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“We’ve got a great community that takes care of people in need.”

- Big Cove Rep. Richard French at the opening of the new Big Cove (Kolanvyi) Community Center on Feb. 21.



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Big Cove Community welcomes new community center

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

KOLANVYI - Tribal officials and community members welcomed the official opening of the new Big Cove (Kolanvyi) Community Center on the crystal-clear blue afternoon of Friday, Feb. 21. In addition to having a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Center, a groundbreaking ceremony was also held for the upcoming Big Cove Recreation Center which will be finished one year from this month.

“What a beautiful day, what a beautiful facility,” said Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed. “I am very happy for you Big Cove. It’s gorgeous and it’s fitting for such a beautiful community to have such a beautiful community club building.”

He added, “It’s a great day, and I look forward to all the great community meetings that will take place here.”

Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell said, “This started many years ago - the discussions and the idea for this new community building and the new gym.”

He then read the legislation which was submitted by himself and then-Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy, approved by Tribal Council on Sept. 2, 2014, that authorized the construction of the facility.

“In a way, it is kind of bittersweet because there’s a lot of memories and things that went on,” said Rep. Shell. “There was a lot of good done for this community in the old Rec. Center.”

Big Cove Rep. Richard French said, “We’ve got a great commu-



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Little Miss Cherokee Georgia Girty, center in red cape, Miss Cherokee Amy West, center in red dress, and Junior Miss Cherokee, Nevayah Panther, center in blue dress, all from the Big Cove Community, cut the ribbon to officially open the Big Cove (Kolanvyi) Community Center on the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 21. Shown, left to right, are - Wolfstown Rep. Chelsea Saunooke; Lisa Hardesty, Big Cove Community Club treasurer; Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed; Cindy West, Big Cove Community Club vice chairperson; Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell; Girty; West; Panther; Deweese Wolfe, an elder of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; Big Cove Rep. Richard French; Teen Miss Cherokee Haley Smith; and Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahnetah.

nity that takes care of people in need.”

He thanked those involved in the construction and planning and noted, “It’s good to see this community building here. There’s a lot of people that might not remember, but back in the early days, when we were teenagers, my dad had a youth group. It was at the old Methodist Church right here on the side, and that’s where all the youth meetings started for the Big Cove Community.”

Johnson Architecture, of Knoxville, Tenn., designed the 3,600 square foot building which was constructed by Owle Construction.



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JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held for Qualla Housing Authority moving back into their renovated building on the afternoon of Tuesday, Feb. 18. Sharon Queen, who has been at Qualla Housing for 27 years, had the honor of cutting the ribbon. Shown, left to right, are Tribal Council Vice Chairman David Wolfe, Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell, Queen, and Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed.



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A large herd of elk are show gathered alongside Acquoni Road in the Yellowhill Community on the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 21.

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CCS School Board approves Vannoy Construction for Expansion Project

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The Tuesday, Feb. 18 meeting of the Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Board of Education was called to order at 4:45 p.m. with Chairperson Jennifer Thompson; Secretary Tara Reed-Cooper; Board members Gloria Griffin and Regina Ledford Rosario; School Board Assistant Sunnie Clapsaddle; HR Director Heather Driver; Superintendent Dr. Michael Murray; Assistant Superintendent Dr. Beverly Payne; and Tribal Council representative Chelsea Saunooke present. Vice Chair Isaac Long and Board member Karen French-Browning were both late to the meeting.

The minutes from their Monday, Feb. 3 meeting were approved along with the agenda for the day.

Also present at the meeting was CCS's attorney John Henning. He was there for several reasons. The most pressing of which was his insight on the \$22 million-dollar expansion that CCS plans to begin this summer. In May 2019, the school began to converse with Henning about the possibility of hiring Vannoy Construction as the general contractor for job.

Henning said that he had done his research on the company and has a positive history with them. He continued by saying he has no trouble with Vannoy taking the job upon approval from the School Board.

The Board then voted unanimously to approve Vannoy Construction.

In terms of more solidified dates moving forward, Superintendent Murray said that the project is a 'moving target,' and that it would be difficult to pin down dates for

the time being. Once Vannoy gets to work, there will be more clarity on timelines.

Other guests for the meeting included Howard Wahnetah, Ashford Smith, and William Lowe to provide a finance update.

Given that CCS is in its seventh fiscal month, a target of 58 percent use of the budget was placed for this time. The majority of departments are under this mark for the year, though there is one outlier.

Under Special Education (SPED), the ISEP (Indian School Equalization Program) budget is at 86 percent use of its annual budget. Lowe explained that this had to do with a reclassing of salaries in the program. He said that it makes the numbers look strange for now, but in terms of the overall budget the dollars are there.

Superintendent Murray addressed a Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) audit that has been given to CCS. He explained that it is from the 2017 fiscal year, and that they up to a year to respond. He assured the Board that they planned to address the issues in the audit.

Howard Wahnetah followed up with an update on the Board's request to increase monetary incentive for academic awards. During the last finance update, the Board said they have received multiple complaints that kids are receiving very small rewards during the end of year academic award presentations. They felt that \$3 wasn't near enough, and that incentives for academics should be raised.

Wahnetah said that he has had discussions with the school principals, and that the reward money will be accounted for in next year's budget. He said that for this year, there is enough money in the CCS

discretionary fund to increase the amounts provided to students. Regina Ledford Rosario proposed to offer some money from the School Board's discretionary fund as well, if needed.

The final topic in the budget discussion came from Assistant Superintendent Payne, who said that the School Board's travel the training budget has been increased. In the past couple of years, the entire Board has been attending some of the conferences they used to be attended by one or two members. This has skewed their numbers for this year, so they will be planning to have more training and traveling for upcoming fiscal years.

Following the finance update, the Board moved to approve the consent agenda. It put into place the following:

- Nunnie Davis is approved as a volunteer for the Varsity Baseball Program for the 2020 season.
- Raven Grant is approved as a full-time custodian for CCS.
- Rose Mills is approved as a volunteer for the Varsity Softball Program for the 2020 season.
- Paige Stamper is approved as a volunteer for the Track & Field Program for the 2020.
- Sidnie Yanez is approved as a volunteer for the Varsity Girls Soccer Program for the 2020 season.

There was also one walk-in resolution that was voted for unanimously. This approved Myron Swayney as a custodian for CCS.

The Board then reviewed a new job description for the Volleyball Varsity Head Coach. The topic of discussion was under qualifications/experience. The following has been added to the description of Head Athletic Coaches moving forward:

"Previous successful head coaching

experience at the varsity level."

It was agreed upon that it would be best to have a measure of that success. They said it would be better to have a specific time of which they were coaching with quality results.

Superintendent Murray then provided an explanation to the Board on his position towards the offer to host the World Changers event this summer. He said that while he is in full support of the program, it is not feasible given the current state of the school. Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed had requested that CCS look into hosting the event.

He said that with the construction set to begin this summer to go along with multiple summer programs, CCS simply wouldn't have the time or resources to appropriately accommodate the World Changers this year. Murray said that it might be something that they should look back into following the construction project in a few years.

The Board also discussed a recent exit review for the full-scale evacuation drill that was held at the CCS. Murray said that overall it was a success, but that there were holes in the drill. He said there were notes on a need to increase communication, and that they will the critiques in mind moving forward.

The Board then went into closed session to discuss security issues. There was nothing reported from the closed session.

They finished their meeting in an Ethics Training led by Attorney John Henning.

The next meeting of the CCS Board of Education will be held Monday, March 2 at 4:45 p.m.

TERO Report: TERO fees; the positive impact TERO fees can have on the tribal work force and economy

Submitted by **TERRI HENRY**
EBCI TERO

The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) serves a vital role in the overall employment rate of EBCI enrolled Tribal members by providing Indian preference in employment and contracting with the Tribe and its entities. Indian preference is a unique opportunity and exercise of EBCI inherent sovereignty to put Cherokee people first in Cherokee's economy.

In the late 1970's, many Native American Tribes across the nation adopted Tribal Employment Rights Ordinances that required employers on Indian reservations to give qualified Indians preference

in employment and contracting from Tribal business. The primary goals of these ordinances was to eliminate discrimination against enrolled members while enhancing employment opportunities. By developing strong enforcement agencies, TERO can help alleviate patterns of poverty and unemployment and ensure Indian people receive their rightful entitlements under both Federal and Tribal employment law.

The EBCI established its Tribal Employment Rights Office in 1997, which included the establishment of the Tribal Employment Rights Commission (TERC). The mission of TERO is to ensure EBCI enrolled members receive preference

in hiring while Native American owned businesses are given priority for Tribal contracts distributed by EBCI entities. By providing a hiring and contracting preference, TERO can increase the employment on the Qualla Boundary by promoting growth of Indian owned businesses while reducing employment discrimination.

TERO maintains a listing of Indian-owned businesses that receive preferential treatment in the bidding process. Certified TERO vendors are Tribal member owned businesses that are vetted by the TERO office, having met the qualification requirements as an Indian-owned business, and certified by the Commission. These vendors often hire and provide employment for Tribal members. When contracts are awarded to these Native-owned businesses, it helps promote the growth of the EBCI economy by providing economic stability to EBCI families.

When a non-TERO vendor receives a Tribal contract in excess of \$10,000, a 1.75 percent employee rights fee is assessed. This fee provides an alternative revenue stream that has a return on investment in supporting opportunities to Tribal members through workforce development initiatives such as vocational training, trade certification programs, community and employment outreach initiatives, and the esteemed Mother Town Healing Program and more. The TERO fee allows TERO to generate its own revenue, and, any fee revenue in excess of TERO's annual operational costs is required to be deposited into the Tribe's general fund per Cherokee Code chapter 92-7A(b).

