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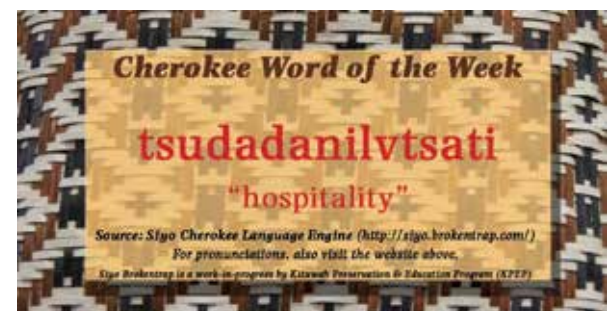
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At the home of Mary Herr in the Yellowhill Community, elk herds often congregate and graze. Motorists sometimes stop traffic and take pictures. Sometimes they pull into her driveway.

NATURE OR NUISANCE?

Increasing elk population results in more human encounters

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Elk, once plentiful in Cherokee lands and the southern Appalachian Mountains, were absent since the late 1700s because of unregulated hunting. About 18 years ago, elk were reintroduced in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and their reintroduction has been a striking success story. They're thriving.

While the species initially started out in the park's Cataloochee Valley, wandering bulls and cows led to the herds that often roam the area around the Oconaluftee Visitor Center and the Cherokee Indian Reservation. They've been

spotted as far away as near Murphy and Spartanburg, S.C. While the species doing as well as it has is good news, it also means more encounters for humans and elk, which can have tragic consequences. It also stresses the need to manage populations and address and revise laws as needed.

National Park Biologist Joe Yarkovich said that elk don't have the same fear of humans as deer, and that difference is because deer is still a hunted species. He said the biggest concern is when humans approach elk. Human interactions with elk have been mostly observations, but there have been a few who've been getting dangerously close to the animals.

"They'll get in really close to get a picture." Some, Yarkovich said, will feed them and even try to pet them. Many people don't know or understand elk behavior, and they're unpredictable. "I work with them every day, and I have no idea

what they'll do next."

Elk are routinely seen roaming around Cherokee, and they've become a tourist attraction. It isn't just the grassy, wilderness areas where they will be seen. They've been spotted walking through the Oconaluftee River. They been spotted grazing in fields by the old high school and elementary school. They've even been seen treading outside the entrances of tribal buildings, including the Ginger Lynn Welch building, which houses the Cherokee One Feather.

Feelings from local residents and possessory holders have been mixed.

Mary Herr, who resides in Yellowhill where elk will often just show up, appreciates the herds that wander. "I enjoy seeing them. You never know when they're coming." Sometimes, she said traffic will back up, an indicator that the elk are around. Sometimes people will pull into her driveway or over by her home, something that

some could consider a nuisance. However, Herr said, “It’s not a big bother.”

Elk have also been seen grazing in people’s yards. They’ve gotten in people’s gardens, and they’re regularly seen on the roadsides and in the roads, sometimes putting themselves and motorists at peril. Gardeners particularly have found the elk, at times, to be a nuisance.

Yahnne Squirrel, who also lives in Yellowhill, has struggled to keep the animals out of her garden, a common complaint. She tried a suggestion to use caution tape. “It worked for a little while.” Then they found their way back in. Fencing is questionable too. “I was hoping to have another garden. They ate the corn.” Elk can easily jump a four-foot fence. She also has said she can’t hang clothes out to dry because the elk will get into those as well. Bull elk in the wild will often thrash their antlers in tall grasses and vegetation to display while trying to attract females.

“They just come in all different directions,” Squirrel said. While park officials and wildlife officials all warn people to keep their distance, that’s hard to do when they present themselves at people’s homes. “You’ll go out the door, and there they are standing there, looking at you.”

Some locals marvel at the beauty of these animals. Laverne Brown, who holds about five acres in Yellowhill is fond of the animals, although he did say he isn’t in Cherokee all the time and can see how some could have problems. “I don’t have any issues whatsoever. I think they’re beautiful. But I’m not there.” Brown, who said elk meat is delicious, said one day he’d like to take one.

Whether tribal members will be

allowed to hunt elk isn’t something in the works at this time. In the national park, hunting elk or any animal is prohibited. People aren’t allowed to approach elk or any animal in the park, and animals that attack humans are put down. That happened after one incident where a bull elk attacked a photographer in Cataloochee. The photographer was uninjured, but the elk was destroyed.

Tribal law as far as the elk only deal with hunting, killing, trapping or taking, all of which are prohibited. The state allows for killing of wildlife, including elk, for depredation, that being a plundering or destruction, of property.

Caleb Hickman, the supervisory fish and wildlife biologist for the tribal Environmental and Natural Resources Division, said they have two staff members who work almost exclusively with requests related to wildlife and human conflicts, and those often include elk. “Elk are just one of the many species we work with, either on behalf of the community or because we must follow federal regulations for protection.”

Whether elk can be killed on tribal land if they’re destroying property depends on the situation, Hickman said. There is a process that involves a wildlife conflict report, and those are used to assess problems and mitigation strategies. “During our evaluation with the wildlife conflict report we ask is the animal just moving through or is it a resident? Is the animal after a resource, like a garden? Can we identify a particular animal that is the cause?”

Hickman said animals moving through an area respond to aversive conditioning where they animals are “hazed” into leaving.

That can work unless they’ve tasted someone’s garden or are moving along an established corridor. Killing problem elk is unlikely to stop the problems. “We found that elk do not respond to death like many other species either.” He also said that removing one elk won’t keep them away because others will follow. “We found that elk do not respond to death like many other species either. When it comes to keeping elk out of gardens or even private yards, we have found good success with fencing, especially fences with electric wires. This may sound dangerous, but it is pretty safe if constructed correctly.”

Elk appear mostly docile, but they are unpredictable and can be dangerous, especially during the rut, the time the urge to breed is displayed. A full-grown bull can weigh about 700 pounds. A full-grown cow can weigh about 500 pounds. Both cows and bulls can charge, and they can charge any time they feel threatened. Bulls are highly likely to do so during the rut, and cows are particularly likely to do it after having calves. Elk are able to run quickly, and they have hooves that can do some damage combined with their weight. Hickman said elk can be euthanized if they’re presenting unacceptable threats to public safety, and dispatches may be necessary for imminent threats. “A conflict history assessment for a specific animal will be conducted by our office based upon wildlife conflict reports to justify if a lethal action is warranted. Our office will make the final recommendation to euthanize an animal, if deemed appropriate. For safety reasons and based on current code for killing elk and firearm discharge in residential areas, the Natural Resource Enforcement

officers will conduct any lethal dispatch.”

Currently in the national park, visitors are required to maintain a minimum of 50 yards from any wildlife, and feeding wildlife is prohibited. On tribal land, there’s no such requirement. The only mention of elk is that hunting them is prohibited. There’s no consequence for disturbing or harassing elk on tribal land nor for getting too close. “It does not regulate how a person approaches an elk or what constitutes harassment of an elk by a non-hunter,” said Interim Attorney General Michael McConnell. The tribe would be able to change that. “The tribe has the sovereign authority to regulate how people interact with wildlife on tribal trust land. The regulation could extend to enrolled members and to non-members and could include imposing fines, etc. The devil is in the details, how the tribal law is written, applied and enforced.”

The success of the elk reintroduction means the elk most likely are here to stay. And the elk are likely to also remain a tourist draw to Cherokee, particularly as the animals continue to wander through the reservation and then make their way through the region. However, the nuisance aspect is something people will just have to learn to mitigate, and whether residents love them or are annoyed by them, they’ll have to learn to live with them. The best way to remain safe through it all is to respect the fact they are wild animals, and completely unpredictable. Keep them wild and ensure they don’t get used to people, in other words, don’t feed them, try to pet them or get too close. As Yarkovich said, “The best way to protect elk and people is to keep your distance.”

Reclaiming historical land

Chief Sneed taking land reacquisition fight to Washington

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The Eastern Band Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act passed the U.S. House of Representatives by a roll call vote of 383-2 on April 16, 2018. If passed by the Senate and enacted into law, the bill would return around 76 acres of land in eastern Tennessee to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI).

During the Tribal Council session on Thursday, Feb. 7, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed said the bill is currently “blocked” but said he and other EBCI tribal leaders plan to address the issue head-on.

Chief Sneed said that himself and several tribal leaders are heading to Washington, DC for the upcoming NCAI Winter Session on Feb. 10-14 as well as to meet with Congressional leaders for “lobbying work” and said they plan to bring up the bill. “We got it through the House last year with only two ‘no’ votes. Here’s where you see national politics really impacting us locally. The only ‘no’ votes we got came from the folks down near the Lumberton area, and you know why that is.”

He went on to state, “So, we got it through the House. It went to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. Everything was looking good and Sen. (Richard) Burr (R-N.C.), a North Carolina senator, he basically told us he’s going to block it at



Photo by Sequoyah Birthplace Museum

The Chota Memorial site, located in eastern Tennessee, is part of a 76-acre parcel involved in the Eastern Band Cherokee Historical Lands Reacquisition Act which was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives in April 2018.

the Senate level. So, we now have to re-strategize how we’re going to move this forward...we’re being blocked by one of our own senators on this. He’s not running for office again so he’s not really concerned with how that impacts him.”

Chief Sneed said they will get the bill through. “The reality is that the land was promised to the Eastern Band to be put back into trust back in the 80s. So, we’ll go up and remind members of the Senate that this is just about keeping a promise.”

Sen. Burr’s office did not return

a One Feather request for comment by press time.

The Act was submitted by Rep. Charles J. Fleischmann (R-Tenn.) on Jan. 3, 2017, the first day of the 115th Congress. Following passage by the House last April, he said in a statement, “Tonight, the House voted to keep a promise to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians by rightfully returning 76 acres of sacred land in Monroe County (Tenn.), putting the land back in tribal hands. The Cherokee have a rich heritage in the Third District, and I am thankful to have

played a part to ensure the story of the Eastern Band is preserved in the Cherokee towns of Chota and Tanasi, and allow our future generations to understand and appreciate the heritage of the Eastern Band in east Tennessee.”

According to information from the House Subcommittee on Indigenous Peoples of the United States (formerly the House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular, and Alaska Native Affairs), “The bill would place approximately 76 acres of

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Council approves hemp feasibility study

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At its Feb. 5 Budget Council session, Tribal Council approved a resolution to contract a feasibility study for hemp and cannabis opportunities. The resolution authorizes the use of Hempleton Investment Group to study the feasibility for the tribe to engage in the markets for hemp and cannabis products. This action follows up a resolution passed last October to authorize a feasibility study.

Last December, President Trump signed the Farm Bill, which legalized hemp at the federal level. Hemp, while related to marijuana, lacks the same level of the psychoactive chemical of THC. Hemp advocates have long touted uses for the plant from paper and clothing to building materials. It can also be harvested for cannabidiol, which some claim has several health benefits.

Wolftown Rep. Jeremy Wilson has been Council's main proponent for hemp and sub-

mitted the resolution to authorize Hempleton to conduct its studies. He said cannabis has shown to have a positive impact, and the tribe needs to develop a plan. He thinks it's a good way to tackle the Tribe's opioid issues and other conditions that cannabidiol could treat. "There's no real con to it. It's just a matter of education," he said. He also suggested it for economic diversification.

