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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**“In all my years as a Brave, I have seldom experienced such a swift response from an administrative unit to address such a negative situation.”**

- Dr. Debora Foerst, CHS principal, on Snapchat post incident (Story Page 4)



## Tribal leaders tackle issues in D.C.

**EBCI leaders meet with legislators on  
Catawba, Lumbee, and other issues**

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# Principal Chief's Report for Feb. 15

**RICHARD G. SNEED**  
PRINCIPAL CHIEF

The position of Principal Chief affords me many opportunities to serve the citizens of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). This past week, I was honored to represent each of you while meeting with legislators in Washington, DC.

I was glad to be joined by several members of Tribal Council including Chairman Adam Wachacha (Snowbird/Cherokee County), Perry Shell (Big Cove/Towstring), Richard French (Big Cove/Towstring), Boyd Owle (Birdtown/3200 Acre), Albert Rose (Birdtown/3200 Acre), and Bucky Brown (Snowbird/Cherokee County). I appreciate the dedication and fresh insight brought by each of these Tribal Council representatives. They represented each of their respective communities well by relaying the issues important to our tribal citizens.

During our visit, we met with several legislators regarding Senate Bill S790 which would authorize the Catawba Nation to build a casino in Cleveland County, N.C.. We discussed details as to why we believe there is no legal pathway for the Catawba Nation to take land, which the EBCI can demonstrate are historical Cherokee aboriginal homelands, into trust in North Carolina.

The 1993 Catawba Settlement Act and the federal regulations instituted by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA,) which has provisions for tribes wishing to take land into trust for the purposes of gaming, demonstrate that the Catawba's proposed process



Photo courtesy of EBCI Public Relations  
**Tribal leaders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians** are shown in Washington, D.C. on a trip the week of Feb. 10 including, left to right, Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell, Chief of Staff Paxton Myers, Big Cove Rep. Richard French, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha, Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle, Tribal Governmental Liaison Jeremy Wilson, Cherokee Co. - Snowbird Rep. Bucky Brown, and Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose.

is not within the legal framework established. We also met with individuals from the Department of Interior to express our concerns and request that they stay true to the process that has been used for all other tribes.

If you wish to learn more about this issue I invite you to read the 1993 Catawba Settlement Act, which very clearly lays out the South Carolina land to be taken into trust for the Catawba Nation, and the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, particularly Section 20 which governs the process for land to be taken into trust for the purposes of

gaming.

The EBCI does not oppose fellow federally recognized tribes from moving into the gaming industry. We do, however, oppose tribes from using legislation to bypass the regulations set up to assist federally recognized tribes, regulations that we and all other tribes must abide by.

As they have several times previously, the Lumbee people are attempting to push legislation, H.R. 1964, through Congress to grant them federal recognition. The EBCI have always opposed the Lumbee's attempts to bypass the

Office of Federal Acknowledgment, which was established in 1978. The federal acknowledgment process was instituted to provide a uniform and fair process for groups seeking federal recognition based upon the provisions laid out in the Code of Federal Regulations- 25 CFR § 83.11. While this process has been cumbersome in the past, amendments have been made to streamline the process while maintaining the integrity of the system. If you have not done so I invite each of you to watch my Dec. 4, 2019 testimony during the hearing for the United States



House Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples.

The EBCI insists that federal recognition should be merit-based, accessible only to those tribal nations that can demonstrate that they descend from legitimate, historic tribes. Federally recognized tribal nations represent political sovereigns that have fought for and maintained their sovereignty against all odds, even when there were no benefits for doing so. Today, federally recognized tribal nations are entitled to a government-to-government relationship with the United States based on the sacrifices their historic ancestors made—sacrifices enshrined in treaties, federal laws and court decisions.

While in DC, I had the pleasure of reuniting with Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.


Several EBCI representatives met with Mr. Nez during the last NCAI event hosted in Albuquerque, N.M. in October 2019. During our two visits, we were comforted that the Navajo people share some of the same concerns as EBCI representatives. We were pleased to discuss political issues that not only affect both our tribes, but Tribal Nations across the United States. As tribal leaders, it is crucial that we develop these relationships with fellow federally recognized tribes so we may partner on mutually beneficial endeavors. It is only through cooperation that our voices will be heard and our issues will be taken seriously. One issue that emanated throughout all our conversations with leaders of federally recognized tribes was their growing concern about the impact of state recog-

nized tribes. These tribes often-times appropriate the names and cultures of federally-recognized tribes resulting in confusion by those not educated on Native Nations issues and threatening the sovereignty of tribes who have fought for centuries to maintain their identity in the midst of political and social pressure to assimilate.

One example of the manipulation used by state recognized tribes is their seeking and being awarded federal 8A contracts based upon their claims of Indian ancestry. The Los Angeles Times published a story this past December outlining the specifics of tribes who either have sought federal recognition and have been denied or have only sought state recognition receiving upwards of \$500 million in federal funding under


the 8A contracting guidelines which have been established to help companies owned by individuals who are socially or economically disadvantaged. It is imperative that we bring together leaders of federally recognized tribes to strengthen our position that the integrity of federal recognition be protected based upon political designation offered only to groups with ties to historical treaties and relationships.


I am happy to speak with any tribal citizen would like additional information on our visit to Washington, DC. Again, it is an honor to represent each of you and I look forward to continuing my work to build a coalition of support to protect the needs of federally recognized tribes.






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# School officials handle inflammatory Snapchat post prior to ballgames

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**H**AYESVILLE - An inflammatory Snapchat post was put online and started making the rounds like wildfire just prior to basketball games between Cherokee High School (CHS) and Hayesville High School (HHS) on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 11. The post, from a minor student at HHS stated (typed as it was in the post), "Student section theme for tonight's game against the Cherokee Indians is Cowboys, bring your boots ya hats and ya horses and let's scalp some Indians."

The Cherokee sports teams have the monikers of Braves and Lady Braves, not Indians, and most of the players are members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI).

"On behalf of the Hayesville High School community, I would like to apologize for the inappropriate social media posts by a couple of our students and other situations that have derived from them," Jim Saltz, HHS principal, said in an apology letter to Dr. Debora Foerst, CHS principal, the day after the incident. "We at HHS in no way will tolerate the content of the posts and the solicited actions. As a fellow school administrator I trust you understand this is another example of students using social media in an inappropriate manner."

In his letter, Saltz outlined several actions HHS officials took prior to the game to help to mitigate the situation including

denying access to the ball games to the students involved in the Snapchat post, denying admission to the games to anyone dressed in the above-mentioned "cowboy" attire, as well as increasing security at the venue.

He related that education and cultural awareness is at the forefront of their response. "The actions that occurred yesterday do not exemplify what we strive to do at HHS and we will take the necessary steps to ensure that we do not fall short of our mission."

Dr. Foerst became aware of this incident prior to the game and acted immediately to address the situation head-on. In a statement to the One Feather she said, "As I was driving to Hayesville on Tuesday afternoon, my phone began lighting up with folks sending me screenshots of a completely inappropriate and racially charged social media post made by a Hayesville High School student. My players, parents, and community members were understandably quite upset. It upset me. Sadly, I thought, 'Again?' and 'Still?'"

Dr. Foerst is the daughter of the late Ray Kinsland (Mr. Brave), for whom the Cherokee football stadium is named, and she has been around Cherokee athletics her entire life. "We have faced racist remarks, chants, signs, behavior, and more from schools all across North Carolina as long as I can remember and farther back than that. My dad told many stories about his experiences with our student-athletes over his 60 years volunteering with Cherokee High School, from not being al-

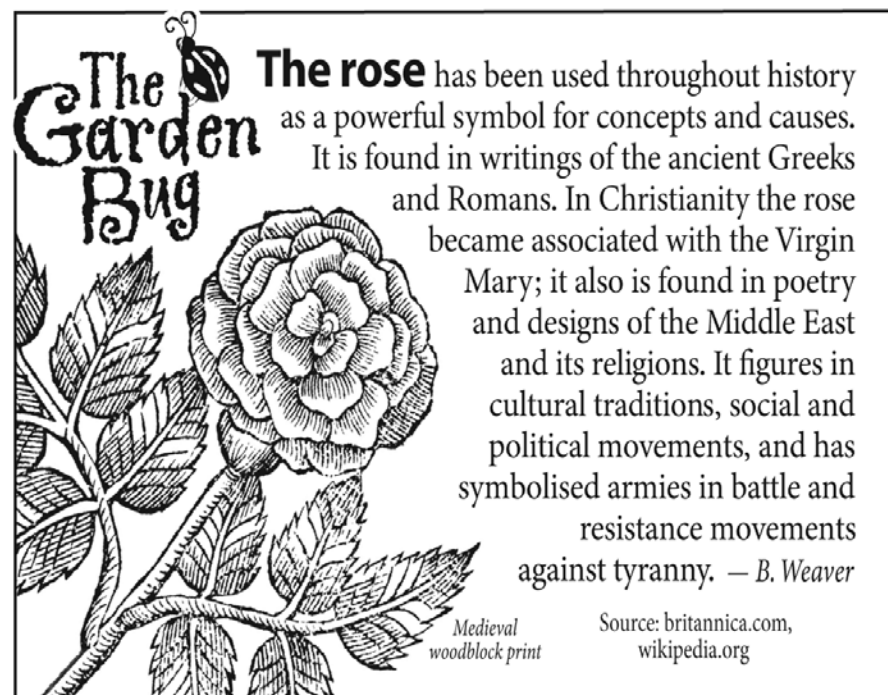
lowed to eat in the dining room of restaurants to having trash thrown on them as they left the field. We have sat through student sections of opposing schools do fake war whoops, run-through banners with "The Trail of Tears ends here," and fans spitting on our players. We were told it was all in good fun, we shouldn't be so sensitive, or it is just the students trying to encourage their teams."

Dr. Foerst praises the response time from HHS officials and notes, "In all my years as a Brave, I have seldom experienced such a swift response from an administrative unit to address such a negative situation."

As the screenshot from the original Snapchat post was shared on social media, most notably Facebook, comments and tempers flared on those platforms. "Having read some of the adult

responses on social media to this situation, it is not difficult to answer my questions of 'Again?' and 'Still?', Dr. Foerst said. "I would remind those adults that we are the Cherokee Braves representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and we were playing a conference, but non-rival, team. The individual posting made it about race immediately, and the mention of scalping made it about years of genocide, marginalization, and social injustices."

Principal Saltz concluded his apology letter by stating, "We are better than this at HHS and we will strive to do everything in our control to make sure incidents such as this are not repeated. Again, I apologize and please know that we will not tolerate behaviors that are motivated by the ills of our society."



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# EBCI 4-H volunteers win awards at Annual State Conference



Photos courtesy of EBCI Extension Office

**Jessica Metz**, center, a science and social studies teacher at New Kituwah Academy, won the 4-H Statewide In-School Enrichment Recognition for the West District recently. She is shown with Dr. Mike Yoder, state 4-H leader, left, and Dr. Rich Bonnanno, Dean of N.C. State Extension.

**T**hree volunteers with the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) 4-H program attended the 41st annual North Carolina 4-H Volunteer Leader's Conference recently in Durham. This conference serves as a statewide hub for volunteer training and networking for 4-H in North Carolina.

In attendance were Sally Dixon, 4-H Agent; Diane Floyd; Jessica Metz; and Chi Shipman.

At the annual awards banquet, EBCI 4-H volunteers won three awards based on their service to different aspects of the 4-H program.

Floyd, a Service Connection Center Supervisor at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, has been a 4-H volunteer in Haywood County and with the EBCI for 20 years. She teaches sewing classes in the summer and runs our bi-monthly 4-H Sewing Club. She won a \$100 scholarship to attend the National 4-H Volunteer Conference at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Ga. later this

year.

Shipman, an EBCI tribal member and daughter of Marvel Welch of the Wofltown Community, has been a 4-H volunteer for two years and currently leads the 4-H Cultural Presentation Team and is an asset to our public speaking programming.

