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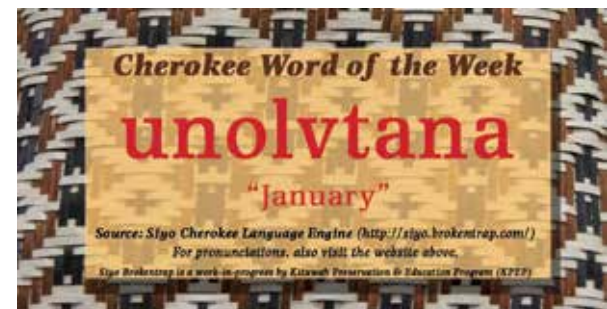
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Tribal leaders hosted a Town Hall Meeting at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 24 to discuss and provide information to the public on the CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). Organized through the Office of Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, the meeting delved into the top five projects of the CEDS including: Adventure Park, Trout Hatchery Research and Education Center, Sequoyah National Golf Course Hotel and Clubhouse, Multi-Sports Complex, and a Tribal Archive.

“When you go into communities, it’s hard to explain what all of these projects are and how they come to be, the CEDS projects,” said Vice Chief Ensley. “So, we wanted to have a town hall meeting to give a good explanation to the general public on how all of the projects come about.”

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted, “We’re trying to create processes that we follow so that projects don’t just hang around for a decade or longer. So, the CEDs list does that and the Capital Outlay Projects list does the same.”

The event was moderated by Chris McCoy, EBCI Communications director, and included a panel to discuss the projects including: Mike Parker, EBCI Destination Marketing director; Doug Cole, Tribal Planning Dept. strategic planner; Russell Townsend, Tribal Historic



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Russell Townsend, EBCI Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, speaks on the status of the Tribal Archive project during a Town Hall Meeting at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 24. Doug Cole, Tribal Planning Dept. strategic planner, is shown seated.

Preservation Officer; and Joey Owle, EBCI Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

“The Tribe has maintained a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for at least 20 years,” Cole said who related that it originated with a grant from the EDA (U.S. Economic Development Administration). “We must have a five-year economic development strategy on file and approved by them. It is very important to have this document in place because if we ever apply for other grants or anything like that the first thing they’re going to say is ‘where’s your CEDS?’”

Cole said the current CEDS was approved by the Tribal Planning Board and then, subsequently, by

the Tribal Council. Prior to that approval, community discussions were held at various community clubs and input was sought from elders at Tsali Manor as well as from the Community and Culture Advisory Committee and others. “The goals of the CEDS are to increase destination tourism, commercial and retail development, revenue diversification, and small business and entrepreneurship. So, each of the projects was judged for consistency with those goals and community impact.”

Several proposals have been discussed over the years for the Adventure Park which was first brought forth as an idea in 2002. The current incarnation idea involves a 113,000 square foot

indoor water park with a 405-room resort hotel and restaurant.

Owle discussed the Trout Hatchery and noted that a feasibility study for a new facility was conducted in 2016 by the Freshwater Institute under the Conservation Fund. “What this feasibility study looked into was our current trout hatchery production, limitations, repairs and what it would take to bring that facility up to a standard more to our liking. There’s a lot of repairs that need to take place with the administrative building, the egg incubation area, the feed storage, the raceways, and that total cost came to about \$4.2 million.”

The location for the new facility being looked at is the old River View Campground located behind

the Hungry Bear station in the Yellowhill Community. Owle said he has a vision for the new facility beyond just raising trout, "You're not just coming to a hatchery. We can highlight our culture, and we can have interactive tours."

Cole said the feasibility study for the Sequoyah National Golf Course, which opened in August 2009, was the first project he worked on as a tribal planner. "Even though its January and in the middle of winter, the course still looks just absolutely beautiful... it's a very great asset, but it could be a greater asset."

He said the Sequoyah National Golf Club Board thinks having a better clubhouse and an added hotel would improve the quality and overall numbers. Cole noted that a feasibility study was conducted, "And, indeed, it stated that a 125-room hotel at the Golf Course would be very, very successful."

Peggy Hill, an EBCI tribal member from the Yellowhill Community, questioned the prioritization of those selected to be in the CEDS list.

On the golf course project, she agrees with the idea of building a clubhouse but questions a hotel and noted that other courses frequently have houses or condominiums surrounding the property. "Why are we not developing the land around the golf course?"

Lisa Montelongo, an EBCI tribal member from the Yellowhill Community, also questioned the prioritization of the list.

Cole said this is the fourth CEDS he's worked on and noted, "This is, by far, the most people we've had at our community meetings. There was in excess of 50 people at each one of them, and we got some good feedback...before the Planning Board, they went before the advisory



Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley welcomes everyone to the meeting. His office was instrumental in organizing the event.

ry committees, the elders, and we took them to community meetings and those were presented to Tribal Planning Board."