Several tribes already are engaged in the industry, and in places where medical or recreational marijuana is legal, tribes, like the Puyallups in Washington, have been taking part in that industry.

The resolution passed by all present. Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahneta and Wolftown Rep. Bo Crowe were absent. Crowe, who was out because of the flu, voted against the resolution passed

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in 2018. He said that a study had already been done. "I don't think it's really a big deal with the study," Crowe said. However, before bringing something like this in, Crowe wants to see a referendum vote.

The Tribe would be paying for Hempleton's work out of the general fund, and the amount is not to exceed \$60,000. Wilson said that hemp and cannabidiol have been stigmatized, and he hopes to educate the public. "It'll be the tribe and Hempleton working together." Hempleton is expected to have completed the study by June, according to the resolution.

LAND: Chief Sneed to fight for bill in Washington, *from page 2*

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) land in Monroe County, Tenn., on the shores of the Little Tennessee River/Tellico Reservoir into trust for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Additionally, the bill places two permanent easements over TVA land to be held in trust."

The 76 acres includes approximately 46 acres at the site of the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, around 18.2 acres which includes the Chota Memorial and the Tanasi Memorial, and another 11.2 acres known as "support parcel". Also included in the bill are permanent easements for the Chota Peninsula, which includes 8.5 acres and the Chota-Tanasi Trail which has 11.4

acres.

The Chota Memorial includes a full-scale representation of the Council House and sits in the spot of the original structure at Chota. The Tanasi Memorial, built by the TVA and the Tennessee Historical Commission in 1989, contains a monument with an inscription that states in part, "The site of the former town of Tanasi, now underwater, is located about 300 yards west of this marker."

Charlie Rhodharmer, Sequoyah Birthplace Museum director, noted the importance of the area, "Tanasi was the first Cherokee capital in what is now this area of east Tennessee. It was set up by Moytoy of Tellico in the late 1720s/1730s. Moytoy was the first 'emperor' (spokesman) of the Cherokee. By 1753, Chota had become the moth-

er town of the Overhill. During the 18th century, Chota was the political and cultural capital of the Cherokee Nation. It was known as a peace town."

He added, "Chota was the longest existing Cherokee capital in the east before the Removal. Chota is center stage for Lt. Henry Timberlake's visit. Timberlake wrote his memoirs of his visit to the Cherokee Overhill, which gives us an incredible insight into Cherokee life and culture in the mid-18th century. By 1788, the Cherokee had moved their capital south to Georgia."

Two local leaders in east Tennessee expressed their support of the bill last year by writing a letter to Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.). In the letter, Monroe County Mayor Tim Yates and Loudon County Mayor Buddy Bradshaw state, "We

believe it is most appropriate for you to sponsor a Senate resolution since the lands involved in the reacquisition are in Tennessee and job growth from the lands will be Tennessee jobs. TVA has voiced no opposition to this action and will be compensated for any lost hydro-power from future development of the lands."

Chief Sneed testified at the then-House Natural Resource Subcommittee on Indian, Insular, and Alaska Native Affairs on Oct. 4, 2017 and stated, "This bill celebrates not only a time in Cherokee history when we lived in Tennessee, but also the return of the Cherokee people – as a modern, living people, with a living culture and language, and traditions that have survived from ancient times – back to Tennessee."

Abe Wachacha honored for service

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The family of Abraham Wachacha was presented with a flag of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians during Tribal Council on Thursday, Feb. 7, in honor of his service to the tribe as a Tribal Council representative for the Cherokee County/Snowbird Community. Wachacha died Dec. 18.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed presented the honor to his sons, Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha and Eugene Wachacha and Abraham Wachacha's brother J.C. Wachacha. "He was a very wise man," Chief Sneed said.

Adam Wachacha spoke of how everyone loved his father and after he died, the chairman received

calls of condolences from across the country. "It's overwhelming how far our he reached in touching people."

In the same session, the Snowbird Youth Center was renamed for the former council member. Some who supported the move spoke fondly of the former representative. Gil Jackson, remembered the things Abraham Wachacha fought for while in council. "The credit goes to Abraham Wachacha," Jackson said. He spoke of the services in his community that long ago didn't exist, and he hoped the renaming resolution passed unanimously. "He really was a council member for all of us." Adam Wachacha said of his father's work, "This is one of his big hurrah's."



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Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed presents a tribal flag during the Tribal Council session on Thursday, Feb. 7 in honor of the late Abraham Wachacha, who represented the Snowbird/Cherokee County community as a council member, to his sons Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha and Eugene Wachacha and Abraham Wachacha's brother J.C. Wachacha.

Man found dead in Park died from methamphetamine intoxication

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GATLINBURG, Tenn. - A man, whose body was found by Great Smoky Mountains National Park Rangers scavenged by a bear, died from accidental methamphetamine intoxication, according to the findings of an autopsy report. The discovery of his body led to a bear being euthanized.

William Lee Hill, Jr., 30, of Louisville, Tenn., was found dead about two miles north of Cades Cove near Townsend, Tenn. Sept. 9, 2018. Searchers found a bear feeding on his body. Hill's

death was not due to a bear attack, according to a report conducted by the Knox County (Tenn.) Regional Forensic Center. The report stated, "An autopsy revealed extensive postmortem animal predation, but no findings of antemortem/perimortem trauma (i.e. Mr. Hill was not attacked by a bear)."

The report released Jan. 21, ruled that the death was accidental. Hill had become separated from his friend in the park while searching for ginseng. He was presumptively identified by tattoos and personal belongings found with the body. "He had a history of intravenous drug abuse, including methamphetamine," said Chief

Deputy Medical Examiner for Knox and Anderson counties (Tenn.) Dr. Christopher Lochmuller.

Park officials made the decision to euthanize the bear without knowing Hill's initial cause of death. According to a release from the park, that decision was made after consulting wildlife professionals and knowledge of the bear's aggressive behavior. Being home to an estimated 1,500 bears, park officials say that displays of aggressive behavior are rare, and that park biologists and rangers try to prevent bears from becoming used to people or staying in high-use areas. They use aversive conditioning, but on rare occasions euthanize bears that pose a threat to visitors.

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Personnel needs dominate School Board meeting

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In attendance at the Monday, Feb. 4 Cherokee Central Schools School Board meeting were Chairperson Charlotte Saunooke; Vice Chairperson Gloria Griffin; Jennifer Thompson, secretary; Karen French Browning, member; Isaac Long, member; Superintendent Dr. Michael Murray; Assistant Superintendent Dr. Barbara Payne; Howard Wahnetah, financial director; Deborah Toinetta, HR director; and Tribal Council Vice Chairman David Wolfe.

The first order of business was an announcement of the achievement of Michelle McSwain and Jonnie Walkingstick receiving National Board Certification. Laura Pinnix, the school's Cherokee Language Director, requested and was approved for trip funding for six students to attend Cherokee Days in Washington, DC in April. The request was for \$500. And, there was a request for CCS Yearbook ad sponsorship for \$400. This amount was for a congratulatory

ad from the School Board and was approved.

On the consent agenda, there were several requests for approving hiring for different departments, many of those for sports or coaching positions, a total of twenty-three requests.

The School Board staffing approvals were as follows: Shelby Parker as CHS Softball Head Coach, Carr Crowe as CHS Men's Golf Head Coach, Matt Maney as CMS Baseball Head Coach, Johnnie Davis as CHS Head Coach, McKinley Swimmer as CHS/CMS Track Head Coach, Kevin Primo as CHS Women's Soccer Head Coach, Lele Lossiah as CHS Track Volunteer, Keyonna Hornbuckle as CHS Track Volunteer, and Daniel Trent Winchester as Permanent Substitute Teacher.

The School Board agreed to provide a "letter of interest" to participate in a program directed by an entity named "Go Global." This organization provides opportunities for teachers to travel aboard to enhance their knowledge and experience to pass on to students. The

School Board and the system would not be obligated to participate in the program but must present the letter to even be considered. A summary of the program was provided by Dr. Payne which included parameters of monetary contribution from both Go Global and the school system. The Board approved the Chairperson and Superintendent to move forward with the letter. Superintendent Murray made the Board aware of a collaboration with EBCI Emergency Management regarding a full scale "active shooter" drill to enhance school and community preparedness. No vote was needed from the School Board. Dr. Murray provided the information as an advisory.

Chairperson Saunooke advised the Board that the Middle School received an award from Harrah's Cherokee Casino and Resort of 28 mountain bikes and riding gear with each bicycle. Dr. Murray is ensuring that the bikes have an asset tag and is finding appropriate storage. They are also developing a check out system for their use.

A proposed expansion's status

was discussed. It has been on hold because of budgetary issues. The plan calls for a wrestling room, additional class facilities and restrooms. Other uses were also discussed. The project proposed cost was said to be \$3.6 million. Wahnetah stated that there was a million-dollar set aside for the project in the fiscal year 2016. However, \$194,940 had been expended on the project as a design fee through another budget line (which will have to be reimbursed from the set-aside funds). Additional funding will be necessary from Tribal Council, and the school administration is working through getting that approval.

Dr. Murray asked the Board for guidance on a request to use the school grounds and facilities for the tribal pow wow event. After discussion, the Board decided that they would not be able to support this use.

After this discussion, the School Board went into a closed session to address other personnel issues.

The next regular School Board meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 19.

Important dates from the Cherokee Election Board

- * Registration** ends on May 10.
- * Early Voting** begins May 13 - May 27 and on Saturday, May 25 from 9 a.m. - 4p.m.
- * Primary Election** will be June 6.
- * Registration** will re-open on June 10.