She also won a \$100 scholarship to attend the National 4-H Volunteer Conference at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center.

Metz, a 3rd-6th grade science and social studies teacher at New Kituwah Academy, has been a 4-H volunteer for two years. She works heavily with her students to complete 4-H projects inside their classroom ranging from embryology, gardening, community service, and sustainability. She also leads the weekly 4-H STEM Club afterschool for 5th and 6th grade students. Metz also won the Statewide In-School Enrichment Recognition for the West District. This award is based on the past year of service to 4-H with pro-



**Chi Shipman**, center, an EBCI tribal member who currently leads the 4-H Cultural Presentation Team, won a \$100 scholarship to attend the National 4-H Volunteer Conference at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center. She is shown with Dr. Mike Yoder, state 4-H leader, left, and Dr. Rich Bonnanno, Dean of N.C. State Extension.



**Diane Floyd**, center, a Service Connection Center Supervisor at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, won a \$100 scholarship to attend the National 4-H Volunteer Conference at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Ga. later this year. She is shown with Dr. Mike Yoder, state 4-H leader, left, and Dr. Rich Bonnanno, Dean of N.C. State Extension.

gramming that takes place in the school classroom.

EBCI 4-H is a youth development program provided by N.C. Cooperative Extension. There are over 6 million youth in the United States involved with 4-H to learn

citizenship, leadership, and life skills. Youth aged 5-18 are eligible to join the EBCI 4-H program to learn about healthy living, STEM, civic responsibility, and career development.

- EBCI 4-H Program release

# Santa Maria leads with a calm intensity

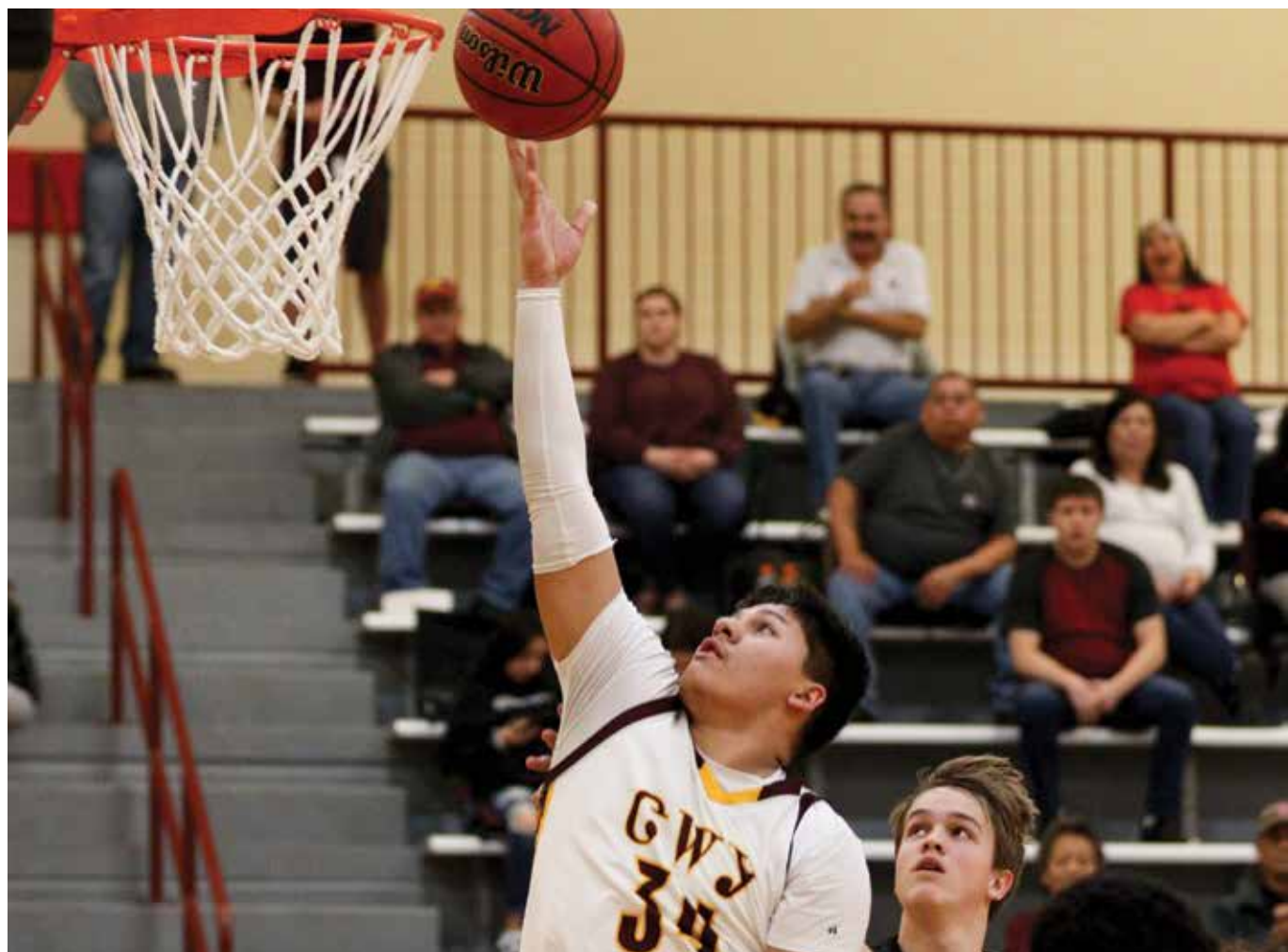
SCOTT MCKIE B.P.  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

**S**terling Santa Maria is one of those rare athletes that plays and leads with a calm intensity. Now, what does that mean? He gets amped just like any athlete, but he enters each sporting event with a calmness that is rare in high school sports.

Even when the atmosphere at a game is insane and people are yelling and screaming and upset, Santa Maria remains calm. He seems to have a wonderful ability to concentrate on the task at hand, and he usually does it with a smile on his face.

A member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from the Yellowhill Community, Santa Maria is a multi-sport standout in football, basketball, and track and field. He was a member of the 2017 Cherokee Braves football team that won the school's first state championship, and he also placed second in the shot put event at last year's Smoky Mountain Conference meet, 1A West Regional meet, and the 1A State Championship meet. With track about to start, I imagine we'll see similar if not higher results this season.

The other night, Santa Maria dropped a career-high 47 points against Murphy. And, it was a calm, quiet 47 points. That's how he approaches sports. He will score 25 or 30 or 40 points or place second in the state in the shot put, and you will not fully realize what he did until it is over. He was named to the Big Smoky Mountain Conference honorable



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo

**Sterling Santa Maria**, a senior at Cherokee High School, is shown making a layup in a Feb. 3 game against Murphy in which he scored a career-high 47 points.

mention team in basketball for the 2017-18 season and was named All-Conference in 2018-19. He is a shoe-in to make that team and hopefully All-Region this season.

After he scored his 1,000th career point in basketball in January 2019, I interviewed him in the parking lot at Robbinsville High School. Always respectful and articulate, Santa Maria commented, "I've been working towards it since freshman year, and I'm just trying to work hard every day, get better, make shots."

His work ethic is to be respected as he continues to improve game after game, year after year.

Most importantly, that work ethic spills over into the classroom. Last May, as a junior, he received one of Cherokee High School's coveted Academic Awards, and he was recently named to the CHS Principal's Honor Roll. Santa Maria is set to graduate near the top of his Class of 2020, and it was announced during the recent Winter Sports Senior Night that he has been

accepted to and will attend the University of Oregon in Eugene, Ore.

Plato, Athenian philosopher (427 BC – 347 BC), wrote, "He who is of calm and happy nature will hardly feel the pressure of age..."

Santa Maria, while remaining an intensely focused and affective athlete, embodies that doctrine. I know he will continue that mentality as he moves on to further his education.



## WRESTLING

# Three Braves, other SMC wrestlers qualify for State

**Mt. Airy** - Three members of the Cherokee Braves Varsity Wrestling Team placed at the 1A West Regional Championship at Mt. Airy High School on Saturday, Feb. 15 and punched their ticket for the State meet on Feb. 21-22 in Greensboro. Braden Taylor (160lb), Caden Pheasant (170lb), and Masih Catolster (285lb) all placed fourth in their divisions. Avery County won the team regional title with a score of 222 followed by Swain County 147, Robbinsville 131.5, and Mt. Airy 118.

The wrestlers from the Smoky Mountain Conference who placed in the top four in their weight division and qualified for State include the following:

### 106lb:

- 3rd place - Luke Wilson, Robbinsville

### 113lb:

- 2nd place - Kevin Cook, Hayesville

- 4th place - John Parton, Swain County

### 126lb:

- 1st place - Jonas Trejo, Swain County

- 2nd place - Jayden Nowell, Robbinsville

- 4th place - Zane Lucksavage, Hayesville

### 132lb:

- 4th place - Cade Vaughn, Andrews

### 138lb:

- 2nd place - Nathan Brock, Swain County

- 3rd place - Nathan Fisher, Robbinsville

### 145lb:

- 4th place - Lucas Brown, Swain County

### 152lb:

- 3rd place - Hunter Craig, Swain County

### 160lb:

- 1st place - Justin Stewart, Robbinsville

- 4th place - Braden Taylor, Cherokee

### 170lb:

- 4th place - Caden Pheasant, Cherokee

### 182lb:

- 2nd place - Cody Long, Swain County

- 4th place - Samuel Wood, Andrews

### 195lb:

- 1st place - Kyle Fink, Robbinsville

### 220lb:

- 3rd place - Ethan Taylor, Hayesville

### 285lb:

- 4th place - Masih Catolster, Cherokee

- One Feather staff report



Photo contributed

With fourth place finishes in the 1A West Regional meet on Saturday, Feb. 15 at Mt. Airy High School, Cherokee High School had three wrestlers qualify for next week's 1A State Meet including, left to right, Masih Catolster (285), Caden Pheasant (170), and Braden Taylor (160).



## BASKETBALL

# Lady Braves topped in close road game at Hayesville



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

**Cherokee's Deante Toineeta (#13)** shoots a jump shot over Hayesville's Jade Patterson in a game at Hayesville High School on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 11. With 16 points, Toineeta led Cherokee in a game that was close the entire way. Hayesville led 20-17 after the first period, and then Cherokee outscored the Lady Yellowjackets 13-8 to lead by five points (30-25) at the half. The two teams were deadlocked (42-42) after the third, and then Hayesville hit some key free throws late to take the win 50-46. Other Lady Braves scorers included: Raylen Bark 6, Naomi Smith 3, Vivian Ross 13, Rhyen Girty 6, and Tierney Bradley 2. Hayesville scorers included: Lizzy Brusini 11, Patterson 12, Lila Payne 2, Jocelin Buckner 10, and Brianna Foster 15.



**Cherokee's Vivian Ross**, left, guards Hayesville's Lila Payne in the second half of Tuesday's game. Ross finished the game with 13 points and Payne had 2.



**Cherokee's Raylen Bark (#1)** guards Hayesville's Jade Patterson in the first half of Tuesday's game. Bark finished the game with 6 points and Patterson had 12.



# Braves take down unbeaten Hayesville on the road



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

**Cherokee's Sterling Santa Maria** helped lead the Braves to a 66-58 win over Hayesville, who was previously undefeated in Big Smoky Mountain Conference play, in a game at Hayesville High School on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 11. With 24 points, Santa Maria led the Braves in scoring followed by Sarron Johnson with 18. The first half of the game was very close with Cherokee holding a 17-13 lead after the first period and Hayesville coming back to lead by 1-point (26-25) at the half. The Braves came out for the third firing on all cylinders and outscored the Yellowjackets 22-12 to lead 47-38 going into the fourth. The final period was close scoring wise, but Cherokee was able to hold their lead and take the 8-point win. Other Braves scorers included: Chris Johnson 2, Bobby Crowe 8, Treannie Larch 10, and Don Bradley 4. Hayesville scorers included: Mark Cothren 2, Kolby Ashe 9, Hayden McClure 6, Brady Shook 6, Blake McClure 7, and Jake McTaggart 27.