He went on to discuss the Multi-Sports Complex, "A lot of people are coming into town for sports tournaments - basketball, softball, etc. - and the idea there would be to develop a complex where these people could come...this is one that we need to do a little more feasibility work because I think we may have an issue with the number of hotel rooms available in town that would be able to accommodate these people."

Cole said the preliminary site for that Complex is the old Cherokee High School site off of Acquoni Road in the Yellowhill Community. "A lot of preliminary work needs to be done there - some archaeological work, flood plain work, etc."

Daniel Tramper, an EBCI tribal member who owns Deer Clan Productions, asked if the Complex could possibly be a multi-use facility that could also host other events such as pow wows, horse events, or truck shows.

"Yes, we will certainly look into it," said Cole, "but, at this point in time we're in the feasibility arena..."



Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed answers questions at the end of Thursday's meeting.

it's not at a point where we can drive a stake in the ground and say 'this is what it's going to be used for'."

The Tribal Archive is the fifth project on the CEDS list and was part of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Tribe and the National Park Service in a land exchange involving the Ravensford Property where the Cherokee Central Schools is currently located. The Archive, per the agreement, was to be completed in 2009.

"It turned into the largest archaeological project in North Carolina history," Townsend said of the work done at the site prior to construction of the new school. "Because, underneath that old logging town and hay fields was 8,000 years of human history preserved better than you could ever imagine. There were 11 burned house structures which you almost never get... it gives us an unparalleled picture at what Cherokee life was like in different points in history."

A site for the Archive has not been selected yet, but Townsend said various locations have been discussed including the old Cherokee High School, the old Cherokee Elementary School, and a spot near the Kituwah Mound. He added

that the archaeology team that worked on the original project has housed the artifacts free of charge - never costing the Tribe a dime to this point.

Townsend said that following a feasibility study in 2005, it became apparent that EBCI tribal members didn't just want a curatorial facility but one that would also house historical government documents. "What this was originally going to be, and what we agreed for it to be, is a curatorial facility to contain hundreds of hundreds of thousands of artifacts of Cherokee past in a space that could accommodate 10,000 cubic feet."

After some discussion from various community members on the process to approve the CEDs list, McCoy stated, "We have to create a process to get these projects approved from A to Z."

Chief Sneed concluded the meeting by fielding some questions and explaining costs associated with some of these projects. During a recent meeting with Cleveland County Commissioners in Shelby, he asked them about their construction costs who related it costs around \$150 per square foot to build in their area. Chief Sneed related that in Cherokee, the cost is around \$320 to \$380 per square foot. "There's a lot of reasons for that - site development because we're in the mountain, TERO adds to that; Wolftown Community Club, \$320 a square; Birdtown Community Club, \$320 a square. That's exorbitant. That's a lot."

Vice Chief Ensley said the next Town Hall Meeting, which will be held in July, will be devoted to health and medical issues as well as more explanations of the Tribe's finances.

Housing Division takes steps toward addressing home needs

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The Tribal Housing Division of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians conducted a meeting on Thursday, Jan. 17 in the Hickory Room at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort to provide information to respondents to the Request for Qualifications on the Camp Creek (also known as the Old Doc Mitchell Farm-place) Housing Development project. The property resides in Jackson County.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed thanked all the respondents for coming. "The project before you represents the single greatest leap in housing for our enrolled members in a very long time. The lay of the land is beautiful. There is just a wealth of potential. We are very excited to see the presentations".

The project's scope of work states that the Tribe "is seeking to obtain architectural, engineering, and professional consulting services from qualified firms for master plan design." It also specifies the needs as low to moderate income housing, workforce housing, rental units, single-family homes, and water/sewer. Additional requirements include a convenience store, laundry mat, community room, fitness center, and property management. This meeting was part of the overall timeline to "meet with proposing firms for clarification of project" and a site visit.

EBCI Secretary of Housing Travis Smith addressed the gathering of approximately 20 people from various firms. Smith explained the challenges of building on the Qualla Boundary, "We don't have a housing problem here on the



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Boundary. We have a land problem. Thirty percent of the land is buildable. The rest of it is not. So, we are looking off Boundary to make purchases to where we can not only help our people but help the workforce that we need, the surrounding counties' needs and their workforce also."

Secretary Smith stressed the need for workforce housing. As economic development opportunities grow and EBCI creates jobs on the Boundary, the demand for housing workers for the Tribe's endeavors continues to increase he noted. The available, buildable land in this project is approximately 188 acres.

