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Tribal Council releases Internal Audit Reports on HR, Contracts

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Investigation Reports released by Tribal Council

On Friday, Jan. 27, the Cherokee One Feather received a memorandum on Tribal Council letterhead and two investigative reports marked “confidential” from the legal counsel of the EBCI legislative branch. The reports, shown here, as received, are attributed to the EBCI Office of Internal Audit. These reports were received in a redacted form from the legal counsel for the Tribal Council. The documents are being published as they were received by the One Feather. Also attached for public review is the official response to the reports from the EBCI Office of the Principal Chief, presented as received from that office.



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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Council Investigation

Cherokee, N.C. - On August 4, 2016, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Tribal Council voted by motion and second to investigate all terminations, hires, transfers, demotions, and raises. The EBCI Tribal Council cast weighted votes to ensure equal representation to all EBCI members. The votes cast for the investigation were 55 yes votes, 7 no votes, and 38 abstaining. The Principal Chief vetoed the Tribal Council's motion of an investigation. On September 8, 2016, the EBCI Tribal Council overrode the Principal Chief's veto by a weighted vote of 20 votes to uphold the veto consisting of Big Cove Representative McCoy, Big Cove Representative French, and Painttown Representative Saunooke; and 80 votes to override the veto consisting of Birdtown Representative Smith, Yellowhill Representative Ensley, Yellowhill Representative Lossiah, Vice-Chairman Jones, Chairman Taylor, Wolfetown Representative Crowe, Snowbird Representative Wachacha, Birdtown Representative Rose, and Painttown Representative Junaluska.

On January 18, 2017, the Office of Internal Audit completed their investigation and submitted the investigative reports to the EBCI Tribal Council. The EBCI Tribal Council, along with Legislative Counsel, met and reviewed the investigation reports.

The EBCI Tribal Council recognizes that the Cherokee People expect and deserve fair and open actions. To this end, the Tribal Council releases a redacted Human Resources Investigation Report in accordance with Cherokee Code §132-11(a)(2). Additionally, the Tribal Council releases the Tribal Contracts Investigation Report as set forth in Cherokee Code §132-12(a)(6).

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Office of Internal Audit (hereinafter "OIA") conducted an investigation regarding reported concerns of Human Resource practices and potential violations of rules, regulations, policies and processes.

It is OIA's conclusion that Human Resource practices between October 5, 2015 and September 30, 2016 deviated from the *Cherokee Code* and other documented policies and processes in the areas of veterans preference; manager position advertising; interviews and reference checks; Executive Committee function; organizational structure approval; interim manager assignments; pay raises; and Seniority, Merit awards and COLA payments.

The issues identified are summarized below. These issues result from OIA's independent, objective and thorough review of personnel transactions between October 5, 2015 and September 30, 2016. The review did not include personnel files with pending litigation.

OVERVIEW

Tribal Council codified the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' personnel policies and procedures in *Cherokee Code Chapter 96 – Tribal Employees* to "set forth the rules to be applied by the Principal Chief, the Executive Committee, the Deputy Officers, and the directors, managers and supervisors of the EBCI in employment matters". The personnel policies and procedures "promote standard practices among all personnel" with the expectation of:

- Fair and equitable treatment
- Fair pay and benefits
- Healthy and safe working conditions
- Competent supervision
- Opportunity for advancement based on work performance and vacancies
- To be kept informed through two-way communication

Throughout FY16 personnel actions and organizational changes were initiated, approved and executed by the Principal Chief that raised concerns. As a result, on August 4, 2016 Tribal Council passed a motion to initiate an investigation into Human Resource practices. Subsequently, those concerns along with a request for investigation was submitted to OIA. The request was referred to the Audit Committee for review and approval. The Audit Committee passed a resolution (#16-03) to commence an investigation. Due to a potential impairment of the Chief Audit Executive, the investigation was delegated fully to the Audit Manager who would report directly to the Audit Committee for this assignment.

AUDIT PROCEDURES

OIA asserted its authority to commence an investigation on September 7, 2016 with the Audit Committee's approval. OIA's investigation of Human Resource practices was limited to a review of personnel actions and organizational changes between October 5, 2015 and September 30, 2016. OIA reviewed personnel files, documentation, and information and interviewed personnel as appropriate. Any personnel files with pending litigation were excluded.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

OIA identified personnel actions and organizational changes that occurred between October 1, 2015 and September 30, 2016 and judgmentally selected actions and changes for review. OIA conducted its review using criteria set forth in *Cherokee Code Chapter 96 – Tribal Employees* and other documented policies and processes. The results of OIA’s review follow.

- *Veterans Preference was not applied* – [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
There was no documented evidence of why veteran's preference [REDACTED] was not applied.

Referenced Criteria:

Cherokee Code Chapter 96 Sec. 4.00 Employment preference and equal employment opportunity – If two (2) enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians meet the minimum requirements and are of equal qualification, preference will be given to the enrolled member who is also an honorably discharged veteran.

Cherokee Code Chapter 96 Sec. 3.16 Immediate family – Immediate family relationships are those such as between wife/husband, parent/child, sibling, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandparent/grandchild, step-parent/step-child, foster/parent/foster child and aunt/uncle/niece/nephew.

- *Manager and above positions were not advertised* – in the review of 31 hires, promotions and transfers for manager and above positions, excluding political appointments, 11 (35%) were not advertised.

Referenced Criteria:

Cherokee Code Chapter 96 Sec. 5.08B(3) – ...these positions [manager and above]...must first be advertised before being filled.

- **Formal interview and reference check requirements were not enforced** – [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Cherokee Code Chapter 96 Sec. 5.00 Selection – After completion of the interview and background review or investigation process, a recommendation to hire will be forwarded by the Deputy Officer and shall be approved by the Executive Committee.

- **Executive Committee is not functioning** – the Principal Chief solely executed personnel actions requiring Executive Committee approval without knowledge or input of the Vice-Chief.

Referenced Criteria:

Cherokee Code Chapter 96 Sec. 3.12 – Executive Committee. A committee composed of the Principal Chief and Vice Chief.

Charter and Governing Document of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Section 4 – There shall be an Executive Committee, which shall consist of the Principal Chief and Vice Chief. The committee shall execute and carry out tribal laws and administer the daily operations of the Tribe.

- **Organizational structure changes were not approved by Tribal Council** – an organizational chart was submitted by the Principal Chief and was approved with the approval of the FY16 annual budgets (*Resolution 60(2015), December 9, 2015*). Thereafter, the Principal Chief made significant changes to the tribal organizational structure and levels of authority without approval by Tribal Council. A new Tribal organizational chart was published on the EBCI website in August 2016.

Referenced Criteria:

Cherokee Code Chapter 96 Sec. 4.33 Levels of organizational authority – Organizational structure and levels of authority are established by order of the Principal Chief who shall approve, maintain and revise as necessary, an organizational chart for the Tribe and for each of its programs and divisions, subject to Tribal Council approval.

- **Salary authorized before budget approved** – [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Referenced Criteria:

Cherokee Code Chapter 96 Sec. 5.03D – Political Appointments – Political appointments are positions filled by appointees of the Principal Chief, Vice Chief and Tribal Council, of the EBCI. These appointees are considered regular full-time employees for the purpose of receiving benefits for the length of the incumbent's political term or until termination of employment.

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Hiring Procedures Revised April 2005 – Tribal management will identify vacant tribal positions within their respective budgets and obtain appropriate authorization to begin the hiring process. The Employment Department staff will verify vacancy according to the approved fiscal year budget.

- *Interim manager assigned while manager position was filled* – [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Referenced Criteria:

Cherokee Code Chapter 96 Sec. 5.08A Acting Assignment – A regular employee may be temporarily assigned to a higher rated position to meet immediate program needs while a position is advertised. This assignment must have written concurrence of the Deputy Officer and the Executive Committee. If the assignment exceeds 30 days, the individual may be eligible to receive the salary of the assigned position until the assignment is completed. Such assignments shall not exceed 180 days.

Cherokee Code Chapter 96 Sec. 6.04D Acting Assignments – An acting assignment of an employee to a higher level position for a minimum of one month shall qualify that employee to be paid at a higher rate provided for the temporarily assigned position.

- *Pay raises were authorized without documented justification* – in 2012-2013, a compensation analysis was performed on the EBCI salary structure. On September 3, 2013 Tribal Council accepted and adopted the Classification and Compensation Plan as well as the additional recommendations regarding staff alignment, reporting relationship, and organizational structure and authorized implementation (*Resolution 693(2013)*). Subsequently, appropriate adjustments were made to all employee salaries and guidelines were put in place to address pay compression issues. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Employee	Prior Salary	New Salary	\$ Increase	% Increase
1	\$ 51,521	\$ 60,000	\$ 8,479	16%
2	\$ 33,820	\$ 38,745	\$4,925	15%
3	\$ 48,235	\$50,960	\$ 2,725	6%
4	\$ 35,316	\$ 42,640	\$ 7,324	21%
5	\$ 52,878	\$ 58,880	\$ 6,002	11%

Referenced Criteria:

Cherokee Code Chapter 96 Sec. 6.04C.1 Equity Pay Adjustment – A special pay adjustment may be made in certain instances as a means of recognizing and alleviating pay compression brought on by increases in starting pay for entry level positions. A manager recognizing the need for a special pay adjustment must submit a request with a recent performance review and supporting documentation to the Executive Committee. Special Pay adjustments should be given no more than once a year to any employee and may be given when pay ranges are adjusted and employee's pay must be adjusted to meet the new range minimum or when internal equity problems need to be addressed with corrective measures.

- *Seniority, Merit Awards and COLA payouts were not awarded to all eligible employees*—there were [REDACTED] eligible employees who became inactive before the FY16 Seniority Bonuses, Merit Awards, and COLAs were issued in February 2016. Several of the eligible employees, although not employed at the time of issuance, requested payout of their Seniority Bonuses, Merit Awards and COLAs, since they were employed during the specified time periods; however, as of the date of this report [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was authorized by the Principal Chief to receive the payout.

Referenced Criteria:

FY16 Guidelines for Merit and COLA Increase and Lump Sum Cash Awards, December 11, 2015 – Merit Pay increases are given annually effective October 1st after Performance Management Process Evaluation forms are completed by March 31st of each year. Partial Year Employees with 10-12 months of employment (Apr/May/June 2014-March 2015) are eligible for 100% of merit increase. Current active employees who were employed as of 9/30/2015 are eligible for a 2.5% COLA award added to their base pay.

Cherokee Code Chapter 96 Sec. 6.02D Seniority Bonus – ...the Tribe shall pay regular full-time employees who have over fifteen (15) years of continuous service a bonus equal to one percent (1%) of their yearly wage, regular full time employees who have twenty (20) years of continuous service a bonus equal to two percent (2%) of their yearly wage, calculated in reference to their wage in the fiscal year in which they are eligible to receive the bonus.

It is OIA's conclusion that the Human Resource practices identified above deviated from rules, regulations, policies and processes. Consistent application of rules, regulations, policies and processes is necessary for transparency and accountability and to foster stability and continuity during periods of change. Deviations contribute to real or perceived weaknesses in tribal governance; to overcome, leadership and management must promote an awareness of and show a commitment to a strong governance structure.

TRIBAL GOVERNANCE

Governance is the system by which an organization is directed, managed and controlled in the best interest of all stakeholders. Culture is a key element of governance and sets the tone for the effective operation of other components of internal controls to provide reasonable assurance regarding:

- Effectiveness and efficiency of operations including the achievement of goals and objectives and the safeguarding of assets.
- Reliability, timeliness and transparency of financial and operational information and reporting
- Adherence to laws and regulations

Leadership and management are responsible for establishing and maintaining a strong governance structure. Strong governance is demonstrated through a culture with the following qualities¹:

- Strong governance with clear policy and procedures
- Communication of policy and procedures throughout the organization
- Clear and consistent "tone at the top" communication from senior management regarding their expectations around control and appropriate behavior
- Consistent application of policy and procedures to all levels of management without exception
- Alignment of rewards to the right behaviors

¹Institute of Internal Auditors (2016). *2016 North American Pulse of Internal Audit: Time to Move Out of the Comfort zone*. Altamonte Spring, Florida.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Office of Internal Audit (hereinafter "OIA") conducted an investigation regarding reported concerns of Tribal contracts and potential violations of rules, regulations, policies and processes.

It is OIA's conclusion that execution of Tribal contracts and/or amendments between October 5, 2015 and September 30, 2016 deviated from the *Cherokee Code Chapter 117 – Tribal Government* and other documented policies and processes in the areas of Business Committee approval, contract amendments and contract expenditures.

The issues identified are summarized below. These issues result from OIA's independent, objective and thorough review of Tribal contracts and amendments between October 5, 2015 and September 30, 2016.

OVERVIEW

Tribal Council codified contract requirements in *Cherokee Code Chapter Sec. 117-19 – Contracts with Tribe* for a "valid and binding" contract with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Concerns regarding Tribal contracts were reported to the Office of Internal Audit by members of Tribal Council with a request for an investigation. The request was referred to the Audit Committee for review and approval. The Audit Committee passed a resolution (16-03) to commence an investigation. Due to a potential impairment of the Chief Audit Executive, the investigation was delegated fully to the Audit Manager who would report directly to the Audit Committee for this assignment.

