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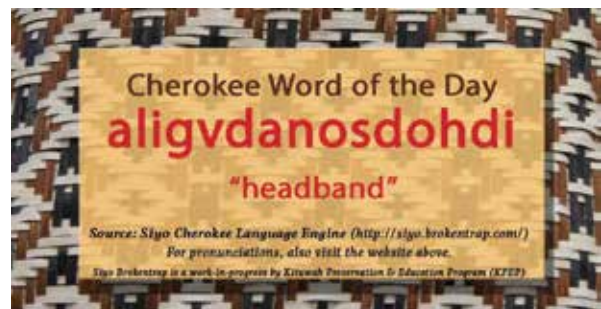
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SMILES: Amanda Swimmer (left) addresses Tribal Council following being bestowed the title of EBCI Beloved Woman on Thursday, Feb. 1 as her great granddaughter, Junior Miss Cherokee Dvdaya Swimmer, looks on and smiles.

Amanda Swimmer named Beloved Woman

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Amanda Swimmer, noted potter and fluent Cherokee speaker, has received numerous awards and honors for her artwork over the years. Now, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has given her the highest honor by bestowing the title of Beloved Woman upon her.

Tribal Council bestowed the title onto Swimmer with the passage of Res. No. 104 (2018) during its regular session on Thursday, Feb. 1. The resolution, submitted by Big Cove Rep. Richard French, was passed unanimously.

The resolution reads in part, "Amanda Sequoyah Swimmer, a member of the Big Cove

Community, has dedicated her life to the preservation of the Cherokee culture and language by demonstrating and teaching countless children and adults the art of pottery making, serving as a foster grandparent, sharing stories and knowledge of traditional Cherokee dances and practices to anyone willing to learn..."

Following passage of the resolution, Swimmer commented to the crowd, "I'm glad I'm still here and talking to you Council members. You look pretty. Stay pretty and do the right thing that you should do for the people. And, put the Lord first in everything you do. Don't leave him out. He's going to show you what you have to do. He's shown me a lot of times, and he's in my heart."

Some of the previous recognitions given to Swimmer include: North Carolina Heritage

Award (1994), honorary doctorate degree from UNC – Asheville (2005), Mountain Heritage Award (2009), and being included in an exhibition of Folk Heritage Award-winning potters (2014). She was also one of three women featured in a 2000 Native Heritage Project documentary entitled "Women of These Hills" in addition to being featured, along with other Cherokee potters, in a 2011 book by Anna Fariello entitled "Cherokee Pottery: From the Hands of Our Elders".

After the resolution was read into the record, a letter from the Swimmer family was read detailing more of her life's accomplishments.

Rep. French noted, "All of that explains everything, why I think she deserves this award and honor – all she's done."

Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell said, "I don't think

there's anyone more deserving of this award who has had an effect on this Tribe; not only her, but her family, her children, and the legacy."

Swimmer has had 10 children, 26 grandchildren, 44 great grandchildren, and 12 great great great grandchildren.

Of the legacy Swimmer's family has had on the Tribe, Rep. Shell stated, "It's had a direct, positive impact on the people of the Eastern Band of Cherokee, and I want to thank Amanda for her life and her devotion to our people... you've represented us well, and thank you for leading and guiding and correcting Council through your wisdom and your directness and begin a strong, Cherokee woman."

Swimmer was quoted in the Folk Life Program of the North Carolina Arts Council in 2009 as saying, "I always think about my old ancestors, and I ought to just keep going and keep making pottery and teaching others to make pottery."



FAMILY: Multiple generations of the Swimmer family gather outside of the Council House following Amanda Swimmer (first row, center) being named a Beloved Woman of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.



RESPECT: Big Cove Rep. Richard French (left) is shown talking with Beloved Woman Amanda Swimmer outside of the Council House on Thursday. Rep. French submitted the resolution to bestow the honor on Swimmer.



POTTER: EBCI Beloved Woman Amanda Swimmer is shown at the 20th Annual Cherokee Voices Festival at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian on June 10, 2017 where she demonstrated her techniques for making pottery.

Election problems

Voter fraud, ballot tampering alleged by audit

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An audit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' 2017 General Election and recounts alleges ballot tampering and voter fraud. The report, conducted by Veriti Consulting LLC, was completed on Monday, Jan. 29, 2018 and subsequently delivered to tribal leaders.

"In summary, it is Veriti's opinion there was ballot tampering between Election Day and the Recount due to significant internal control weaknesses in the election process and safeguarding of election documentation," the report states. "It is impossible to determine who the person or persons were that committed the alleged ballot tampering. Further analysis and review of all internal controls related to the election process should be performed to further assess, and strengthen policies and procedures."

In a letter to the EBCI Executive Office, dated Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018, Sharon Blankenship, EBCI Office of Internal Audit and Ethics chief audit and ethics executive, stated that her office retained the services of Veriti to investigate "alleged election regularities" in the Sept. 7, 2017 General Election and the recounts that followed. "Veriti completed its field work relative to

the allegations which included an independent and objective review of all pertinent documents, video recordings, and interviews with select individuals specifically regarding the elections in Birdtown, Wolfstown, and Big Y. The results of Veriti's investigation strongly suggest ballot tampering occurred."

The Birdtown Community was a large focus of the investigation. Boyd Owle (506 votes) was in first place following the General Election with a large lead over Albert Rose (431) and Ashley Sessions (419). A recount was held for the community on Sept. 13, 2017, and the total number of ballots increased by 78.

"The change in ballot counts between Election Day and the Recount resulted in the third-place candidate, Sessions, moving into the second-place position," the report states. "After challenges by both Rose and Sessions, the Board of Elections called for the Run-off election on Oct. 10, 2017, between Rose and Sessions. Rose won the Run-off election by a wide margin."

During its investigation, Veriti related that their staff toured polling locations (Birdtown, Wolfstown, Big Y), reviewed Board of Elections documents, assessed the security and safeguarding at both the Board of Elections and the BIA offices, reviewed ballots and ballot bins, and more.

In a section of the report entitled "Conclusion of Birdtown Ballots", Veriti notes, "It appears the General Election in Birdtown, specifically the Early Ballots and

Undervote Ballots, were altered between Election Day and the Recount. The fact there was an increase of 86 additional votes per the Recount and a decrease in the Undervote ballots supports our conclusion that ballot tampering occurred."

The report states the same for the Wolfstown Community. "...the discrepancy in both the Election Day and the Recount appear to be the result of possible ballot tampering with the Early Ballots and Undervote Ballots...however, in Wolfstown, there was no change in the outcome of the election results."

The finding for the Big Y precinct states, "The discrepancy in the Big Y's election process appears to also be related to the Early Ballots and Undervote Ballot tampering with votes possibly being altered to add additional votes...however, in Big Y, there was no change to the outcome of the election results."

Of particular interest in the report are the storage bins containing the ballots. Veriti noted in the report, "Each type of bin was 'sealed' shut with a numbered zip tie. However, even with the security seals in place, several bin types remained unsecured. With minimal effort, we opened the sealed bins and slid our arm in and removed ballots."

The report went on to note, "The unsecured, but sealed, storage bins would have permitted the possible manipulation of General Election ballots between the election night count on Sept. 7, 2017 and the Recount on Sept. 13, 2017.

Anyone with access to the BIA Vault could have added, removed, or altered ballots with relative ease. Based upon election data previously described, we believe this may have been the means by which an unknown person or persons altered ballots."

Another area of security addressed in the report involves the locations themselves and security cameras used in the Election Board office and at the BIA Vault where ballots were stored. "Veriti inspected the BIA Vault on four separate occasions, noting it was unlocked each time. On one occasion, all BIA staff were in a meeting room at the opposite side of the BIA building while Veriti accessed the vault unnoticed."

Cameras record all activity in the BIA hallways, according to the report, but, "The data from the cameras is stored for 30 days. When Veriti was onsite, it had been more than 30 days since any election activity."

Several tribal leaders addressed the findings in the report during the regular session of Tribal Council on Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018.

"The audit simply points out that there was ballot tampering," said Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed who referenced the ease of which auditors were able to reach into the ballot boxes. "You see a picture of one auditor pulling the box open even though it has ties on it. There're pictures of them holding it up with their other hand in there...so, ballot security is an issue."

He added, "When we're dealing with audits, it's not enough to read it and then say that needs to be corrected. The Board of Elections needs to be given direction, and they need to come back with a plan on how they're going to correct it. There needs to be a timeline in there, and there needs to be oversight. But, more importantly, there needs to be a deadline."

Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell related he was both upset and sad after reading the report, "I think it's imperative, and I think that people to need to know that, based upon the findings of this audit, that fraud was committed. Over 70 votes were tampered with."

Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle said, "We need to get our integrity back to our voting system here. It's the democratic way to go. If we have to

"...there was **ballot tampering between Election Day and the Recount due to significant internal control weaknesses in the election process and safeguarding of election documentation."**

- Election Audit report by Veriti

have a police officer standing by the ballot box, then that's maybe what we have to do. It's sad."

Echoing those sentiments, Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose said it was very disturbing, and he called for criminal charges. "They can't determine the person or persons that committed this, but you know, I'm sure we can find out. We need to find out because the anxiety in what they've done to the Birdtown

Community them three weeks from the time of the General Election to the Recount should have never happened."

He added, "Seventy-eight (78) votes just mysteriously showed up."

The EBCI Election Board said in a statement on Friday, Feb. 2, "The BOE (Board of Elections) appreciates the time and the thoroughness of Veriti Consulting during this investigation and is committed to

work on the recommendations provided. Sadly, it does seem the Board's suspicions regarding the election outcome has been validated. It is the Board's hope the investigation will continue and the person or persons responsible will be found. The BOE cannot continue to be housed in a non-secure building, we are eager to meet with the Executive Committee and Tribal Council to find a safe secure location."



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Council approves alcohol referendum question

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Following a multi-day debate on alcohol issues, Tribal Council approved a referendum question dealing with the possible establishment of a tribal package store. Res. No. 119 (2018), submitted by Paint-town Rep. Lisa Taylor, was passed as amended during a session on Friday, Feb. 2 – the initial debate on alcohol issues began on Thursday, Feb. 1. A date for the referendum vote has not been established as of press time.

