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**"Whether it changes  
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got to listen to the people  
of this Tribe."**

- Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley during the debate  
on the Indiana casino protest



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# Indiana casino protest voted down by Tribal Council

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**T**ribal Council voted down a move to hear the formal protest put forth by Attorney Robert Saunooke, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, during the regular session of Tribal Council on Thursday, Jan. 14.

Saunooke's protest was of Res. No. 363 (2020), a decision passed by Tribal Council on Dec. 17, 2020 that approved the purchase of the Caesars Southern Indiana casino for a reported \$250 million. He received a response from Tribal Council Attorney Carolyn West saying that his protest did not meet the requirements to be heard and therefore would not be added to the session's agenda.

The protest was also reviewed by the EBCI Attorney General's office and they came to the same verdict.

The protest still gained enough attention that it was addressed to begin Thursday's session. Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahnetah made a move for the protest to be heard anyway, and that move received a second from Wolftown Rep. Bo Crowe. This led to more than an hour of debate before eventually being voted down 56-44.

Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley

was one of the first to step to the podium in support of hearing Saunooke's protest.

"I think when an enrolled member wants to come to the podium, and in this case here it was drafted up through a hearing, to me any enrolled member is an 'interested party'. And they're going to have financial gain or loss in any decision this Council makes. I agree with Tom and Bo. Whether it changes anybody's mind, you've got to listen to the people of this Tribe," said Vice Chief Ensley.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, who submitted the original resolution, was the primary defender of the decision made in December.

"This decision was thoroughly vetted and every decision we make is in the best interest of the Tribe... if anyone wants to sit down and go over the numbers, we're happy to do that. The assertions made in Mr. Saunooke's resolution, they're all patently false," said Chief Sneed.

Rep. Wahnetah offered a portion of his time for Saunooke to speak before Council. Saunooke said that his biggest issue with the purchase is the way in which the deal has been constructed.

"What's clear is that in October of last year you passed a resolution

that adopted some blank form as an operating agreement for this cooperation. And what else is clear is that in December, at the last minute, the last hour – Mr. McConnell [Interim Attorney General] and the Chief brought in a totally different operating agreement that changed the management, changed the appointment, and put people together into this board that will run this company. And, that operating agreement said unequivocally that this Tribe, the member of the company, will have voice, no vote, no say on this company that's been created," said Saunooke.

Another visitor who spoke in front of Council was former Principal Chief Michell Hicks. He took time to run through the projected numbers for the potential purchase. He believed that the return on investment was extremely low, and the numbers did not seem to match what was initially offered.

"I'm not here fighting diversity. I'm not here fighting the Chief or the Council. But, I've got a ton of questions that people have asked me and I'm just trying to clarify. I want this deal to go. I want the Tribe to diversify. But, the numbers have got to make sense, and that's where I'm having a little difficulty," said Chief Hicks

He also took issue with the idea that the people had ample opportunity to visit the work sessions and become educated on this major purchase.

"COVID's kind of been in the way guys," said Chief Hicks. "I didn't know this decision was this far along. That's why I came into the December Council. I didn't know we were making a final decision. Hey, maybe I could've done a better job of keeping up, but you know what? I had a lot of questions coming to me. Rightfully so. You can see why there's questions."

After continued discussion, Chairman Adam Wachacha brought forward the vote on whether to hear the protest. The 56-44 decision was against. Voting went as follows: accept the protest - Big Cove Rep. Richard French, Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahnetah, Painttown Rep. Dike Sneed, Wolftown Rep. Bo Crowe, and Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose; deny the protest - Painttown Rep. Tommie Saunooke, Wolftown Rep. Chelsea Saunooke, Chairman Adam Wachacha, Vice Chairman David Wolfe, Cherokee Co. - Snowbird Rep. Bucky Brown, Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle, and Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell.

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# Update on Catawba, Lumbee issues

**RICHARD G. SNEED**  
EBCI PRINCIPAL CHIEF

I hope you all enjoyed your holidays and are off to a great start in the new year. I have spoken often about the importance of acknowledging our blessings, and while 2020 had its share of obstacles, there were some bright spots of good news to report as well. As we look forward to 2021, I wanted to review some recent victories affecting our Nation.

As you may be aware, we have been battling an unlawful attempt to establish an off-reservation casino in our state through land acquisition by the South Carolina-based Catawba Indian Nation. The Department of Interior illegally approved this unprecedented land grab, and we are aggressively challenging their decision in federal court.

The facts are clear, and our case is strong. As a result, proponents of the illegitimate casino have sought to use congressional legislation to nullify our court case. Their efforts culminated in an attempt to insert a Catawba gaming provision into "must-pass" legislation that Congress considered over the holidays. Our team worked hard to highlight the fact that this casino is unwanted by North Carolina residents and that passage of such a bill would set a precedent for special interest groups to leverage Indian policy at the expense of the tribes and citizens everywhere. Ultimately, our view prevailed, and Catawba legislation failed to pass in the 116th Congress.

However, as a new Congress

begins, and our court case continues towards what we believe will be a positive conclusion, we expect proponents of the casino to make another attempt at legislation. We will continue to vigorously oppose any attempt to subvert the law on behalf of the special interests seeking this illicit casino.

Along with stopping Catawba legislation, we successfully beat back a direct assault on tribal identity and culture. For many years, a group of people calling themselves the Lumbee Indian Tribe have sought to become a federally recognized Indian Tribe. However, there are significant questions about the authenticity of their ancestry.

Over the years, they have falsely claimed descent from four separate historical tribes, including the Cherokee. These are precisely the types of questions that stringent processes and standards at the Department of Interior were established to investigate in order to protect legitimate tribes. But, the Lumbee have sought to avoid the scrutiny of this process, preferring a political path instead.

As North Carolina shaped up as a closely watched battleground in the presidential election, the Lumbee gained significant attention, with several politicians openly and obscenely bartering federal recognition in exchange for votes.

Legislators representing Lumbee interests made good on their electoral bargain by attempting to attach legislative language onto the year-end bills. If accepted, the provision would have bypassed all measures to authenticate the Lumbee claims and immediately grant

them federal recognition.

Politicizing the federal recognition process by substituting electoral calculations for facts and truth is a dangerous path that would compromise all Native American peoples' identities. That is why we joined with over forty other tribal nations to lead an effort to successfully block this legislation. Just as with the Catawba, we expect this issue to return in the next Congress, and we will once again be there to meet the challenge.

In closing, I want to reiterate my administration's commitment to fighting for you and the interests of our people as we both navigate the challenges and strive to capitalize on the opportunities of the future. I sincerely hope you are blessed with many successes in the coming year. I am grateful for the opportunity to represent the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians as Principal Chief.

## Good Housekeeping

### Hearty Mushroom-Barley Soup

A real rib-sticker. Get a head start by cooking the barley the day before, then cool and refrigerate until needed.

- 3/4 cup pearl barley
- 8 cups water
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 stalks celery, cut into 1/4-inch thick slices
- 1 large (12 ounces) onion, chopped
- 1 1/2 pounds mushrooms, trimmed and thickly sliced
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 5 carrots, peeled and each cut lengthwise in half, then crosswise into 1/4-inch slices
- 2 cans (14 1/2 ounce each) beef broth
- 1/4 cup dry sherry
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt

1. In 3-quart saucepan, combine barley and 4 cups water; heat to boiling over high heat. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 30 minutes. Drain.

2. Meanwhile, in 5-quart Dutch oven, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add celery and onion; cook, stirring, until golden, about 10 minutes. Increase heat to high; add mushrooms and cook, stirring occasionally, until liquid has evaporated and mushrooms are lightly browned, 10 to 12 minutes.

3. Reduce heat to medium-high; add tomato paste and cook, stirring, 2 minutes. Add barley, carrots, broth, sherry, salt and remaining 4 cups water; heat to boiling. Reduce heat; cover and simmer until carrots and barley are tender, 20 to 25 minutes. Makes about 12 cups, or 10 first-course servings.

• Each serving: About 133 calories, 4g total fat (1g saturated), 1mg cholesterol, 684mg sodium, 21g total carbohydrate, 5g protein.

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### Songbirds in winter

Missing your wild feathered friends? If you stand near some trees and make soft

"psh-psh-psh" sounds, this is bird parlance for "a predator is near," and even in winter, some birds may pop by to investigate! They may also make a few short "call notes" of their own to help warn of danger. Your best ally in this trick is the black-capped chickadee, often the first to respond. They can vary the rate or urgency of their calls to convey the distance or the immediacy of the threat. — Brenda Weaver

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# Cherokee Nation establishes first hunting, fishing reserves

**TAHLEQUAH, Okla.** - The Cherokee Nation announced on Tuesday, Jan. 12 the Tribe's first hunting and fishing reserve areas dedicated to Cherokee citizens for controlled hunts to open later this year.

Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. introduced the Cherokee Nation Park and Wildlands, Fishing and Hunting Reserve Act of 2021 to the Council of the Cherokee Nation on Monday. It will be considered for approval by the Council's Rules Committee on Jan. 28.