**Cherokee's Sarron Johnson**, left, goes for a shot over Hayesville's Kolby Ashe. Johnson finished the game with 18 and Ashe had 9.



**Cherokee's Jordan Arkansas (#2)** flies up the court as Hayesville's Hayden McClure pursues.



## Cherokee writers invited to first annual SEACS Conference

**JONAH LOSSIAH**  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Southeastern Association of Cultural Studies (SEACS) held its first annual conference from Feb. 7-8 in Charlotte.

The conference is made up of 24 panel presentations across two days, with a keynote speaker on the second day. The topics of these presentations range greatly, and the event brings in scholars from all across the region.

Dr. Paul Worley, who is the SEACS Journal editor and an associate professor in WCU's English Department, said that he has been going to this conference since the 1990s when it was under the name Philological Association of the Carolinas (PAC).

"I think it's really important to know your colleagues not just on a national or international level, but also on a regional level. So, it's a chance to get together with people. It's a chance to communicate," said Worley.

Worley and Michael Redman, a recent graduate of the WCU's Master's Program in English, helped to organize a panel discussing Indigenous Literature.

They invited Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle to take part in this discussion. Clapsaddle, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, plans to release her first published novel "Even As We Breathe" this October. Her book was picked up by the University of Kentucky Press last year. The Cherokee One Feather also accepted an invitation to be on the panel.

Worley said that to build relationships with people and places,



Photo contributed

The panelists who each presented on indigenous literature at the recent Southeastern Association of Cultural Studies (SEACS) in Charlotte are shown, left to right: Dr. Paul Worley, Annette Clapsaddle, Jonah Lossiah, and Michael Redman.

you have to step back and listen to what they have to say. In the case of Cherokee, he said he is excited to continue working with Cherokee writers and establish as much of an understanding with the region as he can.

"I think we can use these academic fora that traditionally have been so alienating as platforms to do things differently and create more collaborative relationships, you know just in the region," said Worley.

"Dynamics of representation are so important. Annette Clapsaddle's presentation was also really fantastic. Coming from the perspective of a creative writer. This is something that I think has once again erupted into the national consciousness with what's going on with the novel 'American Dirt' which is about the immigrant experience from Mexico, but written by a white woman who, I think

she says at one point she spent ten days in Mexico. So, she knows enough about Mexico to write this novel. This is a problem."

Clapsaddle that she is also excited by the prospect of a more productive relationship between the Tribe and WCU.

"If not Western, then who? Literally, it's on Cherokee land. And, it's part of their mission to be involved in the community. Cherokee is part of that community," said Clapsaddle.

She said that she is aware of shallow grabs at "inclusion", but that this invitation was not one of those. She said she was honored to join the panel.

"I think it's acknowledging that expertise exists in different facets and different places. It's not like, you know it's oftentimes 'come and perform for us'. But this felt more like 'we respect what different scholars or writers have

to say about this topic, and we think it will inform the topic'; not just come be a token on the panel. It didn't feel like that."

Clapsaddle presented "Voices of Fiction: Native Style" and spoke from her personal experiences studying Native American literature and growing up in Cherokee. "I think it's really important. A lot of times at these academic conferences, you only have folks who operate in a sphere of a four-year institution. And for literature specifically, or any kind of art form, to continue to change and live and thrive, it has to have some cultural context. And it really should involve dialogue with the community. So, I think it's really important that native literature doesn't just live on the page in a classroom or a university, that it's really informed by a diverse group of voices."

Clapsaddle says that she still runs into roadblocks at times when presenting her work, so continuing the conversation and educating is essential.

"I want to tell a story; I'm not trying to give a history lesson or teach legal theory to my readers. So, it's always a constant balance. And every time I speak to a broader audience, I am surprised by what I need to example. Just because people aren't exposed to it." This is a big reason why she says that she wants to stay rooted in her culture and her community. As much as she hopes for success in her publications, she wants to stay true to herself and her people. "I never feel 100 percent good about something I've written regarding Cherokee until some-

see **PANEL** next page



## OBITUARIES



### Patrick P. West

Patrick P. West, of Cherokee, went to his Heavenly home on Feb. 13, 2020 after a long battle with cancer. He will be greeted at Heavens gate by his father and mother, Paul "Bucky" and Mary West along with his brother, Roman West. His maternal grandparents, Walter and Sally Jackson, and his paternal grandfather, Cecil

West, will also be welcoming him.

Patrick is survived by his three children, Ty, Syrena, and Kyra West, all of the home. Along with his sister, Sis West, he is survived by his paternal grandmother, Amy West-Thompson and "Poppy" Joe Thompson; aunt, Deb West; uncle, Richard Sneed Sr.; nieces, Anna Cline and Amy West; nephews, Damion Cline, Sylas Davis and Lucian Davis; along with Victoria Sandoval and his special friend, Chantele Lossiah.

Patrick was a member of Waterfalls Baptist Church but he also enjoyed attending Bigwitch Baptist Church. He loved baking, but his specialty was making cupcakes. An avid Georgia Bulldog Fan, when he was not watching his team play or in his kitchen baking, Patrick enjoyed being outdoors or spending time with family and friends. If you knew Patrick, you knew that he always had a smile on his face.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Feb. 17 with Pastor Ben Reed and Pastor James "Bo" Parris officiating. Internment was in the Wolfetown Community at Jackson

Cemetery. Pallbearers were Lino Sisengchanh, Sylas Davis, Neklye Lossiah, D.J. Wolfe, Albert Martin, and Earl Martin.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

### Andrew (Andy) Curren Lett III

It's with sorrowful hearts, the family of Andrew (Andy) Curren Lett III, 77, of Auburn, Ga., announces his passing on January 20, 2020.

Andy was a long time friend to many Cherokee tribal residents. In his early years, he was casted in the "Unto these Hills" drama. And, Andy was a student of the Cherokee language.

Andy was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew C. Lett Jr. and Laura W. Lett of Atlanta, Ga.; his sister, Laura Suzanne Sorrells of Atlanta; and a son, Delano "Ray" Lett of North Carolina.

He is survived by a brother, Tony Lett of Oakwood, Ga; sister, Deborah Houston of Johns Creek, Ga; daughter, Laura A. Walkingstick of Cherokee; son, Anthony C. Lett of Tucker, Ga; grand-

daughters, Ashley M. Moore-Sena of Albuquerque, N.M., Brooke A. Moore of Cherokee; and grandson, Alexander S. Lett of Jacksonville, Fla.

### Donna Rose Smith Messer

Donna Rose Smith Messer, 60, of Cherokee, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020. A long-time resident of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late James (Buck) Smith. In addition to her father, she was also preceded in death by her grandmother, Cecelia Smith; and one grandchild, Haze Ayen.

She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Ray Messer; children, John Ayen, Bryon Ayen, Destiney Scales, April Scales; 17 grandchildren; one great grandchild; brothers, Jimmy Smith, Allen Lee Smith; and one sister, Michelle Dew.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 18 in the chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Pastor James (Bo) Parris officiated with burial in the Yellowhill Cemetery.

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one I know locally reads it and kind of says, 'yeah, that works' or 'that sounds right'. I'm not talking about some literary scholar reading my work. I need to know that my voice, the way I depict Cherokee or its people, feels authentic and honest. That's where I am. That's what's most important to me, so there's some pressure there," said Clapsaddle.

Worley said that he wants to be more involved in the Cherokee community and that continuing the dialogue is an important aspect of that.

"The panel itself is a first step. Hopefully, we can work together and see what we can do moving forward," said Worley.

"One of the things that hopefully will be

officially approved by the university at the end of the semester is, the English department has recently been approved to begin participating in the interdisciplinary concentration in Cherokee studies. And from there, I think a lot of it is talking to people who live in Cherokee and her community members about what they would like out of this particular program of study coming out of English."

Worley said that he is hoping that outreach from the school continues and that a variety of voices find their way to WCU's campus. Clapsaddle is one who will be recognized, as she has already accepted an offer to be a presenter at WCU's literary festival in 2021.

The university has held several events to honor Cherokee and brought together community leaders, and now it's time to take the next steps in communication.

## #throwbackthursday Photos Wanted



The One Feather is seeking historical and family photos to feature weekly in our #throwbackthursday posts on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Send your photos to Scott at scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com, text to 788-6908, or message them to us on Facebook.

**Share your family history with the rest of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.**

*Images from Museum of the Cherokee Indian*

## Veterans sought for Honor Flight opportunity

If you are a veteran of the Korean War or the War in Vietnam, and you would like to go on a one day trip to our Nation's Capital, Washington D.C., and visit the military memorials and monuments that are dedicated to you for military service with fellow veterans of that time period, then please speak up. This is a one-day flight from Asheville, hosted by the Blue Ridge Honor Flight, and is at no cost to you. This guided tour is to honor you for your military service to this great nation. Info: Warren Dupree 508-2657

- Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143

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

The Greening Up the Moun-

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

Applications will be accept-

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

- *Greening Up the Mountains*

## National 2020 Census update

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

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

How will the 2020 Census work?

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

- You can respond online, by phone, or by mail.
- If you do not respond after receiving the first notice. You will receive another reminder with a

Census ID Number. Once again, you will be encouraged to respond online, by phone, or by mail.

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

## Good Housekeeping

### Slow Cooker Chicken Pot Pie

This recipe from Woman's Day gets to the heart of what makes pot pie so good: the creamy chicken filling. It's so tasty, you can skip the puff pastry altogether and just serve it with some crusty bread on the side, if you prefer.

- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 2 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- Kosher salt and pepper
- 4 medium carrots
- 2 stalk celery
- 1 onion
- 1 1/2 pound boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 1 sheet frozen puff pastry
- 1 egg
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 3 tablespoon fresh dill sprigs

1. In a 5- to 6-qt slow cooker, whisk together the wine, flour, 1/2 cup water and 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper.

2. Add the carrots, celery, onion and chicken, and toss to combine. Cook, covered, until the chicken is cooked through and easily pulls apart, 6 to 7 hours on low or 4 to 5 hours on high.

3. When the chicken has 30 minutes left to cook, heat oven to 400 F. Cut the puff pastry into 8 rectangles and place on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Brush with the egg and bake until puffed and golden brown, 20 to 25 minutes.

4. Gently fold the peas and dill into the chicken and vegetables and cook, covered, until heated through, about 3 minutes. Spoon into bowls, sprinkle with additional dill if desired, and top with the puff pastry. Serves 4.

For thousands of triple-tested recipes, visit [www.goodhousekeeping.com/food-recipes/](http://www.goodhousekeeping.com/food-recipes/).

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these efforts, then you can expect a visit from a census worker. Official Census workers should always identify themselves as an employee of the US Census Bureau. No one from the Census Bureau should ask for your social security number, money or a donation, anything on behalf of a political party, credit card, or banking information. If they do, then this is a scam. Please report this to the US Census Bureau immediately!

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

Hospital 32 percent.

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

This information is submitted by the 2020 Census Cherokee Complete Count Committee. If you have any questions on the census or employment opportunities please contact any of the following committee members: Tammy Jackson, EBCI Cooperative Extension

Center; Kim Smith, Census Bureau regional representative; Zena Rattler, Snowbird Library and Cherokee County; Adam Lambert, Qualla Boundary Public Library; Hope Huskey, Sequoyah Fund; Judith Welch, SW Council Agency on Aging; Melanie Lambert and Nakeysha Welch, Tribal Enrollment; William Maney, Tribal Childcare; Lisa Parker, BIA/Realty Office; Tamara Jackson, Tribal Housing; Kelsey Jackson, EOC Public Safety; Heather Owle and Stephanie Maney, EBCI Communications; and Jessica Winchester, Tammie Welch, Amanda Moore, Kelsey Owle, Cherokee Central Schools.