In 2017, Tribal Council adopted

the Cherokee Code chapter 92-28B. Per Tribal Employment Rights Office, Cherokee Code Sec. 92-28B - TERO fees are stated as:

An employee rights fee is necessary to raise revenue for the operations of the TERO. Every economic entity, with the exception of TERO-certified vendors, that obtains a Tribal contract where section 92-3 applies, shall pay a fee of 1.75% for all contracts in excess of \$10,000.00.

The collection of TERO fees is practiced among other tribal nations, such as the Yakama Nation and Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma, with fee percentages ranging from 1 percent to 5 percent.

The Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara (MHA) Nation TERO is aggressively implementing the use of TERO fees on their lands during the oil boom. They currently assess a 5 percent fee on all present contracts and require all commercial vehicles conducting business on their reservation to have a special sticker supplied by their TERO office. The purpose of added fee is to help offset the added pressure to their infrastructure so the overall way of life of Native residents is not negatively impacted while business is being conducted.

Just as the commercial vehicle sticker program enacted by the MHA Nation TERO protects the infrastructure for MHA residents, the EBCI Employment Rights fee is designed to help protect the economic stability of EBCI families by reinvesting funds back to Tribal employment training and opportunities.

Henry is the executive director of the TERO Office of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

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JV BASKETBALL

Lady Braves win Little Smoky Mtn. Conference tournament



Photos by Jill Lossiah

The Cherokee JV Lady Braves defeated the Highlands JV Lady Highlanders 45-29 to win the Little Smoky Mountain Conference tournament at Highlands High School on the afternoon of Wednesday, Feb. 19. The team is shown, left to right, with the championship trophy as follows - front row - Reece Lossiah, AJ Hill, Mackenzie Reed, Elise Stamper, Kayla Larch, Betty Lossiah, Tamika Shell, Avlin Welch, Lilah Reynolds; back row - Coach Ann Garner, Jaelyn Lossiah, Kyra West, Tehya Littlejohn, Praire Toineeta, Fala Welch, Assistant Coach Kayla Smith, and Hayley Keever.

**ABOVE: The celebration begins** as the buzzer sounds.**LEFT: AJ Hill** shoots a free throw near the end of the game.

Braves take second in Big Smoky Mtn. tourney, narrowly lose to Andrews in final



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Cherokee's Tso Smith (#15) shoots over Andrews' Isaac Weaver during the final of the JV Big Smoky Mountain Conference tournament at Rosman High School on the afternoon of Wednesday, Feb. 19. The Braves, who won the Big Smoky Mountain Conference regular season title, lost by a mere two points (39-37) in the championship game. Smith led Cherokee with 12 points followed by Camron Sampson with 7. The Braves led most of the contest taking a 14-8 lead after the first period and an 8-point (24-16) lead at halftime. Andrews narrowed the gap in the third period and Cherokee led 31-30 going into the final eight minutes. The two teams traded buckets in the fourth with the Wildcats coming out on top by one shot. Other Braves scorers included: Ju Ju Martin 2, Camden Owle 5, Tariq Underwood 2, Chunky Reed 5, and Tsisqua Hill 4. Andrews scorers included: Austin Martin 3, Drew Martin 11, Weaver 5, Zack Queen 2, Lonner Pressley 4, and Donovan Bateman 14.



ABOVE: Cherokee's Bitiste Pepion drives past two Andrews defenders.

LEFT: Cherokee's Martin and Underwood go for a block on Andrews' Weaver.

Lady Braves nearly double Hayesville in BSMC semis



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Cherokee's Deante Toineeta (#13) brings the ball up the court past Hayesville's Annie Brooks during the semi-finals of the Big Smoky Mountain Conference tournament at Rosman High School on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 18. With 29 points, Toineeta led the Lady Braves to a large 76-39 victory as they nearly doubled Hayesville's output. Cherokee led the ballgame from the start. After leading 16-7 at the end of the first period, they poured it on in the second period outscoring the Lady Yellowjackets 31-5 to take a 47-12 lead into the locker room. The second half was much of the same as they cruised to the big win. Other Lady Braves included: Raylen Bark 11, Tigger King 4, Naomi Smith 9, Vivian Ross 10, Alexis Smith 2, Rhyann Girty 2, and Kamia Wiggins 9. Hayesville scorers included: Lizzy Brusini 11, Jade Patterson 6, Lila Payne 4, Jocelin Buckner 4, Breanna Cothren 2, and Brianna Foster 12.



ABOVE: Cherokee's Jordyn Martin (#15) boxes out Hayesville's Payne while waiting for a rebound following a free throw shot.

LEFT: Bark (#1) drives inside against Hayesville's Kaylee Leatherwood. Bark finished the game with 11 points.

Cherokee edged by undefeated Murphy in BSMC final



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos
Cherokee's Vivian Ross, right, drives inside against Murphy's Sydni Addison in the championship game of the Big Smoky Mountain Conference tournament at Rosman High School on the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 19. Murphy came out hot in the game scoring the first 9 points of the contest to lead 18-7 after the first period. Cherokee settled in during the second period and outscored the Lady Bulldogs 26-18 to only trail by six points (39-33) at the half. Murphy kept that six-point differential (53-47) after the third. Cherokee came back in the fourth period and actually led several times in the waning minutes. But, Murphy was able to get the lead back and hold on for a three-point (59-56) victory. Lady Braves scorers included: Raylen Bark 10, Tigger King 3, Naomi Smith 6, Deante Toineeta 13, Vivian Ross 13, Rhyann Girty 3, and Kamia Wiggins 8. Murphy scorers included: Kayla Pickens 16, Torin Rogers 14, Mia Wilson 3, Sarah Pullium 19, and Addison 7.



ABOVE: Bark, right, drives inside against Murphy's Pickens.
LEFT: Smith goes for a shot inside as she is fouled. She finished the game with 6 points.

Braves top Wildcats by 20 in BSMC semis



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos
Cherokee's Sarron Johnson, left, brings the ball up court on a fast break during a game against Andrews in the Big Smoky Mountain Conference Tournament semi-finals at Rosman High School on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 18. With 17 points, Johnson led the Braves to a 20-point (72-52) victory over Andrews. Cherokee led the whole way, but the game was close in the first half. The Braves led 23-19 after the first period and 37-33 at the half. But, Cherokee came out gunning in the third period outscoring Andrews 20-6 to take a 57-39 lead into the fourth period. They kept it rolling in the final eight minutes to take the large win and advance. Other Braves scorers included: Jordan Arkansas 7, Ethan Crowe 4, Bobby Crowe 9, Treannie Larch 9, Don Bradley 11, and Sterling Santa Maria 15. Andrews scorers included: Tucker Holloway 8, Gage Gillespie 7, Spencer Bateman 4, Kabe Ellis 18, Landon White 5, Gavin Wilson 5, and Bryson Holloway 5.



ABOVE: Bradley makes a layup around Andrews' Bryson Holloway. Bradley finished the night with 11 points.

LEFT: Santa Maria, center, goes for a short shot inside between Andrews' Gillespie, left, and Bryson Holloway. Santa Maria finished the evening with 15 points.

Braves topped by Hayesville in BSMC final



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos
Cherokee's Treannie Larch, left, and Bobby Crowe, right, guard Hayesville's H. McClure during the championship game of the Big Smoky Mountain Conference tournament at Rosman High School on the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 19. It was a tale of two halves with the first half being close the whole way. Cherokee led 17-16 after the first period and Hayesville led 27-26 at the half. Hayesville outscored the Braves 17-11 in the third to take a 44-37 lead into the fourth period. The Yellowjackets continued to add to their lead in the final eight minutes to take a 62-47 win. Cherokee was led by Sterling Santa Maria with 11 points. Other Braves scorers included: Ethan Crowe 7, Sarron Johnson 9, Bobby Crowe 8, Larch 4, and Don Bradley 8. Hayesville scorers included: H. McClure 16, K. Ashe 13, B. Shook 8, B. McClure 3, J. McTaggart 18, and K. Lunsford 4.



ABOVE: Ethan Crowe ducks under Hayesville's B. Shook in the second half. Crowe finished the game with 7 points.

LEFT: Santa Maria shoots over Hayesville's B. McClure in the second half of Wednesday's game. Santa Maria finished the game with 11 points.

Three EBCI tribal members win state wrestling titles

ONE FEATHER STAFF REPORT

GREENSBORO - Three members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) took home 1A State wrestling titles at the NCHSAA State Wrestling Tournament held at the Greensboro Coliseum on Feb. 21-22. Jonas Trejo (Swain County), 126lb; Nathan Fisher (Robbinsville), 138lb; and Kyle Fink (Robbinsville), 195lb all took home the championship in their respective weight divisions.

Trejo began the weekend with a quarterfinal win by fall (3:14) over Austin Kennedy of Uwharrie Charter. He won a semifinal decision (7-6) over Jonah Hayes of Avery County, and then Trejo won in the championship match by fall (1:31) over Chandler Steel of Chatham Charter. He also won the 1A West Regional title to qualify for the state meet.

Fisher started out the weekend with a quarterfinal win by fall (1:15) over Drew Shelton of Uwharrie Charter. He won in the semifinals in the first sudden victory period over Connor Medvar of Mt. Airy. Fisher won in the championship match by major decision (8-0) over Nathan Brock of Swain County. He qualified for the state meet with a third place finish in the 1A West Regional meet.

Fink started his championship run with a quarterfinal win by fall (5:14) over Stephen Falkner of Louisberg. He won his semifinal match by decision (5-1) over Jordan Mitchell of South Stokes, and Fink won in the championship match by decision (1-0) over Jackson Tumbarello of Mt. Airy. He also won the 1A West Regional

title to qualify for the state meet.

Avery County was named the 1A team champion with a score of 157.5 followed by Uwharrie Charter with 116.

Heaven Fitch (Uwharrie Charter), 106lb, was named the 1A Most Outstanding Wrestler. According to information from the NCHSAA, "Heaven Fitch became the first female to win an NCHSAA wrestling individual state championship. Last year, she finished fourth to become the first female to place at the state individual tournament."