The legislation establishes policy for the Cherokee Nation to acquire and manage lands for the beneficial use of Cherokee citizens, conservation of natural resources, and preservation of Cherokee culture and traditions.

Under the act, the tribe has allotted more than 4,000 acres of woodland in Sequoyah County, and acreage in Craig County as the first hunting and fishing preserves. In Adair County, space is also dedicated for cultural use.

"Providing the Cherokee people with hunting and fishing reserves is another way we can practice tradition as good stewards of our land by creating suitable, dedicated space for hunting food sources, utilizing the bountiful stock of fish in our waterways and providing more cultural use for our peo-



Cherokee Nation photo

**Cherokee Nation Secretary of Natural Resources Chad Harsha and Tribal Councilors Daryl Legg and E.O. Smith** toured a new hunting and fishing reserve area in Sequoyah County, Okla. on Monday, Jan. 11.

ple," Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. said.

Cherokee Nation Natural Resources will oversee the reserve areas. Future parcels of trust property are also being considered for hunting and fishing, cultural use or archery.

"Our citizens regularly ask where they can go to hunt and fish, and now these reserves will fill that void and put to use our citizens' Cherokee Nation-issued hunting and fishing licenses," Deputy Chief Bryan Warner said. "We envision some of this space can also serve for teaching workshops from time to time to those beginners or less-experienced hunters or fishermen."

Tribal Councilors Daryl Legg and E.O. Smith of Sequoyah County joined Secretary of Natural Resources Chad Harsha to tour some of the reserve

lands on Monday.

"Providing more access to food sources and preserving our resources is extremely important," Councilor Smith said.

"Anytime we can adopt land use for our tribe and provide more services and opportunities for our citizens is a win, and I'm glad to see a reserve area in my district," said Councilor Legg of Sequoyah County.

Cherokee Nation will use the Sequoyah County property as a reserve and in part to mitigate COVID-19 by decreasing food insecurity through hunting and gathering opportunities, and providing opportunities to improve citizens' wellbeing, including as an area for those who have been exposed to COVID-19 to self-quarantine, if necessary.

The Cherokee Nation already owned the Craig

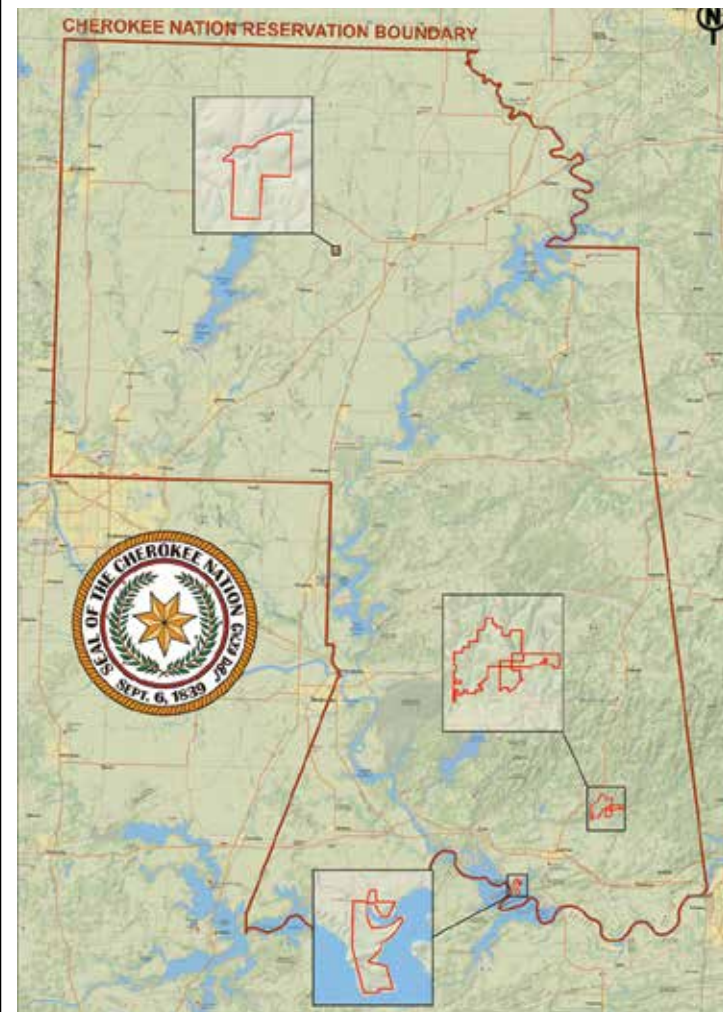
County and Adair County acreage. Chief Hoskin said Cherokee Nation will consult with the Shawnee tribe concerning the culturally appropriate use of the Craig County land because of the Shawnees' historic connection to the area.

Deer, squirrel, rabbit, turkey, dove, quail, waterfowl and fish are abundant in the reserve lands, along with mushrooms,

wild onions, wild berries, hickory nuts, wild greens and more. The land is also abundant with resources vital to Cherokee cultural beliefs and practices.

Regulations for the reserve areas and a map of locations will be available online this spring under the Natural Resources tab on [www.cherokee.org](http://www.cherokee.org).

- Cherokee Nation Release



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## CIPD Arrest Report for Jan. 3-10, 2021

*The following people were arrested by the Cherokee Indian Police Department and booked into the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center. It should be noted that the following defendants have only been charged with the crimes listed and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Mugshots can be viewed online at theone-feather.com.*

Collins, Kylie Renese - age 22

Arrested: Jan. 3

Released: Jan. 4

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Ledford, Austin Taylor - age 18

Arrested: Jan. 3

Released: Jan. 4

Charges: Resisting Public Officer, Child Abuse in the Second Degree, Driving While Impaired

Maney, Tina - age 42

Arrested: Jan. 5

Released: Jan. 5

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Panther, Jordan Phillip - age 31

Arrested: Jan. 5

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public, Communicating Threats, Resisting Public Officer, Disorderly Conduct, Second Degree Trespass

Arkansas, Crystal Beth - age 38

Arrested: Jan. 6

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public

Sneed, Thad Dustin - age 38

Arrested: Jan. 6

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Willmon, Simon James - age 48

Arrested: Jan. 8

Released: Jan. 8

Charges: Temporary Hold

Arch, Justin Michael - age 38

Arrested: Jan. 9

Released: Not released as of report date

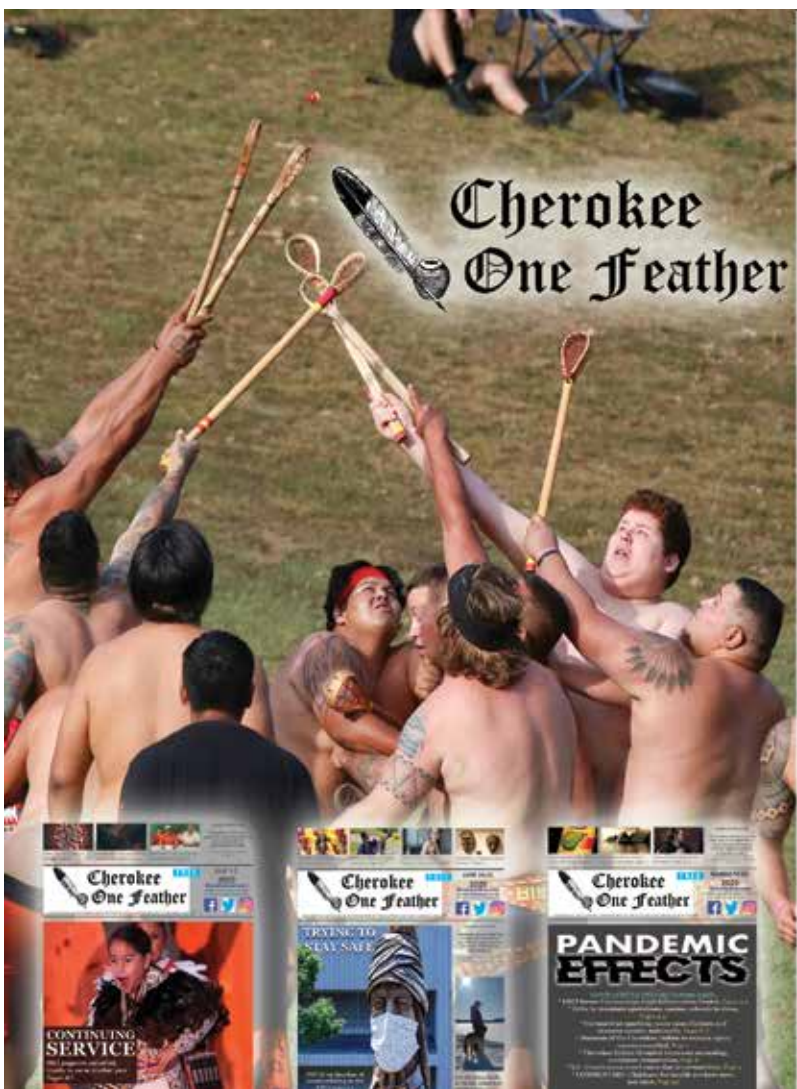
Charges: Public Nuisance, Assault on Law Enforcement Officer, Burglary, Domestic Violence, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Driving While Impaired, Revoked License, Speeding to Elude Arrest

Huskey, Justin Ryan - age 33

Arrested: Jan. 9

Released: Not released as of report date

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## CROSS COUNTRY

# Cherokee runners place at SMC middle school championship

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**KITUWAH** - Dvdaya Swimmer and Tyce Hogner both placed at the Smoky Mountain Conference middle school championship held at Kituwah on the afternoon of Wednesday, Jan. 13. Swimmer took second place in the girls race with a time 12:18 and Hogner took third in the boys race with a time of 11:30.

