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 "peace"

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Chief Sneed calls for an end to federal shutdown

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed submitted Emergency Resolution #464 (2019) at the end of the regular session of Tribal Council on Thursday, Jan. 10 to implore Congressman Mark Meadows (R-N.C.) to use his position of authority to end the federal government shutdown. Chief Sneed related he has worked with tribal programs and divisions to determine the impact on the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and its members.

"There are numerous instances where political figures disagree on issues facing their constituents," said Chief Sneed. "However, it is unacceptable for those figures to

allow those disagreements to so negatively impact the good people of the United States. I am calling for an end to this shutdown so the country can move forward in reopening federal agencies."

Chief Sneed worked with Tribal Council to draft a letter to Congressman Meadows requesting he use his influence to end the shutdown.

In the letter, dated Jan. 11, Chief Sneed writes, "While the Eastern Band has made emergency plans to address stoppages in the flow of federal funds and is better situated than most tribal governments in this respect, the strains placed upon the Tribe and its mem-

bers are significant. The stoppage is impacting our reservation economy and important services that we provide to our citizens."

Chief Sneed outlines various areas of the tribal government that are being affected by the shutdown including: larger reservation development projects, reservation timber industry, mortgage processing, taxation, renewable energy, health care, and legal.

On projects, he wrote, "The EPA is unavailable to process construction general permits for larger development projects on the reservation, so construction is stalled."

Mortgage processing is being greatly affected he writes, "We cannot close any home loans because the BIA completes and leases and assignments for mortgage loans. The BIA Superintendent has been furloughed and cannot sign off on these mortgage loans."

The payment of a major renewable energy project of the Tribe is being affected. "The Eastern Band just completed a solar project in Cherokee County through a Department of Energy grant. Because

DOE employees have been furloughed, we will be unable to pay the contractor for work completed. The project cost was \$2.3 million with \$1 million coming from DOE."

Chief Sneed said the shutdown is also affecting health care, "The Eastern Band will continue to provide direct clinic services as well as referrals. However, all other Indian Health Service (IHS) programs have been halted. Our cash reserves will carry the hospital for 200 days, so we have planned ahead, but the shutdown directly impacts 12 of our employees. Further, the IHS Area Office employees are furloughed and unable to provide assistance or guidance."

The letter concluded with, "The Eastern Band has implemented emergency programs that allow Eastern Band federal employees to take out short-term loans to cover their basic monthly expenses. I respectfully request that our federal elected officials move past their disagreements and reopen the federal government again."

- One Feather staff report

As of Monday,
Jan. 21, all EBCI
tribal program
reports (2018-19)
are available for
viewing in the
Qualla Boundary
Public Library.



Principal Chief's Report for Jan. 17

PRINCIPAL CHIEF RICHARD G. SNEED

It is always an honor to represent the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. I work hard to ensure that I give my all each week to ensure the EBCI is run properly and within policy, while also taking time to meet with the constituents I represent as Principal Chief. It is important to me to have that time to meet with Cherokee citizens to discuss the issues important to them. I want your input regarding initiatives the Tribe establishes, and I want to hear what is important to you. If you have a need we can assist with or you'd like to discuss a program or project, please call my office at (828) 359-7002 to schedule a meeting with me.

Everyone is aware the federal government is still shutdown due to the disagreement regarding border protections. While each of us have different opinions regarding how that issue should be handled, I believe we can all agree that this disagreement should not affect the hardworking individuals responsible for carrying out the day to day operations of the federal government. We have several programs within the EBCI that have felt the impact of the shutdown and we have enrolled members who have been directly affected by being in furlough status. I submitted an emergency resolution to collaborate with Tribal Council to write a letter to Congressman Mark Meadows (R-N.C.) to request that he use his influence to end the shutdown. In the meantime, I have created an emergency assistance program to provide relief to government em-



Photo by Ashleigh Stephens/EBCI Public Relations

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed (seated left), along with the rest of the Executive Office staff, have been taking Cherokee language classes from Garfield Long (standing) and Kayla Pheasant. "While I don't expect fluency within six weeks, I do expect my staff to begin using the language both in the office and within the community to encourage others to do their part to learn the language as well," said Chief Sneed.

ployees that have been furloughed. If you have been furloughed and are in need of assistance, please call Taylor Wilnoty in my office at (828) 359-7008 to discuss the requirements of the program.

I had a meeting this past week with Kim Smith, an enrolled member of the EBCI who is working with the 2020 Census, on the importance of the EBCI participating in the Census. The precautions taken to protect individual's identities were explained to me as I understand that is a common concern amongst many community members. The implications of not responding to the Census were also explained to me. Federal and state grant programs use census

data to determine appropriate funding for counties and other organizations. Some information regarding the Census will be distributed and publicized in the coming year to explain the importance of your participation. I would like to encourage you to ask questions if you have them to allay your fears regarding providing information to Census workers.

The EBCI hosted an employee appreciation event in December 2018 to jumpstart some strategic planning initiatives. During this event, we celebrated with games made of teams of tribal workers. This past week the winners of the games were treated to a catered lunch to thank them for their

participation and reward them for winning the game. It is always fun catching up with our tribal employees, and I was pleased to join the group for lunch.

I also had the opportunity to have lunch with the visitors to Tsali Manor. I have been making monthly visits to Tsali Manor to not only visit with the seniors, but to also update them and educate them regarding varying programs within the EBCI. This past visit I was joined by Sunshine Parker, EBCI Family Safety Program manager, who discussed the specifics of the program, the opportunities available to grandparents, and future

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Economic Impact Report

November 2018

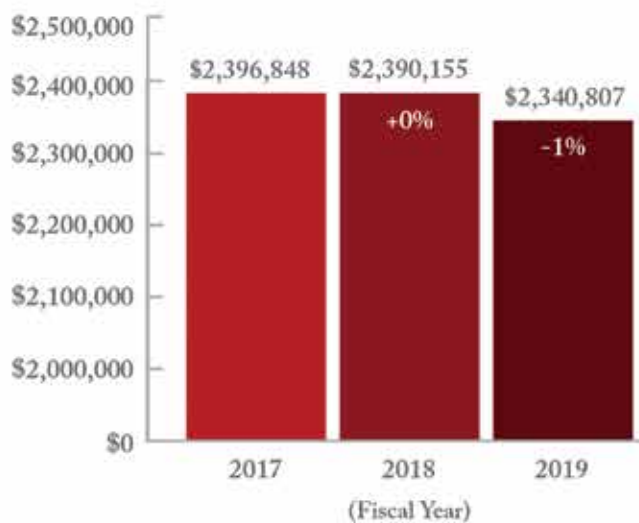


How will Cherokee affect you?

Overview

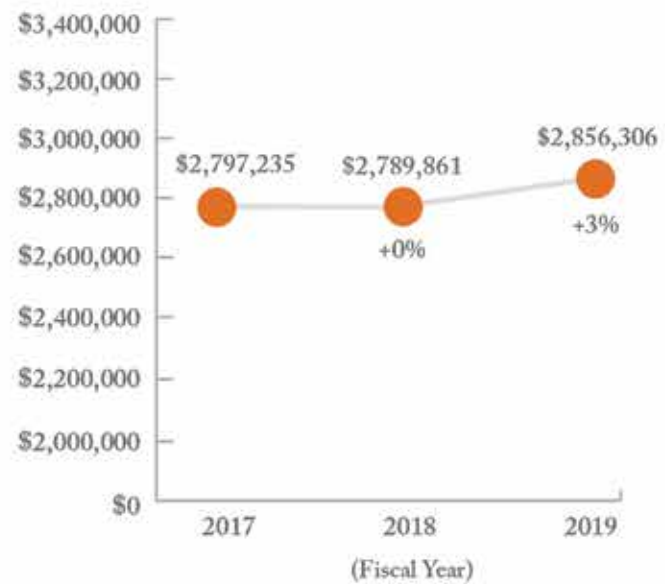
This document provides a snapshot of various performance metrics pertaining to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. It culls data from several sources annotated throughout. The following Tribal Levy and Privilege Tax data is supplied by the EBCI Division of Commerce and covers October through November for each of the years noted.

Total Tribal Levy



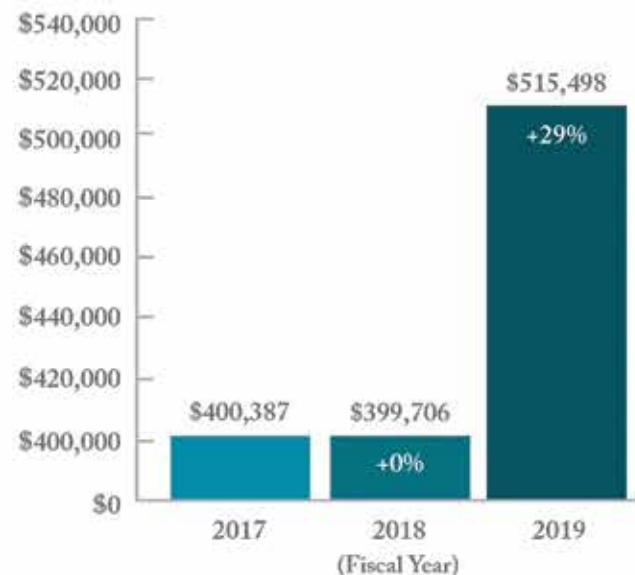
Total Levy and Privilege Tax Collections

Since the EBCI Destination Marketing Organization's role is to promote overnight visitation and increase commerce amongst non-gaming entities, we have segmented them out:



Total Privilege Tax

In the case of Privilege Tax, gaming vs. non-gaming collections are only available beginning in 2016. Therefore, data for Total Privilege Tax contains both gaming and non-gaming taxes collected.



Website Analytics for VisitCherokeeNC.com (October 1–November 30, Year Over Year)*

Fiscal Year	Sessions	% Change	Users	% Change	Pageviews
2016:	118,471	-	93,143	-	359,110
2017:	144,643	+22%	120,662	+29%	384,675
2018:	126,945	-12%	105,803	-12%	320,444
2019:	143,229	+13%	119,512	+13%	337,274

"Website analytics" is data derived from activity on VisitCherokeeNC.com. "Sessions" are periods of time that a user is active within the site.

"Users" are visitors to the site. "Pageviews" are the total number of website pages that are viewed by users.

*Source: Google Analytics, 1/11/19

This Month's Featured Work



Virtual Reality has come to Cherokee. This summer, the Cherokee Historical Association worked with Element Advertising and VR content producer Better Than Unicorns to create a 360-degree video of the "Battle of Horseshoe Bend" scene from "Unto These Hills." This immersive experience brings the viewer onto the stage and into the action. Contact CHA to set up a time to view it. Currently, there is a second 360-degree VR video experience being finalized for Fire Mountain Trails. Ride along the exciting twists and winding turns of the trails without breaking a sweat.