Secretary Smith turned the meeting over to T.W. Saunooke, Housing Production manager, who discussed specifics about the

property's topography, natural and manmade constructions on the site that might be of relevance to the developers vying for the project. According to Saunooke, the Tribe wants to know how many total living units based on the capacity of the land and expect a good return on investment. The topographic map provided shows exiting tribal water lines 6000 feet from the sight and tribal sewer lines roughly 4300 feet. There are a pond and two streams on the property. Power is available on the property. Saunooke presented a video flyover video of the entire property. He pointed out landmarks at the site to the bidders. He noted that design would need to comply with the Jackson County slope ordinance and any other county and state

ordinances.

Secretary Smith explained the need for retail stores on the property. "When we look at a project of this size, the build out and the number of units we think can go in; we look at building this out as another community. To have a community, you must have things there to support it-a small grocery store, laundry mat, some of those things just to help support the need of living there." He also said that it is important to have "green spaces" within the plan, to include walking trails.

After the meeting concluded, the bidders were taken out to the sight to view the property.

The next deadline on the RFQ is Friday, Feb. 1 which is the deadline for proposal submission.

Working group formed to evaluate housing merger

The leadership within the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has been evaluating the potential benefits of merging the Qualla Housing Authority within the EBCI Housing Division. EBCI Resolution #380 (2018) authorized the Housing Division to move forward with this merger, with many aspects of this project being completed. There are a few minor next steps in completing the merger to ensure future success. These steps include the passage of an Ordinance giving the legal framework to the Division.

"I recognize that any time there is a proposed change within EBCI government structure that impacts employees there needs to be open and detailed communications with all the key stakeholders," said Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed. "I have requested this working group to help facilitate communication to employees and other interested parties developing the plan will create a strategic and concerted effort by all of the key stakeholders."

The working group will be comprised of Chief Sneed, Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, members of the Housing Board, Tribal Council representatives, Secretary of Housing Travis Smith, a Human Resources representative, a Treasury Division representative, and two employee representatives from Qualla Housing.

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Great Smokies Park resumes full operations

With the enactment of the continuing resolution, staff at Great Smoky Mountains National Park resumed regular operations on Saturday, Jan. 26. Many basic

services were accessible to visitors on weekends and holiday periods throughout the shutdown period using a combination of partner funds and revenue generated by recreation fees. Park visitor centers are now accessible seven days a week and reservation services for the frontcountry and backcountry are fully operational.

Visitors may experience delayed openings this spring at some park campgrounds, picnic areas, and seasonal roads due to a reduced timeline for seasonal staff hiring and project planning. An updated park operating schedule will be posted on www.nps.gov/grsm as soon it is available.

"On behalf of the employees of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude to our partners and communities for their unwavering support over the last five weeks," said Park Superintendent Cassius Cash. "In addition to the monetary support offered by our partners to provide basic visitor services, we were moved by the number of people and organizations who stepped up to organize litter pickups and the outpouring of generosity expressed to our employees through meals and gift cards."

All park staff, including biologists, engineers, education rangers, and administrators have resumed work functions critical for year-round park operations. Employees are glad to be back at work protecting resources and assisting visitors in having a safe and enjoyable experience. If you are interested in helping take care of the park, please visit www.nps.gov/grsm/getinvolved/volunteer.htm for more information on how to become a volunteer.

- National Park Service release

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Cherokee Boys Club and CCS report improved relationship at bi-weekly School Board meeting

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The Tuesday, Jan. 22 meeting of the Cherokee Central Schools School Board included members of the Cherokee Boys Club (CBC) Board of Directors and Greg Owle, Cherokee Boys Club executive director. The two entities have agreed to meet on a quarterly basis to ensure proper communication and workflow, according to School Board Chairwoman Charlotte Saunooke.

School officials attending this meeting included: School Board members Charlotte Saunooke, Gloria Griffin, Jennifer Thompson, Clara French Browning, and Isaac Long. School Board member John D. Crowe was absent from the meeting. Wolftown Rep. Bo Crowe was in attendance, but Vice Chairman of Tribal Council David Wolfe was not in attendance. School officials attending were: Superintendent Michael Murray, Assistant Superintendent Beverly Payne, Financial Director Howard Wahnetah, and Human Resources Director Deborah Toineeta.

Dr. Murray opened the meeting with prayer.

Ashford Smith, Secretary of the CBC Board and the organization's interim finance director, and Howard Wahnetah reported on the financial status of the school system. Overall, according to their statements, spending is "on track" with what would be expected at this point in the school's fiscal year. Smith stated, "Overall, very good job. This is the best picture we are

going to get all year until the end of the year. It is easy to see the numbers. About half your budget should be spent."

