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**"I think this is an added asset to the Qualla Boundary, and to the Tribe, for visitors, workers, and tribal members alike."**

- Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle during the discussion to approve food trucks on the Qualla Boundary (Story Page 7)



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# Beautiful addition to mountains

Elk herd is a large tourism draw for Cherokee, Park

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After being gone from the mountains of western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee for around 150 years, *awigwa*, or elk, were reintroduced to the area in 2001. Now, 19 years later, the herd continues to grow each year and the elk themselves have become celebrities drawing throngs of tourists to the area.

“The Park experienced a 7.1 percent increase in visitation through the Oconaluftee entrance to the Park over the previous year and about 15 percent higher than the 10-year average,” Dana Soehn, Park spokesperson, told the One Feather. “This increased visitation is likely due, in part, to the opportunity to see elk in the fields near the Oconaluftee Visitor Center. There are limited opportunities to see a wild elk herd in the eastern United States, which makes this a particularly special part of a Smokies visit for many families.”

Overall, visitation to the Park was up in 2019 where they had a record-setting 12,547,743 visitors – up 1,126,540 visitors over the previous year according to information released by the Park on Monday, Jan. 27.

Park Superintendent Cassius Cash said in a statement, “I am very proud of our employees who work hard each day, along with our volunteers and partners, to help provide outstanding visitor experiences and to protect the



A billboard on Soco Road in the Painttown Community welcomes visitors to Cherokee with the enticement of seeing an elk. SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

resources that people come here to enjoy. With growing visitation, this has become more challenging. In 2020, we’ll be inviting people to help us thoughtfully look at how we can improve access and continue caring for this very special place.”

Park officials and volunteers are a frequent presence when the herd is out in numbers in areas such as Cades Cove or the field adjacent to the Oconaluftee Visitor Center just outside of Cherokee. It is federal law that people must keep at least a 150-foot distance from wild animals in the Park, and that is the main area of management that Park officials concentrate on.

“The elk herd is considered to be a wild, self-sustaining population that moves freely across the landscape both inside and outside

the Park,” said Soehn. “We continue to work with land management agencies outside the Park, like the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, to better monitor the growth and dispersion of the herd. There are no upcoming changes to managing elk inside the Park.”

Information from the National Park Service on the elk states, “The last elk in North Carolina was believed to have been killed in the late 1700s. In Tennessee, the last elk was killed in the mid-1800s. By 1900, the population of elk in North America dropped to the point that hunting groups and other conservation organizations became concerned the species was headed for extinction.”

A total of 25 elk, from the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, were introduced into

the Park in 2001 – 27 the following year.

So, how large is the herd in the Park now? Well, that’s difficult to say.

Soehn said that a 2013 estimate numbered the herd at around 140. “We know the herd has grown since then and expanded across western North Carolina, but we haven’t had a reliable technique to estimate the population since then due to the regional spread, topography, and dense vegetation. Many elk population estimate tools used out west are done from the ground or air and are based on being able to visually see the animals. That simply doesn’t work well here.”

She did relate that the Park is currently working with the N.C. Wildlife Commission on a joint study using GPS collars and a pel-

let survey method using DNA, and they hope to have those findings in the next year.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is involved in the management of the elk herd as well - being neighbors with the Park.

"We work along with the Park, but we manage them separately than they do," said Caleb Hickman, Ph.D., EBCI supervisory Fisheries and Wildlife biologist. "They have their own biologists. We have our own biologists. We work together on some aspects of sampling, but when it comes to damage and nuisance issues, we're separate completely."

He said that while the Park is in close proximity to the Qualla Boundary, the elk pose different sets of issues for Cherokee residents.

"We're in a different situation than the Park is because we have people who live here. Our biggest hurdle that they don't have is that we have people that want to grow a garden and we have people trying to get to work. So, our biggest challenge is trying to make our citizens happy but keeping the animals safe."

Hickman, a Cherokee Nation citizen, commented, "These animals are native and over 200 years ago Cherokee folks co-existed with them...I think there were other mitigation strategies back then, but no one's alive now to tell us how they did it. Now, we're using modern methods because we don't know what people did. Electric fences really do work. We know they work."

He said the current size of the herd is around 160, but that is still just an estimation as Park and tribal officials have been involved in various ways of counting the herd including taking DNA samples from scat. "Eventually, what I hope to get out of it is just how healthy the population is. From the data you can basically get what the genetic diversity is like and how healthy they are."

In talking about the 160 estimation, Hickman said, "If that's true, then it hasn't grown a lot since 2002. That should tell you something. But, the genetics are going to tell us if they have 'bottlenecked' and if they're inbred."

Hickman related there were four elk mortalities in late 2019, between Christmas and New Year's - three were road fatalities and one was a natural death.

On the one deemed a natural death, he said, "We got it to a lab and there was a full



**This elk, part of a herd of about 12,** was seen in front of the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 headquarters in the Yellowhill Community on the afternoon of Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016.

necropsy done, and it was of natural causes. It died of a hernia in the internal wall of its body cavity, and this type of herniation could be a genetic defect. If we start seeing that, then we're going to start asking the Park and the state that when they do their necropsies to figure out what the death is."

He added, "Road mortalities are easy, but we need to start looking for genetic defects as well. If that's the case, it might help to bring in new DNA."

Currently, the EBCI Natural Resources program is working on a study to find out economic impact of the elk as well as garner community knowledge and thoughts on the elk herd. The study is being conducted by Responsive Management, a firm from Virginia that conducted a similar study for the Tribe several years ago on the fishing industry in Cherokee.

The study involves a random call survey to EBCI tribal members ages 18 and over. "We're going to find out what people think elk should be used for...should we hunt them or not? And, other questions will be asked like do you think they're important to the ecosystem? We want to know what people know and what they think."

He also said garnering community knowledge about the elk will identify what misconceptions about the herd exist. "That will help us guide our outreach efforts. This guides our management."

In addition to the survey for EBCI tribal

members, Responsive Management is also doing a survey for tourists regarding their thoughts and decisions regarding elk viewing. "We're going to find out how much elk are worth."

For instance, one sample question is 'If you're going fishing and choosing between here and other destinations and you know elk can be viewed here, will that impact your decision?'

According to information from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF), "Prior to European settlement, about one million elk roamed nearly all of the United States and parts of Canada. Today, about one million elk live in the western United States, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina, and from Ontario west in Canada."

Kim DeLozier, RMEF conservation program manager and former wildlife biologist with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, said it takes around \$1 million to reestablish an elk herd in an area. "We provide some technical support, and we also continue to provide financial support. And, that financial support really comes through the PAC (Project Advisory Committee) which is a program where all the fundraising that the Elk Foundation does, whether it's our annual fundraisers, donations, membership - a portion of that comes back to the state."

Part of that money comes to North Carolina to help the herd for management, research, and habitat improvements. "We want to continue to put money back into taking care of the herd, doing research or management, or habitat work. The biggest part of the future is going to be habitat. They're here right now, and so obviously we've got to make sure they've got a good place to live, something good to eat, and a good environment."

He added, "We want to put as much money into habitat work as we can. The Tribe is one of those offices that has done good work on habitat."

If you have any elk issues in the Cherokee community, you are encouraged to contact the following staff of the EBCI Natural Resources Cherokee Fisheries and Wildlife program: Dallas Bradley 359-6117, cell 788-9193 or Paula Price 359-6110.

# Long to remain in detention

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The attorney representing Benjamin Cody Long, who has been accused of a December 2019 cyber-attack against the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), has put forth three motions to reopen the defendant's detention hearing since Jan. 2. After date changes, the Court reconvened just after 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 6, with the judge hearing Long's case first.

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

Before hearing the motion to reopen the detention hearing, Judge Thomas Cochran said he received a motion to quash from the Attorney General yesterday. As of this morning, he granted that motion.

Judge Cochran also stated the basis for which a detention hearing would be reopened, and CC (Cherokee Code) 15-14(b) states:

"A detention hearing may be reopened after the first determination made by a Cherokee Court Judge at any time before trial only if such Judge finds that information exists that was not known to the movant at the time of the prior hearing and that has a material bearing on the issue of whether there are conditions of release that will reasonably assure the appearance of such persona as required and the safety of any other person and the community."

Brent Smith, who has been

representing Long, focused on a few issues in his argument.

Smith brought forth that the impact of the testimonies given by William Travitz and Atreyu Queen has changed since the initial detention hearing held on Dec. 11, 2019.

He pointed to the fact that Travitz testified that there were only three people (including Long) that had access to the 'servadmin' account used to reactivate Long's credentials. Since that date, it has been discovered that there were more than three, though a specific figured has not been released.

Tribal prosecutors responded by saying that they have spoken to Travitz. At the time of the testimony, he did believe there were only three. He does know now that there are more that had access.

Smith also said that in the testimony of Queen, it was implied that the death of a tribal member could have been helped had it not been for delays to the Tribal dispatch systems. Since this testimony, the medical examiner of this individual indicated that they would not have survived regardless of the response time.

Prosecutors responded to this, agreeing that this is the information they shared with Smith. However, they followed that with the fact that there were over 100 emergency calls to dispatch, all of which would have been impaired by the cyberattack.

The other piece that Smith focused on was the email negotiations between the Tribe, Coveware (Ransomware Recovery Business the Tribe hired), and a third party who claimed responsibility for the attack. All of these communica-

tions were done after Long was detained with no access to electronics.

In this string of emails, the 'hacker' said that they acquired access to the tribal network from a Russian language hacker forum and had used those bought credentials to launch the attack. They claimed to have purchased access for just \$30.

The hacker said that they had unlocked Long's account for convenience and used it the most, but that they used all of the admin accounts in the process.

The hacker had first contacted Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed and Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, who then turned it to Travitz. Within a week, Coveware took control of all communication with the supposed hacker.

Through Coveware, payment has been to this party, and the Tribe has received the codes to unlock the information held by the ransomware. Smith said that he believes the amount paid to be around \$375,000.

Judge Cochran pointed to a specific email and read aloud the following:

"I personally bought access to your company, and I know where the attack came from. In addition, the network has been well studied by us for more than one week. I know everything that has happened since the infection. This is the negligence of the entire IT department, not one person."

Cochran said that while this shows that there is another party involved, this does not clear the name of Long. He said that there is a possibility that Long knows this third party and has instructed

them to perform these tasks if he was arrested.

The tribal prosecutors began their statements by saying that they did offer the defendant a chance to go home during the lead up to the trial.

Smith responded to this by saying, "It wasn't much of an offer" – stating that conditions would revoke the defendant's constitutional rights, including consent to sell all future motions.

The tribal prosecutors said they believe that there has been nothing offered since the initial detention hearing that would warrant reopening it. They also stated that they have more evidence that points toward the defendant once it is time to go to trial.

Cochran finished his questioning by asking the prosecutors if they have an idea of how vulnerable the current tribal Network is, and if they believe that Long could still cause damage if released. The prosecutors said that they would need to speak with the IT Department and could not offer a valid update of the strength of the network.

Smith's last statements came regarding the hindrance that detention has had on his ability to work with his client. He said that without the internet, Long is losing significant money trying to maintain communications with him. Smith also spoke to the lack of precedence in the case, and that it has been difficult to research another ransomware case that has gone to trial.

Cochran said while that he felt for the position the defense was in,

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# EBCI Investment Committee reports 5 percent growth last quarter

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The EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Investment Committee gave a report to Tribal Council on Wednesday, Feb. 5 in which they detailed their overall account growth was over 5 percent for the last quarter. The report included market value and other figures on the Tribe's Endowment 1, Endowment 2, and Debt Service Sinking Funds.

Polly Castorena, EBCI Investment Committee chairperson, commented, "Things are looking good and continue to look good."

According to the report distributed to Council and made available to the One Feather, "Major U.S. equity indices hit all-time highs in 2019, and the Standard and Poor's 500 had one of its strongest decades going back a century. The index posted an annualized 13.6 percent return for the decade, a stark contrast to the prior decade when the index was down 0.1 percent. This was despite gloomier prospects 12 months ago including a weakening global economy; stocks, bonds,

and commodities all falling sharply in 2018; and Fed policy on interest rates further compounding a downturn."

The report detailed the three accounts for the period Sept. 30, 2019 to Dec. 31, 2019 as follows:

**\* Endowment 1**

- Market value at Sept. 30:

\$207,829,627.61

- Market value at Dec. 31:

\$219,619,389.33

- Percentage change in market value: 5.69 percent

**\* Endowment 2**

- Market value at Sept. 30:

\$127,939,901.89

- Market value at Dec. 31:

\$134,713,177.73

- Percentage change in market value: 5.31 percent

**\* Debt Service Sinking Fund**

- Market value at Sept. 30:

\$200,911,089.67

- Market value at Dec. 31:

\$198,990,269.61

- Percentage change in market value: 5.40 percent

**\* Total of the three accounts**

- Market value at Sept. 30:

\$536,680,619.17

- Market value at Dec. 31:

\$553,322,836.67

- Percentage change in market value: 5.47 percent

The report states that for the entire year of 2019, the funds increased by a total of \$89,499,457.43 for a growth of 19.11 percent.

The Endowment 1 fund showed growth in 10 of the 12 months last year with May (-3.36 percent) and August (-1.54 percent) being the only months showing a decline. January 2019 was the most robust month showing an increase of \$13,073,245.60 (6.80 percent), and May was the least showing a loss of \$7,319,803.01 (-3.36 percent).

The Endowment 2 fund also showed growth in 10 of the 12 months in 2019. Again, losses were recorded in May (-3.21 percent) and August (-1.42 percent). January 2019 was again the most robust month with an increase of \$7,053,560.27 (6.35 percent), and May showed a loss of \$9,839,491.22 (-3.21 percent).

The Debt Service Sinking Fund mirrored the other two with growth in 10 of the 12 months with losses in May (-3.37 percent) and August (-1.53 percent). January

2019 topped this fund as well with growth of \$12,366,682.51 (6.48 percent), and May showed a loss of \$5,397,447.56 (-3.37 percent).

The Committee went into closed session to discuss the Minor's Fund.

Prior to going into the closed session, Castorena asked Council to schedule a work session in April to discuss the possible implementation of a school curriculum involving investment strategies for young EBCI tribal members.

"We still have a huge education piece," she said. "We have some hurdles. First off, not everyone lives in Cherokee or in the surrounding counties."

She said possible ideas have been formulated by Committee members including the possibility of investment portfolios being made available to tribal members when they turn 18-, 21-, and 25-years-old to help them invest their Minor's Fund Distributions strategically.

The One Feather will make the date and time of this upcoming work session public when it is made available.

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that he would deny all three motions to reopen the detention hearing.

Cochran also denied the Tribe's motion to seal the case, which would prevent public access to evidence, transcripts, and other documents.

However, he finished by saying that he wished to craft an order to increase communication between the defendant and his attorney. He wanted to allow Long necessary access to technology to make this possible.

He then instructed that the prosecutors had

until Friday, Feb. 14 to file the Tribe's position of this order. Then, with that position received, they would reconvene on Thursday, Feb. 20 to work out the specifics of such an order.