FOOTBALL

Three Braves sign letters of intent

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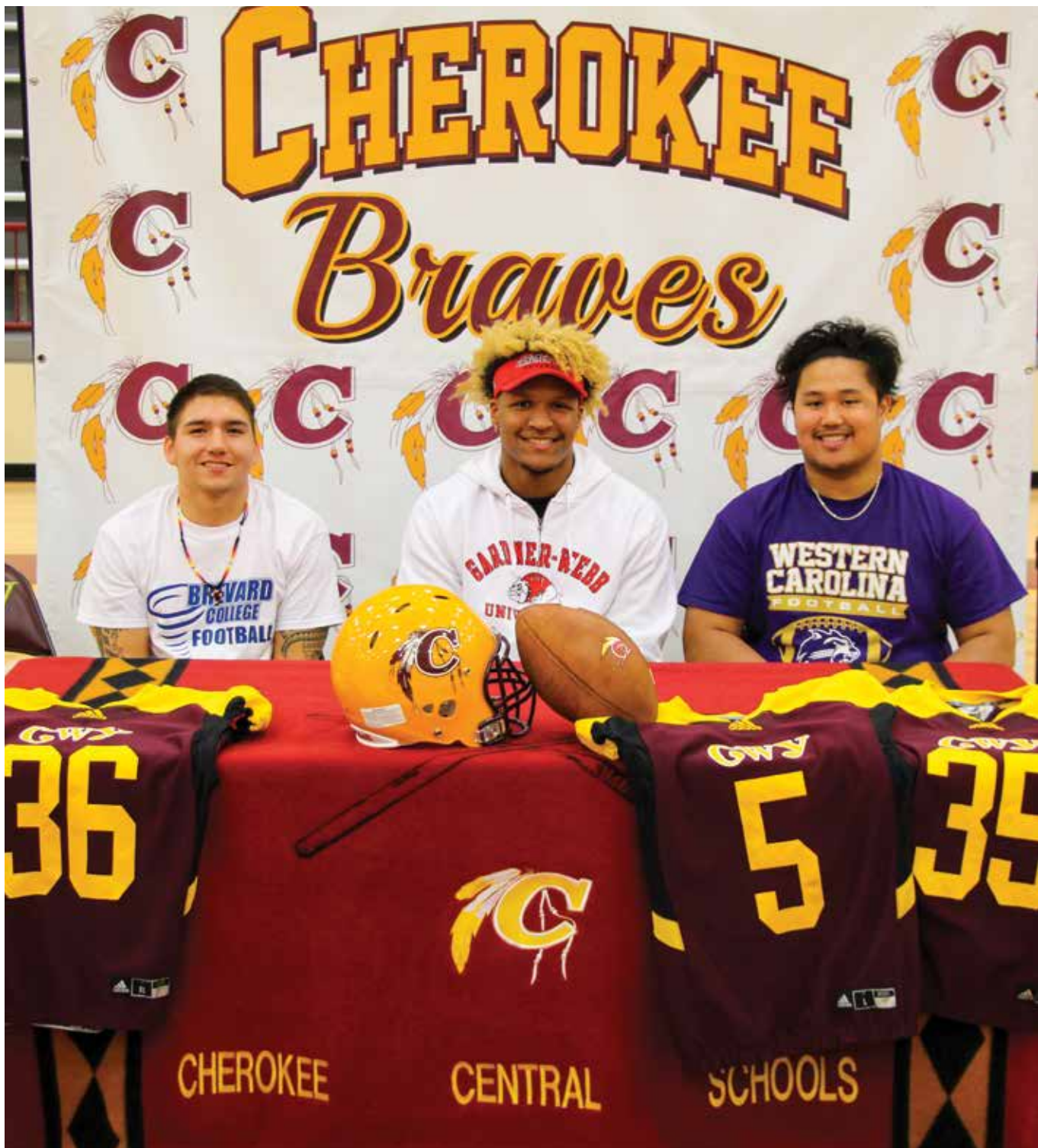
Thousands of scholar-athletes signed college letters of intent on National Signing Day on Wednesday, Feb. 6. Three Cherokee Braves signed to play football at the next level including Damian Blanton (Brevard College), Isaiah Evans (Gardner-Webb University), and Joaquin Layno (Western Carolina University) in a ceremony at the Charles George Memorial Arena.

Blanton, a Smoky Mountain All-Conference selectee with 98 tackles his senior year, plans to continue as a linebacker in college. "It's pretty amazing. It's crazy. I'm still trying to wrap my head around it because I've always wanted to go to college. It's just a dream come true."

Evans, who gained nearly 3,800 yards rushing during his career as a Brave and played in the 2018 Shrine Bowl, noted, "It's definitely a great feeling knowing that you get to play more than high school and that you're good enough to play more than high school. "It's just a great opportunity for me personally to go to school and play. Since I started playing football, I always wanted to play college football. It's been my main goal throughout high school."

He was named Smoky Mountain All-Conference in 2017 and received an honorable mention nod the year before.

Layno, a Smoky Mountain



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Three Cherokee Braves signed to play football at the next level on National Signing Day on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at the Charles George Memorial Arena including Damian Blanton (Brevard College), Isaiah Evans (Gardner-Webb University), and Joaquin Layno (Western Carolina University).



Blanton (#36), a Smoky Mountain All-Conference selectee with 98 tackles his senior year, has signed a letter of intent to play football this fall at Brevard College.

All-Conference selectee with 82 tackles his senior year, played multiple positions over his years at Cherokee including both offense and defense. “I started playing football at an older age, and it feels to great to put on another helmet and get four more years of playing football. I think it’s an honor to get a preferred walk-on at Western, and I will do my best to do whatever it takes to get a scholarship.”

Kent Briggs, Braves head football coach, praised the players and said they have accomplished much in their careers, along with all of this year’s senior class, including winning the 1A State Championship in 2017. “They’ve worked hard here, and I am proud of what they’ve accomplished and what they will accomplish in college. These young men make our school proud.”

Craig Barker, Cherokee High School assistant principal and an assistant coach on the varsity football team commented, “I can’t say how proud I am of these young men and how much I look forward

to them continuing their education and athletic career. They’ve been a blessing for me personally here and have always represented our school and our Tribe with style and dignity.”

Peanut Crowe, Cherokee High School athletic director, said he was very happy to see three more students signing to continue their education. “It’s putting us on the map when it comes to colleges. It used to be colleges would say, ‘it’s Indian kids, we don’t know if we want to take a chance on them’. Now, more colleges are coming in and saying, ‘hey, these Indian kids can play and they’re going to stick with us’. We’ve had 14 or 15 college coaches come to watch our basketball teams play this year.”

He added that many college coaches want to make a trip through Cherokee now. “They know that they’re tapping into an unlimited potential. I couldn’t be more proud of the whole group of kids. The past three years that I’ve been here, to put 11 kids into college programs is just unbelievable.”



Layno (#35), a Smoky Mountain All-Conference selectee with 82 tackles his senior year, has signed a letter of intent to be a preferred walk-on for football this fall at Western Carolina University.



Evans, who gained nearly 3,800 yards rushing during his career as a Brave and played in the 2018 Shrine Bowl, has signed a letter of intent to play football this fall at Gardner-Webb University.

Wolfe named to state's Special Olympics Athlete Council

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Tony Wolfe, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from the Yellowhill Community, has been selected to serve on the Special Olympics North Carolina (SONC) Athlete Council. Terms on the Council are two years, and he will help provide insight and input on issues affecting athletes statewide.

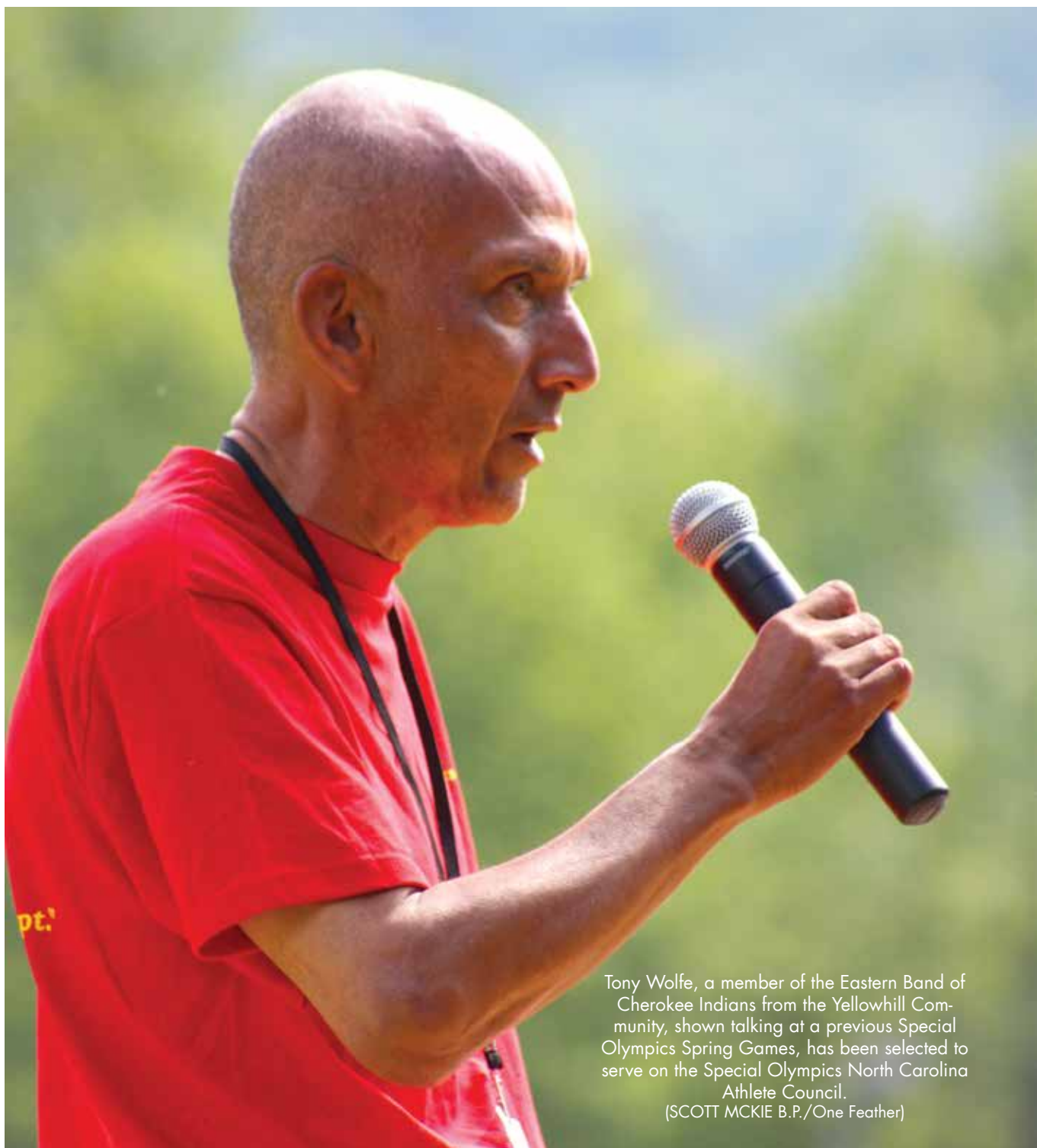
"A person doesn't know until they try," Wolfe said stating that he was shocked he was selected. "It's a big accomplishment. I'll be representing the whole state. It's exciting to get voted in for that. I've got confidence built up in me that there's a lot of stuff we can do."

Wolfe, a long-time member of the Qualla Boundary Special Olympics team, has been a global messenger for some years helping to spread the word about the Special Olympics program.

His father, the late Beloved Man Jerry Wolfe, was a big supporter of his. Tony Wolfe stated, "He helped me a lot and supported me in my endeavors. My dad gave me a lot of inspiration when he was alive."

Keith L. Fishburne, SONC president and chief executive officer, said, "We are very honored that Tony has agreed to serve on the Special Olympics North Carolina Athlete Council. He is serving a two-year term of 2019 and 2020. Tony completed the Special Olympics Global Messenger training, making him a spokesman for SONC, in 2003."

He confirmed that Wolfe is the first Native American in the state to serve on the Athlete Council. "His many years as a Special Olympics



Tony Wolfe, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from the Yellowhill Community, shown talking at a previous Special Olympics Spring Games, has been selected to serve on the Special Olympics North Carolina Athlete Council.
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athlete are also impressive as he provides terrific feedback on how Special Olympics can be better."

Fishburne further noted, "The Athlete Council is made up of up to 25 active SONC athletes from across the state. These athletes meet quarterly to provide input

to the president/CEO of Special Olympics North Carolina on issues important to the Special Olympics movement. The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with

intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community."