AUDIT PROCEDURES

OIA asserted its authority to commence an investigation on September 7, 2016 with the Audit Committee's approval. OIA's investigation was limited to a review of Tribal contracts and amendments between October 5, 2015 and September 30, 2016. OIA reviewed relevant documentation including contracts, contract amendments, vendor files and financial information.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

OIA identified contracts and contract amendments that were executed between October 1, 2015 and September 30, 2016 and judgmentally selected contracts for review. OIA reviewed 100% of documented contracts and contract amendments \$50,000 or more (68); 100% of contracts between \$44,000 and \$49,999 (14) and select contracts between \$15,000 and \$43,999 (14). Contracts below \$15,000 were excluded from review. OIA conducted its review using criteria set forth in *Cherokee Code Chapter 117 – Tribal Government, Attorney Generals Contract Policies and Procedures* and other documented policies and processes. The results of OIA's review follow.

- ***Contracts executed without Business Committee Approval***

In a review of 68 contracts and/or amendments \$50,000 or more, executed during FY 16, 4 (6%) reflected in the table below did not have documented approval by the Business Committee:

Start Date	Description	Contract Value
10/01/2015	Expansion and Renovation of Tribal Executive Office	\$ 62,000 ¹
12/28/2015	Consulting Agreement	\$ 150,000
06/01/2016	Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 353,000
11/11/2015	Forensic Auditing	\$ 65,000 ²
Total		\$ 630,000

* Information obtained from Munis Financial System

¹ Original contract amount \$62,000 subsequently amended to \$628,306 approved by the Business Committee November 9, 2015.

² Original contract amount \$25,000 subsequently amended to \$65,000 March 7, 2016 without Business Committee approval.

Referenced Criteria:

Cherokee Code Sec 117-19 (a)(2) - contracts in the amount of \$50,000.00 or more shall have the approval of the Business Committee before being executed by the Principal Chief.

Office of the Attorney General Contract Policies and Procedures 8/2010 - All contracts over \$50,000 must be approved by the Business Committee prior to attaining the Chief's signature. The contracting Program must present the contract to the Business Committee at one of its meetings and provide the Committee with additional information if asked. A pre-printed Business Committee Approval Form must accompany the contract on which the members can sign their approval.

- ***Contract expenditures exceeded contract value***

In a review of 28 contracts less than \$50,000, 2 (7%) reflected in the table below had expenditures in excess of the contract value, without a contract amendment, or Business Committee approval when the amount exceeded \$50,000.

Start Date	Description	Contract Value	Actual Expenditures as of 9/30/2016	Excess Expenditures
3/21/16	Timeclocks	\$ 18,412	\$ 181,861 ¹	\$ 163,449
11/11/15	Forensic Auditing	\$ 65,000 ²	\$ 315,407	\$ 250,407
Total			\$ 413,856	

* Information obtained from Munis Financial System

¹ Expenditure includes purchase of timeclocks and recurring monthly charge of \$7,005.

² Original contract amount \$25,000 subsequently amended to \$65,000 March 7, 2016 without Business Committee approval

Referenced Criteria:

Cherokee Code Sec 117-19 (a)(2) - contracts in the amount of \$50,000.00 or more shall have the approval of the Business Committee before being executed by the Principal Chief.

EBCI Fiscal Management Policies and Procedures – Amendments to a contract must be in writing and signed by both parties prior to work being done. A contractor cannot commence extra work unless a written and signed Amendment has been approved through the process. The Tribe will not pay more than agreed to in the original contract unless a written and signed Amendment is provided.

Office of the Attorney General Contract Policies and Procedures 8/2010 - Changes (Amendments) to a contract must be in writing and signed by both parties prior to work being done. Do not let a contractor do extra work unless you have a written and signed an Amendment. The Tribe will not pay more than we agreed to in the original contract unless a written and signed Amendment is provided. Amendments cannot be initiated on contracts that have expired.



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Office of Principal Chief
Patrick H. Lambert



January 26, 2017

Dear Tribal Member,

It is the responsibility of all elected officials to be both open and honest regarding the people's business – your business. For the past several months, the Office of Internal Audit (OIA) has been conducting a review into the Department of Human Resources (HR) and contract procedures. During this review, full cooperation from my office and full disclosure and transparency was afforded to OIA so they could complete their report. This was done to ensure a full and accurate accounting.

Unfortunately, the information presented in the final report was without any of my responses that I shared with OIA. Likewise, the claims asserted in the report are tainted with half-truths that would lead one to believe that misconduct has occurred. This report is one-sided and is meant to paint a picture that appears to show that wrongs were committed by me. However, each of the accusations were speaking of policy or procedures and not the first one speaks of any law being violated. Each of the accusations are easily defensible and were made to help an enrolled tribal member.

The claims made are mistaken and many are flat out falsities. To that aim I am prepared to share the responses (I provided to OIA on December 21, 2016) with the public as to ensure that the truth is known. The people of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians deserve the truth and I believe sharing those responses is the right thing to do – and including my explanation in OIA's original report remains the right thing to do too. The public should also note that the Tribal Council has met twice this week in closed session in clear violation of the Charter and governing laws that define how closed sessions may be convened and conducted. I think there are many pressing issues that should demand more attention of our Tribe (school issue, hospital issue, budget issues).

As an example of the false claims made by OIA's Review, they claim a \$62,000 contract was signed without documented approval by the Business Committee. However, a closer review would have shown that the contract was part of a larger contract for renovation that was signed off on by six of the eight Business Committee members – well beyond the legal requirement for a valid contract.

Likewise, is the claim that I didn't seek authorization for a \$383,000 Solid Waste Disposal contract and that is also false. This comes from a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that has been signed off by several past Chiefs. The MOU was between the Tribe and the Cherokee Boys Club for removing our town's trash to South Carolina. A MOU is not a contract. A MOU is also not a legally binding document. The rate quoted for the Tribe was \$19.95 per ton.

Also, a claim in the HR Review claims an interim manager was assigned while a manager position was already filled. This claim is correct. I did appoint an interim manager because the program manager was going to be out for a period of time on the Remember the Removal Bike Ride. And, on this issue, I need to add that I actually solicited Tribal Council advice on selecting an interim manager for this tribal program and was asked by a group of Council Members to appoint an interim manager. It's also important to note that all HR actions have been performed under the advisement of HR personnel. I trusted their advice just as countless previous Chiefs of our Tribe have.

I can and will answer all the claims outlined because reports like this that assert misconduct and wrongdoing have to be correct and honest. Unfortunately, that is not the case with these reviews.

If you will note, the review was of Human Resources. It's no surprise to anyone that the Department of Human Resources (HR) has been the subject of much talk and controversy. Countless tribal employees and enrolled members have their own stories and experiences with HR and all too often it's not good. It's about who you know, who your family is, or what you have – not what you know or what you can bring to the Tribe. Simply holding back individuals from a job they need because you don't like them or their friends is old and I won't stand idly by and let this unfair system continue to hurt Cherokee families. This Tribe should be about opportunity and any employee who hurts our people will not be allowed to continue that abuse. There are big changes coming to HR and I know you can't wait, because it is necessary to create a fair system and break away from this old cronyism system that has permeated our lands forever.

Now it is no surprise that much to do about these reports comes as a direct result that I actually followed through on my campaign promise of eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse by conducting forensic audits on tribal entities and programs. The results of these audits have been forwarded to federal law enforcement and, as you have seen, the federal investigators have taken a great interest in these results. When the dust settles, I expect those on Tribal Council and others to be accountable for their actions as well.

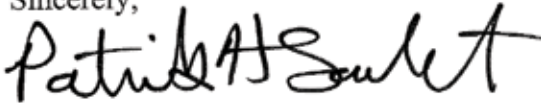
It's up to you to decide if you're going to allow those seeking to divide our community by using the OIA's report as a political tool to try and damage the work we do for our people, or are you going stand for doing the right thing and stop those who seek to harm our Tribe and try to discredit the good work we are accomplishing.

While I cannot control their actions or words, I can control mine. I am going to continue doing the right thing on behalf of the people and ensuring the Tribe works to put our Cherokee families first. That is why today, Thursday, January 26, 2017, I spent the first half of the day visiting our staff at Child Advocacy talking to the staff and letting them know that I am in full support of them and the hard work that they perform. I also visited the Cherokee School System and talked to several staff and the School Resource Officers.

There is important work to be done on behalf of our families, and while Tribal Council was sitting in an illegal closed door session, I was out working for you. It's my belief the beginning of these retaliation efforts all started when I presented the finding of the credit card audit to Tribal Council back in April. As you recall, my last statement to them was, "I'm going to give it everything I got, Mr. Chairman."

I will continue my march toward greater accountability, honesty and transparency in our Tribal Government and I won't rest until my last day in office. I ask for your support in these efforts and let truth and honesty outshine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick H. Lambert". The signature is stylized with a large, prominent "P" and "L".

Patrick H. Lambert

Principal Chief

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

President Trump clears way for pipelines

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President Donald Trump issued two executive memorandums on Tuesday, Jan. 24 paving the way for the continued construction of the Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines (DAPL). The DAPL project, which is located very near the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation in North Dakota, has been fought vehemently by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe which has been joined by many tribes throughout Indian Country including the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the members of USET (United South and Eastern Tribes).

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Chairman David Archambault II, said in a statement on Tuesday, "We are not opposed to energy independence. We are opposed to reckless and politically-motivated development projects, like DAPL, that ignore our treaty rights and risk our water. Creating a second Flint (Mich.) does not make American great again."

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, as a whole, released the following statement on their official website, "Today, Trump announced an executive order on DAPL. It not only violates the law, but it violates tribal treaties. Nothing will deter us from our fight for clean water. We will be taking legal action and will take this fight head on. We urge you to fight and stand tall beside us."

The memo issued by President Trump stated, "This approximately 1,100-mile pipeline is designed to carry approximately 500,000

barrels per day of crude oil from the Bakken and Three Forks oil production areas in North Dakota to oil markets in the United States. At this time, the DAPL is more than 90 percent complete across its entire route. Only a limited portion remains to be constructed. I believe that construction and operation of lawfully permitted pipeline infrastructure serve the national interest."

According to information from the U.S. Army, the pipeline, which is being constructed by Energy Transfer Partners, is 30 inches in diameter would most likely transport around 470,000 barrels of oil per day with a capacity as high as 570,000 barrels.

The memo also directs the Secretary of the Army to instruct the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to "consider, to the extent permitted by law and as warranted, prior reviews and determinations, including the Environmental Assessment issued in July 2016 for the DAPL, as satisfying all applicable requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act".

It has yet to be determined how this portion of the memo will stand as a notice of intent to conduct an environmental impact statement (EIS) was issued in the federal register on Wednesday, Jan. 18, two days before President

Trump's inauguration. The EIS is "in connection with Dakota Access, LLC's request to grant an easement to cross Lake Oahe, which is on the Missouri River and owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers."

In December 2016, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers refused to grant an easement in the project. "Although we have had continuing discussion and exchanges of new information with the Standing Rock Sioux and Dakota Access, it's clear that there's more work to do," Jo-Ellen Darcy, U.S. Army's Assis-

tant Secretary, said in a statement on Dec. 4, 2016. "The best way to complete that work responsibly and expeditiously is to explore alternate routes for the pipeline crossing."

The same day President Trump signed the executive order

on the Dakota Access Pipeline, he signed one reviving the Keystone XL Pipeline. That project died in November 2015 when then-Secretary of State John Kerry released a determination denying a permit to TransCanada for the pipeline. In that determination, he outlined several keys in his decision to deny including: "The proposed project has a negligible impact on our energy security. The proposed project would not lead to lower gas prices for American consumers. The project's long-term contribution to our economy would be marginal. The proposed project raises a range

of concerns about the impact on local communities, water supplies, and cultural heritage sites. The proposed project would facilitate transportation into our country of a particularly dirty source of fuel."

In his Jan. 24 memorandum regarding the Keystone XL pipeline, President Trump stated, "I hereby invite TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, L.P. (TransCanada), to promptly re-submit its application to the Department of State for a Presidential permit for the construction and operation of the Keystone XL Pipeline, a major pipeline for the importation of petroleum from Canada to the United States."

The memorandum directs the Secretary of the Army, the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Secretary of the Interior, the Directors of the Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to "review and approve as warranted, in an expedited manner, requests for approvals related to the Keystone XL Pipeline".

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is one of hundreds of federally-recognized tribes across Indian Country to adopt formal support for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's fight against the Dakota Access Pipeline. In early September 2016, Tribal Council passed a resolution, submitted by Vice Chief Richard G. Sneed, for the EBCI to donate \$50,000 to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe for use with their legal battles on the issue.

A request for comment to Energy Transfer Partners was not returned by press time.

Big win for Lady Braves

Lady Braves hand Murphy their first loss of season

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Cherokee Lady Braves did something that no other team has been able to accomplish this season – put a tick in the loss column of the Murphy Lady Bulldogs. Cherokee won by 10 points (50-40) over the previously-unbeaten Murphy team in a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Tuesday, Jan. 24, and, in the process, the Lady Braves took sole possession of first place in the Big Smoky Mountain Conference.

“This was a really big game,” said Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach. “We kind of took control in the second quarter. They went really cold, and we got a nice lead. They made a nice, little comeback in the third quarter, and then our ball-handling in the fourth quarter was able to seal the game.”