“We ended the middle school season on a high note with top finishes,” said Ahli-sha Stephens, Cherokee Central Schools head cross country coach. “We had low numbers due to COVID, but I’m proud of all of these athletes for sticking out the season. They improved each week. I knew I was working with a dedicated group when the kids got runs in on the weekend on their own. They wanted to get better.”

Stephens noted of Swimmer, “Dvdaya finished the season with a respectable second place finish. She slipped at the start of the race and literally had to go from the last place position to the top. I commend her dedication and heart. The last couple of weeks she juggled three sports at once - volleyball, basketball, and cross country. There were days we would meet after a volleyball game to get her workout in, and then we’d head inside to basketball. We met on weekends if it was a busy week for her, or I would get a text from Micah (Dvdaya’s father) ‘coach what’s the workout today?’. She’s a dedicated, hard worker.”

She is also proud of Hogner’s finish and season. “Tyce Hogner had an excellent year as well, placing in the top spot in most meets this year. I’m excited for him to contribute to the varsity team next year.”

The Swain Co. Middle School girls won the team title with a score of 38 followed by Hayesville with 59. On the boys side, Murphy took the title with a score of 24 followed by Hiwassee Dam-Ranger with 48.

Following are meet results, per NC-Milesplit.com, showing the top 10 runners and all Cherokee Middle School finishers:



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**Tyce Hogner**, a member of the Cherokee Middle School cross country team, took third place in the boys race at the Smoky Mountain Conference meet held at Kituwah on the afternoon of Wednesday, Jan. 13.

### Girls

- 1 - Arizona Blankenship, Swain Co., 11:46.50
- 2 - Dvdaya Swimmer, Cherokee, 12:18
- 3 - Fern Crayton, Martins Creek, 12:22
- 4 - Julia Dockery, Murphy, 13:13
- 5 - Claire Worley, Highlands, 13:39
- 6 - Halie Hill, Hiwassee Dam-Ranger, 13:46
- 7 - Annie Lewis, Swain Co., 13:51
- 8 - Savannah Burch, Hayesville, 13:56
- 9 - Claire Sherwood, Highlands, 14:01
- 10 - Jocelyn Hammond, Andrews, 14:02
- 16 - Livie Crowe, Cherokee, 14:28
- 33 - Aaliyah Reed, Cherokee, 16:41
- 34 - Joselyn Stamper, Cherokee, 16:50

### Boys

- 1 - O’Malley Salinas, Andrews, 10:54.73
- 2 - Robert Turner, Murphy, 11:00.70
- 3 - Tyce Hogner, Cherokee, 11:30.60
- 4 - Ethan Russell, Hiwassee Dam-Ranger, 11:43.20
- 5 - Ryan Payne, Murphy, 12:05
- 6 - AJ Rice, Murphy, 12:12
- 7 - Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 12:14.80
- 8 - Braiden Ledford, Hiwassee Dam-Ranger, 12:32.37
- 9 - Luke Harbin, Hiwassee Dam-Ranger, 12:34.12
- 10 - Tyler Payne, Murphy, 12:37.19
- 26 - Samuel Hernandez, Cherokee, 14:14.10





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# Lady Braves win big on road at Andrews

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**Cherokee's Deante Toineeta (#13)** drives down court against Andrews' Ravin Wright (#20) during a game at Andrews High School on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 12. The Lady Braves built up a huge 41-0 lead at the half en route to a 64-10 win over the Lady Wildcats. Toineeta led Cherokee with 12 points followed by Rhyan Girty with 11. Other Cherokee scorers included: Loshi Ward 2, AJ Hill 10, Zoey Walkingstick 8, Triniti Littlejohn 3, Praire Toineeta 9, Alexis Smith 3, and Kamia Wiggins 6. scorers included: Emily Mealer 8 and Americas Lequire 2.



**Rhyan Girty**, who had 11 points on the night, goes for a lay-up in the first half.



**Cherokee's Hill (#5)** works inside against Andrews' Wright.



# Braves edge Wildcats in away game stunner



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**Cherokee's Cameron Lane (#0)** appears to use Jedi skills to summon the ball during a game at Andrews High School on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 12. After trailing 25-18 to the Wildcats at halftime, the Braves came back to take a squeaker of a win at 47-45. Jordan Arkansas led the Braves with 15 points followed by Camden Owle with 13. Other Braves scorers included: Lane 9, Jonathan Frady 4, and Don Bradley 6. Andrews scorers included: Gage Gillespie 15, Donovan Bateman 2, Gavin Wilson 13, Andrew Martin 4, and Bryson Holloway 11.



Cherokee's Arkansas, left, guards Andrews' Bateman.



Cherokee's Bradley goes for an inside shot as Andrews' Spencer Bateman defends.



# McMillan leads Lady Braves in home opener

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## Cherokee's Lelaya McMillan (#10)

brings the ball up court during the Lady Braves home opener against the Robbinsville Lady Black Knights on the evening of Friday, Jan. 15 at the Charles George Memorial Arena. With 30 points, McMillan led the way for Cherokee who took the win with a final of 70-57. The Lady Braves' Deante Toineeta and Rhyan Girty both had 17 points as well. AJ Hill added 5 points and Kamia Wiggins had 1 to round out Cherokee's scoring. Robbinsville scorers included: Gabby Hooper 5, Desta Trammell 30, Halee Anderson 6, Yeika Jimenez 9, and Kensley Phillips 7.



Cherokee's Deante Toineeta (#13), who finished the night with 17 points, shoots a jump shot in front of Robbinsville's Anderson in the first half.



Cherokee's Rhyan Girty (#32) boxes out Robbinsville's Karcee Dodey (#33) for a rebound following a free-throw in the second half.



# Braves top century mark in home opener

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**Cherokee's Cameron Lane (#0) and Tso Smith (#15)** play strong defense inside against a Robbinsville player during the Braves home opener on the evening of Friday, Jan. 15 at the Charles George Memorial Arena. With 27 points, Smith led Cherokee as the Braves topped the century mark with a 100-81 win. Lane followed with 25 points. Other Braves scorers on the night included: Jonathan Frady 6, Jordan Arkansas 16, Camden Owle 12, Don Bradley 6, Brandon Martin 6, and Tariq Underwood 2. Scorers for the Black Knights included: Kamdyn Jordan 10, Brock Adams 11, Nathan Collins 21, Jeb Shuler 4, Brandon McLucas 9, Eddie Brooms 11, and Drey Keener 15.



**Cherokee's Arkansas**, left, who finished the game with 16 points, shoots a jump shot over Robbinsville's Keener.



**Cherokee's Lane**, who had 25 points on the night, shoots over Robbinsville's Collins.





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**Under tough conditions, in snow and a driving wind, Jaylynne Esquivel**, a member of the Cherokee High School cross country team, placed 12th at the 1A West Regional championships held at Kituwah on the morning of Saturday, Jan. 16. She previously was the runner-up at the Smoky Mountain Conference meet.





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## WCU partners for local LGBTQ project

A collaboration between Western Carolina University, the University of North Carolina Asheville and the Blue Ridge Pride Center will gather oral histories, archival materials and photos for an ongoing LGBTQ+ community research project.

The Blue Ridge Pride Center is a nonprofit founded in 2008 and estimates the region is home to some 35,000 people who identify as LGBTQ+.

Amanda Wray, project founder for the Pride Center, is an associate professor at UNCA, teaching women's studies, gender and sexuality studies, and writing and rhetoric courses. Both her academic work and her civic efforts concentrate on equity and anti-racist

rhetoric, oral history research and community engagement within higher education.

"This project is a great example of cross-institutional collaboration, showing what can be achieved through coordination, a common goal and a shared spirit," said Wray. "Our ambition is to sustain the project through grant funding, student learning and internship opportunities, and community volunteers. To date we have collected – and are in the process of digitizing – more than 60 oral history interviews and nearly 20 boxes of physical materials."

Funded by a WCU provost grant in the spring semester 2020, the Jackson County Collection

will involve undergraduate and graduate students at both universities and various community stakeholders, including the YMCA and oral history narrators. The resulting collection will be included in WCU's Hunter Library special collections and in Blue Ridge Pride Center's Virtual Pride Center. There also will be a local event in Sylva to celebrate the ongoing project in the summer or early fall.