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Cherokee's Tori Teesateskie (#30) goes for a shot as Murphy's Aubrey Clapsaddle attempt a block during a game at Murphy High School on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 7. Both teams started slowly and Cherokee held an 11-6 lead after the first period. Murphy tightened the game some in the second, but the Lady Braves held onto a 19-17 lead at the half. The Lady Bulldogs came out on fire in the third outscoring Cherokee 24-9 to lead 41-28 after three, and they went on to a 56-40 victory.



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Cherokee's Kyler Hill (#30) goes for a shot in front of Murphy's Justice Dorsey in a game at Murphy High School on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 7. Cherokee led after each of the first three periods (16-12, 36-25, 49-36), but Murphy came back late in the fourth to tie the game at 59-59 sending it to overtime. The Braves took over in the extra period outscoring the Bulldogs 8-1 to take a 67-60 win.

Lady Braves take second in conference, poised for post-season

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The Cherokee Lady Braves (19-4) defeated the Highlands Lady Highlanders 80-48 in the last regular season game of the year on Monday, Feb. 11 at the Charles George Memorial Arena. Cherokee finished the regular season in second place in the Big Smoky Mountain Conference.

Monday was Senior Night with four Lady Braves honored including Jamie Lossiah, Tori Teesateskie, Jacee Smith, and Moira George. Smith was honored by doing the jump ball to start the game, and she ended up scoring the first basket of the contest which was her 70th career point. The game was stopped, and she was given that ball as a commemoration of her milestone.

"It was a celebration of how much time and effort these girls have put in, and it's nice to be able to recognize them," Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach, said of the Senior Night festivities. "We had fun with it, and it was fun to have Jacee out there and Highlands was really gracious and let us do what we needed to do. It's always fun."

Cherokee led the entire game starting out with an 18-11 lead after the first period and extending that to 46-21 with a huge second period. They kept it going in the second half en route to their victory.

On the night, the Lady Braves were led by Deante Toineeta with



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Cherokee's Deante Toineeta (#13) squares off against Highlands' Kedra McCall during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Monday, Feb. 11. With 23 points, Toineeta led Cherokee to a big 80-48 win.

23 points followed by Teesateskie with 14. Other Cherokee scorers included: Raylen Bark 8, Tigger King 4, Naomi Smith 10, Vivian Ross 13, Zoey Walkingstick 2, Jacee Smith 4, and Rhynne Girty 2.

Highlands scorers included: Reese Schmitt 3, Abby Olvera 4, Han-

nah Holt 3, Haley Borino 9, Chela Green 4, Bailey Schmitt 2, Jordan Carner 11, and Kedra McCall 12.

The Big Smoky Mountain Conference tournament is set to begin on Thursday, Feb. 14 at Robbinsville High School, and the Lady Braves are ready to start a playoff

run. "I think we're close to where we want to be," said Coach Mintz. "Offensively, we've got to fix some things that we keep doing wrong. But, defensively, I think we're playing really well and next week should be pretty fun."



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Jacee Smith, Lady Braves senior, had quite a Senior Night on Monday, Feb. 11 at the Charles George Memorial Arena. She got to do the opening tip-off and then scored the first two points of the game - the 70th of her career. She was honored with a commemorative ball for her career milestone. Below, she celebrates her 70th point with Chris Mintz, left, Lady Braves head coach.



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Cherokee's Josiah Lossiah (#12) shoots over Highlands' Jake Billingsley in a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Monday, Feb. 11 won by the Highlanders 80-76. With 28 points, Lossiah lit up Senior Night and led the Braves in scoring followed by Sterling Santa Maria with 17. The game started evenly with the team tied at 19-19 after the first and Highlands holding a 39-38 lead at the half. The Highlanders pulled away some in the second half leading by as many as eight points, but the Braves came back and pulled to within one point in the fourth period. Highlands was able to hit some key free throws down the stretch to take the four-point win. Other Braves scorers included: Chris Johnson 1, Blake Smith 13, Chris Hartbarger 9, Seth Smith 2, Jayden Crowe 2, and Joaquin Layno 4. Highlands scorers included: Drew Chalker 11, Hunter Collins 18, Billingsley 18, Jonathan Miller 6, Dillon Schmitt 7, Destin Gearhart 4, and Mattson Gates 16.

Area cheer teams win at events



Photos contributed

The Mini Diamonds are shown, left to right, front row: Samantha Blythe, Aubrey Bodfield, Shayla Dewantara, Reyna Huerta, Kileyh Mitchell; second row: Isabela Chapa, Zayda Dewantara, Miley Holder, Hailey Broom, Lillie Norton, Brinley Griffin, Rylee Bodfield

The Smoky Mountain Senior Sapphires and Mini Diamonds Competitive Cheer Teams recently won awards at local events. The teams competed at the Spirit Xpress Varsity Brand cheer competition held in Asheville on Saturday, Jan. 26. The Senior Sapphires won first place in the Senior Rec. Division and the Mini Diamonds won second place in the Youth Rec. Division. Both teams received invitation-only bids to compete at the U.S. Finals, a prestigious end-of-season competition held at eight cities throughout the country.



The Senior Sapphires are shown, left to right, front row: Lacilynn Pumer, Haley Welch, Aubrey McKeever, Emelyn Bumgarner; back row: Carisa Tilley, Taylor Broom, Ashley Clark, Keaira Bryson, Kayla Evans, and Samantha Tilley. Not pictured: Kendra Hall

Both teams then competed in the Smoky Mountain Showdown held by Greater Midwest Cheer Expo in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. on Saturday, Feb. 2. Both teams won second place in their respective divisions and competed against eight other teams from the southeast and midwest United States. Both teams received invitation-only bids to compete at The One, a unique end-of-season event offered to top teams in North America, held at four cities throughout the country.

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Lambert, Ledford win top Cherokee Indian Hospital Awards

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Cynthia Lambert and Amanda Ledford took home the top two honors at the annual Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA) Awards ceremony on the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 6. Held in the hospital's Rotunda, the awards honored excellence for 2018. Lambert won the Hayes Award and Ledford was named 2018 Employee of the Year.

The Hayes Award, named for former CIHA Director of Quality Colleen Hayes is "presented to an employee who has led or facilitated a system or process change, resulting in risk mitigation, improved safety or quality improvement".

Casey Cooper, CIHA chief executive officer, said Lambert had many accomplishments in 2018 including, "She assisted with the deployment of the continuous Blood Glucose Monitoring Project... this person worked with primary care teams on performance improvement to achieve sustained improvements on blood pressure, blood sugar, and lipid control, and assisted with referral process initiatives to prevent unnecessary delays in care."

Past winners of the



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Cynthia Lambert, left, was named the 2018 Hayes Award winner during the annual Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority Awards held in the Rotunda on the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 6. She is shown with Casey Cooper, CIHA chief executive officer.

Hayes Award include: Chad Cooper (2010), Mary Beth Dorgan (2011), Victoria Harlan (2012), Jonathon Dando (2013), Sarah Wachacha (2014), Abby White (2015), Angel Squirrell (2016), and Dr. Laci Jamison (2017).

"No matter the project she was working on, she was completing it with pride and dedication," Cooper said of Ledford. "From patient care to logistics, she approaches every task with willingness and care. No task is beneath her. From wound care to nail care, from inventory management to cleaning the floors, she will do whatever it takes."

Past winners of the Employee of the Year Award include: Lisa Wildcatt (2006), Rita McMichael (2007), Bambi Sneed

(2008), Jennifer Thompson (2009), Sonya Arch (2010), Mary Ann Farrell (2011), Jonathan Dando (2012), Elizabeth Helm (2013), Christina Panther (2014), all employees and teams in transition to the new facility (2015), Doug Trantham (2016), and Kristi Care (2017).

"I am overwhelmed that they chose me for this," said Ledford, physical therapy assistant, who said she loves being a team player and helping people. "I just love it here and love being here and love the patients here."

During the ceremony, employees were honored for their years of service including:

- 5-Year Service Awards: Deborah Allen, Lisa Anthony, Bree Brock, Michelle Cagle, Tonia Cannon,



Amanda Ledford, left, was named the 2018 Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority Employee of the Year during the annual Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority Awards held in the Rotunda on the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 6. She is shown with Casey Cooper, CIHA chief executive officer.

Donica Conseen, Brittaney Cross, Dakota Dillard, Leslie Duncan, Michelle Hamilton, June Hensley, Anne Holt, Lisa Hoyle, Lisa Ivey, Laci Jamison, Linda Johnson, David Karuru, William Kelly, Heather Mackel, Evan Mathis, Mary McCoy, Danielle McGee, Danielle Murry, Jennifer Regan, Brittney Rogers, Everett Rollins, Jennifer Stigmon, Julia Smith, Bethany Stevenson, Emily Wegenka, and Janie Welch

- 10-Year Service Awards: Lisa Bernier, Joel Chisholm, Tiffani Hall, Heather Harlan, Kayla Holland, Terence Hooper, Vanesa Huskey, Robert Murray, Samuel Owle, Christina Panther, Jonathan Ruger, Kimberly Shuler, Brooke Thompson, and Blythe Winchester
- 15-Year Service Awards: Sonya Arch, Ginger Ar-

kansas, Tracy Birchfield, Geraldine Bradley, Norma Craig, Jonathan Dando, Lisa Denzer, Teresa Dillard, Mary Beth Dorgan, Chena George, Amanda Gould, Colleen Hammonds, Lavinia Hicks, Rebecca Gail Hyde, Vicky Jenkins, Carmen Junaluska, Kathryn Kalonaheskie, Elista Long, Julie Lossiah, Juanita McCoy Mathews, Frances McMahan, Kimberly Middleton, Dana Nelson, Michael Queen, Suzette Sanchez, Bambi Sneed, and Julie Van Leuven
Employees who retired in 2018 were honored for their service including: Dennis R. Sneed, Martha S. Caulkins, Pamela S. Cucumber, Reginia E. McCauley, Mary J. Kazhe, Janet Shuler, and Samuel F. Washington.