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

ervation Foundation, 497-5550 or dowle@cpfdn.org.

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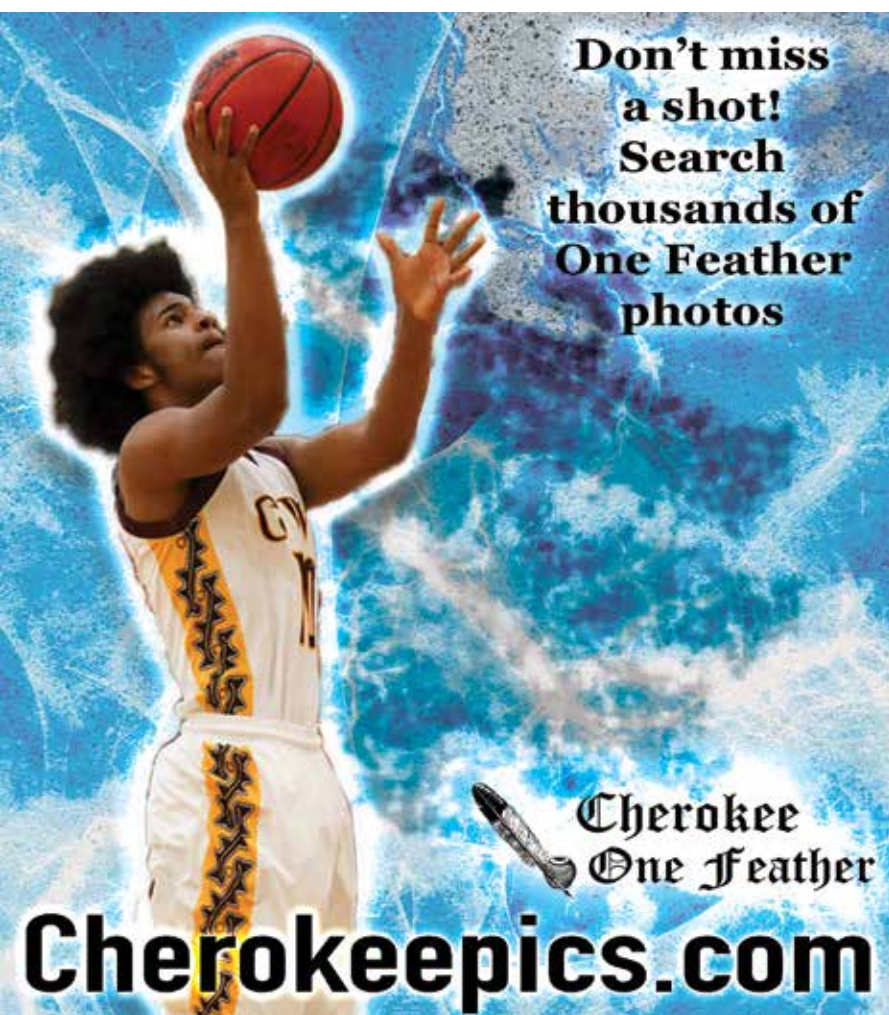
### **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) appointment available**

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

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

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

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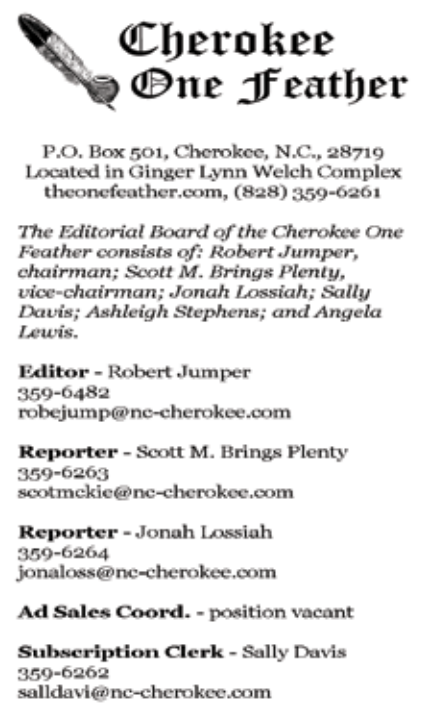
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### **Cherokee Day of Caring nominations sought**

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

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

To receive a nomination form, contact Deb Owle, Cherokee Pres-



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## COMMENTARY

# Blind loyalty

**ROBERT JUMPER**

ONE FEATHER EDITOR

Sometimes, we act like crabs in a bucket, mindlessly pulling each other down from our effort to leave the bucket behind for a better life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

Our bucket-mates try to convince us that there is nothing outside the bucket worth the attempt or they violently wrestle anyone who might be trying to better themselves.

As I discussed this with an acquaintance, it was a real head-scratcher to hear him say that it is sometimes easier to down or belittle an associate, and by doing so, to look better in the eyes of others through distraction, than it is to do the work it would take to look better in the eyes of others outright. For many, having a fulfilled life is impossible without keeping someone from fulfilling their dreams.

Like some of the faux fans of NASCAR, who go to a car race, not to see heroic driving, but in hopes of seeing a horrendous and spectacular accident, we stop at the local convenience store and pick up a copy of Fuzz Buster, to see if we know any of the "damaged and less fortunate" than we. Instead of fixing what is amiss in our own lives, we celebrate the failings of others and proudly state, "Well, my life may not be peaches and cream, but at least I am not like them." And it makes us feel better about ourselves?

More than truth, we value entertainment. That is why we listen to movie stars and professional athletes guide us in our philosophies of life. We genuflect at the feet of someone who has expertise in dribbling a ball, begging for their knowledge of the universe

so that we might mimic their "logic" and potentially their fame. We select a hero or heroes from today's society and get close to them, hoping just "to touch the hem of his garment" and all will be right in our world. After all, they have fame and fortune in this world, why wouldn't they be able to make ours right?

It is an unfortunate fact of modern society that there are some of us who glory in the failure of others, or even in the perceived failure of others. And we allow ourselves to be twisted into believing in things that, if we gave it attention and thought, we would never believe. But we have become accustomed to being led by the nose. Why? Because that is easier than thinking for ourselves. If the mob believes it, I will have to go against them to have my own opinion and direction, and that is just too hard. Much easier to follow the crowd. Entertainers, athletes, politicians, and even some so-called journalists have become experts at crowd manipulation. Granted each person has a right to give their position and opinion on any subject under the sun. But many of us, like sheep, will abandon reason, common sense, and wisdom, to follow the advice and direction of those who entertain for a living. Their expertise is derived from acting classes, singing lessons, or a writing class. How would anyone presume that those folks could give group guidance on philosophy, governance, and the betterment of the human condition?

Some of our readers love that we provide a forum for discussion. We are particularly glad that the Cherokee community contributes to public debate on things that matter to them. There are some in our community who don't like that openness and would prefer that



only news and the government line be towed. May it never be so. Some have expressed their disdain for the “devilish” social media. Personally, I don’t believe in the demonization of social media. As in the use of any tool, it is not the instrument that decides its handling and direction. Social media is neutral. It is the good or bad in us that comes out when we use it.

Knowledge is power. And the hoarding of power is what stunts growth and causes famine. Equality and opportunity depend on our willingness to commit to information sharing and transparency. We must, as a community, insist on better openness of government to provide information. It should be a priority of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to reform the public information laws, to assign people and resources to creating a digital architecture for efficient distribution of data and records to the people, both the individual citizen and the media, and to change the mindset of government that it would take too much time and effort to educate the constituency, so just provide topline information and say we are doing it because it is “for your own good”.

Many times, when the One Feather requests information, we are blocked because of some sort of ongoing process, a negotiation or investigation. At the leadership’s discretion, those things that warrant private discussion are mingled with things that should likely be public domain. And at times, we along with the community, are invited to leave meetings for “executive or closed sessions”. For many of you, if you are watching a meeting on cable or internet stream, you will see the screen go dark. After the lights come back on or we can enter the room again, we may or may not be told what went on in the dark. Is there a law against it (the not reporting out and discussing things in the public domain part)? Sure. But how do you enforce a law or its violation when there is no check or balance mechanism available to the public’s knowledge and review?

I am not a political animal. That fact has been detrimental to my career at times, especially with the Tribe. I have been privileged to work for the community in several capacities and am honored to have served in my current role for going on eight years. In this position,

my primary duties are to prevent political influence; to fairly, honestly, and equitably report Eastern Band news; and to provide an outlet for community commentary. It is not my paper. It is not the government’s paper. It is our paper; the Principal People’s paper. The newspaper of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. And our paper is more important than any of us may realize. There have been times in the history of our paper when our it was nearly converted into an employee newsletter, only telling our people what the government wanted to be heard and seen. The editor and staff would be bullied into removing photographs and manipulating written content. Website and social media were banned from use because those would be more challenging for the government to control.

Back in those days, it would have been unheard of for the Cherokee One Feather to have a voice or seat at the table when certain boards convened. It would have been placing jobs in jeopardy to disagree with a Chief or Council member publicly. But mindsets and hearts have changed over the years for the better. Our Principal Chief, Vice Chief and Tribal Council have all expressed their desires to allow the One Feather to operate as the framers of the Free Press Act, Former Editor Joe Martin and Former Big Cove Council Member Teresa McCoy, had envisioned. Much of the freedom of speech that you see on a daily basis in the One Feather, and indeed, other media outlets who have more access to Cherokee and our people than ever before, are because of the efforts of Joe and Teresa, and the current wise leadership of the Principal Chief Richard Sneed, Vice Chief Alan B Ensley and each of the twelve members of Tribal Council. They have proven time and time again that they will stand on the side of free speech even when the stories may be unflattering to them. They may not like it, and at times they say so, but they abide it because they know it is the right thing to do.

We can never take for granted the right of free press and free speech. For example, during the years that oppressive government constraint muted the voice of the press and people, few in the community took notice. They either didn’t know what they were missing, or they just assumed that was the way it

was supposed to or going to be. Because those leaders could suppress any information going out to the public, the staff would have had to put their jobs on the line in order to relay what was happening. And since the community wasn’t perceiving a problem, it would have been likely that there would be no public outcry if a staff member was terminated or transferred for providing that to the community.

In our history, one of the most effective, powerful governmental mechanisms, one that carried over from our Native style of government to the new representative republic we live in as a tribe, was the Grand Council. If a Grand Council was called, everyone in the township came to the Council House or Meeting Place to discuss the issue. There was a sense of duty among us to our future and to each other and if a community member didn’t come, it was likely they were sick. Elders, men, women, and children all congregated to hear the issues and make decisions. Time and space have made the ability to have a true Grand Council, as our ancestors held them, a near impossibility. Our people are scattered all over the world. To have all our people’s voices (or even a representative majority of the population) heard at a Grand Council would strain even modern technology.

The most effective means of the people communicating their thoughts and positions in modern society is through media-radio, internet, television, and print. For example, a simple letter to the editor will reach thousands, with the potential to reach hundreds of thousands, well beyond the 16,000 plus membership rolls of the Eastern Band. It will reach the Tribal Elder sitting on his porch in Big Cove and the aspiring Tribal college student in her dorm at Stanford or Berkley in California. And they will be able to respond in-kind. It is surely no substitute for face-to-face contact, but it does allow us to have a voice in our community, locally and globally.

Our excuses are gone. We are not bound to follow in blind faith or by blind loyalty. By simply disengaging from the conversation, we are disengaging from the community. We have come too far to let that be our epitaph.

# How do I become Cherokee?

**SHANNON SWIMMER**  
PAINTTOWN COMMUNITY

This question often elicits eye rolls and sarcastic answers. But, what would happen if enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians started asking that question, in an earnest way, in an effort to be more than just a “card-carrying member?”

Being Cherokee is a privilege, and yet that privilege is lost in a sea of community issues such as substance use, domestic violence, and child abuse. It’s hard to feel privileged when you see so many in the community struggling, or if you are struggling yourself. I believe that if we started asking ourselves how to become Cherokee, we would see drastic improvement in the health, safety, and wellbeing of our community.

