brooks as guests artists. They will be singing traditional and contemporary Christmas music. This event is open to the public and is free of charge. Info: Jackson County Arts Council, info@jackson-countyarts.org, 507-9820

Cherokee Elementary School's "The J.O.Y. of Christmas" Program. Dec. 14 at 6pm at Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. Performances by Cherokee Elementary Traditional Dancers, Singers, Chorus, and Jump Rope.

Cherokee Youth Center 1st Annual Christmas Bazaar. Dec. 15 from 2-6pm (DATE CHANGE). First-come, first-serve (10 tables), \$10 a table. Info: Melissa Bodfield 359-8113

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

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

Free Legal Clinics in Cherokee and Snowbird. Get free legal advice from attorneys from EBCI Legal Assistance, Legal Aid of NC, and University of North Carolina law students.
- Snowbird Civil Clinic. Dec. 19 from 10:30am – 2pm at Snowbird Community Library at 60 Snowbird School Road. Expunctions, wills, divorces, and custody (state and tribal law)

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

- Cherokee Civil Clinic. Dec. 20 at EBCI Co-

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

Health/Sports Events

Surviving the Holidays seminar. Dec. 10 from 4-6pm at First Baptist Church of Bryson City. People who have experienced the death of a loved one, as well as separated and divorced people, will benefit with practical holiday survival strategies. A total of 14 leading Christian counselors, authors, and pastors are featured in the print and video materials, purchased from <http://www.griefshare.org/holidays>. To register, contact Judy Hensley 488-2679 no later than Nov. 30 to allow time for ordering books and the preparation of holiday goodies and beverages.

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

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

Upcoming Pow Wows for Dec. 8-10

Note: This list of pow wows was compiled by One Feather staff. The One Feather does not endorse any of these dances. It is simply a listing of ones occurring throughout the continent. Please call before

traveling.

Spotlight Casino 2017 Pow Wow. Dec. 8-10 at Spotlight Casino in Coachella, Calif. MC: Juakin Hamilton. Host Drum: Black Otter. Info: (866) 377-6829

Los Angeles City/County NAIC Pow Wow. Dec. 9 at Grand Park in Los Angeles, Calif. MC: Arlie Neskahi. Host Northern: Bear Springs. Head Southern Singer: Walter Ahhaitty. Invited Drum: Blue Star. Info: Pat Lopez p505pada@aol.com

Community Club Meetings

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

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

Birdtown Community Club meets the last Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Community Building. Potluck starts at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6pm. To reserve the building for your special occasion, call Faye McCoy, treasurer, 226-5194 (\$50 fee with \$20 key deposit).

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

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

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

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

Community Groups

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

Support Groups/Meetings

Cherokee Diabetes Support Group. This group, for community members with diabetes or pre-diabetes and their family and friends, meets at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Demonstration Kitchen on the first Tuesday of each month from 4:30-5:30pm. Info: Nilofer Couture, MPH, RD, LDN, CDE, 497-9163 ext. 6459 or Nilofer.Couture@cherokeehospital.org

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

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

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

Mondays

Safety WRAP: 9 -10am

Cherokee Culture: 11:15am - 12:30pm

Still Waters: 2-3pm

**Family Support: 5-6pm

Tuesdays

Native Plants: 8:30-10:30am

Employment Skills: (second and fourth Tuesdays 11am -12pm)

Taming Salolis (Squirrels): 11am – 12pm

Emotions: 1-2pm

**Self-esteem: 2-3pm

**Life Recovery: 3-4pm

Wednesdays

Safety WRAP: 9-10am

Strong Hearts Women's Group: 11am – 12pm

Healthy Boundaries: 1-2:30pm

Creative Writing: 2-3pm

**Family Support: 5-6pm

**Agape LGBT Group: 5:45-6:45pm

**HIV/AIDS/Hep C Support Group: (second and fourth Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm)

Thursdays

**Life Recovery: 8:30-9:30am

Connections (Brene' Brown):

10:30-11:45am

Finding Tohi (Peace/Balance):

1-2pm

Uncle Skills Men's Group: 3-4pm

Fridays

Creative Recovery: 9:30 am - 12pm

Cherokee Language and Culture:

1-2:30pm

Popcorn and a Movie: 2:30-4pm

Info: Analenisgi Recovery Center 497-6892.

Times and dates may be subject to change.