Cherokee High School was represented by three wrestlers including Braden Taylor (160lb), Caden Pheasant (170lb), and Masih Catolster (285lb). All three qualified for the state meet with fourth place finishes in the 1A West Regional meet.

Following are the final places of each of the 1A weight divisions per NCHSAA:

106lb

- 1st - Heaven Fitch (Uwharrie Charter)
- 2nd - Luke Wilson (Robbinsville)
- 3rd - Hunter Fulp (North Stokes)
- 4th - Brandon Ropp (Rosman)

113lb

- 1st - Gage Beal (Uwharrie Charter)
- 2nd - Cody Lawson (South Stokes)
- 3rd - Logan Tortual (Rosewood)
- 4th - Brady Buchanan (Cherryville)

120lb

- 1st - Ethan Shell (Avery County)
- 2nd - Dylan Lowery (Mitchell)
- 3rd - Ricardo Bustos (Albemarle)
- 4th - Satchel McCoy (Polk County)

126lb

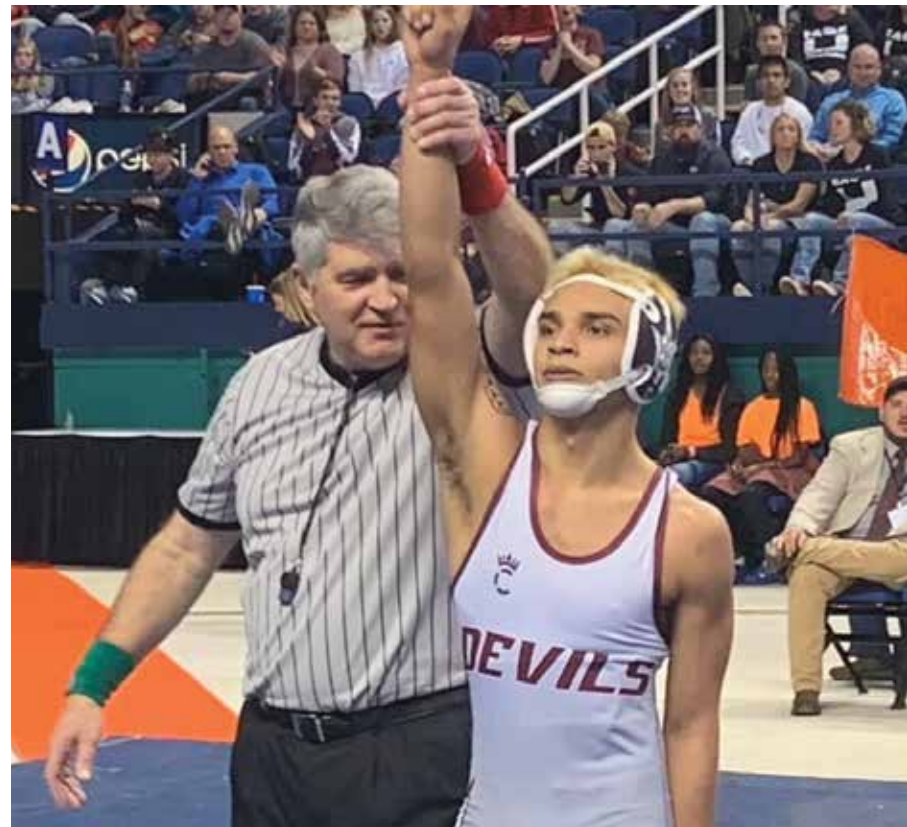


Photo by Ian Roper/Swain County High School Athletics

Jonas Trejo, an EBCI tribal member from Swain County High School, won the 1A State Wrestling title in the 126lb division at the Greensboro Coliseum on Saturday, Feb. 22.



Photo courtesy of Robbinsville High School Wrestling

Kyle Fink, left, an EBCI tribal member from Robbinsville High School, wrestles Jackson Tumbarello of Mt. Airy in the championship match of the 1A 195lb division. Fink won the match and took the title with a 1-0 decision.

1st - Jonas Trejo (Swain County)
 2nd - Chandler Steel (Chatham Charter)
 3rd - Jonah Hayes (Avery County)
 4th - Jayden Nowell (Robbinsville)

132lb

1st - River Griffith (Avery County)
 2nd - Preston Burnett (Polk County)
 3rd - Renfere Garcia (South Stanly)
 4th - Ryan Riffle (Cherryville)

138lb

1st - Nathan Fisher (Robbinsville)
 2nd - Nathan Brock (Swain County)
 3rd - Connor Medvar (Mt. Airy)
 4th - Evan Wagoner (Alleghany)

145lb

1st - Franklin Bennett (Mt. Airy)
 2nd - Austin Bauguess (East Wilkes)
 3rd - Grayson Roberts (Uwharrie Charter)
 4th - Trent Drake (South Stanly)

152lb

1st - Jerry Jimenez (Uwharrie Charter)
 2nd - Bradley Parker (Avery County)
 3rd - Alexander Suszko (Lejeune)
 4th - Hunter Barrier (South Stanly)

160lb

1st - Seth Blackledge (Avery County)
 2nd - Dustin Blackburn (East

Wilkes)
 3rd - Doug Bowles (Uwharrie Charter)
 4th - Justin Stewart (Robbinsville)

170lb

1st - Jackson Boles (South Stokes)
 2nd - Dalton Towe (Avery County)
 3rd - Dustin Rector (Alleghany)
 4th - Jathan Parker (East Carteret)

182lb

1st - Lucas Andrews (Avery County)
 2nd - Wesley Sharpe (Voyager)
 3rd - Daniel Cancro (Bishop McGuinness)
 4th - Jaime Bernal (Uwharrie Charter)

195lb

1st - Kyle Fink (Robbinsville)
 2nd - Jackson Tumbarello (Mt. Airy)
 3rd - Jordan Mitchell (South Stokes)
 4th - Wade Turner (Thomas Jefferson)

220lb

1st - Levi Andrews (Avery County)
 2nd - Sergio Saldana (Uwharrie Charter)
 3rd - Eric Olvera (Mt. Airy)
 4th - Tony Rogers (South Stanly)

285lb

1st - Javon Armstrong (Pamlico County)
 2nd - CJ Henderson (Elkin)
 3rd - Ezekiel Jayne (East Carteret)
 4th - Unique Carvalho (Albemarle)

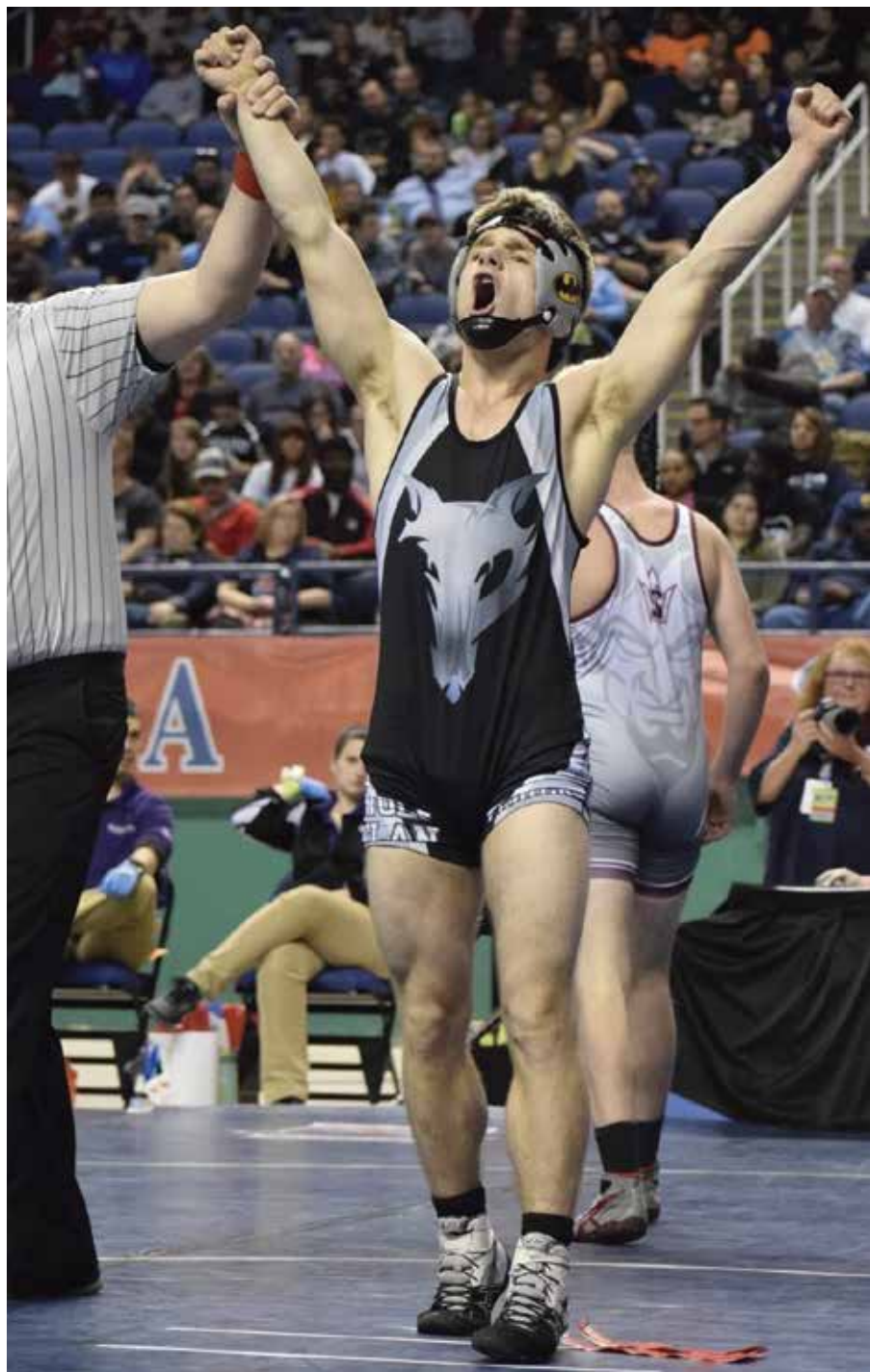


Photo courtesy of Robbinsville High School Wrestling
Nathan Fisher, an EBCI tribal member from Robbinsville High School, won the 1A State Wrestling title in the 138lb division at the Greensboro Coliseum on Saturday, Feb. 22.