Becoming Cherokee may be as simple as being born. Or, it may be an enrollment process to prove you’re Cherokee. Maybe you need to know the language to be Cherokee. Maybe you have to possess a certain level of cultural knowledge or engage in traditional practices if you want to be Cherokee. There’s no right or wrong answer. The point is simply to get people to ask the question and start the conversation. Because it is a question of survival and the answers can tell us how to save our language, our culture, and ultimately, our people.

Right now, one of the most serious threats to our continued existence is the epidemic of substance use. Some say we’re losing an entire generation to drugs. It has become so widespread that every member of our community has been affected by substance use in one way or another. We have all experienced trauma and we are all recovering from it. Some of us have found positive ways of dealing with trauma, while some of us continue to struggle with its lasting effects. Substance use is just one coping mechanism, but it is one that is used all the time, sometimes with deadly consequences.

As we continue to lose our people to substance use, we are also losing potential to save ourselves as a tribe. Each person lost had

the potential to learn the language, our songs and dances, and to teach others. As humans, we all want to feel like we belong. We want to feel wanted so we have a sense of value and importance. When we don’t have that sense of belonging, we may seek it out in unhealthy and unsafe ways that only lead to further trauma. When introduced to our Cherokee heritage, we feel a sense of connection and belonging, and realize that we are an important part of something bigger than ourselves. It takes people willing to be generous with their time to teach and share their knowledge with others, and that makes us feel valued. When we share our own competencies and lessons we’ve learned over the years, we empower one another. When

we encourage one another and root for each other, we develop a feeling of responsibility, accountability, and support.

A community is the sum of its people. In some ways our community is like any other, and in some ways it is not. We share many of the same problems and issues as other communities around the world. But we have the unique and powerful ability to tap into a cultural identity by asking, “How do I become Cherokee?” That question, and the answer is the starting point for saving every positive thing that makes us different and gives us the ability to ensure a future for the next generations of Cherokee.

## Around The Boundary

by Tsegilayi Ayuini



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# Photography is art one **second** at a time

**SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

One of my favorite movies is “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty” – I’m a sucker for the sappy. In that movie, Walter, played by Ben Stiller, has an interesting conversation with famous photographer Sean O’Connell, played by Sean Penn, as Sean is about to take a photograph of the rare snow leopard.

It goes as follows,

Walter: “When are you going to take it (photo)?”

Sean: “Sometimes, I don’t. If I like a moment, for me, personally, I don’t like to have the distraction of the camera. I just want to stay in it.”

Walter: “Stay in it?”

Sean: “Yeah. Right there. Right here.”

As a person who takes a lot of photographs, I understand Sean’s point.

Sometimes, when I am covering a game, a special event like the Kituwah Celebration, or a stickball game at the Cherokee Indian Fair, I get lost in the moment. I still do my job and get photographs of the events, but every now and then I just want to witness the event myself – stay in it.

Photography is an art form. Many people think it is simply pointing a camera at something and pushing the button. Bada bing, bada bang – photography.

Well, many people approach it like that, and all they end up with is a bunch of pictures that lack emotion, depth, history. Photography is an art form that captures life one second at a time. When you look at the photos I take, none of those moments will ever occur again. You could get the same people in the same spot at the same time of day, month, and year, and you still will never get that moment back.

That’s why photography is such an important art form.

These days, most people carry around a camera with them all the time in the form of their phone so photos are more prevalent now than they ever have been in the history of the



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo

**Ella Montelongo**, a senior at Cherokee High School, is shown in the part of the Witch in the Cherokee Performing Arts production of “Into the Woods” on May 2, 2019. Remember to celebrate life one second at a time.

world. But, how many people take the time to frame their shots and truly try to make art? How many people simply point and click to have something quick to post to their social media accounts?

Photography is about individual moments of time. Sure, there are times when a simple photograph will work. Sometimes, I am called upon to take group shots for different events, and those have no real artistic value. I am just there to get the shot – make it clear and make it fast. Anyone that knows me, knows I don’t care for posed photos. I much prefer candid – they are real, they are live, and they are timeless.

The late Ansel Adams was one of the most famous landscape photographers in history. He once said, “You don’t make a photograph just with a camera. You bring to the act of photography all the pictures you have seen, the books you have read, the music you have

heard, the people you have loved.”

Elliott Erwitt, a French-born American photographer who was presented the Royal Photographic Society’s Centenary Medal in 2002, once noted, “To me, photography is an art of observation. It’s about finding something interesting in an ordinary place...”

So, if you see me at an event and I am not snapping shots but watching for a bit, you’ll know I am caught in a moment. Put your phones down every now and then and get lost in life’s moments – even if just for that time, those few seconds.

I’ll leave you with my favorite quote from the above-mentioned movie. Cheryl Melhoff said, “Life is about courage and going into the unknown.”

Get out into that unknown, photograph those moments, and celebrate life one second at a time.

# Tribal member concerned about Wellness Center closing

I want to make every woman on the Qualla Boundary aware of what I found out today. I went to the Women's Wellness Center, now known as Tsalagi Public Health, and was politely informed that they are going to be closing and that I needed to start transitioning my health care to the hospital. They do not have a closing date and no reason was given for the closing.

I was shocked, even though I had my suspicion that closing was coming when they did not refill my position when I retired almost three years ago. Is it because of money/funding? It definitely is not because of the care there. I have always received the best and confi-

dential care there, so no complaint from me.

If it's money/funding, how can you put a monetary price on the health of our women - our mothers, grandmothers, aunties, daughters, sisters, and wives? Maybe even yourself if you are a woman. Remember, we are historically a matriarchal society. Women should be honored and taken care of, not pushed aside because it suits someone's special interests and we should not be looked at in terms of dollar signs.

We have been told during the closing of other clinics that it's because of duplication of services. So, are we not allowed to chose where we receive our health care,

like people outside of the Boundary do? Nothing against the hospital, I and my family have received excellent care there when needed. However, getting appointments in clinic is difficult there.

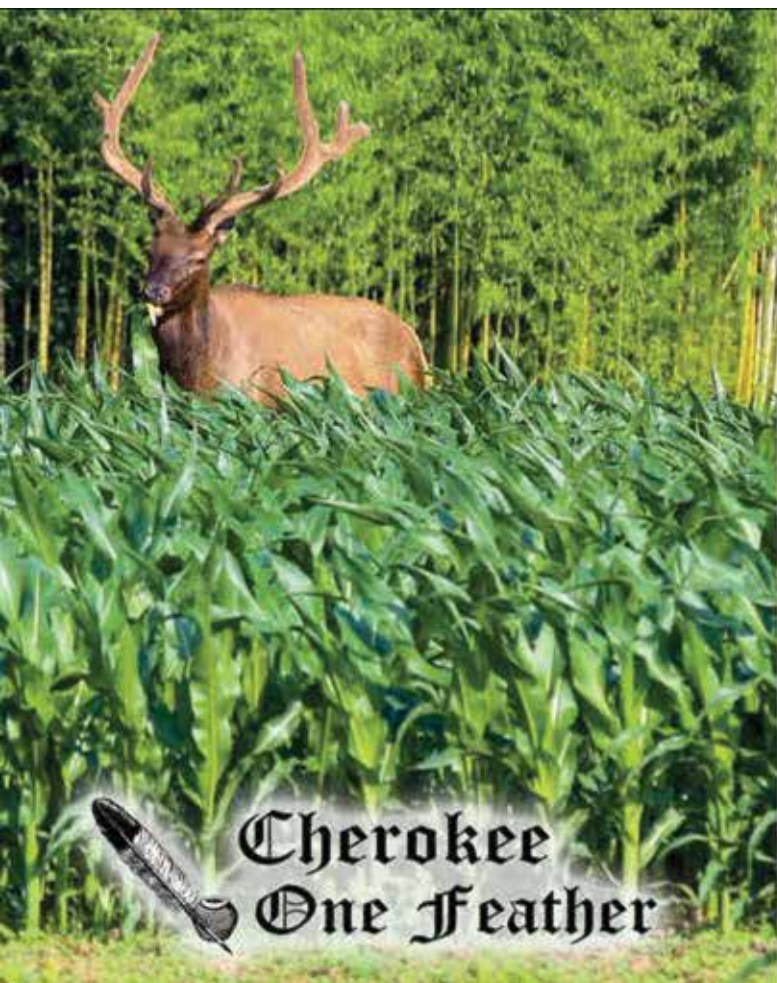
The convenience of Women's Wellness center is appreciated by myself and I am sure by other patients as well. I contacted each Council member for which I had a number, and have heard back from four. Only one knew about the closing and he had just learned about it.

I have been told that it was a health board decision. Please, contact your Council members and voice your concerns about closing this clinic. Their numbers

are available through the Council House if you don't have them .

We, as women, need to be heard and we have the right to have our health care needs met when and wherever we want to go. Thanks for reading my rant and help keep this clinic open, not only for ourselves, but also for the employees there who are at risk of losing their jobs, or being transferred to a position for which they didn't apply for and may not want to do. God bless each and every one of you.

Signed,  
**Marisa Cabe**  
Cherokee



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*(While Pastor Melton was on a mission's trip this week, to the Navajo and Hopi in New Mexico, we were blessed to have Evangelist Tim Dove minister. Fresh from his trip to Israel, he was baptized, and baptized others in the Jordan River. He was invited while there to preach on Mt. Camel, where this chapter had been lived out by Elijah. On the long flight back, the Lord gave him this message to give us in Cherokee.)*

Read 1 Kings, Chapter 18:22-39 and choose...

(God, through the Prophet Elijah, using King Ahab, had called all of Israel to a showdown: between one of God's Prophets, Elijah, and those 450 prophets of Baal, there on Mt. Carmel.)

The Jewish nation came, and Elijah, God's Prophet, asked them, (and even now, God asks each person) "How long will you waver between two opinions?" "Elijah said to them, "If the Lord is God, follow Him! But, if Baal is your god, then follow him!"

Rev. Dove explained, "Baal was their god of fire whom they had been worshiping. Our God is the God of Everything." The prophets of Baal agreed to set up their altar with Elijah's challenge and given terms. On their own altar place, they chose their one of two bullocks, cutting it up and placing it on the wood there, without setting a fire underneath it. They then began to call to and dance, to summon their god there until noon. At noon, the Prophet Elijah began taunting them for their silent, sleeping, perhaps talking, or traveling god. They continued the rest of the day by cutting themselves even more, their blood flowing, and each crying out to Baal, so he should answer them with his fire. There was never any answer from Baal even for all their suffering.

"Meanwhile the Prophet Elijah began to rebuild the broken down altar of God found

there, laying on twelve unchiseled stones—one for each tribe, none rejected—the whole house. He set the other bullock, cut up, on top of his wood, not lighting any fire. He also had some of the people dig a large trench around the altar. Filling all four water barrels each time, he soaked down the bull pieces, and the whole altar. He had them pour the water over that altar three times, until water had totally filled the surrounding trench.

"That whole Body of believing people actually signals us that this was only the beginning foundation for what God wants to build here," (in Cherokee) added Rev. Dove. The 'wood' represents the 'inhabitable praises' of His people to set the rest of this nation on fire for God. The altar with the bloody 'bullock pieces' represents the Blood applied to every person. Nothing hidden, no fear, all is consumed, no person can escape across that 'trench'—representing the inescapable, coming Judgment of God," he added.

"The vision was entrusted to Pastor Melton. All of the 'there ain't no ways' (doubts) spoken, and disparaging remarks should be put on God's altar. Those words will be taken away by God's Consuming Fire."

"Notice in Verse 36, there is a set time for the evening sacrifice to be honored. Prophet

Elijah then turned to pray and call upon God."

Verse 37, Elijah prayed these words, "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, prove today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant. Prove that I have done all this at your command. O, LORD, answer me! Answer me so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself."