Important Upcoming Dates of this Case:


\* Friday, Feb. 14 – Tribe's deadline to file their position of Cochran's technology order.

\* Thursday, Feb. 20 – Hearing to discuss technology order.

\* Wednesday, March 11 – Status hearing regarding physical evidence.

\* Wednesday, April 8 – Scheduled date for trial.

## Americanisms



"In real life, every person is the leading man or woman. We don't think of ourselves as supporting or character actors."  
— Wallace Shawn

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# CCS School Board approves coaches and volunteers for upcoming sports seasons

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The Monday, Feb. 3 meeting of the Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Board of Education was called to order at 4:45 p.m. with Chairperson Jennifer Thompson; Vice Chair Isaac Long; Secretary Tara Reed-Cooper; Board members Karen French-Browning, and Regina Ledford Rosario; School Board Assistant Sunnie Clapsaddle; HR Director Heather Driver; Superintendent Dr. Michael Murray; Assistant Superintendent Dr. Beverly Payne; and Tribal Council (Wolftown) representative Chelsea Saunooke present. Board member Gloria Griffin was absent due to illness.

Wolftown Rep. Chelsea Saunooke led a prayer, and the minutes for the Jan. 21 meeting were approved.

There was a lengthy consent agenda, though there were only a couple of questions and none of the resolutions were pulled. French-Browning questioned why there were so many volunteers for softball and not for baseball. CCS Athletic Director Sean Ross told the Board that they were still finalizing some aspects of the baseball team, and therefore were not ready to submit names for resolutions.

French-Browning then asked Ross why two of the four softball volunteers were male, and if there was a need for them.

Ross said that when selecting coaches, they focus on their skill set and ability to benefit the team, and not their gender. He said he was happy that there were

so many volunteers available to support the team.

Following these discussions, no amendments were made, and the consent agenda passed unanimously. It approved the following items:

- Robbi Pounds approved as an English Teacher for Cherokee High School (CHS).
- Seth Barnes approved as an Alternative Classroom Teacher Assistant for CHS.
- Joseph Smith approved as a full-time Custodian for CCS.
- Moriah Chavis approved as a Media Coordinator for Cherokee Elementary School.
- Lamar Wildcatt approved as a Volunteer for the Varsity Softball Program for the 2019/2020 season.
- Callie Allison approved as a Volunteer for the Varsity Softball Program for the 2019/2020 season.
- Craig Barker approved as a Volunteer for the Varsity Softball Program for the 2019/2020 season.
- Shelby Parker approved as a Volunteer for the Varsity Softball Program for the 2019/2020 season.
- Tina Swimmer approved as a Volunteer for the Middle School Softball Program for the 2019/2020 season.
- Brooke Coggins approved as a Volunteer for the Middle School Softball Program for the 2019/2020 season.
- Carrah Swimmer approved as a Volunteer for the Middle School Softball Program for the 2019/2020 season.
- Gary Maney approved as a Volunteer for the Middle School Baseball Program for the 2019/2020 season.

• Langston Wood approved as a Track and Field Assistant Coach for the 2019/2020 season.

• Mike Winchester approved as a Track and Field Assistant Coach for the 2019/2020 season.

• The CHS CAC students approved to travel to Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji in summer of 2022.

• The CHS Travel Club approved to travel to London, Paris, and Barcelona in the summer of 2022.

• The CHS Spanish classes approved to travel to Brazil and Argentina in the summer of 2021.

• Roberta Sneed approved as a School Nurse for Cherokee Middle School.

The primary reason that Ross was invited to the meeting was to discuss the CCS Recognition Committee. Last meeting, the School Board decided it was time to reestablish the Recognition Committee, as many of the assigned members had retired from their positions and were not in constant connection with the school anymore. They had placed Ross in charge of reviewing the policies and handling the committee moving forward.

Ross said that he was fine with the current recognition standards, though he did raise the question of the size of the committee. He asked what they thought was an appropriate number of members for the group.

After a brief discussion, it was decided that Ross would return with a finalized proposition for the March 2 meeting.

Next, Reed-Cooper had two issues she wished to bring forward with the Board and Ross.

She had received a complaint from

a community member regarding a tribute to recently deceased basketball legend Kobe Bryant. Bryant died in a tragic helicopter crash on Jan. 26 that killed all nine people aboard, which also included Bryant's 13-year-old daughter Gianna. The world has since been mourning the passing of those passengers, and some at CCS wished to put up a tribute poster in honor of Bryant in the gym.

According to Reed-Cooper, the complaint came asking why the tribute was in the gym and why it was raised by Ray Kinsland's name in the gym.

Superintendent Murray and Ross both said that appropriate actions were taken to allow the poster to be put up in the gym, and that the placement of the tribute was not to compare or lessen the impact of any other.

Before Reed-Cooper addressed the second issue, the School Board went into a closed session to discuss 'personnel issues'. They were in closed for 40 minutes and Chairperson Thompson said there was nothing to report from their discussion.

There was one walk-in resolution, which would approve Doug Reed as a varsity assistant baseball coach. This was voted through 4-0, with Reed-Cooper abstaining from the vote.

The School Board then turned its attention to new business. The first decision was to approve new substitute nurse positions. HR Director Heather Driver offered the job description to the Board, and they passed it unani-

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# Council approves food trucks on tribal lands officially

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Food trucks have operated on a limited basis in Cherokee for awhile now, but an ordinance change to the Cherokee Code paves the way for more and codifies the practice in tribal law. Tribal Council passed Ord. No. 83 (2020), submitted by the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Office), unanimously during its regular session on Thursday, Feb. 6.

Ord. No. 83 amends Cherokee Code Section 130-4(a) to make food trucks lawful.

"At TERO, we're charged with certifying economic entities – tribal members who want to go into business", Terri Henry, TERO executive director, told Council on Thursday. "We've had several individuals who have approached us about wanting to have food trucks

and wanting to go into that type of a business."

The Code section states, "It shall be unlawful for any person, individual, firm, association, organization, partnership, business trust, corporation or company to sell at wholesale or retail any meats, meat food products, poultry, poultry products, fish, shellfish, crustacea, scallop, and seafood products from any non-permanent structure."

Henry noted, "We totally support that paragraph because my understanding from the history on this is that you guys may recall that many years ago there were situations where there were these individuals that were driving up and down the roads selling frozen meats out of the back of trucks, and that's what I think the intent of this ordinance was designed for."

She said times have changed in the past 20 to 30 years from when

people were selling unregulated items more frequently.

When amended on Thursday, several exemptions were added to the Section including, "The following shall be exempt from this section...(2) Mobile food units, as defined in 15A NCAC 18A.2651(12), possessing all of the permits and licenses required by the State of North Carolina and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians." An identical item (3) was added to include pushcarts as well as food trucks.

Henry said, "We're currently in a food desert because most of the restaurants are closed (seasonally). But, besides that, we'd like to open an opportunity for some of our tribal members to become entrepreneurs, to have mobile food trucks or trailers, and that they could be TERO-certified to conduct that kind of business."

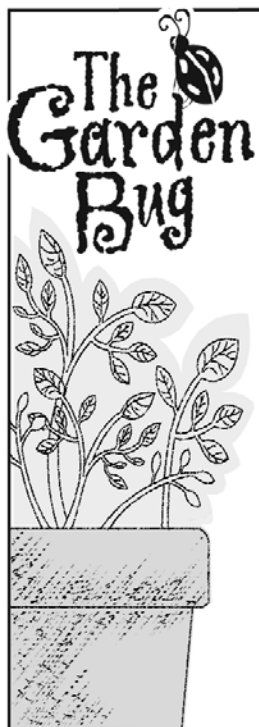
She did note that there has been an allowance for food trucks on tribal lands even prior to Thursday's Code change. "It required that the vendor must receive a permit from the county before it could receive a business license from the Tribe."

She added, "It seems a good idea for the Tribe to reconsider the blanket prohibition on food trucks and give us the opportunity to carve out a small, specific area that we can actually regulate following the rules of the State of North Carolina and the Tribe."

Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose said, "I'm glad the food trucks are coming. They'll be a lot more places to eat. They're doing it everywhere else. We need to do it here."

He brought up the question of whether these trucks could sell alcohol if they were within the "Blue Ridge" area deemed appropriate to sell. A brief discussion ensued, and it was determined that the food trucks, as approved under Ord. No. 83, would not be allowed to sell alcohol under the current laws so it was a non-issue at this time.

Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle said food trucks are common in many cities and towns, and he made the motion to the pass the legislation. "I think this is an added asset to the Qualla Boundary, and to the Tribe, for visitors, workers, and tribal members alike."



## Planning your garden style

- Consider a **container garden** to grow your fruits, vegetables, or herbs. Only a small, sunny area is needed for your pots.
- You can choose a **raised garden bed**. This works for smaller properties, or if you prefer multiple small beds instead of one large plot.
- You can plan an **in-ground garden**. Make sure the area receives good sun, then plan its dimensions, what you will plant in it, and how much you will plant. Prepare the soil and the water source to be used. Schedule the planting and maintenance. – B. Weaver

Source: morningchores.com

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Superintendent Murray brought forward plans to house the World Changers this July at CCS. He said that Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed came to him last year to consider the opportunity, and they have taken it on. It will be held July 20-25, and they are expecting 232 participants. The final item on the agenda was to confirm the time of the annual joint School Board meeting with the Swain County Board of Education. They will be meeting at Swain County High School on Tuesday, March 10 at 5:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Cherokee Board of Education will be on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 4:45 p.m. They are not meeting on Monday due to President's day.

# Council makes change to Beloved Women Committee

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The Beloved Women Committee was established by Tribal Council in April 2018 to develop guidelines and procedures for the selection of Beloved Men and Women among the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). Vice Chairman David Wolfe submitted two resolutions making small changes to the make-up of the Committee.

Res. No. 131 (2020) changes the Committee make-up to read “one member appointed by Tribal Council” instead of the old language reading “one member elected from within Tribal Council”.

Res. No. 132 (2020) was a piggy-back to No. 131 and states, “Tribal Council is satisfied with their current representative on the Beloved Women Committee.” That representative is former Painttown Rep. Lisa Taylor who will remain on the Committee.

“Last session, Lisa Taylor was the Council representative that was on this Committee,” said Vice Chairman Wolfe when discussing the legislation. “They asked if she could remain on there. She’s a good participant, shows up, and is really involved in the Committee.”

Taylor is joined on the Committee by Kim Smith, appointment from the Office of the Principal Chief; Peggy Hill, appointment from the North American Indian Women’s Association (NAIWA) Cherokee Chapter; and two community members-at-large selected from the remainder of the Committee including – Lu Jackson and Matt Tooni.

“We’ve established what the definition of a Beloved is and we’ve really defined what the quali-



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**EBCI Beloved Woman Myrtle Driver**, center, a first language Cherokee speaker, reads a resolution regarding the Cherokee language during the June 2019 Tri-Council meeting at the Kituwah Mound. The Beloved Women Committee was established by Tribal Council in April 2018 to develop guidelines and procedures for the selection of Beloved Men and Women among the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI).

cations are for a future Beloved person,” said Smith who serves as chairperson. “What we’re finalizing right now is the application packet so that we can have a work session with Council so that they can go through that and make sure it looks good.”

She said their goal is to hit that mark by next month. “We want to be on track to have a nomination to the Council by September’s Council session so that with the new fiscal year and Fall Festival, we can have our Beloved People in place.”

In modern times, several EBCI elders have been bestowed the Beloved title including (date of honor): Lula Owl Gloyne (1984), Maggie Axe Wachacha (1985), Louise Bigmeat Maney (posthumously in 2001), Myrtle Driver Johnson (2012), Jerry Wolfe (2013), Ella Wachacha Bird (2013), Shirley Oswalt (2017), Amanda Swimmer (2018), Lt. Col.

Kina Swayney (2018), and former Principal Chief Robert S. Youngdeer (2018). Johnson and Bird are the only living Beloved people at this time.

Information from the Committee states, “It has been a tradition among the Cherokee people to give special recognition to Cherokee women, and on occasion men, who have made special and unique contributions to Cherokee people. Such outstanding persons have been recognized as Beloved Woman or Beloved Man of the Cherokee people. In Henry Timberlake’s memoirs in 1765, he stated, ‘Old warriors likewise, or war-women, who can no longer go to war, but have distinguished themselves in their younger days, have the title of Beloved’.”

In the same Tribal Council session that the Beloved Women Committee was established on April 5, 2018, legislation (Res. No. 179 – 2018) was passed that would

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*- EBCI Beloved Women Committee*

establish a lobby wall in the Tribal Council House to honor all EBCI Beloved People.

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

As of press time, the Beloved People Wall of Honor has yet to be carried out.



# WCU Health building reopens after state, local officials deem it safe to return to normal operations

Western Carolina University's Health and Human Sciences Building reopened Monday, Feb. 10 after county, state and university officials found no public health or safety issues at the building in the wake of a potential hazardous materials incident that resulted in its evacuation.

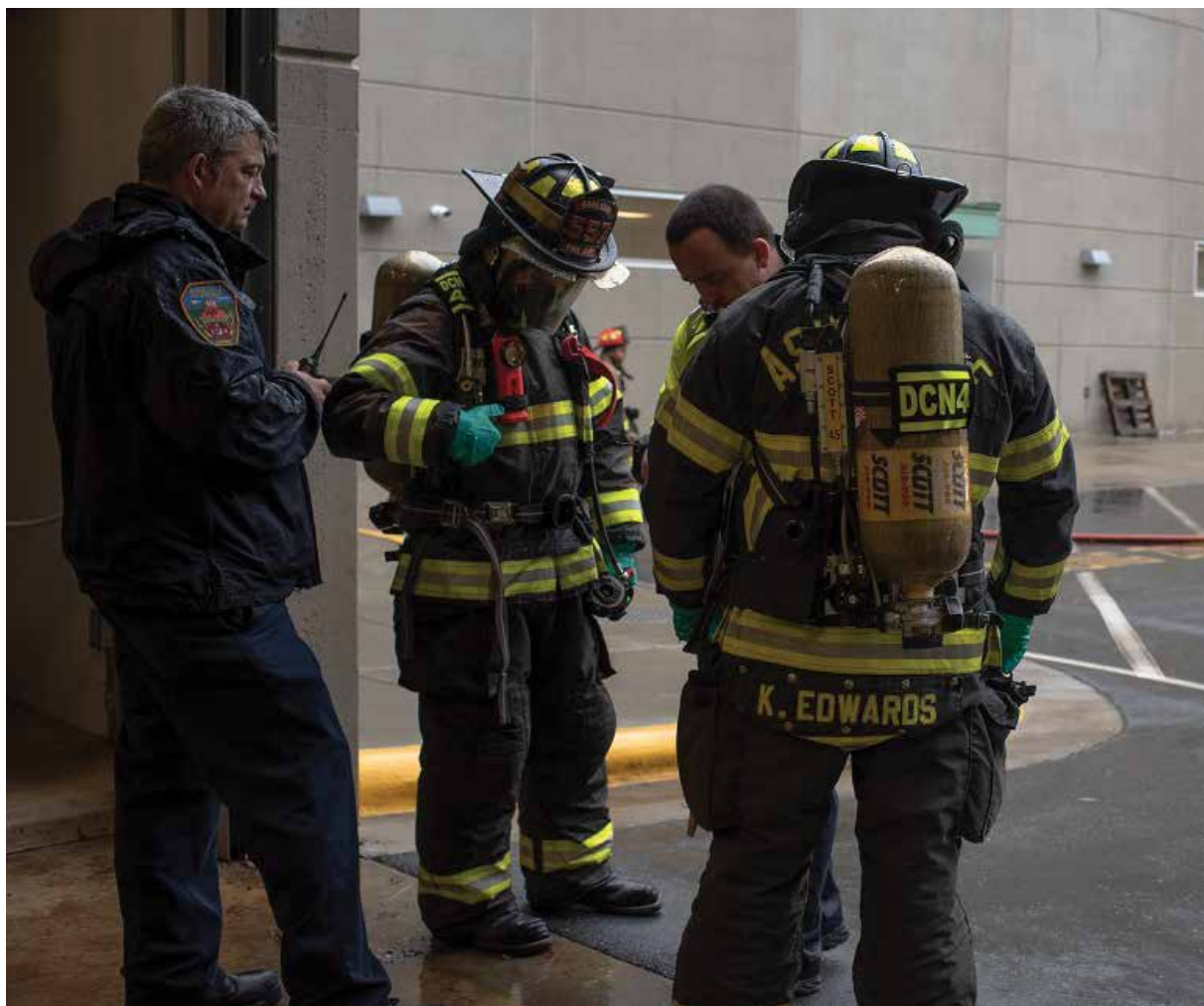
Shortly before 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, several building occupants began complaining of light-headedness and other symptoms. Emergency response teams, upon arriving at the scene to find numerous individuals requesting medical assistance, made the decision to evacuate the building and to lock it down.