The question, as presented in a floor amendment by Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose, is as follows: “To allow ABC permits to be issued to allow retail sales of alcoholic beverages on tribal trust land at a tribal-owned package store/ABC store”.

The resolution was passed 10-1 with Tribal Chairman Adam Wachacha voting against and Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahnetah absent.

The original question as presented prior to the amendment stated, “To allow ABC permits to be issued to allow retail sales of alcoholic beverages on tribal trust land at locations other than casino property”.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed made the suggestion for the floor amendment on Friday, “The question is too broad because as it stands right now there is no regulation on the front end. So, if you put this out there and it passes, then that means the next day after it is passed anybody who has four walls and wants to apply for an ABC permit to sell can do that.”

He added, “My suggestion would be to use a different question. So, if the question was, ‘do you support a tribally-owned and – operated package store?’ We could ease into it with one store to demonstrate that we have control and we know how to operate it. And, then we could build regulation afterwards for a question like this because as it stands right now there is no regulation on the books.”

Chief Sneed went on to say later, “Having a tribally-owned and –operated package store means that all of that money comes back to the Tribe. It demonstrates to the community that we have the ability to operate one and that the sky doesn’t fall. It’s just easing into the business.”

Prior to making the floor amendment, Rep. Rose stated his concerns about the original question, “I think it needs to be clarified. When it says tribal-wide, that means anywhere...is there some way we could zone it and keep it in the metro area instead of out in the community?”

Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell called for the need to establish guidelines. “We have no procedures in place, and there is no procedure or law governing that. It’s in an ordinance, but there’s no way it says to carry it out. I think it would be smart to have some sort of policy or procedure and then, once that’s approved - keeping it away from the schools, keeping it away from the hospital, keeping it away our kids-identifying where these sales could take place.”

Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle said during Friday’s debate, “I think we need a place where we can sell in

one location...and, after we get that established, then put the broader question out. I think we need to simplify our question and make it direct what the people are voting for. They wanted a referendum so that’s what we’re giving them... let’s make the question real simple, direct, precise, and then, if it passes, let’s get a package store that supplies for everyone.”

AJ Bird, a former member of the Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, noted on Friday, “The law is already in place. I think that you’re going to be wasting your time putting out a referendum to allow the Alcohol Commission to open a package store...they can do it today, by the law. They don’t have to have a referendum vote to allow that to happen.”

Bird added, “The mechanisms and the laws are already in place to determine who can and who can’t have a permit, where they can and where they cannot have a permit.”

Amy Walker, an EBCI tribal elder from the Birdtown Community, said, “These permits that people are selling now, what I just heard was we haven’t had a referendum to say they can sell that here. So, I would like to see those permits being revoked.”

A long-time opponent of alcohol, Walker commented, “I don’t see how we can ok it to be sold anywhere else here on the Boundary. I’ll bet there’s not a family sitting in here or listening that doesn’t have family members that are struggling.”

After the floor amendment was made on Friday, Rep. Taylor made a motion to add a second question to the referendum that would read,

“Do you want alcoholic beverages sold on the Boundary outside of the casino premises?” That motion did not receive a second and died on the floor.

During Thursday’s session, another piece of legislation dealing with alcohol was discussed. Res. No. 117 (2018), also submitted by Rep. Taylor, was killed 10-0 (Rep. Taylor abstained, Rep. Wahnetah absent).

The legislation stated in part, “...the Tribe’s lobbyists are hereby directed to use all means possible in the upcoming 2018 session of the NC General Assembly to have this offending section (North Carolina General Statutes 18B-101(14a), and any other sections in the N.C. General Statutes that pertain to authorization of any particular permits or licenses to be issued upon our lands that do not strictly adhere to our local referendums, to be removed or rescinded from the N.C. laws.”

At the start of debate on that issue on Thursday, Rep. Taylor commented, “I still believe that when we had the referendum, the people said at the casino only, and I don’t believe that North Carolina would pull our alcohol permits from the casino if it were to be lobbied for. We were promised a lot of per capita to vote for alcohol, but the people said only at the casino.”

She further noted, “The Alcohol Board (TABCC) law says that they’ll keep the best interest of the people, and I don’t think what they done by issuing permits was in the best interest of the people. The best interest of the people was what they went and voted on, and that was at the casino only.”

The state law [18B-101 (14a)] referenced in the legislation is commonly referred to as the “Blue Ridge Law” and states, “Tourism ABC establishment means a restaurant or hotel that meets both of the following requirements: (a) Is located on property, a property line of which is located within 1.5 miles of the end of an entrance or exit ramp of a junction on a national scenic parkway designed to attract local, state, national, and international tourists between the State line and milepost 469, provided that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, established under G.S. 18B-112, shall have exclusive authority to issue permits pursuant to this subdivision between Milepost 460 and the southern terminus of the national scenic byway at Mile-

post 469 for any restaurant or hotel that is located wholly on Indian Country Lands. (b) Is located in a county in which the on-premises or off-premises sale of malt beverages or unfortified wine is authorized in at least one city.”

Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha said passage of Res. No. 117 would be a conflict to the referendum noted in Res. No. 119. “It would kind of put this entire thing in a backspin because the Blue Ridge Bill is recognized. And, then, if the referendum passes, it would be like we’re just doing all the work and then having to turn around and undo what we did.”

Mary Crowe, an EBCI tribal member of the Yellowhill Community, said she understands that offering alcohol at the casino was a business move, but she offered

an alternative for the referendum. “Instead of doing a referendum on alcohol, do a referendum on alcohol or marijuana – honestly. Our times are changing folks. Our times are changing. You can see the medical marijuana...and the medical benefits that it has. Does alcohol have that?”

She further noted, “Look at our people right now. We’ve dealt with alcoholism all of our lives. But, let them have their marijuana, and I’ll tell you what, you would liberate this community. You would liberate this Tribe if you did that.”

Becky Walker, an EBCI tribal member of the Birdtown Community, said she is tired of the issue. “What is beyond me is what have our people said when you ask them to vote on alcohol. What do they say? No, every time, every time. Every time the people say no, but still we have this few, small group of people who somehow, their opinion and their wants and their needs outweigh the voice of the whole people. That’s just beyond me that the people of this community have consistently said no on tribal land other than the casino.”

LOVE OFFERING BENEFIT



The Johnson Family will be hosting a “Love Offering” Benefit for their brother, uncle, and friend, Bopper Johnson. Due to illness and medical treatment, Bopper has been unable to work since October 2017 at Strata Force, 616 E. 75th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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Utilities subsidies for elders discussed again

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A program that would help subsidize the power bills for elder members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has been re-submitted. The “Power to the People, Putting our Elders in the Comfort Zone” legislation was discussed and tabled by Tribal Council during its Budget Council session on Tuesday, Jan. 30.

A prior version of the resolution was passed by Tribal Council on July 6, 2017 and then vetoed by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed on Aug. 1, 2017. In his veto letter, Chief Sneed estimated the program would cost the Tribe more than \$57 million over a 10-year span.

The current legislation states, “There is not a more deserving group of tribal members that warrant assistance from our tribal government whenever possible; and many elders struggle to pay their monthly electricity bills and are faced with the difficult choice of paying certain bills, while leaving other bills to fall behind.”

If passed, the Power the People program would provide up to \$125 per month (per verified Duke Energy account). The legislation states there are around 1,150 tribal members in the five-county service area (Swain, Jackson, Graham, Cherokee, and Haywood) that would qualify. “...it is projected the eligibility and participation rate would be 50-60 percent of the total eligible elder population with an electric account in the five-county area which provides a number of approximately 630 per month (630 x \$125 = \$78,750 x 12 months =

\$945,000 per year) so the cost to initiate the project is projected to be less than \$1 million dollars annually.”

According to information included in Chief Sneed’s veto last spring, EBCI Tribal Enrollment reported that as of July 25, 2017, there were 2,137 tribal members who would qualify for the program.

The current legislation also states, “The guidelines and details of this program shall be developed and implemented by the Department of Health and Human Services (PHHS) and presented to Tribal Council within 90 days from ratification of this resolution.”

Also included in the legislation is a measure to pay for water and sewer service for EBCI tribal elders who are customers at Cherokee Water and Sewer.

The original Power to the People legislation was submitted by former Principal Chief Patrick Lambert. This latest version was submitted by former Chief Lambert, Painttown Rep. Lisa Taylor, and Walt French, and includes over 300 co-sponsors who signed a petition.

Prior to any debate on the issue on Tuesday, a letter was read into the record from former Principal Chief Jonathan “Ed” Taylor whose name appeared on the petition. “I want the community to know that I do not, nor have I ever, signed a petition in support of this resolution...I do not support the Power to the People proposal. I believe it will be an overwhelming and unnecessary financial burden to our people.”

Former Chief Lambert opened debate and commented, “Let’s not lose sight of what this is about.

This is about helping our elders because I think that’s the most important part that we’re all here about.”

He said he’s aware of prior discussions regarding the possible placement of solar panels on elder’s housing to help defray costs, and he noted that his home has solar panels and his power bill last month was still over \$300. “Solar panels are not a way to solve this problem for our elders. That can help, but so can this and this is immediate. This is something that we can do today to help our elders, and that’s why I’ve brought it back forward again.”

Former Chief Lambert added, “Why can’t we utilize the funds of this Tribe to actually do something good and positive for the people, especially our elders? Solar might be a good way to go, but I’m here to tell you it’s not the sole answer.”

Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke said she isn’t opposed to the idea but needs to see a more detailed plan and exact monetary figures and projections regarding the program. “I don’t think there’s a person sitting here that does not support the elders, but we are the keepers of the purse. We have to account for every penny that is spent.”

Savannah Wilnoty, an EBCI tribal member from the Wolftown Community, commented, “We are not against having the elder’s power bills paid, but you are not here to just look after the elders. We, our age group, needs help too. The elders, they are taken care of. Our elders of this Tribe are taken care of better than any other tribal nation in the United States.”