Verse 38 continues, right as he stepped back. "Immediately the fire of the LORD flashed down from heaven and burned up the young bull, the wood, the stones, and the dust. It even licked up all the water in the trench! And when all the people saw it, they fell face down on the ground and cried out, 'The LORD—he is God! Yes, the LORD is God!'"

"Elijah had only prayed. How powerful prayers can be from a sincere, believing heart, full of faith in God! Any believer, with a true relationship, should also know what God has had written in the Bible, the Final Authority. It is the 'test' for all following Him. Submit to God. Believers should be tuned to hear the Holy Spirit, and are expecting His answers. Holy Spirit never violates what's given in the Word! Receive all that's offered. Read Psalms 2:7-8.

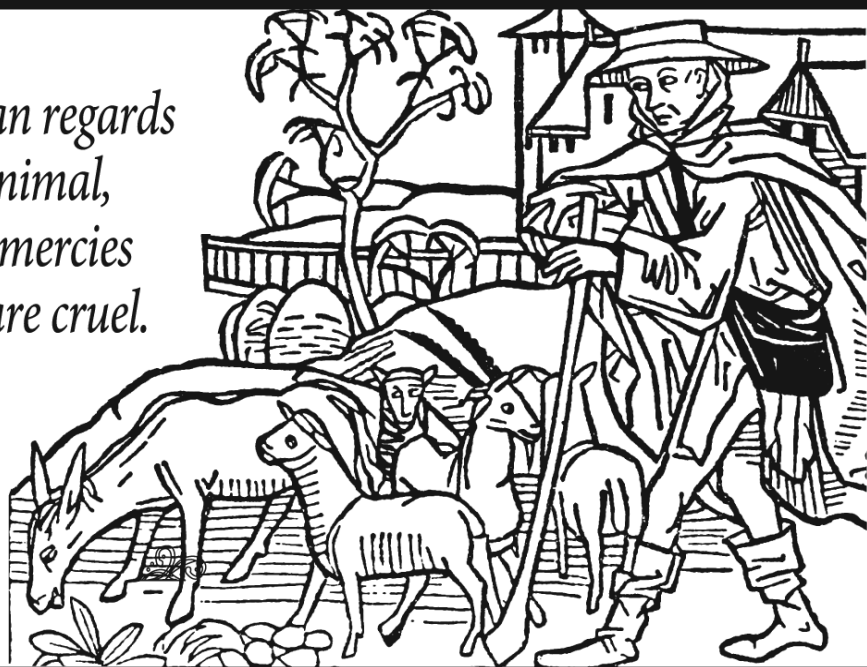


## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*A righteous man regards  
the life of his animal,  
but the tender mercies  
of the wicked are cruel.*

PROVERBS 12:10

Detail of  
15th-century  
woodcut



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## One Feather Question of the Week:

*This question was posed on the One Feather Facebook page. Following are some of the responses we received as they were written on the page.*

**The Tribe is currently considering a 10 a.m. “Brunch Bill” type ordinance. Would you be in favor of beer and liquor by the drink sales starting at 10 a.m. on a Sunday in areas currently legal on the Qualla Boundary?**

**Keri Brady:** Yes, because people will get it regardless, it just makes it more convenient and people would be more apt to use this convenience

**Martha Baerreis:** Why not? Personally, I prefer coffee and orange juice, but when people are on vacation they like to do a thing “out of the box” relative to their lives. Of course, people may be napping more in the afternoons instead of golfing, shopping, hiking and visiting the tourist spots and casino. I am not a drinker but if it makes the customer happy, then go for it.

**Donna Sue George:** I’m not a drinker either but you have to keep the casino visitors happy.

**Lois Dunston:** I say, No. I have never approved of alcohol and never will.

**Joshua Rory Welch:** Sure. What does it matter. Who would honestly have a problem with what someone else does ? I mean for MOST people we are talking bloody Mary’s and mimosas anyway.

**Tohav Harris:** I don’t drink ei-

ther but a cocktail generally means a guest will end up spending more time and money with you

**Teddy Bird:** I say yes, everyone else is making a lot of money for there city and counties, let our city benefit, no wonder our town looks shabby and run down, look at surrounding counties and cities , there towns are beginning to sparkle!

**Eden Bordelon:** Whatever keeps people spending money.

**Deno Marcum:** People do enjoy a nice adult beverage for brunch. It’s good for the coffers.

**Jeremy Hyatt:** Absolutely!! The “brunch bill” has been really terrific for the town of Sylva. And I have no problem with the decisions others make as long as they don’t negatively effect another individual.

I would also be a proponent of tribal-wide, on premises sale of beer and wine. In other words, only in restaurants, breweries and businesses. Let’s give that a try and then take the next step if we see fit to. Giving the option to sit and have a beer or glass of wine at a local restaurant would do nothing but good for the local economy. Furthermore, I don’t believe that our tribe would, all of the sudden, implode if we decided to allow alcohol tribal wide. I have more faith than that.

**Sam Crowe:** It doesn’t matter what we think they do what they want to in that office. Wake up people.

**Carol Long:** No! There are enough negative feelings about us, let’s not add to the list.

**Lea Wolf:** Currently legal? The people have said no time and time again and the only people who will benefit are the ones who lie and cheat.

**Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle:** Yes. We have the benefit of surrounding communities piloting this for us with positive results. Controlled alcohol regulation, such as this would be, is not a catalyst for alcoholism. Instead it is the marker of a vibrant economy of people who value personal responsibility and believe we should not be treated as incompetent wards. Alcohol is readily available in bulk quantities at cheap prices within walking distance of the Boundary. A \$6 per serving drink with lunch is not the problem. A struggling economy has been proven to be more of a detriment to a community’s health than a brunch bill.

**Benny Craig:** From a business standpoint we are getting hammered by the surrounding towns. People visiting Cherokee are leaving us to go to Bryson City to enjoy the freedom of having a beer. The question is, do you let us be competitive, or watch our town continue to die? Don’t like alcohol, don’t drink it. Think not having it in Cherokee will keep people from drinking? It hasn’t, and never will.

**Tyler Blankenship:** Cherokee is a tourist based town and we should focus on making it better than it is now. The option of alcohol should always be present whether you are for it or not. This is a major key to economic diversification. Talking with people passing through they are willing to drive to Sylva or Bryson just for this option.

**Clement Calhoun:** No no no

, drink coffee with your meals or Pepsi. Don’t be greedy.

**Jeremy Wilson:** Yes. Allowing sales where it already exists does not propose the threat of the worse case scenario. While I completely understand and respect those who are against alcohol, you can’t lump everyone in the same basket as opposed. Same goes for the proposed idea of cannabis being on the qualla boundary. Many are highly for it, and there are those staunchly against it. Two different things, same perceptive issues. In the end what we personally decide to consume whether it be alcohol, cannabis, etc., it comes down to personal responsibility in what we do and how we do it. Breweries and wineries are not places where chaos ensues. Generally you can find children, and even pets having a good time at these places. There are alternative options to alcohol at these places too, and food options. While alcohol isn’t likely to be the economical savior alone, it does attract more customers, which is important to our local business owners that serve the public in socializing capacities, and it helps drive a local economy. I think it’s a wise move to consider.

**Jim Parker:** These alcohol surveys are great to read but the council doesn’t take into consideration what the people want. We voted no to alcohol in the past and they found a way to sell it anyway. With a select few reaping from it. Anyway my answer would be No. The tribe has a big enough drug problem.



**Agnes Welch:** No, but since its probably already done, why not add more eating venues in Cherokee, let Cherokee grow and become a productive tourist destination. We have the same shops thats always been here. Nothing growing but the casino and its all about players, local people can't shop there, the restaurants are a little bit on the expensive side, Grow Cherokee for the family folks

**Eden Marie Brown:** Yes! It's only 2 extra hours. It needs to be boundary wide for the economic benefit. I wish they'd just grow a set and do it.

**John Bishop:** The problem with this ONLY being a personal decision is that its not based in reality. If someone could guarantee that the only person that suffered from alcohol or drug use would be JUST that person and no one else then it would be great. But the strong addictive nature of these things cause suffering that extends into that person's family and children. Many times children and spouses become collateral damage of "personal decisions". I for one am not willing to trade that for the ability to consume any and everything. And I am definitely not willing to trade it for something down the road that people are starting to classify as mental illness and not criminal. Its better to prevent than punish. And far, far cheaper too.

**Chris Reed:** When I lived in Greensboro, my friends and I would often take a lazy Sunday and go for brunch. While we wouldn't always get alcohol, it was there. But you know what else there was? Food. Numerous places to eat; upscale to downscale. When I look at Cherokee, there are only a handful of places to eat, and that's

outside of brunch.

Yeah we need comprehensive alcohol education, rather than just saying "never drink or you'll ruin your life." But when I get the chance, I'll buy a beer while waiting for food at Wize Guyz. ...and about that, I love that Wize Guyz sells alcohol. Years ago, I worked as a front desk clerk at Quality Inn, you have no idea how many times I'd refer people to Bryson City or Sylva for a good meal and drink. Rather than sending them to the casino.

**Little Rich Bottchenbaugh:** I vote for alcohol, it will expand our beautiful town and widen a variety of food and beverage places. Lots of families go to these places and it's never dangerous. Everybody is afraid of change but this step would be for the better.

**Helen Snow:** No, it's been voted down time and time again!! We don't need it. We have enough of a problem without it being here. And, it doesn't increase our per capita. Our per capita is based only on the gaming. The alcohol sales have nothing to do with our per capita.

**Monique Lambert:** Yes I don't see the big deal in two hours. When I cruise so many are drinking mimosas with breakfast...I have a gift shop in town. You have no idea the amount of people I send to bryson or Sylva because they want a drink with their meal. I also mention wise guys. 9 out of 10 will go to bryson because they can go to a brewery.

**Myra Winstead Lambert:** The question asked by this poll is would I be in favor of drink sales beginning at 10:00 AM on Sunday (Brunch Bill). My answer is abso-

lutely, yes. The sales already start at 12:00. I believe that serving two hours sooner on Sunday would make a lot of our casino customers happier.

**Laura Blythe:** I would say yes. While I know the stigma around alcohol and native people, I also have experienced the growth of the "outside" world. The majority of those who say NO are those who have been negatively impacted in some personal way, shape or form by alcohol use. I've been in the center of it, just as many of our people have. I still say yes because it allows options that won't negatively affect us as individuals, but could positively impact us as a community. Go to Sylva or Bryson on any given Sunday. The brunch crowd doesn't negatively impact the church sessions, the homebodies, or even the patrol officers who watch the streets.

I don't want to compare Cherokee to surrounding areas because I love our authenticity. However we do need to expand our horizons if we want to be relevant in our area.

**Yona Wade:** Absolutely! I'm 100% in favor of a "brunch bill". Seeing the economic impact such bills have had on surrounding communities would be beneficial to Cherokee. I would much rather spend my money in my own community. I'd much rather it benefit our economy. And while our community may be lacking in the arena of restaurants. Allowing a choice to entrepreneurs could potentially attract new business.

As to some of the other points made. I also feel that antiquated arguments as to why you should/ shouldn't do something will always limit our growth potential as a community. Whether you're

dealing with question of alcohol, equal rights for ALL our citizens or economic opportunity.

Simply looking around you'd see it is clear that tourism as we knew it is no more. And it is blatantly clear that once dying communities around us are thriving. Teaming with new business and new opportunity.

And I'd leave you all with this point. The number of individuals registered to vote is greater then those that actually vote. The number of registered voters is less then the number of enrolled eligible voters. When you don't register or vote for that matter. You allow a small percentage of enrolled members to determine the economic direction of your community and the future of our community under the guise of "the people". So, if you are really interested in making change in our community. You need to educate yourself and individuals on the important issues that impact you and our future as a tribe. And for heavens sake, whether for or against. Exercise YOUR right... VOTE!!!!