The goal of the Jackson County Collection is to include the experiences, challenges and traditions of the Jackson County community together with a presentation of queer life throughout Western North Carolina and help engage WCU students and the public more critically and meaningfully

with LGBTQ+ lives.

"This will help the campus community and others understand how there is a history of LGBTQ+ lives here in Jackson County and at Western Carolina University," said Travis Rountree, assistant professor of English and WCU project leader.

Sarah Steiner, WCU associate professor and head of instructional services who is coordinating the collection at Hunter Library, said she "hopes it will help highlight under-represented voices in the region and support future gender and sexuality research initiatives."

The oral histories will be transcribed for use by historians, gender researchers and linguists. Erin Callahan, WCU associate professor of English, said the project will "help raise the visibility of rural LGBTQ+ populations in sociolinguistic studies of language variation, where they have been largely overlooked."

For more information, contact Steiner at [sksteiner@wcu.edu](mailto:sksteiner@wcu.edu).

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*How do you say that in Cherokee?*

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Are you ready? - tsadvnvisditsu  
I am ready - aquadvnvisdi  
Is he/she ready? - udvnvisditsu  
He/she is ready - udvnvisdi

Note: These words are from the first book provided by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Kituwah Language Revitalization Initiative in 2019.

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## OBITUARIES

### **Angelica "Angie" Conseen**

Angelica "Angie" Conseen, 67, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2020.

Angie will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Donald Conseen; her daughter, Donica Conseen; her sister, Anna Aragon; and many close family friends.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Francisco Aragon and Gregorio Aragon Jr, and her parents, Cesaria and Gregorio Aragon.

Angie was an alumni of the University of New Mexico. She helped her husband run a successful business for 42 years. She loved to read, travel, was a collector of Native American arts and crafts, and most importantly a loving mom, wife, and friend.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Advocates for Animals [www.a4awnc.org](http://www.a4awnc.org) (PayPal) or Checks can be made out to Advocates for Animals PO Box 495 Sylva NC 28779 or your local no-kill animal shelter.

A celebration of life will be planned by the family when deemed safe.

An online registry is available at: [www.appalachianfuneralservices.com](http://www.appalachianfuneralservices.com)

Appalachian Funeral Services of Sylva is serving the family.

### **Jessica "Jet" Calhoun**

Jessica Calhoun, 29, of Cherokee, passed away tragically on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021 along with her young daughter, Ah-Yo-Ka Calhoun, 5, also of Cherokee.

Known by family and friends as Jet, Jessica was preceded in death

by her grandmother, Josephine Kalonaheskie.

Jessica leaves behind her other three children, Jallen Calhoun, Atalina Calhoun, and Elvis Calhoun, all of Cherokee. In addition, she is survived by her mother, Myra Calhoun; her brothers, Jarette (Dawneena) Calhoun and Joshua Calhoun; her nieces, Elizabeth Ann Calhoun and Maggie Suella Calhoun; and her nephews: Robbert Nathaniel Calhoun, Sebastian Cruz, and Ayden Gerald Calhoun.

Jet was a full-time mommy and loved her babies above all else. She would do anything to protect her babies, her brothers or anyone she seen as family. She was a one-of-a-kind woman. She would hate and love you at the same time. She would fight with you and then give you hugs. Jet loved her many animals but she mostly has black cats which were her favorite. Jet had one special friend, Leticia Cruz "Beaver", and one cousin she was very close to, Tamera Kalonaheskie.

Funeral services were held for Jessica and Ah-Yo-Ka Calhoun on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at Long House Funeral Home with Pastor Dan Conseen officiating. Jessica and Ah-Yo-Ka were then taken to their final resting place at Littlejohn Family Cemetery on Katie Littlejohn Road for interment. Pallbearers were Jarette Calhoun, Stanley Mahan, Damian Kalonaheskie, Will West, Daniel Jordan and other family members and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

### **Ah-Yo-Ka "Yoki Bear" Calhoun**

Ah-Yo-Ka Calhoun, 5, of Cherokee, passed away tragically on

Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021 along with her mother, Jessica "Jet" Calhoun, also of Cherokee. Known by the name she loved to call herself, Yoki Bear is preceded in death by her great grandmother, Josephine Kalonaheskie.

Yoki Bear leaves behind her brother, Elvis Calhoun; her sisters, Jallen Calhoun and Atalina Calhoun, all of Cherokee. In addition, she is survived by her grandmother, Myra Calhoun; her aunt, Deana Davis that she called her Dean Dean; and her uncles, Jarette (Dawnenna) Calhoun that she knew as Waldo and Aunt Nini, and Joshua Calhoun.

Yoki enjoyed fighting with her sisters and brothers. She loved collecting Teddy Bears. Yoki was known to occasionally steal her Pop's Oklahoma Sooners jackets, shirts and hats. Yoki Bear was one baby that would make sure someone was good, and liked to make people feel better. She was a beautiful baby girl that had lots of love to give out.

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Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

### **Janene Lynn Flying**

Janene Lynn Flying, 42, of Cherokee, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021

at Mission Hospitals Memorial Campus with her loving family near her side.

Janene was the loving daughter to the late Fenton Byrd Flying of the Northern Cheyenne who made his home in Cherokee, and late mother, Dorothy Yvonne (Hornbuckle) Flying of Cherokee. Janene was a Mormon and member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Cherokee/Whittier and was a life-long Alabama Fan and UNC Fan...Roll Tide! Janene lived life to its fullest to say the least.

Janene is survived by her children, Tristin Byrd Flying (Partner Madison Long) of Maggie Valley, Robert Rattler of Cherokee, and Dominick Lawrence Flying of Candler; sister, Cheyenne Autumn Flying (Partner Jennifer Bradley) of Cherokee; aunts, Lillian Littlejohn, Gracia Harrison, Phyllis Ashenfelter, Lynda Fortner, and Nancy Maney all of Cherokee; and family in Montana, Pauline Flying.

Janene is preceded in death by brother, Fenton Stuart Flying

Funeral services were held in the Chapel of Long House Funeral Home in Cherokee on Thursday, Jan. 14. It was followed by a graveside funeral service soon after in the Hornbuckle Family Cemetery on Old Mormon Church Rd. in Cherokee with Bishop Kevin Cornelius and other Counselors officiating. Pall Bearers included Tristin Flying, Dominick Flying, Josh Silva, Leo Pete, Tino Pete and Bobby Crowe.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family.

**"According to James Mooney, What do Cherokee people call the Milky Way?"**



## THANK YOU LETTER

### Family says thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped us in some way during the passing of Kimberly "Kimbo" Crowe. We appreciate everyone of you so very much. Thank you to Uncle Mark and Aunt Bean, Mike and Elizabeth Cooper and Baymont employees (my work family), Council members Richard French and Perry Shell, Nancy Martin and Cricket Martin, and Vice Chief B. Ensley. Thank you Jack Smoker for building a fire for Bubba and keeping it going until we got her buried, Reva and Nehi, Johnson and family for the food, Sluder and singers for coming to sing at the house and the funeral home and thanks for all the flowers. Thank you Ben Reed for the service you did at the funeral home and at the grave site. Thank you Charlie Arch, Lawrence Queen and Davis Welch for digging Kim's grave. Please continue to keep my family and Kim's kids in your prayers. I pray daily that no other parent gets the phone call I got that day. Losing a child is a different kind of pain I pray no other parent has to endure.

The family of Kimberly  
"Kimbo" Crowe

# #throwbackthursday Photos Wanted



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

Send your photos to Scott at [scotmckie@nc-choerokee.com](mailto:scotmckie@nc-choerokee.com), text to 788-6908, or message them to us on Facebook.

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

***Images from Museum of the Cherokee Indian***

## Post 143 seeking contact info for EBCI service men/women

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

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

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





**Swain County Schools Native American Parent Meeting on Google.** Jan. 26 at 5:15 p.m. The code to enter this meeting is: meet.google.com/udh-jyur-app or by phone (475) 329-7356 PIN: 579 316 447#. Info: Angela Gunter, Swain Middle School, 488-3480

### **Fish Cherokee 2021 schedule**

The Catch & Keep Enterprise Waters will be closed to everyone from March 13-26. The Catch & Release Enterprise Waters are open all year for trophy water fly fishing only.

Following is a list of tournaments sponsored by Fish Cherokee, a program of the EBCI Natural Resource Program (a two-day Tribal Fish Permit {\$17} and tournament registration {\$15} is required for all) :

#### **March 27-28: Opening Day Tournament**

- \$20,000 cash prizes  
- Registration deadline is Friday, March 26  
May 29-30: Memorial Day Tournament  
- \$10,000 cash prizes  
- Registration deadline is Friday, May 28

#### **Tim Hill Memorial Tournament: July 24-25**

- \$10,000 cash prizes  
- Registration deadline is Friday, July 23

#### **Qualla Country Tournament: Sept. 4-5**

- \$20,000 cash prizes  
- Registration deadlines is Friday, Sept. 3

Tag turn-in for all tournaments is 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the EBCI Natural Resources Enforcement Office at 517 Sequoyah Trail.