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“...to take more risks with my **work...**”

Luzene Hill, Cherokee artist, continues to push boundaries

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Luzene Hill is an artist that likes to push boundaries. Her work has been exhibited widely including in a new show entitled “Indigenous Futurisms” which opened at the IAIA (Institute of American Indian Arts) Museum of Contemporary Native Arts in Santa Fe, N.M. on Thursday, Feb. 13.

“I’m very pleased to be in another show in Santa Fe and to be included in this show curated by Suzanne Fricke, Ph.D., which ties my interest in earliest female images and Indigenous matrilineal culture to a larger art context,” said Hill, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

She noted, “The work I have in this show is the outer cape from the installation I had at the Portland Museum in 2017. That work is entitled ‘Enate’ and is made up of 6,956 cochineal dyed silk taffeta goddess silhouettes. That is the average number, per a 12-year study, of reported assaults on Native women in the United States.”

Hill has been recognized far and wide for her out-of-the-box art including receiving the following fellowships: 2015 First People’s Fund Fellowship, 2015 Eiteljorg (museum in Indianapolis, Ind.) Fellowship, 2016 NACF (Native Arts and Cultures Foundation) Fellowship, and the 2019 Ucross Fellowship. This June, she will be a visiting artist at the Anderson Ranch Art Center in Snowmass



Photo contributed

EBCI artist Luzene Hill is shown with her work “Enate”, a piece containing 6,956 cochineal dyed silk taffeta goddess silhouettes, at the opening of the “Indigenous Futurisms” show at the IAIA Museum of Contemporary Arts in Santa Fe.

Village, Colo.

Always creating, Hill is currently working on a new installation for a show entitled “Feminisms” that will open Sept. 26 at the 516 Gallery in Albuquerque, N.M. “This work, ‘Retribute’, continues the goddess motifs and the issues of matrilineal culture being obliterated by patriarchal colonialism. I’m also working on ideas for my artist residency in April in Santa Fe and a visiting artist project in

Aspen this summer.”

Her work continues to evolve and change. “My residency last summer at Ucross was truly transformative – especially in the way it opened up my perspective and enhanced my confidence...to take more risks with my work and to push myself.”

Information from the IAIA explains the thoughts behind the “Indigenous Futurisms” show and states that it, “...highlights art-

works that present the future from a Native perspective and illustrates the use of cosmology and science as part of tribal oral history and ways of life. The science fiction and post-apocalyptic narratives depicted in these artworks are often reality for Indigenous communities worldwide.”

The show runs through Sunday, July 26. For more information on the show, call (888) 922-4242.

Sculptor creates Trail of Tears Memorial piece for Georgia park

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

A sculptor has created a Trail of Tears Memorial piece that has been placed at Eagle's Rest Park at Mt. Oglethorpe in Pickens County, Ga. The piece, carved by Steve Stone of Marble Hill, Ga., will be dedicated in a ceremony at the site on Saturday, March 21.

"This area that I now live in was once at the heart of the Cherokee Nation," said Stone. "When I consider what took place here and along different points of the Trail of Tears, I try to bring to light what would tell the story of what happened there."

The piece is 8-foot by 5.6-foot by 8 inches thick, and the marble was donated by Polycor Georgia Marble. "Here, in Pickens County, Ga., where they once built their homes, I chose to depict a young family on the dreaded day the soldiers arrived to take them away. I put the child up front and most prominent in the hope that she would melt the coldest of hearts."

Stone said he visited Cherokee prior to beginning the carving. "I came up to the Reservation and took pictures of the young ladies in the carving. The older girl is Miss Aaliyah Swimmer and the little girl is Nevaeh Saunooke. Neither family would accept payment for their contribution."

His journey into sculpting goes back to 1996 when he carved his first piece. "I was working as a mussel shell diver in the Tennessee River at Waterloo, Ala. at that time. I had broken my heel bone playing softball and was laid up unable to work due to the cast on my foot. My wife and I had three sons – ages 12, 10, and 3. My two oldest boys brought up a beauti-



Photo contributed

Steve Stone is shown with a marble carving he completed last year known as the Trail of Tears Memorial. The piece is now displayed at Eagle's Rest Park at Mt. Oglethorpe in Pickens County, Ga., and a dedication ceremony is scheduled for the Memorial on Saturday, March 21.

ful slab of ebony slate rock from the creek we lived on. They laid it on the picnic table where I was sitting, and I took out my pocket-knife and carved a Native American face on it – my first carving."

That led to a passion.

"The boys kept bringing me rocks, and I kept carving," said Stone. "I eventually wound up with seven of those slate rock carvings before the second Trail of Tears Motorcycle ride came to Waterloo. I also had written my first poem on July 4th of that year entitled 'Lost Lake Cherokee'. I drew a picture of the Cherokee arriving in Waterloo to board the boats on their Trail of Tears trek and had the poem superimposed over the picture – my first drawing."

Following the motorcycle event at Waterloo, Stone said, "I began to look for a more stable stone to carve. I was amazed to discover there was a new marble quarry within five miles of my

home that I did not know about. I contacted the owner of the quarry and in exchange for the marble scraps they produced, I carved them a dinosaur – their logo and my first marble and three-dimensional carving."

Stone hopes that his Trail of Tears Memorial carving will make people think of the Indian Removal events. "There are three things I hope the Memorial will cause people to consider. One, the Removal was wrong, heartless, illegal, and should have never happened. Two, if we allow our government to inflict these kinds of horrors on any group of people, it could happen to them as well. Three, God, The Great Spirit, or whatever we choose to call him, sees all."

Information from the Mt. Oglethorpe Foundation website states, "It may seem odd that a Trail of Tears Memorial is being added to the top of Mt. Oglethorpe, but there is a good reason. A

number of Indians, both Cherokee and Creek, were marched across the top of the mountain in the summer of 1838 on their way to a temporary collection fort located near the current Waffle House in Ellijay, Ga. The Indians remained a short while at this fort before being marched to Charleston, Tenn. Where they began the 835-mile journey to Oklahoma."

Stone is currently working an 8-foot by 2-foot by 2-foot bench for the Memorial site that will be carved into a feather from a piece of poplar. In speaking of the placement of the Memorial piece, he noted, "Eagle's Rest Park, to me, is the location God provided when I was ready to do what I had felt he had called me to do 24 years ago."

For more information on Mt. Oglethorpe and Eagle's Rest Park, visit: www.eaglesrestpark.org/ or contact the Mt. Oglethorpe Foundation (404) 444-2877

Veterans sought for Honor Flight opportunity

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

- Steve Youngdeer American
Legion Post 143

National 2020 Census update

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

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

How will the 2020 Census work?

- By mid-March households will receive official 2020 Census information (not at your post office box). By April 1, every home should have received an invitation to participate in the census. In this information you will find a Census ID Number. You will be instructed to go to the census website, enter



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo
Little Miss Cherokee Georgia Girty, right, introduces herself at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Big Cove Community Building on the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 21 as Junior Miss Cherokee Nevayah Panther looks on.



the ID Number, and complete the 2020 Census form. Keep in mind that everyone in your household must be counted. Young children (ages 0-4) are the most under-counted members of the population. Please include them. They count.

- You can respond online, by phone, or by mail.
- If you do not respond after receiving the first notice. You will receive another reminder with a Census ID Number. Once again, you will be encouraged to respond online, by phone, or by mail.
- If you do not respond after the second notice you will receive a paper form at your home, which you can complete and mail back to the census bureau. It will also include a Census ID Number, so if you chose not to submit the paper form you can still respond online or by phone.
- If you still do not respond to these efforts, then you can expect a visit from a census worker. Official Census workers should always

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

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

The 2020 Census Cherokee Committee will be hosting a 2020 Census "Kick-Off" Event on Thursday, April 2 beginning at 11 a.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Committee members will be available to assist individu-

als with responding to the census and answering any questions they may have. T-shirts will be given to those who show proof of participating in the 2020 Census. Community Garden Kits will also be given out by the EBCI Extension Center.

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

Public Safety; Heather Owle and Stephanie Maney, EBCI Communications; and Jessica Winchester, Tammie Welch, Amanda Moore, Kelsey Owle, Cherokee Central Schools.

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

Cherokee Day of Caring nominations sought

The Cherokee Day of Caring Committee is currently taking nominations for project now through Feb. 29 for this year's Day of Caring which is scheduled for Thursday, May 14. This day, otherwise known as Ga Du Gi or "Free Labor", consists of volunteers from different organizations coming together to help tribal members im-

prove their homes, yards, gardens, or other buildings. Once nomination are received, the Committee will assess nominations and select projects that can be completed within a six-hour window and that meet guideline specifications.

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

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

- Cherokee Preservation Foundation

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) appointment available

VITA prepares simple tax returns for free for individuals

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

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

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

- EBCI Cooperative Extension Office

Park recruiting volunteers for Mingus Mill

Great Smoky Mountains National Park is recruiting volunteers to provide orientation and historic information to visitors at Mingus Mill, located one half mile north of the Oconaluftee Visitor Center near Cherokee. Volunteers will work alongside millers to help educate visitors about the general role of milling in the Smokies, including the unique turbine wheel at Mingus Mill.

Mingus Mill, built in 1886, offers visitors a unique look into the inner workings of a mill that custom ground everything from corn to wheat or rye. The intricacy of the turbine-driven mill provided local patrons with custom ground cornmeal or flour in a fraction of the time needed by other types of mills.