Sandi Owle, an EBCI tribal

member from the Birdtown Community, said, “I qualify as an elder, and I’d like to start by saying that ya’ll don’t owe me a thing...I appreciate everything that the Tribe provides to my age group. I take advantage of the \$1,000 a year to help with fuel assistance. I appreciate the Christmas Check (\$500). As a former tribal employee of over 40 years, I appreciate the pension that I receive each month...I appreciate everything that the Tribe does.”

She offered up one suggestion on how to save money on the program, “I think you should look at how many months you’re going to subsidize someone’s light bill. We have two months that we receive per capita. You could take it down to 10 months. Right there is money saved.”

Big Cove Rep. Richard French said he supports the idea, but noted it needs some work. “I think we need to table this and come back with some numbers and guidelines. Don’t just down it because not every elder has to take advantage of this.”

Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle said there are elders in the community who are struggling, and he noted that families need to step up. “The families have got to start taking care of our elders. I don’t think there’s anyone in the audience who wouldn’t pay their parent’s light bill.”

Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha noted he will schedule a work session on the legislation sometime later in the month of February.

Council approves Tribal Employee Bill of Rights

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In an effort to better protect the rights of employees of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Tribal Council passed several pieces of legislation dealing with the personnel policy of the Tribe including passage of an Employee Bill of Rights. Ordinances No. 61 and No. 63, both submitted by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, were passed during the regular session of Tribal Council on Thursday, Feb. 1.

Following passage of the legislation, Chief Sneed provided the following statement to the One Feather, "I feel the employees of our Tribe are one of our most valuable resources and those employees deserve all the protections we can provide. This bill of rights will insure our employees can have confidence that they will be treated fairly and in accordance with the personal policy. This will also ensure employees understand their responsibilities and will ensure tribal services will be undertaken by employees who are committed to the Tribe."

He went on to say, "I am grate-

ful to Tribal Council for passing these ordinance changes. This will ensure that our employees have the protection that they deserve when there is an administration change. Our employees should not fear for the safety of their job every four years. Likewise, this will ensure a

the governing policy of the Tribe."

It further states that the Handbook "shall henceforth be published and made available by other means, including electronically on the Tribe's website, and shall not be published in the Cherokee Code".

Ord. No. 63 establishes the

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- Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed

continuity of services to our community members."

Ord. No. 61 took the Employee Handbook, containing policies and procedures for all EBCI tribal employees, out of the Cherokee Code. The legislation states, "Protections for employees will be enhanced by adoption of an ordinance stating an employee bill of rights, which has been submitted as a companion ordinance to this ordinance; and publishing the Employee Handbook separately from the Cherokee Code will reduce confusion caused by the handbook's presence in the Code and will not change the fact that the handbook has been adopted as

Employee Bill of Rights in the Cherokee Code. That legislation states in part, "The purpose of codifying an Employee Bills of Rights is to demonstrate the Tribe's commitment to providing a safe and positive work environment for its employees; and employment with the tribal government is a public service and the public deserves stability and predictability in the administration of the public services performed by tribal employees and supported with tribal funding..."

The Employee Bill of Rights, as established in Cherokee Code Sec. 96-10, is as follows:

1. All employees should be treated with honesty and respect.
2. All employees have the right to regular and constructive communication from their supervisor and the EBCI.
3. All employees have the right to a fair wage.
4. All full-time employees have the right to health care benefits.
5. All employees should have a workplace free of harassment.
6. Employees should have a workplace consisting of good working conditions where safety is para-

mount and the employees have the resources to perform their job duties.

7. Employees have the right to receive the training expected for their position.

8. Employees have the right to learn through ongoing training and education so that employees can perform at a higher level.

9. Employees have the right to know the EBCI's expectations of the employee and the employee's progress toward those expectations.

10. Employees have a right to a grievance process if there are problems and issues on the job.

11. Employees have the right to recognition and praise for a job well done.

12. Employees have the right to have a balance between work and life outside work.

Section 96-11 of the ordinance speaks to employee rights during an administration change within the Tribe. It states, "All employees of the tribal government, and specifically excluding political appointees as defined in Cherokee Code Sec. 96-4, shall be protected by the corrective action or disciplinary procedures set out in the Tribe's personnel policy and procedures manual and may not be terminated, transferred, or demoted when a new administration takes office except in as provided for in the policies and procedures."

That Section was amended prior to passage to also state that changes to the policies and procedures would have to be reviewed and signed off on by both the EBCI Office of the Attorney General and the EBCI Secretary of Human Resources.



Tribal Court Report

Judgment Summary for Jan. 24

DRIVER, Rachael Christine

14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Dismissed
14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property – Dismissed
14-10.60 Grand Larceny – Dismissed

GLOYNE, Marian Heather

14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree – Dismissed After Investigation

LONG, Rustlina

14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree – Dismissed After Investigation

TOLLEY, Casandra Marie

14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Dismissed on Plea
14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Guilty Plea, 34 days active jail time, credit for time served (34 days)

WILDCAT, Tinola David

14-70.19 Resisting Lawful Arrest – Guilty Plea, 30 days jail time suspended, six months probation, waive court costs and fines
14-40.56 Assault on a Female – Dismissed, Failure of Prosecuting Witness to Appear and Testify
14-10.9 Criminal Mischief - Dismissed, Failure of Prosecuting Witness to Appear and Testify

WOLFE, Terry Lee

14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Dismissed, No Jurisdiction

Judgment Summary for Jan. 25

BIRD, Marti'ne

14-70.14 Obstructing Governmental Function – Dismissed on Plea
14-25.14 Public Nuisance – Guilty Plea, 20 days jail time suspended, 60 days probation, credit for time served (10 days)

ROSS, Austin Cain

20-154(a) Unsafe Movement – Guilty Plea, 30 days jail time suspended, six months probation, obtain Substance Abuse Assessment
14-15.6(b) Purchasing, Attempt to Purchase, Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Bever-

ages by Persons under 21 – Dismissed on Plea
14-15.6(b) Purchasing, Attempt to Purchase, Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons under 21 – Dismissed on Plea
14-10.9 Criminal Mischief - Guilty Plea, 30 days jail time suspended, six months probation, obtain Substance Abuse Assessment
20-28 Revoked License – Dismissed on Plea

SANCHEZ, Tristan Israel

14-70.18 Providing Contraband – Dismissed, Serving an Active Sentence

Judgment Summary for Jan. 31

LARCH, Allen Francis

14-34.10 Weapons Offense – Dismissed, Defendant is Unable to Stand Trial
14-25.12 Disorderly Conduct – Dismissed, Defendant is Unable to Stand Trial

MARTINEZ, Krystal Leanne

20-28 Revoked License – Dismissed, Officer Unavailable

WACHACHA, I-La-Ya-Ni Blake

14-5.3 Telephone Harassment – Dismissed, Settled in Mediation

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News from the Nations

One defendant gets life in murder of Spirit Lake Nation mother

FARGO, ND - Brooke Lynne Crews was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole on Friday, Feb. 2 for her part in the murder of Savanna LaFontaine-Greywind, a member of the Spirit Lake Nation. Greywind was eight months pregnant when she was murdered last August. The infant daughter survived and is currently in the care of her father. Crews was sentenced on a conspiracy to commit murder charge, and she also received 20 years on a conspiracy to commit kidnapping charge. William Henry Holden, Crews' co-defendant and alleged boyfriend, goes on trial on May 15. Indianz.com reported, "According to prosecutors, Crews admitted she took Greywind's baby while the victim was still alive...the crude procedure contributed to her death." Kayla Greywind, Savanna's sister, was quoted in Inforum.com, "Brooke Crews does not deserve to live. That's all I have to say and that's how I feel. Savanna deserved life. She deserved to be a mother to her child."

Indian Law Resource Center searching for new executive director

HELENA, Mont. - The Indian Law Resource Center, based in Montana with an office in Washington, DC, announced on Monday, Jan. 29 that the Center's long-time executive director, Robert "Tim" Coulter, has asked that the organization find his successor now,

while he is in good health and able to continue working. Coulter, a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, established the nonprofit organization in 1978. "Tim has decided to turn over leadership," said Terri Henry, former EBCI Tribal Council Chairwoman and chairwoman of the Center's Board of Directors. "He plans to continue working for the Center but wants to devote his time to programmatic legal work and strategy. We are fortunate that we'll continue to have Tim's input and legal guidance as we move forward as an organization." The Center has begun a search for a new executive director, and the job announcement and position description is available at www.indianlaw.org. Henry further noted, "The Board of Directors is grateful for Tim's vision and leadership. We are not looking for someone to fill his shoes, but we are searching for the right person to carry the torch - to be a national and international leader and an advocate for change and for greater respect and justice for indigenous peoples."

Ute woman charged with murder

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah - Zhondee Spring Nephi, a member of the Ute Indian Tribe living on the reservation in Ft. Duchesne, was indicted in U.S. District Court on Wednesday, Jan. 31 with one count of murder in the second degree in Indian Country. According to the Salt Lake Tribune, she is charged in the Aug. 23 death of Sukakee Manyhides. There are no pending court dates yet in this case.

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BASKETBALL

Braves, Lady Braves top Swain in road games

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

ONE FEATHER STAFF

BRYSON CITY – For the second time in the regular season, Cherokee swept Swain County. In a road game

on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 30, the Lady Braves (11-5) beat the Lady Maroon Devils by 30-points (75-45), and the Braves (12-3) followed suit with a 98-75 win.

The Lady Braves were fresh off of a heartbreaking 3-point loss at Murphy on

Saturday. “Saturday was a pretty emotional game for us, and we came out tonight and were a little flat early,” said Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach. “It took us about a half to get to the way that we play basketball. In the second half, we did a pretty good job of creating a tempo and making it our type of game.”

He added, “We haven’t been able to press successfully all year long as we haven’t been playing good, hard defense. The better we play defense, the more points we get. It’s to our advantage for the game to go really fast because we don’t have a lot of height.”

Tori Teesateskie led Cherokee with 19 points followed by Raylen Bark 11, Shelby Wolfe 10, and Timiyah Brown 9.

The first quarter was close with Swain jumping out to an early lead. They led 13-5 at the 3:08 mark and led 13-12 at the end of the quarter. From the 3:08 mark of the first, the Lady Braves went on a 16-2 run to take a 21-15 lead two minutes into the second quarter. Cherokee led by 12-points (32-20) at the half.