The win was the Lady Braves’ 26th consecutive Big Smoky Mountain Conference victory. Their last conference loss came at Robbinsville (71-61) on Feb. 6, 2015.

Coach Mintz said he’s happy with where his team is at so far this season. “We’re in first place, and that’s always where you want to be. We just have to keep going, and the great thing is they’re listening and they’re doing the things I ask them



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

FOR THREE: Cherokee’s Tori Teesateskie lines up for a shot during a home game against the previously-unbeaten Murphy Lady Bulldogs on Tuesday, Jan. 24. With 16 points on the night, she helped lead the Lady Braves over Murphy 50-40.

to do. We executed some things tonight that we’ve been working on, and it paid off for us at the end of the game.”

Tuesday’s game started off slowly with both teams missing some early shots while getting the butterflies out. Three minutes in, the game was tied at 2-2. Both teams settled in some, but the game remained deadlocked at 12-12 at the end of the first period.

Just a few minutes into the second period, the Lady Braves made their move. Jamie Lossiah, sophomore point guard, and Tori



STIFLING: Cherokee’s Jamie Lossiah (left) and Shelby Wolfe (#14) play tight defense against Murphy’s Ellie Martin.

Teesateskie, sophomore guard, hit back-to-back three point shots to give Cherokee an 18-12 lead, and they would not trail again in the contest. Teesateskie ended up leading Cherokee with 16 points followed by Lossiah with 12.

Cherokee extended their lead to 23-12 midway through the second period. Raylen Bark, freshman point guard, drilled a three-point shot from just left of the top of the key at the buzzer to give Cherokee a 30-14 lead at the half as the Lady Braves ended up outscoring Murphy 18-2 in the period.

The first four minutes of the third quarter were dead even with both teams scoring five points (35-19), but Murphy went on a 7-2 run in the next three minutes. The last 1:40 of the third period was a scorefest with the Lady Bulldogs edging Cherokee 8-5, and the Lady

Braves led by 8 points (42-34) going into the fourth.

Cherokee maintained their distance and controlled the pace of the fourth period and kept an 8- or 10-point lead throughout. They went on to take the 50-40 win.

Other scorers for the Lady Braves included: Raylen Bark 9, Pooh King 9, Me-Li Jackson 2, and Timiyah Brown 2. Murphy scorers included: Katlyn Stiles 2, Jessica Beckner 18, Aubrey Clapsaddle 6, and Emma Stroup 9.

The Lady Braves and Lady Bulldogs have a rematch set for Saturday, Feb. 4 at Murphy. Coach Mintz said they’ll be ready for another battle. “We’ve got to just keep them off the boards and keep those big girls from scoring all their points. We did it for three quarters tonight. We need to do it for four quarters down there.”

Braves win barnburner at Swain

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

BRYSON CITY - You couldn't ask for more in a high school basketball game than Cherokee and Swain gave everyone on Thursday, Jan. 26. The Braves (12-5, 8-0) topped the Maroon Devils (18-2, 8-1) by two points (70-68) to take sole possession of first place in the Big Smoky Mountain Conference in a game at Swain Co. that literally came down to the wire.

Holden Straughan, junior guard and leading scorer on the night for the Braves with 20 points, hit a three-point shot with just under a minute left to give Cherokee a 68-65 lead. Several seconds later, Tye Mintz, Braves junior forward, added two clutch free throws to give Cherokee a five-point (70-65) lead.

Swain rolled back and Evan Bradley, senior guard and leading scorer (22 pts) for the Maroon Devils, hit a three-point shot with just over 11 seconds left to make it 70-68 in favor of Cherokee.

The Braves received a traveling call on the in-bounds pass, and Swain got the ball back with 11 seconds left in the game and a chance to tie the game or win with a three-pointer. The Maroon Devils drove down, passed the ball around several times, got a quick look at a three-point shot with three seconds left, let it fly...the ball hit the rim and bounced out. Josiah Lossiah, Braves sophomore point guard, grabbed the ball and held it for the



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

BALL CONTROL: Cherokee's Holden Straughan (#20), junior guard, sets up for a pass while being guarded by Swain's Brett Treadway. With 20 points, Straughan led the Braves over the Maroon Devils 70-68 in a game at Swain on Thursday, Jan. 26.

win.

"You can't beat an atmosphere like this in a huge game like this," Sonita Warren-Dixon, Braves head coach, said after the emotional game. "It reminds me of being in 'Hoosiers'. The atmosphere is good, number one is at stake, both teams playing as hard as they can, what more could you ask for?"

The win was Cherokee's eighth win in a row, and Coach Warren-Dixon chalks that up to hard work and time spent on the court. "We've gotten some game experience, and I've had time with these kids that I didn't have time with so that has helped us. We've had a lot of practices. We've had a lot of game experience, and we have

gotten to mesh a little bit. They learned about me and the way I coach, and it has helped us out."

Cherokee jumped out early in this contest and led 7-2 in the first few minutes of the first period. They led by as many as 11 at one point, but Swain plugged along and pulled to within four points towards the end of the period. Straughan hit a half-court shot from the right side at the buzzer of the first to give the Braves a 26-19 lead.

Swain came back in the second period, tying the game and then taking a six-point lead at one point. Cherokee evened it up – a pattern in this game for both teams, and the Maroon Devils took a one-point 41-40 lead into the locker room.

The third period was close as well with Swain slightly outscoring Cherokee 16-15 to lead by two points 57-55 going into the fourth. Cherokee outscored Swain 15-11 in the final eight minutes to take the win.

Other scorers for Cherokee included: Tye Mintz 14, Josiah Lossiah 5, Blake Smith 2, Isaiah Evans 12, Sterling Santa Maria 17.

Other scorers for Swain included: Brier Younce 7, Brett Treadway 5, Phinehas Little 7, Clayton Catolster 9, Nolan Arkansas 1, Zeke Bradley 17.

The two teams are set for a rematch at Cherokee on Friday, Feb. 3.



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DOWNTOWN: Cherokee's Holden Straughan, junior guard, pulls up for a three-point shot from way outside during a home game against Murphy on Tuesday, Jan. 24. He finished the game with 20 points.

 Basketball Box Score					
Tuesday, Jan. 24	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Braves	14	22	12	19	67
Murphy	13	24	8	15	60

SCORING: Cherokee – Tye Mintz 21, Cade Mintz 2, Josiah Lossiah 6, Blake Smith 6, Holden Straughan 20, Isaiah Evans 2, Sterling Santa-Maria 10; Murphy – Hagan Newton 16, Tanner Creelman 2, Justice Dorsey 5, Thomas Day 4, Curt Brown 8, Jeremiah Clark 17, Micah Nelson 6, Kadrian McRae 2
No other statistics were available for this game.



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DETERMINATION: Cherokee's Timiyah Brown (#50) drives against Swain County's Taylor Medlin in a game at Swain on Thursday, Jan. 26. Brown scored 13 points as the Lady Braves won 70-51.

 Basketball Box Score					
Thursday, Jan. 26	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Lady Braves	18	20	18	14	70
Swain Co.	7	16	10	18	51

SCORING: Cherokee – Raylen Bark 5, Carla Wolfe 4, Jamie Lossiah 4, Pooh King 18, Shelby Wolfe 10, Me-Li Jackson 5, Tori Teesateskie 11, Timiyah Brown 13; Swain Co. – Ashton Younce 6, Lynsey Hicks 10, Alissa Smith 13, Gabby Jones 9, Ayianna West 10, Taylor Medlin 2, Tori Treadway 1

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE: Cherokee - .394; Swain Co. - .275

THREE-POINT FIELD GOALS: Cherokee – Lossiah 1, King 1, Teesasteskie 1; Swain Co. – Hicks 3, Smith 1

REBOUNDS: Cherokee – 30 (Shelby Wolfe 7); Swain Co. – 39 (Jones 9)

ASSISTS: Cherokee - 26 (Bark 7); Swain Co. – 14 (Hicks 6)

STEALS: Cherokee - 30 (King 9); Swain Co. – 16

TURNOVERS: Cherokee – 18; Swain Co. – 31

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INSIDE GAME: Cherokee's Tye Mintz (#1) drives inside against Robbinsville's Colby Hemphill during a game at Robbinsville on Friday, Jan. 27. Mintz led Cherokee with 18 points and Hemphill scored 7 for the Black Knights who took the game over the Braves 53-50.

 Basketball Box Score					
Friday, Jan. 27	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Braves	7	14	18	11	50
Robbinsville	14	16	12	11	53

SCORING: Cherokee - Tye Mintz 18, Josiah Lossiah 8, Holden Straughan 9, Isaiah Evans 5, Blake Smith 4, Sterling Santa Maria 6; Robbinsville - Landon Orr 15, Colby Hemphill 7, Reece Adams 15, Chandler Jumper 5, Tank Rattler 4, Tyler Long 6, Tucker Price 1
No other statistics were available for this game.



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JUMPER: Cherokee's Shelby Wolfe (left) shoots an outside jump shot as Robbinsville's Erin Teesateskie (#12) and Paige Collins (#22) guard her during a game at Robbinsville on Friday, Jan. 27. Wolfe finished the game with 10 points as the Lady Braves topped the Lady Black Knights 59-38. Teesateskie scored 8 and Collins added 6 for Robbinsville.

 Basketball Box Score					
Friday, Jan. 27	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Lady Braves	17	17	15	10	59
Robbinsville	9	12	9	8	38

SCORING: Cherokee - Tori Teesateskie 15, Pooh King 14, Shelby Wolfe 10, Me-Li Jackson 5, Raylen Bark 9, Jamie Lossiah 3, Carla Wolfe 3; Robbinsville - Erin Teesateskie 8, Cambrie Lovin 10, Katie Walsh 5, Paige Collins 6, Mikayla Morgan 5, Harleigh Lane 2, Maddi Garland 2
No other statistics were available for this game.

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Braves place at SMC Tournament

ROSMAN – Anthony Toineeta took the championship in the 160lb division and was named a Co-Most Outstanding Wrestler at the Smoky Mountain Conference tournament at Rosman on Saturday, Jan. 28. Toineeta, who shared the Co-Most Outstanding Wrestler award with Kade Millsaps from Robbinsville, pinned Austin Lovin, Robbinsville,

to take the title.

Five other members of the Cherokee Braves wrestling team placed at the event including:

- Jacob Norton, 106lb, third place
- Jonah Bernhisel, 113lb, fourth place
- Seth Sneed, 126lb, third place
- Jaden Welch, 132lb, third place
- Jesse Queen, 138lb, second place

Robbinsville won the team title

with 244 points followed by Swain Co. 186, Murphy 100, Rosman 81, Cherokee 78.5, Hayesville 64, Hiwassee Dam 36, and Andrews 18.

Champions in each division are as follows:

- 106:** Nathan Brock, Swain Co.
- 113:** Braden Millsaps, Robbinsville
- 120:** Arlus Orr, Robbinsville
- 126:** Kade Millsaps, Robbinsville
- 132:** Kollin Guffey, Robbinsville

- 138:** Justin Stewart, Robbinsville
- 145:** Drake Cable, Robbinsville
- 152:** Chris Miller, Swain Co.
- 160:** Anthony Toineeta, Cherokee
- 170:** Cody Swangim, Rosman
- 182:** Slade McTaggart, Murphy
- 195:** William Paul, Swain Co.
- 220:** Craig Cutshaw, Swain Co.
- 285:** Corbin Wildcatt, Swain Co.

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SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

Girls

Tuesday, Jan. 24

Cherokee 50 Murphy 40
Swain Co. 77 Blue Ridge 38
Robbinsville 45 Andrews 43
Hayesville 59 Nantahala 19

Thursday, Jan. 26

Cherokee 70 Swain Co. 51
Andrews 72 Blue Ridge 32
Friday, Jan. 27
Cherokee 59 Robbinsville 38
Andrews 61 Rosman 43
Murphy 46 Hayesville 23

Boys

Tuesday, Jan. 24

Cherokee 67 Murphy 60
Swain Co. 86 Blue Ridge 25
Rosman 97 Highlands 57
Robbinsville 62 Andrews 39
Hayesville 67 Nantahala 35

Thursday, Jan. 26

Cherokee 70 Swain Co. 68
Andrews 78 Blue Ridge 36
Friday, Jan. 27
Robbinsville 53 Cherokee 50
Rosman 51 Andrews 46
Swain Co. 73 Highlands 43
Murphy 59 Hayesville 41

TRACK and FIELD

Several members of the Cherokee High School track team competed in the WNC Polar Bear Championships at Polk County High School in Columbus on Wednesday, Jan. 25. Following are their results per nc-milesplit.com:

- Girls 1600M Run: Dorian Reed, 8th place, 6:22.56
- Girls Shot Put: Tiarra Toineeta, 10th place, 26-1.5; Awee Sequoyah, 16th place, 22-11.5
- Boys 55M Dash: Jordan Grant, 37th place, 7.63
- Boys 300M Dash: Jordan Grant, 41st place, 44.47
- Boys 55M Hurdles: Jordan Grant, 12th place, 10.34
- Boys Shot Put: Byron Locust, 5th place, 42-4; Josh Driver, 36th place, 27-4

WRESTLING

Wednesday, Jan. 25

Christ School 42 Cherokee 36

- **106:** Jacob Norton (Cherokee) won by forfeit
- **113:** Janes Cinque (CS) won by forfeit
- **120:** Connor Hall (CS) won by

forfeit


- **126:** Jaden Welch (Cherokee) won by forfeit
- **132:** Seth Sneed (Cherokee) won by forfeit
- **138:** Wilton Graves (CS) won by forfeit
- **145:** Xavier Locust (Cherokee) won by fall over Caden Cruise (CS)
- **152:** Jeremy Tangkilisan (CS) won by forfeit

- **160:** Anthony Toineeta (Cherokee) won by forfeit
- **170:** Double Forfeit
- **182:** Andrew Griffin (Cherokee) on by forfeit
- **195:** James Turley (CS) won by forfeit
- 220: Jack Mitchell (CS) won by forfeit
- 285: Thomas Bolick (CS) won by fall over Reed Cochran (Cherokee)



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Sports are a distraction...and, that's a good thing

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

This past Thursday night, I huddled into the Swain County High School gymnasium with about 27,000 other people (or, at least it felt like it) as the Cherokee Braves and Lady Braves took on their arch nemesis - the Maroon Devils.