Shane Stovall, WCU director of emergency services, reports that seven occupants of the building – six students and one faculty member – were transported to Harris Regional Hospital in Sylva for treatment; all have been released from hospital care. Several dozen individuals who were in the building also were evaluated by emergency responders and University Health Services personnel, Stovall said.

After the evacuation and lockdown, response teams from Cullowhee Volunteer Fire Department, the Regional Response Team 6 of Asheville and WCU Safety and Risk Management conducted room-by-room inspections and monitoring of the building throughout the day on Feb. 6. University Safety and Risk Management continued air-quality testing on Friday, Feb. 7. Those efforts revealed no immediate definitive cause for the incident.

The response teams carried out multiple air-quality tests to detect unusual levels of oxygen, combustible gases, solvent vapors, carbon monoxide, hydrogen sulfide, hydrocarbons, formaldehyde, carbon dioxide and volatile organic compounds. They also checked for spikes in building temperature and humidity.

Following the monitoring and testing by the Regional Response Team and the Office of Safety and Risk Management, the North Carolina Department of Public Health informed the



WCU photo

**The regional haz-mat team** and Cullowhee Fire Department prepare for entering Western Carolina University's Health and Human Sciences Building on Thursday, Feb. 6.

university Thursday evening that it was safe for people to return to the building. Out of an abundance of caution, the Office of Safety and Risk Management conducted further testing and monitoring on Friday with no findings. After consultation with the Jackson County Department of Public Health and University Safety and Risk Management, WCU officials announced Friday afternoon that classes and laboratory sessions would resume on Monday. The various health clinics located in WCU's Health and Human Science Building also are scheduled to reopen.

University Safety and Risk Management will continue to monitor air quality and will conduct walk-throughs every hour on the hour for the next week, said Jon Maddy, director of safety and risk management.

University officials held a campus and media briefing late Thursday afternoon to provide updated information on the situation.

"At Western Carolina University, our primary objective is the safety of our students, faculty and staff. I am so grateful for the quick response from Western personnel and the quick response from our partners in the county and region," WCU Chancellor Kelli R. Brown said.

"It is during incidents like these that we are reminded of the extensive network of folks who must come together and work as a well-coordinated team to ensure the safety of our campus. I'm very proud of the efforts from so many individuals," Brown said.

Brown commended WCU's student-run Emergency Medical Services Team, which was the first on the scene, and the leadership, faculty, staff and students of the College of Health and Human Sciences for their roles in responding to the incident.

- Western Carolina University release





# HIGH WATER

Large rainfall leads to  
flooding in Cherokee

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

**The Oconaluftee Island Park** is flooded on Thursday, Feb. 6 following several days of heavy rainfall in the area.



**The Oconaluftee Island Park** was mostly underwater on Thursday.



**An area**, adjacent to the Cherokee Central Schools campus and across from the Oconaluftee River, shows standing water on Thursday afternoon.





**Raven Fork, in the Big Cove Community**, rages on Thursday afternoon as shown in this photo taken from Straight Fork Road.



**The Oconaluftee River** pushes past the banks and spills onto Whitewater Drive in the Yellowhill Community.



**The Oconaluftee River** had some nice whitewater caps as shown in this part behind the old Dairy Queen on US441.



## George sentenced to 51 months for sexual abuse of a minor

ASHEVILLE – David Paul George Sr., 56, of Cherokee, was sentenced on Monday, Feb. 3 to 51 months in prison for the sexual abuse of a minor in Indian Country, announced Andrew Murray, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina. In addition to the prison term imposed, U.S. District Judge Max O. Cogburn Jr. also ordered George to serve 15 years under court supervision, and to register as a sex offender after he is released from prison. Chief Doug Pheasant, of the Cherokee Indian Police Department, joined U.S. Attorney Murray in making the announcement.

According to court documents and Monday's sentencing hearing, between March and May 2018, George, who is a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, sexually abused a minor female entrusted in his care. As George previously admitted in court, the defendant sexually abused the victim on multiple occasions. The sexual abuse took place in Swain County, within the boundaries of the Cherokee Indian Reservation.

George has been in federal custody since June 2019. He will be transferred to the custody of the federal Bureau of Prisons upon designation of a federal facility. All federal sentences are served without the possibility of parole. In making the announcement, U.S. Attorney Murray thanked the Cherokee Indian Police Department for their investigation of this case. Assistant U.S. Attorney John Pritchard, of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Asheville, prosecuted the case.

- Department of Justice release

## Committee named to search for WCU's next provost, academic affairs vice chancellor

Western Carolina University Chancellor Kelli R. Brown has appointed a 13-member committee to conduct a nationwide search for the university's next provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Dale Carpenter, professor of special education and former dean of the College of Education and Allied Professions, has agreed to chair the committee, Brown said.

The committee will guide a search for a successor to Alison Morrison-Shetlar, who de-

parted the role of provost last October and will become president of the University of Lynchburg in Virginia on July 1 of this year. Richard Starnes, dean of WCU's College of Arts and Sciences, is serving as interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

"My goal is to name the next provost by May 1, which is the last day of classes for the spring semester," Brown said in announcing the committee. "I believe this is achievable with the active participation of the university citizens who have answered the call to serve on the committee that will conduct this important search, and given WCU's strong reputation."

Members of the search committee are:

- \* Heidi Buchanan, professor, and research and instruction librarian, Hunter Library.

- \* Julie Johnson-Busbin, professor of sales and marketing, College of Business.

- \* Phil Cauley, assistant vice chancellor for undergraduate enrollment, Division of Student Affairs.

- \* Chris Cooper, department head and Robert Lee Madison Professor of Political Science and Public Affairs, College of Arts and Sciences.

- \* Enrique Gomez, chair of the Faculty Senate and associate professor of physics and astronomy, College of Arts and Sciences.

- \* Nelson Granda-Marulanda, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, College of Engineering and Technology.

- \* Alicia Grande, instructor of psychology, College of Education and Allied Professions.

- \* Matt Liddle, professor of print and book arts, College of Fine and Performing Arts.

- \* Amy Murphy-Nugen, assistant professor of social work, College of Health and Human Sciences.

- \* Chesney Reich, director of the Writing and Learning Commons, Division of Academic Affairs.

- \* Drew Thomas, director of academic resources and business operations, Division of Academic Affairs.

- \* Melissa Canady Wargo, chief of staff, Chancellor's Division.

Plans call for the committee to work with a search firm to develop a description position, seek applicants and review materials to select a slate of candidates for interviews.

- Western Carolina University release



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# SPORTS



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**Deante Toineeta**, center, a junior member of the Cherokee Lady Braves varsity basketball team, was honored for her 1,000th career point prior to the start of a game against Murphy at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Monday, Feb. 3. She scored her 1,000th point as a Lady Brave on Dec. 27, 2019 against Tuscola. She is shown with Keith Pinnix, left, Lady Braves head basketball coach, and Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley.



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## #1 Murphy tops Lady Braves



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**Cherokee's Raylen Bark**, left, shoots over Murphy's Sarah Pullium during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Monday, Feb. 3. The Lady Bulldogs led the game throughout en route to a 57-41 win over Cherokee. Murphy jumped out to a 9-0 lead and led 35-13 at the half. They extended their lead to 47-25 after the third and went on for the 16-point victory. Cherokee was led by Deante Toineeta with 16 points followed by Bark with 6. Other Cherokee scorers included: Tigger King 4, Vivian Ross 6, Jordyn Martin 2, Zoey Walkingstick 2, and Kamia Wiggins 5. Murphy scores included: Kaiya Pickens 6, Torin Rogers 22, Leah Moses 5, Mia Wilson 10, Pullium 8, and Sydni Addison 6.



**Cherokee's Martin** jostles for position for a rebound following a free throw shot against Murphy's Torin Rogers.

## Santa Maria drops 47 in big win



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo

**Cherokee's Sterling Santa Maria** shoots a short jump shot over Murphy's Abram Abling during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Monday, Feb. 3. With 47 points, Santa Maria led Cherokee to a 99-89 win in a game that went to double-overtime. This game started evenly with Cherokee holding a small 18-14 lead after the first period. They were able to extend that to 14 points (39-25) by the half. At the end of the third period, the Braves led 59-47, but the Bulldogs would stage a comeback. With a few minutes left in regulation, Murphy tied the score and it went back-and-forth for the remaining time ending at 73-73. The two teams traded buckets in the first overtime period which ended in an 84-84 deadlock. From there, it was all Cherokee as they outscored Murphy 15-5 to take the victory in the second overtime period. Other Cherokee scorers included: Jordan Arkansas 3, Ethan Crowe 4, Sarron Johnson 4, Bobby Crowe 15, Don Bradley 24, and Daniel Forester. Murphy's scorers included: Abling 28, Tommy Spies 2, Justice Dorsey 4, Jesse Kephart 21, DeJonte Murray 2, Isra Smith 24, Zane Hinkle 4, and Dawson Hensley 4.



## Lady Braves win big over Andrews



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**Cherokee's Zoey Walkingstick (#20)** shoots between two Andrews defenders during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 4. Naomi Smith and Raylen Bark led Cherokee with 11 points each. The Lady Braves dominated the game throughout leading 25-16 after the first period and 45-26 at the half. Cherokee continued with their attack and led 72-38 at the end of the third period. The NCHSAA mercy rule was enacted in the third so there was a running clock for the remainder of the game. Cherokee went on to take a large 83-46 victory. Other Cherokee scorers included: Aiyanna Lambert 9, Tigger King 5, Deante Toineeta 7, Vivian Ross 8, Jordyn Martin 7, Walkingstick 8, Jensen Thompson 3, Alexis Smith 2, Kamia Wiggins 6, and Tierney Bradley 6. Andrews' scorers included: Abby Hedden 7, Emily Mealer 12, Sydney Postall 13, Ravin Wright 8, and Karlie Curtis 6.



**Cherokee's Martin** does a layup in the first half of the game. She finished the night with 7 points.

## Braves get key win over Andrews



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**Cherokee's Don Bradley** shoots over Andrews' Gavin Wilson during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 4. Sterling Santa Maria led Cherokee with 32 points followed by Bradley with 12. The game started very evenly with the Braves leading by two points (23-21) after the first period. They extended their lead to eight points (39-31) by the half. Andrews got hot in the third period and narrowed the gap, and Cherokee led by two again (51-49) going into the fourth. The Braves outscored the Wildcats 28-19 to take a 79-68 win. Other Braves scorers included: Jordan Arkansas 11, Ethan Crowe 6, Sarron Johnson 11, and Bobby Crowe 7. Andrews' scorers included: Tucker Holloway 16, Gage Gillespie 11, Kabe Ellis 20, Landon White 12, and Wilson 9.



**Ethan Crowe** goes for a layup in the first half of the game. He ended the night with 6 points.





# COMMUNITY

## Cherokee Elementary School Honor Roll - 1st Quarter

### 3rd Grade

**Principal's Honor Roll** - Angelica A-kwi-na, Ava Murphy Walkingstick, Blaze Crowe, Braelyn Murphy, Cambry Stamper, Cyrus Crowe, Jacqueline Fourkiller-Raby, Janessa Owl, Jeron Martens, Kalia Reed, Lauren Arsana, Maya Lossiah, Natalee Tedrick, Nyra Reed, Riley McCoy, Samantha Cucumber, Sophie Crowe, Taylor Wildcat

**A Honor Roll** - Andyn Pheasant, Viola Williams

**B Honor Roll** - Alaina Hull, Blake Sequoyah, Cher Crowe-Garcia, Colin Lossie, Dahilia Long,

Emily Teesateskie, Georgja Girty, Greyson Ledford, Greyson Panther, Janiyah Rattler, Jaylee Arch, Jordan Panther, Josiah Hull, Joslynn Thompson, Josue Rivera, Julius Walkingstick, Kaiden Long, Kaydence Bradley-Davis, Lelan Sexton, Marissa Wilson, Nocona Codynah, Simon Rincon-Wahnetah, Sophia Rojas, Tahquette Wallace, Taytem Saunooke, Tia Buchanan, Trigger Young

**Merit Honor Roll** - Avrix Teesateskie, Colton Crowe, Colton Wilnoty, Elliott Wildcat, Erma Huerta, Hailey Winchester, Hayden Edwards, Kayden Dial, Kennedy Mooore, Khrystyna Armachain, Kirk Reed, Kodee Wolfe, Kylan Panther, Laila Crowe-Taylor, McKayla Driver, McKyan Panther, Nellie Lambert, Nina

Montelongo, Peter Lopez, Phoebe Littlejohn, Taythone Larch, Walker Sutton, Willa Goodson, Xihanna Christian, Zacchaeus Martinez-Arch

### 4th Grade

**Principal's Honor Roll** - Brent Bryant, Drake Cruz, Dyani Standingdeer-Meja, James Smith Jr., Jessica Arsana, Kahmera Pheasant, Keaton Locust, Lilly Lossiah, Marcy Swayney, Roxy Solis, Zoe De Los Reyes

**A Honor Roll** - Ezekiel Welch, Maddalen Mendia, William Welch

**B Honor Roll** - Alice Savage, Aliyah Watty, Arianna Hernandez, Audree Edwards, Briann Teesateskie, Cainyan Welch, Camaron Oocumma, Colton French, Craig