The third quarter was all Lady Braves as they outscored Swain 22-9 to lead 54-29 after three. Cherokee was able to get some good bench play in the fourth quarter, and they took the 75-45 win.

Other Lady Braves scorers included: Carla Wolfe 5, Jamie Lossiah 3, Naomi Smith 4, Deante Toineeta 8, and Jacee Smith 6. Lady Maroon Devils scorers included: Ashton Younce 12, Kierra Shook 4, Bri Ross 3, Grace Cabe 18, and Taylor Collins 8.

The Braves won their tenth in a row on Tuesday evening and remain unbeaten in



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INSIDE: Cherokee’s Shelby Wolfe (#14) shoots inside as Swain County’s Charlotte Jackson (#50) and Bri Ross (#23) defend. Wolfe finished the game with 10 points as the Lady Braves defeated the Lady Maroon Devils 75-45 in a game at Swain County High School on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 30.

the Big Smoky Mountain Conference.

“We responded in the second half,” said Aaron Hogner, Braves head coach. “The first half was kind of up-and-down. We’d make some runs, but then we’d slack on some things defensively and offensively, we quit doing some things that help us to be successful. But, in the second half, we picked it up and finished the game off.”

Tye Mintz led Cherokee with 27 points, 3 blocked shots, and 8 rebounds followed by Sterling Santa Maria with 17 points. Holden Straughan and Josiah Lossiah both had complete games. Straughan ended with 16 points, 8 rebounds, 5 assists, and 3 steals, and Lossiah had 6 points, 6 rebounds, 8 assists, and 2 steals.

The first few minutes of the game were very close with Cherokee leading 9-7 at the 5:24 mark of the first quarter. By the end of the quarter, the Braves had extended that lead to 24-17.

Swain closed the gap in the second, and Cherokee led 28-25 at the 4:56 mark. From there, Cherokee went on an 8-2 run to lead 36-27 with 3:32 left before the half. But again, the Maroon Devils came back, and Cherokee’s lead had shrunk to 3-points (43-40) at the half.

The Braves did respond in the second half, and the third quarter was all Cherokee as they outscored Swain 30-13 to lead by 20-points (73-53) going into the fourth. Like the Lady Braves, due to the lead, the Braves were able to get some good bench play in the final quarter, and they ended up with a 98-75 victory.

Other Braves scorers included: Tihjah Lossiah 14, Justus Day 9, Shannon Albert 2, Cade Mintz



INTENSITY: Cherokee’s Tye Mintz (#1) goes for a shot inside over Swain County’s Zeke Bradley (#12) and Jesse Waldroup (#15). Mintz led Cherokee over the Maroon Devils with 27 points, 3 blocked shots, and 8 rebounds.

2, Matthew Climbingbear 3, and Isaiah Evans 3. Maroon Devils scorers included: Brier Younce 23, Zeke Bradley 12, Jesse Waldroup 5, Gaige Southards 10, Hunter Call 3, Seth Parker 8, Bradley Vestal 12, and Jack Stuckey 2.

With the regular season winding down and the playoffs loom-

ing, Coach Hogner is happy with how his team is progressing, but notes they’re still improving. “We still have to pick up our defensive intensity. We’re rotating better as far as the help defense, but we can always get better at that. And, we need to just play fast, getting these guys to push the ball up the

court and make more than two or three passes before we get a shot off. Our shooting percentage goes up when we make about four or five passes and beyond. We’re breaking defenses down, and it helps us get easier shots.”

I'm ok with imperfections in officiating

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

There is hardly a game that goes by that I don't take a photo of a play that would overturn an official's call. No kidding, it happens just about every game.

Someone gets called for a foul when I have photographic evidence that they touched only the ball. Someone gets called out of bounds when I have photographic evidence that they were not. Someone clearly holds in a football game, their hand just full of outstretched jersey, and no call. It goes on and on.

To me, that's a part of the game. Like I've written before, officials are not perfect. They make mistakes all the time – hopefully not on purpose, but they make mistakes just like all of us. High school officials, in my opinion, have it the roughest. They get one look at each play. There's no instant replay to fall back on. It's just that one glance, that one moment, and it's gone. Well, they could ask to see my pho-

tos, but that goes against the rules set forth by the National Federation of State High School Associations which doesn't allow instant replay usage.

A few weeks ago, the NFSHSA held a meeting and approved a pilot program in New Jersey for instant replay usage for high school football games this upcoming season. The exact details haven't been worked out there yet, but they're going to give it a go this fall.

To me, that could be very cumbersome for a high school sports program. Most programs are already under-staffed or under-funded, many times both, and adding instant replay to the fray just adds to the costs associated with hosting a game as well as finding people to run the equipment.

It's different at the NFL or NCAA level where the dollar amounts involved in sports are vastly different. The National Football League first started instant replay way back in 1986 in a limited capacity, and they adopted the current system in 1999. The NCAA followed suit in 2006 with

some of the major conferences SEC, Big Ten, Big 12, and others adopting it on their own a year earlier.

In July 2016, Coach & Athletic Director magazine asked its readers the following question: Should replay reviews/coaches challenges be implemented at the high school level?

The result was pretty clear where most at the high school level fall in the debate with 85.7 percent of the respondents saying "no", 7.1 percent saying "yes", and the rest stating "not sure". The magazine did not state how many responded to the poll.

Earlier this year, Georgia State Rep. Patty Bentley (D-Butler) introduced State House Bill 667 that, if passed, would require instant replay at high school football playoff games in the state. That bill comes on the heels of the 2017 Class AAA championship game which involved a controversial call that went against Peach County – part of Rep. Bentley's district. Even if passed, Georgia High School Association would still need approval from the NFSHSA.

My main concern with all of this is funding. I just don't see some of the smaller schools being able to afford the equipment and manpower necessary to run effective instant replays. Another concern is time...do we want high school games to drag out as long as some college and NFL games? Also, there is the concern of equipment malfunctioning or not working as well as it does in larger venues. As a photographer, I can attest that some of the stadiums we shoot in are dark, dark, dark in some places – mainly near the end zones where controversial plays mean the most. Would they be able to get "indisputable" video evidence?

Overall, I think high school officials do a good job. It's an incredibly hard job. They most definitely miss calls. I know that for a fact...I see it just about every single game. But, maybe the imperfection of the game makes it special.

Spanish surrealist painted Salvador Dali once said, "Have no fear of perfection – you'll never reach it."

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DONATION: The Birdtown Community Club made a \$500 donation during the Youth Football Banquet held on Monday, Jan. 29 to the Cherokee Braves varsity football team to help with the purchase of the Braves' state championship rings. Shown (left-right) – Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle; Tye Mintz, Braves senior quarterback; Byron Locust, Braves senior lineman; Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose; and Birdtown Community Club Chairman Stephan Watty. Birdtown Community Club officials noted, "We would now like to challenge all other communities to also support the football team in their fundraising efforts."



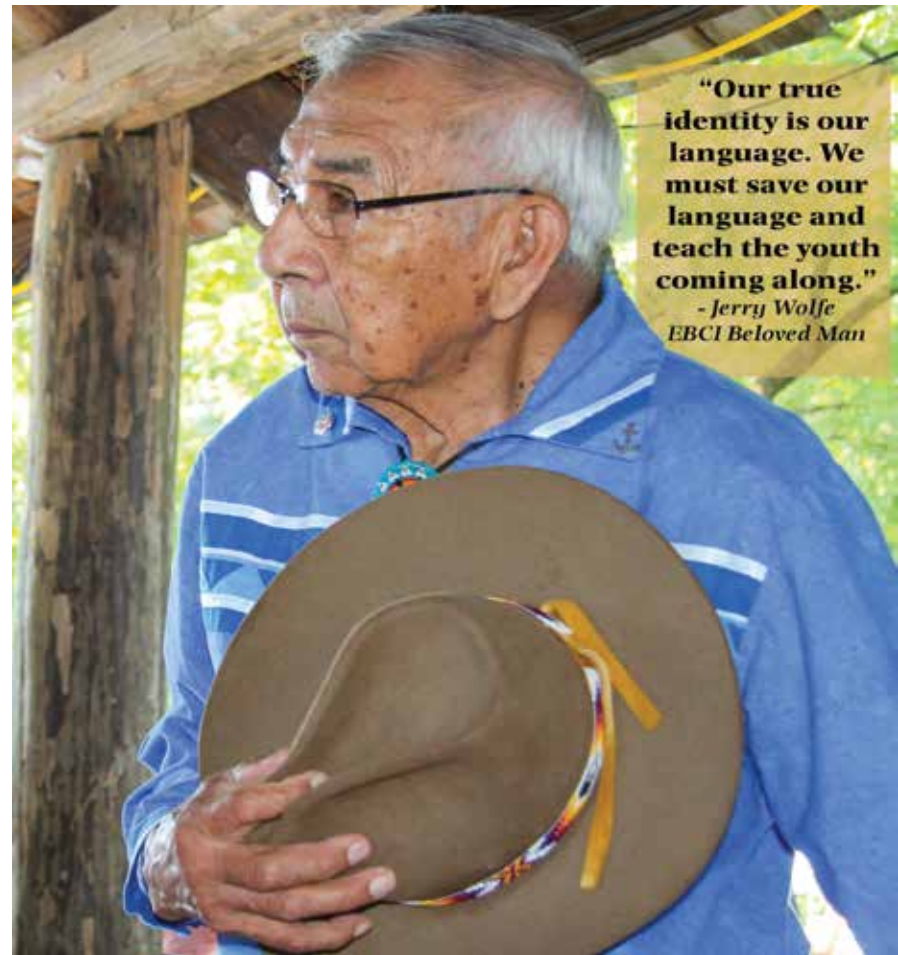
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BANQUET: Tye Mintz (seated top of photo) and Byron Locust (seated bottom of photo in jersey), both members of the Cherokee Braves 1A State Championship team, sign sweatshirts for young players during the Youth Football Banquet held at the Birdtown Gym on the evening of Monday, Jan. 29. Over 260 people were in attendance for the event which featured Mintz and Locust as keynote speakers.