Participants may purchase a Tribal Fish Permit online at [www.fishcherokee.com](http://www.fishcherokee.com) or from a local permit vendor. Children ages 11 and under may participate in

tournaments under a supervising adult's registration and fish permit. Legal fishing methods apply to everyone. Fishing hours are one hour prior to sunrise until one hour after sunset.

Info: [www.fishcherokee.com](http://www.fishcherokee.com) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/fishcherokee](https://facebook.com/fishcherokee)

- *EBCI Natural Resources*

### **WCU makes adjustments to start of spring semester**

**CULLOWHEE** – Due to a record number of COVID-19 cases, strain on critical health care resources related to COVID-19 hospitalizations, and a projected peak in cases in Western North Carolina within the next two to three weeks, Western Carolina University officials have adjusted spring operations.

Classes will begin on Monday, Jan. 25, as scheduled, but all classes will be delivered via remote instruction through Feb. 12. On Feb. 15, classes will resume as originally scheduled through in-person or hybrid instruction. Classes already scheduled to meet remotely will continue that mode of instruction.

The decision came after senior campus leaders reviewed state and regional COVID-19 activity with University of North Carolina System leadership, public health officials, and local hospital representatives in anticipation of the beginning of the spring semester.

There is no change to the academic calendar. The spring semester will conclude May 14 as originally scheduled.

To further safeguard the greater campus community, the return of students to campus residence halls will be delayed. Move-in will begin Feb. 6. Students scheduled to move in to the residence halls will receive information from Residential Living with information on

reentry testing, prorated refunds/credits, and move-in instructions.

Additional information on spring operations, including a FAQ about changes to the beginning of the spring semester can be found at [info.wcu.edu/campusupdate](http://info.wcu.edu/campusupdate).

WCU faculty, staff and students are reminded to follow Catamounts Care community standards, use community testing sites and vaccine sites as they become available, and maintain a period of quarantine where appropriate.

- *Western Carolina University release*

### **Sochan permit applications for Great Smoky Mountains National Park are due soon**

To apply online for a 2021 sochan gathering permit, please visit the EBCI Natural Resources Dept. website:

<https://cherokeennaturalresources.com/sochan-gathering/>

If you have difficulty using the online application form, contact Maria Dunlavey at [maridunl@nc-cherokee.com](mailto:maridunl@nc-cherokee.com) or 788-3628 (call or text) for assistance submitting your application.

Only enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are eligible for permits. The gathering season will run three months, from March 1 to May 31, and allow each permittee to gather up to one bushel of sochan per week. A total of 36 permits are available to be issued. If more than 36 applications are received, those applications submitted first will receive priority.

In order to receive a permit, you must also complete an annual training on regulations and reporting requirements for the sochan gathering program. EBCI staff will contact you after you submit your application with more information about how to attend a training.

Remote trainings will tentatively be held at the following times:

- Thursday, Feb. 4 at 12 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 4 at 5 p.m.

Limited in-person trainings may also be held as COVID-19 conditions allow.

EBCI Natural Resources staff noted, "We are committed to ensure that training options are available for everyone's technological and COVID-19 comfort level, so please let us know any concerns or special considerations and we will work with you to make it happen!"

- *EBCI Natural Resources Dept.*

**Turkey Shoot. Jan. 23** at 3 p.m. at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. This is a benefit for Brothers in the Wind. Virus prevention measures will be followed. Good fun, good prizes, great benefit.

## **Good Housekeeping**

### **Ham and Cheese Pitas**

The whole family will love these tasty sandwiches — they make a nice meal with any hearty winter soup.

- 2 (6-inch-diameter) pitas
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 8 slices (about 4 ounces) cooked ham, thin
- 2 ounces (1/2 cup) Jarlsberg light cheese

1. Preheat oven to 475 F. Slice each pita horizontally in half, and place cut side up on large cookie sheet.

2. Spread 1/2 teaspoon mustard on each pita half. Top each with 2 slices ham and 2 tablespoons cheese. Bake 5 minutes or until cheese melts and pitas are toasted. Cut each sandwich in half to serve. Serves 4.

• Each serving: About 150 calories, 5g total fat (2g saturated), 17mg cholesterol, 675mg sodium, 19g total carbohydrate, 11g protein.

For thousands of triple-tested recipes, visit our website at [www.good-housekeeping.com/food-recipes/](http://www.good-housekeeping.com/food-recipes/).

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# Harrah's Cherokee Tribal Scholarship Fund announces emergency COVID-19 funding

The Harrah's Cherokee Tribal Scholarship Fund has announced emergency COVID-19 funding made available to qualified educational institutions in the seven surrounding counties bordering the Qualla Boundary (Jackson, Swain, Haywood, Macon, Graham, Cherokee and Clay).

Organizations may apply for emergency funds related to personal protective equipment, screening supplies, sanitization chemicals/equipment, safe food transportation, and other qualified needs resulting from COVID-19. Funding will not be provided for staffing, payroll, gift cards, or any items not specifically related to safety.

For an application and full

qualification criteria, please contact: Yona Wade at [yonawade@ccs-nc.org](mailto:yonawade@ccs-nc.org) or 554-5032; or Sherri Booth at [sbooth@harrahs.com](mailto:sbooth@harrahs.com) or 497-8753.

- Harrah's Cherokee Tribal Scholarship Fund

**Life Recovery Bible-Based 12-step Zoom meeting.** Started Nov. 10 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Info: Deb Conseen-Bradley [kellideb@gmail.com](mailto:kellideb@gmail.com)

**Life Recovery Zoom meeting.** Started Nov. 10 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Info: Deb Conseen-Bradley [kellideb@gmail.com](mailto:kellideb@gmail.com)

**Local auditions for "Unto These Hills".** Jan. 23 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cherokee Historical Association Main Box Office. Individuals of all ages and experience

levels are encouraged to audition. Masks will be required at all times during the audition. Season Dates: First rehearsal - May 9; Opening Night - May 29; and Closing Night - Aug. 14. Info: [www.cherokeehistorical.org](http://www.cherokeehistorical.org) or <https://www.facebook.com/UntoTheseHills/>

## Greenbrier Road sections temporarily closed for bridge replacement

Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials announced that Ramsey Prong Road and Greenbrier Road, past the Greenbrier Picnic Area, will be temporarily closed to all motorists and pedestrians now through Friday, March 26. The picnic area will remain open and accessible throughout the closure period.

Ramsey Cascades Trail, Porters Creek Trail, and Backcountry Campsite 31 will also be closed through March 26 due to lack of access to these trailheads. Old Settlers, Brushy Mountain, and Grapeyard Ridge Trails will remain open, but hikers will not be able to access these trails from the Greenbrier area during the closure and should plan their routes carefully.

The full closure of these roadways to both pedestrians and motorists is necessary to efficiently and safely replace the Ramsey Prong Road bridge. Crews will be operating heavy equipment along the roads and using road sections as staging areas for materials. This work is part of a larger Federal Highway Administration project to replace seven bridges and repair seven others across the park.

For more information about temporary road closures, please visit the park website at <http://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/temproadclose.htm>.

- National Park Service release



## Cat Frees Crickets, Gecko Goes Hungry

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I have a leopard gecko named Lenetta, and I wouldn't trade her for the world. There's a problem, though. I also have a cat, and that cat always finds a way into the room where Lenetta is kept, and spends his time chasing the crickets through the plastic "kitter keeper." Sometimes it gets flipped over and the crickets escape. Then I have nothing to feed to Lenetta, and there are loose crickets all over the house. How do I get this cat to stop obeying his instinct to chase these bugs? Help, before any more crickets get loose! — Josiah from New York

**DEAR JOSIAH:** Ah, that's the thing: It's a cat's instinct to chase small, hopping things. Cats think it's awesome.

Rather than try and teach your cat not to chase crickets — a tough job that will require long-term commitment, daily training sessions and possibly some genetic manipulation to remove that hunting instinct — make it tougher for the kitter keeper to get turned over.

**Solution 1:** Duct tape. One piece on each side of the lid, being careful not to cover the air vents. If you use a cricket shaker or something similar, take out the shaker tube and secure the lid.

**Solution 2:** Camouflage. Make the cricket cage invisible. Put it on a shelf that the cat can't reach. Cover it with a thin cloth (that air can get through) or place it behind other objects. Out of sight, out of mind.

**Solution 3:** Keep the door to Lenetta's room closed. This may be more difficult because your cat clearly has figured out how to get in. Think about other ways to discourage his entry.

Good luck!

Send your pet care questions to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).

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## COMMENTARY

### USET releases statement in recognition and honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

As our nation pauses today (Monday, Jan. 18) to honor and respect the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., it is incumbent upon every American to engage in soul searching and reflection to measure our individual actions against the principles of justice and equality for all. The last several months have served as a stark and unfortunate reminder of the injustice and inequality that continues to plague our great nation; a plague which has denied us of the dream of achieving the self-evident truths as reflected in our Declaration of Independence.