Wildcat, Darian Oocumma, Derick Owle, Dezmond Shelton, Ernest Pheasant, Eva Hill, Eveie Welch, Felix Lossiah, Houston Reed, Ivan Morales, James Martinez, Jayanna Thompson, Jean Layno, Jeremiah Locust, John Calvin Gloyne, Keiarah Queen, Khloe Cucumber, Kollin Sampson, Kylana Sampson, Ledaina French-Bird, Maia Lane, Meikka Pheasant, Oliva Huskey-Morales, Rayden Locust, Rubi Connor, Taleeah Murphy, Thomas Trampler, Tomas Soap, Trent Larch, Tsalagi Brady, Vladimir Owle, William Hoyle

**Merit Honor Roll** - Alex Antone, Ander Antone, Ariel Hoyle, Gabriel George, Geli Wachacha, Jay Jay Ledford, John Morgan, Noah Dossett, Preston Roach, Zailiana Blythe



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## 5th Grade

**Principal's Honor Roll** - Aleiyah Hull, Dalton Yates, Emilee Brady, Jamee McMillan, Johnny Long, Kingston Welch, Utsela Saunooke

**A Honor Roll** - Chloe Cooper, Kailiana Hornbuckle-Standingwater, Nayaa Addo

**B Honor Roll** - Annie Tramper, Aubree Grimes, Carlito Huerta-Perez, Chaz Martens, Christian Grant, Christian Martinez, Daisee Fourkiller-Raby, Dawson Panther, Deanna Long, Denver Porterfield, Dillon Beam, Drallen Ledford, Elizabeth Tedrick, Jonathan Rivera-Gomez, Joscelyn Stamper, Kaya Guillen, Kyitan Johnson, Livia Crowe, Lucas Wildcat, Meli Winstead, Reggie Hyatt, Teela Ross,

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**Merit Honor Roll** - Anie Mora, Carter Bird, Emily Maney, Jarvis Brady, Jayden Bradley, Nyla Queen, Philip Saunooke, Sage Bark, William Ellwood

## Cherokee Elementary School Honor Rolls - 2nd Quarter

### 3rd Grade

**Principal's Honor Roll** - Alaina Hull, Angelica A-kwi-na, Ava Murphy Walkingstick, Blaze Crowe, Braelyn Murphy, Cambry Stamper, Cher Crow-Garcia, Colton Wilnoty, Emily Teesateskie, Georgja Girty, Greyson Ledford, Greyson Panther, Jacqueline Fourkiller-Raby, Janessa Owl, Jeron Martens, Joslynn Thompson, Kalia Reed, Maya Lossiah, Natalee Tedrick,

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**A Honor Roll** - Andyn Pheasant, Colin Lossie, Simon Rincon-Wahnetah

**B Honor Roll** - Abigal Lambert, Ava Murphy Walkingstick, Colton Crowe, Dahilia Long, Gabriel Arneach, Garrison Driver, Jordan Panther, Josue Rivera, Julius Walkingstick, Kaydence Bradley-Davis, Kirk Reed, Kylan Panther, Lauren Arsana, Leland Sexton, McKyan Panther, Nocola Codynah, Sophia Rojas, Taylor Wildcat, Taytem Saunooke, Trigger Young, Zacchaeus Martinez-Arch.

**Merit Honor Roll** - Blake Sequoyah, Dominique Gonzalez, Elliott Wildcat, Hailey Winchester, Janyiah Rattler, Ko'dee Wolfe, Malachi Bird, Marissa Wilson, Peter Lopez, Taythone Larch, Tia Buchanan, Walker Sutton, Willa Goodson, Zadeki Pheasant

### 4th Grade

**Principal's Honor Roll** - Evie Welch, James Smith Jr., Jean Layno, Jessica Arsana, Kahmera Pheasant, Laylah Thompson, Lilly Lossiah, Meikka Pheasant, Rayden Locust, Thomas Tramper, William Hoyle, William Welch

**B Honor Roll** - Aliyah Watty, Cainyan Welch, Darian Jenkins, Darian Oocumma, Derick Owle, Dezmond Shelton, Drake Cruz, Dyani Standingdeer, Ernie Pheasant, Eva Hill, Ezekiel Welch, Felix Lossiah, Haley Locust, Houston

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**Merit Honor Roll** - Beau Wildcatt, Carter Bird, Houston Hornbuckle, Jarvis Brady, Sage Bark, Trennan Calhoun, William Ellwood

## Federal Poverty Guidelines as used by Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start

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8	\$44,120

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## **108th Cherokee Indian Fair Theme contest**

The Cherokee Welcome Center is now accepting entries for the 2020 108th Cherokee Indian Fair. You can go by the Welcome Center to pick up the form to submit your entry for the theme from 7:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or download it here. All Fair theme entries need to be submitted by Friday, Feb. 14. The winner will receive \$100.00. Info: Lisa Frady (828)359-6471

– *Cherokee Welcome Center*

## **Call to EBCI artists and collectors**

The Museum of the Cherokee Indians is putting a call out to EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) artists and collectors of Cherokee art for Cherokee masks for an upcoming exhibit. The masks must be made by a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. They can be contemporary or old masks. If the masks are coming from a collection, we will need certification or proof that they were made by an EBCI tribal member. The last day for submission will be Friday, Feb. 14. Info: Jennifer Wilson at Jenn.Wilson@CherokeeMuseum.org or 497-3481 ext.1014.

– *Museum of the Cherokee Indian*

## **Veterans sought for Honor Flight opportunity**

If you are a veteran of the Korean War or the War in Vietnam, and you would like to go on a one day trip to our Nation's Capital, Washington D.C., and visit the military memorials and monuments that are dedicated to you for military service with fellow veterans of that time period, then please speak up. This is a one-day flight from Asheville, hosted by the Blue Ridge Honor Flight, and is

at no cost to you. This guided tour is to honor you for your military service to this great nation. Info: Warren Dupree 508-2657

– *Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143*

## **Call for vendors for 23rd Annual Greening Up the Mountains**

The Greening Up the Mountains Festival, set for Saturday, April 25 in downtown Sylva from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., is a heritage arts festival that celebrates the arrival of Spring through both traditional and contemporary forms of Appalachian art, music, food, and beverage which honor our community and local artisans. The Greening Up The Mountains Festival is now in its 23rd year and is inviting applications from artisans and food vendors. The festival is sponsored by the Town of Sylva and the Main Street Sylva Association and typically enjoys crowds upwards 12,000 attendees and has 175 vendor booth spaces. In addition to a variety of arts, crafts, and food vendors, attendees can enjoy a 5k run, youth talent contest, beverage arts featuring local craft breweries, and live music throughout the day.

Applications will be accepted through March 15 and can be downloaded at [www.greeningupthemountains.com](http://www.greeningupthemountains.com). Info: Kendra Hamm, event coordinator, at [greeningupthemountains@gmail.com](mailto:greeningupthemountains@gmail.com)

– *Greening Up the Mountains*

## **National 2020 Census update**

The National 2020 Census Day is just around the corner - only 65 days away. The following is an update on what the residents of the Qualla Boundary, can expect:

The 2020 Census has already begun in Alaska and will begin soon in other areas in February. The process will begin with group

quarters such as: nursing homes, children's homes, jails, prisons, etc. Opportunities for employment with the 2020 Census will run until July. Pay rate is \$17.00 per hour plus mileage .58 per mile. Opportunities for full-time and part-time employment are available. To apply go to [2020census.gov/jobs](http://2020census.gov/jobs) to apply.

How will the 2020 Census work?

- By mid-March households will receive official 2020 Census information (not at your post office box). By April 1, every home should have received an invitation to participate in the census. In this information you will find a Census ID Number. You will be instructed to go to the census website, enter the ID Number, and complete the 2020 Census form. Keep in mind that everyone in your household must be counted. Young children (ages 0-4) are the most under-counted members of the population. Please include them. They count.

- You can respond online, by phone, or by mail.

- If you do not respond after receiving the first notice. You will receive another reminder with a Census ID Number. Once again, you will be encouraged to respond online, by phone, or by mail.

- If you do not respond after the second notice you will receive a paper form at your home, which you can complete and mail back to the census bureau. It will also include a Census ID Number, so if you chose not to submit the paper form you can still respond online or by phone.

- If you still do not respond to these efforts, then you can expect a visit from a census worker. Official Census workers should always identify themselves as an employee of the US Census Bureau.

No one from the Census Bureau should ask for your social security number, money or a donation, anything on behalf of a political party, credit card, or banking information. If they do, then this is a scam. Please report this to the US Census Bureau immediately!

Each year, the federal government distributes hundreds of billions of dollars to states and communities based on Census Bureau data. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians receives 10 percent in federal funding with some tribal programs receiving 70 to 100 percent in federal funds - Cherokee Central Schools receives 70 percent and Cherokee Indian Hospital 32 percent.

The 2020 Census Cherokee Committee will be hosting a 2020 Census "Kick-Off" Event on Thursday, April 2 beginning at 11 a.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Committee members will be available to assist individuals with responding to the census and answering any questions they may have. T-shirts will be given to those who show proof of participating in the 2020 Census. Community Garden Kits will also be given out by the EBCI Extension Center.

This information is submitted by the 2020 Census Cherokee Complete Count Committee. If you have any questions on the census or employment opportunities please contact any of the following committee members: Tammy Jackson, EBCI Cooperative Extension Center; Kim Smith, Census Bureau regional representative; Zena Rattler, Snowbird Library and Cherokee County; Adam Lambert, Qualla Boundary Public Library); Hope Huskey, Sequoyah Fund; Judith Welch, SW Council Agency on Aging; Melanie Lambert and Nakeysa Welch, Tribal



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo

**Following several days of hard rain and light snow** flurries yesterday, residents of Cherokee were greeted by this beautiful sunrise on the morning of Saturday, Feb. 8.



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo

**The Snow Moon**, the second full moon of the year, shines brightly over Cherokee on the evening of Saturday, Feb. 8.

Enrollment; William Maney, Tribal Childcare; Lisa Parker, BIA/Realty Office; Tamara Jackson, Tribal Housing; Kelsey Jackson, EOC Public Safety; Heather Owle and Stephanie Maney, EBCI Communications; and Jessica Winchester, Tammie Welch, Amanda Moore, Kelsey Owle, Cherokee Central Schools.

Info: Visit the group's Facebook page at: Census 2020 EBCI or go to 2020census.gov  
- 2020 Census Cherokee Complete Count Committee releasee

### Cherokee Day of Caring nominations sought

The Cherokee Day of Caring Committee is currently taking nominations for project now through Feb. 29 for this year's Day of Caring which is scheduled for Thursday, May 14. This day, otherwise known as Ga Du Gi or "Free Labor", consists of volunteers from different organizations coming together to help tribal members improve their homes, yards, gardens, or other buildings. Once nomination are received, the Committee will assess nominations

and select projects that can be completed within a six-hour window and that meet guideline specifications.

Nomination criteria: nominated person must be a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), and the residence must be located on one of the 10 EBCI communities.

To receive a nomination form, contact Deb Owle, Cherokee Preservation Foundation, 497-5550 or dowle@cpfdn.org.

- Cherokee Preservation Foundation

### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) appointment available

VITA prepares simple tax returns for free for individuals who make less than \$54,000 gross income, Elders (59.5+), and others who need general tax help. Appointment times are available and can be made through April 8. Please bring the following documents: tax forms (W2s, 1099s, etc.); one form of tribal, federal, or state photo ID for all family mem-

bers; banking information (account and routing number) if needed for refund; and previous year's tax returns if available.

The site location for this service will be the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office.

Info: Julie Wilnoty, site coordinator, 359-6938, juliwiln@nc-chokeee.com

- EBCI Cooperative Extension Office

### THANK YOU LETTER Thanks from family of Mouse

The family of Mouse (Deborah Thompson) wish to express appreciation to all who prayed for us, visited, gave hugs, brought food, sent flowers, and gave donations. Also special thanks to the doctors and nurses at Cherokee Indian Hospital emergency room and Memorial Mission Hospital, Cherokee United Methodist Church, Crisp Funeral Home, and the grave diggers. Your kind and thoughtful expression of caring is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.



## OBITUARIES

### Diamond Brown

Diamond Brown, of the Snowbird community, has Walked On, joining the Ancestors, following an altruistic life.

He was the son of Leona (Kalonahuskie) Brown and Sam Brown. Diamond was a beloved peace officer, serving for more than three decades on local, state and federal levels. He was best known for fairness, openness, wisdom and a deep love for his family, friends and community.

Diamond was the first Native American police chief of a Caucasian town, being highly respected by Cherokee and non-Cherokee. He bridged cultural and social divides through his official service and by setting an example in his personal life. Among his fondest memories as a

public servant was the task of directing school traffic. His natural flair for entertainment and his love for fellow humans came together in this action, giving him the beloved title of the "Dancing Officer."

Diamond's fairness and his desire to see all people happy naturally drew people to him seeking guidance, leadership and counseling. Known for his love of music, he was a talented musician, playing lead guitar for the original Singing Browns and his own band, The Snowbird River Band. He set an example of walking in the modern world while quietly keeping the traditions of his ancestors.

Diamond was preceded in death by his brothers, John and Wade, and his sons Merlyn and Diamond Jr.

Left to walk without Diamond are: his wife, Gayle; son, Verlyn (Nancy); daughters, Amy

Douglas (Joe), Emily Massey (Joseph), and Sandy Brown; sisters, Catherine, Louise and Anita; grandchildren, Brooke (Shawn), Natasha, Brandi (McKinley), Dakota (Benny), Wailayla (Greg), Norah and Ben; great-grandchildren, Wade, Karma, Shaylee, Hailey, Maisey, Celeste, Winter and Nayal; special friends who became family, heart-daughter Sophia, Katy, Ted and Joe; and many friends and extended family.

Diamond is to have one last tour of his beloved town and county with a police escort. A memorial service was held in the Snowbird gym, Wednesday, Feb. 5, open to the public. In lieu of flowers, cards and donations, please visit an Elder and listen to their stories. Let your greatest treasure share life with you.



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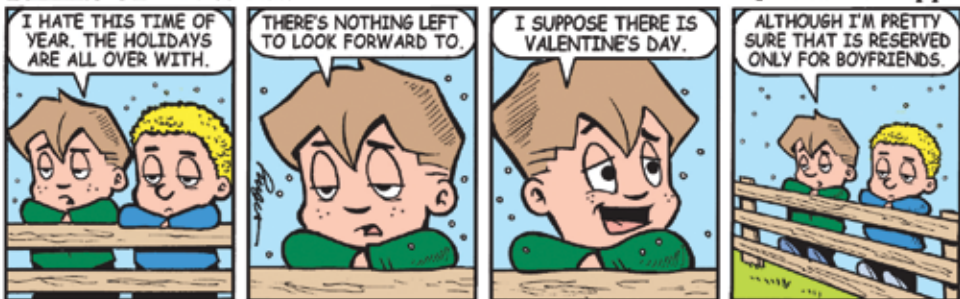
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is added. 2. Birdhouse is higher. 3. Sign is broken. 4. Downspout is added. 5. Glasses are removed. 6. Fence is broken.