It was about 158 degrees Fahrenheit where I was standing. My shoes melted to the floor at one point. My camera caught fire twice. The popcorn didn't even need to go into the popper...it just popped itself in the bag.

Oh, and the game...well, if you weren't there, you missed a boys game for the ages.

The final minute of the boys game was so loud that people reported hearing it in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Chalk one up in the win column for the Braves and Lady Braves and chalk one up in the tall tales section for this particular column.

Now, I may have exaggerated a little...just a little mind you...on some of the details in this week's column, but I'm going somewhere factual with it I promise.

You see, for those three or so hours that we all packed ourselves like sardines into that gym, we were all distracted.

Now, many times these days we talk of distractions in a bad light. We get onto people for texting while driving or for looking at their phone in class or during an important meeting at work.

But, this was a different kind of

distraction.

This was a distraction that helped lower blood pressure. Yep, at an incredibly passionate, high-spirited game such as these, I'll wager that most people's blood pressures and overall stress levels were decreased.

This past week was a rough, stressful time for many in the United States. It was rough for many in Indian Country, and it was a rough, stressful time for members and employees of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

On the national level, it was the first week of President Trump's presidency. Whatever your particular political lean is, there were some surprises during the week for sure. The decision to go ahead with the Dakota Access Pipeline didn't come so much as a surprise as a noted source of continued stress and strife for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe including several of my cousins who have been on the frontline of the fight since it started.

Here on the Cherokee Indian Reservation, we saw some EBCI leaders at odds with each other over various issues - again, a source of stress for anyone associated with

the Tribe on any level.

This column isn't to talk about these political issues, but it's to talk about what many would deem just another stupid basketball game. But, let me tell you, that stupid basketball game took my mind - and I would bet everyone's mind that was in that gym - off of all of these sources of stress and strife... it did that for at least those three or so hours.

As I was watching Pooh King and Tori Teesateskie dribble right past their opponents or Jamie Lossiah play her patented brand of peanut-butter defense (sticks right to you), I wasn't thinking about those issues. As this old photographer's eyeballs were trying to keep up with where the ball was as Holden Straughan passed to Sterling Santa Maria to Josiah Lossiah to Isaiah Evans and then over to Tye Mintz, I wasn't thinking about those issues...I was just trying to keep my eyes from rolling around in my head.

As Cherokee's fans cheered, and as Swain's fans cheered, they weren't thinking about investigations, pipelines, the building of walls, taxes, health care, or any-

thing else except hoping beyond hope that their team could put a little ball into a round hoop.

That might sound like a stupid endeavor, and maybe it is, but it was a much-needed and much-welcomed distraction.



by Chris Richcreek

1. In 2015, the Nationals' Max Scherzer became the sixth pitcher to toss two no-hitters in a season. Name three of the other five to do it.
2. The New York Mets' Daniel Murphy set a record in 2015 for homering in the most consecutive postseason games (six). Who had held the record?
3. Who was the first NFL player to tally 1,000 points for two different teams?
4. When was the last time before 2016 (Wisconsin) that a winning team in an NCAA Tournament men's basketball game scored 47 or fewer points?
5. Which did NHL legend Gordie Howe win more of: the Hart Trophy (league MVP) or the Art Ross Trophy (top scorer)?
6. When was the last time before 2016 that the Colorado Rapids reached the conference finals of the MLS Cup playoffs?
7. In 2016, Nyquist became the second horse in 10 years to win the Breeders' Cup Juvenile race one year and the Kentucky Derby the next. Who was the other?

1. Johnny Vander Meer (1938), Alie Reynolds ('51), Virgil Trucks ('52), Nolan Ryan ('73) and Roy Halladay (2010).
2. Carlos Beltran of the Houston Astros did it in five consecutive postseason games in 2004.
3. Adam Vinatieri, with New England and Indianapolis.
4. Butler scored 47 points in a win versus Mississippi State in 2003.
5. He won six of each.
6. It was 2010, when the Rapids won the MLS Cup.
7. Street Sense, in 2006-07.

Answers

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SPECIAL MAIL: Students in a first grade class at New Kituwah pose with photos, a letter, and other information they received recently from President Obama. Shown (left-right) standing – Teacher Rainy Brake, Kiara Sneed (Oganasdi), Eden Littlejohn (Tsegisini), Jayla Pheasant (Wadulisi), Raul Hernandez (Wayya); bottom row - Bailey Crowe (Agaliha), Maddie Dozier (Dakasi), Morgan Hernandez (Tsula), and Phoenix Martin (Tiyohali).

SPECIAL DELIVERY

President Obama writes to New Kituwah students

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Earlier this month, students in a first grade class at New Kituwah Academy received a letter from a very special person. President Barack Obama, then still in office,

answered letters they sent him several months ago regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL).

“Our environment and wildlife are among our most precious treasures, and I appreciate your taking the time to share your thoughts with me,” President Obama’s letter reads. “I am committed to keeping our country’s air, water, and land clean and safe. My administration is working hard to reduce harmful pollutants, and we are taking on tough environmental challenges, including climate change. We are also proud to have protected more than 265 million acres of land and water.”

“Our environment and wildlife are among our most precious treasures, and I appreciate your taking the time to share your thoughts with me.”

- President Obama in a letter to New Kituwah Academy students

The letter continued, “By working together, we can leave our planet even better than we found it. You can join in by recycling and reusing paper, plastic, glass, and aluminum, and you can save energy by turning off lights and unplugging appliances you are not using. Small steps like these can make a big difference.”

Rainy Brake, New Kituwah Academy first grade teacher, related, “Whenever there are current events that involve science, the kids will watch some news clips, and when the DAPL protests started against the Dakota Access Pipeline, we saw some protests that involved children a little bit older than them and we talked about the implications of the pipeline. We talked about the implications to them, as Native Americans.”

She said the kids discussed ways to get involved and the idea of writing to President Obama was proposed. “They thought this was the best way they had of getting some action.”

Brake continued, “After we watched the news clips, we did some experiments on water quality, and we talked about what it would look like if there was oil in the wa-

ter. We talked about what would happen if the water was polluted and how it would affect us and how it would affect everybody.”

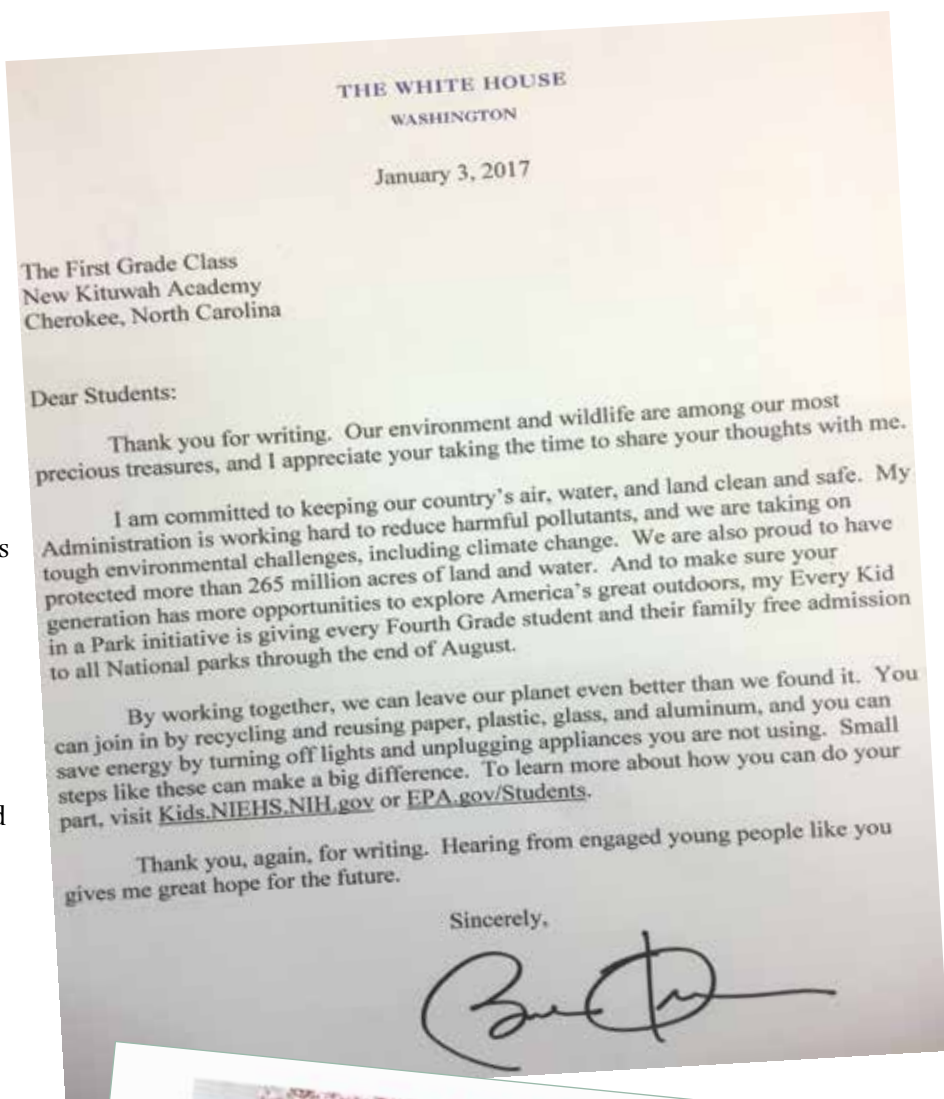
Following their research and experiments, the students wrote letters to President Obama in the Cherokee language, and they drew photos of the pipeline as well as the Missouri River and how it would look in the future. A cover letter, written in English, was attached so that the intent of the children’s letters could be understood and all of the letters and photos were mailed in November 2016.

The White House receives around 10,000 letters per day and staff selects around 10 to respond to. “Apparently, someone somewhere saw the kid’s thoughts and thought it was important for the President to see,” related Brake. “He wrote them a letter back thanking them for their activism, and that’s what we’re trying to teach them is that activism gets results.”

She said this experience has also helped in their social studies curriculum. “We’re not so concerned with politics as we are citizenship, and our job is to teach them to be good citizens of the Tribe and good citizens of the country...we want them to be good Cherokee citizens, and one way that can be accomplished is to see that the language can be used to cause change.”

As part of their citizenship study, the students watched the inauguration of President Donald Trump, and they wrote letters to him detailing what they hope the world will look like in 10 years.

“So, hopefully, we’ll get something back from Donald Trump as well,” Brake commented.



A Cherokee Gardeners Journal: Choose wisely

JODY BRADLEY

January is my mom's favorite time of year. It is the time when all the spring garden catalogs start to arrive. I can see her with a cup of coffee and a stack of her favorite catalogs. She loves Burpee, Jackson and Perkins, and Wayside Gardens, to name a few magazines. She will sit for hours folding, tearing, marking, and dreaming. The excitement reaches a crescendo when Tony, the UPS guy, pulls into the driveway and delivers the packages. The rest of the family may not be as excited since they have to help plant all that she has ordered. It is probably a good thing that she has not discovered the internet. On the other hand, I am avid internet gardener. "If you want it, you can find it."

So here are some questions to ask as you sit down with that cup of coffee and shop in the catalogs or on the internet.

1. Will the plant or seeds I am about to order grow in my Zone?

According to the US Hardiness Zone Map, we are in Zone 6A or 6B. Make sure what you are purchasing is appropriate. I found this especially true with the short growing seasons on the mountain.

2. Am I purchasing a annual, perennial, or biennial?

Some folks are disappointed when a plant comes up one year and not the next (annual). I rarely buy annuals (plants that do not come back). I buy lots of perennials and vegetable plants. My one exception is foxgloves (biennial).



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SUB: Swiss Chard, Bradley says, is as good as mustard or turnip greens and you can eat the stem.

3. How much will it require?

I have one rose, New Dawn. She is a climber, requires little attention, and comes back every year. I fertilize her once a year and she never disappoints. My kind of plant! Other roses require lots of work. Do not get me wrong. I loves roses. My sister has lots of roses and has the patience to coddle them. Consider how much work the plant needs.