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Tribal members named to fall academic honor lists

The following members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians were named to the Dean's List at institutions of higher learning for the Fall 2018 semester:

Asheville Buncombe Technical Community College

- Levi West (President's List), second year, associate in arts transfer degree major

Athens State University

- Abbey Green-Lossiah, senior, business major

California State University

- Danielle Koko-Tatum, senior, nursing major

Carson-Newman University

- Kennan Panther, junior, business major

- Reagan Panther, senior, special education major

Clemson University

- Caitlyn Dills, junior, political science major

Colorado Christian University

- Briana Arneach, senior, early childhood education major, she graduated in December with a bachelor's degree

Colorado School of Mines

- Caleb Farnie, freshman, engineering major

East Tennessee State University

- Nathaniel "Nate" Rogers, senior, digital media major (game design concentration)

High Point University

- Emily Katz, sophomore, business and marketing major

Lamar University

- Rayni Wiggins, junior, pre-nursing major

Mars Hill University

- Madison Crowe, senior, psychology major

- Amy West, senior, elementary education major

Portland State University

- Callie Phillips, senior, political science major

Queens University of Charlotte

- Chloe Blythe, senior, business administration major

Reinhardt University

- Jonothan Jumper, freshman, undecided major

Rochester Institute of Technology

- Talon Stone, sophomore, biomedical science major

Southwestern Community College

- Taylor Cheyenne Day, second year, respiratory therapy major

UNC Asheville

- Watson Harlan, senior, history major

University of Iowa

- Maleaha Brings Plenty, freshman, creative writing and Russian major

University of Tennessee

- Brianna Plummer, senior, psychology major

University of Tulsa

- Renissa McLaughlin, graduate student, Indian Law major

Western Carolina University

- Katelyn Black Cable, senior, nursing major

- Victoria Swartz, junior, athletic training major

- Autumn Ellington, freshman, pre-nursing

- Israel Rodriguez, junior, business administration

- Shalana M. Yates, senior, business administration and law major



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Attendees in the Cherokee Business Training class received their Certificate of Achievement for graduating on Thursday, Feb. 7. Shown, left to right, are Sabrina Arch, instructor; and attendees - Diamond Brown, Summer Brown, Sandra Brown, Charles Jackson, Heather Burgess, and Jerico French. This class is offered to provide insight into what it takes to start and run a business. Participants get to explore entrepreneurship as it relates to their industry, values, and goals and develop skills, layout business goals, learn financials, and build a business plan.

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Enrollment deadline for new EBCI applicants

In order to be considered for the June 2019 per capita distribution of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, completed enrollment applications for new applicants must be submitted to the EBCI Enrollment Office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 15. Enrollment applications received after this date and time will not be considered for the June 2019 distribution.

An application will only be considered complete with a county or state certified birth certificate, certified DNA results and certification of all other Indian blood. To schedule an appointment for DNA, call Michelle Stiles (828) 359-6463.

DNA testing must be collected by Thursday, Feb. 28 in order for the results to be in by March 15. Any DNA collected after this date is not guaranteed to be returned by the deadline. Because of the extended amount of time in receiving a social security number for a newborn, an application will be considered complete without a social security card. However, an enrollment card will only be issued upon receipt of the social security card of a new enrollee.

Applications may be obtained from the Enrollment Office located at 808 Acquoni Rd. or at www.ebci.com. Info: Enrollment Office (828) 359-6465

- EBCI Enrollment Office

Write the 2019 Cherokee Indian Fair Theme and win a prize

If you are an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, you are eligible to submit the entry form for the 2019 Cherokee Indian Fair theme. The prize for the winning entry is \$100. Here

are a few simple rules:

- * Entrants younger than 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian to co-sign the liability release form and submit it with a W-9 form.
- * The theme must be culturally-oriented.
- * The theme must be seven words or less, (last year's theme was: Ga Du Gi, Heartbeat of our Tribe.)
- * Only one entry per person is allowed.

The entry forms will be available to pick up at the Cherokee Welcome Center or online at theonefeather.com, 359-6490, between the hours of 7:45 a.m. till 4:30 p.m., open daily.

Please turn your entry form in at the Cherokee Welcome Center no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 15. The Cherokee Indian Fair Committee will meet to choose the winning theme from the entry forms that are submitted.

- Cherokee Indian Fair Committee

Endowment Fund accepting grant applications

The Percy B. Ferebee Endowment Fund will be accepting grant applications through July 31, 2019. For information and to apply online, please visit the Wells Fargo Philanthropic Services Private Foundations website at <http://www.wellsfargo.com/private-foundations/ferebee-endowment>. If you need further assistance please feel free to contact: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.; Attention: David M. Miller; David.m.miller@wellsfargo.com

- Percy B. Ferebee
Endowment Fund

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) available

The 2019 offering of Tax Assistance begins Wednesday, Feb. 6.

Appointments can be made now. If your annual income is \$54,000 or less, you are eligible to have your taxes prepared at no cost at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office at 876 Acquoni Rd, located next to the Yellowhill Community Building and covered basketball court. Please bring with you the following items to your appointment:

- All income related forms such as: W-2, 1099 Misc., 1099-I, SSA-1099, etc.

- Photo I.D. such as Driver's License or enrollment card with picture
- Social Security Card and birth date of every member of the household
- Enrollment Card of Federally Recognized Tribe for NC Tax Exemption
- Bank Account Information if you want tax return direct deposited
- Last year's tax return if possible
- The program does not do Rental Income (Schedule E), Dividend and Investment Income (Sch B) and Complex Schedule C.

To schedule an appointment call the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office at 359-6939 or 359-6933 and speak to any staff person.

- EBCI Cooperative Extension
Program

EBCI Fishing Tournament schedule

- March 30-31; Opening Day Tournament; \$20,000 cash prizes
 - May 25-26; Memorial Day Tournament; \$10,000 cash prizes
 - July 12-13; Tim Hill Memorial Tournament; \$10,000 cash prizes
 - Qualla Country Tournament; Sept. 6-7; \$20,000 cash prizes
 - Rumble in the Rhododendron; Nov. 2-3; \$10,000 cash prizes
- Opening Day:** Saturday, March 30
Tournament Permit Require-

ments: Daily Tribal Fish Permit for each day fished and tournament registration \$11, covers both days of respective tournament
Fishing Hours: One hour prior to sunrise and one hour after sunset
Event Coordinator: Paula Price, EBCI Natural Resources Program/Fisheries & Wildlife Management 788-3013, paprice@nc-chokeee.com, or www.fishcherokee.com
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Wolftown Community Club news

The Wolftown Community Club held its regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 5:30 p.m. We had 32 people in attendance, one of our largest yet! Our hope is to continue growing and getting more people involved in the community.

The speakers for the evening were Consie Girty, ALE board member and Director of the HOPE Center; Venita Wolfe, Health Educator for Public Health; Wolftown Rep. Jeremy Wilson; and Isaac Long, School Board Representative.

Consie presented the club with a donation from ALE to be used by the club for drug-free activities and also did a presentation about Pre-K, the upcoming Application Assistance Night in March and HOPE Center screenings. A question/answer session followed.

Venita brought brochures, flyers and handed out goodie bags filled with information about Public Health and some of the activities they are doing like the Community Health Fair in April, the Bike Rodeo in May and a Smoking Cessation Program that is in the works for March. She also reminded everyone that February is Heart Month and to look for information on their Community Health Facebook page

for activities for the month.

Rep. Wilson reported on the Housing Merger and Constitution that were coming up for the Feb. 7 session of Tribal Council. A lengthy discussion followed about both items. Other topics that were discussed were the new rentals being built and other housing suggestions, plans for the land that the Tribe has purchased in different areas, and the Needle Exchange Program and results. There were some good discussions that followed each of these topics as well as other random questions that came up.

Isaac Long reported that School Board meets the first and third Monday of each month and are open to the public but do go to closed session when it concerns personnel. He said Progress Reports would be coming out soon.

Dinah Grant, from the Recreation Department, gave a list of sign-up dates for baseball, soccer, wrestling, volleyball and the Senior Games. You can call any of the gyms to get information.

Tuff Jackson, Wolfstown Community Club chairman, made several announcements and dates to remember. Overall, we had a great informative meeting! Our next meeting will be on March 5 at 5:30 p.m. and it is Potluck! Our meetings are open to the public and everyone is invited to attend!

- Tammy Jackson,

Wolfstown Community Club secretary

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you from the family of Mary McCoy

We would like to thank everyone for all of the food, flowers, love, support, hugs, and prayers given during the loss of our mom. Our sincerest thanks to Four Seasons

hospice for the wonderful care you provided to our mom during her final days. We would also like to Thank all the singers that came out to sing (Phyllis Shell, Rock Springs Baptist Church, Macedonia Baptist Church, Straight Fork Baptist Church, Yellowhill Baptist Church, and the Wolfe Family). A huge thank you to Bro. Bo Parris and Bro. Dan Conseen for the beautiful words and messages brought for our mother's services. Thank you to Big Cove Baptist Church for the use of the church. Thank you to the Chief, Vice Chief, David Wolfe, Sadie Bradley, Vita Nations, Fred Penick, The Ladies Auxiliary, Jeff and Donna Marcum, Nikki Catolster and Barbara Schuessler for food brought. Also, thank you to

Tribal Construction and the grave diggers for all you have done. Thank you to the Chief and Vice Chief for everything ya'll done to help us out. And, a huge thank you to Myra, Kym, Mike, and Kristina for being there for us and feeding the family after services. Everyone we mentioned above went above and beyond to make things easier on our family during our loss and we love and appreciate each and every one of you. If we unintentionally left anyone out we apologize.

Thank you,

The family of Mary S. McCoy

Thanks for support of Cherokee Dog Sanctuary

We would like to thank the Big Y Community, Vice Chief B. Ensley,

Tribal Gaming Commission and members of the Gaming Commission, and many other individual sponsors for your kindness and generosity in supporting our efforts to provide shelter, medical care, and food to the dogs with no homes on the Qualla Boundary. Your contributions have helped us to provide a good environment for many animals who would otherwise have no hope. We are also helping to curb future overpopulation through ensuring that our dogs are spayed and neutered. Again, we appreciate you and ask for your continued support.

Stacey L Harsh,

Cherokee Dog Sanctuary
Birdtown Community

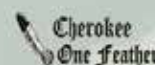


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Thank you for your service and love for your community.



McSwain and Walkingstick achieve National Board Certification

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from Cherokee Central Schools*

Cherokee Central Schools School Board recognized two outstanding teachers at their school board meeting on Monday, Feb. 4. Michelle McSwain and Jonnie Walkingstick achieved National Board certification in December 2018.

CCS School Board chair person Charlotte Saunooke presented each teacher with a certificate and a gift card for the outstanding achievement. Joan Celestino, National Board of Professional Teaching Standards and Bureau of Indian Education support consultant, had previously presented each teacher with a National Board pin.

McSwain teaches in the English department at Cherokee High School (CHS). She is completing her eighth (8) year with CHS. In addition to her English classes, McSwain also is the Yearbook teacher. Walkingstick has been a member of the Cherokee Elementary School staff for 24 years. She has served in various capacities during her tenure. Currently, her role is Reading Support Teacher

The Bureau of Indian Education began a program in 2014 designed to increase the number of National Board-certified teachers in Bureau-operated and Bureau-funded schools. The BIE program fund-



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Cherokee Central Schools School Board recognized two outstanding teachers at their school board meeting on Monday, Feb. 4. Michelle McSwain, second from left, and Jonnie Walkingstick, sixth from right, achieved National Board certification in December 2018. Shown, left to right, are School Board Chairperson Charlotte Saunooke, McSwain, Tribal Council Vice Chairman David Wolfe (Yellowhill), Board Member Kendra French-Browning, Board Member John D. Crowe, NBCT Support Consultant Joan Celestino, Jonnie Walkingstick, Board Member Isaac Long, Vice Chairperson Gloria Griffin, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Beverly Payne, Board Member Jennifer Thompson, and School Superintendent Dr. Michael Murray.

ed registration and component fees for each candidate and provided a bonus to teachers upon successful completion of each component. In addition, the BIE supplied teachers with a consultant, Joan Celestino for CCS teachers, to support them through the multi-year process. Several other CCS teachers are currently involved at different stages in

the certification process.