Volunteers will work alongside Great Smoky Mountains Association employees. Each volunteer is asked to work at least one, four-hour shift per week from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the peak visitation

season from April through the November.

New volunteers are required to attend training on Friday, March 6 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The training will be held at the Oconaluftee Administration Building near Cherokee. Volunteers should bring a bag lunch.

If interested in this exciting volunteer opportunity, please call Park Resource Education Ranger Florie Takaki by phone at 497-1906 or by email at florie_takaki@nps.gov to reserve a space for training.

- National Park Service releasee

Call for vendors for 23rd Annual Greening Up the Mountains

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

Applications will be accepted through March 15 and can be downloaded at www.greeningupthemountains.com. Info: Kendra Hamm, event coordinator, at greeningupthemountains@gmail.com

- Greening Up the Mountains



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'Dee' Smith Tribute Exhibit Being Hosted by Qualla Arts & Crafts

JONAH LOSSIAH
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Qualla Arts and Crafts will be hosting an art exhibit open house on Friday, Feb. 28, to honor the late John Daniel 'Dee' Smith.

Smith, a Cherokee painter, passed away in 2013. He was known for his use of color, detail, and experimentation for paint surfaces. Along with classic canvas, he would also paint on animal skulls, elk antlers, feathers, and more.

The exhibit has been curated by Dr. R Michael Abram, who owns all the work as well. Abram owned and operated the Cherokee Heritage Museum in Saunooke Village with his wife from 1983-2010. They have been collecting Cherokee art since 1973.

Abram has been gathering the work of Smith since the 1980s and got to know him well over the years.

"He lived here (Cherokee), but he had also moved to Oklahoma. And so, he would drive back once or twice a year must every year. And when he would come back, he would bring paintings. He would stop at our place first," said Abram.

He said that one of the many things he liked about Smith was his willingness to speak with him about his work. Smith would often drop off his work and let Abram analyze it before he would come back to the museum.

"He would come back, and we would go upstairs in the museum when there was no one up there. And we would sit there, either in a chair or sometimes just on the floor in one of the museum rooms. And he would talk to me about the paintings and why he painted them, and the subjects. Often times though he wouldn't say anything, he'd just hand me a painting and say, 'what do you see in here and how do you interpret it?'"

Abram estimates that he has close to 100 pieces created by Smith. When his wife, Susan Abram, had her book published in 2015, they used one of Smith's paintings as the cover image.

"His style is very realistic...and the thing that really draws you to his paintings is how he puts in his colors and expresses and evokes



JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo

Dr. R Michael Abram, the curator of an upcoming exhibit at Qualla Arts and Crafts honoring the late John Daniel 'Dee' Smith, explains the background behind Smith's paintings.

emotions through the color choices. And also, and the colors are pertinent to the subject matter of the painting."

Along with the color, he said that the intricacy of many of the paintings is remarkable.

"One time he told me, 'now the miniatures, the way I do them, they have lots of detail to them.' He said, 'to do the hair (on a person), I will take one hair out of the paintbrush, and I will use that to paint in the hair.'"

He went on to say that the most important aspect of Smith's work is his ability to portray Cherokee culture.

"This exhibit is a good cross-section of the paintings that he did. And when I say cross-section, how he honored his Cherokee heritage through what he expressed with his artistic talents."

This is why Abram set up the exhibit the way it is. One case is dedicated to Smith's depictions of Cherokee culture and legends, and the other is to Cherokee's history. There are also several passages to place context on the work.

"A person can go. I can do this, you can do this, any human being can do this. Whenever you go in and look at a piece of artwork, wherever you are in the world, and you try to make meaning to it to yourself. If you do that, you will interpret it only through your background

culture. So, therefore for people to really appreciate this...I put that interpretation in there so that the viewer can understand the Cherokee artist's work from the Cherokee perspective," said Abram.

He said that he is putting the final touches on the display now and has brought in a few people to give him notes. Abram said that he was honored that one of those was Bud Smith, Dee's brother.

"He went around those two long cases several times, looking and studying. And then he looked up at me and he said, 'You've really done a good job, I really like this. There's nothing I would change.'"

Vicki Cruz, manager at Qualla Arts and Crafts, says that she is excited to have these paintings on display. "I always liked the colors and the gentleness of some of them. Some had an evil aspect to them, and on others, the colors were really nice and pleasing," said Cruz.

"We've spoken about it once or twice over the last two or three years, and it just kind of happen this year," she continued.

The pieces on display are primarily on canvas, though there are a few of the elk antler miniatures. The open house is set for 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28, and the exhibit will be up until March 31.



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COMMENTARY

Opportunity knocks

ROBERT JUMPER

ONE FEATHER EDITOR

It is time to nag you about voting again. This time we are looking at federal, state, and local elections.

Why you need to vote in federal elections is easy to answer. Federal law is the only law that fully "trumps" tribal law. We want people in those seats who will be empathetic to indigenous peoples and particularly the needs of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Ideally, we want Native people in seats of power in America.

We want people in federal leadership who will listen to our needs and make sure that Native American civil rights are upheld and enhanced. We need federal help to empower our governments, particularly our judiciary, to ensure the safety and rights of our children, our elders,

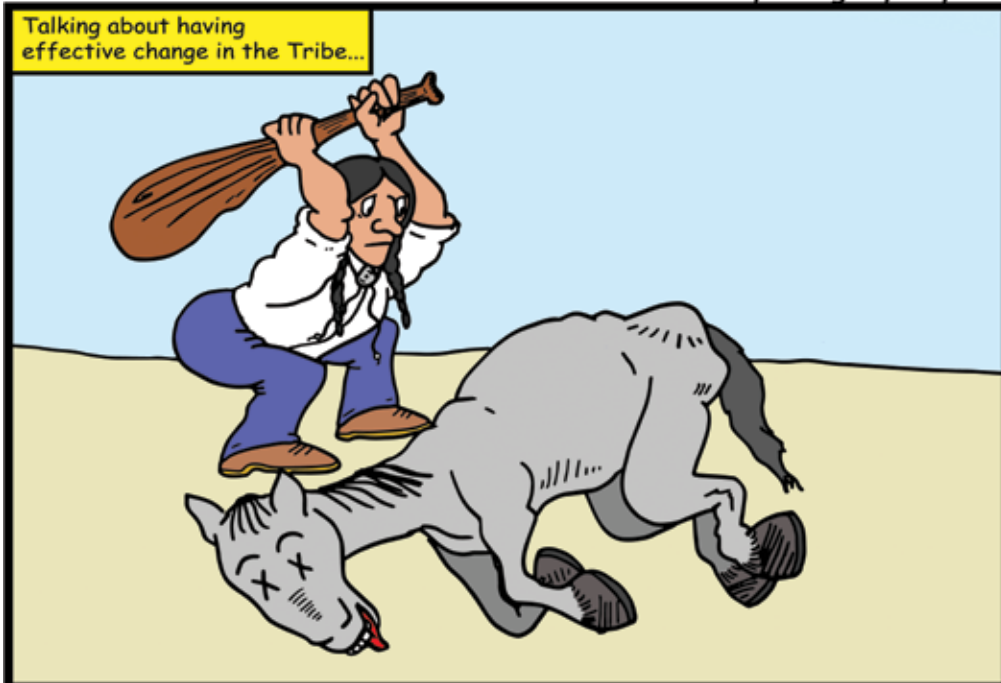
and support our efforts to protect victims of violence. We need people who will be attentive to the discretionary funding for grant programs in which we participate. We need federal leaders who will be proactive in leveling the government contracting field to allow indigenous governments and businesses an equal opportunity for government business, including their need for commodities like bottled water. We want help from the federal government for providing the best health care for our people and we want their help in tackling the enormous issues our lands have with drug dependency.

We want federal elected officials to work with us and many other tribes in realizing the future of true sovereignty for tribal nations in America.

see **VOTING** next page

AROUND THE BOUNDARY

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When a federal election occurs, opportunity knocks to have a say in who sits in power at the federal level. When you vote, you answer the door. In the 2020 election, you have an opportunity to help select the next U.S. President, a Senate representative (one of two from North Carolina), and a Congressman (one of thirteen from North Carolina).

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has a treaty with North Carolina. It is a very important treaty called a gaming compact. It is the agreement between us and the state that has made our Tribe one of the vital economic engines for our region. The gaming compact is responsible for incredible prosperity for our Tribe and has made us incredibly influential, not just in the state, but in Indian Country. Our people enjoy many blessings from our success in casino gaming and, by proxy, the state through the gaming agreement.

The Tribe enjoys a positive relationship with the state, and we want to keep it that way. It is important that the elected leader-

ship of the state of North Carolina understand and agree with the mission of the Tribe and that they work with us to make our visions become realities. While they do not have governing authority over us, they still are involved in our roads, agriculture, alcohol laws, and other municipal functions. Many of our laws mirror state laws. We want state leaders who will work with us, listen to us, and consider our culture and values when making decisions in Raleigh.

When a state election occurs, opportunity knocks to have a say in who sits in power at the state level. When you vote, you answer the door. In the 2020 election, you have an opportunity to help select the next North Carolina Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Auditor, N.C. Commissioner of Insurance, N.C. Commissioner of Labor, N.C. Secretary of State, Superintendent of Public Education, a State Senator, a State House Representative, and a N.C. District Court Judge.

Finally, there are municipal elections. These will vary from county to county, and town to town. For example, in the primary, in the county I live in, we will

be filling two seats on the county board of commissioners. We all live in a North Carolina county, even if we live on the Qualla Boundary. Those of us who do not reside on the Boundary are subject to property taxes in the municipality, county and town. We are dependent on services there too. We are bound by their policies, procedures, and laws. County and town level elected officials effect the day-to-day lives of many of our Tribal members. The Tribe maintains mutual aid agreements with county law enforcement and other emergency services that are vital to the protection of those who live on and visit the Qualla Boundary.