He said in most lines of spending, the lines were near or at the 50 percent level. "I feel pretty good about where we are at. You could tell where the accountability has shown forth throughout the numbers."

Smith also studied, at the request of Chairwoman Saunooke, revenue projections and attempted to forecast what the budgets for the next three to five years should look like and what kind of financial planning needs to take place. He commented that, in his discussions with local financial advisors, that there is a consensus that "we will have a recession within the next two years."

He indicated that preparation needs to begin now for that possibility. Chairwoman Saunooke urged the Board and school administration to think about and prepare for a more modest income and look for ways to conserve funds and reduce spending while not compromising student needs. Wahnetah commented that Central Office has already started looking at ways to reduce and save and had advised other operational areas to consider doing so.

Cherokee Boys Club Board of Directors members in attendance included: President Benny Graves, Vice President Tara Reed, Secretary Ashford Smith, Board members Doris Johnson and June Wolfe, and Tribal Council Representative (Big Cove) Perry Shell.

Superintendent Murray praised CBC for what he said was an "improved relationship." He specifically thanked June Wolfe's strategic coordination of busing the children during recent inclement weather. Murray also complimented Owle for his commitment toward working with the school to "keep the kids safe." Leadership from both CBC and School Board said that their relationship is "on the right track."

Rep. Shell stated, "I am glad to see things are going well. I want to see it keep going and that we look at more collaboration."

There was some discussion regarding the Rough Branch area and difficulties with the unpaved road. Both Tribal Council representatives Shell and Crowe were asked to see if anything could be done to expedite paving in that area. Rep. Crowe explained that the Department of Transportation currently contracts out the paving work, so a contractor is ultimately responsible for the execution of paving projects. Paving season is done until warmer weather (cold weather halts asphalt production).

Chairwoman Saunooke stated that Soco Mountain (Hwy 19) needed maintenance and repair badly -removal of threatening trees and limbs, and ditches and drains cleared. Rep. Crowe advised that the NCDOT has taken more control over the Soco Road. Cherokee DOT now cannot go work in that area without going through the state for permission.

Next on the agenda was a presentation and request for a

donation from the Middle School BETA Club. The Beta Club is a national organization with the goal of "promoting the ideals of academic achievement, character, service, and leadership among elementary and secondary school students." The request specified replenishing funds that were being spent on the 2019 Beta Club Convention. Eight CCS students will be participating. Beta Club had been successful in a fundraising effort and gave a detailed breakdown of income and spending. The School Board recommended and approved a \$500 donation to the Beta Club which is the limit allowed per request.

Superintendent Murray distributed copies of the Booster Club's "tri-annual financial update." No Booster Club representative was available for the meeting. One Feather did not receive the hand-out.

The Board discussed individual recognitions for service to the school community.

The Board also went into closed session for approximately ten minutes to discuss personnel issues that were on the agenda. They voted and approved the filling of a custodial and an administrative position. The Superintendent also presented an "enrollment request" that was discussed during closed session. The Board voted and approved this action as well. One Board member abstained due to a conflict of interest.

The School Board voted to have a joint School Board meeting with Swain County School Board on March 18 at 5 p.m. in Cherokee.

This meeting is held annually to discuss funding agreements and collaboration.

At the direction of the Board, the administration has been cutting monies spent on advertising. Superintendent Murray suggested that the Board retain one graduation billboard at the cost of \$385 monthly from Allison's Outdoor. He said that is essential recognition of

achievement by the students and should continue. The Board agreed and approved the funding of the graduation billboard. Allison's will donate the cost of creating and installing the billboard; the school will be responsible for monthly rental.

The Board approved an early resignation waiver request presented by Deb Toinetta. No other infor-

mation was provided on this issue. Assistant Superintendent Payne advised the Board that BIE has "tapped" the Cherokee Central Schools to participate in the National Assessment of Education Progress for grades 4 and 8. The assessment is for reading and math. It is scheduled to take place on March 5 and 8. While CCS will not get school-specific information,

there will be a report in aggregate provided to the school.

Wahnetah also provided his quarterly report regarding operations of the finance department. The report included that his staff would be doing MUNIS (accounting software) training with CBC, as well as EBCI budget training.

The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 4.

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Man taken into custody following a stand-off

Dustin Corey Jones, 26, of Cherokee, was taken into custody following an armed stand-off in the Rough Branch Community on Friday, Jan. 18. According to information released by the EBCI Division of Public Safety, Jones barricaded himself with a firearm. Cherokee Indian Police Department officers were dispatched to the scene and secured the area.

Jones was taken into custody and charged with Obstructing Governmental Functions and Violation of a Court Order as well as Failure to Appear on a Misdemeanor. No one was injured in the stand-off.