Photo courtesy of Swain Pride

MILESTONE: Lynsey Hicks, an EBCI tribal member and senior at Swain Co. High School, scored the 1,000th point of her career in a 91-66 win versus Rosman on Saturday, Feb. 3.



"Our true identity is our language. We must save our language and teach the youth coming along."
- Jerry Wolfe
EBCI Beloved Man

New year, new look

Cherokee Fitness Complex renovations complete, pool open again

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Cherokee Fitness Complex underwent renovations this past summer and fall, and those upgrades are now complete.

The main areas of improvement included a replacement of the old Trane ventilation system, replacement of the basketball court surface, renovation of shower areas, and the draining and pressure washing of the pool.

"I'm glad the renovations are complete finally," said Damian Solis, Cherokee Fitness Complex manager. "It kind of slowed things down there for awhile. I think it's a good change and a positive change for the facility and our customers. We're looking forward now to moving forward."

He said the pool is now open and the Complex will resume pool classes on Monday, Feb. 5. James Bradley, EBCI Secretary of Education, told the One Feather in December, "The insurance company sent someone out and had it (pool) inspected, and they did their report. And, then, just to make sure everything was ok, they wanted to get an engineer here that specializes in pools."

He added, "We got that report, and there were some hairline cracks on the edge of the pool, but the engineer said that was nothing to worry about and it could be fixed. So, Facilities came in and patched those. So, the pool has been painted. All of the repairs have been made. Everything has been pressure washed and cleaned up."

Also in the works at the Complex is a smoothie bar which will open soon following upcoming training for the staff. In addition to the above-mentioned upgrades, much of the facility has been repainted.



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OPEN FOR BUSINESS: The pool at the Cherokee Fitness Complex is full and open again after undergoing some minor renovations.



COLORS: A large portion of the Complex, including the walls of the basketball court area, has been painted red and black which correspond to the Complex's new logo.



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RIDERS: The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians representatives for the 2018 Remember the Removal Ride introduced themselves before Tribal Council during the regular monthly session on Thursday, Feb. 1. They are shown (left-right) on the steps outside the Council Chambers: front row – Jan Smith, Brooke Coggins, Ahli-sha Stephens; middle row – Bo Taylor, Darius Lambert; back row – Nolan Arkansas and Seth Ledford. Not pictured – Lori Owle. The riders will depart from New Echota, Ga. in early June on their bike ride to Tahlequah, Okla. For more information on this year's riders, read this One Feather article from December 2017: <https://theone-feather.com/2017/12/tribe-selects-2018-remember-the-removal-riders/>.

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**Cherokee High School
Honor Rolls – 2nd quarter**

9th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Shalyn Barker, Maya Cruz, Ayden Evans, Jonathan Frady, Hayley Kever, Dreyton Long, Destiny Mills, Deante Toineeta, Felicity Watty, Emma Wolfe, Trent Wolfe

Alpha Honor Roll: Justus Armachain, Judson Bradley, John Crowe, Kyle Galanick, Rhyan Girty, Rynne Junaluska, David Maney, Mattie Maney, Shania Mathis, Shashoni Panther, Rocky Peebles, Caden Pheasant, Abigail Space, Syrena West, Dylan Woodard

Beta Honor Roll: Desiree Amos, Eeyannah Catolster-Sexton, Samantha Cole, James Davis, Marcela Garcia, Jacob Hill, Da'quan Jumper, Julian Littlejohn, Teja Littlejohn, Kalista Luther, Richard Mata, Serbando Mata, Lorenzo Ramirez, Adam Reed, Maria Reyes, Rosa Reyes, Christina Saunooke, Silas Sequoyah, Naomi Smith, Braden Taylor, Zoey Walkingstick, Calistia Wolfe, Rashonda Wolfe

10th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Raylen Bark, Destiny

Bernhisel, Tierney Bradley, David Hartbarger, Destyni Johnson, Dorian Reed, Staci Spicer, Brandon Wolfe

Alpha Honor Roll: Aiyana Cruz, Acecia Lambert, Mykel Lossiah, Breanna Mangold, Cameron Nelson, Cameron Reed

Beta Honor Roll: Maiya Davis, Deliah Esquivel, Christopher Gammon, Jacob Griffin, Kimberly Hendrix, Mikhail Hernandez, Toby Johns, Dalericka King, Christina Lee, Brian Littlejohn-Bigmeat, Lauren Luther, Cade Mintz, Jacob Norton, Taylor O'Kelley, Khyran Pheasant, Shiah Pheasant, Samantha Salazar, Rider Sneed, Bessie Swayney, Macy Swayney, Anita Trantham

11th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Averii Cotton, Joaquin Layno, Josiah Lossiah, Juanita Paz-Chalacha, Shirley Peebles

Alpha Honor Roll: Joshua French, Jerod Honwytewa, Danicka Huskey, Jamie Lossiah, Jarron Lossiah, Dustin Pheasant, Seth Smith, Tori Teesateskie

Beta Honor Roll: Jalyn Albert, Isaiah Armachain, Logan Blankenship, Damian Blanton, Tyline Blanton, Syllas Davis, Jazlyn Dunn, Isaiah Evans, Moira George, Chayton Hernandez, Kyler Hill,

William Hornbuckle, Darius Lambert, James Lambert, Terence Ledford, Tihjah Lossiah, Dylan Mangold, Landen Messerly, Brianna Murphy, Juakina Perez, Mariana Reyes, Jacee Smith, Jacob Sneed, Emma Stamper, Lataya Taylor, Derek Torres, Dylan Wachacha, Aweeusti Watty, Carla Wolfe

12th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Elias Bryant, Nathan Gaddis, Scarlett Guy, Gabriella Milholen, Robin Reed, Daniel Trampler, John Watty, Tsali Welch

Alpha Honor Roll: Antonio Bernhisel, Samantha Lee

Beta Honor Roll: Shannon Albert, Chace Andrews, Rori Bark, Jonah Bernhisel, Isaiah Bowman, Marley Bradley, Raymond Bradley, Timiyah Brown, Carrie Conseen, Jesse Crowe, Riley Crowe, William Davis IV, Damian Esquibel, Samuel Esquivel, Brennen Foerst, Latika French, Jordan Grant, Kaley Locust, Jami Lossie, Tye Mintz, Cherith Owle, Zakarias Perez, Lidia Ramirez, Elijah Rosario, CeAnna Saunooke, Ashley Schaal, Kyra Sneed, Holden Straughan, Jeremy Swayney, Jerome Thompson, Tiarra Toineeta, Anya Walsh, Macie Welch, Hailey Williams, Shanenon Wolfe, Shelby Wolfe

OBITUARIES

Tara Renee Pheasant

Tara Renee Pheasant, 41, of Cherokee, went home to be with the Lord, Sunday, Jan. 28, 2018. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of Katie Johnson and Allen (Butch) Hill of Cherokee. Her father was James Pheasant Sr. of Cherokee.

Tara is preceded in death by one sister, Cecily Hill; one brother, Shannon Pheasant; and a traditional mother, Mary Ann Bird.

In addition to her parents, she is also survived by one son, Frank

McCoy of Cherokee; one daughter, Alexis McCoy of Cherokee; one granddaughter, Bailey McCoy of Cherokee; brothers, James Pheasant Jr. and wife Dailey, and Douglas Pheasant and wife Amber, all of Cherokee; one sister, Krystal Pheasant of Cherokee; traditional sister, Michelle Long and husband Waylon of Cherokee; traditional mothers, Rachel Littlejohn, Myrtle Driver, Agnes Wolfe; and several Nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held on Thursday, Feb. 1 at Straight Fork Baptist Church. Pastors James (Bo) Parris and Charles Ray Ball offici-

ated with burial in Katie Johnson Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Pat, Dean, Waylon, Tony, Chebone, Nick, Kyler, Tohisgi, Caden, Denili, Esiah.

Rita M. Wildcat

Rita M. Wildcat, 67, of the Birdtown community, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late Andy and Annie Bird Sherrill and wife of the late Charles William Wildcat.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Burt Ute Sherrill; brothers, Lee, Andy, David and John Ute;

and her sisters, Julia Queen and Margaret Lossiah.

She is survived by her sons, Jerry Sherrill (Jennifer), Tinola Wildcat, Charles Wildcat; sister, Jessie Wildcat (Quincey); special niece, Kina Armachain; 11 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Feb. 3 at Acquoni Baptist Chapel. Pastors Jim Parks and James (Bo) Parris officiated with burial in the Sherrill Wildcat Cemetery.

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4. Get hard to reach places: Floss your teeth at bedtime.
5. See your dentist twice a year.

- EBCI Children's Dental Program

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) available

The 2018 offering of Tax Assistance begins Wednesday, Feb. 7. If your annual income is \$54,000 or less, you are eligible to have your taxes prepared at no cost at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office at 876 Acquoni Rd, located next to the Yellowhill Community Building and covered basketball court. Bring with you the following items to your appointment:

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

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

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

- EBCI Cooperative Extension Program

EBCI Enrollment deadline notice for new applicants

In order to be considered for the June 2018 per capita distribution, completed enrollment applications for new applicants to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians must be submitted to the Enrollment Office by 4:30pm on Thursday, March 15. Enrollment applications received after this date and time will not be considered for the June 2018 distribution.

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

DNA testing must be collected by Wednesday, Feb. 28 in order for the results to be in by March 15. Any DNA collected after this date is not guaranteed to be

returned by the deadline. Because of the extended amount of time in receiving a social security number for a newborn, an application will be considered complete without a social security card. However, an enrollment card will only be issued upon receipt of the social security card of a new enrollee.

Applications may be obtained from the Enrollment Office located at 808 Acquoni Rd. or at www.ebci.com.