When a municipal election occurs, opportunity knocks to have a say in who sits in power at the municipal level. When you vote, you answer the door. In the 2020 elections, you have an opportunity to help select those officials most involved in the day-to-day workings of life on the Boundary and off.

The bottom line is that we are given the chance to make a difference directly each election cycle, whether Tribal or non-Tribal. We have an opportunity to influence

the future with a vote. Early voting in the N.C. Primary Elections continues in the municipalities where you live through Feb. 29. Primary Election Day is Tuesday, March 3. Check your local Board of Elections for times and locations. Opportunity knocks. Could you get that?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR **We still need the sidewalk**

My husband and I believe that a sidewalk was promised for the roadside from the old Holiday Inn to Fisher Branch in the Birdtown Community. The sidewalk was promised two years ago and the person we believe to have been over the construction said, "I will have it done in a year, because there are no water lines in it's way." This needs to be done before someone gets hurt or killed. We ask that those who are driving in that area, please watch for pedestrians. We are in dire need of this sidewalk before it is too late. I am a concerned member of the Tribe. Thank you.

Annette Fish
Birdtown Community

Post 143 seeking contact info for EBCI service men/women

The Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 is seeking contact information for active duty EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) troops currently deployed overseas.

All information will be held in the strictest confidence. The Post and Ladies Auxiliary wants to send care packages and notes of encouragement to the troops.

**Info: Warren Dupree 508-2657
or David McQueen 736-9572**



SPEAKING OF FAITH

Holiness is our reward and a stronghold

REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR

CHEROKEE PENTECOSTAL
HOLINESS CHURCH

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

“(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;)

“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

“And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.”...

...“For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed.”

2 Corinthians 10:3-6, 8 (KJV)

“We are human, but we don’t wage war as humans do.”

“We use God’s mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments.

”We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.

“And after you have become fully obedient, we will punish everyone who remains disobedient.”...

...“I may seem to be boasting too much about the authority given to us by the Lord. But our authority builds you up; it does not tear you down. So I will not be ashamed of using my authority.”

2 Corinthians 10:3-6, 8 (NLT)

“We, like Paul, are merely weak humans, but we don’t need to use human plans and methods to win our battles. God’s mighty weapons are available to us as we fight against the devil’s “strongholds.” Paul assures that

God’s mighty weapons—prayer, faith, hope, love, God’s Word, the Holy Spirit—are powerful and effective. {Ephesians 6:13-18} NLT Comments.”)

Pastor Melton, explains, “The enemy, using and taking over our own strongholds of the flesh—which have been built within each person’s mind or thinking, actually develops a stranglehold on our thinking that can keep us from living in holiness. In this way, the enemy can steal our ability to withstand his onslaught on all of our defenses by constantly overwhelming them. The doorway can remain opened by our own choice of sinfulness.

“However, when we choose for the sinfulness of our lives to be defeated—with God and His mighty weapons which we can ask of Him—then, we can be ‘free indeed’ in our choosing to be holy. We can win the battle, but only with His help.

Pastor Melton added, “Choke out the enemy that also attacks others in your families. If you are saying or doing things you would not do in front of your pastor or Billy Graham, do not do it in front of your children, or wife, either. Take off your masks as this is a way of freedom for you.

“I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works.”

Psalm 9:1 (KJV)

“There is a place called ‘Praise’ from where your enemies will begin to fall away. Praise

draws the very Presence of God. It is He who destroys the strongholds of the enemy, while He also becomes your Stronghold you can run. The enemy cannot enter there. The enemy knows it, too! God’s Stronghold is one of the rewards of holiness even as it becomes your Stronghold. Stop the enemy! “Let the weak say, ‘I am strong...’ The Stronghold becomes your place of Refuge and Strength, the perpetual ending is that this becomes a refuge for you and those around you who are oppressed in times of trouble. Your prayers can help them as it has helped you. Even the enemies of oppression/depression are defeated. God can do anything! As Jesus walked on the water to rescue His disciples from the stormy weather (devil inspired), this next time Christ will come ‘on a cloud, seated on a white horse’ and ‘watch for the salvation of the Lord. You are protected to watch as you see the Promises of God come to pass in your life. (Read Ephesians 6: 13-16, your armor.)

The devil has lied to us long enough—the evil one has no authority. You, as God’s child, are still here. You have the right to go into God’s Stronghold and this way you will always win! No matter what the devil says!

“Greater is He that is in me... “Praise the Name above every name.” If God is the Truth, that anchor of holiness holds. We get to hold on to this, “quenching all the fiery darts of the wicked!” Remember God rained down ‘bread’ 40 years for the Israelites.



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And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. JOSHUA 24:15

Detail of “The Exhortation of Joshua” by Marc Chagall



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HAPPENINGS

Benefits/Fundraisers

Indian Dinner Fundraiser to help cancer patients. Feb. 28

from 10:30 a.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Price is \$10 a plate and includes a drink. All money will be donated to Betty's Place (cancer support) to help area cancer patients. This project is being hosted by Jr. Miss Cherokee Nayayah Panther who said she wants to give back in support of all the families who have been affected by cancer, including her own on both sides. Donations of food, drinks, or money will be appreciated. Info or to place orders: Gail Panther-Long 736-7580 or Greg Panther 736-3429

Senior Citizens Fundraiser.

March 14 from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Tsali Manor. All proceeds will

go towards the Senior Citizen's Annual Trip. Breakfast, yard sale, and bake sale.

Church Events

Hope for Cherokee event.

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

Cultural Events

Cherokee Language Class.

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

Cherokee Speakers Gather-

ing. Feb. 27 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the New Kituwah Academy

Multi-purpose Room. This month is potluck. So, bring your favorite dish. Info: Kayla Pheasant at kayl-phea@nc-cherokee.com

Pottery Class. Feb. 27-29

at 53100 Big Cove Road. Beginner, intermediate, and advanced welcome. This will be taught by Mary Ann Welch Thompson. Info: 497-5533, maryannthompsonwelch@outlook.com

Refresher Cherokee Lan-

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

Brett Jones, and Joel Turner – all members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Register by Jan. 13 by calling (423) 884-6246 or seqmus@tds.net

Free Winter Lecture Series at Sequoyah Birthplace Museum

The Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, in Vonore, Tenn. is hosting a free lecture series that delves into a variety of Cherokee topics.

- * Cherokee Basketry by Tyra Maney. March 1 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- * Cherokee Clothing by Michael H. Crowe. March 8 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- * Cherokee Legends by Jarrett Wildcatt. March 15 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- * Evolution of Cherokee Women's Roles by Tyra Maney. March 22 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

These lectures are free and open to the public and are sponsored in part by TN Arts Commission and Sequoyah Birthplace Museum. For more information or in case of inclement weather in both Tennessee or North Carolina, check their Facebook page, website at www.sequoyahmuseum.org, or contact the useum at (423) 884-6246

Presentation on "Cherokee Cultural Sites in Swain County".

March 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Drive in Bryson City. TJ Holland, cultural resources supervisor for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, will give the presentation held by the Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society. Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. This event is free and open to the public.

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WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

FEB. 24-MARCH 1, 2020

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

COURTESY OF ALEX BELL/AB'S FLY FISHING

BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, FEB. 24 BETTER++	TUESDAY, FEB. 25 BETTER	WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26 GOOD	THURSDAY, FEB. 27 AVERAGE	FRIDAY, FEB. 28 AVERAGE	SATURDAY, FEB. 29 AVERAGE	SUNDAY, MARCH 1 AVERAGE
1:19 AM-3:19 AM 1:40 PM-3:40 PM	2:01 AM-4:01 AM 2:22 PM-4:22 PM	2:42 AM-4:42 AM 3:03 PM-5:03 PM	3:23 AM-5:23 AM 3:43 PM-5:43 PM	4:04 AM-6:04 AM 4:25 PM-6:25 PM	4:46 AM-6:46 AM 5:08 PM-7:08 PM	5:30 AM-7:30 AM 5:54 PM-7:54 PM

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Cherokee Beadwork Class.

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

General Events

Cherokee Business Training.

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

Maverick's Tsalagi Sunshine

(MTS) Memorial Rock Painting. Feb. 29 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Oconaluftee Island Park Pavilion #4 (closest to the Open Air Market). In honor of Maverick Sampson, MTS invites

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

27th Annual Organic Growers School Spring Conference.

March 6-8 at Mars Hill University in Mars Hill. There are various tracks to take at the conference including: Community Food, Cooking, Earth Skills, Beginning Farming, Experienced Farming, Beginner Gardening, Experienced Gardening, Herbs, Homesteading, Livestock, Mushrooms, Permaculture, Poultry, Soils, Sustainable Forestry, Sustainable Living, and Thinking Big. Several members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are presenting including Mary Crowe ("Traditional Foods of the Cherokee") and Tyson Sampson ("Cherokee Staple Foods"). Info: www.organicgrowersschool.org/conferences/spring/

Shiitake Log Workshop: Grow Your Own Mushrooms!