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CIPD Arrest Report for Jan. 13-20

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. Addresses have been redacted. Mugshots can be viewed at theonefeather.com.

Sequoyah, Johnson Lloyd – age 36

Arrested: Jan. 13
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Probation Violation

Crowe, Jeffrey Daniel – age 56

Arrested: Jan. 14
Released: Jan. 14
Charges: Violation of Privacy

Hughes, Kevin Matthew – age 30

Arrested: Jan. 14
Released: Jan. 15

Charges: Assault on a Female

Rivera, Domingo Tovar – age 46

Arrested: Jan. 14
Released: Jan. 17
Charges: Violate Domestic Violence Protection Order

Squirrel, Joshua Brent – age 31

Arrested: Jan. 14
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Bigmeat, John Allen – age 44

Arrested: Jan. 15
Released: Jan. 15
Charges: Temporary Hold

Bradley, Nichole Dominique – age 26

Arrested: Jan. 15
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Obey Court Order

Littlejohn, Michael – age 58

Arrested: Jan. 15
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Wright, William Leroy – age 39

Arrested: Jan. 15
Released: Jan. 16
Charges: Larceny (five counts), Obtain Property False Pretense (five counts)

Yanez, Colby Lucas – age 24

Arrested: Jan. 15
Released: Jan. 18
Charges: Domestic Violence – Bodily Injury

Daniel, Kristian Hope – age 25

Arrested: Jan. 16
Released: Not released as of report

date

Charges: Probation Violation

Fuller, Jamie Morgan – age 20

Arrested: Jan. 16
Released: Jan. 18
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Mitchell, Joshua Lloyd – age 21

Arrested: Jan. 16
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Criminal Conspiracy, Grand Larceny, Robbery

Smith, Jon Richard – age 28

Arrested: Jan. 16
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Teesateskie, James Eric – age 36

Arrested: Jan. 16
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Huskey, Darryl – age 58

Arrested: Jan. 17
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Welch, Kara Aleisha – age 19

Arrested: Jan. 17
Released: Jan. 17
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Jones, Dustin Corey – age 26

Arrested: Jan. 18
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Obstructing Justice,

Failure to Obey

Taylor, Shaina Marie – age 28

Arrested: Jan. 18
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Purge, Probation Violation

Arkansas-Bradley, Errika Leah – age 40

Arrested: Jan. 19
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Bowman, Brianna Linn – age 22

Arrested: Jan. 19
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Obstructing Justice

Jackson, Klynn Kedera – age 19

Arrested: Jan. 19
Released: Jan. 19
Charges: DWI Commercial Vehicle, Driving After Consuming under 21

Rattler, Cornelia Iona – age 20

Arrested: Jan. 20
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor (two counts), Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance

Sadongei, Yalegwo – age 18

Arrested: Jan. 19
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Public Consumption

Lossiah, Richard Allen – age 49

Arrested: Jan. 20
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Accessory After the Fact, Aiding and Abetting – Misdemeanor, Criminal Conspiracy

Smith, John Patrick – age 34
Arrested: Jan. 20
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Tolley, Cassandra Marie – age 29
Arrested: Jan. 20
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Criminal Coercion, Neglect Disable/Elder with Injury, Larceny, Simple Assault, Second Degree Trespass

Tribal Court Report

Judgment Summary for Jan. 16

ARMACHAIN, Patsy French
14-5.4 Filing False Emergency Re-

port – Dismissed, Interest of Justice

BLANTON, Shannon
14-5.2 Communicating Threats – Dismissed, Interest of Justice
14-95.8(d) Drugs: Possess a Seed – Dismissed with Leave to Refile
14-95.6(c) Drugs: Manufacturing, Selling or Delivering, Possessing with intent to sell or deliver schedule VI - Dismissed with Leave to Refile
14-95.9 Drugs: Trafficking - Dismissed with Leave to Refile
14-95.6(b) Drugs: Manufacturing, Selling or Deliver, Possessing with intent to sell or deliver schedule I, II, III, IV, and V - Dismissed with Leave to Refile
14-95.5(c) Drugs: Simple Possession of Marijuana - Dismissed with Leave to Refile
14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of

Drug Paraphernalia - Dismissed with Leave to Refile
14-95.11(d) Drugs: Possession with Intent, Paraphernalia - Dismissed with Leave to Refile
14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V - Dismissed with Leave to Refile
14-95.11(f) Drugs: Advertising Drug Paraphernalia - Dismissed with Leave to Refile
14-70.17 Obstructing Justice - Dismissed with Leave to Refile
14-95.8(d) Drugs: Possess a Seed - Dismissed with Leave to Refile

BRADLEY, Calvin
14-15.5 Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public – Dismissed, Treatment Complete