**Margaret Wakefield:** I agree with it. This always no to alcohol is insane. Why was I always sending people to Bryson City or Sylva for brunch. Why was I always sending people off of the reservation to eat. It was because of a lack of choice. Cherokee wants to expand then open up alcohol sales, bring in restaurants, regular retail and for goodness sake get some jobs on the rez. There is no place to work unless you're in the hospitality industry. There's more to life than that.

## Benefits/Fundraisers

**Bingo & Auction Fundraiser for the Cherokee Speakers Council. Feb. 22** at 6 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. This event is hosted by the Kolan-vyi Indian Ball Teams. Conces-sions will be available. Handmade crafts and baked good items for auction. All proceeds will go to the Cherokee Speakers Council (CSC) emergency fund. The CSC consists of all Cherokee fluent speakers. Info: Michelle Long 736-9852 or Bo Lossiah 736-4178

## Church Events

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

**Hope for Cherokee event.**

**March 25-28** at 6 p.m. nightly at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. This event is sponsored by the Cherokee Indian Baptist Associa-tion and local churches. Evangelist Randy Bane.

## Cultural Events

### Cherokee Language Class.

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

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

**Cherokee Artist Breakfast.**

**Feb. 19** from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. This will be an update on the Cherokee Cultural Technology Innovation Incubator. Food will be provided by the Sequoyah Fund. This event is being sponsored by the EBCI Division of Commerce, Chief Strategy Group, and the Sequoyah Fund.

**Refresher Cherokee Lan-guage class. March 2, 9, 16, 23** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum's Multi-purpose Room in Vonore, Tenn. The cost of the class is \$40 for all four evenings. The class is a beginner, intermediate, and advanced refresher course and will be taught by Lou Jackson, Brett Jones, and Joel Turner – all members of the Eastern Band of

Cherokee Indians. Register by Jan. 13 by calling (423) 884-6246 or [seqmus@tds.net](mailto:seqmus@tds.net)

## Cherokee Beadwork Class.

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

## General Events

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

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

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## WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL

### WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

FEB. 17-23, 2020

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

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### BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, FEB. 17	TUESDAY, FEB. 18	WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19	THURSDAY, FEB. 20	FRIDAY, FEB. 21	SATURDAY, FEB. 22	SUNDAY, FEB. 23
AVERAGE+	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	GOOD	BETTER	BEST	BEST
7:55 AM-9:55 AM 8:22 PM-10:22 PM	8:49 AM-10:49 AM 9:16 PM-11:16 PM	9:42 AM-11:42 AM 10:49 PM-12:09 AM	10:34 AM-12:34 PM 11:00 PM-1:00 AM	2:00 AM-4:00 AM 11:25 AM-1:25 PM	N/A 12:12 PM-2:12 PM	12:35 AM-2:35 AM 12:57 PM-2:57 PM

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**Lecture by Dawn Arneach on Genealogy and How to Get Started. Feb. 23** from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore, Tenn. As part of the Museum's Free Lecture Series, Arneach, Museum of the Cherokee Indians interim executive director, will share information on how to get started in genealogy, specifically in searching for Cherokee ancestry. She started doing genealogy in 2002, while working for the Cherokee One Feather, the tribal newspaper of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Info: In case of inclement weather in both Tennessee and North Carolina, check the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum Facebook page and website at [www.sequoyahmuseum.org](http://www.sequoyahmuseum.org) or contact the museum (423)884-6246.

**Indivisible Swain County. Feb. 24** at 6 p.m. at the United Community Bank at 145 Slope St. in Bryson City. Agenda items will include the current One-Stop voting for the 2020 Primary. All are welcome to join and share your concerns and ideas.

**Cherokee Business Training. Feb. 27-28** from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at the Ginger Lynn Welch Large Conference Room. The cost

for the event is \$65 and includes book and lunch both days. Register at: [bit.ly/CBT-Feb-2020](http://bit.ly/CBT-Feb-2020). Info: Sabrina Arch 359-6708 or [sabrarch@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:sabrarch@nc-chokeee.com)

**Maverick's Tsalagi Sunshine (MTS) Memorial Rock Painting. Feb. 29** from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Oconaluftee Island Park Pavilion #4 (closest to the Open Air Market). In honor of Maverick Sampson, MTS invites everyone to join them in remembering and honoring lost loved ones with painting rocks "to express our love or grief". Rocks, brushes, and paint will be provided to guests upon arrival.

**27th Annual Organic Growers School Spring Conference. March 6-8** at Mars Hill University in Mars Hill. There are various tracks to take at the conference including: Community Food, Cooking, Earth Skills, Beginning Farming, Experienced Farming, Beginner Gardening, Experienced Gardening, Herbs, Homesteading, Livestock, Mushrooms, Permaculture, Poultry, Soils, Sustainable Forestry, Sustainable Living, and Thinking Big. Several members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are presenting including Mary Crowe ("Traditional Foods of the Cherokee") and Tyson Samp-

son ("Cherokee Staple Foods"). Info: [www.organicgrowersschool.org/conferences/spring/](http://www.organicgrowersschool.org/conferences/spring/)

**Shiitake Log Workshop: Grow Your Own Mushrooms!** March 10 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office. March 12 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Snowbird Community Center in Robbinsville. Partially outside if weather permits, so dress accordingly. Bring up to three logs between 2-4" in length and 4-8" in diameter. Cut from oak or sweet gum, and they must be cut from a live tree less than two weeks from event date to ensure log is fresh. Register by contacting Benjamin Collette 359-6928, [benjcoll@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:benjcoll@nc-chokeee.com)

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

**Sports Events**  
**WCU Catamount Basketball EBCI Appreciation Night. Feb. 22** at the Ramsey Center. Women's Basketball at 5 p.m., Men's at 7:30 p.m. WCU Senior

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

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

**Upcoming Pow Wows for February 2020**

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

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

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

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

### Support Groups

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

### Analenisgi Recovery Center weekly schedule

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

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

### CIHA Bariatric Support

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

### Cherokee Cancer Support

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

### Cherokee Alzheimer's Support

**Group** meets the first Tuesday of every month 1 p.m.



## Rambling Dog Raises Neighbor's Hackles

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** My neighbor's dog routinely gets out of their house and runs around in our yard. He is a huge mixed-breed who looks kind of like a pit bull. He hasn't acted aggressively, though. That's one issue, but my other problem is that we are adopting a puppy from the shelter soon. Does the neighbor's dog present a danger to my puppy? — *Claire T. in Columbus, Ohio*

**DEAR CLAIRE:** Years ago, my neighbors had a black Lab, "Terry," who was great friends with my hound dog mix, Pharaoh. Terry was allowed to roam as he pleased, and his favorite thing was to lift the latch on my backyard gate and let Pharaoh out so they could ramble the streets together. I loved that they were friends, but I didn't like having to go and find them constantly.

Roaming dogs are always a reason for concern, even if they seem friendly. If you and your neighbors are on good terms, talk to them and ask if there is a solution to their dog wandering into your yard. You'll probably need to put up stronger fencing, unless the fence is on their side — and that enters the whole realm of property lines and who fixes what.

It's up to you whether you want to let them know you're getting a puppy. If you're on good terms, and they're willing to work with you to fix the issue with their dog, you can suggest introducing the dogs to each other after your new puppy has had his shots. This should be done with both you and your neighbor present, and with both dogs on a leash, just in case one of the dogs becomes aggressive.

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1. The New York Yankees set a record in 2019 for most players with double-digit home runs for the season (14)? Who of the 14 had the lowest double-digit total?

2. With how many different teams did Reggie Jackson lead the American League in home runs for a season?

3. In 2018, Eric Dungey became Syracuse's all-time passing leader (9,340 yards). Who had been the school's leader?

4. Golden State's Stephen Curry set a record in 2018 for most consecutive games with at least five 3-pointers (seven). Who had held the mark?

5. In 2019, Mika Zibanejad became the second player in New York Rangers history to record eight points through his first two games of the season. Who was the first to do it?

6. When was the last time before 2019 that the U.S. men's national soccer team lost to Canada?

7. Name either of the two heavyweight boxers who fought for the WBA title in 1965 after Muhammad Ali was stripped of the belt for having a rematch with Sonny Liston?

### Answers

1. Cameron Maybin, with 11.  
2. Three — the Oakland A's (twice), the New York Yankees and the California Angels.

3. Ryan Nassib, who threw for 9,190 yards (2009-12).

4. Dallas' George McCloud in 1995-96, with six consecutive games. (Curry set a new record of nine straight games in 2019).

5. Rod Gilbert, in the 1976-77 season.

6. It was 1985.

7. Ernie Terrell and Eddie Machen, with Terrell winning the title.

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

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

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



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) There could be some negative reaction to your tough stance when making a recent decision. But overall, your efforts result in well-earned recognition and all that can follow from that.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your financial situation seems confusing, even for the fiscally savvy Bovine. Maybe it's the conflicting advice you're getting. Check it out before things get too tangled to unknot.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A relaxed attitude goes a long way in helping you deal with any of life's irritants that might be popping up this week. You're also a reassuring role model for others in the same situation.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Your aspect favors creativity, which should persuade you to work on your artistic projects. If time is a problem, prioritize your commitments so that your work isn't compromised.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Scrutinize all the job offers that interest you. Most are honest and worth considering. But a few might not be completely forthcoming about what the job is and what the salary and benefits are.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) An unexpected snafu could delay the completion of a project you're eager to finish. Find out what's causing it, fix it, and if you need help, don't be shy about asking for it. Good luck.

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

**Community Clubs**  
**Big Y Community Club** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Big Y Community Building. For information on renting the building for your special

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) An idea that could be helpful to you comes from an unlikely source. Listen to it. Discuss it. If necessary, adjust it. If it looks as if it might work out quite well, go ahead and use it.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Be careful about allowing someone to share a very personal secret with you. This could cause problems down the line with others who are involved in that person's private life.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A cooling down of a relationship could be the result of neglect, unintended or not. To save it from icing over, you need to warm it up with a large dose of hot Sagittarius passion.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) This is a good time to get involved with a number of family matters that involve money and other issues that might jeopardize the closeness between and among family members.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Cheer up. That difficult person who appears to be deliberately stalling your project might just need to be reassured of the value she or he brings to it.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Good news! Expect to feel re-energized now that you've gone through that stressful energy-depleting period involving a lot of changes. Now, go out there and show them what you can do.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a warm, giving nature that inspires many to follow your example.

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occasion, call Brianna Lambert 788-3308. The rental fee is \$75 and \$25 will be returned after cleaning.

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

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

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

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

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

**Yellowhill Community Club** meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Yellowhill

Activity Center unless it's a holiday. Officers: Keredith Owens, chairperson; Reuben Teesatuskie, vice chairperson; Virginia Johnson, secretary; Dawn Arneach, treasurer. Info: Virginia Johnson 788-8659

*Happenings listings are FREE of charge. Submit your event information to Scott at scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com or message us at the One Feather Facebook page.*

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

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

## FREE

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

## FOR SALE

Daycare for Sale - Great business opportunity. Only serious inquires please. No confidential records or information will be given until closing of the sale. Call for more

details. Children already enrolled and established; staff will stay if needed. (828) 507-9009. 2/19pd

## SERVICES

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

Marianne Ward offers Babysitting at her house, everyday, nights and weekends included, for children ages 1 and up. Will work with casino schedules. Long term references available. Call (828)736-1089 and leave message or send a text and a call will be returned to you. Marianne Ward, 893 Sunset Farm Rd., Whittier, NC 28789. 2/26

## YARD SALES

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

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



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## Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

### (Open until Filled unless otherwise indicated):

- **Substitute Custodian (Evening Shift)** - Must have a high school diploma or completed GED.
- **School Psychologist** - Master's Degree in psychology and have at least 3 year's experience working in a school setting. Must hold state license to practice school psychology.
- **High School Nurse** - An RN is preferred, but will consider an LPN, who would be supervised by an RN on staff. CLOSING DATE: 02/21/2020.
- **High School JROTC Instructor** - Must have Associate's degree. All applicants must have an excellent record of military performance, be within one year of retirement or have retired within the last three years. Please visit the website for full job description and requirements.
- **Full Time Custodian (Evening Shift)** - Must have a high school diploma or GED.
- **Special Education Teacher Assistant** - Must have an Associate's degree or two years (48 semester hours) of study at an institute of higher education. Must be willing to obtain CPI certification.
- **Cultural Coordinator** - Must have a bachelor's degree in business or related field. Must have experience in budget and finance. CLOSING DATE: 02/28/2020.