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Docket entry
- 5 Heidi's range
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- 15 Madison's place
- 17 Exist
- 18 Ardor
- 19 Cuts into cubes
- 21 Extra
- 24 Rover's friend
- 25 Difficult
- 26 Hawk trainer
- 30 Carte lead-in
- 31 Eliot's Marnet
- 32 Rotation duration
- 33 Outwardly curved on both sides
- 35 Bouquet holder
- 36 Reed instrument
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- 38 Prenatal test, for short
- 40 — morgana
- 42 Island neckwear
- 43 Grayish metallic element
- 48 A Gershwin
- 49 Author Hunter
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- amount
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- 52 Force measure
- 53 Unseen hitch
- 9 Huge snakes
- 10 Bush opponent
- 11 Rams fans?
- 16 U.K. ref. bk.
- 20 Altar affirmative
- 21 Moby-Dick's pursuer
- 22 "The Persistence of Memory" painter
- 23 Severe
- 24 Linen source
- 26 Basketball team
- 27 Brewery product
- 28 Right on the map?
- 29 Deli loaves
- 31 Took a nap
- 34 Japanese sash
- 35 Food
- 37 Classic muscle car
- 38 Settled down
- 39 nembellished
- 40 Drescher or Lebowitz
- 41 Zits
- 44 Poison —
- 45 Charged bit
- 46 Portion of N.A.
- 47 "Family Guy" daughter

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- 1 Crow's call
- 2 Clay, now
- 3 "Help!"
- 4 Left an impression
- 5 Actress
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- 7 Missing
- 8 Omega pre-ceder
- 8 Municipal magistrates

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Which is the least-populated continent?
2. GEOLOGY: What metal is produced by refining the ore bauxite?
3. EXPLORERS: Where was explorer Marco Polo born?
4. ART: Which popular American artist referred to himself as "Painter of Light"?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the pH value of pure water?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of leopards called?
7. LITERATURE: What was the birth name of author Toni Morrison (a pseudonym)?
8. MOVIES: In which James Bond movie is the character of Jaws introduced?
9. HISTORY: Which country was home to the Contras guerilla force in the 1980s?
10. LANGUAGE: What is a truel?

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## COMMENTARY

# Welcome back off-Boundary media!

**ROBERT JUMPER**

ONE FEATHER EDITOR

**T**oday (Feb. 5) during Reports to Council, the Tribal Council seemed to come to an understanding concerning a year-long plus media "ban" of all media except for Cherokee One Feather staff in the Council Chambers during sessions.

The ban, while extending to all media-radio, television, and internet was the result of a confrontation between a reporter from the Smoky Mountain News and a Tribal Council representative. The Council representative asserted that they were misquoted, and the reporter asserted that the quotation was accurate. As the situation was discussed, a misunderstanding is the best way to describe the incident. The misunderstanding resulted in off-Boundary media being relegated to the waiting room outside the Council Chambers. Typically, this meant primarily the Smoky Mountain News reporter was relegated to the waiting room for most sessions (Council would grant "special permission" when there was a positive media event taking place in the Chambers). To be precise, there was also discussion by more than one Tribal Council representative and the Executive Office on some inaccuracies being reported by outside media which may have contributed to the ban discussion.

It seemed that the Council might be ready to allow a former practice to replace the ban. Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha said that a proper and respectable practice would be for any media to ask permission to be in Chambers during sessions. So, most of the Council seemed to be in favor of this course of action.

During the conversation, a few Council representatives engaged in some comparison assumption. They indicated that "some they talked to" wanted to know why the One Feather didn't cover the same stories that say, the Smoky Mountain News, reports. The answer is that we do not cover news in the same way or with the same staff. We operate under a different leadership standard and ethic. I am not assessing good or bad, right or wrong; just acknowledging the differences. For 55-plus years, the One Feather has been reporting from and for the community. There are stories that the Smoky Mountain News covers about our community that we do not and there are stories that the Cherokee One Feather covers in our community that the Smoky Mountain News does not.

To me, that is the importance of having multiple media outlets covering the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. While we have two of the best writers and journalists in the business working for us, they cannot possibly cover all the goings-on on the Boundary and those off the Boundary. And, when we in the media do cover the same story, it is a positive thing that we see and report the same facts from different perspectives.

As journalists, we are free speech and free press advocates. To the best of our ability, we want to provide information and access to information. The government, therefore, the information, belongs to the people of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. When the section of Chapter 75 of the Cherokee Code was established regarding a free press, they limited the protection of the press to "tribal media."

The One Feather staff has always been courteous in the execution of its

duties. We somehow got lumped into a catch-all statement that when seating is limited in the Chamber, that media neglects to step outside so that elders may have seats in Chambers. As I edge ever more closely to retirement, I surely appreciate the sentiment. But, I would submit that any able-bodied person who sees an elderly or handicapped person in need of a seat in the Chamber ethically should consider offering up their seat. I know the staff of the One Feather and can tell you that they all respect our elders and citizens of this community. Singling out the media as somehow particularly insensitive to the needs of our elders is misleading, to say the least.

There was discussion of revising the Free Press Act in Chapter 75, bringing more transparency through clear media and free speech rights to include all media. While this is a huge step in the right direction, equal attention needs to be given to the antiquated processes for the release of public documents and a lack of a structured public information officer system. In some cases, decision makers simply don't acknowledge receipt of a request as a reason for not providing requested documents. The press and citizenry should not be kept in the dark, passed over, or delayed because of structural deficiencies and outdated policies. An informed citizenry is an essential part of representative government.

I hope that if any revisiting of the Free Press Act takes place, that the One Feather Editorial Board, community, and knowledgeable members of press in Indian Country are tapped as resources for sound law with language that protects as well as sets boundaries for ethical coverage and documentation of Eastern Band history. Not because I lack confidence in our leadership, but because I know that they, along with the rest of the citizenry, want the best solutions based on the best information and expertise.

I want to thank him for and wholeheartedly concur with a remark made by Big Cove Representative Perry Shell. He said he would like to see articles stick to the facts and not be filled with journalist opinion. I have promoted that philosophy at the One Feather since my arrival eight years ago. Readers need both opinion pieces and factual articles, but they do not need, and it is not beneficial for them to receive

it, together in an article that does not distinguish between fact and opinion. Other than editorial, commentary, opinion letters, and, to some extent, sports and entertainment articles, our articles are as free from writer pundit commentary and skewing as possible.

We cover the Qualla Boundary and surrounding area in the way we think will provide the Tribe with the information they need and in accordance with the charge that the people give to the One Feather via Chapter 75 of the Cherokee Code. We are mindful of the sensitivities of our community because we live and work in the community. It is our primary focus. We don't just cover the big stories. We don't just cover the happy stories. We cover the stories of and for the Cherokee people. That is why you will not see the season's Cherokee high school sports coverage in any other publication except when they win a championship (except for a blurb on WLOS - thank you Stan). You will not see stories where the facts have not been substantiated in the One Feather either.

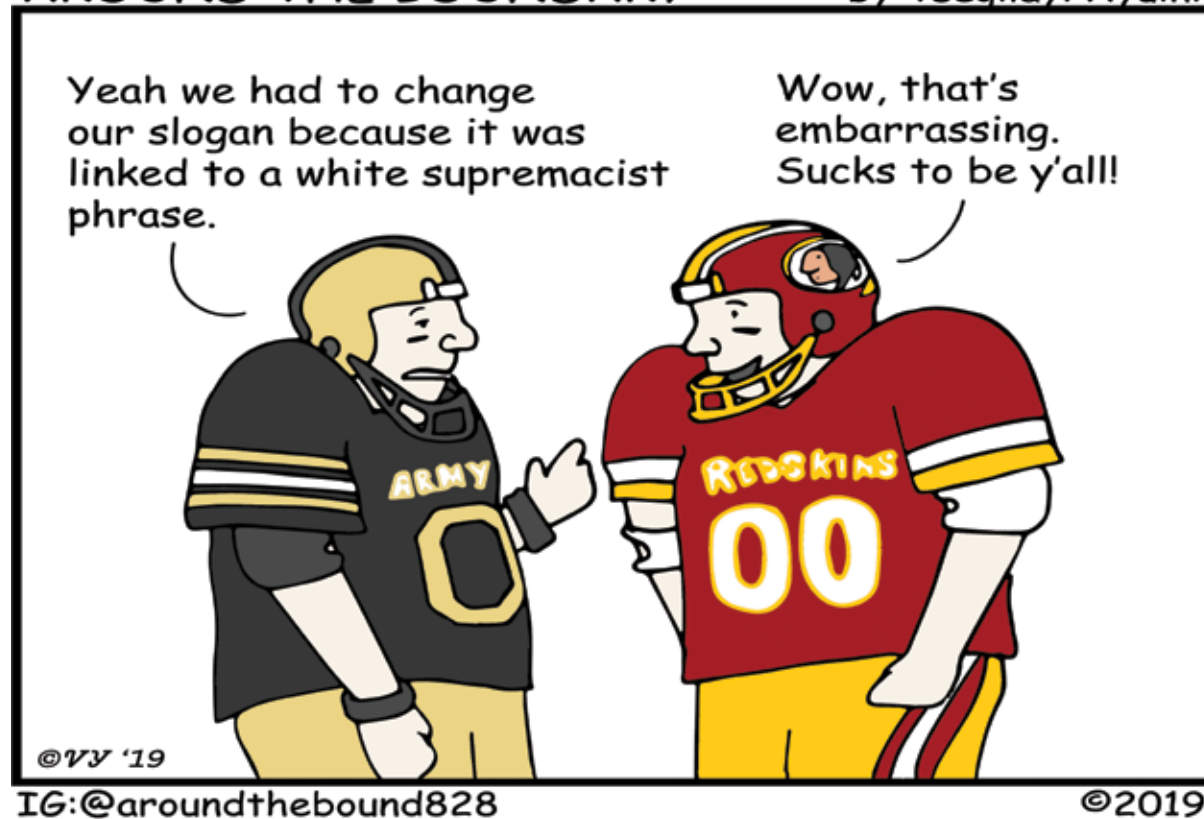
When I was in the tourism department, it used to be a running criticism of outside media that they only paid attention to us (the Eastern Band) when there was a suspicious death, catastrophic incident, or a scandal on the

Boundary. And while that is slowly changing, I think primarily because of the economic impact we have on the region, we will still not see the coverage from outside media that would inform members of the tribe day to day. Even so, having the outside media does help tribal members get a more complete picture of life on and off the Boundary.

Journalists will continue to disagree on ethics and slants. It's not a bad thing. It shows that we have commitment and passion for what we do. Even though I may disagree publicly with an editorial decision (some media professionals may disagree with mine), I still value and respect those professional history documenters called journalists. And whether on-Boundary media or off, we all play a role in keeping the people informed. So, welcome back to the Chambers off-Boundary media. And, to all our Tribal Council representatives, thank you for your wisdom and insight in this decision. I respect both those for and against. And because the representatives on both sides of the issue on Council spoke, we have a better understanding of what occurred to cause the Council action and how better to work with Council in the future to provide better service to the Tribal community and region.

## AROUND THE BOUNDARY

by Tsegilayi Ayuini





# Reply to One Feather Commentary: We are all getting older

**BLYTHE S. WINCHESTER, MD**

I am a geriatrician, a doctor who specializes in taking care of older people. According to the American Geriatrics Society, the US will need over 33,000 of us by 2025. Currently there are only 7,000 in this country, and only half of us are practicing full-time. We get trained to focus on function and independence in older people, to help provide person-centered care to enhance quality of life. It is not only because doing this is my path but because I am from here I believe that our elders, and tribal elders across the country, deserve the very best care, consideration, and respect.

I tell many of my patients what my Granny Kay used to say: “the only thing Golden about the Golden years is your pee”. I understand that aging can be difficult, and society is often not set up to fully support that process.

I appreciate Robert going over some of the risks and concerns associated with aging in the US. Being aware of abuse, your caregiving situation, and advance care planning are all important. However, it is also important to highlight the benefits and support our community has for elders. In addition to the legal assistance that was mentioned, we have tribal in-home care services, assistance with heat, senior trips and meals at Tsali Manor, transit, nutrition supplementation, an Alzheimer’s support group, and many others.

Many of the comments made in his article can contribute to this country’s problem with ageism. Ageism is stereotyping and/or discrimination based on some-

one’s age. Ageism can promote the negative ideas of aging, the “gut-wrenching” process Robert describes. Unfortunately, it is built into every aspect of our society. We buy “anti-aging” products, we describe memory problems as “senior moments”, and we call people “little old ladies” or “geezers”.

I want to encourage each and every person to re-frame your thoughts and perceptions about aging. Try to think of aging with an emphasis on strengths, achievements, potential, and skills rather than deficits.

Research shows that we are never too old to learn a new skill. On the contrary, as we age our ability to handle complexity increases. PET scans have shown that with aging, creative activity engages both hemispheres of the brain. In other words, wisdom and creativity continue until the very end of life. Let’s focus on the availability of activities and events that honor our elders and foster this creativity.

Social isolation is a problem for elders here as it is in other places. Please check on your family members and friends if you know he/she is alone and may need assistance. Even if you just spend time allowing him/her to reminisce that alone has been shown to be beneficial for memory and health for elders. Daily activities can be risky for elders and keeping your muscle strength through resistance exercises of some kind is extremely important. Focus on going to Ginger Lynn or lifting cans of beans in your home to preserve your muscle rather than thinking that “a routine walk from the bed to the bathroom might result in a

broken bone, a bruise and battered body, or a life-threatening situation”. Be careful and cautious, yes. Assume every activity has risk and could injure you, no. I hope that this re-framing comes across clearly, that assuming the worst about aging will contribute to your own aging in a negative way.

Do people who are aging have more arthritis and other medical conditions? Yes. And death is a reality that elders see around them and confront on a regular basis. But ageism shortens our lives. One study reported that older adults who held negative views about old age faced life expectancies that were, on average, seven and a half years shorter than those of their peers. All other types of discrimination have champions and activists who confront this and work to move our society forward. But, with ageism, the champions are the excellent elders in our community and those champions die.

I try to be a champion as much as possible and our tribe is made of them. Our core values support the idea of honoring our elders and supporting them with the language, our language, that we provide for each other in a sense of community/tohi/gadugi. I know that there are many of you out there who are ready to be champions too- please help me in changing the frame and ageism so rampant in mainstream society. We are not mainstream, and we can be different and better than the way others perceive aging. Celebrate our elders, encourage, support, lift them up, and include them.

*Dr. Winchester is a geriatrician at Cherokee Indian Hospital and*

*the chief clinical consultant for Geriatrics and Palliative Care at Indian Health Service.*

## Good Housekeeping

### Pepper and Egg Sandwiches

Add an instant taste of summer to savory winter dishes with a peck of bright peppers. When you can’t — or don’t have time to — grill them yourself, grab a 12-ounce jar off the pantry shelf, drain well and chop, and try them in this quick recipe.

- 1 large sweet onion, chopped
- 8 large eggs
- Red peppers
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 4 ounces (1 cup) provolone cheese, shredded
- 4 (6-inch) hero rolls

1. Spray a 12-inch nonstick skillet with nonstick spray; then heat on medium 1 minute. Add onion and cook, covered, 10 minutes or until lightly browned, stirring occasionally.