March 10 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office. March 12 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Snowbird Community Center in Robbinsville. Partially outside if weather permits, so dress ac-

cordingly. Bring up to three logs between 2-4" in length and 4-8" in diameter. Cut from oak or sweet gum, and they must be cut from a live tree less than two weeks from event date to ensure log is fresh. Register by contacting Benjamin Collette 359-6928, benjcoll@nc-chokeee.com

Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) Spring Employment Expo. March 19-20

from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds multi-purpose building. Info: 359-6421, tero2@nc-chokeee.com

Unveiling of Beloved Man Dr. Jeremiah "Jerry" Wolfe Memorial Display Case. May 25

at 1 p.m. in the main lobby of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Info: Museum 497-3481

Sports Events

West vs Midwest 1A All-Star Basketball Games. March 21 at the Charles George Memorial Arena. The girl's game will start

at 5 p.m. followed by the boys at 6:30 p.m. Admission to the games is \$7. Info: Dr. Bud Black, director, (704) 435-2542, (704) 898-5208, westmidwestgames@aol.com

Upcoming Pow Wows for February 2020

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

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

Support Groups
AA and NA meetings in Cherokee. Alcoholics Anonymous

#throwbackthursday Photos Wanted



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

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

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

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

Analenisgi Recovery Center weekly schedule

Mondays

Be Assertive, Not Aggressive: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Parents Supporting Parents: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Acceptance (open to community): 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesdays

Abstract Recovery: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Strong Hearts: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Life Recovery (open to community): 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesdays

W.R.A.P. Class: 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Creative Writing: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Adulting 101: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Communication 101: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

We Belong – Two Spirit (open to community): 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Peacemaking Support Circle (open to community): 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursdays

Life Recovery (open to community): 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Putting off Procrastination: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Radical Acceptance: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Healthy Boundaries: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Fridays

W.R.A.P. Class: 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Creative Recovery: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Depression and Anxiety: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

All classes are open to clients of Analenisgi. Classes open to the community are noted. Info: 497-6892

CIHA Bariatric Support

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

Cherokee Cancer Support

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

Cherokee Alzheimer's Support Group

meets the first Tuesday of every month 1 p.m. at In-Home Care Services in the Beloved Women's & Children's Center second floor). This group is presented by The Alzheimer's Association Western Carolina Chapter. Info: 359-6860

Life Recovery Tsa La Gi Family Support Group

meets on Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Macedonia Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Life Recovery Tsa La Gi

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

Recovery Bible Study, One



What's a Safe CBD Dosage for a Small Dog?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: When my 6-year-old, 16-pound Dachs-hund, "Sally," hurt her back and couldn't walk, a veterinarian recommended expensive surgery. I found another vet who was able to treat her without surgery and she is walking again. To manage her pain, I have been giving her 1,000 mg of CBD oil, five drops twice a day. Am I giving her too much or too little? Every product has a different option. — Wayne O., via email

DEAR WAYNE: A twice-daily dose of 5 drops of a 1,000 mg formulation of CBD oil is an awful lot to give a dog of Sally's size. By my ballpark estimate, she's getting 6 mg to 8 mg of CBD in each dose.

That may be OK in the short term for treating severe pain, but high doses of CBD can cause temporary changes in eye pressure, which over time can permanently damage the eyes.

I understand your dilemma, though. Many charts for pets recommend 600 mg to 1,000 mg formulations for large dogs over 100 pounds, and much smaller formulations of 75 mg to 150 mg for small dogs like Sally. But some formulations for pets go as high as 3,000 mg, and there is no set standard.

Even worse, the chart calculations for CBD products are confusing. Some charts list dosages in milliliters, others in milligrams. Who wants to do math when your pet is in pain?

I'd like you to work closely with Sally's vet to find an effective CBD dosage to safely treat her pain. As she recovers, you should lower the dosage further, to below 4 mg per dose, to help manage any chronic pain from her injury. A lower dosage will also cost much less than what you're paying right now.

Send your questions, tips or comments to ask@pawscorner.com.

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1. Who was the last Minnesota Twins pitcher before Jose Berrios in 2018 to record at least 200 strikeouts in a season?

2. When was the last time before the 2019 season (Gerrit Cole, Justin Verlander) that the major leagues had two pitchers with 300 or more strikeouts in a season?

3. The Chargers' Philip Rivers set a record in 2018 for most consecutive completed passes to start an NFL game (25). Who had held the mark?

4. Between 2001 and 2019, how many years were there in which the No. 12 seeds in men's basketball failed to win at least a game in the NCAA Tournament?

5. Patrick Marleau is the all-time leader in goals scored for the San Jose Sharks. Who is No. 2?

6. Who was the only Olympian to win gold medals in both the 100 meter sprint and the 100 meter hurdles?

7. Golfer Steve Stricker set a U.S. Senior Open 72-hole record in 2019 with a 19-under 261. Who had held the mark at 264?

Answers

1. Francisco Liriano, with 201 strikeouts in 2010.

2. It was 2002 (Arizona teammates Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling).

3. Mark Brunell completed 22 consecutive passes to start an NFL game in 2006.

4. Three times — 2007, 2015 and 2018.

5. Joe Pavelski, with 355 goals scored (2006-19).

6. American Harrison "Bones" Dillard, in 1948 (sprint) and 1952 (hurdles).

7. Kenny Perry, who did it in 2017.

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

Community Clubs

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

and \$25 will be returned after cleaning.

Big Cove Community Club

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

Birdtown Community Club

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

Vice Chairman: Joi Owle, Treasurer: Deb Slee. Secretary: Sasha Watty. The community building is available for rent.

Paint Town Community Club

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

Snowbird Community Club

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

Wolftown Community Club

meets the first Tuesday of each

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

Yellowhill Community Club

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

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



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Having second thoughts could be a good thing, even if you're determined to go through with your plans. You might find it worthwhile to take a fresh look at how things have been set up.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Financial matters could continue to be a problem until you're able to straighten out some of the more pesky situations. Once that happens, the rest should be easier to unsnarl.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Family matters once again take center stage, and should be dealt with competently and quickly. And, again, insist on others taking on their fair share of the responsibilities.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your creative pursuits seem to be running into a roadblock. But rather than blame outside factors, look within to see if you might be holding back your efforts for some reason.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Keep that keen Cat's Eye focused on relevant aspects of this new situation in your life. Don't be distracted by trivial matters. You need the pertinent facts before making a decision.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) As much as you prefer doing things on your own, continue to accept help if you still need to resolve the problem affecting your project. Some cheerful news is about to come your way.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) While you might begrudge the added time it will take to get your project from point A to B to C, etc., you could benefit from the facts that will emerge over this expanded time span.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Regarding your workplace suggestions, be prepared to produce the facts to counter reactions from skeptics who feel your approach is unreasonable or even impossible.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Savvy Sagittarians will look for work-related answers on their own rather than rely on unproved assumptions. It might take more time to do so, but the payoff is worth it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your aspects continue to favor family issues, with special emphasis this week on changes in and around your home. Get everyone to suggest what he or she would like to see done.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A matter you thought had been settled might still produce surprises. Best advice: Continue to gather facts to bolster your position just in case you need to produce them quickly.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) While your instincts are usually right when discerning 'twixt truth and deception, you could benefit from doing more research on the new "prospect" that you've been pitched.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your wisdom is only matched by your generosity, making you the sort of friend everyone hopes to have.

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February 27, 2019
6:00pm-8:00pm

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This month is potluck, so please bring your favorite dish that will compliment the meal. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have any questions, please contact Kayla Pheasant at kaylphea@nc-chokeee.com



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SERVICES

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

Marianne Ward offers Babysitting

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

YARD SALES

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



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One Feather deadline Friday at 12 p.m.



Feeding monarchs

The monarch caterpillar (the larvae stage of the monarch butterfly) feeds *only* on the leaves of milkweed plants.

From these it gains all the nutrition needed to change into the adult form. The adult monarch consumes nectar from flowers, minerals from mud puddles and liquids from fruits. To attract them to your backyard, leave out slices of banana, oranges or watermelon, and plant a variety of flowering plants. — B. Weaver

Source: www.monarch-butterfly.com

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Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

(Open until Filled unless otherwise indicated):

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

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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina Estate

File No. 19-119

In the Matter of the Estate of Alexander Hornbuckle

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

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

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

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

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

In the Tribal Court

In the Matter of K.C., A Minor

Child, File No. CVJ 19-026

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

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

Crowe.

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

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

First published this the 5th day of February 2020.

Sybil G. Mann

Family Safety Program Attorney

P.O. Box 455

Cherokee, N.C. 28719

(828)359-1559

N.C. Bar No. 16729

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AMENDED NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

In the Tribal Court

In the Matter of A.S., A Minor

Child, File No. CVJ 19-062

TO: The Unknown Father of
Minor Child A.S.

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



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Closing Thursday, February 27, 2020

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RN Care Manager - Diabetes

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PTI RN - Tsali Care Center (multiple)
PTI LPN - Tsali Care Center
Licensed Practical Nurse - Tsali Care Center
Certified Medication Aide - Tsali Care Center
PTI CNA Medication Aide - Tsali Care Center (multiple)
Certified Nursing Assistant - Tsali Care Center (multiple)
PTI Certified Nursing Assistant - Tsali Care Center (multiple)
Analenisgi Inpatient - FNP/PA
Master Level Therapist - Analenisgi Inpatient
Behavioral Health RN - Analenisgi (Grant Funded)
PTI RN - Inpatient
Physician - Emergency Room
Physician - Primary Care

Closing Thursday, March 5, 2020

Behavioral Health RN -
Analenisgi Inpatient
RN Supervisor - Inpatient

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tion and disposition of a petition alleging the minor child, A.S., born on June 12, 2012, is a neglected, dependent and drug endangered child, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on December 9, 2019. You may know the mother of the minor child by the name of Hannah Santiago.

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

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First published this the 26th day of February 2020.

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BIDs, RFPs, etc.

Project Title:

Adams Creek Restoration (Swain County, NC)

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

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

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

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

Request for Proposals General Notice

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

Please call Deb Owle, Cherokee Preservation Foundation at 828-497-5550, or email dowle@cpfdn.org to receive a bid package. All bids received from interested

vendors must be submitted in a sealed envelope; please include 15 copies of the bid. The deadline for submission is 4:00 p.m. on March 16, 2020. Bids received after this time and date will be rejected.
2/26pd

Request for Proposals Summary

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

Qualifications include:

- Education: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Master's Degree or higher degree in either Law; Counseling; Social Work; Psychology; or other behavioral science and three (3) years of paid, professional post-graduate experience in counseling or related social/behavioral services.
- Experience: Demonstrated ability to manage grant projects effectively, including all required grant reporting and deliverables. Must have experience designing, implementing, and improving multi-agency systems. Specific experience with domestic violence and child abuse systems preferred. Please email bonnclax@nc-cherokee.com for a copy of the full RFP.