Social Media (October 2015–November 2018)*



Facebook

452,765 Likes



Blog

292,549 Pageviews



Twitter

1,302,230 Tweet Impressions

*Source: JB Media, 12/12/18

Tribal Court Report
Judgment Summary for Jan. 11

GEORGE, Michael Anthony
14-10.11 Injuring Real Property – Guilty Plea, 60 days jail time suspended, 6 months unsupervised probation, court costs: \$190, restitution ordered: \$600

LEDFORD, Justin Zane
14-40.1(b)(2) Domestic Violence, Fear of Infliction of Physical Harm – Dismissed, Insufficient Evidence

PLUMMER, Santiago
20-28 Revoked License – Report Infraction

TEESATESKIE, Brian Elliot
14-10.60 Larceny – Guilty Plea, 6 months jail time suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, not to be on or around Harrah’s casino in Murphy or Cherokee as well as the Shell station across from the casino in Cherokee, court costs: \$190
14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass – Dismissed on Plea
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WAHNETAH, Carla
14-10.41 Breaking and Entering - Dismissed on Plea
14-30.5 Child Abuse in the First Degree - Dismissed on Plea
14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree – Guilty Plea, 120 days jail time suspended, 12 months probation, no contact with victim, credit for time served (41 days), fine: \$250, court costs: \$190
14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree - Dismissed on Plea
14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree - Dismissed on Plea
14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second

Degree - Dismissed on Plea
14-5.2 Communicating Threats – Dismissed on Plea

WILNOTY, Michael
14-70.22 Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court – Dismissed on Plea
14-10.60 Larceny – Dismissed on Plea
14-10.41 Breaking and Entering – Dismissed on Plea
14-40.62(a)(1) Simple Assault – Guilty Plea, 120 days jail time suspended, 12 months unsupervised probation, peaceful contacts with victims, credit for time served (85 days)
14-30.6 Child Abuse in the Second Degree – Dismissed on Plea

CIPD Arrest Report for Jan. 6-13

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 may be viewed online at theonfeather.com.

Wolfe II, Leonard Dawayne – age 27
Arrested: Jan. 6
Released: Jan. 9
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Carey, Matthew Anthony – age 33
Arrested: Jan. 7
Released: Jan. 7
Charges: Probation Violation

Driver, Henry James – age 37

Arrested: Jan. 7
Released: Jan. 16
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Driver, Randall Damian – age 29
Arrested: Jan. 7
Released: Jan. 16
Charges: Obstructing Justice, Filing False Emergency Report, Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

West, T’keiah Rhiann – age 24
Arrested: Jan. 7
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Probation Violation

Wolfe, Keleetah Lynn – age 37
Arrested: Jan. 7
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Comply with Pre-Trial Release

Davis, Kathrina – age 40
Arrested: Jan. 8
Released: Jan. 9
Charges: Simple Assault DV

Saunooke, Brittany Cheyenne – age 24
Arrested: Jan. 8
Released: Jan. 8
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Cline, Gregory Lee – age 43
Arrested: Jan. 9
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property, Weapons Offense

George, Michael Anthony – age 25
Arrested: Jan. 9
Released: Jan. 11
Charges: Called and Failed

Junaluska, Kody Francine – age 36

Arrested: Jan. 9
Released: Jan. 15
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Ledford, Justin Zane – age 22
Arrested: Jan. 10
Released: Jan. 11
Charges: Domestic Violence

Reed, Tamara Ann – age 24
Arrested: Jan. 10
Released: Jan. 10
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Brady, Cammy Jo – age 32
Arrested: Jan. 11
Released: Jan. 14
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

George, Shonica Raylene – age 36
Arrested: Jan. 11
Released: Jan. 11
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Kalonaheksie, Cassidy Lee – age 30
Arrested: Jan. 11
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Domestic Violence, Driving While Impaired, Careless and Reckless Driving

Pepion, James David – age 38
Arrested: Jan. 12
Released: Jan. 15
Charges: Public Nuisance, False Reports and Alarms, Disorderly Conduct

Sequoyah, Johnson Lloyd – age 36
Arrested: Jan. 13
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Probation Violation

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initiatives planned for the program. Western North Carolina University hosted an EBCI Appreciation night on Thursday, Jan. 17. I was happy to attend the game to support WCU and the many alumni of the University. I would like to thank Skye Sampson for inviting me to the game

Finally, my staff and I have begun Cherokee language classes. Garfield Long and Kayla Pheasant have agreed to assist us in learning the language. Classes will be held twice per week for the next

six weeks, and will focus on simple commands, greetings, and phrases that can be used in the office and in the community. We must all do our part to save the Cherokee language, and I am proud to taking this small step to increase the use of the language in my office.

There are 219 fluent Cherokee speakers among the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians according to the latest poll taken by the Kituwah Preservation and Education Program. While many efforts are taken to promote the language throughout the Tribe, especially by KPEP, the Cherokee language is spoken by fewer and fewer individu-

als each year. The loss of the Cherokee language is directly tied to the age of the speakers. Approximately 12 fluent speakers were lost in the past year. However, the future of our language is not bleak - there are numerous individuals working tirelessly to correct this issue.

It is not enough to simply talk about the fact we are losing the language. It is not enough to simply task Kituwah Preservation & Education Program staff to work towards saving the Cherokee language. We must all do our part to learn, use and reach the highest level of proficiency possible. I take that responsibility very seriously

and have tasked my staff with joining me in learning the Cherokee language. While I don't expect fluency within six weeks, I do expect my staff to begin using the language both in the office and within the community to encourage others to do their part to learn the language as well. I'd like to thank Garfield Long and Kayla Pheasant with KPEP for your assistance and your patience with us.

Again, please do my call my office at (828) 359-7002 if there is anything we may assist with or if you'd like to discuss an issue.



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BASKETBALL

Lady Braves atop conference, ranked third in state

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

HAYESVILLE – The Cherokee Lady Braves are 13-2 on the season, atop the Big Smoky Mountain Conference, and are ranked third in the state (1A) in the Maxpreps.com poll that was released on Friday, Jan. 18. Their latest win came on Friday at Hayesville as they defeated the Lady Yellow Jackets 74-56.

“I thought we were pretty solid,” Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach, said after the game at Hayesville. “There were times when we played really good, and then there were times when we struggled a little bit. But, we play a lot of players, and it’s hard to keep up our pace for a whole game. Teams will usually have a stretch where they stop scoring and we keep going.”

Deante Toineeta led Cherokee with 31 points on the night followed by Tori Teesateskie with 15. This game opened up pretty even as both teams traded baskets in the early minutes. Cherokee led 16-11 after the first period. The second period remained tight, and the Lady Braves took a 37-30 lead into the locker room. In the second half, Cherokee opened it up and led by 10 (53-43) after the third and then outscored Hayesville 21-13 in the final period to take the big win.

Other Lady Braves scorers included: Raylen Bark 4, Betty Lossiah 4, Tigger King 5, Naomi Smith 9, Vivian Ross 4, and Praire Toineeta 2. Hayesville scorers included:



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Cherokee's Deante Toineeta shoots over several Hayesville defenders in a game on Friday, Jan. 18 at Hayesville. With 31 points, she led the Lady Braves to a 74-56 victory.

Lizzy Brusini 9, Savanna Annis 6, Jade Patterson 10, Annie Brooks 2, Hailea Rickett 2, Madi Crisler 2, Makayla Anderson 5, Brianna Foster 10, and Kynnly McClure 10.

Coach Mintz said he's happy with how his team has performed to date and added that they're always improving. “We set little goals for them to do such as this week it was go to 3-0 (the Lady Braves won in

the week over Highlands, Robbinsville, and Hayesville) and we've got a five-game stretch with all of the really tough conference teams that we have to face. Next week is huge for us. We've just been working along and trying to keep getting better every day.”

He said they're working on some things specifically. “We've got to stay out of foul trouble. We've

been in foul trouble the last three or four games. We also have to work on not turning the ball over and making sure to take good shots.”

The Lady Braves host the Murphy Lady Bulldogs at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Tuesday, Jan. 22 and then travel to the Robbinsville Lady Black Knights on Friday, Jan. 25.



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Cherokee's Josiah Lossiah (#12) shoots over Hayesville's Dwain Cook during a game at Hayesville on the evening of Friday, Jan. 18. Lossiah led the Braves with 21 points on the night. Cherokee led for most of the game, but a late surge by the Yellow Jackets saw them come away with a 61-60 victory following a three-point shot by Cook with 2.4 seconds left. Other Braves scorers included: Tihjah Lossiah 11, Chris Johnson 6, Ethan Crowe 4, Bobby Crowe 3, Nate Crowe 3, and Sterling Santa Maria 12. Hayesville's scorers included: Mark Cothren 3, Dwain Cook 10, Hayden McClure 11, Peyton Kreiger 2, Kolbe Ashe 13, Blake McClure 6, and Jake McTaggart 16.

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Cherokee's Rhyann Girty (#50) drives inside against Robbinsville's Mikayla Morgan during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Wednesday, Jan. 16. The Lady Braves started out on fire leading 30-6 after the first period and never trailed in the game en route to a 77-61 win over the Lady Black Knights.



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Cherokee's Josiah Lossiah (#12) works inside for a shot against Robbinsville's AJ Ornelas during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Wednesday, Jan. 16. With 17 points, Lossiah led Cherokee to a 58-50 win over the Black Knights. The game started close with the Braves holding a three-point (21-18) lead after the first period. But, Cherokee outscored Robbinsville 15-8 in the second to lead by 10 at the half, and they would carry that margin out for most of the game. Other Braves scorers included: Tihjah Lossiah 4, Chris Johnson 2, Bobby Crowe 1, Tino Pete 3, Blake Smith 6, Seth Smith 4, Nate Crowe 6, and Sterling Santa Maria 15. Robbinsville scorers included: AJ Ornelas 16, Landyn Hall 10, Seth Lawson 2, Clayson Lane 6, Landon Orr 5, Bryce Teesateskie 6, and Hunter Brooks 5.

NCHSAA addresses fans' behavior towards referees

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

There's not a single high school football or basketball game that I attend where there's not at least one fan yelling at the referee over a call. This is just a fact of life in modern-day high school sports, and it's nothing new. But, officials at the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) addressed this issue recently and are posing it as a major reason referees are leaving the games – literally.

"When you attend an athletic event that involves your son or daughter, cheer to your heart's content, enjoy the camaraderie that high school sports offer and have fun," reads an op-ed piece submitted to papers statewide written by Karissa Niehoff, National Federation of State High School Associations executive director, and Que Tucker, North Carolina High School Athletic Association commissioner. "But, when it comes to verbally criticizing game officials or coaches, cool it. Make no mistake about it, your passion is admired, and your support of the hometown team is needed. But, so is your self-control. Yelling, screaming, and berating the officials humiliates your



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Referees line up the team captains for the coin toss at a game between Cherokee and North Buncombe at Ray Kinsland Stadium on Aug. 17, 2018.

child, annoys those sitting around you, embarrasses your child's school and is the major contributing reason North Carolina is experiencing a shortage of high school officials."