In the wake of the tremendous societal and political unrest that has unfolded across our country, it is evident how much more progress must be made. In honor of Dr. King's work and ultimate sacrifice, his profound teachings must take on renewed meaning and application as part of our solution moving forward. As individuals, we must turn from injustice and embrace equality in the way we interact with each other. As a nation, we must hold ourselves fully accountable to the fact that our self-evident truths have remained beyond reach for far too many Americans, for far too long. We must hold all those who stand in the way of peace, justice, and equality accountable for their direct and intentional obstruction of our progression towards absolute exemplification of the founding principles of our democracy.

On April 16, 1963, despite the circumstances of his wrongful detainment, Dr. King once again spoke truth to power and offered us all light upon the path of righteousness as part of his Letter from A Birmingham Jail:

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an

inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly...I am sure that none of you would want to rest content with the superficial kind of social analysis that deals merely with effects and does not grapple with underlying causes...Just as Socrates felt that it was necessary to create a tension in the mind so that individuals could rise from the bondage of myths and half-truths to the unfettered realm of creative analysis and objective appraisal, so must we see the need for nonviolent gadflies to create the kind of tension in society that will help men rise from the dark depths of prejudice and racism to the majestic heights of understanding and brotherhood...Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will. Lukewarm acceptance is much more bewildering than outright rejection."

While Dr. King's dream has not yet been fully realized, and while our current reality reflects our worst nightmares, a bleak future is not a foregone conclusion to our story. There is much hope that remains for our democracy to be better and stronger, but we must demonstrate the will and desire for that change. We must lead with the simple act of respect and reverence for all of humanity, all of creation, and for Mother Earth. We must all stand up and act in the furtherance of justice and equality, as opposed to standing on the sideline of tolerance and complacency. Finally, we must all strive to eradicate nefarious distractions and rationalizations and commit ourselves to adherence to life's simple truths...right is right and wrong is wrong. This must be our moral compass and any complication beyond this simple truth is merely immoral and unethical justification. This is a responsibility and power that each of us possess.

- Commentary by USET (United South  
 and Eastern Tribes)



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Read Isaiah 45:1-25 (God's Declaration of His Anointing of Cyrus, Concerning Israel)

"Why do the heathen rage?" (is asked of the world in Psalm 2). Could it be, we might lose our basic freedoms after all that has been accomplished in these last and unprecedented years? God's desires which were prophesied for Israel, since before the time of Cyrus, have again started coming to pass. Seek God's will, while He may be found. Vote your heart, but legally vote.

We know that our God has chosen all governments and rulers, according to His purposes, and that He can set up governments or He can also take them down. He also anoints those whom He chose for His special tasks as He did with Cyrus, the only Gentile ruler in Scripture ever said to be anointed. This prophecy was given to Isaiah, at that time.

Cyrus was to allow God's city, Jerusalem, to be rebuilt, walls and all, with funding, promised and provided. He was to set the exiles free without expecting anything in return. This prophecy of God, given by Isaiah, was made 150 years before King Cyrus was ever born. It all concerned the rebuilding of Jerusalem for God's people. This was fully accomplished and can be read about it in the Book of Nehemiah.

In our day, look what has been accomplished over these last seventy-two years. Israel has been greatly blessed by God. By God's honoring of His Promise to them, the Jewish people have been returning to Israel (over 6 million people strong now) while also administratively returned to Jerusalem. Just as the Lord prophesied, Israel miraculously became Israel again in a single day, May 14-15, 1948, undersigned by then, President Harry S. Truman. The Lord had asked people during His time, "Can a nation be born in a day?" Jerusalem, by then fully-recovered to Israel, after the Six-Day War in 1967, now has been

now recognized and declared Israel's capital, instead of Tel Aviv, by President Donald J. Trump. Since Jerusalem was formally recognized as it's capital city, first, by the United States of America, with other nations to follow, our embassy address has already been changed to it's new, beautiful Jerusalem location.

At least three peace treaties have been made and signed with Israel by other nations in the Middle East, with more to come. As stated by God, in Proverbs 8:17, "I love all who love me. Those who search will surely find me." We are to find the Great Treasure He is and the hidden riches, there in the Secret Place...

God's way to save any nation, people or individual is given in 2 Chronicles 7:14. "If my people, which are called by My Name, will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my Face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." We cannot just say these words, we must mean them from our hearts, then vote and do as He has shown us or instructed each one of us.

Our God is known as a Covenant-keeping and a Promise-keeping God. As our nation has been able to bless Israel through President Trump's actions and plans, which he estab-

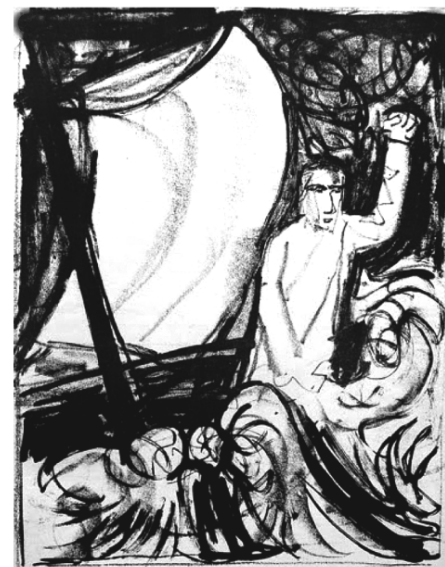
lished for us within these last four years, God will surely continue to bless our nation's successful experiment as a democratic republic. Our choices are to be from the revealed good found in each candidate, that we may continue to rest and be assured, are the ones who will support our established laws and maintain order and decorum, throughout this process. This grants us the inalienable rights given to us by our "government of the people and by the people" and are the right of a well-represented and free society. We may not always agree, but we can at least agree to disagree in a calm and wise way as we have tried to do for almost 250 years.

As a nation, our trust in God has enabled us to remain together with a common goal of civility, with peaceful, organized, and legal changes, made regularly—done with transparency and in a timely manner. Changes should always be made jointly and with full disclosure as we the people are hopefully seeing enough to make good decisions. We also must maintain a free and impartial Press to cover all sides of any issue made, to be reported to the American people and all being affected. Fairness and equality is the goal to be achieved in all negotiations. Questions must be answered.



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

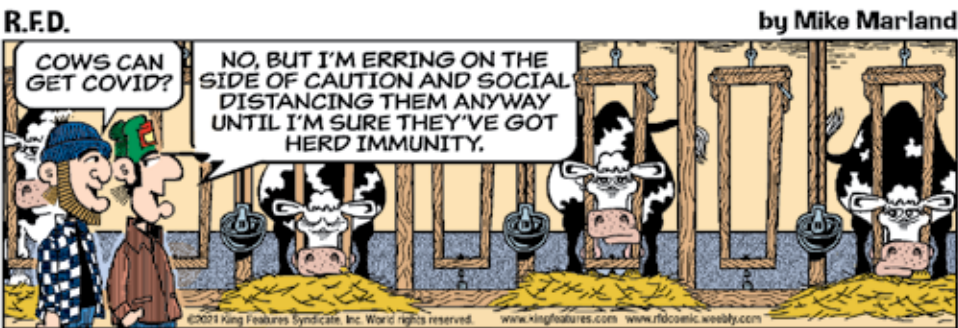
*But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy. And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm. LUKE 8: 23,24*



"Jesus Quiets the Waves" by Otto Dix (1960)



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by Linda Thistle

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1			6		9		
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	4		3				7

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

5. Picture on wall is missing. 6. Curtain is longer. 7. Letter on pillow is different. 8. Man's shirt is black. 9. Mouse design is different. 10. Lamp is missing.

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**King Crossword**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Wordsworth work
- 5 Spasm
- 8 Billie — King
- 12 Against
- 13 Granada gold
- 14 Sea eagle
- 15 500 sheets
- 16 Chess piece
- 17 Right on the map?
- 18 On an angle
- 20 Dines
- 22 Donald Duck's outfit
- 26 Birth-related
- 29 "Exodus" hero
- 30 Vitamin stat
- 31 Prior nights
- 32 Pvt.'s superior
- 33 Grant basis, at times
- 34 Seminary subj.
- 35 Take to court
- 36 Smartens (up)
- 37 Produce aisle display
- 40 Pan handler?
- 41 Rookie
- 45 Boyfriend
- 47 Business mag
- 49 Press
- 50 Formerly, once
- 51 French vineyard

**DOWN**

- 1 Law firm aide, for short
- 2 Till bills
- 3 List-ending abbr.
- 4 Brunch cocktails
- 5 "Only Love" actress Marisa
- 6 Lyricist Gershwin
- 7 Monarch's spouse
- 8 Army vehicles
- 9 Test-paper smudges
- 10 Reply (Abbr.)
- 11 Court divider
- 19 Chum
- 21 Swiss canton
- 23 Beer type
- 24 Nantes notion
- 25 Tiny amounts
- 26 Soft ball?
- 27 Say it's so
- 28 Put on the air
- 32 Be enough
- 33 Blockheads
- 35 That lady
- 36 Golfer Michelle
- 38 Closes
- 39 Full-length
- 42 Party cheese
- 43 Greek vowel
- 44 Seth's son
- 45 Wager
- 46 Historic period
- 48 Big D.C. lobby

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**BIBLE TRIVIA**

by Wilson Casey

**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the longest river in Asia?
- 2. TELEVISION: What is the name of the trashcan dweller in PBS' "Sesame Street"?
- 3. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of nuts are used to make marzipan?
- 4. MOVIES: What incantation did the fairy godmother use to transform the character in Disney's animated "Cinderella"?
- 5. MEDICAL: What is a more common name for onychocryptosis?
- 6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a male goose called?
- 7. LITERATURE: In which famous work did the phrase "eat, drink and be merry" appear?
- 8. MUSIC: What is the most watched video on YouTube?
- 9. CHEMISTRY: What is the chemical symbol of potassium?
- 10. AD SLOGANS: Which company sells its popular clothing with the slogan, "Quality never goes out of style"?