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The EBCI Office of the Attorney General. **2/26pd**

Request for Proposal RFP – 407 Project Management

Kituwah, LLC (Kituwah) is seeking proposals from a qualified and appropriately experienced project management consultant/firm who can provide technical



The Oconaluftee Indian Village is seeking workers for the 2020 season. We are looking for people willing to educate the public about the Cherokee history and culture in fun, exciting ways. We need applicants who take pride in the Cherokee culture and possess good work ethic. Applications and job descriptions can be picked up at the Cherokee Historical main office, 564 Tsali Blvd. across from the Museum.

Positions available: All areas

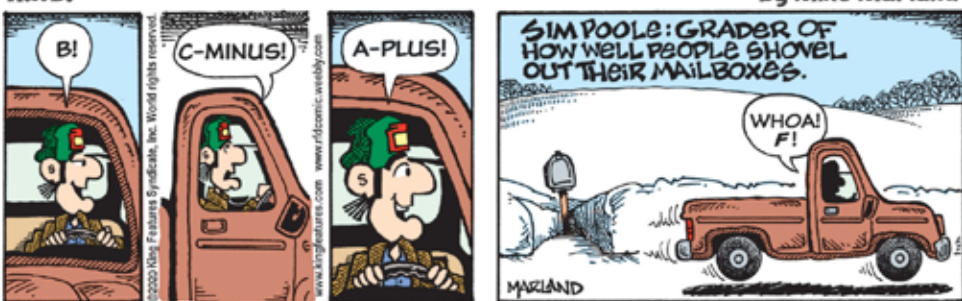
Details:

- Village season runs Mid-April to November
- Report time is 9:00 am
- Be willing to work weekends and holidays
- Provide great customer service to our guests
- Be knowledgeable about Cherokee culture
- Positions starting at \$10 per hour

Amber Waves



R.F.D.



The Spats



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Boy is missing. 2. Plant is different. 3. Flowers are different. 4. Girl's shoe has changed. 5. Tree is missing. 6. Flowers are different.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 2 John in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Esther 7, who met his death on the gallows he had built for another man? *Ahab, Elijah, Haman, Dathan*
3. In Proverbs 30, which is not listed as small, but exceedingly wise? *Ants, Flies, Locusts, Conies, Spiders*
4. From Genesis 37, who dreamed that the sun, moon and stars bowed to him? *Moses, Abraham, Aaron, Joseph*
5. Who were the two sisters of Lazarus: Mary and ...? *Ruth, Martha, Sarah, Miriam*
6. The name Barnabas means "son of ..."? *The field, Fasting, Encouragement, Tempest*

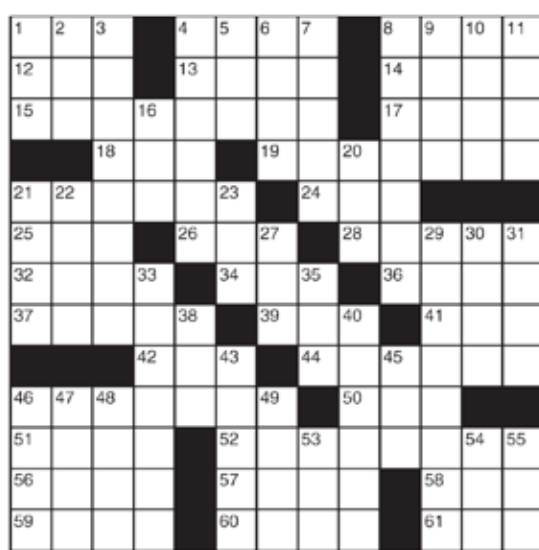
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Tummy muscles, for short
- 4 Slapstick arsenal
- 8 Scallopini meat
- 12 Press for payment
- 13 Ireland
- 14 Not working
- 15 Classic Anne Murray song
- 17 Location
- 18 Charlotte's creation
- 19 Capitol VIP
- 21 Pamper
- 24 Gun the engine
- 25 Melody
- 26 Sprite
- 28 Thin smoky streaks
- 32 Messy sort
- 34 Cut the grass
- 36 Fit of peevishness
- 37 High-strung
- 39 Michael Jackson album
- 41 — budget
- 42 Affirmative action?
- 44 About to fall asleep
- 46 Old-style hairpiece
- 50 Curved line
- 51 Neighbor of Cambodia



- 52 Increase rapidly
- 56 Scandinavian city
- 57 Sagan or Sandburg
- 58 Shooter ammo
- 59 Adolescent
- 60 Has bills
- 61 Dr. Ruth's subject
- 5 Square root of IX
- 6 Blunders
- 7 Passover feast
- 8 Compared to
- 9 Tend texts
- 10 Choir member
- 11 Ogle
- 16 Marry
- 20 Fresh
- 21 Money
- 22 Unctuous
- 23 Shade provider
- 27 Watch chain
- 29 Mountain peak covers, often
- 30 Bowlers' tar-
- 31 Remain
- 33 Blessing
- 35 Bankroll
- 38 Ply oars
- 40 Talks Dixie-style
- 43 Mirror-ball venue
- 45 Sphere
- 46 Basis for a whodunit
- 47 Relaxation
- 48 Portrayal
- 49 Chew like a chipmunk
- 53 Tractor contents
- 54 Shelter
- 55 Remiss

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? Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. HISTORY: When was the United Nations organization formed?
2. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to reside in the White House?
3. ASTRONOMY: Which planet has the largest moon in our solar system?
4. TELEVISION: Which TV series featured a character named Walter White?
5. LITERATURE: Which character appears in three of William Shakespeare's plays?
6. MUSIC: What was the original name of the rock group Red Hot Chili Peppers?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of giraffes called?
8. SCIENCE: How many main body sections does an insect have?
9. MOVIES: Which famous 1960s movie features the theme song "Everybody's Talkin'?"
10. MYTHOLOGY: In Arthurian legend, what was Merlin's profession?

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See puzzle answers page 31

advisory and project management support to Kituwah for implementing projects at the Dumping Creek property located at the I-40 407 exit in Sevier County, Tennessee. Kituwah will give preference to consultant/firm(s) that are located within a 30-minute drive of the designated property, through an open competitive bidding process in accordance with the procedure set out herein. Frequent travel and meetings will be required at property location and in Sevier County, Tennessee. In this regard, Kituwah invites proposals from interested and eligible consultant/firm(s) to provide the requested services as detailed in the full RFP announcement.

RFP – Privacy Fencing – Ela Campground

Kituwah, LLC is seeking proposals from a qualified and

appropriately licensed contractor to demo an existing privacy fence. Kituwah is also requesting of the same contractor to design and develop a new privacy fence. Located at Ela Campground 5100 Ela Rd #19, Bryson City, NC 28713. The qualified vendor is asked to follow the criteria below in providing the estimated cost for the project.

- Material: Cedar with cap and trim with steel posts
- Height: Provide estimates for 6ft and 8ft heights
- Length: Approximately 1250ft
- Schedule: Please provide a schedule for demo and construction
- Quote: Please provide quote(s) at per foot cost of the project. Demo costs broke out separately.

Please refer to contact information provided to request the full announcement

Qualification packages should include a W-9, tribal business license, proof of insurance, and any applicable licenses or certifications.

Deliver sealed proposals to the Kituwah, LLC office at 1158 Seven Clans Lane, Whittier, NC 28789, or P.O. Box 366, Cherokee, NC 28719.

Deadline for proposals are Wednesday, March 11th at 4:00pm

Contact Kristin Smith at Kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com or 828 477-4553. **3/4pd**

Requests for Proposal Kituwah, LLC

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Kituwah, LLC (Kituwah) is seeking proposals to design, supply new equipment, and install a neighborhood playground at the Parkside Villas Apartments, Shelby, North Carolina 28152. Proposals must include all related expenses from design, securing, permits, prepping of the selected site, constructing, installing, delivery and sales tax if applicable. **3/4pd**

Notice to Qualified Professionals

Request for Qualifications (RFQ)
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Housing and Community Development (H.C.D.) 687 Acquoni Road Cherokee N.C. 28719 Phone 828-359-6906
The EBCI Housing Division

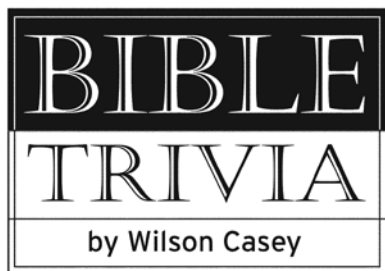
(HCD) is seeking qualified contractors and professionals who specialize in the following trades for EBCI rental properties and homes for re-sale. Work to be performed may include:

- Service, removal and installation of electrical
- All services for lawn maintenance and landscaping (brush cutting and removal)
- Fire extinguisher service

Qualified contractors and professionals will be expected to start work upon issuance of a contract. Several contractors and professionals will be selected for work. Selections will be based on hourly rate and qualifications. The HCD reserves the right to reject any and all submissions.

The work to be performed under this RFQ is subject to TERO guidelines. TERO certified vendors will be given preference. Qualification packages should include a W-9, tribal business license, proof of insurance, and any applicable licenses or certifications. Deliver sealed proposals to the HCD Main office located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC, 28719. Deadline for sealed proposals is March 6, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. Contact Michelle Stamper, michstam@nc-cherokee.com with questions or comments at 828-359-6904. **2/26pd**

Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Haman; 3) Flies; 4) Joseph; 5) Martha; 6) Encouragement



1. 1942
2. John Adams
3. Jupiter, and the moon is Ganymede
4. "Breaking Bad"
5. Falstaff
6. Tony Flow and the Miraculously Majestic Masters of Mayhem
7. A tower
8. Three: the head, the thorax, and the abdomen
9. "Midnight Cowboy"
10. A wizard

— King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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— Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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