Teachers working toward certification through the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards must complete four components. One component is an assessment of content knowledge. Component 2 requires a portfolio on differentiation in instruction. Component 3 involves a video of

the teacher conducting a lesson and a written analysis of the lesson. The final component is an entry that requires teachers to “demonstrate evidence of your abilities as an effective and reflective practitioner” (<http://www.nbpts.org/national-board-certification/get-started/>).

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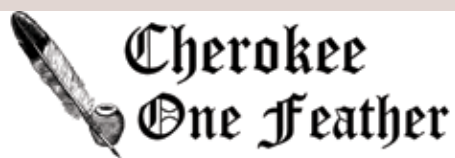
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Hate speech

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

*"Hate speeches are swirling around
Our azure and transparent sky
Suffocating the people of this planet
Like a strangled man in the terrible scaffold.
Venom that comes out of your tongue
Directly points its sharp arrow
Towards the bosom of your brothers,
You will derive nothing out of it
Except some malicious sadistic pleasure.
Shower love and affection for your brothers
That will be like a profitable deposit
Accruing a handsome reward in moments of dire need
Hatred causes tears and severe pain
In minds of thousand innocent people
Love makes others laugh
Proclaiming its glory to the people of this planet
And people enjoy much yearning delight
During the moments of disdainful plight."*
**By Shakil Ahmed, Assistant Professor of English,
A.L.C. College, Hailakandi, Assam, India**

As an editor, I get the great privilege of being a traffic cop for thought and lack thereof. As a proponent of free speech, I get no pleasure in suppressing anyone's editorial comment. As I have mentioned before, we have an ethics policy, one not of our own making. It is a guide in law to remove organizational biases. We also have an Editorial Board who sets policies in place to help me the words of staff members, appointees, members of the community and readership so that my personal biases are also checked. We filter only when the words are socially offense, maliciously attacking the character of an individual, or known to be false.

We take pains to make sure reporting is accurate and substantiated, mostly relying on government sources like police and other emergency services, and governmental authorities from print documentation or video and audio transcription. There were times in the history of the One Feather that governmental control was prevalent and

unhidden. The government even seemed proud of the fact that they controlled the content of the paper and attempted to craft it into a propaganda piece that would tell only the part of history that was flattering to the people and made government officials look good. Slowly and steadily, the staff of the One Feather and the community at large have pushed for something more. Those who control the media in a society also control access to needed information. In the wrong hands, a newspaper or other media source can be used to misinform and manipulate the public. Sometimes, misinformation is deliberate, an attempt to guide popular opinion into a direction that is unnatural for personal gain. Other times information is manipulated unintentionally, because of fear or ignorance. Throughout the years, the One Feather has experienced a little of all the above.

Journalists are not out to deceive. They are not out to manipulate. They are here to document. Their passion is to report history in the making. Their contribution to the community is passing along information that will help and sometimes heal a community. Part of the directive by those who created the Cherokee One Feather in tribal government wrote into the law the following, "It shall be the policy of the Cherokee One Feather to publish news articles and other materials and information judged by the editorial staff to have general value to the Cherokee community."

Part of the other materials and information that we judge of general value to the Cherokee community are the forums of editorial, letters to the editor, and commentary. This includes content on our various electronic offerings, like our website and social media page. For this material, there is a different standard because editorial content is not so much about fact as it about feeling. Commentary is an expression of opinion, and the truth is based on personal experience. We have used the phrase in the past "situational truth". You may have a different opinion about a "fact" than I do based on your upbringing, education, experience, and emotional state. We may both be right. We may both be wrong. Because opinion necessarily must be left to the holder of the belief. The truth may change based on the amount of information that is shared. It might vary based on the level of

trust or distrust you have in the source of the information or opinion.

I have had the privilege to write opinion pieces for you for several years now. At first, I was clumsy with my wording and timid with my communication. That was due in part to my inexperience and because of my awareness of a tendency toward censorship in the chain of command above me. Some of that manipulation was subtle, and some came by a blatant directive. The path to the amount of freedom of speech the community has today has been a slow and steady march.

When I transferred to the One Feather, editorial comment had not been produced in many months, and opinion was heavily monitored by the administration. Don't get me wrong, there wasn't direct involvement from the elected officials of the government, but levels of the chain of command would routinely give direction on what words could be used and what should appear in photographs used in the newspaper, even to the extreme of editing commentary to make a person's opinion more palatable. There were significant efforts to fashion the One Feather into a tribal newslet-

ter, providing filtered (and therefore inaccurate) history, sifting out the "negative" so that only the "happy" was publicized.

Speaking of negative, we are seeing several posts by individuals who seem not to be able to communicate without using foul language, racial slurs, bullying, character attacks, and hate speech. Most of these posts emanate from commenters that either cannot pose or defend a legitimate position or have some agenda that has nothing to do with the issue at hand. We have tagged comments under our posts that add no substantive contribu-

tion to the discussion of the issue and indeed seems to be inserted as some political propaganda. As much as we want to provide a free and open forum for our community to voice their opinions to each other, it is wrong to use this forum whether print or digital, to expose the community to inappropriate language, hate speech, and unbri-dled special interest dialogue.

The federal definition of hate speech is "speech that attacks a person or group on the basis of attributes such as race, religion, ethnic origin, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity". I am not sure we have ever identified what we, as Cherokee people, have ever defined hate speech. Our ancestors probably never contemplated a day when we would be spewing hatred at each other like we do today. Sadly, our vitriol usually begins with the statement, "Now, you're my people, and I love you but," and then we add, "you are stupid, evil, or criminal." We think that saying we love them somehow makes verbally tearing them apart ok.

Indeed, actions matter and if someone is a bad actor, that should be brought to light, but just saying someone is "bad" or "wrong" without any supporting evidence is not appropriate and potentially defamatory. Unsupported, unverified personal attacks are not helpful to the community and are a violation of our ethics as journalists. So, when you see comments that fit into that category, and they suddenly disappear, please know that it was removed with the community in mind, not our personal preferences. We are better than some of the comments that we make, so let's strive to build and not tear down.

AROUND THE BOUNDARY

by Tsegilayi Ayuini



@aroundthebound828

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Benefits/Fundraisers

Turkey Shoot at Jesse Welch's Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. Feb. 16 at 5 p.m., fundraiser for the James Welch family. Good prizes, good fun, good benefit. All are welcome.

Senior Citizens Fundraiser.

March 9 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Tsali Manor. Breakfast, auction, yard sale. All proceeds will go towards the Senior Citizens' Annual Trip.

Church/Faith Events

Multi-faith Spiritual Gathering. Feb. 16 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Qualla Java Cafe' meeting room. Sponsored by the Baha'is of the Southern Mountains, everyone

is invited to share a prayer, song, poem, story, or inspirational reading in a spirit of mutual respect and unity. Open to members of all faiths and spiritual traditions and to those of no particular faith. No donations accepted or requested. Info: Grant at gwolf19@yahoo.com

Cultural Events

Free Syllabary Class. Mondays from March 4 - April 29 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Cherokee Choices Community Room. Limited slots available. Please bring a writing utensil and a pack of index cards to class. This is for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians ages 10 and up. This is not a Cherokee language class. To sign up, call Tara McCoy 359-5542

Native Youth Fabric Design Sessions. March 7 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., March 14 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and April 4 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the EBCI Extension Office. Create a custom fabric design that represents Cherokee culture. Designs will be sent to Durham and made into an actual piece of fabric to use in creating clothing for the Kanasegi Fashion Show. Info: Sally Dixon 359-6936

Bean Bread Classes for EBCI Members. March 10 and March 17 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Cherokee Choices Community Room in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. Instructor will be Beloved

Woman Myrtle Driver Johnson. All ingredients will be provided. \$15 per person (cash only), two-hour class, 12 people per class. This event is sponsored by the Right Path Adult Leadership Alumni. Info: Tara McCoy 359-5542

Kanasegi Pottery Festival.

May 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Storytelling, vendors selling pottery, and presenters on Cherokee pottery. Info: 359-5542, 359-5005, or 359-5545

General Events

50th Vietnam War Commemoration Vietnam War Veterans and Surviving Spouses Pinning Ceremony. Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143. Everyone is invited to the event.

Jackson County Democratic Party. Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at party headquarters at 500 Mill Street in Sylva. The meeting is open to all Democrats. JCDP monthly meetings include all precinct officers and party executive officers, as well as representatives of auxiliary organizations (Men's Club, Democratic Women, Young Dems). Frank C. Burrell, chair of JCDP, will preside. Info: www.jacksondemands.com

Free Couples West Coast Swing Dance Lessons. Thursdays Feb. 21 through March 21 at 5:30 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. All ages welcome and no dance experience required. Info: 788-0502

3200 Acre Tract Community Meeting. Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. Guest

THE JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS THE

WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL

WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

FEB. 11-17, 2019

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckaseigee River	N/A	All Day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout	BWO, Winter Stone, Dark Caddis, Midges	BWO, Zebra Midge, Copper John, Stonefly, Soft Hackle Pheasant Tail, Prince Nymph, Woolly Bugger, Stripper Midge
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	N/A	All Day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	BWO, Winter Stone, Dark Caddis, Midges	Streamers, Stonefly imitations, Para Adams, Zug Bug, Prince nymph, Pheasant tail
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Follow posted regulations-wild trout	All Day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Brook Trout	BWO, Winter Stone, Dark Caddis, Midges	Stonefly imitations, Para Adams, Prince nymph, Pheasant tail, BWO, Peacock Caddis

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BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, FEB. 11	TUESDAY, FEB. 12	WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13	THURSDAY, FEB. 14	FRIDAY, FEB. 15	SATURDAY, FEB. 16	SUNDAY, FEB. 17
AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE+	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	BETTER
5:25 AM-7:25 AM 5:48 PM-7:48 PM	6:11 AM-8:11 AM 6:36 PM-8:36 PM	7:01 AM-9:01 AM 7:27 PM-9:27 PM	7:54 AM-9:54 AM 8:22 PM-10:22 PM	8:52 AM-10:52 AM 9:22 PM-11:22 PM	9:52 AM-11:52 AM 10:23 PM-12:23 AM	10:55 AM-12:55 PM 11:26 PM-1:26 AM

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presenter: Barak Myers, ethics awareness. Election of officers.