4. How much do I need?

We tend to buy more than we need. The seed company packages seeds in bundles when we really just needed six. Most seeds will be good the next year but I find great joy in sharing. Spread the joy (seeds) to friends and family in snack size Ziploc bags. They enjoy getting your tried and true recommendations. Here are a few of my favorites.

A. **Swiss Chard**, as good as mustard or turnips and you can eat the stems. Chard winters over well if we have light winters.

B. **"Be Sweet" Early Edamame** for you edamame lovers. Edamame is high in proteins and a easy to prepare treat.

C. **Super Sugar Snap Peas**. Plant early, eat early. Love these!

D. **Baby Bubba Okra**. Great for containers or Earth Boxes. Okra is one of my favorites and it's taken me a while to find this one.

E. Last but not least, **Spaghetti Squash**. I planted this by mistake a couple of years ago. We loved it and have planted it on purpose ever since. I plant Spaghetti Squash for Grow A Row and donate it.

Community gardens are another option for donating extra seeds. If you like the hands-on experience of purchasing seeds and plants, you can visit the Second Annual Spring Garden Fair at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on April 7-8. There will be experts on hand to answer your questions. Even there, choose wisely!

Cherokee Art Exhibit held at MMCC

TIA LYNN IVEY

MORGAN COUNTY CITIZEN

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MADISON, Ga. - The Madison-Morgan Cultural Center (MMCC) hosted a special opening reception on Friday, Jan. 20 for a new exhibit that explores Cherokee Indian culture.

"The Cherokees are one of the most prominent Southern Native American Tribes," said Kate Rakoczy, of the MMCC. "The preservation of the Cherokee Heritage is the driving force behind the artisans in Cherokee. They want to represent and show the distinct craftsmanship of the Cherokee people while honoring their past and creating their present day craft. Through traditional and contemporary art, language, music, and dance they hope to keep their culture alive."

The event featured speakers and Native American dancers and musicians to go along with the new paintings on loan from The Museum of the Cherokee Indian. The exhibit celebrates the 250th anniversary of the partnership forged between a British Lieutenant and Cherokee leader. The exhibit shows the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, led by Cherokee leader Ostenaco, who joins with British Lieutenant Henry Timberlake to become Emissaries of Peace in each other's countries in 1762.

According to the museum, during the French and Indian War, Cherokees were important military allies and valuable trading partners of the British until disagreements led to war between them. When peace was restored, they became



Photo by Josiah Connelly/Morgan County Citizen

SHARING: Several members of the Warriors of Anikituwah lead a Cherokee dance during an event at the Madison Morgan Cultural Center on Friday, Jan. 20.

allies again, and Timberlake and Ostenaco journeyed as emissaries of peace to each other's countries.

"The contrast between their cultures is shown in this exhibit," said a representative from the Museum of Cherokee Indian. "It is based on Timberlake's Memoirs, along with period artwork, artifacts from archaeology and historical collections and other 18th century accounts. A level of interpretation for children features pop-up books and graphic panels."

"The 250th Anniversary Exhibition tells this compelling story in compact form...Research from the exhibit has helped cultural revi-

talization efforts among the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, a federally-recognized tribe. The Warriors of AniKituhwa perform the dance that welcome Timberlake in 1762. Tribal members demonstrate 18th century historical arts such as basket-making, pottery, finger-weaving, and quillwork."

A former MMCC board member is responsible for bringing this culturally significant exhibit to Madison.

"Our very own Lloyd Long, brought this opportunity (the traveling exhibit, the arts and crafts exhibit, and the performers) to us," explained Rakoczy. "Lloyd Big-

witch Long, current member and former board member of MMCC, has dreamed of bringing his love of the Cherokee Nation and his Heritage to the Center for many years. Lloyd Bigwitch Long and his sister Mary Jane grew up in and around Wrights Creek, NC on the Qualla Boundary, an area comprised of approximately 57 thousand acres, known as the Cherokee Reservation. An avid collector of Native American crafts he is proud and excited for the community to view the wonderful creations of these artisans and bring the true heritage of the Cherokee people to Madison."

OBITUARIES

Katherine Murphy Crisp

Katherine Murphy Crisp, 79, of the Birdtown Community went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late Elnora and Luther Murphy and wife of the late Theron Crisp. She was a founding member of Bethabara Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School and sang in the choir for many years. She helped in the founding and worked for the Head Start Program for 35 years where she started several day cares and taught many children throughout those years.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Margie Howard.

She is survived by her children, Charlene Stiles of Cherokee, Theron Luther Crisp (June Bug) and wife Elvis Huskey Crisp of Asheville, Gail DeHart and husband Eddie DeHart of Cherokee, Joseph Bird of Cherokee; son-in-law, Floyd Howard; grandchildren, April Maney, Wesley Parker, Toby Bird, Duane Parker, Concheta Walls, Ceegee Bird, Ryan DeHart, Sandi Franks, Jesse Franks, and Travis DeHart; special great grandson, Mogly Bird; great grandchildren, Amber, Brianna, Christian, Darian, Esiah, Nakiyah, Eli and Owen Bird, Chloe Linder, Lawson McKelvin, Faith, Keara, and Sevan Cline, Angel, Alonso, Titan, Amarrah, Kyson, and Kailna Franks; Jordan, Devon, Theron and Avere Parker; great great granddaughter, Hazel Dawn Woodard; one sister, Roberta Waldroup; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was like a mother to and loved by them all.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Jan. 28 at Bethabara Baptist Church. Revs. Logan Parton and Tommy Anderson officiated with burial in the Birdtown Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ryan DeHart, Mo-Mo Bird, Joey Bird, Jesse Franks, June Bug Crisp, Devon Parker, Duane Parker and Floyd Howard.

Dorothy L. Thompson

Dorothy L. Thompson, 72, of the Big Y Community, went home to be with the Lord and her loving husband, Leroy, on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital with her family by her side. She was the daughter of the late John Rome and Charlotte Welch Lossiah. She was a member of Waterfalls Baptist Church and spent most of her life traveling from place to place singing with her brother Woodrow and sister Maggie. She was a basket maker. She worked many years at Barclays and then became a teacher at Cherokee Elementary where she taught Cherokee language. She loved to cook. She was well known for her sausage and egg biscuits and hot Kraut.

Dorothy is survived by her son, Albert Martin (Candy); a daughter, Sarah Toineeta; four grandchildren, Earl Martin, Kara McKinney (Cody), Iwodi Toineeta, and Teela Ross; one great grandson, Grayson McKinney; one sister, Jane Taylor; two brothers, Willard Lossie and Jack Lossiah (Ruth); two aunts, Mollie Herbold and Annie French; two special nieces, Charlene and Genoa Lossiah; Several nieces and nephews; Friends of the family, Haley Smith, Chantele Lossiah, and Jason Shell whom she helped raise.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Thompson; one grandson, Cylas Mychal; brothers, Charlie, Larch, Homer, John Adam, Noah and Woodrow; sisters, Luzene, Frieda, Frances, Martha, and Maggie; three nephews, Tony Lossiah, John Russell Lossiah, and Darrell Ross; one great nephew, Martin Perez, Jr.; and one great great nephew Mickey Meuse.

A little known fact was that she was a triplet and her brother Paul and sister Mary passed away as infants.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Straight Fork Baptist Church. Pastors Charles Ray Ball and James "Bo" Parris officiated. Burial was at the Lossiah Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were Kirk, Ted, John, Eddie, Dwayne, and Tommy.

Patrick "Fat-Rat" Teesateskie

Patrick "Fat-Rat" Teesateskie, 51, of Cherokee, passed away Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017 with his loving daughters and his mother by his side.

He was born Dec. 12, 1965 in Graham County to the late Tom Teesateskie and Jeanette Rattler Teesateskie.

Patrick never knew a stranger. He was easy going, very loving, and a caring father who loved to fish. He was always making sure his daughters were happy.

He is survived by his mother, Jeanette Teesateskie; three children, Beth Teesateskie, Patricia Teesateskie, and Shira Littlejohn; one grandson, Jayden Teesateskie; two brothers, Ronnie and Steve Teesateskie; sisters, Norma Jean Teesateskie, Barbara Owle, Donna

Sue McCracken, Blanche Teesateskie, and Christine McCoy.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Jan. 30 at the Bethabara Baptist Church. Pastors Michael Rattler and Noah Crowe officiated. Burial was at the Ledford Cemetery on Noah Geneva Ledford Road in Cherokee. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Woodrow "Bud" "Pops" Wilson Culpepper Jr.

Woodrow "Bud" "Pops" Wilson Culpepper Jr., loved father and friend, passed peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017 in his home in Cherokee.

He is preceded in death by his father, Woodrow Wilson Culpepper Sr.; his mother, June Culpepper; and his loving partner, Mary.

He is survived by his daughter, Carissa Culpepper (Tom Mahan) of Tennessee; sons, Tim Major (Louise Ferraro) of California and Brian Major (Debbie Clayburn) of Alabama; best friend, Lyndia "Gal" Mitchell Roehler of Alabama; cousins, James E. "Butch" and Janet Sanders of Cherokee, Lori Sanders, Dr. Blythe Sanders Winchester, and James "Little James" Sanders II all of Cherokee; and several cousins from Chesapeake, Va.

He loved to travel, watch action movies, old westerns, listen to Rock & Roll Music, dance, and had a passion for muscle cars. He was the former Post Commander of his local VFW and served our country as an Army Vietnam Veteran. He was loved by all who knew him.

Graveside services were held Sunday, Jan. 29 at the Sanders Family Cemetery.

Cherokee Community Chorus practice

The Cherokee Community Chorus will begin practicing for a 2017 Easter Cantata on Thursday, Feb. 2 from 6-8pm at the Cherokee Baptist Church. This year, Easter falls on Sunday, April 16 giving the group approximately 11 practice sessions. J Gilbert will again be the director and Sharon Bradley will be the pianist. Everyone that enjoys singing is welcome to come join the group. Info: Frela Beck 497-3671, Teressa Sweet 736-1256, or Mary Wachacha 788-1196

- Cherokee Community Chorus

Vendors sought for Spring Garden Fair

Vendor applications are now being accepted for the Spring Garden Fair scheduled for Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Vendors are being sought who sell garden items including: seeds, plants, seedlings, yard art, tools, bees, farm-related subjects, dried or canned products, or other food products. They are also seeking educators to share information about composting, recycling, mulches, beekeeping, etc. All are welcome. This event is being sponsored by Principal Chief Patrick Lambert. Info: Check Facebook – Spring Garden Fair or email legendweaverstudios@gmail.com

- Jody Bradley

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) available in Cherokee

The 2017 offering of Tax Assistance begins Thursday, Feb. 2. If your annual income is \$54,000 or less, you are eligible to have your taxes prepared at no cost at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office at 876 Acquoni Rd, located next to the Yellowhill Community Building and covered basketball court. Please bring with you the following items to your appointment:

- All income related forms such as: W-2, 1099 Misc., 1099-I, SSA-1099, etc.
- Photo I.D. such as Driver's License or enrollment

card with picture

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

To schedule an appointment, 359-6930 or 359-6933 and speak to any staff person.

- EBCI Cooperative Extension

Per Capita notices for June distribution

To be considered for the June 2017 per capita distribution, completed enrollment applications for new applicants must be submitted to the Enrollment Office by Wednesday, March 15 at 4:30pm. Enrollment applications received after this date will not be considered for the June 2017 distribution.

An application will only be considered complete with a county-certified birth certificate, certified DNA results, and certification of any other Indian blood. To schedule an appointment at the local collection site, call Michelle 359-6463. Out-of-town applicants contact Amber Harrison (918) 685-0478 to schedule an appointment in your area.

The last day to be DNA tested in time for the March 15 deadline is Friday, Feb. 24. Any DNA collected after this date is not guaranteed to be returned in time to meet the deadline. Because of the extended amount of time in receiving a social security number for a newborn, an application will be considered for enrollment without the social security number. However, an Enrollment Card will only be issued upon receipt of the social security card of the new enrollee.

Applications may be obtained from the En-

rollment Office located in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. Info: EBCI Enrollment Office (828) 359-6467, 359-6465 or 359-6466

- EBCI Enrollment Office

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you from pageant winner

This past November, I traveled to the National American Miss National Pageant in Anaheim, Calif. where I was formally recognized as the 2016 National American Miss North Carolina. I would like to thank all those who sponsored me and helped me achieve this wonderful opportunity: Minnetonka Moccasins, Victor Wildcatt, Mary Brown, the American Indian Trading Co., and Medicine Man Crafts.

I would also like to extend a very special thanks to Principal Chief Patrick Lambert and Vice Chief Richard Sneed for their generous sponsorship.

Sgt,

Madeline Welch,

2016 National American Miss North Carolina

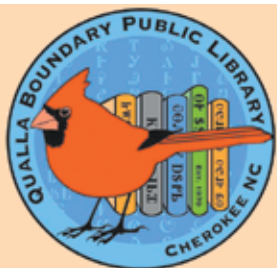
Grateful for support for fundraiser

We are extremely thankful. I'm so amazed by the outpour we had today for the fundraiser. I want to thank each and every person who came out, bought a place and made a donation. I cannot thank you guys enough. I also want to thank everyone involved - the lovely ladies who served the food and the amazing people who prepared the food and took time out of their day to participate.

Spencer and I are so very thankful. This will help us more than you guys know. Thank you all!