Info: EBCI Enrollment Office (828) 359-6469

- EBCI Enrollment Office

Head Start, Early Head Start recruiting

The Qualla Boundary Head Start & Early Head Start program is currently recruiting for children age six weeks to 4-years-old. Children's services include: health and dental screenings, engaging activities, and a structured schedule. Info: Helen Martin 359-6590

- Qualla Boundary Head Start

THANK YOU LETTER

Thank you from the family of Lupe Solis

Thank You to all of those who helped out with the fundraiser for our dad, Lupe Solis. A special thank you to Gloria Hyatt, Perry Shell, Charlie Arch, and various family members and friends who went above and beyond in getting the event organized, set up and making sure it ran smoothly. Also, we would like to thank the shooters who came out, those who purchased food and co-workers/others who made monetary donations. All proceeds will go to help with medical expenses.

Thanks,

The Family of Lupe Solis

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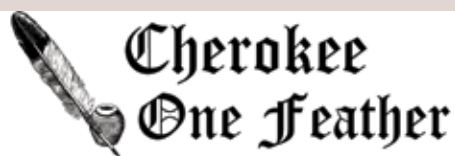
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COMMENTARY

It's a brand New Year, hope it ain't the same as the old year...

Observations and random thoughts 21.2

WILLIAM LEDFORD

It's a brand new year, 2018. I was thinking about a many things the other day and came to a realization. I wish I had some Minions. Yes, I'm talking about those little yellow guys who wander around speaking their own odd language and are at the beck and call of their master. Mine have all grown up.

Semi-kudos to the Cleveland MLB team. In case you haven't heard, they're dropping the offensive and racist Chief Wahoo logo from the team's uniforms. In 2019. In 2018 however, the logo will still be there for all to see. And, in a move to pacify the racists in Ohio who see nothing wrong with the caricature, the team will continue to sell gear with the logo in northeast Ohio. Question for you. Does anyone out there know the difference between dark chicken excrement and light chicken excrement? The answer is: there is no difference, it's all chickens@#t. Way to go Cleveland! Next, Kansas City, Atlanta, Chicago and Trump's favorite team, Washington.

When last I wrote (and was published) there was a tell-all book about the Trump Whiter House published, good reading in the "O". The esteemed AG and part-time possum Jeff Sessions decided to rescind President Obama's long-standing order to leave alone the states that have legalized marijuana sales and Donald Trump called

Haiti and a bunch of African nations, s#!thole countries. Nice. Now the news has surfaced that he wanted to fire Special Investigator Mueller last summer. Mr. Mueller seems to be putting an "obstruction" case together, nothing about collusion is being said, except by Trump, and obstruction is an impeachable offense. If Trump was innocent, wouldn't he shut up and let this play out?

My wife and I saw the film "Wind River", good action but flawed story. I say this because every film that White Hollywood cranks out depicting Native people always seems to have us needing to be saved by someone. There's always a white man around to save us. Anybody remember the Billy Jack films? That's too bad, I'm so sorry and...I do feel for you.

Speaking of Pocahontas, the true story of this little Native girl has been airbrushed, whitewashed and romanticized by Hollywood until our President seems to only know the animated Disney film version and so, throws her nickname out as a racial insult. (Don't tell him but that "name" is a nickname and means "naughty" in her language, we won't tell him her real name). Kinda wonder if his aides calm him down when he has one of his tantrums after hearing bad news and distract him by turning Tom and Jerry on. That's a shame because the true story of Pocahontas is ultimately depicted in Wind River. An ugly statistic, she was the first documented case of the abduction, rape and ultimate murder of a Native woman. Wonder why it makes me and others so angry

when Trump uses her as an insult?

I wanna heave a shout out (do people still say that?) to the Swain High School ladies basketball team for two reasons. Number one: my niece is playing on that team and I hear she's pretty darn good. I'd say that she takes after her uncle Bill but...no, I will say that, she does. Two: my niece is playing on that team. There, two great reasons to go watch the team.

And, before you start a hate mail campaign on Facebook and Twitter, remember two things, one: I don't have accounts to any of that crap, two: yes, I do support the CHS ladies BBall team, last report they were spreading around a healthy dose of KA to one and all. I don't have any nieces playing on the team, but there's plenty of homegirl representation. So, it's all good.

Last, but not least! Massive congratulations are in order for the CHS Braves football team! State champs! Things sure have changed since my days at CHS. The team has gotten larger, the players have gotten larger and maybe just a little faster. Way to go guys! Time to splurge and get some big ol' gaudy championship bling. Big ol' rings. And, make sure to wear 'em when you go to Sylva or Bryson City and wave your finger at people. Ring finger, ring finger...geez. Someone be kind enough to send me a XXL tee. Time to represent CHS in NM. Bigly.

Ledford is an EBCI tribal member currently living in Albuquerque, NM.




CHEROKEE VETERANS:

We want to share your stories.

The Cherokee One Feather would like to help you tell your stories through a column we call the "Veterans' Corner". If you or your family members would like to help you tell the Cherokee community what it was like for you while serving your community and nation, or what it has been like being a veteran, we would like to give you a forum to share your memories with the readers of the Cherokee One Feather. You don't have to be a writer. If you prefer to set up an appointment with our staff to share your moments, we will document, write, and publish your thoughts. You may send written stories to robejump@nc-chokeee.com and/or call 828-359-6482 to schedule a time for us to interview you. You may also stop by the One Feather offices at the Ginger Lynn Welch Building in Cherokee.

Thank you for your service and love for your community.

A close-up photograph of a vintage-style microphone with a mesh grille, resting on a stage. The background is dark with blurred stage lights in blue and purple.

So, as he let go of the mic, he said, "All you really need is One Feather" and then he just walked off the stage.

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Benefits/Fundraisers

Turkey Shoot. Feb. 10 at 3pm at Jesse Welch's Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. This is a benefit for kids going to Space Camp. Good prizes, good fun, good benefit.

Souper Bowl Fundraiser. March 9 (new date) from 11am – 1pm at Cherokee Choices Community Room. All proceeds will go to fund the Community Syllabary Class. \$5 for bowl of soup, bread/crackers, and drink; \$7 all-you-can-eat soup, bread/crackers, drink. Potato, taco, tomato, vegetable, zuppa toscana, and more.

Church Events

David Hansel preaching. March 1-2 at 7pm at Evangelistic Tabernacle in Bryson City. Everyone is welcome to hear Hansel who is from Richmond, Ky. Info: 488-3098

Cultural Events

Cherokee Heritage Day. Feb. 10 from 11am – 4pm at Museum of the Cherokee Indian. The free activities will celebrate the Cherokee month of Kagali, known as the "Hungry Moon" and include making a clay medallion necklace with a traditional stamped pattern, making a paper gorget, learning to shoot a blowgun, learning traditional dances, and storytelling. Info: Museum of the Cherokee Indian 497-3481 ext. 1003 or www.cherokeemuseum.org

Cherokee Syllabary and Intro to Cherokee Class. Every Monday and Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm at the 3200 Acre Tract Community Center at 1000 Old Bryson City Road in Whittier. Everyone is welcome. Info: <https://www.facebook.com/3200-Acre-Tract-Community-Center-1589774257745245/>

General Events

Cherokee Business Training "A Native

American Journey into Small Business". Tuesdays (started Jan. 30) from 6-9 pm. This five-week course costs \$65. To register, call 359-6708 or visit www.bit.ly/CBT-Winter-2018

Free Line Dance and Swing Dance Lessons. Feb. 3, and 15 at Yellowhill Activity Center. Line Dance at 6pm, Couples Swing at 6:45. Instructors: Chris Smith and Cathy Miller – line dance; Bob Canady and Sherri Booth – couples swing. Also, mark your calendar for a Sweet-heart Dance at the Yellowhill Activity Center on Saturday, Feb. 17 at 7pm. Info: 788-0502

Sawing classes offered. First class on Feb. 10 at 10am – 2pm at Big Y Community Building. The Big Y Community has partnered with BIA Forestry to host a series of classes for all Free Labor Groups and anyone interested in learning how to use a saw to cut trees for firewood. Lunch will be provided free of charge. Part 1

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WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

FEBRUARY 5-11, 2018

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckaseigee River	Stocked Oct. 3-4, 2017	Mid-day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout	BWO, Midges, Black Stone Flies, Crane Fly, Black Caddis	BWO, Girdle Bugs, Woolly Buggers, Zebra midges, stripper midges, frenchies, Griffith gnats, Hare's Ear Soft Hackle
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	N/A	Mid-day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	BWO, Crane Flies, Black Stoneflies	BWO, Girdle Bugs, Woolly Buggers, Zebra midges, stripper midges, frenchies, Griffith gnats
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Follow posted regulations-wild trout	Mid-day	Rainbow, Brown, and Brook Trout	BWO, Black Stoneflies, Midges	Woolly Bugger, Girdle Bugs, Blue Wing Olive, Zebra midges, stripper midges, frenchies, Griffith gnats

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BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, FEB. 5	TUESDAY, FEB. 6	WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7	THURSDAY, FEB. 8	FRIDAY, FEB. 9	SATURDAY, FEB. 10	SUNDAY, FEB. 11
AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE+	AVERAGE	AVERAGE+	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
4:19 AM-6:19 AM 4:42 PM-6:42 PM	5:05 AM-7:05 AM 5:28 PM-7:28 PM	5:51 AM-7:51 AM 6:14 PM-8:14 PM	6:37 AM-8:37 AM 7:00 PM-9:00 PM	7:23 AM-9:23 AM 7:47 PM-9:47 PM	8:10 AM-10:10 AM 8:34 PM-10:34 PM	8:58 AM-10:58 AM 9:22 PM-11:22 PM

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Valentin in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 1 John 3:18, "Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in ...?" *Hope, Abundance, Touch, Truth*
3. Solomon and who exchanged the memorable line, "For love is strong as death."? *The Shulamite, Delilah, Queen of Sheba, Rachel*
4. From Proverbs 10:12, "Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all ...?" *Sins, Beings, Creation, Enemies*
5. What couple's tragic death was comparable to Romeo and Juliet's fate? *Samson/Delilah, Annanias/Sapphira, Jacob/Rachel, Hosea/Gomer*
6. From Hebrews 13:4, what is honorable in all? *Love, Trust, Marriage, Worship*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Truth; 3) The Shulamite; 4) Sins; 5) Annanias/Sapphira; 6) Marriage

Comments? More Trivia? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com

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(Feb. 10) will involve hands-on sawing. Part 2 (date to be determined) will include learning to identify trees and how to fell trees safely. Part 3 (date to be determined) will include saw maintenance and sharpening. These classes are open to anyone. RSVP (for head count for lunch and supplies) to 788-4879.