BRADLEY, Erica Lea
14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V - Dismissed with Leave to Refile, report to probation and follow standard probation requirements on May 2
14-95.6(b) Drugs: Manufacturing, Selling or Delivering, Possessing with intent to sell or deliver schedule I, II, III, IV, and V - Dismissed with Leave to Refile, report to probation and follow standard probation requirements on May 2
14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - Dismissed with Leave to Refile, report to probation and follow standard probation requirements

DAVIS, Corey Matthew
14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Guilty Plea, 14 days active jail time, credit for time served (14 days)

DRIVER, Henry James
14-5.4 Filing False Emergency Re-

port – Dismissed for Time Served
DRIVER, Norma
14-10.16 Second Degree Trespass – Guilty Plea, Prayer for Judgment Continued, not to be on or about Harrah’s casino in Cherokee or Murphy

SMITH JR., James Harvey
14-5.4 Filing False Emergency Report - Dismissed with Leave to Refile
14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property - Dismissed with Leave to Refile
14-10.9 Criminal Mischief - Dismissed with Leave to Refile
14-70.19 Resisting Lawful Arrest - Dismissed with Leave to Refile

TAYLOR, Franklin Terry
14-10.61 Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property - Dismissed with Leave to Refile
14-10.9 Criminal Mischief - Dismissed with Leave to Refile

WALKINGSTICK, Rex Spencer
14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Dismissed on Plea
14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Guilty Plea, 6 months jail time suspended, 1 year probation. Credit for time served (30 days), court costs: \$190, attend Batterer’s Treatment as part of probation

WILDCATT JR., Anderson
14-5.3 Telephone Harassment – Dismissed by Judge

WOLFE, Jordan Rae
14-25.12 Disorderly Conduct – Guilty Plea, 30 days active jail time, credit for time served (30 days)

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ON THE SIDELINES

The world needs more like Jacee Smith

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Late in a game at Robbinsville on Friday, Jan. 25, a Cherokee Lady Braves player took a pass from a teammate, turned, dribbled once, and drilled a 15-foot shot, and the crowd on both sides, went wild. It was a scene that has played over and over last season and this season, and the player responsible is a superstar - #25, Jacee Smith.

"I like basketball and I like making the three pointers," Jacee told me after the Robbinsville game in which she scored 4 points. "I love the girls and I love (Coach) Mintz. I want to tell my fans thank you. I love you, and I love my family."

Smith started her love of the game and her career at the age of 6 playing for the Birdtown Community recreation team. Several years later, she joined a travel league team. After taking her middle school years off from the game, she returned last year as a junior on the Lady Braves team.

"Her playing basketball just proves that we don't really have any excuses to sit around and not do anything," said Raymius Smith, Jacee's older brother. "If she wants to get up and she wants to get active, then that just pushes us because if she can do it, why can't we? We've always held her to the same standard as anybody and mom and dad raised us to treat her the same."



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

Jacee Smith (#25), Lady Braves senior, prepares to shoot during a game at Robbinsville on the evening of Friday, Jan. 25.

Basketball is a family affair for the Smiths who are present at all of Jacee's games. "I just love to see the other fans," said Timmy Ray Smith, Jacee's father. "It makes my heart feel good that people cheer for her. It just makes us feel good, it really does. It's brought us a lot closer to a lot of things because of her."

When Jacee enters a game, the mood of the gym changes - instantly. Even during contentious games, when she comes onto the court, people cheer and when she scores the place falls down. I asked Timmy Ray his thoughts on this and he said, "We're at a time right now where this country is divided...I think it just gives people hope that our society can be better."

He spoke of a recent road game for the Lady Braves that got very heated and contentious, especially among the fan bases, "But, when she got in there they were all cheering for her and that made me feel good."

Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach, said that Jacee brings life to the team. "Our girls love her and can't wait for her turn to get on the court. There always comes that time when all the girls start saying 'put 2-5 in, put 2-5 in'. And, when she stands up, they go crazy as do our fans. It's always so much fun when she gets in and to see her face when she scores is priceless. It's been a joy to coach her, and it's been fun, because our families are close, to see her grow from travel league to the high school game."

He went on to say, "I'm so glad I've had the chance to be around her and enjoy how everyone responds to her. All the other teams have been so gracious when playing us. That really shows sometimes things are more important than the score."

Ben Stamper, who has coached Jacee since she was little, commented, "Her dad and I went to school together and we're like brothers so to be able to coach her has been a privilege. Even when she was tiny, they've never treated her like she was different so she's always been included in everything. Their family is very sports-oriented, so, of course, it was natural for her to play."