2. Meanwhile, in bowl, whisk together eggs, salt and pepper. Add red peppers to onion in skillet. Pour eggs over vegetables; cover and cook 8 minutes or until almost set, stirring occasionally. Sprinkle with provolone cheese; cover and cook 2 minutes or until cheese melts.

3. Spoon egg mixture into split hero rolls. Serves 4.

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## COMMENTARY

# The importance of voting in N.C. Primary Election

MARY HERR

This is the first year that North Carolina's primary election will be held on "Super Tuesday" on March 3. This election will determine which candidates will be on the ballot for the general election in November. Regardless of your party preference, it is very important that you exercise your right to vote. Are you willing to let 50 percent or less of the people choose which candidates will run in November? Many elections have been

won or lost by one or two votes so your vote is important. Your voice, your vote!

It is very important that enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians vote in this election. Decisions made at all levels of government (President and Congress in Washington, DC, General Assembly in Raleigh and County Commissioners, Courts, etc.) impact your daily lives. If you shop anywhere off the Qualla Boundary, you are paying state sales taxes. These amounts are determined by the county and state. If you are arrested off the Boundary, state laws apply and you will appear before a District Court or Superior Court judge who is elected. All federal laws passed by the US Congress directly impact

Cherokee people. Congress determines the amount of funding for Indian Health Service, education and many other programs that the EBCI depends upon to provide services.

You must vote in the primary for the party with which you are registered. If you are registered as Unaffiliated, you can vote in just one party's primary. That is, you can vote in the Democratic, Republican or Libertarian primary (but not in the Constitutional or Green party primary). There are many primary candidates for county, state and national offices. Sample ballots are available from your County Board of Elections offices.

Early one-stop voting where you can register and vote at the

same time is Feb. 13 – 29. Hours are 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays except for Feb. 15. A photo ID is not required to vote in this primary election. In Swain County, early voting for the primary can be done at the Swain Board of Elections office at 1422 Hwy. 19 South in Bryson City and at the Birdtown Gym in Cherokee. In Jackson County, early voting for the primary can be done at the Jackson County Board of Elections office at 876 Skyland Drive in Sylva, Wolfstown Gym in Cherokee, Cullowhee Rec Center in Cullowhee, Cashiers Rec Center in Cashiers, and at Western Carolina University in Room 210. For other counties, check with your County Board of Elections.



## Cherokee Veterans: We want to share your stories.

The Cherokee One Feather would like to share your stories in a column we call "Veteran's Corner". Send your written stories to Robert Jumper, editor, at [robejump@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:robejump@nc-chokeee.com). Or, if you prefer to sit down for an interview with one of our reporters, call 359-6482 (Robert), 359-6263 (Scott), or 359-6264 (Jonah).

Thank you for your service, and we look forward to hearing from you so we can share your stories of service with the entire community.





## COMMENTARY Counterpunching...

### Observations and random thoughts

WILLIAM LEDFORD

There are no football gods. My beloved Green Bay Packers needed 3 half's to beat the San Francisco 49ers in the NFC Championship but unfortunately most games only have two of them. No, I take that back, the Patriots are out so maybe there is a semi-benevolent football god after all. And its over, the KC Chefs beat the SF 49ers in the Sooper Bowl. I didn't watch much of this game because I was traveling and I made sure the mute button on my remote worked when I did because the Chefs fans were definitely be howling that stupid TV Cowboy and Indian movie chant they like to do. And I'm sure they waved foam tomahawks and wore goofy looking "authentic" turkey feather headdresses too. Why can't they be like the Raider fans and wear some really scary stuff and growl.

The MLB cheating scandal I talked about last time came to a sudden conclusion. The Houston Astros were found guilty of sign stealing. Albuquerque home town darling Alex Bregman has been awful quiet about all of this, so he's probably guilty. People, including the team managers from the Astros and the Red Sox and the Astros GM have been fired and suspended from baseball for lengthy periods of time. The Red Sox involvement doesn't surprise me as they hail from New England and we all know that the Patriots have no known scruples regarding cheating. Yes, Patriot fans, they do cheat because they've been caught doing it. Practice spying. Deflate-

gate. Bob Kraft and the massage parlor scandal. There's more but I don't have enough space to list all so there.

No surprise. I have issues with the Trump team, Kelly Anne, Sarah, Stephanie, Melania, Ivana Jr, and their explanations for Da Prez and his childish playground insult style of constant tweeting. They call this bizarre habit, "counter-punching". I actually have pictured this "stable genius" sitting on the toilet at 3 am, hard at Prez work following a massive McDonald's feast, furiously thumbing at his phone, hurling derogatory name calling and flinging childish insults at one and all. He has insulted Gold Star parents and 15 year old children as well as heads of state and leaders of Congress because...I dunno...because. His fans love this since, "that's what they would do". I'm sorry but don't we outgrow this type of behavior as we mature? I did. When I was 12. Counter-punching, at least to me, is having the grapes to go face to face with someone and discuss any differences of opinion, rationally. Now we have "counter-punching". Usually followed by 10 flushes of the toilet.

Which brings me to more of Trump's odd statements. At one of his rallies, among the topics he vented about, light bulbs that make one look orange, dead birds at windmills (?), toilet flushing was brought up. I guess being the "great environmentalist" that he is, he has a beef with lo-flo water saving toilets, don't ask me why. Use your own imagination. Anyway, he went on a demented rant about toilets that people have to flush 10 times. Then, in mid-rant, issued a verbal disclaimer to the effect that he wasn't referring to himself. I thought to myself, "Wow, he just owned the aftereffects of a partic-

ularly nasty fast food diet". I was immediately grossed out. Last view on Trump. As you know, he has been impeached by the House of Representatives. Like Andrew Johnson and Bill Clinton, he'll always be an impeached President. This week the Senate has voted to acquit him. He has claimed exoneration but nothing of the sort has occurred, he's just not being removed as President. It's now up to us. We have to remove him. Doesn't matter who it is, we have to vote for them in the next election.

Random thoughts. Hey you old-timers! Remember when there

were such things called "Indian cars"? They were usually the dependable family car or party car (cruise vessel) held together with duct tape and wire, sometimes missing a door or two, no rear seat and most times with a cracked windshield and always one or less headlights. An intrepid powwow singer from Oklahoma once made a popular 49 song called, "One-Eyed Ford." Remember that? Hey you old-timers! Remember 49s?

*Ledford is a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians currently residing in Albuquerque, N.M.*

## SYRINGE SERVICES PROGRAM

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

### WHEN

**Mondays: 9:00am—5:30pm**

**Tuesdays: 9:00am—5:30pm**

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- ♦ Community Syringe Disposal



## SPEAKING OF FAITH

# Holiness aligns us up with God

REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR  
CHEROKEE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS  
CHURCH

“Rejoice in the Lord Always: and again I say,  
Rejoice.

“Let your moderation be known unto all men.  
The Lord is at hand.

“Be careful for nothing: but in everything by  
prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let  
your requests be made known unto God.

“And the peace of God, which passeth all un-  
derstanding, shall keep your hearts and minds  
through Christ Jesus.

“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are  
true, whatsoever things are honest, whatso-  
ever things are just, whatsoever things are  
pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever  
things are of good report; if there be any vir-  
tue, and if there be any praise, think on these  
things.

“Those things, which ye have both learned,  
and received, and heard, and seen in me, do:  
and the God of peace shall be with you.”

Philippians 4:4-9 (KJV)

“As a man thinketh... so, is he,” stated  
Pastor Melton. “God is our Source, and He  
gives us many sources. He is Light and God is  
the Source of Light. God is also the Source of  
Life—even in test-tube babies. (He could right-  
ly say to us, ‘Get your own dirt.’ After all, He  
made Adam’s body from the earth.) If man-  
kind could do that on their own, why haven’t  
they? God is God of all, first! Go to Him—first!  
People who will put Him first, He will put them  
first. If you need someone to help you fix a flat  
tire, ask Him. He can send or direct someone  
to help you—He is God. How else would you  
do it? God has all the real Wisdom and facts.  
Evolution is just a theory!”

“Holiness demands the Glory. Holiness  
has everything to do with our relationship. Ho-

liness moves God as we obediently align with  
His Will. It’s the supply of the Spirit. We have  
holiness that realigns us with Him. In Philippi-  
ans 1:18-19, Paul says, ‘notwithstanding, every  
way, whether in pretense, or in truth, Christ is  
preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will  
rejoice. For I know that this shall turn to my  
salvation through your prayer, and the supply  
of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.’”

“Holiness (Christ-likeness) aligns us with  
God (His Will) not just His Mercy when we  
have been out of His Grace. He always shoots  
straight—hear God—or miss hearing Him.  
Sometimes Christians are most out of align-  
ment. The spotlight is on the Body of Christ  
and they must hear.

The leadership of my life is about Christ.  
The more important agenda is to take care of  
God’s agenda first. (Read verses 22 and 23.)  
To abide in the flesh is more needful for me  
(to choose) for you, as the Church still needs  
me. For we, the Church have not learned yet  
to talk ‘in Him’, walk ‘with/in Him’, but we  
should be working on it. There should be 24/7  
hours of Glory. God is able to use you—shake  
or break you—as the Triumphant Church.  
They must tell the devil, ‘there’s no place for  
you here!’ Church splits, swearing in Sunday  
school, shows us the devil comes to church on

Sundays. The Church should be saying, ‘not  
today!’ No fear—have Joy in the Lord. 1.  
God lives in you. 2. He is your Helper. ‘I can  
do all things through Christ...’ 3. We are not  
only filled, He brought us a lifetime Supply of  
The Glory. Cancer dies, the blind see, ‘open  
your ‘spout’ and let Him out’. Make it happen  
through Him and His infinite Supply. We have  
not yet tapped into the Supply of the Spirit,  
and we should be relying on that Supply daily!  
Always bring holiness for we must be aligned  
with God. Supply is aligned up with Him.  
Read John 14: 15-18.

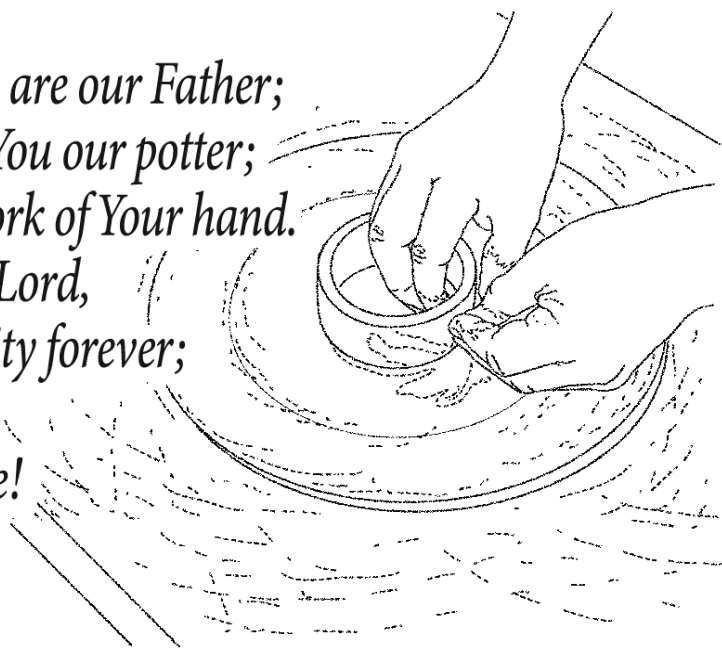
“Finally, believe truth. Seasons come and  
seasons go. Whatsoever things are true, be-  
lieve them. We believe line upon line, precept  
upon precept, those who refuse to believe must  
consider ‘truth’ foolishness. King Hezekiah  
believed the sign God asked him for when he  
was sick unto death. The sun’s shadow fell  
10 degrees backwards on his sundial. (Read 2  
Kings 20:1-11). God does not lie, so be honest,  
don’t lie or cheat. Put your mind on what’s  
true. Think pure thoughts. Whether you are  
40 or 75, He knows your last thoughts, those of  
times past, and right now. Bring every thought  
to the obedience of Christ Jesus. Rehearse  
your good reports given. Give Him praise! If  
He did a good thing before for you, He can do



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*But now, O Lord, You are our Father;  
We are the clay, and You our potter;  
And all we are the work of Your hand.  
Do not be furious, O Lord,  
Nor remember iniquity forever;  
Indeed, please look  
we all are Your people!*

ISAIAH 64:8,9



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# HAPPENINGS

## Benefits/Fundraisers

**Father-Daughter Sweetheart Dance. Feb. 14** at 6 p.m. at the Yellowhill Community Building. The cost is \$25 per father/daughter and includes dinner, dancing, photo, and one entry to door prizes. \$5 for additional daughter/father figure. This is a fundraising event for the New Year's Eve Pow Wow Committee. Info: Amanda 269-8063 or Crystal 736-5185

**Turkey Shoot. Feb. 15** at 3 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. Sponsored by "Big Injun Race Team". Good fun, good prizes, good benefits. All are welcome.

**Bingo & Auction Fundraiser for the Cherokee Speakers Council. Feb. 22** at 6 p.m. at

the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. This event is hosted by the Kolan-vyi Indian Ball Teams. Concessions will be available. Handmade crafts and baked good items for auction. All proceeds will go to the Cherokee Speakers Council (CSC) emergency fund. The CSC consists of all Cherokee fluent speakers. Info: Michelle Long 736-9852 or Bo Lossiah 736-4178

## Church Events

**Revival Meeting. Feb. 17-21** at 7 p.m. nightly at Waterfalls Baptist Church. Preaching by Coy Adams. All are invited.

**Hope for Cherokee event. March 25-28** at 6 p.m. nightly at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. This event is sponsored by the Cherokee Indian Baptist Associa-

tion and local churches. Evangelist Randy Bane.

## Cultural Events

**Cherokee Language Class. Thursday evenings** at 6 p.m. at the Macedonia Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The instructor will be Wiggins Blackfox.

**Pottery Class. Feb. 13-15 and Feb. 27-29** at 53100 Big Cove Road. Beginner, intermediate, and advanced welcome. This will be taught by Mary Ann Welch Thompson. Info: 497-5533, mary-anthompsonwelch@outlook.com

**Cherokee Artist Breakfast. Feb. 19** from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. This will be an update on the Cherokee Cultural Technology

Innovation Incubator. Food will be provided by the Sequoyah Fund. This event is being sponsored by the EBCI Division of Commerce, Chief Strategy Group, and the Sequoyah Fund.

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

**Cherokee Beadwork Class. March 14** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore, Tenn. The class will be taught by Betty Maney, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and the project will be a bracelet. The cost is \$15 for the class plus a kit fee of \$45 which includes a loom, beads, thread, and needle that students will be able to take home after the class. Bring a bag lunch, and the class is limited to eight students. This class is sponsored, in part, by the Tennessee Arts Commission ABC Grant. Info: Museum (423) 884-6246, [www.sequoyahmuseum.org](http://www.sequoyahmuseum.org).