Swain County Democratic Party Whittier-Cherokee Precinct meeting. Feb. 15 at 6pm at Chestnut Tree Inn (formerly Holiday Inn). Agenda items include preparing for Joe Sam Queen and the 2018 election calendar. All are welcome. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118

Indivisible Swain County NC meeting. Feb. 19 at 6pm at Calhoun House Hotel at 135 Everett Street in Bryson City. The guest speaker will be Phillip Price. All are welcome to join. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118

Swain County Democratic Party meeting. Feb. 20 at 6pm at Swain County Senior Center at 125 Brendle Street in Bryson City. All are welcome. Agenda items include: meeting place change, update on Swain County Democratic Party listening sessions, and planning for 2018 elections. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118

Talk by Sarah Sunshine Manning. March 8 from 12-1pm at Laurel Forum at UNC – Asheville. Manning, a citizen of the Shoshone and Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation and a descendant of the Chippewa-Cree of Rocky Boy, Mont., is a writer, journalist, speaker, and social science education. She will give a talk entitled “We are the Earth, We are the Land”.

Talk entitled “We Are the Earth, We Are the Land”. March 9 from 5-6pm at Ken Blankenship Education Wing in the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Sarah Sunshine Manning (Shoshone/Paiute) will share her poignant and personal story of connection to land and Earth elaborating on universal understandings of the many lessons of the natural landscapes around us. The free talk will be 45 minutes with additional time for questions. Info: Museum of the Cherokee Indian 497-3481

“From Dope to Hope” speaker. March 28 from 5:30-7:30pm in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. Tim Ryan, addiction expert and recovery advocate, and the author of “Dope Man”, will give a speech entitled “From Dope to Hope”. Light refreshments will be provided. Info: TimRyanSpeaks.com

Health and Sports Events

Catamounts Basketball EBCI Basketball Appreciation Night. Feb. 3 at 7:30pm at the WCU Ramsey Center. WCU will host Samford. Free admission for youth 12 years and younger wearing a basketball jersey. For those 13 years and older, purchase your tickets at the WCU Cherokee Center to receive a \$5 tribal discount. Info: WCU Cherokee Center 497-7920 or snsam-pson@wcu.edu

Upcoming Pow Wows for Feb. 9-11

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.

Seminole Tribal Fair and Pow Wow. Feb. 9-10 at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Hollywood, Fla. Northern Emcee: Howard Thompson. Southern Emcee: Joaquin Hamilton. Info: (800) 683-7800 ext. 11468, Wanda Bowers (954) 444-9827, Eugenia Osceola (786) 537-1905, Trudy Osceola (954) 347-6347

Bad River Wellbriety Round Dance. Feb. 10 at Bad River Community Center in Odanah, Wisc. Emcees: Mike Sullivan, John Teller. Special Invited Singers: Kenny Merrick (Mystic River), Marlon Deschamps (Northern Cree), Harvey Dreaver (Whitefish Jrs.), Joey Rainy (Midnite Express), and Marcus Denny (Northern Cree). Info: Dylan Jennings (715) 348-6594

20th Annual Cherish the Children Pow Wow. Feb. 10-11 at St. Paul Central High School in St. Paul, Minn. Co-Emcees: Jerry Dearly, Reuben Crowfeather. Host Drums: Oyate Teca, ADYC Singers. Info: No contact information given.

Annual Wildhorse Pow Wow. Feb. 10-11 in Lawndale, Calif. Emcee: Arlie Neskahi. Host Drum: Indian Hill. Info: (310) 987-1274

Benefit Stomp Dance. Feb. 10 at Mekuskey Mission Gym in Seminole, Okla. This is a benefit for the 2017-18 Seminole Nation of Oklahoma royalty. Info: No contact information given

Community Club Meetings

Big Y Community Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Big Y Community Building. For information on renting the building for your special occasion, call 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 Chairman Joe Red Cloud 269-6130, Secretary Lavita Hill 736-3126, or Treasurer Lisa Hardesty 788-1646

Birdtown Community Club meets the last Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Community Building. Potluck starts at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6pm. Chairman: Stephan Watty, Vice Chairman: Kallup McCoy, Treasurer: Deb Slee. Secretary: Sasha Watty. The community building is currently not 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 7pm at the Wolftown Community Club Building. Info: Tuff Jackson, chairman, 788-4088

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

Community Groups

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

Support Groups/Meetings

Cherokee Diabetes Talking Circle. This group, for community members with diabetes or pre-diabetes and their family and friends, meets at Tsali Manor on the third Thursday of each month from 12-

1pm. Info: Nilofer Couture, MPH, RD, LDN, CDE, 497-9163 ext. 6459 or Nilofer.Couture@cherokeehospital.org

AA and NA meetings in

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

Analenisgi Recovery Center weekly schedule for Fall/Winter 2017/18

*NOTE: All classes/groups are open to all Analenisgi clients. Support groups marked with ** are open to the community.*

Mondays

Safety WRAP: 9 -10am
Cherokee Culture: 11:15am - 12:30pm
Still Waters: 2-3pm
**Family Support: 5-6pm

Tuesdays

Native Plants: 8:30-10:30am
Employment Skills: (second and fourth Tuesdays 11am -12pm)
Taming Salolis (Squirrels): 11am - 12pm
Emotions: 1-2pm
**Self-esteem: 2-3pm
**Life Recovery: 3-4pm

Wednesdays

Safety WRAP: 9-10am
Strong Hearts Women's Group: 11am - 12pm
Healthy Boundaries: 1-2:30pm
Creative Writing: 2-3pm
**Family Support: 5-6pm
**Agape LGBT Group: 5:45-6:45pm
**HIV/AIDS/Hep C Support Group: (second and fourth Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm)

Thursdays

**Life Recovery: 8:30-9:30am
Connections (Brene' Brown): 10:30-11:45am
Finding Tohi (Peace/Balance): 1-2pm
Uncle Skills Men's Group: 3-4pm
Fridays
Creative Recovery: 9:30 am - 12pm

Cherokee Language and Culture: 1-2:30pm
Popcorn and a Movie: 2:30-4pm
Info: Analenisgi Recovery Center 497-6892.
Times and dates may be subject to change.

CIHA Bariatric Support Groups


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

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 Monday - Friday 10am - 2pm and provides counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals. Info: 497-0788


Event listings are FREE of charge. Send them to Scott at scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com or message to us on Facebook.

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK
Ganasav hia svdodagwasdi asuyagida
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Chewy, a 4-month-old Chihuahua and Pomeranian, lives with Soloman and Justiahna West in the Birdtown Community.

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




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- **Substitute Security** - Requires HS diploma or GED.

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DEFINING WCU'S NEXT CHANCELLOR

Community Forums to Inform the WCU Chancellor Search

A search for Western Carolina University's next Chancellor, replacing Chancellor David O. Belcher who went on medical leave Dec. 31, is underway. Join members of the Western Carolina University Chancellor Search Committee to provide input that will inform the position profile for WCU's next leader.

5-6:30 p.m. Monday, February 12
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YARD SALES



Yard Sale at Granny's Kitchen - Friday and Saturday Open at 8:30am; on February 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 and 24.

Yard Sale – Feb. 10 from 8am to 4pm at Painttown Community Building.



CHEROKEE DAY OF CARING


EVENT DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 17TH 2018.

The Cherokee Day of Caring (CDC) Committee is currently taking nominations for projects now through the last day of February for this coming year's Day of Caring on Thursday, May 17th 2018. This day otherwise known as Ga-Du-Gi or "Free Labor", consists of volunteers from different organizations coming together to help tribal members improve their homes, yards, gardens and other buildings. Once nominations are received the CDC 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 an EBCI enrolled tribal member
- Residence must be located in one of the ten EBCI communities



Please submit all nominations to:

DEB OWLE AT CHEROKEE PRESERVATION FOUNDATION
 Phone Contact: (828) 497-5550
 EMAIL: dowle@cherokeepreservation.org

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Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

**Cherokee Youth Council
Leadership Specialist**
(Please attach resume with application.)

**Part-Time
Resident Counselors**
Cherokee Children's Home

Food Manager
Snowbird Child Development Center

Teachers/Teachers' Aides
Snowbird Child Development Center

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

All jobs listed are
open until filled.

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

The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory. Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate.

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

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



POSITIONS OPEN

Please attach all required documents

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

Closing Friday, February 09, 2018

1. Teacher (Multiple) - Qualla Boundary HS & EHS - PHHS (L7 \$31,078 - \$38,848)
2. Teacher Assistant - Qualla Boundary HS & EHS - PHHS (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
3. Family Safety Social Worker - Family Safety - PHHS (L10 \$41,082 - \$51,353)
4. Certified Nursing Assistant - Cherokee Home Health - PHHS (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
5. Foot Patrol Officer (Tribal Complex) - CIPD - Public Safety (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
6. Carpenter Helper - Facility Management - Administration (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
7. Magistrate - Tribal Court - Judicial Branch (L10 \$41,082 - \$51,353)
8. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant (Part-Time) - Kituwah Academy - CERS (L5 \$12.42 - \$15.52 per hour)