He is currently an assistant coach with the Lady Braves team and is enjoying being able to coach her at this level. "I can hold her attention like no one, and I don't know why. She will listen to me before she'll listen to anyone else. I guess that's from coaching her since she was really little - teaching her how to shoot, teaching her to dribble, teaching her how to pass. We never treated her like she was any different. Her parents didn't want that."

Stamper added, "It's been a journey watching her grow as a person, and it's special watching her look at her dad when she scores."

Around the gym, she can be seen talking to her fellow players, coaches, fans, and, well, everyone. "She doesn't meet a stranger," said Timmy Ray.

Raymius added, "She's in the happiest mood always. She just cheers everybody up no matter if you're having a bad day, just her coming around you just makes you feel better."

Jacee is on the Lady Braves team with her younger sister, Naomi, who commented, "It's very exciting when she goes on the court...she gets excited when she makes the threes."

Jacee is beloved on and off the court and is a superstar to her



Smith squares up for a shot in a game against Andrews at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Friday, Jan. 11.

peers. "She walks down the hall, and she unifies the school," said Dr. Debora Foerst, Cherokee High School principal. "Everybody loves Jacee. She's just a superstar. She's a superstar on the court. She's a superstar in the halls. Everybody just loves her everywhere she goes. She's made her mark in Special Olympics. She's certainly made her

mark here with Cherokee athletics and definitely as a student at Cherokee High School."

Jacee is a superstar human and we all need to strive to be more like her. Most of us will fail, but if we strive to be even 10 percent the person she is, this world will be markedly better. Keep playing, Jacee!

Santa Maria hits career milestone as Braves win sixth of last seven

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

ROBBINSVILLE - Sterling Santa Maria, Braves junior, hit a shot in the third period of a game at Robbinsville on Friday, Jan. 25 that was a milestone for him and helped his team win their sixth game of their last seven. The shot was Santa Maria's 1,000th career point, and he led the Braves with 23 points on the night as Cherokee overcame a fourth period deficit to defeat the Black Knights 59-51.

The Braves were 3-8 earlier in season and have now pulled to 9-9 (.500) on the season and are tied for second place in the Big Smoky Mountain Conference with Andrews. "We had a really tough non-conference schedule and were playing some really good teams," said Aaron Hogner, Braves head coach. "A lot of our guys' roles changed from last year as far as being more aggressive and more assertive offensively. Defensively, we had to tighten some things up."

Coach Hogner said his team is getting more confidence as the season progresses. "They are buying into each other and starting to figure out what their job is and what their roles are, and they're just grinding them out."

During their seven game stretch, the Braves have won against Blue Ridge (Jan. 8, 78-55), Andrews (Jan. 11, 80-70), Highlands (Jan. 15, 58-55), Robbinsville

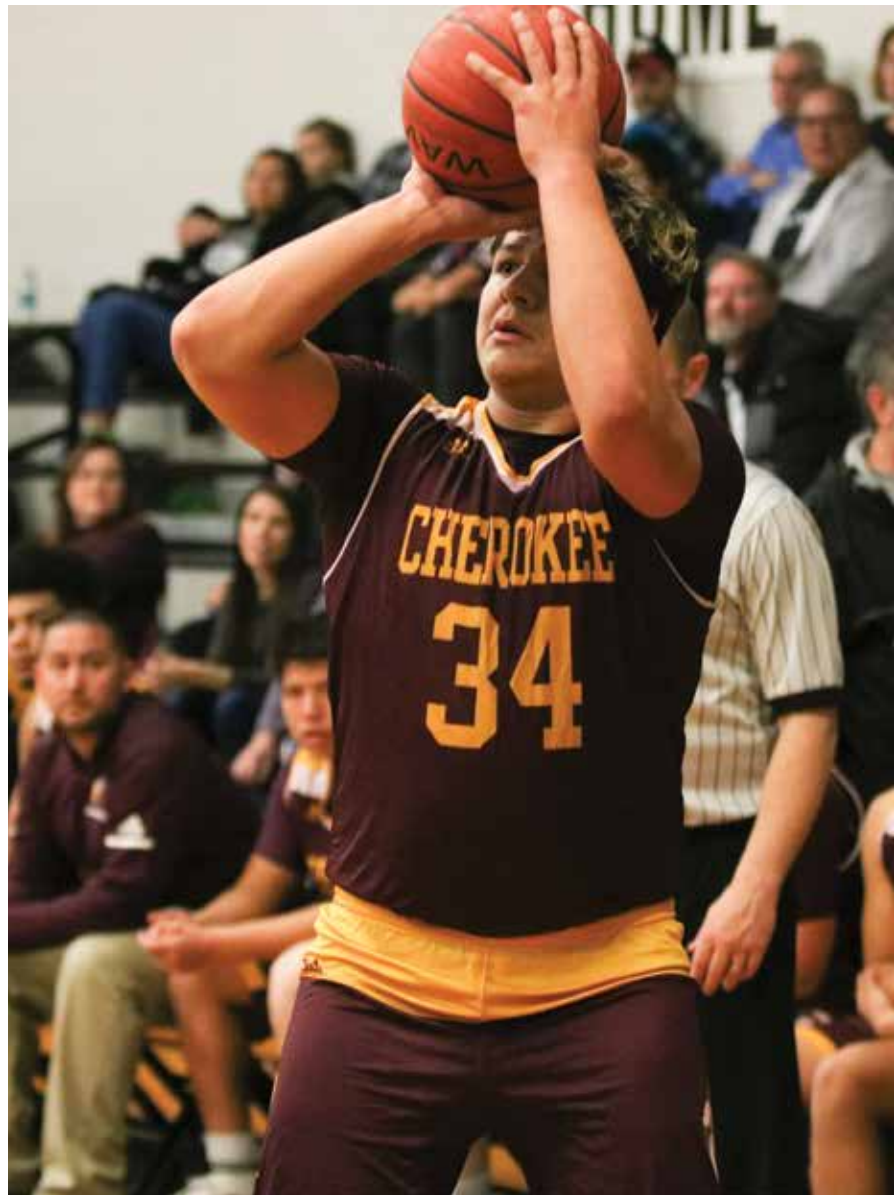
(Jan. 16, 58-50), Murphy (Jan. 22, 62-52), and Robbinsville (Jan. 25, 59-51); and lost at Hayesville (Jan. 18, 61-60).