In an email that came along with the op-ed, Tucker states, "...research shows that 80 percent of all young officials quit after just two years on the job because of the verbal beating they get. And, much of that abuse is coming not from high school coaches or athletes, but from overly-competitive, overly-ambitious parents who have set unrealistic visions of their sons' and daughters' future as a collegiate or professional athlete."

Ok, that's a lot to take in.

First off, I've written several times before that

I admire the job of the referee. It's something that I could never do nor would I ever want to even try. I always go back to a quote from Tripper (Bill Murray) in my favorite movie "Meatballs", "Somebody's gotta do it, and it can't be me!"

There's not one game that I go to where the referees don't get a call wrong – not one. But, to be fair, there are also many, many times where the referees get the call right only to hear fans screaming about it. Being on the sidelines gives me a pretty good view of the game, and I can truly see who the ball was out on or if a defender truly blocked the ball during a shot or fouled the shooter.

My daughter used to play roller derby which is a very rough sport as

you might think. I used to think that sport was insane as they didn't have sanctioned referees for the bouts. Each team was responsible for providing referees. Sometimes, it worked...other times, it didn't work that well. But, while I'm certainly not advocating for anything so drastic as that, maybe they're on to an idea.

Maybe in prep sports it is time for each team to provide a referee-watcher for lack of a better term. This person's sole responsibility would be to keep an eye on the officiating and any challenges or questions from coaches would be vetted to the head official through this person. That might cut down on the amount of technical fouls teams get when coaches approach referees.

That wouldn't address the fan, parent issue. But, short of increasing security and really cracking down on what is said at games, I'm not sure you will ever curb that behavior.

In the end, the players and coaches just want a fair game, and I feel this issue needs to seriously be addressed in the off-season by NCHSAA officials. It is obviously on their radar enough that they write an op-ed...now, solutions need to be discussed – something other than telling parents and fans just to be on their best behavior. Go into a Cherokee vs Swain County game and tell the fans, "Ok everyone, I want you to cheer in a well-mannered way at the appropriate times designated." Right.

While their op-ed and this column don't necessarily begin to solve the problem, and it is truly a problem if 80 percent of new referees are quitting due to this issue, I feel any time problems are discussed openly and honestly there is a better chance of finding a true solution.

Sir Alex Ferguson, Manchester United manager from 1986-2013, once said, "You can't applaud a referee."

It would seem so Sir Alex.

Panther qualifies for state meet

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

Hallah Panther, a junior at Cherokee High School, has qualified for the North Carolina 1A State Indoor Track and Field meet. With a jump of 8-0 during a meet at Franklin High School on Tuesday, Feb. 15, Panther qualified for the state meet scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 9 at the JDL Fast Track facility in Winston-Salem.

“Now, we’ll just let her continue to climb the ladder to the top and see where she goes,” said Eddie Swimmer, Cherokee High School track and field head coach.

In just her third year of pole vaulting, Panther has already made her mark in the sport and has shown that clearing 8-0 is no problem. As a freshman, she cleared 8-6 to win the Smoky Mountain Conference and then followed that up by winning the 1A West Regional title with a jump of 9-6. Last year, as a sophomore, she repeated as Smoky Mountain Conference champion with a jump of 9-6 and went on to take second place in the region with a jump of 9-6 and fourth place at the 1A state meet with a 9-0 jump.

Panther started in ninth grade at Coach Swimmer’s request. “I saw her attitude and her build for the sport, and I just asked her to do it. She tried it and fell in love with it, and each year she’s getting more and more dedicated to it.”

He said you have to be a true athlete to enter the sport of pole



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Hallah Panther, junior at Cherokee High School, shown at last spring’s 1A West Regional Track and Field Meet at Cherokee, has qualified for the 2019 1A Indoor Track and Field state meet next month.

vaulting. “You have to be a sprinter, have core and upper body strength, and be fearless – have no

fear of heights.”

The day after qualifying for the state meet, Panther finished in first

place with a jump of 8-0 at the Bulldog Chiller at Murphy High School.

Tribal member joins Phoenix Honda Racing Team

Isaac Teasdale, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from the Snowbird Community, will be racing motocross for the Phoenix Honda Racing Team. The team is based in the Charlotte area, and Teasdale will be competing at the highest levels of the sport in the Kicker Arenacross series, the 250 East series of Monster Energy Supercross, and the Lucas Oil Pro-Motocross Nationals. All three series are televised national events, where the best riders from around the world come to compete.

Teasdale said he is very grateful for the support of those that have helped him get to this level, and there are a number of national and global brands that he is in partnership with, including: Pirelli, Moose Racing, Leatt, TCX Boots, Honda, Bell Helmets, Rockford Fosgate, and others.

"I am especially grateful for the support of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and I am representing the Visit Cherokee NC ini-

tiative nationwide," he said. "The list of people in our area that have been involved with, and supported, me over the years is too long to mention, but I would especially like to thank Principal Chief Sneed, Vice Chief Ensley, Chairman Wachacha and the Tribal Council, the Snowbird Community, The Master's Mission, Jerry and Revonda Williams, CJ Welch, Brandon and Paige Jones, and Brandon Lovin for their support. I would also like to thank my grandparents, David and Sharon Crowe, and Paul and Betty Lou Teasdale, my parents, and particularly, my brother and sister for patiently going all over the country to support me."

Teasdale added, "I would appreciate your prayers, that I will continue to represent my sponsors well, that God would watch over me, but most importantly, that I will represent Christ well, and bring Glory to Him!"

- *Special to the One Feather*



Photo contributed

Isaac Teasdale, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from the Snowbird Community, will be racing motocross for the Phoenix Honda Racing Team.

Roughest and Toughest Brawl seeking entrants

The Roughest and Toughest Brawl has been running in the Carolinas for over two decades and over that span the Cherokee community has participated many times and won men's and women's divisions.

The Roughest and Toughest Brawl is coming back to the Haywood County fairgrounds on Friday, Jan. 25 and Saturday, Jan. 26. To sign up or buy tickets in advance, visit RoughestandToughest.com or go to one of three ticket outlets including: Harley Davidson

Asheville, Harley Davidson Cherokee, or The Watering Hole Waynesville. Advance tickets are: \$16 adult general admission, \$10 kids 12 and under general admission; or \$20 for adults at the door. This is a two-day Toughman/Toughwoman tournament. Each fight consists of three one-minute rounds of just brawling. No kicks or takedowns. There is a one-minute break between rounds, and headgear, 16oz. gloves, and groin protectors are provided. This event is governed by the North Carolina State Boxing Authority.

- *Roughest and Toughest Brawl*

Candidate filing for EBCI
Tribal Elections begins on
Friday, March 1, 2019 and
ends on Friday, March 15,
2019 at 4:30 pm.



Photos by Kristy Maney Herron/EBCI Communications

The fab four – Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, Bo Taylor, Sam Sneed, and Charlie Rhodarmer are shown walking on historic Abbey Road in London.

Warriors of Anikituahwa invited back to London

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians was put on a world stage on New Year's Day. Members of the Warriors of Anikituahwa, joined by other members of the Tribe, participated in the annual London New Year's Day Parade (LNYDP) on Tuesday, Jan. 1. And, the group did such a good job that they've been asked to

participate in next year's 2020 Parade.

"I was so excited to hear that they had already talked to Mike Crowe Jr. about us returning for next year," said Dawn Arneach, Museum of the Cherokee Indian executive assistant, who was the main orchestrator for the Cherokee contingent's trip to London. "Several in the group are excited and making plans to start fundraising earlier to get ready for the upcoming trip."

In a letter to Arneach from Bob Bone, LNYDP executive director, dated Jan. 7, he wrote, "Thank you for your group's fantastic contribution to this

year's phenomenally successful edition of London New Year's Day Parade and Festival. LNYDP 2019 'London Welcomes the World' was the most successful parade in the event's 33-year history. I really didn't think the event could improve from where it had been for the last few years, but, believe me, the 2019 parade really was the best ever. This is in large part down to your contribution."

According to information from the LNYDP, more than 650,000 spectators lined the 2.2 mile stretch of road in London while many more millions watched on the over 900 television stations and several internet sites covering the event live.

Arneach said a preliminary idea has been floated for the group to perform at the British Museum during the trip later this year, but that is still being worked out. She said this year's group made a great first impression on Britain and enjoyed a very cohesive journey.

"Being able to explore in and around London leading up to the Parade day, allowed most of us who have never been to London to get a feel for the people and the city," she said. "The organizers that met with the group before we left the states, having to work with over 8,000 Parade participants, knew each of our names and greeted us happily."

She noted that Parade day was especially exciting. "The vast amount of people in the street for the Parade was great and to see so many people smiling and maybe seeing for the first time in their life a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians."

Having grown up watching Masterpiece Theatre and BBC America, Arneach said that the

group's appearance on BBC Breakfast was the personal highlight for her. "I was truly estatic!"

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed and his family were a part of the EBCI contingent, and he called the trip life-changing and said it gave him an insight into the trip made in 1762 by Ostenaco, Pigeon (reported in some instances as 'Pouting Pigeon'), and Stalking Turkey. "We were visiting these places where the emissaries went back in 1762. In taking it all in, I kind of put myself in their place. I thought about what it was like for them living over here in cabins without all of the modern efficiencies of the world at that time and to get on a boat and sail across the ocean and then to see these huge buildings, and the architecture is phenomenal."

He added, "I wondered what was going through the minds of those Cherokee at that time."

Chief Sneed said he's excited about the possibility of a tribal delegation making the journey again later this year. "I think it's a tremendous opportunity. Just like the Remember the Removal ride, we need to get this down to the younger generation and have them experience it...I want young people to be able to experience these things when they're coming into adulthood because I think it changes your entire perspective and your entire view of the world and what can be."

He noted that the hospitality they received during their trip to London was world-class. "The reception that we got from the people over there was amazing. It was powerful. It really was a life-changing experience."

The One Feather will continue to report on this story.



Mike Crowe Jr., a member of the Warriors of Anikituhwa, is shown prior to the London New Year's Day Parade on Jan. 1.

OBITUARIES

Danny Dennis Bigwitch

Danny Dennis Bigwitch, 47, of the Wolfstown Community in Cherokee, passed away Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019 at his residence.

He is survived by two sisters, Brenna Rogers of Gainesville, Fla. and Paula Young of Kansas City, Mo.; niece, Justina Bigwitch of Cherokee; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins also survive.

Danny was preceded in death by his parents, George William Bigwitch and Melinda Smoker Bigwitch; and two brothers, Larry Bigwitch and Johnny Bigwitch.

No services are planned.

Long House Funeral Home is assisting the Bigwitch family.

Mary Lucille Smith McCoy

Mary Lucille Smith McCoy, 78, of the Yellow-hill community, went home to be with the Lord on Jan. 15, 2019.

She was the daughter of the late Russell Samuel Smith and the late Elizabeth French Smith.