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

### APPLY ONLINE at:

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



### STAFF OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Administrative Support Associate - Student Support Services  
Sergeant - University Police  
Graduate School Director of Marketing & Recruiting  
Director of Residential Facilities  
Study Abroad Advisor  
Academic Advisor - Athletics

### FACULTY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Instructor of Bioethics  
Assistant Professor (*Developmental Biology, Hospitality & Tourism*)

### VISIT [JOBS.WCU.EDU](http://JOBS.WCU.EDU) FOR DETAILS AND TO APPLY

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## SYRINGE SERVICES PROGRAM

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

### WHEN

**Mondays: 9:00am—5:30pm**  
**Tuesdays: 9:00am—5:30pm**  
**Thursdays: 9:00am—5:30pm**  
**Fridays: 9:00am—5:30pm**

### WHERE

**174 John Crowe Hill Drive**  
(above the Beloved Women & Children's Building)  
**Cherokee, NC 28719**

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

**828-359-6879**  
**[WWW.CHEROKEE-PHHS.COM](http://WWW.CHEROKEE-PHHS.COM)**

### SERVICES PROVIDED

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





## EMPLOYMENT

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## LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina Estate

File No. 20-001

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

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLI-  
CATION

James D. Taylor, 801 Indian  
Creek Road, Cherokee, NC 28719.

**2/19pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina Estate

File No. 19-113

### In the Matter of the Estate of

### John Douglas Bird Sr.

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLI-  
CATION

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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina Estate

File No. 19-119

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

All persons, firms and 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 PUBLI-  
CATION

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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina Estate

File No. 19-118

### In the Matter of the estate of Quincy Watty

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLI-  
CATION

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

## NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

In the Tribal Court

In the Matter of K.C., A Minor

Child, File No. CVJ 19-026

TO: The Unknown Father of  
Minor Child K.C.

Take notice that a pleading  
seeking relief against you has been  
filed in the above-entitled juvenile  
action. The nature of the relief



**CHEROKEE INDIAN  
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# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Closing Thursday, February 20, 2020

Bookkeeper

### Closing Sunday, February 23, 2020

Master Level Therapist-Analenisgi Inpatient

Inpatient Nurse Supervisor-Analenisgi Inpatient (2 posi-  
tions)

Patient Registration Clerk-PTR

Training/Development Manager

Quality Management Manager

Utilization Review Specialist-Analenisgi Inpatient

### Closing Thursday, February 27, 2020

Sterile Processing Technician

Sterile Processing Technician - PTR

RN Care Manager - Primary Care

RN Care Manager - Diabetes

### Open Until Filled

Master Level Therapist/Family Safety

Master Level Therapist - Child

Medical Technologist

Dental Assistant II (2 positions)

Master Level Therapist - grant position

Cultural Coordinator - Kanvwotiyi

MCO-Computer Specialist

Cook - Emergency Hire

Dietary Services Supervisor (Multiple)

Medical Social Worker -Primary Care

Provider network Manager - MCO

Director of Managed Care

RN - Tsali Care Center (multiple)

PTI RN - Tsali Care Center (multiple)

RN Supervisor - Tsali Care Center (Multiple)

PTI LPN - Tsali Care Center

Licensed Practical Nurse - Tsali Care Center

Certified Medication Aide - Tsali Care Center

PTI CNA Medication Aide - Tsali Care Center (multiple)

Certified Nursing Assistant - Tsali Care Center (multiple)

PTI Certified Nursing Assistant - Tsali Care Center

Behavioral Health RN - Analenisgi (Grant Funded)

PTI RN - Inpatient

RN - Inpatient

Physician - Emergency Room

Physician - Primary Care

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

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



being sought is the adjudication and disposition of a petition alleging the minor child, K.C., born on June 7, 2010, is a dependent child, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on June 27, 2019. A court order from the Cherokee Tribal Court directing that service of process on you take place by publication was entered on January 29, 2020. You may know the mother of the minor child by the name of Amber Crowe.

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

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

and the date(s) and time(s) of scheduled hearings.  
First published this the 5th day of February 2020.  
Sybil G. Mann  
Family Safety Program Attorney  
P.O. Box 455  
Cherokee, N.C. 28719  
(828)359-1559  
N.C. Bar No. 16729  
**2/26pd**

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

##### **Project Title:**

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

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

The project area is located on Adams Creek Road (NC-19) in Cherokee, North Carolina. An estimated 600 linear feet of stream-bank restoration/stabilization and native planting installation is planned to be restored utilizing natural channel design principles. Project components also include stabilizing and protection for two sections of eroded bank, providing enhanced aquatic habitat, and

providing native vegetation for further stabilization and habitat enhancement. The proposed project is within a floodplain that is heavily impacting property owners. The culvert upstream is the limit of the stream restoration project. Prospective bidders must be familiar with project location, stream restoration techniques and construction practices. We are currently seeking engineering-design service proposals to meet stream restoration objectives at the aforementioned site. Site visits and field assessment opportunities will be provided to any qualified contractor upon request. Contact Dylan Rose at (828) 736-0578 or by email at dylarose@nc-choke.com for further questions. Proposal packages should be addressed to Mr. Rose at the address above and must be received by 11:00 AM, March 20th, 2020 at which time bids will be opened in accordance with TERO procedures. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. Please be advised that Indian Preference (TERO) regulations apply for award and execution of this contract. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Dylan Rose at (828) 736-0578 or by email at dylarose@nc-choke.com.

For more information please

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

#### **Request for Proposals General Notice**

Cherokee Preservation Foundation is requesting bids from all interested qualified custom design t-shirt vendors for event t-shirts for Cherokee Day of Caring.

Please call Deb Owle, Cherokee Preservation Foundation at 828-497-5550, or email dowe@cpfdn.org to receive a bid package. All bids received from interested vendors must be submitted in a sealed envelope; please include 15 copies of the bid. The deadline for submission is 4:00 p.m. on March 16, 2020. Bids received after this time and date will be rejected.


**2/27pd**

#### **Request for Proposals Summary**

The EBCI Office of the Attorney General seeks competitive proposals for a Grant Project Manager on a contractual basis. The project involves strategic system-level changes for the Tribe's domestic violence system.

Qualifications include:


- Education: Graduation from an accredited college or university



### WCU STUDENT PROFILE

Aaliyah Swimmer is a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Waynesville, NC. She is a Professional Writing Major and Cherokee Studies Minor at Western Carolina University. She resides in the Waynesville area but desires to learn more about her culture and tribal perspective. Her dream is to be a novelist standing up for social justice and speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves through writing. Her vision also includes being a book illustrator at Disney.

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### WCU ALUMNI PROFILE

Shana Sky Lambert is a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from Smyrna, Georgia. She is a recent 2019 graduate of Western Carolina University who graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing. Shana is currently a registered nurse at Harris Regional Hospital. She hopes to one day work with the tribal health care system and give back to her people.

Western Carolina University Cherokee Center



## Amber Waves

THIS WEEK WAS FULL OF UPS AND DOWNS BUT WE MADE IT THROUGH OK.



MY POP WAS RIGHT. RAISING A FAMILY IS LIKE RIDING A ROLLER COASTER.



WHO MADE THIS MESS! ARE YOU KIDDING ME!!

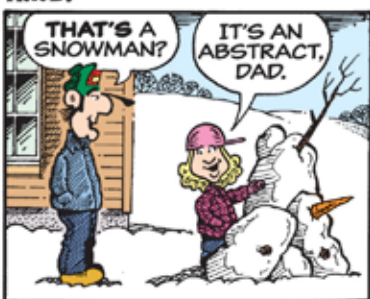


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by Dave T. Phipps

## R.F.D.



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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Towel is missing. 2. Toilet is added. 3. Shirt is different. 4. Hair is added. 5. Pants are different. 6. Soap is added.

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Satchel
- 4 Nowhere to be seen
- 8 Visored military cap
- 12 — out a living
- 13 State
- 14 Object of worship
- 15 Have a bug
- 16 Dilute
- 18 Up to
- 20 Finish
- 21 Second letter
- 24 Sponsorship
- 28 Negative aspect
- 32 Took the bus
- 33 Fire residue
- 34 Oodles
- 36 Wager
- 37 Amorphous lump
- 39 Onion rings, e.g.
- 41 Takes to the skies
- 43 Carry on
- 44 "That feels so good!"
- 46 Black board?
- 50 Exemplar of dullness
- 55 Cattle call
- 56 Leading man
- 57 Volcanic flow
- 58 Request
- 59 Floor cleaners
- 60 Gasoline, e.g.

61 Born

### DOWN

- 1 Suitor
- 2 Related
- 3 Moolah
- 4 Anarchic
- 5 Eggs
- 6 Prepared
- 7 Genealogy chart
- 8 Actress Margot
- 9 "Green" prefix
- 10 "Bam!"
- 11 Hostel
- 17 Genetic stuff
- 19 — Saud

- 22 Twitches
- 23 Fire-fighting legend Red
- 25 Asian desert
- 26 Mid-month date
- 27 Green or Rogen
- 28 Slight touches
- 29 Norway's capital
- 30 "Halt!"
- 31 Icelandic poetry
- 35 More than just a few
- 38 Lullaby composer
- 40 Society newbie
- 42 Tool with teeth
- 45 50 percent
- 47 Muscat's land
- 48 Small winning margin
- 49 Oxen's harness
- 50 Water barrier
- 51 Berlin's "What'll —?"
- 52 Potential syrup
- 53 Greek cross
- 54 56-Across' partner

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1. Is the book of Ecclesiastes in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which book could be summarized, "God will hold us accountable for all our actions"? *Daniel, Hosea, Zephaniah, Haggai*
3. In Genesis 28, who had the vision of angels going up and down a ladder reaching into Heaven? *Joseph, Ahab, Ehud, Jacob*
4. What does Paul say is the supreme gift of the spirit to believers? *Faith, Love, Holiness, Eternity*
5. In Genesis 19, where did Lot encounter an angel? *Wilderness spring, City gate, New temple, Tent door*
6. Where did Jesus turn water into wine? *Bethany, Nazareth, Cana, Gethsemane*

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1. SCIENCE: What is dendrochronology?
2. FOOD & DRINK: What are the ingredients in a Tom Collins drink?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who is considered to be the father of nuclear Navy submarines?
4. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "Anne of Green Gables"?
5. AD SLOGANS: Which product is advertised as "the quicker picker-upper"?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the shortest president in U.S. history?
7. HISTORY: Who was the oldest signer of the U.S. Declaration of Independence?
8. GEOGRAPHY: Which country lies on the eastern border of Ukraine?
9. MOVIES: Which 1980s movie featured the Top Ten hit song "Danger Zone" (Kenny Loggins)?
10. MEDICAL: Who is the drug morphine named for?

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ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Zephaniah;  
3) Jacob; 4) Love; 5) City gate; 6) Cana



1. The scientific method of dating tree rings
2. Gin, lemon juice, simple syrup, and club soda
3. Admiral Hyman Rickover
4. Lucy Maud Montgomery
5. Bounty paper towels
6. James Madison, 5-foot-4
7. Benjamin Franklin (70)
8. Russia
9. "Top Gun"
10. Morpheus (Greek god of sleep and

### — King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

B	A	G	L	O	S	T	K	E	P	I
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M	O	P	S	F	U	E	L	N	E	E

### — Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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