22nd Annual Greening Up the Mountains Festival. April 27 in downtown Sylva. Heritage arts festival that celebrates the arrival of spring through both traditional and contemporary forms of Appalachian art, music, food, and beverage. Arts, crafts, food vendors, 5K race, youth talent contest, beverage arts featuring local craft breweries, live music on two stages. Applications for vendors will be accepted through March 15 and can be downloaded at: www.greeningup-themountains.com. Info: Kendra Hamm at greeningupthemountains@gmail.com

Health/Sports Events
Cherokee Life Recreation Youth Softball and Baseball registration. Now through Feb. 15 at 4 p.m. Register at the Birdtown Gym. Baseball: 8U, cannot be 9-years-old by April 30; 10U, cannot be 11-years-old by April 30; 12U, cannot be 13 years old by April 30. Softball: 8U, cannot be 9-years-old by Jan. 1; 10U, cannot be 11-years-old by Jan. 1; 12U, cannot be 13-years-old by Jan. 1. If you are interested in coaching, contact Peaches Squirrell 359-6890 or miansqui@nc-chokeee.com

Pitch Slap Fastpitch Try-out. Feb. 24 at 1 p.m. at Cherokee High School Softball Fields. 8U, 10U, and 12U. Travel teams, tournaments March – November. Info: 788-3612 or 8thgenathl@gmail.com

Cherokee Recreation Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament. March 30 at Birdtown Gym. \$40 per team, deadline to enter is Monday, March 25 at 4 p.m. (no refunds). Must be

out of high school and 18 years or older. Eight-person roster, three females must be on court at all times. Info: Bree Lambert 736-6781, brialamb@nc-chokeee.com

Upcoming Pow Wows for Feb. 15-17

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

Avi Kwa Ame Pow Wow. Feb. 15-17 at Mojave Crossing Event Center in Fort Mohave, Ariz. Info: Maria Medrano (760) 629-4591, mariamedrano@fortmojave.com

Thunder on the Beach Pow Wow. Feb. 15-17 at Indian River County Fairgrounds in Vero Beach, Fla. Info: Joseph Pierro (722) 519-7888, info@fiha.us

Living Sky Casino 10th Anniversary Pow Wow. Feb. 16-17 at Kinetic Park Exhibition Grounds in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, Canada. Info: Living Sky Casino (306) 778-5759

Dream Catcher's of Ardmore High School Native American Club Pow Wow. Feb. 16 at Heritage Hall, Ardmore, Okla. MC: Jay Mule. Head Singer: John Hamilton. Info: Kimberly Smith (580) 221-3001, ext. 1231

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

508-1781

Support Groups
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
Monday:
Wrap: 9:15 - 10am
Finding Tohi: 10 - 11am
Cherokee Culture: 11am - 12:30pm
Step by Step: 1:30 - 2:30pm
The 12 Steps of Yoga (located at Cherokee Choices): 2:30 - 4pm
Recovery Support: 4:30 - 6pm
Hi-De-Nv (Come with me) Recovery Support Group: 5 - 6pm
Tuesday:
Emotions: 9 - 11am
Life Recovery: 3 - 4pm
Wednesday:
Wrap: 9:15 - 10am
Wild Wednesday: 10:15am - 12pm
Adulting 101: 12 - 1pm
Healthy Boundaries: 1 - 2pm
Soulfit: 2 - 3:30pm
Staff Meeting: 3:30 - 4:30pm
We Belong: 5 - 6pm
Peacemaking Support Circle: 5 - 6pm
Thursday:
Life Recovery: 8:30 - 9:30am
Staff Meeting: 9 - 10am
Mindfulness Crochet: 10:30am - 12pm
Creative Writing: 1 - 3pm
Employment Skills: 3 - 4pm
Friday:
Wrap: 9 - 10am
Creative Recovery: 9 - 11am
Courage to Heal: 11am - 12pm

Fit for Recovery : 12:45 - 2:15pm
Cherokee Language & Culture: 2:30 - 4pm

All classes are open to clients of Analenisgi. The only classes that are open to the public are: Life Recovery, Recovery Support, Two Spirit and Peacemaking Support Circle. Info: 497-6892.


CIHA Bariatric Support 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

Event listings are FREE of charge. Send event information to Scott at scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com and include: event name, date(s), time(s), place, and contact info.

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CHANNEL 28


Council Replays

Tuesdays & Saturdays: Tribal Council: 8:00 am
Budget Council: 4:00 pm


Thursdays & Sundays: Budget Council: 8:00 am
Tribal Council: 4:00 pm

**Other televised sessions will be played as time allows*





Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements



Finance Director – Administration

Opens 02/04/19
Closes 02/19/19

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

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

The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory.

Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate.

The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates or readvertise positions without notice.



Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

(Open until Filled):

- **Full Time Custodian** - Must have high school diploma/GED.
- **Elementary School Counselor** - Must have completed an approved Master's counselor education program in a regionally accredited college or university. Must be eligible for a professional license issued by the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction.
- **Middle Grades 6-8 Special Education Autism Classroom Teacher** - Must have a valid NC Teaching license in Special Education or eligible to receive licensure based on bachelor's degree in related field.
- **Middle Grades 6-8 Special Education Inclusion Teacher (Two positions)** - Must have a valid NC Teaching license in Special Education or eligible to receive licensure based on bachelor's degree in related field.
- **Middle Grades 6-8 Special Education Teacher** - Must have a valid NC Teaching license in Special Education or eligible to receive licensure based on bachelor's degree in related field.
- **Substitute Teacher** - Must have high school diploma/GED with Sub 101 certification; or Associate's Degree; or Bachelor's Degree.
- **Part Time Custodian** - Must have high school diploma/GED.
- **Security Gate Monitor (Part-Time; On-Call)** - Must have high school diploma/GED.

****Applicants who have accepted the Early Retirement Incentive Plan (ERIP) from EBCI or affiliated entity must wait 3 years before applying for employment.****

APPLY ONLINE at:

<https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/>
or visit www.ccs-nc.org for more information.

EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

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



POSITIONS OPEN

Please attach all required documents

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

Open until Filled

1. Certified Nursing Assistant – Tribal In Home Care Services – PHHS (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
2. Director of Information Technology – I.T. (L15 \$64,206 - \$80,258)
3. Part-Time Paramedic (Multiple) – EMS – Public Safety (L8 \$16.40 - \$20.50 per hour)
4. Detention Officer – Corrections – CIPD (L7 \$31,078 - \$38,848)
5. Teacher – Qualla Boundary EHS/HS – PHHS (L7 \$31,078 - \$38,848)
6. Utility Worker – Tribal Construction – Operations (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
7. Kituwah Academy Teacher – Kituwah Preservation & Education Program – Community/Education/Recreation (L11 \$45,018 - \$56,273)
8. Natural Resources Enforcement Officer (Multiple) – Natural Resources Enforcement – Public Safety (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
9. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
10. Truck Driver – Tribal Construction – Operations (L6 \$28,372 - \$35,465)
11. Deputy Clerk – Tribal Court – Judicial Branch (L6 \$28,372 - \$35,465)
12. Family Safety Manager – Family Safety – Public Health & Human Services (L16 \$70,192 - \$87,740)
13. Crew Leader/Operator/Well Technician – Tribal Construction – Operations (L10 \$41,082 - \$51,353)
14. Lead Grants & Contract Analyst – Budget & Finance – Treasury (L10 \$41,082 - \$51,353)
15. Certified Medical Assistant – Tsalagi Public Health - Public Health and Human Services (L5 \$25,830 - \$32,288)
16. Watershed Coordinator – Natural Resources – Agriculture & Natural Resources (L9 \$37,474 - \$46,843)
17. Office Assistant – Family Support – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L3 \$21,484 - \$26,855)
18. Housekeeper II Heavy Duty – Housekeeping – Support Services (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
19. Housekeeper I Light Duty – Housekeeping – Support Services (L3 \$21,484 - \$26,855)
20. Driver – Transit – Support Services (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
21. Utility Worker (Sanitation) – Solid Waste – Administration (L3 \$21,484 - \$26,855)
22. Family Safety Social Worker – Family Safety – Public Health & Human Services (L10 \$41,082 - \$51,353)
23. Officer Coordinator – Family Support Services – Public Health & Human Services (L7 \$31,078 - \$38,848)
24. Electrician Helper – Facility Management – Administration (L5 \$25,830 - \$32,288)
25. Part-time Recreation Aide – Cherokee Life Recreation – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L3 \$10.33 - \$12.91 per hour)



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EMPLOYMENT

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Optometrist
Dental Assistant II
Physician – Emergency Room
Physician – Primary Care
Cook – Tsali Care Center
Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali
Care Center (11 Positions)
RN Supervisor – Tsali Care Center
RN MDS Coordinator – Tsali Care
Center
RN – Tsali Care Center (2 Positions)
PTR RN – Tsali Care Center
PTI CNA – Tsali Care Center (3
Positions)
PTI RN – Tsali Care Center (2 Posi-
tions)
PTI LPN – Tsali Care Center (3
Positions)
CMA/LPN – Primary Care
Ward Clerk – Tsali Care Center (2
Positions)
Residential Technician – Snowbird
Residential Treatment Center (2
Positions)

To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hos-
pital HR department at 828-497-
9163. These positions are open
until filled. Indian preference does
apply.

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Respiratory Therapist
Child Services Manager – Analenis-
gi

To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hos-
pital HR department at 828-497-
9163. These positions will close
February 14, 2019 at 4:00pm. In-
dian preference does apply. **2/13pd**

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

PTR Peer Support – Analenisgi
PTI CNA Medication Aide – Tsali
Care Center (3 Positions)
CNA Medication Aide – Tsali Care
Center
Cook Aide - Tsali Care Center
Housekeeper – Tsali Care Cente
To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hos-
pital HR department at 828-497-
9163. These positions will close
February 21, 2019 at 4:00pm. In-
dian preference does apply. **2/20pd**

TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: February
13, 2019
CLOSING DATE: February 20,
2019 at 4:00pm
NAME OF POSITION: FT Conces-
sion Attendant
NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 2
SHIFT: Evening

SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents
a professional appearance. Proven
communication and interpersonal
skills. Enjoys working around peo-
ple. Must be able to oversee conces-
sion area. Strong communication
skills. Ability to coordinate multiple
tasks simultaneously. Most impor-
tantly, demonstrate confidentiality.
One-year experience preferred.
Must obtain a valid NC Driver's
License and High School Diploma
or GED. Application and a complete
job description may be picked up at
the Tribal Bingo Hall and returned
to April Bradley or Caressa Jackson.

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EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE
INDIANS. **2/13pd**

TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: February
13, 2019
CLOSING DATE: February 20,
2019 at 4:00pm
NAME OF POSITION: FT Cashier
NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 2
SHIFT: Evening

SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents
a professional appearance. Proven
communication and interperson-
al skills. Enjoys working around
people. Strong communication
skills. Ability to coordinate multiple
tasks simultaneously. Most impor-
tantly, demonstrate confidentiality.
One-year cashier/cash handling
experience required. Must obtain a
valid NC Driver's License and High
School Diploma or GED. Applica-
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may be picked up at the Tribal
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PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO
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EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE
INDIANS. **2/13pd**

TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: February
13, 2019
CLOSING DATE: February 20,
2019 at 4:00pm
NAME OF POSITION: Full Time
Floor Attendant
NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 2
SHIFT: Evening

SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents
a professional appearance. Proven
communication and interpersonal
skills. Enjoys working around peo-
ple. Strong communication skills.
Ability to coordinate multiple tasks
simultaneously. Most importantly,
demonstrate confidentiality. One-
year experience preferred. Must
obtain a valid NC Driver's License
and High School Diploma or GED.
Application and a complete job
description may be picked up at the
Tribal Bingo Hall and returned to
April Bradley or Caressa Jackson.