## General Events

**Swain County Schools Native American Parent Meeting. Feb. 14** at 5:30 p.m. in the East Elementary cafeteria. A brief meeting will be followed by a Cherokee Language Valentine-themed Bingo game with prizes, Valentine's Day treats, and

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## WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL

### WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

FEB. 10-16, 2020

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
<b>Tuckaseigee River</b>	Stocked Tuckaseigee River in Webster Nov. 5 and 7 2019.	Mid-morning to afternoon	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout	Dark Winter Stone, Black Caddis, Blue Wing Olives, Midges	Pat's Rubber Legs, Pheasant Tail, Streamers size 2-10, Prince Nymph, Eggs and worms, Zebra Midge, and Sucker Spawn
<b>Chattooga &amp; Whitewater Rivers</b>	N/A	Mid-morning to afternoon	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	Dark Winter Stone, Black Caddis, Blue Wing Olives, Midges	Pat's Rubber Legs, Pheasant Tail, Streamers size 2-10, Prince Nymph, Eggs and worms, Zebra Midge, and Sucker Spawn
<b>Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River &amp; Small Streams</b>	N/A	Mid-morning to afternoon	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Brook Trout	Dark Winter Stone, Black Caddis, Blue Wing Olives, Midges	Pat's Rubber Legs, Pheasant Tail, Streamers size 2-10, Prince Nymph, Zebra Midge, and Sucker Spawn

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### BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, FEB. 10	TUESDAY, FEB. 11	WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12	THURSDAY, FEB. 13	FRIDAY, FEB. 14	SATURDAY, FEB. 15	SUNDAY, FEB. 16
BETTER	GOOD	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
1:46 AM-3:46 AM 2:14 PM-4:14 PM	2:41 AM-4:41 AM 3:08 PM-5:08 PM	3:34 AM-5:34 AM 4:00 PM-6:00 PM	4:26 AM-6:26 AM 4:52 PM-6:52 PM	5:17 AM-7:17 AM 5:43 PM-7:43 PM	6:09 AM-8:09 AM 6:35 PM-8:35 PM	7:02 AM-9:02 AM 7:28 PM-9:28 PM

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### Swain County Democratic Party Whittier/Cherokee Annual Precinct meeting.

**Feb. 15** at 10 a.m. at the Chestnut Tree Inn. Feel free to come early for a Dutch-treat breakfast buffet. Agenda will include selecting delegates for the county convention and collecting money for sustaining fund. Info: 497-9498

**Swain County Democratic Party Almond Annual Precinct meeting. Feb. 15** at 10 a.m. at Southwestern Community College at 60 Almond School Road in Bryson City. Agenda will include selecting delegates for the county convention and collecting money for sustaining fund. Info: Luke, Calhoun House Hotel, 488-1234

**Jackson County Republican Party meeting. Feb. 17** at 6:30 p.m. at the Republican Headquarters Office at 52 Front Street in Dillsboro. All meetings are open to Republicans, unaffiliated, and conservative voters. Info: Jackson County Republican Chair Ralph Slaughter 743-6491 or Jim Kay, vice precinct chair, 743-0910

**MANNA Food Bank Community Market. Feb. 18** from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cherokee

Indian Fairgrounds. Free grocery staples, produce, and other perishables from MANNA Food Bank. Bring bags if you can. This is being held in partnership with the Cherokee Tribal Food Distribution Program. Info: (800) 820-1104, MANNAFoodBank.org

**Backyard Ramp Patch Giveaways. Feb. 19** from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office in Cherokee. **Feb. 20** from 12 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Cherokee County Community Center. **Feb. 20** from 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the Snowbird Community Center. The purpose of the Backyard Ramp Patch Project is to increase the availability of this important, cultural food by encouraging Cherokee families to plant ramp patches close to home. Info: 359-6928

**Jackson County Republican Cashier/Glenville Precinct meeting. Feb. 20** at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW Post at 4012 Highway 107 N in Glenville. All meetings are open to Republicans, unaffiliated, and conservative voters. Info: Jackson County Republican Chair Ralph Slaughter 743-6491 or Jim Kay, vice precinct chair, 743-0910

**Cherokee Business Training.**

**Feb. 27-28** from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at the Ginger Lynn Welch Large Conference Room. The cost for the event is \$65 and includes book and lunch both days. Register at: [bit.ly/CBT-Feb-2020](https://bit.ly/CBT-Feb-2020). Info: Sabrina Arch 359-6708 or [sabrarch@nc-cherokee.com](mailto:sabrarch@nc-cherokee.com)

**Maverick's Tsalagi Sunshine (MTS) Memorial Rock Painting. Feb. 29** from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Oconaluftee Island Park Pavilion #4 (closest to the Open Air Market). In honor of

Maverick Sampson, MTS invites everyone to join them in remembering and honoring lost loved ones with painting rocks "to express our love or grief". Rocks, brushes, and paint will be provided to guests upon arrival.

### 27th Annual Organic Growers School Spring Conference.

**March 6-8** at Mars Hill University in Mars Hill. There are various tracks to take at the conference including: Community Food, Cooking, Earth Skills, Beginning



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) All that flattery and fawning shouldn't affect any decision you have to make. Keep your focus on the facts and ignore all the hyperbole, especially if it gets uncomfortably personal.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine instincts are on the mark about that "favor" you're being asked to do. Agree to nothing unless you get a full explanation — which you would check out first, of course.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A somewhat unsettled recent period should give way to a smoother time going through the week. Use this quieter time to catch up on matters you might have had to let slide.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Feeling a little confused is understandable with all those mixed messages. Take time to list the questions you have. Then present them and insist on answers that make sense.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Cupid can be very helpful for Lions seeking a love connection. The chubby cherub also brings warm and fuzzy feelings to paired Leos and Leonas who already share a special love line.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Travel is favored this week, whether you'll be globe-trotting or taking a trip to a nearby getaway. You might be surprised (or maybe not) by who wants to be your traveling companion.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Getting advice on your next business-related move is a good idea, but only if your advisers are trustworthy. Get references that you can check out before you make any decisions.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Getting a boost in your self-esteem is one benefit that comes with a job well done. There are other pluses as well, including being noticed by all the right people. Good luck.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Make time to deal with family matters, especially where they concern your elderly kinfolk. Being there for them from the start can help resolve problems sooner rather than later.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Getting a project started can often be difficult. But the good news is that you won't want for lack of assistance from colleagues who would like to work with you. So, let them!

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A lot of work-related issues might be raised this week, and you need to be prepared for whatever comes along. Things should be easier when it comes to matters in your private life.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) What might appear to be a much unwanted change in your life right now could turn out to be a very welcome event after all. Give yourself a chance to see where it might take you.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You exercise your strong leadership qualities well, which is why people believe in you and feel reassured by you.

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**Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) Spring Employment Expo. March 19-20** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds multi-purpose building. Info: 359-6421, [tero2@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:tero2@nc-chokeee.com)

## Health Events

**Strong & Healthy Heart Community Event. Feb. 11** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Ginger Lynn Welch Community Room. Free health screenings (blood pressure, blood sugar, BMI), fitness demonstrations, cooking demonstrations, on-site dietician and provider, fitness and health class information, and door prizes. This event is being sponsored by Tsalagi Public Health and Cherokee Choices.

## Sports Events

**PREP BASKETBALL: Big Smoky Mountain Conference Tournament. Feb. 13-21** at Rosman High School in Rosman. Check the One Feather Facebook page for brackets and game times.

**WCU Catamount Basketball EBCI Appreciation Night. Feb. 22** at the Ramsey Center. Women's Basketball at 5 p.m., Men's at 7:30 p.m. WCU Senior Night including Cherokee High School Alum Jason McMillan.

Youth 12 years old and younger receive free admission with their youth jersey. Tickets: \$5. Tribal discount discounts are only available at the WCU Cherokee Center until Feb. 21. Info: WCU Cherokee Center 497-9720 or [snsampson@wcu.edu](mailto:snsampson@wcu.edu)

**West vs Midwest 1A All-Star Basketball Games. March 21** at the Charles George Memorial Arena. The girl's game will start at 5 p.m. followed by the boys at 6:30 p.m. Admission to the games is \$7. Info: Dr. Bud Black, director, (704) 435-2542, (704) 898-5208, [westmidwestgames@aol.com](mailto:westmidwestgames@aol.com)

## Upcoming Pow Wows for February 2020

*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.*

**Thunder on the Beach Pow Wow and Native American Experience. Feb. 14-16** at Indian River County Fairgrounds in Vero Beach, Fla. Host Northern Drum: Medicine Horse. Host Southern Drum: Ottertrail. Info: (772) 519-7888, [www.FIHA.us](http://www.FIHA.us)

**Spirit of the People Family Day Pow Wow. Feb. 15-16** at Chilliwack Secondary School in Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada. MC: Chris Wells. Host Drum: Wild River. Info: (604) 845-5234

**Honoring Our Elders Winter Wacipi. Feb. 21-23** at Treasure Island Resort & Casino Event Center in Welch, Minn. Info: Natalie Nielson (952) 412-3315, [nlwnielson@gmail.com](mailto:nlwnielson@gmail.com)



## Trip to Vet Stresses Pet

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** My poodle mix, "Jester," is a sweet and energetic dog — until it's time to go to the vet. When the carrier kennel comes out, he begins to tremble and whine, and resists being put in. He is always very stressed at the vet office. How can I help him be less scared about visiting the vet? — *Sarah in Chicago*

DEAR SARAH: You're not alone in this. Many pets get extremely anxious when they have to go to the veterinarian, and it can be a stressful experience for the owner, too, who knows their pet is so worried and stressed out.

Talk to the vet for suggestions and strategies to minimize your dog's anxiety on the way to the office.

The day before Jester's checkup, call the vet's office and remind them that your dog will need extra TLC during the visit. This way, the vet is prepared, too.

Spend time desensitizing Jester to the carrier cage. This will take a while but will make it easier to place him into the cage for any trip — not just the vet visit.

Jester strongly associates the carrier with vet visits. You need to help him associate it with other things, like fun and treats. Bring the carrier out periodically and sit next to it, placing Jester's favorite toy nearby. Don't force him into it or, really, do anything — just have the carrier cage out while you go about your day. Each time he approaches the carrier calmly, without barking or trembling, give Jester a little treat. Ideally, you want him to climb freely into the carrier, expecting a treat.

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1. Name either of the starting pitchers before Chris Sale and Jacob deGrom in 2018 to face each other with a sub-2.00 ERA and at least 100 innings pitched for that season. (Hint: The year was 1985.)

2. Washington Nationals rookie Juan Soto set a record in 2018 for the youngest player (19) to steal three bases in a game. Who had been the youngest?

3. Minnesota's Adam Thielen tied an NFL record in 2018 by having eight straight games of at least 100 receiving yards. Who else holds the mark?

4. When was the last time before 2019 that a first-time men's basketball champion was crowned in the NCAA Tournament?

5. The Detroit Red Wings swept the Stanley Cup Finals two consecutive years (1997 and 1998). Name either team the Red Wings beat.

6. Name the only driver other than Lewis Hamilton and Sebastian Vettel to win the Formula One season championship between 2010 and 2019.

7. Entering 2020, how many of tennis star Serena Williams' 23 grand slam titles were won in the decade of 2010-2019?

## Answers

1. Dwight Gooden and John Tudor.

2. Rickey Henderson was 20 years, 241 days old when he did it for Oakland in 1979.

3. Detroit's Calvin Johnson, who did it in 2012.

4. It was 2006 (the University of Florida).

5. The Philadelphia Flyers in 1997 and the Washington Capitals in 1998.

6. Nico Rosberg, in 2016.

7. She won 12, with four of them at Wimbledon.

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**6th Annual Princess Place Pow Wow. Feb. 22-23** at Princess Place Preserve in Palm Coast, Fla. MC: Rick Bird. Host Drum: Medicine Tail. Info: (386) 313-4144, [www.flaglercounty.org](http://www.flaglercounty.org)

**2nd Annual Arizona Two Spirit Pow Wow. Feb. 29** at the Performing Arts Center Amphitheater at the South Mountain Community College Campus in Phoenix, Ariz. Info: Iann Austin (520) 610-6004, [TwoSpiritPowWowAZ@gmail.com](mailto:TwoSpiritPowWowAZ@gmail.com)

### **Support Groups**

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

### **Analenisgi Recovery Center weekly schedule**

Mondays  
Be Assertive, Not Aggressive: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.  
Parents Supporting Parents: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Acceptance (open to community): 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Tuesdays  
Abstract Recovery: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
Strong Hearts: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Life Recovery (open to community): 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Wednesdays  
W.R.A.P. Class: 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.  
Creative Writing: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Adulting 101: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.  
Communication 101: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

We Belong – Two Spirit (open to community): 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Peacemaking Support Circle (open to community): 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Thursdays  
Life Recovery (open to community): 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
Putting off Procrastination: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Radical Acceptance: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Healthy Boundaries: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Fridays  
W.R.A.P. Class: 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.  
Creative Recovery: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Depression and Anxiety: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.  
All classes are open to clients of Analenisgi. Classes open to the community are noted. Info: 497-6892

**CIHA Bariatric Support Group** meets every second Thursday of the month at Cherokee Indian Hospital from 12-1pm in the Soco Gap Training Room. Groups are led by registered dietitians. Info: CIHA Nutrition Dept. – Nilofer Couture 497-9163 ext. 6459, Linda Johnson ext. 6317, Chrystal Frank ext. 6806, or Jean Walborn ext. 7569

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

**Cherokee Alzheimer's Support Group** meets the first Tuesday of every month 1 p.m.

at In-Home Care Services in the Beloved Women's & Children's Center second floor). This group is presented by The Alzheimer's Association Western Carolina Chapter. Info: 359-6860

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

**Life Recovery Tsa La Gi Bible-based 12-Step** meets on Tuesdays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Analenisgi.

**Recovery Bible Study, One Step to Jesus** will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Christian Acts Church at 257 East Alasaka Road in Bryson City. All are welcome to participate in a safe, encouraging environment. It is for any addiction or spiritual or emotional healing need. Info: Pastor Melanie 488-2432

### **Community Clubs**

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

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

**Birdtown Community Club** meets the last Thursday of each

month at 6pm at the Birdtown Community Building. Potluck starts at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6pm. Chairman: Stephan Watty, Vice Chairman: Joi Owle, Treasurer: Deb Slee. Secretary: Sasha Watty. The community building is available for rent.

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

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


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

**Yellowhill Community Club** meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Yellowhill Activity Center unless it's a holiday. Officers: Keredith Owens, chairperson; Reuben Teesatuskie, vice chairperson; Virginia Johnson, secretary; Dawn Arneach, treasurer. Info: Virginia Johnson 788-8659

***Happenings listings are FREE of charge. Submit your event information to Scott at [scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com) or message us at the One Feather Facebook page.***



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For Lease - 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Fireplace, washer/dryer. One-year lease. No pets. \$450/month, \$100 deposit. First month may be free. Please call me so we can discuss terms (828) 341-1939

Business Opportunity - Building for lease, formerly known as Motion Makers Bike Shop. Located at corner of Saunooke Village in Cherokee, N.C. For information, call Charles Saunooke (828) 506-3646. 2/19pd

## FREE

Free gospel books! (Malachi 4:5 and Revelations 10:7.) Are you searching and hungering for more of the Living God? Then, there is more for you! Send for your free books at P.O. Box 1894, Beaufort, S.C. 29901 UFN

## FOR SALE

Daycare for Sale - Great business opportunity. Only serious inquires

please. No confidential records or information will be given until closing of the sale. Call for more details. Children already enrolled and established; staff will stay if needed. (828) 507-9009. 2/19pd

German Shepherd puppies for sale, ready in 2wks. (828) 341-5552. 2/12


## SERVICES

Taxes by Sandi - Due to uncontrollable circumstances, I will not be doing taxes this year. Sorry for the inconvenience. 2/19


## YARD SALES


Granny's Kitchen Yard Sale - Feb. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, and 22. Cash only. 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.