CIHA Bariatric Support Groups

meet every second Thursday of the month at Snowbird Clinic from 11am – 12pm (Chrystal Frank) and every second Thursday of the month at Cherokee Indian Hospital from 12-1pm (Nilofer Couture) and 4:30-5:30pm (Linda Johnson). Groups are led by registered dietitians. Info: CIHA Nutrition Dept. 497-9163 ext. 6459

Cherokee Cancer Support

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

Event listings are FREE of charge. Submit listings to Scott at scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com or message them to us on Facebook and include: name of event, date, place, cost, brief description and contact information.



The Cherokee Community Chorus

Presents our 2017 Christmas Cantata and Holiday Music

"O Holy Night"

Under the Direction of J Gilbert and Pianist Sharon Bradley

Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 7:00pm

At the Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center, Cherokee Central Schools

And

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

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

FOR RENT

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

FOR SALE

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

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er, cocking rope, three bolts, three broadheads. \$350. (828) 341-5552. 12/14

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

SERVICES

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

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EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS



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

POSITIONS OPEN

Please attach all required documents

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

Closing Friday, December 15, 2017

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

Closing Friday, December 08, 2017

1. Education Program Specialist - Higher Education and Training - CERS (\$31,078 - \$38,848)
2. Laborer - H.E.L.P. - Snowbird/Cherokee Co. Services (\$23,616 - \$29,520)
3. Alcohol Law Enforcement Agent - CIPD - Public Safety (\$45,018 - \$56,273)
4. Housekeeper I Light Duty - Housekeeping - Operations (\$21,484 - \$26,855)
5. Equipment Operator - CDOT - Operations (\$34,112 - \$42,640)
6. Civil Engineering Inspector - CDOT - Operations (\$41,082 - \$51,353)
7. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant - Kituwah - CERS (\$25,830 - \$32,288)
8. Early Childhood Language Specialist - Kituwah - CERS (\$31,078 - \$38,848)
9. Early Childhood Supervisor - Kituwah - CERS (\$45,018 - \$56,273)
10. Computer Specialist - I.T. - Office of Information Technology (\$41,082 - \$51,353)
11. Behavioral Change Specialist - Cherokee Choices - PHHS (\$34,112 - \$42,640)
12. Housekeeper - Tsali Care - PHHS (\$21,484 - \$26,855)
13. Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) - Tsali Care - PHHS (\$23,616 - \$29,520)
14. Cook Aide - Tsali Care - PHHS (\$19,598 - \$24,498)
15. Administrative Assistant - Regulatory and Compliance - PHHS (\$28,372 - \$35,465)
16. Cook - Tsali Care - PHHS (\$23,616 - \$29,520)
17. Licensed Practical Nurse - Tsalagi Public Health - PHHS (\$37,474 - \$46,843)
18. Family Safety Program Manager - Family Safety - PHHS (\$64,206 - \$80,258)

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

EMPLOYMENT

The TERO office has the following job listings:

TERO Director
TERO Employment Manager
Compliance Manager
Compliance Officer

Resumes will be accepted in lieu of applications. Job descriptions are available at the TERO Office, Monday – Friday from 7:45am – 4:30pm. For more information, please call (828) 359-6521. The positions are open until filled. Indian preference does apply. **12/7pd**

Cherokee Preservation Foundation Position

Cherokee Preservation Foundation (CPF) seeks a professional Program Officer. This position is an excellent career opportunity for a high achiever who wants to play a key role in encouraging Cherokee cultural preservation, economic and workforce development, and environmental protection initiatives that benefit the EBCI and region.

The candidate who is selected will be responsible for supporting—and in some instances, leading—activities related to developing, monitoring and evaluating the CPF's programming. The selected candidate will help review and assess grant proposals and grant monitoring, and provide technical assistance to appli-

cants and grantees.

CPF is a dynamic, team-based organization that provides competitive salaries, superior benefits, and excellent opportunities for career advancement. Established in 2000, CPF's purpose is enhance the well-being of the EBCI and strengthen the western North Carolina region. The Foundation's focus is on cultural preservation, economic development, job creation, and environmental protection.