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## FOR SALE

Land for sale Big Cove Parcel 639-C and Parcel 639-B for a Total of 1.866 Acres. Flat buildable, Partially cleared, Inspected, House Sites Approved Water and Power Extremely Close. 12k, Robert Blankenship 828-736-8928. 1/20

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



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Guess what, Lamb? You're about to experience a new perspective on a situation you long regarded quite differently. What you learn could open more opportunities later.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The Bold Bovine is tempted to charge into a new venture. But it might be best to take things one step at a time so that you know just where you are at any given point.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to go on that fun getaway you've been planning. You'll return refreshed, ready and, yes, even eager to tackle the new challenge that awaits you.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child loves to fantasize about magical happenings in the early part of the week. But the sensible Crab gets down to serious business by week's end.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) What goes around comes around for those lucky Leos and Leonas whose acts of generosity could be repaid with opportunities to expand into new and exciting areas of interest.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your concern about your job responsibilities is commendable. But you need to take some quiet time to share with someone who has really missed being with you.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Aspects favor getting out and meeting new people. And as a bonus, you could find that some of your newly made friends could offer important business contacts.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You might take pride in wanting to do everything yourself. But now's a good time to ask family members to help with a demanding personal situation.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Pay more attention to the possibilities in that workplace change. It could show the way to make that long-sought turn on your career path.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your need to succeed might overwhelm obligations to your loved ones. Ease up on that workload and into some well-deserved time with family and friends.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Love rules for amorous Aquarians who can make good use of their ability to communicate feelings. Don't be surprised if they're reciprocated in kind.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Fishing for compliments? No doubt, you probably earned them. But it's best to let others believe they were the ones who uncovered the treasure you really are.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your good works flow from an open, generous heart. Nothing makes you happier than to see others happy as well.

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## STAFF

Head Strength & Conditioning Coordinator  
Dean of Library Services  
Dean - College of Arts & Sciences  
Assistant Director of Accessibility Resources

## FACULTY

Assistant Professor (Geosciences, Voice, Piano & Piano Pedagogy, Philosophy)  
Assistant/Associate Professor (Social Work, Management)

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## Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Priesthood; 3) Jephthah; 4) Red dragon; 5) Megiddo; 6) Ahasuerus



1. Yangtze River
2. Oscar the Grouch
3. Almonds
4. "Bibbidi bobbidi boo"
5. Ingrown toenail
6. A gander
7. The Bible
8. "Baby Shark Dance"
9. K
10. Levi

## King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

POEM	TIG	JEAN
ANTI	ORO	ERNE
REAM	MAN	EAST
ASLOPE	SUPS	
	SAILORSUIT	
NATAL	ARI	RDA
EVES	SGT	NEED
REL	SUE	WISES
FRESH	FRUIT	
	CHEF	NEWBIE
BEAU	INC	IRON
ERST	CRU	TITO
TATS	EAT	SEAS

## Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

3	5	4	6	9	1	7	8	2
6	8	1	2	4	7	3	9	5
2	9	7	5	8	3	4	1	6
4	1	3	8	7	6	2	5	9
8	6	2	4	5	9	1	3	7
5	7	9	1	3	2	8	6	4
1	2	8	7	6	5	9	4	3
7	3	5	9	1	4	6	2	8
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# Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory. Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates or readvertise positions without notice.

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

## Open Until Filled:

**Children's Home**  
PT Residential Counselor -  
two positions

## Agelink Childcare Center

Full Time - Lead Teacher  
Full Time - Teacher  
Assistant  
Full Time - Kitchen Aide  
Full Time - School Age  
Group Leader  
Full Time - Custodian  
Part Time Contract  
Position -  
Tutor/School Age  
Virtual Program



# CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Closing Thursday, January 21, 2021**  
Master Level Therapist (Grant Funded)  
Billing Technician II

**Closing Thursday, January 28, 2021**  
Case Management Support

### Open Until Filled

Analenisgi Inpatient Technician  
Behavioral Health RN (Grant Funded) - Analenisgi  
Billing Technician II  
Business Analyst  
Certified Medical Assistant (Grant Funded)  
CMA / LPN - Primary Care  
Case Management Support - Primary Care  
CNA/Medical Clerk - Inpatient (Multiple)  
Data Analyst  
Dental Assistant II (Multiple)  
Dentist  
Dentist - Satellite Clinics  
Dietary Services Supervisor - Patient Side  
EVS Technician  
Licensed Practical Nurse - Immediate Care Center  
Masters Level Therapist - Adult/Analenisgi  
Medical Lab Technician (Emergency Hire)  
Medical Social Worker  
Medication Assisted Treatment Manager  
Pedodontist  
Psychiatry Mid-Level  
PTI Analenisgi Inpatient Technician (Multiple)  
PTI CNA/Medical Clerk - Inpatient  
PTI Registered Nurse - Analenisgi Inpatient (Multiple)  
PTI Registered Nurse - Inpatient  
PTR Clinical Dietitian  
Registered Nurse - Inpatient  
RN Care Manager - Pediatrics  
Targeted Case Manager - Integrated Classroom

### Tsali Care Center

#### Open Until Filled

Certified Nursing Assistant - (Full Time- Starting Pay \$14.36/Hr. + Retention Bonus Eligible)  
Certified Nursing Assistant (Part Time Intermittent - Starting Pay \$14.36/Hr.)  
Cook Aid  
Housekeeper - Tsali Care Center (day shift)  
License Practical Nurse (Full Time)  
License Practical Nurse (Part Time Regular w/Benefits)  
Registered Nurse (Part Time Intermittent)  
RN Supervisor (Part Time Regular w/Benefits)

**To apply, visit [careers.cherokeehospital.org](https://careers.cherokeehospital.org)**  
**If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR Dept. at**  
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## EMPLOYMENT

### Kituwah, LLC has the following job available:

Accounting Clerk II – This job will be located at Cardinal Homes in Wylliesburg, VA

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description at the Kituwah, LLC Office between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday -Thursday or email Kristin Smith @kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com This position will close January 29th, 2021 at 4pm

Indian preference does apply, and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of application. 1/28

## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

EBCI THE CHEROKEE COURT  
CHEROKEE, NC

FILE NO.: CV 17-388

Dustin French, Plaintiff

Gary French, Intervenor

Margaret French, Intervenor

v.

Kelly Long, Defendant

In Re: D.F. & K.F.

TO: Kelly Long, Defendant

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action.

The nature of the relief being sought is Motion to Intervene and Custody Modification of the aforementioned-minor children. You are required to make defense to this pleading not later than February 16, 2021, said date being 40 days from the first date of this publication, and upon your failure

to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for child custody over the minor child.

This is the 6th day of January 2020.

Stephanie-Lyn S. Lepre  
Attorney for Petitioner  
EBCI Legal Assistance Office

PO Box 2280

Cherokee, NC 28719

828.359.7400

N.C.G.S.\_1A-1, Rule 4(j1).

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File No. 20-104

**In the Matter of the Estate of  
William Paul Owle**

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

Michelle L. Owle-Smith

P.O. Box 284

Cherokee, NC 28719

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File No. 21-109

**In the Matter of the Estate of  
JANE WOLFE**

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

## GWY TJBOO O'PODL TYOIGOOJ Tsalagi idiyvwiya ulisgeda igisdawadvsdi Cherokee Core Values

O'GV.OBU T'SLHO'DET - uwadohiyvda igadatsisgvi  
**Group Harmony**  
SUUWJ.OO'FOOJ GWY TJOHOOY - dedadasaladisgesdi Tsalagi idiwonisgi

DL0-VY LGLFOOJ - adanvdogi dayudalenvhi  
**Spirituality**  
O'AWOJ TJHVO'FOOJ - unelenvhi idinvgwo disgesdi

O'CHYL DL0-LI - utlinigida adanvtedi  
**Strong Individual Character**  
ISCJ F4OOJ - vgatiye gesesdi

APCJ JSLO'T - golitsvhi digadalenvi  
**Sense of Place**  
TJHVO'FOOJ JSLO'T - idilvgwo disgesdi digadalenvi

JH6C SS6.OO'FOOJ - diniyotli dedeyohvsagesdi  
**Educating Children (Education)**  
JH6C SS6.OO'FOOJ  
SVOH.OOJ ZJ TJGWY TS6OJ - diniyotli dedehvsagesdi gawonihisdi  
nole iditsalagi igadvnedi

O'FPFOJ ZJ O'OCJ DL0-LI - ulihelisdi nole uwotsvdi adanvtedi  
**Sense of Humor**

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Amy J. Smoker  
P.O. Box 1516  
Cherokee, NC 28719

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## **BIDS, RFPs, etc.**

### **Notice to Qualified Professionals Request for Qualifications (RFQ)**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Housing & Community Development/Healthy Homes

The EBCI Housing Division invites statements of qualifications from contractors for Healthy Home assessments.