In addition to her parents, Mary is preceded in death by her brothers, Manuel French and Sam Smith; her sister, Dyxye Parker, and a nephew, Joey Parker.

Mary was a unique person who always spoke her mind and told you exactly what she thought.

She was a very multi- talented person. She could sing, write songs, play multiple instruments, and could square dance with the best of them.

Mary started learning to play the guitar and piano from her mother at a very young age and eventually taught herself to play both instruments strictly by ear. She could hear a song and sit down and within a few minutes she would be able to play it.

She was on her mother’s square dance team growing up, and, later in life, she started her own square dance team where she was the caller. Mary brought her children up in Big Cove Baptist Church where they would often sing specials as a family.

Among her biggest honors was being named Senior Miss Cherokee in 2003.

She is survived by three daughters, Lisa Pe-

nick (Charles), Deidra Fowler, and Lizzie Bernal (German); a son, Richard “Rick” McCoy (Lori); a brother, Kenneth “Feet” Smith (Nancy); two sisters, Katherine Smith and Maxine Smith; a sister-in-law, Joyce Smith; eight grandchildren, Amanda (Matthew), Sam (Samantha), Malaciah, Rachel (John Cam), Colby (Justice), Omar, Sidnie, and Eli; 11 great grandchildren, Desmond, Levi, Wyatt, Jaden, Evelyn, Gracelyn, Marvin, Mattie, Yajaira, HartLeigh, and Myles; several nieces and nephews and other extended family; and her dog, “Little Boy”.

Funeral services were held at the Big Cove Baptist Church on Saturday, Jan. 19. Pastors James “Bo” Parris and Dan Conseen officiated. Burial followed at the Lizzie Smith Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were Sam Wolfe, Charles Penick, Colby Yanez, German Bernal, Jackson Wolfe, Malaciah Taylor, Omar Yanez, and John Cameron George. Honorary pallbearers were Dezmond Shelton, Levi Shelton, Wyatt Moore, and Eli McCoy.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the McCoy family.

Cherokee Elementary School Honor Roll (3rd – 5th) – 2nd Nine Weeks Grading Period

3rd Grade

Principal’s Honor Roll: Aliyah Watty, Colton French, Darian Jenkins, Drake Cruz, Eloise Frady, Haley Locust, Houston Reed, James Smith, Jessica Arsana, John Calvin Gloyne, Kahmera Pheasant, Keaton Locust, Khloe Cucumber, Kiarra Caley, Laylah Thompson, Maia Lane, Vladimir Owle

A Honor Roll: Darian Oocumma, Dezmond Shelton, Eva Hill, James Martinez, Joe Garcia, Ledaina French-Bird, Ryleigh Postoak, Taleeah Murphy, Thomas Levi Smith, Willie Welch, Zoe De Los Reyes

B Honor Roll: Arianna Hernandez, Audree Edwards, Briann Teesateskie, Cainyan Welch, Camaron Oocumma,

Derick Owle, Dyani Standingdeer, Elijah Youngdeer, Ernest Locust, Felix Lossiah, Ivan Morales, Jacoby Lambert, Jayanna Thompson, Jeremiah Locust, John Wayne Dills, Kahya Cucumber, Karmelita Montelongo-Huertaper, Kollin Sampson, Kylana Sampson, Lillian Bradley, Lily Lossiah, Lydon Gloyne, Maddalen Mendia, Marcelita Swayney, Meikka Pheasant, Rayden Locust, Roxy Solis, Rubi Conner, Shawn Driver, Tomas Soap, Wakinyan Raines, William Hoyle

Merit Honor Roll: Alana Squirrel, Ander Antone, Ariel Hoyle, Buttonz Nierenhausen, Calvin Taylor, Gabrielle George, Geli Caztro-Wachacha, Joyane Saunooke, Laranzo Wilnoty, Preston Roach, Zailiana Blythe

4th Grade

Principal’s Honor Roll: Adriana Rojas, Aleiyah Hull, Chloe Locust,

Dalton Yates, Dante Bigwitch, Denver Porterfield, Jamee McMillan, Johnny Long, Joscelyn Stamper, Livia Crowe, Meli Winstead, Nayaa Addo, Reginald Hyatt, Tymius Allison, Utsela Saunooke, Zaynon Taylor

A Honor Roll: Emilee Brady

B Honor Roll: Addison Stewart, Aiden Larch, Alicia Ledford, Annie Tramper, Ava Walkingstick, Carlito Huerta-Perez, Chaz Martens, Cynthia Saunooke, Daisee Fourkiller-Raby, Dawson Panther, Deanna Long, Dillon Beam, Elizabeth Tedrick, Kailyana Hornbuckle-Standingwater, Kingston Welch, Lilliana Pheasant, Lucas Wildcat, Madigan Welch, Mariah Taylor, Marley Crowe, Martin Arteaga, Melyssa Wilcat, Nyla Queen, Teela Ross, Trennan Calhoun

Merit Honor Roll: Alexis Grimes, Aniebreigh Mora, Auron Taylor, Brandy Martinez, Carter Bird, Philip

Saunooke, Sage Bark, Shataya Chambers, William Ellwood

5th Grade

Principal’s Honor Roll: Dawson Clapsaddle, Da-wo-ni Dy-di-s-di, Lexcy Ortiz

A Honor Roll: Gabriel Dial, Samantha Toineeta

B Honor Roll: Emiliana Garcia, Danelle Bushyhead, Jadence Saunooke, Javan Garcia, Jessie Wildcat, Kieaira Ensley, Kiera Toineeta, Leilah Lossie, Lexi Lehmann, Lilia Jarvis, Marleigh Aguilera, Matix Stamper, Michael Lozano-Rodriguez, Mychaela Lambert, Nakaiya Hill, Talan Crowe, Tayvin Bark-Cruz

Merit Honor Roll: Aiyanna Locust, Gabby Smith, Jayden Tramper, Jayvin George, Joshua Hornbuckle, Kayla Morgan, Keith Smith, Krenston Armachain, Zachary Seay, Zayden Crowe

Free tickets available for Georgia Swarm game

The Georgia Swarm lacrosse team will play the Buffalo Bandits on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 7:05 p.m. at the Infinite Energy Arena in Atlanta. That game is Native American Heritage Night and will feature craft demonstrators, vendors, and a pre-game program showcasing the Swarm's seven Native American players. All employees of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and any enrolled member can receive up to four free tickets to this simply. To reserve yours, visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GSNAHN> If you do not have the ability to reserve tickets online, visit the Cherokee Welcome Center and present verification of tribal employment or enrollment.

- Office of the Principal Chief

Local auditions for "Unto These Hills" 2019 season

"Unto These Hills" is getting ready for its 70th season this coming summer. Have you ever had the urge to get on stage with the drama? If so, local auditions are being held Saturday, Jan. 26 from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. at the Cherokee Historical Association main box office at 564 Tsali Blvd. Individuals of all ages and experience levels are welcome and encouraged to come out for auditions. The first rehearsal for this year's show is set for May 12. Opening night is June 1 and closing night is Aug. 17. Info: www.cherokeehistorical.org, or visit their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/UntoTheseHills/>

- Cherokee Historical Association

Gaming Conference scheduled for Tulsa

TULSA, Okla. - Oklahoma

State University and the University of Nevada, Reno are partnering to offer an innovative gaming leadership conference for industry experts on casino marketing strategies, data analytics and agile project management for casinos. The 2019 Building Business Acumen for Gaming Conference will be Jan. 28-31 at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Tulsa.

A certificate of completion will be awarded following the program, and the 30 hours of instruction can be counted toward the Certificate in Gaming Management accreditation offered at UNR. Registration is now available for the January 2019 session at <https://business.okstate.edu/cepd/>. Hotel accommodations are offered at a discounted rate of \$99 per night by using the code OSU_UNR2019.

- Oklahoma State University release

Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation launches Fellowship

WINSTON - SALEM – The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation (ZSR) is excited to announce the launch of its All For NC Fellowship. Applications for the Fellowship are now available on the Foundation's website. The All For NC Fellowship is one of three initiatives that the Foundation is supporting under its Exploratory, Visionary Ideas Strategy as part of All For NC: Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation's Framework for Grantmaking and Learning.

Through the All For NC Fellowship, the Foundation is seeking to invest directly in young innovators, change makers, visionaries, entrepreneurs and risk takers between the ages of 21 and 35 with bold ideas for how to make a difference in North Carolina and

its communities. The Fellowship is a 12-month program designed to provide funding, coaching and mentoring to young people who have a vision and plan that could contribute to a better life for North Carolina's people and communities.

Selected Fellows will receive an individual stipend of \$75,000 (pre-tax) for personal and project expenses incurred during the Fellowship.

Applications for the All For NC Fellowship are due by Jan. 25, 2019 by 12 p.m. (noon).

Semi-finalists will be selected to interview and present to a group of panelists during the weekend of March 15-17, 2019. The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation Board of Trustees will select up to five Fellows in May 2019. Preference likely will be given to Fellows with projects or initiatives that have moved beyond an initial idea and have some momentum.

Learn more about the All For NC Fellowship here: <https://www.zsr.org/all-for-nc>. Questions about the All For NC Fellowship should be directed to info@zsr.org.

- Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation release

UT Graduate School funds available

The Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund has announced that the University of Tennessee Graduate School will soon be notifying them soon of the available funds for a 2019-20 fellowship. UT will provide a fellowship to a graduate or doctoral student recommended by the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund. To apply for the 2019-20 University of Tennessee fellowship, students must apply to the Scholarship Fund by making

a request in writing to the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund Board of Directors, P. O. Box 892, Cherokee, NC 28719 by Friday, Feb. 1, 2019 to be considered for this fellowship. If more than one application is received, the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund Board of Directors will make a recommendation to UT Graduate School as to who should receive the tuition waiver based upon need.

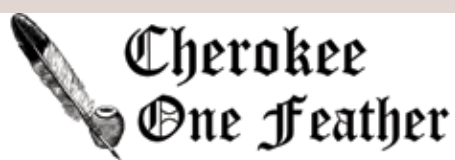
- Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship

THANK YOU LETTERS Thank you Yogi Crowe Scholarship

I would like to thank the board of the Yogi Crowe Scholarship for awarding me assistance while I continue my education. It is wonderful that there is additional support for Tribal members who want to further their knowledge and career aspirations. I would like to send a special thanks to Jan Smith. She has been excellent with sending out reminders of deadlines and information that I need to turn in. I am currently working on a M.S. in Human Resources at Western Carolina University. I am in my third semester and hope to finish fall of 2020. This program has been very beneficial in my current role and broadening my views in the workplace. Coursework that I have completed so far include Leadership, Research & Evaluation and Strategy & Planning Design. I am currently employed at Cherokee Indian Hospital as the Satellite Clinics Manager. I am appreciative for the opportunity to further my education so I may continue to serve my community.