Signed,

Courtney Taylor



359-6725

810 Acquoni Road

located in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex

Hours of Operation

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 8am - 7pm
Wednesday: 8am - 5pm
Friday: 7:45am - 4:30pm

Fundraisers/Benefits

NAIWA Fundraiser Indian Dinners. Feb. 3 at 11am at Yellowhill Activity Center. Menu: Chicken, bean bread, hominy and beans, choice of cabbage or fried potatoes, drink, and dessert. \$8/plate

Souper Bowl Fundraiser. Feb. 3 from 11am – 3pm at Cherokee Choices Community Room. All proceeds will go to fund the Community Syllabary Class. Bowl of soup with bread/crackers and drink for \$5 or all-you-can-eat soup with bread/crackers and drink for \$7. Soups include: potato, taco, tomato, vegetable, zuppa tuscana, and more.

General Events

92nd Birthday Celebration for Doris Catt. Feb. 4 at 1pm at Tsali Manor. Pot luck, no gifts please.

Lunchtime Crafts with the Cherokee Friends. Wednesdays from 12-12:45pm at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Feb. 8 – clay medallions. Info: 497-3481

Cherokee Heritage Day at Museum. Feb. 11 from 11am – 5pm at Museum of the Cherokee Indians. February is traditionally the “Hungry Month”. Throughout this day of free activities, you can participate in pottery making workshops, see a demonstration of hominy making, participate in

dances dedicated to animals hunted for food, and hear traditional Cherokee stories about food. Sponsored by the North Carolina Arts Council and the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Info: 497-3481 or www.cherokeemuseum.org

Beginning Cherokee Language 1 classes. Tuesdays until Feb. 14 from 5-6:30pm in Cherokee Elementary School Room E104. Instructor: Angela Squirrel. Info: Cherokee Central Schools Cultural Department 554-5004

Sweetheart Bingo. Feb. 16 at 1:30pm at Cherokee Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. Everyone will receive two bingo cards. Bring something for the pantry at the Cherokee

Children’s Home and receive an extra card (three-card limit). Items needed included: canned goods, toiletries, or other household items. This event is sponsored by Principal Chief Patrick Lambert and the EBCI Information Technology Dept.

Health/Sports

Strength Training for Women Program. Thursdays from 12-12:45pm at the Ginger Lynn Welch Community Rooms on Feb. 9, 16, and 23. Pre- and post-fitness testing with goal-setting. Learn benefits, proper alignment and skills in strength training using light weights and exercise bands. This is open to all women and no experience is needed. Space is limited. Info: Robin Callahan, RD, LDN, MHS, 359-6785, robibail@nc-chokeee.com

Kayaking Roll Clinic. Feb. 1 – March 8 on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30pm at Cherokee Life Center pool. This six-week clinic, sponsored by Cherokee Choices and the Nantahala Racing Club, will includes the basics of white-water kayak roll. This is for ages 12-18. RSVP as space is limited. Info: (828) 342-9412, rosejame@nc-chokeee.com

3rd Annual Stress and Healing Arts Retreat. March 24-25 at Cherokee Central School. Learn about stress and healthy ways to manage it. Learn about grief and trauma and how to process it within your life. Experience massage, aromatherapy, healing touch, yoga, Tai Chi, and more. Must be 18 years of age or older. Info: Tara McCoy 359-6783, taramcc@nc-chokeee.com

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WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL

WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

JAN. 30-FEB. 5, 2017

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckasee River	* Stocking completed. * Check flow releases for rising water levels.	Good mid-day Single Hook Artificial Lure Catch and Release Only	Rainbow, Brook, and Brown Trout	Midges and Blue Wing Olives	Black Caddis, Midge Dry Flies, Soft Hackles, Woolly Buggers, Emergers, Pheasant Tails, Copper Johns, Girdle Bugs, Small Streamers Flashy nymphs, Tiny BWO,
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	Not stocking, all wild brown trout and catch and release	Good mid-day	Rainbow and Brown Trout	Midges and Blue Wing Olives and Black Winter	Midges and various colors, Prince Nymph, Black Elk Haired Caddis, Little Black Stone
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Follow posted regulations-wild trout	Good mid-day	Rainbow, Brown, and Brook Trout	Midges and Blue Wing Olives and Little Winter Stone	Streamers, Little Black Stone, Tiny Blue Wing Olives, Midges, Grey Body Dries, Prince Nymph, Zug Bug, Hare's Ear, Woolly Bugger, Partridge & Black Elk Hair Caddis

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BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, JAN. 30 GOOD	TUESDAY, JAN. 31 AVERAGE	WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1 AVERAGE	THURSDAY, FEB. 2 BETTER	FRIDAY, FEB. 3 AVERAGE	SATURDAY, FEB. 4 AVERAGE	SUNDAY, FEB. 5 AVERAGE
2:36 AM-4:36 AM 3:01 PM-5:01 PM	3:25 AM-5:25 AM 3:48 PM-5:48 PM	4:15 AM-6:15 AM 4:40 PM-6:40 PM	5:05 AM-7:05 AM 5:31 PM-7:31 PM	5:56 AM-7:56 AM 11:56 AM-1:56 PM	1:11 AM-2:11 AM 12:22 PM-1:22 PM	7:45 AM-9:45 AM 8:13 PM-10:13 PM

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nc-chokeee.com; Robin Callahan 359-6785, robibail@nc-chokeee.com; Rose James 359-6787, rose-jame@nc-chokeee.com

Upcoming Pow Wows for Feb. 3-5

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.

26th Annual N.C. School of Science and Mathematics American Indian Pow Wow.

Feb. 4 at Charles R. Eilber Physical Education Center in Durham. Host Drum: Warpaint. MC: Ray Silva. Info: Letita Mason (919) 416-2850, masonl@ncssm.edu

Community Club Meetings

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

Big Cove Community Club

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

Birdtown Community Club

meets the last Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Community Building. Potluck starts at 5:30pm, meeting starts

at 6pm. To reserve the building for your special occasion, call Faye McCoy, treasurer, 226-5194 (\$50 fee with \$20 key deposit).

Paint Town Community Club

meets the last Monday of each month at 5:30pm at the new Paint-town 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 Monday of each month at 7pm at the Wolftown Community Club Building. Info: Tuff Jackson, chairman, 788-4088

Yellowhill Community Club

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

Community Groups

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

Support Groups/Meetings

Cherokee Diabetes Support Group. This group, for community members with diabetes or

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

AA and NA meetings in

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

Life Recovery 12-step Groups meeting information.

Tsalagi Life Recovery Group meets Mondays from 6:30-7:30pm at Macedonia Church Fellowship Hall at 1182 Wolftown Road in Cherokee. Analenisgi Life Recovery Group meets Thursdays at 9-10am at Analenisgi Recovery Center. Info: Text or call Deb Conseen-Bradley 226-8498 or Bro. Dan Conseen 508-2629

Analenisgi Recovery Center weekly class schedule

Monday: Community Culture 11:15am – 12:30pm; Stressed No More 2-3pm; Nar-Anon 6-7pm (1st and 3rd Mondays); CoDA 6-7pm (2nd and 4th Mondays)

Tuesday: Recovery Thru Art 8:45-9:45am; Healthy Relationships 11am – 12pm; Employment Workshop Series 11am – 12pm (2nd Tuesday); Family Support Skills 1-2pm; Surviving Emotions 2-3pm

Wednesday: Managing “Monkey Mind” 10-11am; Recovery is Happening Now 11am – 12pm; My Self, My Boundaries 2-3:30pm;

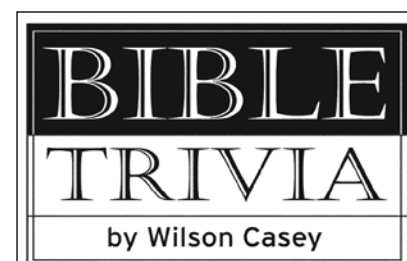
Family Support Skills 5-6pm; HIV/AIDS/Hep C Support Group 5:45-6:45pm (2nd and 4th Wednesdays)

Thursday: Life Recovery Bible Class 9-10am; Connections with Brene' Brown 10-11am; Managing “Monkey Mind” 11am – 12pm; Improve Self-Esteem 1-2:30pm

Friday: Recovery Thru Art 9:30-11am and 11am – 12pm; Cherokee Language Class 1-2:30pm
Info: 497-9163 ext. 7550

CIHA Bariatric Support Groups

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



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

2. From 1 Kings 19, what prophet experienced an earthquake while standing on a mountaintop? *Paul, Ahab, Andrew, Elijah*

3. Who was the first woman to be ashamed of her lack of clothing? *Eve, Anna, Pilate's wife, Miriam*

4. Which king was stricken with leprosy because he disobeyed God's command and burned incense on a holy altar? *Uzziah, Solomon, Joab, Petra*

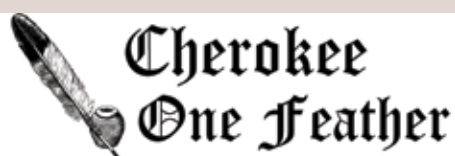
5. Where did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead? *Sinai, Bethany, Tarsus, Smyrna*

6. In Acts 9, what dressmaker was restored to life by Peter's prayers? *Naomi, Priscilla, Lydia, Dorcas*

ANSWERS: (1) Old; (2) Elijah; (3) Eve; (4) Uzziah; (5) Bethany; (6) Dorcas

Comments? More Trivia? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com

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On the fringe

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"Lunatic Fringe
I know you're out there
you're in hiding
and you hold your meetings
I can hear you comin'
I know what you're after
We're wise to you this time
We won't let you kill the laughter
In the twilight's last gleaming
This is open season
But you won't get too far
Cause you gotta blame someone
For your own confusion
We're on guard this time
Against your final solution
Oh no
We can hear you comin'
No, you're not gonna win this
time
We can hear the footsteps
Way out along the walkway
Lunatic fringe
We all know you're out there
Can you feel the resistance
Can you feel the thunder"

Tommy Cochrane wrote and his band, Red Rider, performed "Lunatic Fringe" in the early 1970's. Cochrane wrote the song because of his concern over the rise of anti-Semitism in that period of time. His lyrics echo today's concerns over racial and social divisions. As in the 1970's, we are seeing the signs of hostility, prejudice, and discrimination that Tommy saw, but it is a much more expansive society of hate. We now have an official decla-

ration by U.S. President Trump that he will facilitate the completion of the Dakota Access Pipeline. Tribal leaders and activists announced that they were not surprised by the proclamation of the president. His stance on the issue was communicated during his campaign and this is follow through on promises made during the election.

Activists have promised escalation in activities related to protesting the pipeline. There has already been violence with regard to situation at the construction site with natives being injured in the process. Regardless of your stance on the pipeline, there no questioning that there is much at stake and potentially lives on the line. Tribal leadership has asked activists to dissolve the encampment and carry the fight on through the courts and play it out in the media, probably in fear that this situation could escalate into violence and lead to injuries and death on both sides of the argument. Also in the mix are non-Indian activists whose agenda may not be entirely in line with the Native American agenda with regard to the pipeline. Activists whose actions we cannot control, but may be seen as our people being accomplices to. All it will take is people with the wrong ethics on either side of the line to catalyze a very tragic outcome.

As we have seen in international, national and tribal government, the wheels of justice

turn slowly. Sometimes those wheels turn so slowly that they do not look like they are moving. And, we are a society that wants things to happen now or actually ten minutes ago. We don't like to be kept waiting. Court decisions and cases seem and do drag on for years. Government officials so caught up in red tape and discussion of issues that they don't seem to resolve any. I heard one government official, frustrated with the process say, "we talk and study an issue to death and yet nothing ever happens". Populations, communities, and individuals are frustrated as they see their standards of living in jeopardy, changes in their work environment causing the perception of instability and uncertainty, and injustices being perpetrated and unpunished.

Races and factions are more divided and living in silos than any time in recent history. Instead of celebrating diversity, we use it to highlight why we should hate each other more. Because of our passion to win, we only see our side of an argument, eliminating or ignoring any common ground that might exist. From the outside, it looks like we are on a course of completely isolating or destroying ourselves. In fact, the Domsday Clock (maintained by the members of The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists' Science and Security Board since 1947), a symbolic

see **FRINGE** page 33

Facebook Weekly Question Responses

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

What do you see as possible solutions to the problem of babies being born addicted to drugs and/or affected by the drug use of their mother while pregnant?

Tina McCulloch: We need to start with comprehensive evidence prevention education programs in the schools. Prevention makes a lot more sense than after a problem is already established.

Kellie Lee Hight: Prevention is key, but there should be legal actions taken against these mothers.

Rebecca Thomas Parton: There's no simple answer...Prevention, education, accountability, and our community as a whole is all going to play a part in it! This problem affects our entire community and it's going to take our entire community to stop it!

Utsilugi Galanvdy: Prevention, prevention, prevention! On a serious note, we need to look into creating places that afford our youth and younger adults something to do. We have a casino...great! We don't, however, have places in town that provide an alternative that stays open past 4:30-5pm. I don't quite have the answer as to what could be done in order to provide more to our tribal members outside of percap, but I do know that the conversation on the answer to the "what" needs to begin.