The purpose of the RFQ process is to establish a short list of contractors capable of successfully completing assessments subject to HUD guidelines. Contractors may be selected to complete an initial and follow up assessment of single-family residences. Properties are located on the Qualla Boundary including Cherokee and Graham counties. Qualified contractors and professionals will be expected to start work upon issuance of a contract. Please submit qualification package with all information. Statement of Qualifications should include the following:

1. The number of assessors available for on call/as needed.
2. How much notice is needed for on-call/as needed to report to the Housing Division.
3. Assessment cost.
4. Professional references (3)

The HCD reserves the right to

reject any and all submissions. TERO certified vendors will be given preference. Qualification packages should include a W-9, tribal business license, proof of insurance, and any applicable licenses or certifications. Deliver sealed proposals to the HCD Main office located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC, 28719. Deadline for sealed proposals is January 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

Contact Paulette Cox @ paulcox@nc-choerokee.com with questions or comments at 828-359-6748. 1/20

### **Notice to Qualified Professionals Request for Qualifications (RFQ)**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Housing & Community Development (H.C.D.) 1579 Painttown Road, Cherokee N.C. 28719

The EBCI Housing Division (HD) is seeking qualified contractors and professionals who specializes in the following trade for all Tribally owned rental developments on the Qualla Boundary including Graham and Cherokee Counties. The Work to be performed may include:

Assessments or Inspections of single family homes or multi-family dwellings.

Qualified contractors and professionals will be expected to start work upon issuance of a contract. Several contractors and professionals will be selected for work. Please submit qualification package with all information. Selections will be based on:

1. TERO letter that contractor is in good standing. If there are five or more RFQ packets from Tier I TERO vendors evaluation and selection will be limited to Tier I, Indian Owned EBCI Business.
2. Three recommendation letters.

3. Last three (3) jobs completed with: Owner, cost and contact number. hourly rate and qualifications.

The HCD reserves the right to reject any and all submissions. The work to be performed under this RFQ is subject to TERO guidelines. TERO certified vendors will be given preference. Qualification packages should include a W-9, tribal business license, proof of insurance, and any applicable licenses or certifications. Deliver sealed proposals to the HCD Main office located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC, 28719 . Deadline for sealed proposals is January 22, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

Contact Tamara Jackson, tamajack@nc-choerokee.com with questions or comments at 828-359-6940. 1/20

### **Project Title: Cherokee Trout Hatchery Renovations, Phase II**

In an effort to improve hatchery operations, fish health, and production capacity, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Project Management Program is seeking the services of a qualified engineering or architectural firm or team of firms to provide a comprehensive review of the existing tribal trout hatchery facilities, recommendations for improvements, design, plans, specifications, bidding assistance, and construction administration services for improvements associated with the continued operation of the Cherokee Trout Hatchery.

The project area is located on the Cherokee Indian Reservation at 954 Straight Fork Road, Cherokee, NC. It includes, evaluation of existing hatchery facilities, recommendations for improvements to operation of the hatchery, design and construction of the approved

recommendations. Contact Ken Green at (828)359-6120 or by email at kengree@nc-choerokee.com with any questions or to request a copy of the RFP.

Proposals should be addressed to Mr. Chris Greene at the email address provided in the RFP and must be received by 11:00 a.m., February 25, 2021. Any proposal received after the time and date specified shall not be considered.

Please be advised that Indian Preference (TERO) regulations apply for award and execution of this contract. 1/27

### **Notice to Bidders**

GARANCO, Inc. is requesting bids from TERO-Certified Vendors and Subcontractors for all specified divisions on the following project: Acquoni Road Apartment Project, Cherokee, North Carolina. Contact Nick Stanley at GARANCO, Inc., PO Box 100, Pilot Mountain, NC, 27041. Phone (336)368-2788, fax (336)368-1001, email – nick@garanco.com

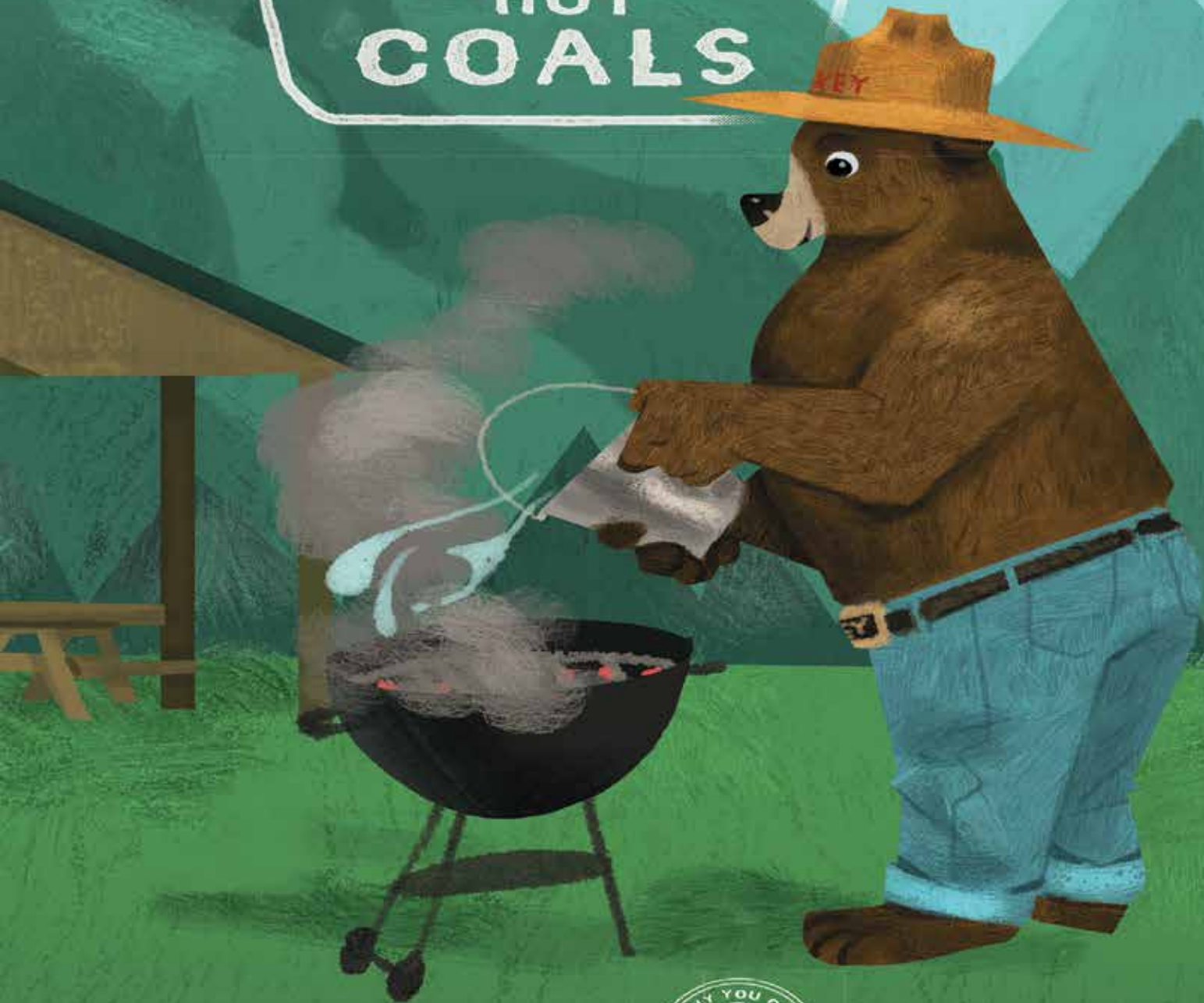
Due to Covid-19, plans and specifications will be made for viewing by appointment only, with safety guidelines enforced. Please contact Myles Branch, at (336)583-5725 for an appointment at 1579 Paint Town Road, Cherokee; or Nick Stanley at (336)368-2788 for an appointment at 615 W Main Street, Pilot Mountain. Digital copies are available by emailing nick@garanco.com.

Bidders must be properly licensed and insured under laws governing their respective trade. Deadline for bids is February 3, 2021 at 5pm. 1/27



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