Sgi,

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Azure has a blue-eyed camel named Clyde

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

Some call it a party game because their first encounter with the test might be at a social event. Some see it as a part of training because that is where they first experienced it. I am not sure if it has a name, but it is an exercise that will heighten your awareness of the value of checking and verifying information. It will bring to the forefront some social truths that we all must face. Our options are to change how we collect information or adapt to the information we receive.

The next group encounter or gathering you are a part of, try the following: Ask your group to participate in a little game or challenge. Gather them in a line or circle. The more people involved, the more exciting and entertaining your experiment will be. Select a sentence or a string of two or three sentences with a few "interesting" tidbits of information included. For example, you might choose, "There is a boy named Azure. Azure means blue. Azure is tall with light brown hair and teal green eyes. Last week, Azure married a girl named Beth in the town of Clyde." Three simple sentences. There should be sufficient distance between the participants that one cannot hear what the another is whispering to a participant. No one can write down the message. It must be passed verbally. Just have this message orally moved confidentially from one participant to the other until the last person receives the message. Then ask that person to announce the message to the group.

If you don't want to know what you might find at the end of your game, then this is your spoiler alert. Stop reading now.

Most groups who do this exercise find what common sense would lead you to assume. Participants, based on their attention spans, experiences, and memory will hear and communicate the message as they interpret it. Rarely is there a

verbatim recitation of the initial message. People are different. Life experiences and physical condition play considerable roles in how we understand information and how we pass that information along. By the time that sample message about Sam gets through the ears and minds of five or six people, it might be announced as "There is a boy named Azure. He has brown hair and eyes. He just got married." After 10 to 15 people pass the message, the announcement might be "This boy named Clyde married Beth who has blue eyes and tells tall tales." We color our messages with our own experience and personality. We might change a message to make it more interesting, in our opinion, or to get rid of what we think is unnecessary information. Now, if you did this challenge throughout several days and weeks, each participant waiting a day or two to pass the information on to the next, the announcement from the last person might not look anything at all like the original information.

This exercise, while a fun parlor game, is also a reminder of the complexity of human social behavior and interaction. Much of our Cherokee history is an oral history, passed from person to person, generation to generation long before Sequoyah developed the written Cherokee language in 1821. Much of our written history was documented by immigrating Europeans, written in the English language, long before there was a syllabary. And as much as we like and enjoy games, nobody laughs when a point of history comes into question because contradictory documentation is presented, changing the course of our history.

The standard for a story and documentation are very different. A story does not have to be based, may be based on some facts, or maybe entirely factual. Documentation, the thing we do as a matter of course at the newspaper, records things as they are (or as they are marked by a verifier). Articles are history documentation. Some writers and editors allow opinion and conjecture in their reports, we

do our best not to do that. Mixing theory or belief in a factual article is confusing to the reader and will erode the credibility of the writer, and the publisher. There is a place marked for opinions in our paper. Even our journalists are directed to use commentary if they want to express an opinion. Articles are for reporting fact. A commentary is for expressing an opinion. To the best of our ability and to the limits of civility and ethics, we allow as much of the community's view to be shared as possible.

Why? Because in most societies, tribal or not, informed and engaged citizens make better decisions about their own lives, for their community, and their governance. We need

to know how we feel about issues. We need to know who thinks what. We value other people's opinions if they have character and personality that appeals to us. We have a different valuation for those we do not respect. But, we must be open to hearing those within our community.

With having an open forum, we must also be cautious of gossip and place an appropriate evaluation we receive that way. A person may even believe that the information he is passing along is accurate because he heard it from a trusted source, who may have heard it through another trusted source, and so on. Before you know it, the original truth that "Azure is a

brown-haired, green-eyed boy," is communicated to you as "Azure has a blue-eyed camel named Clyde." When it comes to opinion, it is up to the reader to determine whether they agree with a position taken on an issue by a writer. And readers are always encouraged to become writers when they have a supporting or opposing view from an opinion writer.

The editor and editorial board may not agree with what you say in an opinion piece, but they will defend your right to say it. And, when we are giving an opinion, it will be marked as opinion. When we present articles to the readership, they will be as free from opinion, slant, and spin as possible.

I believe that the strength of our EBCI nation is in open communication. The administration, the legislators, the government officials and employees, our hospital and health system, our school system, all have very much to be proud of as part of a thriving Cherokee society. During a recent strategic planning initiative meeting, consultant David Montgomery told us that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is among the top 5 percent of tribes in economic development.

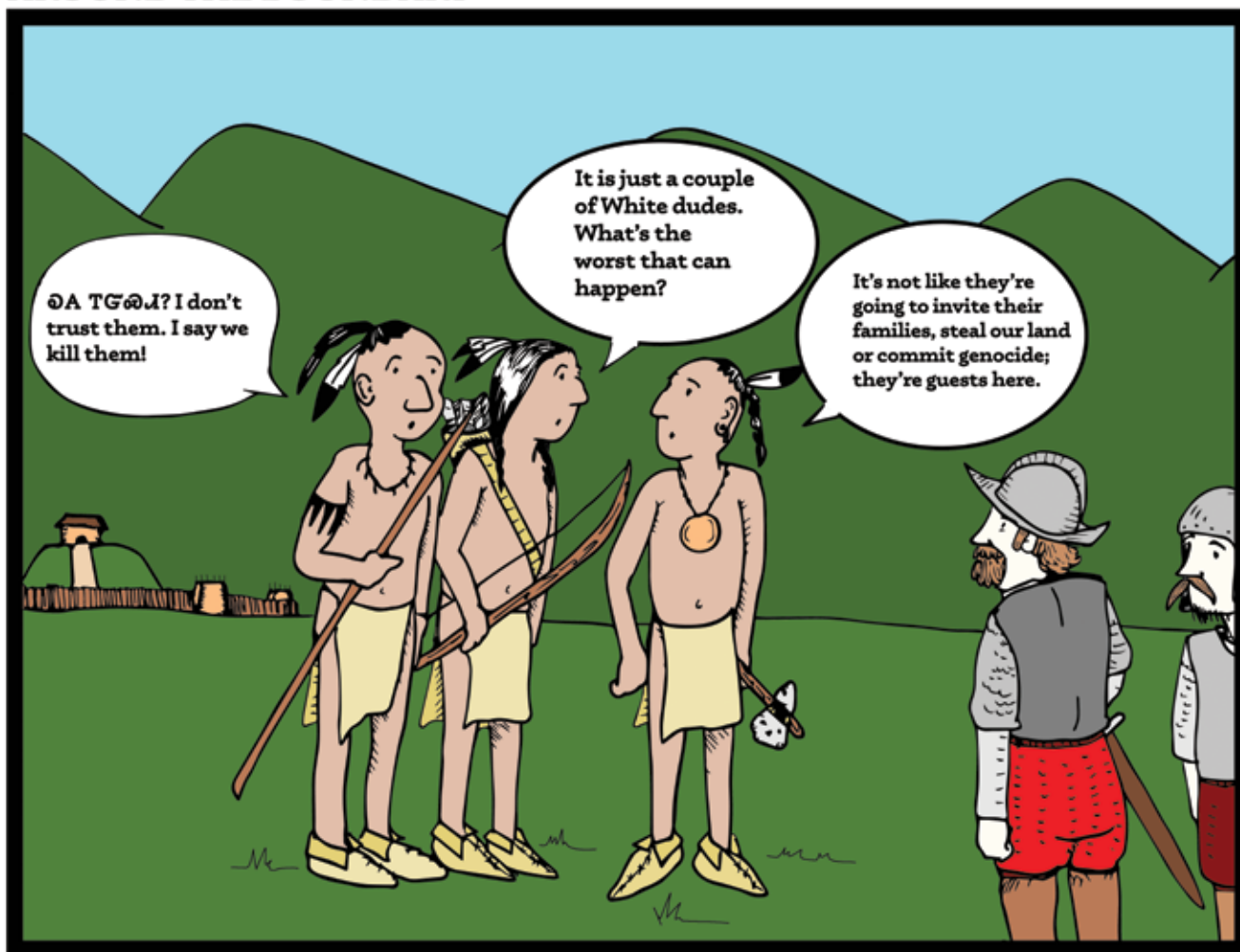
He said, "EBCI is definitely in the top tier of economically successful tribes and not average."

We are strong enough to look inward. We should celebrate the great things and retool the not-so-great stuff. Encourage the good and examine the failings to find ways to make them a part of the good. Let's all look together. There is strength in numbers.

On another subject, it is with great pleasure that we announce two new Cherokee One Feather Editorial Board members to the team. Principal Chief Sneed has selected Ashleigh Stephens to serve on the board, and Attorney General Michael McConnell has selected Angela Lewis for board service. More on Ashleigh and Angela in an upcoming edition of the One Feather. We welcome them and their input. I know that the cause of free press will be greatly served with these additions to the Editorial Board.

AROUND THE BOUNDARY

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Please curb use of the term ‘addict’

JEREMY WILSON
WOLFTOWN TRIBAL
COUNCIL REP.

Recently, I made a post in regards to our syringe exchange program, and I was respectfully corrected when using the term “addict”. I removed that word and took some time to think about it.

I understand why we need to refrain from using that word when directing to someone who is in recovery. We have an epidemic on our hands, and this is not a problem

that is going to be solved by government or program alone. It’s going to take more than just funding and services.

It’s going to depend on all of us in how we address these issues, but sometimes we have to go back to the basics. If you fail at something, are you a failure? No.

But, if someone labels you as a failure, will that most likely affect you, and your self-confidence? Most likely, yes.

We have to be mindful in how we address those who seek recovery. They are people just like us.

They may have not chosen the right path, but they are just as human as we are.

Not all addictions are the same, and not every addiction comes with the same core problem. There’s a story for everyone, and it doesn’t always involve drugs and/or alcohol.

Labeling creates stigma and shame. When you call someone an “addict” or “alcoholic,” it is shaming and can be a barrier to treatment. People with addictions often have underlying difficulties with how they view themselves and are sensitive to the judgment of others. Labels that are stigmatizing stop people from reaching out for help, and this stops them from working on the shame that probably underlies their addiction in the first place.

It’s clear that the language we use around addiction is powerful, and when used incorrectly, it can leave individuals with an addiction feeling powerless. We need to change the way we view addiction,

how we label addiction, and how we treat people with addictions. We can do this by using person-first language and offering people choices in treatment.

Words matter, and they can be powerful.

I believe in empowering people to make positive changes in their life, rather than making them feel powerless and ashamed of their addiction. I want you to get honest with yourself about where you’re at in your life right now. And I’m not just talking about the addiction. I mean every aspect of your life, in particular those aspects that have led to and maintained the addiction. Those are the areas that need to be addressed before you can start recovery.