Required qualifications: bachelor's degree in business, education, social science or a related field, the inclination and ability to work collaboratively with other organizations (private and government), excellent analytical skills, and the ability to write and speak effectively. Preferred qualifications: Master's or Advanced degree in business, education, social science or a related field. Experience in community development and/or economic development, and experience with and knowledge about the Cherokee culture, communities and tribal government of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Send letters of interest with a resume and salary history to Cherokee Preservation Foundation, P.O. Box 504, Cherokee, NC 28719. For more information, please call the CPF at 828-497-5550. This position will be posted until filled. **12/7pd**

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Safety and Security Manager
Emergency Hire RN – Inpatient
Emergency Hire Food Service Worker
RN – Tsali Care Center (4 Positions)

To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close December

14, 2017 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **12/14pd**

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Optometrist (2 Positions)
Physician- Emergency Room
Master Level Therapist- Snowbird Residential Treatment Center (2 Positions)
Pedodontist
Residential Technician - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center (2 Positions)
Emergency Hire Dental Assistant II (2 Positions)
Kitchen Specialist - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center
Part Time Regular RN - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center
Part Time Intermittent Phlebotomist

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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
The Cherokee Court
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File Nos.: EST 94-09; EST 10-08; EST 12-069; EST 13-004; EST 13-015; EST 13-017; EST 13-018
In the Matter of the Estates of:
Frances B. Parker (d. 03/04/1994);
Ronnie Sevier Huskey (d. 02/05/2010);
James David Griffin (d. 09/04/2012);
Clifford Gerard Parker (d. 12/01/2012);
Jonathan Arch (d. 06/18/2012);
Tsa ni A li ti sqi Youngdeer (d.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make a start on that new workplace challenge. But get more information before you find yourself too deeply involved without knowing in which direction you should go.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You might find things becoming tedious as your schedule slows down for the holidays. Use this time to get information about a possible post-New Year job change.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The creative Twin finds outlets for her or his ideas in the early part of the week. The practical Twin takes it a step further and rallies support to turn the ideas into reality.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's time to stop being intimidated by someone's negative behavior. Start taking positive steps on your own to help strengthen your position down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Look closely at that so-called golden opportunity. Best to be a cautious Cat who approaches things slowly, than one who pounces without knowing where you'll land.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your apology can resolve that personal situation before it overshadows the holidays. You'll feel better, even if you're only partly to blame for what happened.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Avoid overtaxing yourself, even if your energy levels are high and you feel that you can do it all. Best to pace yourself so you won't run yourself down before the holidays.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your sense of humor helps get you through a stressful period. Some of your quick quips can take the edge off any remaining negativity being aimed at you.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your artistic talents not only help you express yourself these days, but they also set up a line of communication between you and someone very special.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's fine to appreciate the importance of "proper form" for doing things. But relax a bit in order to allow newcomers on the project to feel less intimidated by you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Use your boundless reserve of optimism to persuade others to work with you to resolve a difficult workplace problem before it can ruin your holiday fun.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You brim over with self-confidence as you begin to tackle a new challenge. And, before you know it, you're not alone: Others have taken the plunge with you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a highly defined sense of commitment to others. You would make a fine social worker.

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12/01/2012);

Martha Ann Ross (d. 02/15/2013)

All persons, firms, or corporations having outstanding claims or interest in these estates are hereby notified of a hearing to settle the above named estates at the following date and time or be barred from making any further claims against the estate.

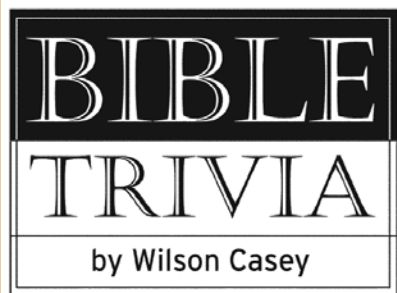
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December 20, 2017 at 1:30pm

12/14pd

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

In the Matter of the Estate of



1. Is the book of Matthew in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. Where did the angel Gabriel appear to Mary saying, "Blessed art thou among women."? *Nazareth, Tyre, Ninevah, Gazi*

3. From Luke, the reason Jesus was born in Bethlehem was that His "father" had to attend ... ? *Feast, Fast, Sacrifice, Census*

4. Who was Herod's information source as to where the Christ Child was to be born? *Joseph, Reuben, Micah, Matthew*

5. For the journey to Bethlehem, how did Mary and Joseph travel? *Bible not specific, Walked, Rode donkey, Boat*

6. Of these, which wasn't a gift from the wise men (Magi)? *Silver, Myrrh, Gold, Frankincense*

ANSWERS: (1) New; (2) Nazareth; (3) Census; (4) Micah; (5) Bible not specific; (6) Silver

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Samantha Renee Larch

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

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

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

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

12/14pd

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

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Joan Jacobs**

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

Sandra Owle, P.O. Box 1646, Cher-

okee, NC 28719. **12/14pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-072
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Lucetta Hill Ward**

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

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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-071
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Doris West Catt**

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

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

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

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

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

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