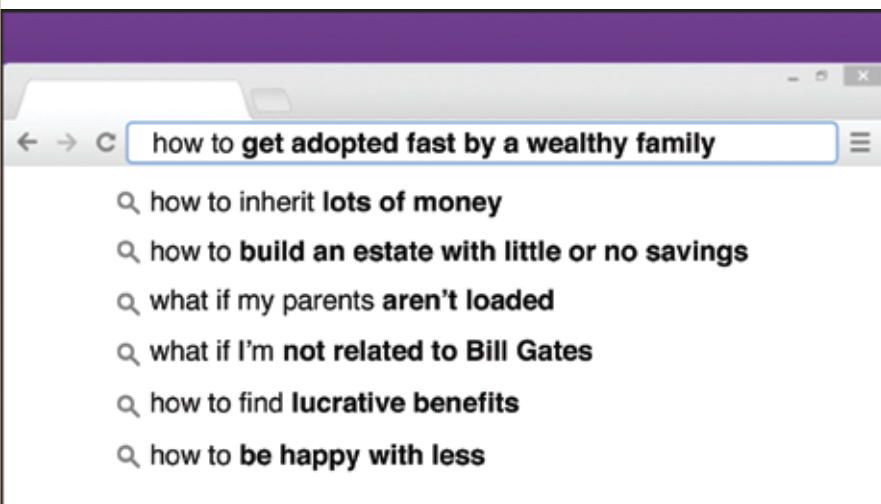
Closing Friday, February 16, 2018

1. Domestic Violence Intake Worker - DV Program - PHHS (L5 \$25,830 - \$32,288)
2. Housekeeper I - Light Duty - Housekeeping - Operations (L3 \$21,484 - \$26,855)
3. Housekeeper II - Heavy Duty - Housekeeping - Operations (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
4. Assistant Education Coordinator/EMT-P EMS - Operations (L9 \$37,474 - \$46,843)
5. Education Coordinator/EMT-P EMS - Operations (L10 \$41,082 - \$51,353)
6. Recreation Coordinator - Senior Citizens (Tsali Manor) - PHHS (L6 \$28,372 - \$35,465)
7. Driver - Transit - Administration (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
8. Recreation Aide - Snowbird Recreation - SBCC Services (L3 \$21,484 - \$26,855)
9. Program Assistant - Cherokee Choices - PHHS (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
10. Project Monitor Inspector (Multiple) - Project Management - Administration (L12 \$49,200 - \$61,500)

Open Positions

1. Paramedic Part-Time - EMS - Operations (\$16.40 - \$20.50 per hour)
2. Paramedic Full-Time - EMS - Operations (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
3. Detention Officer - Detention - CIPD (L7 \$31,078 - \$38,848)

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Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care (14 Positions)
Certified Medication Aide - (3 Positions)

To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close February 8, 2018 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **2/8pd**

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

PTR Physician – Emergency Room
To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close February 16, 2018 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **2/15pd**

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Optometrist
Physician- Emergency Room
Pedodontist
Masters Level Therapist- Snowbird Residential Treatment Center
Part Time Regular Registered Nurse - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center
RN – Tsali Care Center (2 Positions)
Emergency Hire RN – Inpatient

Emergency Hire Dental Assistant II (2 Positions)
Dentist – Satellite Clinics Cherokee County & Snowbird
Dentist
Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care (14 Positions)
Certified Medication Aide - (3 Positions)

To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions are open until filled. Indian preference does apply. **2/1pd**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
The Cherokee Court
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File Nos.: EST 13-014; EST 13-027;
EST 13-032; EST 13-035; EST 13-036

**In the Matter of the Estates of:
Randolph Scott Pheasant (d. 1/8/2013);
James Willard Smith (d. 3/19/2013);
Rose Ann Driver (d. 1/1/2013);
David Norman Watty (d. 3/27/2013); and
Wesley Driver (d. 3/7/2013)**

All persons, firms, or corporations having outstanding claims or interest in these estates are hereby notified of a hearing to settle the above named estates at the following date and time or be barred from making any further claims against the estate.
EBCI Justice Center
February 22, 2017 at 1:30pm
2/8pd

NOTICE

The Cherokee Fire Department is proposing the adoption of administrative rules pursuant to

Cherokee Code (C.C.) 143-10 and 150-4. These rules are proposed to establish reasonable civil fines for violations of the Fire Prevention Code, adopted as Tribal law pursuant to C.C. 143-6 and 143-10(b). Written comments may be mailed to the Cherokee Fire Department at Attn: Charles Bryson, 825 Acquoni Road, Cherokee NC 28719 or emailed to charbrys@nc-cherokee.com. The period for public comment is 20 days from the publication of this notice. A public hearing on the proposed rules will be held on February 21, 2018 at 5:00 PM, at the Cherokee Fire Department, 825 Acquoni Road, Cherokee NC 28719. **2/8pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-003
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Roberta Ann Davis**

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

Robert Isaac Welch, 11 Tom George Rd., Whittier, NC 28789.
(828)736-8866. **2/22pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-005
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Lorenza Dwight Walkingstick**

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
Patricia Smith Walkingstick, 439 Black Oak Cove Road, Candler, NC 28715. (828)736-8866. **2/22pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-056
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Frances Long Reed**

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
Lori A. Reed, P.O. Box 79, Cherokee, NC 28719. **3/8pd**

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Advertisement for Request for Proposal

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Housing and Community
Development Division
756 Acquoni Road
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
Phone: (828) 359-6903
Project Title: Fisher Branch Duplex
The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is requesting proposals for interested Licensed General Contractors for a multi-family housing

project. The EBCI is looking to build 2 duplexes (4 individual units) on approximately 0.8 acres in the Birdtown Community.

All interested parties should submit proposals on this project to the Housing & Community Development no later than February 23rd, 2018 at 4:00PM. Proposals should be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked RFP#2018-1 Fisher Branch Duplex.

Proposals can be sent by U.S. Mail to Housing & Community

Development, P.O. Box 455 Cherokee, NC 28719 or by Carrier to 756 Acquoni Road. Attention: Thomas (T.W.) Saunooke.

If claiming Indian Preference, please include a copy of TERO Certification.

Full RFP Requirement can be requested through the Housing & Community Development, Housing Production Program. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Thomas (T.W.) Saunooke at office: (828) 359-6903, cell: (828)

788-4824 or thomsaun@nc-cherokee.com. **2/8pd**

Request for Proposals

Project Title: Old Yellowhill Community Club Building Remodel

This is a "Request for Proposals" from General Contractors with experience in the construction of commercial and remodel projects.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Project Management Program, is soliciting proposals from general contractors for construction services for the remodel of the old Yellowhill Community

Club building in Cherokee, North Carolina.

The full project description and "RFP" will be provided to any interested party upon request. All questions, comments or requests for materials should be addressed to Chris Greene, Program Manager at 828-359-6703 or by email at chrigrree@nc-cherokee.com. The deadline for submitting proposals is 2:30 p.m. on 02/21/2018.

Indian Preference (as defined by the Tribal Employment Rights Office, TERO) applies for this RFQ. **2/15pd**



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Stop being the wool-gathering Lamb, and start turning that dream project into reality. You have the ideas, the drive and the charisma to persuade others to follow your lead. So do it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You've scored some big successes. But remember that all hardworking Ferdinands and Ferdinandas need some time to restore their energies and refresh their spirits.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're gaining a stronger mental image of what you're trying to achieve. Now look for the facts that will help get this to develop from a concept into a solid proposal.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Some of you eager-to-please Moon Children might want to delay some decisions until midweek, when you can again think more with your head than your heart.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A new business venture seems to offer everything you've been looking for. But be careful that that rosy picture doesn't betray traces of red ink under the surface.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A volatile situation needs the kind of thoughtful and considerate care you can provide right now. There'll be plenty of time later to analyze what might have gone wrong.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your loyalty to a friend in a tough situation earns you respect from people you care about. Those who criticize you don't understand what friendship is all about.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your strong work ethic is rewarded with the kind of challenging opportunity you love to tackle. Now, go ahead and celebrate with family and/or close friends.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A legal matter you thought had been finally resolved could require a second look. But don't make any moves without consulting your lawyer.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Taking charge is what you like to do, and since you do it so well, expect to be asked to lead a special group. This could open an exciting new vista for you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An important matter might wind up being entrusted to you for handling. The responsibility is heavy, but you'll have support from people able and eager to help.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A spouse or partner might make an important, even life-changing, suggestion. Consider it carefully. It could hold some of the answers you've both been looking for.

BORN THIS WEEK: You always try to do the right thing, and for the right reasons. No wonder people have come to depend on you.

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Cherokee Animal Shelter



OPEN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7:45 AM to 4:30 PM

DOGS AND CATS AVAILABLE NOW AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

42 LEE TAYLOR ROAD

497-6091

EBCI VETERANS

If you are a veteran of the United States Armed Forces and your name is not listed on the granite memorial located in the Cherokee Veterans Park, or if you have a deceased family member who was a veteran and their name is not on the monument, contact the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143.

Warren Dupree 508-2657
David McQueen 736-9572



2018 Special Census

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?

Attention Tribal members/locals

The United States Census Bureau will be arriving in Cherokee soon to begin a Special Census of all Indian Trust Land, including Jackson, Swain, Graham & Cherokee Counties. They have asked our office to reach out to Tribal Members and those living within these counties who are familiar with the following communities to help with this census.

We are looking for 150 participants interested in this program. The census will be ongoing for 4-5 weeks from the completion of your training.

Eligibility Requirements Include:

- Must be 18 years of age

- Be a U.S Citizen

- Not be employed in law enforcement

- Pass an FBI background check

- Pass a general knowledge test

Job Positions & Salaries:

- Clerks \$8.00hr

- Enumerators \$10.50hr

- Crew Leaders \$12.00hr

- Field Supervisor \$13.50hr



You may pick up and turn in applications for these positions at the Council House or Enrollment Office! Application deadline will be Friday, February 16th @ 4pm.

We look forward to your help in this Special Census

YOU COULD WIN UP TO \$50,000

LUCKY MONEY TREE GIVEAWAY FEBRUARY 17

Start accumulating entries Friday, February 9 by playing with your FREE Total Rewards® card. Earn bonus entries every day you play! Five lucky finalists will have a chance of winning up to \$50,000 by picking envelopes from our Lucky Money Tree from 6PM-10PM.

Our Lucky Money Tree Giveaway is the culmination of our Lunar New Year celebration. Before the drawings start, join us in the Rotunda as we kick the party off with confetti cannons and Lion Dancers beginning at 5:45PM. Commemorative Lunar New Year pins will be given out during the Lion Dance and the party will continue with a DJ spinning both traditional and party tunes!



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Free Total Rewards membership required. No purchase necessary. Must be 21 or older to enter casino floor and to gamble, and must present a valid state or federal photo ID upon request. Know When To Stop Before You Start © Gambling Problem? Call 1-800-522-4700. An Enterprise of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, ©2018, Cherokee Lottery Company, LLC.