Those who seek recovery need our help while they get help, and we have to empower them to believe they are bigger than their problems, and their past. That they too, have a brighter future ahead.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Seeing the silly side of some really ridiculous situations helps give the Lamb a new perspective on how to handle them. Some important contacts can be made this weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Try to complete your outstanding tasks by midweek. This leaves you free to take advantage of new possibilities — both professional and personal — opening up by week’s end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) With both your creative side and your energy levels rising this week, you should be able to tackle that too-long-neglected project again. A family member might have important news.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An explanation you requested seems to be more confusing than enlightening. You should insist on clarifications now, rather than deal with problems that might arise later.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your energy levels might be ebbing a bit. But that’s no excuse for taking catnaps when you could be working on those unfinished tasks. There’ll be time to curl up and relax by week’s end.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It’s a good time to get those ideas out of your head and into a readable format if you hope to have them turned into something doable. A good friend is ready with worthwhile advice.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Careful — you might be stepping into dangerous territory if you decide to “exaggerate” the facts too much. Remember: The truth speaks for itself and needs no embellishment.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Although your workplace successes have earned you many admirers, there are some colleagues who are not among them. Be careful how you proceed with your new project.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might have to go into great detail to explain why you’re currently reluctant to make changes to an already prepared plan. Be sure you have all the facts to back yourself up.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Travel plans might still be uncertain. But instead of getting upset about the delay, open yourself up to other possibilities, and begin checking out some alternative destinations.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Changing conditions might require you to alter some of your plans. While you might be agreeable to this, be prepared with explanations for those who do not want changes made.

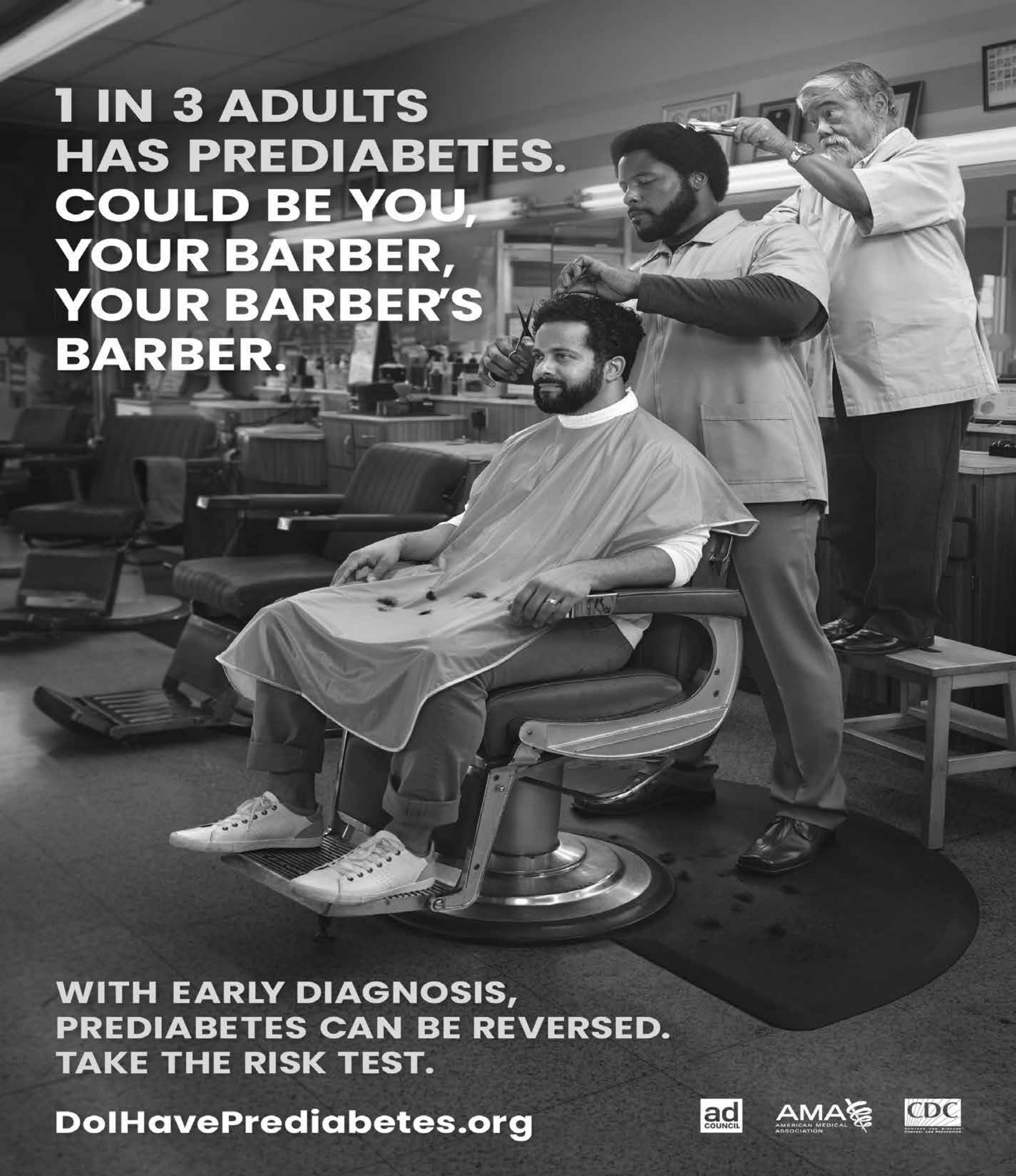
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Although you might have to deal with some detractors who aren’t too kind in their critiques, you gain points when you’re willing to stand up and defend your work.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for creating a warm and loving environment between yourself and others.

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Traditional plant gathering, growing is good for the entire community

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Since time immemorial, Cherokee people have harvested traditional plants, such as sochan and ramps, from the beautiful mountains in western North Carolina. Over time, laws have prevented tribal members from harvesting these healthy plants.

After years of work by various tribal officials, members of the Tribe may be able to receive a permit to gather sochan legally in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in the very near future. Park officials completed an environmental assessment (EA) last fall, and the comment period on that document ended on Dec. 13, 2018.

"We are currently analyzing public comments, preparing responses, and writing a draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)," said Mark Collins, Park environmental protection specialist. "Superintendent (Cassius) Cash will review all of this information and make a recommendation to Bob Vogel, regional director of the National Park Service's Southeast Region."

Collins said if the FONSI is approved and signed by Vogel, the Park and the Tribe will then be able to sign the Plant Gathering Agreement and permits would be issued soon thereafter. In December, prior to the government shutdown, Collins noted that he hoped to have a decision from Vogel



NPS photo

Sochan early spring leaves, also known as the turkey foot, are shown in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. According to the EA, "...the turkey foot consists of the upper three leaves of the sochan as the plant begins to grow from the rhizome in the spring. The portions of leaves that would be collected prior to flowering would be no more than 12 inches (30 centimeters) long."

by mid-January. An exact timeline is not known at this time due to the shutdown.

The 34-page EA is part of a proposed agreement between the Park and the Tribe which, according to information from the Park, "would establish a management framework for sustainable gathering of sochan (*Rudbeckia laciniata*) by EBCI members for traditional purposes". The National Park Service (NPS) approved changes to 36 CFR Part 2 (Gathering of Certain Plants or Parts by Federally Recognized Tribes for Traditional Purposes) in late June 2016. Tribes must enter into agreements with the NPS and must have a "traditional associa-

tion to lands within the national park and the plants must be gathered only for traditional purposes".

Under one proposed alternative, the EBCI Natural Resources Department would maintain a list of approved tribal members and individuals being selected who would receive a gathering permit. The EA states that the proposed gathering season would be March 1 through May 31. "Following traditional practices, permittees would be authorized to gather what is referred to by the Cherokee as the 'turkey foot' of the perennial sochan plant," the EA states. "...the turkey foot consists of the upper three leaves of the sochan as the

plant begins to grow from the rhizome in the spring. The portions of leaves that would be collected prior to flowering would be no more than 12 inches (30 centimeters) long." Tribal officials have stated that once the formal agreement is finished for sochan, they will begin the process for the gathering of ramps.

The gathering of these plants is vital to the health and well-being of tribal members. In an article for the American Indian Health and Diet Project entitled "Foods Indigenous to the Western Hemisphere: Ramps", Scott Sheu wrote, "Their high vitamin content and blood-cleansing properties meant that the ramps were highly prized by the American Indians for their nutritional value as well...the Cherokee consumed the ramp to treat colds and made a juice from the plant to treat earache."

Three years ago, I attended a symposium held at the Yellowhill Activity Center called "Feeding Ourselves: Food access, health disparities, and the pathways to healthy Native American communities". This event focused on the idea of food sovereignty, in other words, tribes taking the reins over much of the food their communities consume.

Crystal Echo Hawk, a member of the Pawnee Nation and president and chief executive officer of Echo Hawk Consulting, said at the symposium, "Our little ones face

see **PLANTS** next page

It takes much work, dedication to be Miss Cherokee

ANGELA GUNTER
BIRDTOWN COMMUNITY

My name is Angela Lambert Gunter. I am a member of the Birdtown Community, and I am the proud mother of four children, two step children, and 11 grandchildren. I am also a proud mother of a former Miss Cherokee, 2016-17. My daughter Amorie Brook Gunter, wore her crown with great pride. To her, as well as all of the former Miss Cherokees, she wore this crown to represent the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, to be an ambassador for our Tribe.

With this crown comes huge responsibilities. Each young woman that has that crown placed upon their head has a contract to sign

that states how this young woman must conduct herself during her reign, as well as outlining her responsibilities. What a lot of people probably don't understand about this honor is that it is not easy. There is a lot of work involved during these young women's reign as Miss Cherokee. They have countless appearances and events they must attend, public speaking, and lots of travel. It is just like a job that they do not get paid for - but a job each one takes on because of the honor bestowed upon them. This honor is not about winning a popularity contest, because to each one of these young women, it is about so much more than that.

These young women truly represent what it means to be a

strong Cherokee woman. They take great pride in knowing as much as they possibly can about their history, culture, and language. As a mother, I know the hard work and sacrifices these young women put into winning this honor, and the honor of wearing that crown. I oftentimes wondered why my daughter chose to take this path because of the incredible amount of work that she put into, but I now completely understand why she chose this path. To her, it was all about the honor of serving the Cherokee people, by representing our Tribe, with honor, dignity, integrity, and serving as a role model for our younger Cherokee girls and women.

My daughter served very well,

as I feel all mothers of former Miss Cherokees feel their daughters did. She worked very hard with her Cherokee Language skills and learning more about her culture. She held several fundraisers to raise money for her platform, Childhood Cancer. She spoke well at each event she attended and worked so hard to always be at her best at each event that she attended. I served as her chaperone and photographer. She did all of the work herself. I want to give a huge shout out to our former Miss Cherokees for a job well done, and to give a very special shout out to my daughter, Amorie Gunter, Miss Cherokee 2016-17, I love you and am so very proud of you.

PLANTS: Traditional gathering, gardening good for entire community, *from page 22*

epidemic proportions of obesity and type 2 diabetes. Oftentimes, we don't realize how big of a part food plays in the health problems that we face as Indian people."

Wilson Pipestem, a member of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe and founder of Pipestem Law and Ietan Consulting, spoke at the symposium and advocated for a return to traditional foods which he said

would be a step forward in battling obesity and diabetes. "Cherokee are not eating sochan at every meal. They are not eating ramps at every meal. We have to think about the things we are putting into our bodies."