Keri Brady: These mothers know

that drug use while pregnant will affect their babies. They see through television and the media and from social media and know of it through others that have went through it whether it be friends or other family members. And, when someone becomes addicted to drugs they don't think rationally. The high is all they think about. Short of implementing some sort of mandatory birth control, it will continue to happen.

Dennis Ray Burgess: Build another casino tower.

Sherry Welch: I think drug testing at every prenatal visit would help. If they test positive, send them somewhere until the baby is born. At least give the baby a chance. If they want to continue to use after having the baby, then give it up for adoption. A lot of people can't have kids and would be thrilled to have one. But, caring for a baby born addicted is a whole different ballgame. And, if they don't have prenatal care, they should be punished!

Nina Fox: I agree that prevention is the key, but I also agree that there should be a criminal consequence... if it was feasible... I think any pregnant woman with a known history of drug abuse should have to go through random drug testing throughout her pregnancy and with the first positive testing should be locked up until her baby is born in some type of facility that would prevent any additional using plus also provide the mom with rehabilitation to keep her drug free after the birth and help with additional resources.

Margie Wachacha: First of all, it starts at home. If parents would

be mom and dad that loves there child, they would have curfew. This way they would know the child was not into something they weren't suppose to be into and are safe. We, as adults, should be responsible enough for our children. We could have all the education and prevention system but not be used. It won't do any good.

Michael Zepeda: I have always wished there was a lockdown rehab. Something that a family or a few family members can put somebody else in when they know there's a problem and they fail a drug test. Most family and friends will not turn someone in because it just ruins their future because of criminal record. If there was a lockdown rehab, it wouldn't be a criminal record. It would be a medical record which would be kept private.

Yvonne Christopher Fuff: If they test positive while pregnant, send them to 12-step meetings and mandate that they have their attendance signed...can't hurt and may help. A lot of people have stopped using due to forced meeting attendance.

Douglas McCoy: We should offer the option of abortion for early pregnancy at the expense of the mother and father. If they choose to continue the birth, then they should be drug-tested along the way, once again at their expense. If they fail the tests along the way, then they need to be fined and possibly the use of incarceration. Drug use should be judged on the effect it has on other's ability to perform actions under their own autonomy or choice. When drug use affects other's free choice, it is problematic. If it only affects the user, then I can't do anything.



Facebook Weekly Question Responses

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

President Trump issued a memorandum on Tuesday to proceed with the completion of the Dakota Access Pipeline. What are your thoughts on this development?

Utsilugi Galanvdy: My thoughts are this: Trump has stated he will not divest, and it is well known he is invested in both the KXL and Dakota Access Pipelines thus this is completely unconstitutional as it breaks the Emolument Clause of the US Constitution. Making America great again for who?

Dennis Ray Burgess: It's almost as bad as building another casino tower.

John Mills: If you don't like it, stop using gas and electricity...time moves on.

Driver Blythe: Honestly, who's shocked by this?

Daphne Tahquette: The destruction he is planning for them is unimaginable...to take their burial grounds and their only source of water away like it is nothing. But, to that male it is. He has no idea what the sacred land means to Natives due to his need to get more money. That pipeline is not truly needed.

Becky Ann Martin Dabdoub: Great response Daphne. I am reading the comments by so many people and they seem to lose focus on

what the real issue is. I read where some are asking for royalties which makes absolutely no sense because that is selling out to the belief they should hold regarding the sacred burial ground. That also tells me that they feed into the Trump trap and actually believed he was for someone besides himself. One must stand up for what's right and just and not back down. I hope that the American people, being the ones that truly believe in democracy, will stand up for what they believe in and oust this imposter for democracy out of the White House and get someone that represents all of the people, not just the billionaires that he supports and chooses as the elite. This country has its problems, but none so great as the problems he has started after just five days in office. I'm very concerned about the future of our country and its Democratic values.

Roger Jennings: You know we cry when there is no jobs, gas is too high because we are dependent on foreign oil...I can go on and on. Make sure it's done the right way and collect royalties for the Tribe. If they don't cooperate, put a shut off on it to stop the flow. Pretty simple solution in my eyes.

Missy Mayes: Great idea on the royalties. If it's going to be shoved down their throats anyways...make them pay you for using stolen land.

Allyson Cummings: Can we unwind and go back to elections and revote?

David Blazina: It will end up in court.

Granny Dayton: Terrible move, but not surprising...this is the first

of many things he will (do) I'm sure.

Doris Johnson: What were people thinking when they voted for Trump? The countless demeaning rhetoric is still happening. People in this great land of ours need to think twice when they vote. A vote is a voice for four years. I, for one, did not fall into the Trump trap.

Gregg Livingston: (The pipeline) doesn't come near burial grounds or water supply. There's already many pipelines (in the) same area.

Tim Rattler: We, the Cherokee, should stop all building and spending of tribal funds. Pull all monies from banks. Start getting ready for the second removal. They want our water and land again.

Matt Bryant: Both sides need to negotiate and come to a fair resolution.

Stephanie Ann Burden: Trump does not care about the Earth. He needs to fix the lead issue with Flint, Mich. water supply... Trump also doesn't care about any Natives. This pipeline was deemed environmentally disastrous for the white folks in North Dakota, but not for the Native Americans?

Patricia J. Kilby: If the land is native land, the government has no right to trespass or use it without permission. If the native people there do not want it, they need to move this pipeline back to the white folk's part of town and use the "domain" laws which allow the government to take and use white people's land without permission. These domain laws do not exist on another sovereign's land --- which

is what the Indian land is--- sovereign foreign territory.

Mark Herron: No part of DAPL is on tribal land.

Wanda Marlow: (Six thumbs up posted)

Sam Driver: He has obviously inhaled too much of that orange spray tan stuff. He's stupid. He cares about nobody, not even his wife. He probably hopes the lines bust and contaminate the waters.

Edwina Jones: I am hopeful that President Trump will honor each Indian tribes' treaty rights and sovereignty as he proceeds with these pipelines. Remember, Obama did not help. He allowed Natives and others to get hurt when he said he wanted to let the situation play out. Then, he threw it into Trump's lap to deal with. So, more prayers needed for a peaceful, reasonable resolution. Governmental representatives of American Indians need to get talking, not protesting that turns into riots.

Sharla Wolfe: Trump wants to make America great, but poisoning our water isn't the way. America is great, this is what time has become. We, as people, drink water, not oil. I'm not sure Trump is a true American?

Brenda Sequoyah: Trump's reign of terror needs to be stopped before he destroys what we all love. Seems as if Congress is afraid of him, especially Paul Ryan. Guess they are waiting for him to self-destruct.

Michael Randazzo: Go for it... pipeline...build wall.

More Facebook Question Responses

April Skinas: Violated “treaty rights”

William Thomas: It has been a lose,lose election. Trump’s policies will pollute our country - bad. Hillary’s practices would sell it to the highest bidder - worse. We desperately need a different Congress,Senate, and another John F. Kennedy.

Wayne Kalonaheskie: Just another “tester”...big oil/big money does this every so often to test the waters from generation to generation...thinking it was prelude to coming pipelines that are proposing to go directly thru national park lands (and) sovereign tribal lands...land issues were the problem.

Bailey Littlejohn: Everyone knew good and well he would’ve kept it going. There was even people who voted for him that protested the pipeline and are in disbelief be-

cause he did this.

Tracie French: It’s so sad, and I’m angry. (I) also knew this would happen. It isn’t going to have a good outcome. He is out to destroy all Natives and Native land. (The) government herded us to these particular areas, now (the) government will destroy.

Mary Crowe: It was evident since Donald Trump owned stock in Energy Transfer who is a partner in DAPL. Many on the frontline knew

this would happen. It’s time for the 400-plus tribes who supported Standing Rock to unite a build a true alliance.

Nancy Carson: He’s all about jobs, not the environment.

James McIntosh: Natives unite for our rights! Or, miss the fight!

Rebecca Berggren: Fact: All pipelines leak.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR Tribal member weighs in on Constitution, Detention Center

This Constitution is all about you and the Council. There is no tribal members’ involvement with anything you are wanting to implement. It’s another “all about us” thing. Why can’t the tribal members vote on judges or things to do with Council?

This was supposed to be putting our people back in power over our Tribe, but all it is doing is giving the same people whom we have problems being in power – more power! Want to know how to fix thing? Talk to the average man walking through town and get their opinion or go talk to workers that are actually working jobs. Why doesn’t Council have to be in an office for so many hours a week? They get paid very well, yet they are never available for people to talk to or get things signed.

The people should be able to elect the ones that run the Jail and Detention Center also. Want to know the problems there? Go talk to the inmates! Not everything you are told is the truth! Where is the GED program for inmates? Did you know you have to do a background check to be able to visit on a computer screen? Why? There is no physical contact.

Give some of the power back to the people of our tribe! Things definitely need some change, but it should not all be where you and the elected officials get to make all of the decisions!

Nat Crowe
Cherokee

FRINGE: Editorial by Robert Jumper *from page 30*

clock representing a countdown to possible global catastrophe, was just moved to two and a half minutes to midnight; the closest it has been to the midnight of our destruction since 1953. We are so divided as communities and nations that, as crazy as it sounds, we may be on the brink of major disaster or total annihilation. Indeed, we may be on the lunatic fringe.

I know. Sounds pretty dramatic. But, we are living in pretty dramatic times. And, whether you are looking at our own tribal government, Indian Country, the U.S., or the world, you can find elements of the problem all around.

What do we do to stop this? Is it possible to turn things around and start finding more common ground than what divides us? Each of us is in need of a heart check, a gut check. We don’t walk a mile in the

other person’s shoes anymore. We don’t care about others equally or even above ourselves like we used to. The common good is no longer good enough, it is all about winning and getting it all for my side. Hearts and minds have to change if we are going to survive as a tribe and a nation. The good of community must be more important than the good of self. A good friend and colleague of mine has a habit of borrowing a quote from U.S. President John F. Kennedy during his marketing presentations. He says, “A rising tide raises all boats”. The meaning behind the quote is that if we will focus on the things that lift us all up and strive to achieve that, we won’t have to worry about our personal success. It will come as a result of all of us winning.

So, we must choose. Do we want to stop focusing on the things that divide and embrace the things that unite us, or do we want that clock to keep on ticking down to midnight?

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Cherokee County

The following is a list of tribal members that have documents to sign in the Tribal Realty Services Office. These are land transfers from both Tribal Members and the Eastern Band by Resolutions Maggie Marie Reed Owle, Norma Jean Owle, Robert Terry Gilmor, Thomas Winkler Gilmor.

3200 Acre Tract Community
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sign in the Tribal Realty Services Office. These are land transfers from both Tribal Members and the Eastern Band by Resolutions James Raymond Owle, Kristy Ann Nations, Barbara Sue Griffin Cline, Marcell Franklin Cline, Donald Carl Cline, Gloria Jean Griffin, Frank Edward Griffin, Jr., Nancy Suzanne Griffin, Sherry Yvonne Welch, Kobe Gavin Toineeta, Sonya Frances Cline McCoy, William Allen McCoy, II.

Agreement to Divisions

Lois Elaine Taylor Dunston, Mary Edith Reed Smith, Dennis Ray James, Frankie Nelle James Patencio, George Milton James, Doris Earlene Lambert, Eric Thomas

Lambert, James Dwayne Lambert, Carla Marie Sneed Ballew, Howard Vincent Sneed, Patricia Eldean Sneed Lambert, Mary Louise Sneed Welch, Rena Janet Johnson Wachacha, Jackie Lee Johnson, Melissa Ann Maney, Jacob Pete Johnson. If you've submitted a survey application that is over a year old and the survey is not complete, please visit the Tribal Realty Office to update your survey application.

Proposed Land Transfers

Jesse James Welch to Marchelle Lee Smoker for Big Cove Community Parcel no. 225, containing 19.283 acres, more or less.

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Mary Arneach Standley to Sheyahshe Littledave Beach for Painttown Community Parcel No. 111-D (Part of Parcel No. 111-C), containing 1.520 acres, more or less.