THE TRIBAL BINGO ENTER-
PRISE, AN ENTERPRISE CREATED
BY THE EASTERN BAND OF CHER-
OKEE INDIANS, RESERVES THE
RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL
APPLICANTS AND EMPLOYMENT
IS SUBJECT TO THOSE TERMS
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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 18-079

In the Matter of the Estate of George Henry Lambert

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

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

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

Jennifer Blanton, 860 Union Hill, Whittier, NC 28789. **2/13pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 19-007

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Wallace Herbert St. Clair**

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

Sharon Bradley, P.O. Box 2048, Cherokee NC 28719. **2/13pd**

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS
BY PUBLICATION**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
In the Tribal Court

**In the Matter of K.W.,
File No. CVJ 18-021
TO: The Unknown Father of
Minor Child K.W.**

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.W. is a neglected,

dependent and drug endangered child, filed in the Tribal Court on March 7, 2018. A court order from the Tribal Court directing that service of process on you take place by publication was entered on January 17, 2019.

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.

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 30th day of January 2019.

Sybil G. Mann, Family Safety Program Attorney, P.O. Box 455 Cherokee, N.C. 28719 (828)359-1559 N.C. Bar No. 16729 **2/13pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 19-010

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Kevin Brian Smith**

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.

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

Kayla Cherell Garcia, 122 Victoria Dr., East Flat Rock, NC 28726, **2/20pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 19-009

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Donna Eugeneia Arch**

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.

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Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Marigeun Arch, P.O. Box 972, Cherokee, NC 28719, **2/20pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 19-008



**In the Matter of the Estate of
Jonathan Nathaniel Toineeta**

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

43 John Crowe Hill Road
PO Box 666
Cherokee, NC 28719
☎ 828-359-6180
FAX 828-359-0200



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MEMORANDUM

FROM: Vickie Bradley, Secretary PHHS

DATE: 2/1/19

RE: Notice of intention to adopt rules and opportunity to submit data

To comply with the provision of the Family First Prevention Services Act, Public Law 115-123, enacted February 9, 2018, and to begin the Kinship Caregiver Foster Licensing Program, PHHS is proposing amendments to the administrative rules governing the Family Safety Program.

The following amendments are being proposed:

10A CAR 70E .0602: updating the definition of Family Foster Home; adding definition of Kinship Caregiver Foster Home

10A CAR 70E .0701: adding Kinship Caregiver Foster Care as a licensing function

10A CAR 70E .0709: adding Kinship Caregiver Foster License to Kinds of Licenses

10A CAR 70E .1001: updating foster home capacity and exceptions; adding information related to Kinship Caregiver Foster License

10A CAR 70E .1104: adding requirements for Kinship Caregiver Foster License

10A CAR 70E .1117: adding training requirements for Kinship Caregiver Foster License

10A CAR 70L .0102: updating sections related to waiver of licensing rules

Pursuant to C.C. 150-4 the period for public comment of any rule, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, shall be 20 days from the publication date of the Cherokee One Feather or newspapers in which notice is given of the proposed adoption, amendment or repeal of said rule.

Comments on these rules may be submitted in writing via the mail at EBCI PHHS: ATTN PROPOSED RULE CHANGE FAMILY SAFETY, PO Box 666, Cherokee, NC 28719; via email at hsrbpark@nc-cherokee.com, or by hand delivering your written comments to the front desk of the Family Safety Program at 117 John Crowe Hill Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719.

A copy of the proposed rule changes is posted on the EBCI PHHS website <http://www.cherokee-phhs.com/>. A hard copy of the proposed rule changes may also be obtained at the front desk of the Family Safety Program.

FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
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Jordan Nicloe Toineeta, 1928 Yel-
lowhill Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719,
2/20pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 2019 E 000019
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Nell Beck Crowe**
All persons, firms and corpo-
rations having claims against this
estate are notified to exhibit them
to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before
the date listed or be barred from
their recovery.

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
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Robin Darlene Swayney, P.O.
Box 2137, Cherokee NC 28719,
2/20pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 19-011
**In the Matter of the Estate of
James Richard George**

All persons, firms and corpo-
rations having claims against this
estate are notified to exhibit them

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the date listed or be barred from
their recovery.

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Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
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Donna S. George, P.O. Box 665,
Cherokee NC 28719, **2/20pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 18-055
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Henry Queen**

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

Debtors of the decedent are
asked to make immediate payment
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Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
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Joseph Lawrence Johnson "Buddy",
8259 Big Cove Rd, Cherokee NC
28719. **2/27pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 19-014
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Abraham Wachacha**
All persons, firms and corpo-
rations having claims against this
estate are notified to exhibit them
to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before
the date listed or be barred from
their recovery.

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
TION
O J Adam Wachacha, P.O. Box
2443, Robbinsville, NC 28771; or
Eugene J. Wachacha, 101 Santeet-
lah Rd., Robbinsville, NC 28771.
3/6pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 19-012
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Iva Lucille Gentry**
All persons, firms and corpo-
rations having claims against this
estate are notified to exhibit them
to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before
the date listed or be barred from
their recovery.

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
TION
Tracy Tiger French, 484 Old Soco
Rd., Cherokee NC 28719. **3/6pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 19-013
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Ougeequay A-Ka-Ti
Walkingstick**

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
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Daniel Walkingstick, 1246 Tooni
Branch, Cherokee NC 28719.
3/6pd

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

**Bids are being accepted for
2019 pageant crowns**
2019 Teen Miss Cherokee Crown
• 9" high, EBCI seal in center (seal

BIBLE

TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 2 Thessalonians in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Song of Solomon 8, what is so powerful that many waters cannot quench it? *Hope, Love, Salvation, Peace*

3. Thorns and what else grew from the ground that God cursed after Adam and Eve's sins? *Vines, Ivy, Thistles, Weeds*

4. According to Paul, in hardships Christians are "more than" what? *Friends, Conquerors, Warriors, Innkeepers*



5. From Luke 19, what town was home to Zacchaeus? *Jericho, Tarsus, Thessalonica, Corinth*

6. How many sons did Isaac have? *2, 4, 6, 8*

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Love; 3) Thistles; 4) Conquerors; 5) Jericho; 6) 2 (Esau and Jacob)

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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CHANNEL 28

Council Replays

Tuesdays & Saturdays: Tribal Council: 8:00 am
Budget Council: 1:00 pm

Thursdays & Sundays: Budget Council: 8:00 am
Tribal Council: 1:00 pm

*Other televised sessions will be played as time allows

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must have all wording)
• Use any colors/design for personal touch
• Must present design and type of beads that will be used on the crown to the Board. Bid will not be accepted without presentation of design.

2019 Junior Miss Cherokee Crown
• 7" high, EBCI seal in center (seal must have all wording)

• Use any colors/design for personal touch
• Must present design and type of beads that will be used on the crown to the Board. Bid will not be accepted without presentation of design.

2019 Little Miss Cherokee Crown
• 5" high, EBCI seal in center (seal must have all wording)

• Use any colors/design for personal touch
• Must present design and type of beads that will be used on the crown to the Board. Bid will not be accepted without presentation of design.

Bidders must be prepared to present designs to the Board on Monday, Feb. 22 at 5pm at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. Info: Yona Wade 554-5032 or email cherokeepageantboard@gmail.com **2/20**

Request for Bids

American South would like to invite you to bid on the Ramsey Activity Center Façade Replacement at Western Carolina University on February 19th, 2019. The project consists of demolition and retrofit of the existing envelope of the Ramsey Regional Activities Center. Work includes retro-fit of the curtainwall, new insulated metal panel facade with cold formed metal framing backup, canopy retrofit and electrical work. Modifications

to doors, hardware and louvers will be included. Roof and waterproofing system were both recently replaced, but there will be tie into both. and other Work indicated in the Contract Documents. Please contact Seth Chambers at schambers@americansouthgsc.com with any questions or access to bid documents. **2/13pd**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS BATHROOM CLEANING

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The EBCI PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM is requesting proposals from qualified firms to maintain three separate outdoor public restrooms located at Oconaluftee Island Park, Big Cove Ponds (beside KOA), and Acquoni Rd Family Park (across from Cherokee Skate Park).

All bids must be submitted by March 01, 2019, 12:00PM (EST). TERO certified companies will receive preference as TERO rules and regulation will apply

Contact Polly Kelley at 828-359-6530 or email pollcast@nc-chokeee.com, to request a copy of the RFP. **2/20pd**

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Project Management Program
Ginger Lyn Welch Bldg.
810 Acquoni Road
P.O. Box 1328

Cherokee, N.C. 28719

Ph. (828) 359-6120

Project Title: Hazardous Materials Clean Up at Former Riverview Campground Service Station

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Construction Program is requesting separate sealed bids for the services of a licensed general contractor with experience and certification in hazardous materials remediation for the purpose

of remediating contaminated soils at the former Riverview Campground Service Station site.

The project area is located on the Cherokee Indian Reservation at 552 Whitewater Drive, Cherokee, NC. An estimated 470 tons of soils will be excavated and properly disposed of at an approved disposal site. Prospective bidders must be familiar with project location and processes used for remediation of hydro-carbon contaminants. Bidding documents will be provided to any licensed contractor upon request. Contact Ken Green at (828)359-6120 or by email at kengree@nc-chokeee.com with any questions or to request a bid package.

Bid packages should be addressed to Mr. Green at the address above and must be received by

11:00 a.m., March 14, 2019 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. **2/20pd**

Request for Proposals

The Natural Resource Management Office is seeking Request for Proposals (RFP) to complete EPA Brownfield Grant work. If Interested, and would like a packet to submit a proposal please contact: Derek Tahquette
Natural Resource Management
828-359-6118
johnhtahq@nc-chokeee.com
2/20pd



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Try to say as little as possible about the work you're doing through the end of the month. Then you can make your announcement and accept your well-deserved plaudits.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You face a more difficult challenge than you expected. But with that strong Taurean determination, you should be able to deal with it successfully by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Before you act on your "feelings" about that upcoming decision, it might be wise to do a little fact-checking first. You could be very much surprised by what you don't find.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A recent workplace success can open some doors that were previously closed to you. On a personal level, expect to receive some important news from a longtime friend and colleague.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Put your wounded pride aside and do what you must to heal that misunderstanding before it takes a potentially irreversible turn and leaves you regretting the loss of a good friend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) One way to kick a less-than-active social life into high gear or rebuild an outdated contacts list is to throw one of your well-organized get-togethers for friends and associates.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Getting out of an obligation you didn't really want to take on can be tricky. An honest explanation of the circumstances can help. Next time, pay more attention to your usually keen instincts.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Use your **Scorpion** logic to push for a no-nonsense approach to a perplexing situation. This could help keep present and potential problems from creating more confusion.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A friend's problem might take more time than you want to give. But staying with it once again proves the depth of your Sagittarian friendship and loyalty.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The Sea Goat can benefit from an extra dose of self-confidence to unsettle your detractors, giving you the advantage of putting on a strong presentation of your position.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might want to ask a friend or relative for advice on an ongoing personal matter. But be careful not to give away information you might later wish you had kept secret.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Use the weekend for a creativity break to help restore your spiritual energy. Once that's done, you'll be back and more than ready to tackle whatever challenge you need to face.

BORN THIS WEEK: You get great joy out of creating beautiful things and sharing them with others who appreciate them.

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YOUR TICKET TO A GREAT NIGHT



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FEBRUARY 15

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Visit [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) or call 1-800-745-3000 to purchase tickets.

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