With the work being done currently by tribal officials dealing with gathering of these traditional plants, things are looking up. Also, tribal gardening initiatives are occurring that give hope to a return to better diets.

Last April, students at the New

Kituwah Academy planted a garden including kale, mustard greens, creasy greens, and onions. "Part of what we're seeing right now is that there is a large gap between our younger generations and our older generation on growing food and knowing where your food comes from," Joey Owle, EBCI Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, told the students that morning. "As you start to grow your own food here, go home and encourage your parents, your aunts, your uncles, your grandparents to do their

own raised beds in their own front yard...this entire valley used to be beans and corn and squash."

Owle and his staff work daily to encourage farming on tribal lands. It is farming/gardening initiatives such as this as well as formal agreements the Tribe will enter into for legal gathering of traditional plants that will work together to improve the diets and overall health of tribal members. It will be a good day when "Indian Dinners" contain nothing but traditional Cherokee foods.

Search for thousands of Cherokee words at:
<http://siyo.brokentrap.com/>

Benefits/Fundraisers

Indian Taco Benefit for Annie

Oocumma. Jan. 24 at 11 a.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Indian tacos served with a drink for \$8. Deliveries available – must be five or more. Call or text Caroline Oocumma 788-3593 no later than Wednesday, Jan. 23 at 5 p.m. No call-ins on the day of the benefit.

Souper Bowl Fundraiser. Feb. 1

from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Cherokee Choices Community Room. All proceeds will go to fund the Community Syllabary Class. \$5 for a bowl of soup, break/crackers, and drink. \$7 for all you can eat soup, bread/crackers, and drink. Soups include: potato, taco, tomato, vegetable, zuppa toscana, and more.

Benefit Fundraiser for Tina

Saunooke. Feb. 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Painttown Gym. Chicken, cabbage, pintos and hominy or choice of fried potatoes, dessert, and drink for \$10. Deliveries for four or more orders. Call-in orders until Jan. 31 at 5 p.m. Info: Candy 736-6060 or Biddie 788-0606

Cultural Events

Cherokee Language Class. Jan.

21, 28; Feb. 4, 11 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore, Tenn. The cost of the class is \$40 for all four evenings. The class will be taught by Lou Jackson and Brett Jones, both enrolled members of the Eastern

Band of Cherokee Indians. Info: Sequoyah Birthplace Museum (423) 884-6246, seqmus@tds.net

Native Youth Fabric Design Sessions. March 7 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., March 14 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and April 4 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the EBCI Extension Office. Create a custom fabric design that represents Cherokee culture. Designs will be sent to Durham and made into an actual piece of fabric to use in creating clothing for the Kananegsi Fashion Show. Info: Sally Dixon 359-6936

Bean Bread Classes for EBCI Members. March 10 and March 17 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

at Cherokee Choices Community Room in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. Instructor will be Beloved Woman Myrtle Driver Johnson. All ingredients will be provided. \$15 per person (cash only), two-hour class, 12 people per class. This event is sponsored by the Right Path Adult Leadership Alumni. Info: Tara McCoy 359-5542

General Events

Indivisible Swain County NC meeting. Jan. 28 at 6 p.m. at the United Community Bank at 145 Slope St. in Bryson City. Agenda includes planning goals and strategies for 2019-20. All are welcome to join. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118

THE JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS THE

WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL

WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

JANUARY 21-27, 2019

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckaseigee River	N/A	All Day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout	BWO, Winter Stone, Dark Caddis, Midges	Para BWO, Zebra Copper John, Stonefly, Soft Hackle Pheasant Tail, Prince Nymph, Wooly Bugger
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	N/A	All Day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	BWO, Winter Stone, Dark Caddis, Midges	Streamers, Stonefly imitations, Para Adams, Zug Bug, Prince nymph, Pheasant tail
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Follow posted regulations-wild trout	All Day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Brook Trout	BWO, Winter Stone, Dark Caddis, Midges	Stonefly imitations, Para Adams, Zug Bug, Prince nymph, Pheasant tail, Para BWO, Peacock Caddis

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BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, JAN. 21	TUESDAY, JAN. 22	WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23	THURSDAY, JAN. 24	FRIDAY, JAN. 25	SATURDAY, JAN. 26	SUNDAY, JAN. 27
BEST++	BETTER	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE+
12:13 AM-2:13 AM 12:44 PM-2:44 PM	1:15 AM-3:15 AM 1:45 PM-3:45 PM	2:14 AM-4:14 AM 2:42 PM-4:42 PM	3:09 AM-5:09 AM 3:36 PM-5:36 PM	4:01 AM-6:01 AM 4:27 PM-6:27 PM	4:51 AM-6:51 AM 5:16 PM-7:16 PM	5:40 AM-7:40 AM 6:04 PM-8:04 PM

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Deuteronomy in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. From John 20, by what other name was the apostle Thomas known? *Caleb, Naaman, Omri, Didymus*
 3. Which book (KJV) begins, "And the Lord spake unto Moses in the wilderness"? *Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Joel*
 4. What did Jesus and Peter pay for with a coin found in a fish's mouth? *Tax, Bread, Lodging, Sandals*
 5. From Proverbs 11, what word did Solomon use to describe soul winners? *Warm, Wise, Wealthy, Wonderful*
 6. What prophet was saved from death by a talking donkey? *Balaam, Ezekiel, Joel, Samuel*
- ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Didymus; 3) Numbers; 4) Tax; 5) Wise; 6) Balaam
- Comments? More Trivia? Visit www.TriviaGuy.com

Thinking about starting a business? Pre-venture orientation session. Jan. 30 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Ginger Lynn Welch conference room. Register here: <http://bit.ly/PVO-Jan2019>. Info: Sabrina Arch 359-6708

ETC Course hosted by EBCI Public Safety Communications Center. Feb. 11-15 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the Center. The course fee is \$300, but EBCI tribal members presenting an enrollment card can enroll for \$50. Info: Joshua Turner, course instructor, 497-4131, joshturn@nc-chokeee.com or Atreyu Queen, Public Safety Communications Center manager, 359-6435, atrequee@nc-chokeee.com

Health/Sports Events
Catamount Basketball EBCI Appreciation Night. Jan. 17 at The Ramsey Center in Cullowhee. Women's game at 5 p.m. and Men's game afterwards at around 7:30 p.m. Free admission to all youth league basketball players wearing their team jerseys to the game. Everyone is welcome. Tribal discount tickets (\$5) available only at the WCU Cherokee Center until Jan. 16. To reserve tickets, call 497-7920. Info: same number or email Sky Sampson at snsampson@wcu.edu

Cherokee Choices Open House and Mega Health Screen. Jan. 23 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex community rooms. Free light lunch and snacks, healthy recipes, 2019 Cherokee Choices Calendar and raffle prizes. Mega health screen including blood pressure, hemoglobin A1c for diabetes risk, BMI and body fat review, learn more about

fitness and health opportunities, and more. This event is sponsored by EBCI Public Health & Human Services, Cherokee Choices, and Mountain Wise. Info: Shelby 359-6783, shelpark@nc-chokeee.com, or Robin 359-6785, robibail@nc-chokeee.com

Upcoming Pow Wows for Jan. 25-27

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.

3rd Annual Winter Pow Wow. Jan. 26-27 at Redcliff Legendary Waters Resort & Casino in Bayfield, Wisc. MC: Leslie Gibbs. Host Drum: Whitefish Bay. Info: (800) 226-8478, www.legendarywaters.com

Community Groups
Constitution Committee meets on Monday from 6 -8pm at the Shawn Blanton EOC Building in the IT Conference room. All are welcome to attend. Info: Lloyd Arneach 269-6498, Bo Lossiah 508-1781

Support Groups
Cherokee Living Well and 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 Cher-

okee. 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

Monday:

Wrap: 9:15 - 10am
Finding Tohi: 10 - 11am
Cherokee Culture: 11am - 12:30pm
Step by Step: 1:30 - 2:30pm
The 12 Steps of Yoga (located at Cherokee Choices): 2:30 - 4pm
Recovery Support: 4:30 - 6pm
Hi-De-Nv (Come with me) Recovery Support Group: 5 - 6pm

Tuesday:

Emotions: 9 - 11am
Life Recovery: 3 - 4pm

Wednesday:

Wrap: 9:15 - 10am
Wild Wednesday: 10:15am - 12pm
Adulthood 101: 12 - 1pm
Healthy Boundaries: 1 - 2pm
Soulfit: 2 - 3:30pm
Staff Meeting: 3:30 - 4:30pm
We Belong: 5 - 6pm
Peacemaking Support Circle: 5 - 6pm

Thursday:

Life Recovery: 8:30 - 9:30am
Staff Meeting: 9 - 10am
Mindfulness Crochet: 10:30am - 12pm
Creative Writing: 1 - 3pm
Employment Skills: 3 - 4pm

Friday:

Wrap: 9 - 10am
Creative Recovery: 9 - 11am
Courage to Heal: 11am - 12pm
Fit for Recovery : 12:45 - 2:15pm
Cherokee Language & Culture: 2:30 - 4pm

All classes are open to clients

of Analenisgi. The only classes that are open to the public are: Life Recovery, Recovery Support, Two Spirit and Peacemaking Support Circle. Info: 497-6892.

CIHA Bariatric Support Groups meet every second Tuesday of the month at Snowbird Library from 11am – 12pm (Chrystal Frank) and every second Thursday of the month at Cherokee Indian Hospital from 12-1pm in the Soco Gap Training Room. Groups are led by registered dietitians. Info: CIHA Nutrition Dept. – Nilofer Couture 497-9163 ext. 6459, Linda Johnson ext. 6317, Chrystal Frank ext. 6806, or Jean Walborn ext. 7569

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

Cherokee Alzheimer's Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month from 5:30 – 6:30pm at In-Home Care Services in the Beloved Women's & Children's Center second floor). This group is presented by The Alzheimer's Association Western Carolina Chapter. Info: 359-6860

Event listings are FREE of charge. Send your listings to Scott at scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com or message us on the Cherokee One Feather Facebook page. Include the following: event name, date(s), time(s), location, cost (if any), and contact information.

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EBCI

Legal Assistance Office

Ginger Lynn Welch Complex
810 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719
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legalhelp@nc-cherokee.com

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Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

(Open until Filled):

- **Speech Language Pathologist Independent Contractor** - Must have a valid NC Speech Language Pathologist License. Masters of Science in Speech Language Pathology from an accredited program. Successful completion of National Certification Examination. 1 year of verifiable, supervised professional experience within the last 3 years. To learn more about this Speech Language Pathologist Job please send all resumes to the department head, elizabeth.younce@ccs-nc.org or call 828.554-5128.
- **Elementary School Counselor** - Must have completed an approved Master's counselor education program in a regionally accredited college or university. Must be eligible for a professional license issued by the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction.
- **Elementary Permanent Substitute Teacher** - Must have a Bachelor's degree. Preferred qualifications include valid North Carolina teaching certificate; Bachelor's Degree in Education; Early Childhood, or other related field or previous experience in education. **Closing 01/24/2019**
- **Middle Grades 6-8 Special Education Teacher** - Must have a valid NC Teaching license in Special Education or eligible to receive licensure based on bachelor's degree in related field.
- **Part Time Custodian** - Must have high school diploma/GED.
- **Security Gate Monitor (Part-Time; On-Call)** - Must have high school diploma/GED.