Indoor Yard Sale. Feb. 28 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Feb. 29 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. This is a benefit for the NAIWA Cherokee Chapter. Indian dinners will be served starting at 11 a.m. on Feb. 28. Breakfast will be available on Feb. 29. Spaces for the yard sale are available at \$10/day. Info: Lucile Wolfe 497-0271 or 736-5285





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## Tribal Employment Rights Office February Jobs Listing

*The TERO Office is please to provide the following jobs listing for the Cherokee area. We ask that when applying for any of these jobs, to please reach out to us to enroll in our Job Bank. We are located in the GLW – TERO Suite (810 Aquoni Rd – Suite 190) Cherokee, NC.  
Thank you and Good Luck on your job search!*

### Local Job Openings for February 2020:

**C.I.C. Technologies, Inc.:** electricians, electrician helpers, and voltage technicians. The phone number is (828) 497-3315.

**Chestnut Tree Inn:** housekeeping and breakfast cook. The phone number is (828) 497-9181.

**Hampton Inn:** 4 housekeepers. The phone number is (828) 497-3115.

**McDonald's:** 3rd Shift from 8pm-4am. The phone number is (828) 497-3535.

**Arby's:** cashiers and cooks. The phone number is (828) 497-9613.

**Taco Bell:** manager. The phone number is (828) 497-1440.

**Pizza Hut:** all positions. The phone number is (828) 497-5600.

**Subway:** night shift. The phone number is (828) 497-1268.

**Waffle House:** accepting applications now. The phone number is (828) 497-6226.

**Wendy's:** 10 crew members, 1 restaurant manager, and 1 shift leader. The phone number is (828) 497-1277.

**FedEx Warehouse in Bryson City:** package handler. The phone number is (800) 463-3339.

**Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort:** front desk clerk. The phone number is (828) 497-7777.

**Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort:** front desk concierge. The phone number is (828) 497-8550.

**KFC:** shift supervisor, cashier, cleaner, cook, packer. The phone number is (828) 497-9444.

**Burger King:** 5 crew members. The phone number is (828) 497-6120.

**Cherokee Central Schools:** media coordinator and high school English teacher.

**Harrah's Cherokee Casino:** now hiring. For the list of job openings, please visit the following website: <https://aa081.referrals.select-minds.com/HCCR/jobs/search/197556>

**Food Lion:** 1 for market, 2 for deli, and 2 for front (cashiers). The phone number is (828) 497-4743.

**Shoe Show:** 2 workers. The phone number is (828) 497-8918.

**Family Dollar:** 3 workers part-time. The phone number is (828) 497-9099.

**Domino's Pizza:** 2 for customer service, 1 manager, 1-day time driver, 3-nighttime drivers. The phone number is (828) 497-5500.

**Temporary Census Taker:** for the United States Census 2020. Apply online at [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs)

**VOC:** Reception, Contracts Manager, and Financial Coordinator.

**Yogi in the Smokies:** 6 Housekeeping Positions. Bill Walters (828)-497-9151.

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[tero2@nc-cherokee.com](mailto:tero2@nc-cherokee.com)



## EMPLOYMENT

### Hiring at Vocational Opportunities of Cherokee:

Full-time Finance Coordinator  
(Bookkeeper)  
Part-time Outreach Worker  
Temporary Full-time Receptionist  
(2 Positions)  
Call 828-497-9827 for information,  
or apply at [www.cherokeevoc.org](http://www.cherokeevoc.org). Indian Preference does apply.  
**2/12pd**

## LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina Estate  
File No. 19-076

### In the Matter of the Estate of Lizzie Sequoyah Poe

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

Stacy Fouts, P.O. Box 1020, Cherokee, NC 28719. **2/12pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina Estate  
File No. 20-001

### In the Matter of the Estate of Velma Wolfe Taylor

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

James D. Taylor, 801 Indian Creek Road, Cherokee, NC 28719.  
**2/19pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina Estate  
File No. 19-113

### In the Matter of the Estate of John Douglas Bird Sr.

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

Darlene Lossiah, 23 Booger Thompson Dr., Cherokee, NC 28719. **2/19pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina Estate  
File No. 19-119

### In the Matter of the Estate of Alexander Hornbuckle

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

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

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

Alexander Hornbuckle Jr., 705 West Locust Street, Tecumseh, OK 74873 and Buddy Allen Hornbuckle, P.O. Box 276, Cherokee, NC 28719. **2/26pd**

## NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CHEROKEE COURT  
FILE NO. SP-19-059

IN RE: T.L.T., a minor child born 12/31/2018

TO: SHAUL LEVY, FORMER SPOUSE OF MINOR CHILD'S MOTHER

TAKE NOTICE THAT a pleading seeking relief and naming you as a respondent has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is:

LEGITIMATION OF MINOR CHILD T.L.T., a male juvenile born to your former spouse on Dec. 31, 2018 in Haywood County, North Carolina  
Filed November 21, 2019 in The Cherokee Court, Cherokee, North



CHEROKEE INDIAN  
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## Closing Thursday, February 13, 2020

Optical Assistant  
EMR Systems Engineer I  
Closing Thursday, February 20, 2020  
Bookkeeper  
Sterile Processing Technician - PTR  
Case Management Support – Primary Care

## Open Until Filled

Master Level Therapist/Family Safety  
Master Level Therapist - Child  
Medical Lab Technician  
Medical Technologist  
Dental Assistant II (2 positions)  
Master Level Therapist – grant position  
Cultural Coordinator - Kanvwtiyi  
Dietary Services Supervisor (Multiple)  
Medical Social Worker – Primary Care  
Provider network Manager – MCO  
Director of Managed Care

RN – Tsali Care Center (multiple)  
PTI RN – Tsali Care Center (multiple)  
RN Supervisor – Tsali Care Center (Multiple)  
PTI LPN – Tsali Care Center  
Licensed Practical Nurse – Tsali Care Center  
Certified Medication Aide – Tsali Care Center  
PTI CNA Medication Aide – Tsali Care Center (multiple)  
Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care Center (multiple)  
PTI Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care Center  
PTI RN – Inpatient  
RN – Inpatient  
Psychiatrist – Inpatient/Outpatient  
Physician – Emergency Room  
Physician – Primary Care

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

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

Carolina.

A written answer to the petition must be filed with the clerk of The Cherokee Court within 40 days of the first publication of this Notice of Service of Process by Publication. You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than March 9, 2020. Your failure to do so may result in the Petitioner receiving the relief he seeks.

This the 23rd day of January, 2020.  
By Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc.,  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
P.O. Box 426, Sylva, NC 28779  
(828) 586-8931

2/12pd

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**  
EBCI THE CHEROKEE COURT

CHEROKEE, NC

FILE NO.: \_CV 19-701

MARIO ESQUIVEL v. KAMI E.  
ESQUIVEL COREY ALLEN OWLE  
TO: Kami E. Esquivel and Corey  
Allen Owle

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is child custody. You are required to make defense to this pleading not later than March 9, 2020 said date being 40 days from the first date of this publication, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This is the 29th day of January 2020.  
Mario L. Esquivel  
Shira Hedgepeth, plaintiff's attorney, P.O. Box 514, Cullowhee, NC

28723

(828) 585-5044, (828) 554-0217  
N.C.G.S. \_1A-1, Rule 4(j1).  
2/12pd

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**  
EBCI THE CHEROKEE COURT  
CHEROKEE, NC

FILE NO.: \_18-279  
CASSIDY KOLONAHESKIE  
(plaintiff's name) v. KENNETH  
ROACH v. KELLI WALKING-  
STICK AND JACK WACHACHA  
TO: Kenneth Roach

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is child custody. You are required to make defense to this pleading not later than March 9, 2020 said date being 40 days from the first date of this publication, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This is the 29th day of January 2020.

Kellie Walkingstick and Jack Wachacha  
Shira Hedgepeth, plaintiff's attorney, P.O. Box 514, Cullowhee, NC  
28723

(828) 585-5044, (828) 554-0217  
N.C.G.S. \_1A-1, Rule 4(j1).

2/12pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina Estate  
File No. 19-118

**In the Matter of the estate of  
Quincy Watty**

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 PUBLI-  
CATION

Evangelene M. Watty-Hyatt, 32  
Rachel Watty Road, Cherokee, NC  
28719. 2/19pd

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**  
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
In the Tribal Court

In the Matter of K.C., A Minor  
Child, File No. CVJ 19-026  
TO: The Unknown Father of  
Minor Child K.C.

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled juvenile action. The nature of the relief being sought is the adjudication and disposition of a petition alleging the minor child, K.C., born on June 7, 2010, is a dependent child, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on June 27, 2019. A court order from the Cherokee Tribal Court directing that service of process on you take place by publication was entered on January 29, 2020. You may know the mother of the minor child by the name of Amber Crowe.

You must answer or otherwise respond to the pleading within forty (40) days of the date of first publication of this Notice. If you fail to answer or otherwise respond within the time prescribed, the matter will proceed to adjudication and disposition. If you are not already represented by appointed counsel, you are entitled to appointed counsel in this matter, and to that end, provisional counsel will be appointed for you in this matter, and the appointment of provisional counsel shall be reviewed by the court at the first hearing after service of process in this matter.

**Puzzle Answers**



ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Amos; 3) Pharaoh; 4) Ezekiel; 5) Philadelphia; 6) House



1. Antarctica
2. Aluminum
3. Venice, Italy
4. Thomas Kinkade
5. 7
6. A leap
7. Chloe Ardelia Woffard
8. "The Spy Who Loved Me"
9. Nicaragua
10. A fight between three people

**— King Crossword —**  
Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

C	A	S	E	A	L	P	S	A	G	E
A	L	O	T	N	O	S	Y	N	O	W
W	I	S	C	O	N	S	I	N	A	R
H	E	A	T	D	I	C	E	S		
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H	A	R	D	F	A	L	C	O	N	E
A	L	A	S	I	L	A	S	D	A	Y
B	I	C	O	N	V	E	X	V	A	S
O	B	O	E	G	I	S	T	S		
A	M	N	I	O	F	A	T	A		
L	E	I	Z	I	R	C	O	N	I	U
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**— Weekly SUDOKU —**  
Answer

3	8	7	9	6	1	4	2	5
1	2	9	5	7	4	8	6	3
5	4	6	2	8	3	9	1	7
4	7	5	1	9	2	6	3	8
2	1	8	6	3	5	7	9	4
6	9	3	7	4	8	1	5	2
8	5	4	3	1	6	2	7	9
9	6	2	8	5	7	3	4	1
7	3	1	4	2	9	5	8	6



You are advised to IMMEDIATELY contact the Clerk of Tribal Court for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians at (828) 359-6213, to obtain further information about this case, including a copy of the pleadings filed herein and the date(s) and time(s) of scheduled hearings.

First published this the 5th day of February 2020.

Sybil G. Mann  
Family Safety Program Attorney  
P.O. Box 455  
Cherokee, N.C. 28719  
(828)359-1559  
N.C. Bar No. 16729  
**2/26pd**

#### **BIDs, RFPs, etc.**

#### **RFQ – 4-Co & Center for Craft**

4-Co Collaborative & the Center for Craft seek a contractor to build and fabricate an approx. 265

SF parklet in front of the Center for Craft at 67 Broadway Street in downtown Asheville. Constructed mostly from wood and steel, the parklet project has unique design and installation constraints as the first parklet in a NCDOT right of way. Project scope includes pre-construction design and detailing assistance from a contractor + steel fabricator team while also providing for the fabrication, assembly, and installation of curved steel elements and connections to wood elements.

We anticipate pre-construction to begin April 8, 2020 with construction beginning October 2020. Phase 1: pre-construction services working with the Center for Craft and 4-CO Collaborative providing budget estimates, value engineering, and constructability reviews. Phase 2: General Contractor and

Steel Fabricator team contract with the Center for Craft via a Design/Build Contract for final drawings and implementation. We are now accepting quotes for this project; please send all information and questions to Joel Osgood at joel@4costudio.com. **2/12pd**

#### **Project Title:**

#### **Adams Creek Restoration (Swain County, NC)**

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Natural Resources Department is requesting separate sealed proposals for the services of a qualified engineering firm with experience in stream restoration projects for the purpose of conducting an in-stream channel restoration planning project on Adams Creek.

The project area is located on Adams Creek Road (NC-19) in Cherokee, North Carolina. An estimated 600 linear feet of stream-bank restoration/stabilization and native planting installation is planned to be restored utilizing natural channel design principles. Project components also include stabilizing and protection for two sections of eroded bank, providing enhanced aquatic habitat, and providing native vegetation for further stabilization and habitat enhancement. The proposed project is within a floodplain that is heavily impacting property owners. The culvert upstream is the limit of the stream restoration project. Prospective bidders must be familiar with project location, stream restoration techniques and construction practices. We are currently seeking engineering-design service proposals to meet stream restoration objectives at the aforementioned site. Site visits and field assessment opportunities will be provided to any qualified contractor upon request. Contact

Dylan Rose at (828) 736-0578 or by email at dylarose@nc-cherokee.com for further questions. Proposal packages should be addressed to Mr. Rose at the address above and must be received by 11:00 AM, March 20th, 2020 at which time bids will be opened in accordance with TERO procedures. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Please be advised that Indian Preference (TERO) regulations apply for award and execution of this contract. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Dylan Rose at (828) 736-0578 or by email at dylarose@nc-cherokee.com.

For more information please visit <https://cherokeenaturalresources.com/adams-creek-rfp/> to access the full Adams Creek Stream Restoration Project RFP. **3/4pd**

#### **Vannoy Construction is pleased to announce the upcoming Subcontractor Outreach Event!**

Cherokee Central School  
Renovations and Additions  
&

Jacob Cornsilk Community Center  
Project Presentation and Subcontractor Outreach will be held  
Friday February 21st, 2020  
Time: 2:00PM – 3:00PM  
Location: The Exhibit Hall  
Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds  
545 Tsali Blvd  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
Vannoy Construction invites all  
certified TERO/HUB/MBE  
Subcontractors and Vendors to  
attend.

Refreshments will be provided

For more information email  
or call: rhonda.sawyer@jrvannoy.com  
828-575-1300. **2/12pd**

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**Employment**  
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*Cherokee Fairgrounds Multi-Purpose Bldg*  
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PHONE: 828.359.6421 eMAIL: TERO2@NC-CHEROKEE.COM

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