Barbara Jane Garrett Owle and Jasper Thomas Garret to Marlene Marie Queen for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 665 (Part of Parcel No. 486 Goose Creek Housing Project), containing 0.345 acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Georgenna Lee Arch and Pepper Taylor to Robert Marty Taylor for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 309-A (Remainder of Parcel No. 309), containing 0.295 acre, more or less. (Undivided Interest)

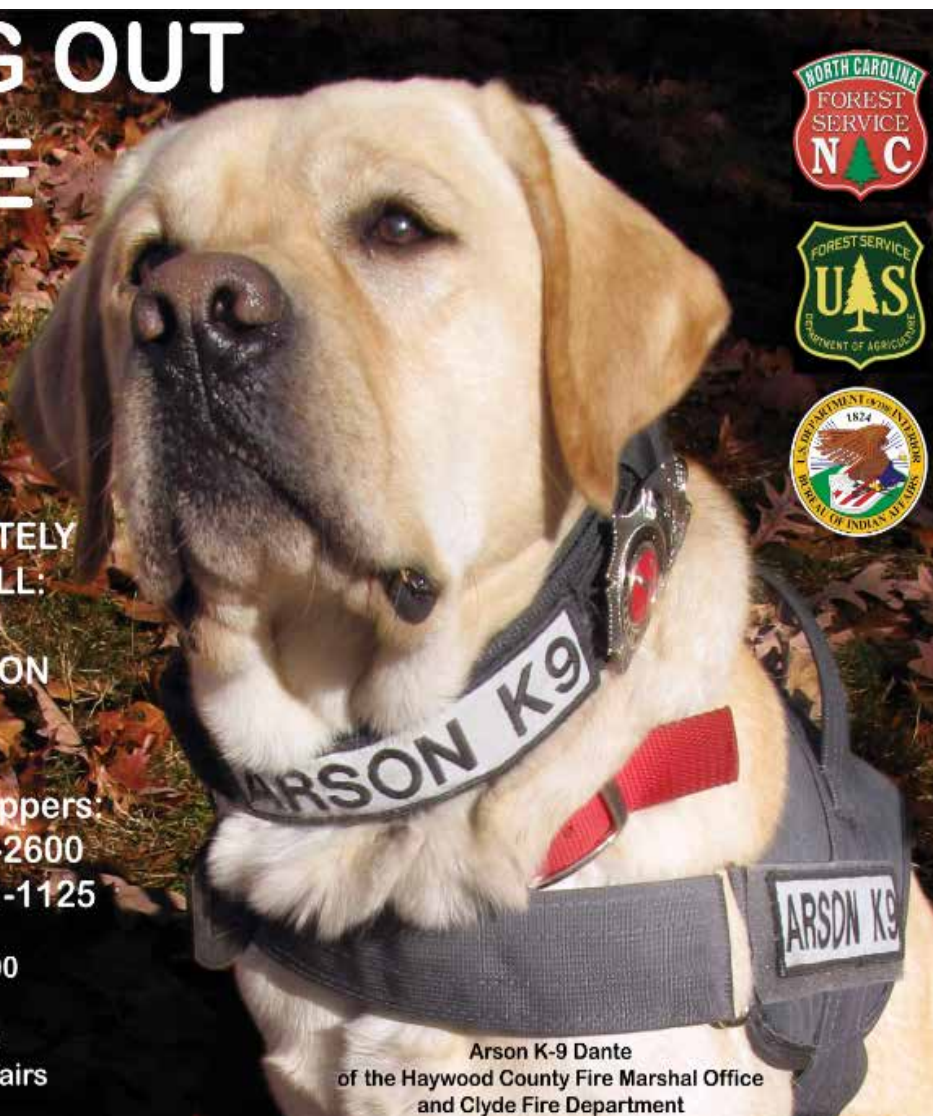
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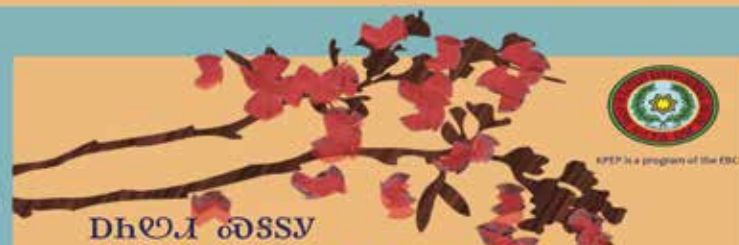
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has the following job available: Office Manager
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- Indian preference applies, must show proof.
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- Be available to begin work in mid-March through October

- Be willing to work weekends and holidays
- Must make it through the interview process if selected. **2/23pd**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 16-068

In the Matter of the Estate of Clyde Douglas Toineeta

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

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

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

Linda Gail Parker, Big Cove Road,
Cherokee, NC 28719. **2/2pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 16-079

In the Matter of the Estate of Mildred Lossiah Bradley

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Nakesha Bradley, 238 Fisher
Branch, Cherokee, NC 28719.
2/2pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-003

In the Matter of the Estate of Bettie W. Taylor

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Jessica Santos, 238 Myers Drive,
Cherokee, NC 28719. **2/2pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-002

In the Matter of the Estate of Rosezena Littlejohn

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Evelyn Locust, 427 Locust Road,
Cherokee, NC 28719. **2/2pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 16-078

In the Matter of the Estate of RITA ANN SNEED

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LEGALS: From page 36

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Mary Gean Littledave, P.O. Box
772, Cherokee, NC 28719.

2/15pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 16-004
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Nancy Bigmeat**

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Noel Bigmeat, 601 Wrights Creek
Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719, **2/16pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 16-006
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Sarah Wayne Catolster**

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Billy Jo Miller, 45 Catolster John-
son Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719.

2/23pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-001
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Sharon A. Sequoyah**

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Kerry Penland, 43 Wilbur Se-
quoyah Road, Cherokee, NC
28719. **2/23pd**

INTENT TO FILE
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Revenue Department
PO Box 537
Cherokee, NC 28719

Re: Complaint for Money owed
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Shaye Milholen, David Leary,
Marshall & Teresa Williams, Erin
Hornbuckle, George A. Lambert,
Krystal Martinez, Noel Bigmeat, Di-
amond W. Brown, Diane Sancak,
Billy Crowe, Ivy Goforth, Freddie
Rattler Jr., Jefferey Davis, Randy D.
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Solis, Rachel Bradley, Erin Taylor,
Daphne Ooccumma, Timothy Ea-
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You are required to make a de-
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the 23rd day of February 2017
said date and upon your failure to
do so the party seeking against you
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This the 2nd day of February
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Winnie Jumper, Billing & Col-
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Cherokee, NC 28719
(828) 359-7060, 2/16

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

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2017 Teen Miss Cherokee Crown**
• 9" high, EBCI seal in center (seal
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• Use any colors/design for personal
touch
• Must present design and type
of beads that will be used on the
crown to the Board. Bid will not be
accepted without presentation of
design.

**2017 Junior Miss Cherokee
Crown**

see **BIDS** next page



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You
don't like rejection. But instead of try-
ing to "ram" your ideas through to an
unreceptive audience, stand back and
wait for a more favorable environment
later this month.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Job
commitments call for the tidy Taurean
to charge into those problem-plagued
projects and get them into shape. Then
go ahead and enjoy the fun and friend-
ships of your expanding social life.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The
pressures of the workplace are begin-
ning to ease. While you still need to
stay connected to your ongoing com-
mitments, you'll be able to take more
time to relax with family and friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You
might feel that you need to prove how
much you can do. But be careful not to
take on more than you can handle, or
you risk being bogged down. An Aries
has a message for you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Finan-
cially it could be a little tight for a
while. So resist the urge to splurge on
things you don't really need. There
will be time enough to indulge your-
self when the money squeeze eases
later this month.

VIRGO (August 23 to September
22) You demand trust from others. But
someone is creating a situation that
could put your own trustworthiness in
question. Be sure to keep all lines of
communication open.

LIBRA (September 23 to October
22) A problem delays the recognition
that you hoped to receive for your hard
work. But all will soon be resolved.
Remember to make patience your
watchword this week.

SCORPIO (October 23 to Novem-
ber 21) Those wonderful ideas could
expand your workplace prospects and
ultimately lead you on a new career
path. Your personal life also opens up
new vistas.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to
December 21) So much seems to be
swirling around you these days that
you might find it hard to focus on pri-
orities. Best advice: Take things one at
a time, and you'll get through them all.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to
January 19) Work out situations with
what you have, and avoid the temp-
tation to create complications where
they don't exist. This applies both at
home and in the workplace.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to Febru-
ary 18) Keep your keen senses open
to possible changes in personal and/or
professional situations. Knowing what
might lie ahead gives you an edge on
how to handle it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Personal pressures at work could cre-
ate a problem with your performance.
Best advice: Focus on the job ahead of
you. If necessary, you can deal with
the other issue later.

BORN THIS WEEK: Like your
fellow Aquarian Abraham Lincoln,
you have a way of handling the most
difficult situations with grace and con-
viction.

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BIDS: From page 37

- 7" high, EBCI seal in center (seal must have all wording)
- Use any colors/design for personal touch
- Must present design and type of beads that will be used on the crown to the Board. Bid will not be accepted without presentation of design.

2017 Junior Miss Cherokee Crown

- 5" high, EBCI seal in center (seal must have all wording)
- Use any colors/design for personal touch
- Must present design and type of beads that will be used on the crown to the Board. Bid will not be accepted without presentation of design.

Bidders must be prepared to

present designs to the Board on Monday, Feb. 27 at 5pm at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. Info: Yona Wade 554-5032 or email cherokeepageantboard@gmail.com . **2/23**

Request for Proposals for a Market Study for Lodging and Clubhouse Facilities at Sequoyah National Golf Course

The Sequoyah National Golf Club LLC is seeking Requests for Proposals for a hospitality research study to evaluate market demand for lodging and specific clubhouse needs. Sequoyah National is wholly owned by The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, a federally recognized Indian tribe whose home is the 56,000-acre Qualla Boundary, plus additional Tribal lands in Graham and Cherokee Counties. The

golf course is not on Tribal lands. It is located just off Tribal lands in Jackson County, North Carolina.

The complete scope of work to be provided by the firm to be hired as consultant is part of a complete RFP document which may be obtained by contacting Doug Cole, Strategic Planner, at the EBCI Tribal Planning Office, at 828-359-6709. dougcole@nc-chokeee.com.

Responders to this RFP must submit proposals not later than 4:00 PM EST March 3, 2017 to Doug Cole, Strategic Planner – Tribal Planning Office, 810 Acquoni Rd., Suite 132, Cherokee, NC 28719. Proposals must be submitted as required in the RFP.

First preference will be given to qualified TERO vendors. **2/2**

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Housing and Community Development is seeking Requests for Qualifications from qualified firms who can demonstrate experience and expertise in Environmental Assessment Services in Swain, Jackson, Graham and Cherokee Counties, N.C. A copy of the RFQ documents can be obtained from the EBCI Housing & Community Development office at 756 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, N.C. 28719 or by calling 828-359-6903. Questions regarding RFQ requirements or scope of services may be directed to Thomas (TW) Saunooke, Housing Production Manager, @ thomsaun@nc-chokeee.com. **2/9pd**



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CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK

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Bernie, a
7-month-old
Labradoodle, lives
with Joely Queen
and Tagan Crowe
in the Wolfetown
Community.



Is your pet your best friend?
If you'd like to have your pet
(whatever that may be) featured as the
Cherokee Pet of the Week,
send a high resolution photo,
type and name of pet to:
scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com, or message
us at the One Feather Facebook page.

Amber Waves

IF I SHOVEL THE WALK MOM WILL BUY THE NEW VIDEO GAME I WANT.

HMM, WHERE TO BEGIN? THERE SURE IS A LOT MORE SNOW THAN I THOUGHT.

A LOT MORE

ON SECOND THOUGHT, I THINK WE NEED TO RENEGOTIATE THE TERMS.

YOU'VE GOT A VENDIN' MACHINE IN THE BARN?!

YUP! SUP'N NEW!

AVAILABLE EXCLUSIVELY TO FARMERS!

THE OLD FARMER'S ALL-MY SNACKS

I'M GOD'S GIFT TO WOMEN.

THAT'S WHY I'M AN ATHEIST.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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.

NO SKATING THIN ICE

NO SKATING TODAY

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Tavern

4 Tosses in

8 Slays, "Sopranos" style

12 Altar affirmative

13 Voice in an iPhone

14 Law office aide, for short

15 "Sinkin"

17 Caspian feeder

18 Teut.

19 Financial rescue

21 Decapitate

24 Fish eggs

25 Greek vowel

26 Coffee holder

28 Family member

32 Tatters

34 Physique

36 Grabbed

37 Astronaut John

39 Speck

41 Work with

42 Wet wriggler

44 Persistent attacks

46 Bug

50 To the — degree

51 Smell

52 Bafflers

56 Otherwise

57 Throw

58 "To be or — ..."

DOWN

1 Auction

2 Commotion

3 Fiber

4 Religious retreat

5 Cacophony

6 Defeat

7 Shankar's instrument

8 Rich

9 Gambling game

10 Herr's wife

11 Shaker contents

16 "Golly!"

20 Debtor's letters

21 Ice mass

22 List-ending abbr.

23 Fix the sound-track

27 Deity

29 Cold symptom

30 Misplace

31 Stretches (out)

33 Showed disdain

35 Two, in

38 Butterfly catcher

40 Feels pins and needles

43 Workshop machine

45 Ordinal suffix

46 Troubles

47 Not working

48 American Beauty, e.g.

49 Rain hard

53 Web address

54 A billion years

55 Disco fan on "The Simpsons"

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MYTHOLOGY: Who was the queen of the warrior women called Amazons?

2. GOVERNMENT: What did the 22nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution do?

3. ADVERTISEMENTS: What luggage company used a gorilla in a 1970 advertisement to show how tough its Samsonite brand was?

4. ART: Where is The Field Museum located?

5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which U.S. president had the nickname "Old Rough and Ready"?

6. GAMES: What is a grand slam in bridge?

7. HISTORY: In what year did the French invade England (The Battle of Hastings)?

8. LITERATURE: Which famous Beat poet wrote the poem titled "Howl"?

9. GEOGRAPHY: The Leonardo Da Vinci-Fiumicino Airport is located in what city?

10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is a petroglyph?

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Trivia Test Answers

1. Hippolyta; 2. Limits presidents to two terms; 3. American Tourister; 4. Chicago; 5. Zachary Taylor; 6. Winning all 13 tricks; 7. 1066; 8. Allen Ginsberg; 9. Rome, Italy; 10. Rock carving

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

Cherokee Native American Day Game

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