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EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS

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

Open until Filled

1. Certified Nursing Assistant - Tribal In Home Care Services - PHHS (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
2. Director of Information Technology - I.T. (L15 \$64,206 - \$80,258)
3. Part-Time Paramedic (Multiple) - EMS - Public Safety (L8 \$16.40 - \$20.50 per hour)
4. Detention Officer - Corrections - CIPD (L7 \$31,078 - \$38,848)
5. Teacher - Qualla Boundary EHS/HS - PHHS (L7 \$31,078 - \$38,848)
6. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant - Kituwah Preservation & Education Program - Community/Education/Recreation (L6 \$28,372 - \$35,465)
7. PART-TIME Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant - Kituwah Preservation & Education Program - Community/Education/Recreation (L6 \$13.64 - \$17.05 per hour)
8. Utility Worker - Tribal Construction - Operations (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
9. Kituwah Academy Teacher - Kituwah Preservation & Education Program - Community/Education/Recreation (L11 \$45,018 - \$56,273)
10. Natural Resources Enforcement Officer (Multiple) - Natural Resources Enforcement - Public Safety (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
11. Patrol Officer (Multiple) - Police Department - Public Safety (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
12. Truck Driver - Tribal Construction - Operations (L6 \$28,372 - \$35,465)
13. Financial Analyst II - Finance - Treasury (L12 \$49,200 - \$61,500)
14. Deputy Clerk - Tribal Court - Judicial Branch (L6 \$28,372 - \$35,465)
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Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements



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

**Children's Home
Resident Counselor
Supervisor**
Closes 1/24/19

**Administration
Grants Coordinator**
Closes 1/24/19

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.

EMPLOYMENT

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Optometrist
Dental Assistant II
Physician – Emergency Room
Physician – Primary Care
Emergency Hire EVS Technician
Emergency Hire Food Service Worker (2 Positions)
Cook Aide – Tsali Care Center (10 Positions)
Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care Center (10 Positions)
RN – Tsali Care Center (2 Positions)
PTR RN – Tsali Care Center
PTI CNA – Tsali Care Center (2 Positions)
PTI RN – Tsali Care Center (2 Positions)
PTI LPN – Tsali Care Center (3 Positions)
CMA/LPN – Primary Care
Ward Clerk – Tsali Care Center (2 Positions)
Residential Technician – Snowbird Residential Treatment Center (2 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.

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Accounting Technician
Physical Therapy Assistant II
Emergency Hire EVS Technician
Emergency Hire Food Service Worker (2 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 January 24, 2019 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **1/23pd**

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Peer Support Specialist (2 Positions)
Master Level Therapist – Analenisgi
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TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 23, 2019
CLOSING DATE: January 30, 2019
At 4:00pm
NAME OF POSITION: FT Cashier
NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 2
SHIFT: Evening

SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Most importantly, demonstrate confidentiality. One-year cashier/cash handling experience required. Must obtain a valid NC Driver's License and High School Diploma or GED. Application and a complete job description may be picked up at the Tribal Bingo Hall and returned to April Bradley or Caressa Jackson.

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TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 23, 2019
CLOSING DATE: January 30, 2019
At 4:00pm
NAME OF POSITION: FT Concession Attendant
NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 2
SHIFT: Evening

SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Must be able to oversee concession area. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Most importantly, demonstrate confidentiality. One-year experience preferred. Must obtain a valid NC Driver's License and High School Diploma or GED. Application and a complete job description may be picked up at the Tribal Bingo Hall and returned to April Bradley or Caressa Jackson.

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TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 23, 2019

CLOSING DATE: January 30, 2019
At 4:00pm
NAME OF POSITION: Full Time Floor Attendant
NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 2
SHIFT: Evening

SUMMARY OF JOB: Presents a professional appearance. Proven communication and interpersonal skills. Enjoys working around people. Strong communication skills. Ability to coordinate multiple tasks simultaneously. Most importantly, demonstrate confidentiality. One-year experience preferred. Must obtain a valid NC Driver's License and High School Diploma or GED. Application and a complete job description may be picked up at the Tribal Bingo Hall and returned to April Bradley or Caressa Jackson.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 18-005
In the Matter of the Estate of Lorenzo 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
Frances Louise Luther, 4 Shirley's Way, Leicester, NC 28748. **1/23pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 18-085
In the Matter of the Estate of William Phillip Standingdeer
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
Bernice Standingdeer, P.O. Box 1792, Cherokee, NC 28719.
1/30pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 18-087
In the Matter of the Estate of Dorothy P. Swimmer
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
Kina M. Swimmer, 242 Ike Swimmer Road, Cherokee NC 28719.

1/30pd
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 18-086
In the Matter of the Estate of Larry Robert Hornbuckle
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Jessica George, P.O. Box 1677, Cherokee NC 28719. **1/30pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 18-081
In the Matter of the Estate of Mickey Edward Rattler
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
Elsie Rattler, 180 Elsie Rattler Road, Cherokee NC 28719. **1/30pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 19-002
In the Matter of the Estate of Patsy Sue Ledford Maney
All persons, firms and corpo-

rations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Sherry Maney, P.O. Box 843, Cherokee NC 28719. **1/30pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 19-003
In the Matter of the Estate of Tracy Renee Swimmer
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
Tina Swimmer, P.O. Box 148, Cherokee NC 28719. **1/30pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 19-004
In the Matter of the Estate of Cynthia Barnes Crowe
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
Warren H. Crowe Jr., 121 Super Crowe Road, Cherokee, NC 28719.
1/30pd

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
SWAIN COUNTY
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF
S. BUSTOS, a Minor Juvenile
FILE NO. 18 JA 18

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 as follows:

ADJUDICATION OF ABUSE, NEGLIGENCE, AND/OR DEPENDENCY FOLLOWED BY A DISPOSITION CONSIDERING THE NEEDS OF THE JUVENILE WITH ENTRY OF AN ORDER DESIGNED TO MEET THOSE NEEDS AND THE OBJECTIVES OF THE STATE

Filed October 17, 2018, in the District Court in Swain County, North Carolina.
TO: JOHN BUSTOS

You are required to make a defense to such pleadings no later than 45 days from the date of first publication of this notice January 17, 2019, and upon your failure to do so, the Petitioner, the Swain County Department of Social Services, seeking service against you, will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

If you are indigent you are entitled to appointed counsel. Counsel may be appointed to you by the Court at the first hearing after service. You should contact

the Swain County Clerk of Court at 828-488-7400 for information regarding how to request and apply for counsel.

A dispositional order or a subsequent order may require certain actions of you or may terminate your parental rights.

Upon service, failure to comply with any order of the Court may cause the Court to issue a show cause order for contempt.

This the ____ day of January, 2019.

Kristy L. Parton
Attorney for Petitioner
Swain County Department of Social Services, PO Box 194
Bryson City, NC 28713
828-226-2367. **1/30pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File No. 19-001

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Bessie Bird Welch**

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
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Agnes K. Welch, P.O. Box 1997,
Cherokee NC 28719. **2/6pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 19-005

In the Matter of the Estate of

**Helen May Dorothy McCoy
Smith**

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
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Travis Kent Smith, 5 Bird Hill Road,
Cherokee NC 28719. **2/6pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 18-079

**In the Matter of the Estate of
George Henry Lambert**

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 PUBLICA-
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Jennifer Blanton, 860 Union Hill,
Whittier, NC 28789. **2/13pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 18-084

**In the Matter of the Estate of
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Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Donald Lee Swimmer, P.O. Box 790, Cherokee NC 28719, **1/23pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-083

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Barbara Ann Hornbuckle
George**

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

Jason Ray George, 39 Hornbuckle Dr., Cherokee, NC 28719. **1/23pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 19-007

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Wallace Herbert St. Clair**

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

Sharon Bradley, P.O. Box 2048, Cherokee NC 28719. **2/13pd**

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Advertisement for Bids

Cherokee Enterprises, Inc., an Equal Opportunity Employer, is soliciting subcontractor and material proposals for the CIHA Phase II Project from certified TERO vendors. This phase of work generally consists of survey, clearing and grubbing, grading, excavating, paving, site improvements, trucking and site utilities. All proposals should be in our office by Friday January 25th 2019 at 1 p.m. Proposals can be mailed or faxed to our office, 828-497-5566. Project plans and specifications can be viewed at our office located at 1371 Acquoni Road in Cherokee, N.C. with prior appointment. Workers compensation, auto, and general liability insurance are required from all subcontractors. Bonding may be required of sub-contractors dependent upon the size of the submitted scope and in accordance with the owner's requirements. Please contact our office at 828-497-5617 with questions or for additional information. **1/23pd**

Request for Proposals

Kituwah, LLC seeks competitive proposals from a qualified and appropriately licensed contractor to design and develop various types of signs (one for top of building and one along roadside) to include sign dimensions, types of materials to be used and total cost for completion of the necessary detailed construction documents.

Interested individuals or companies may request the request for proposals from:

Kristin Smith, 1158 Seven Clans Lane, Whittier, NC 28789, 828 736 2365, kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com

Requirements and submission instructions are in the RFP. Proposals must be submitted before close of business, 4:00 pm EST, January 31, 2019. Submissions sent after this time will not be considered. This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. Kituwah, LLC reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **1/23pd**

Request for Proposals

Kituwah, LLC is seeks competitive proposals from a qualified and appropriately licensed contractor to design and develop interior office renovations. The qualified vendor will significantly improve the interior workspace and provide construction service. The "stay-put" renovation will allow the work at Kituwah, LLC to continue throughout the duration of the project with minimal scheduled interruptions. The interior renovation will need to be during office hours (M-F 7:45am – 4:30pm). Services needed, but limited to: demolition and removal of interior cabinets in two areas of building, design and construct five (5) offices and a large conference room. Design and construction of kitchen/breakroom area new sink, faucet and cabinets. Office areas will need receptacles, light switches and other devices relocated. Repair and replace of ceiling tile as required for demolition. Walk throughs are recommended and can scheduled by calling Kristin Smith at 828-477-4553.

Interested individuals or com-

panies may request the request for proposals from:

Kristin Smith P.O. BOX 366, Cherokee, NC 28719 - 828 477 4553, kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com

Requirements and submission instructions are in the RFP. Proposals must be submitted before close of business, 4:00 pm EST, February 14, 2019. Submissions sent after this time will not be considered. This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. Kituwah, LLC reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **2/6pd**

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