Both teams started slowly on Friday with the Braves holding a 9-7 lead after the first period. Robbinsville led 20-19 at the half and 41-37 after three. The Black Knights actually led by as many as 8 points early in the fourth period when the Braves staged a comeback and won by 8. Coach Hogner said he was pleased with their performance and noted, "Our biggest problem all year has been that our energy level needs to stay consistent. We just need to come out ready to play. We come out too complacent sometimes and we're looking for someone else to take over. When we come out with high energy and everybody's moving, everybody's sprinting, everybody's hustling, then things look good for us."

When asked about reaching his milestone, Santa Maria said, "It feels really good. I've been working towards it since freshmen year, and I'm just trying to work hard every day, get better, make shots."

Known for his precise outside shooting, Santa Maria said, "I like to shoot the long balls, but when I get an open lane, I like to take the free lay-ups."

He is happy with the turnaround for the Braves as well. "It's getting better. Our practices are getting harder and better. We're working harder and getting fast-



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather

Sterling Santa Maria, Braves junior, shoots a three-point shot during the second half of a game at Robbinsville on Friday, Jan. 25. With 23 points, he led Cherokee to a 59-51 victory and scored his 1,000th career point in the third period.

er-paced. We got in a hole and had to dig ourselves out."

Other Braves scorers on Friday included: Josiah Lossiah 7, Blake Smith 8, Seth Smith 3, and Nate Crowe 18. Robbinsville scorers

included: Landyn Hall 15, Seth Lawson 7, Landon Orr 7, Bryce Teesateskie 7, Chris Wright 4, Carson Eller 2, Grady Garland 7, and Colby Lovin 2.



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Cherokee's Deante Toineeta

(#13) goes for a shot in a game at Robbinsville on Friday, Jan. 25 as several Robbinsville players defend including Karlyn Matheson (#11). Toineeta led the Lady Braves with 21 points, including four three-pointers, as Cherokee defeated the Lady Black Knights 80-57. The game started evenly as the teams tied at 16-16 after the first period. But, a big second period for Cherokee was the difference as they outscored Robbinsville 24-10 to take a 40-26 lead into the locker room. Cherokee extended its lead in the second half for the big win. Other Lady Braves scorers included: Raylen Bark 13, Doodle Lossiah 2, Tigger King 8, Naomi Smith 8, Vivian Ross 9, Zoey Walkingstick 5, Jacee Smith 4, and Tori Teesateskie 10. Robbinsville scorers included: Cambrie Lovin 7, Gabby Hooper 2, Kennedy Cable 2, Halee Anderson 1, Liz Ayers 5, Karlyn Matheson 4, Yeika Jimenez 25, and Mikayla Morgan 11.

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Cherokee's Raylen Bark (#1) drives past Murphy's Ellie Martin during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Tuesday, Jan. 22. The Lady Bulldogs led most of the game en route to a 70-43 victory over the Lady Braves. Deante Toineeta led Cherokee with 13 points followed by Bark with 12. Other Cherokee scorers included: Doodle Lossiah 2, Jamie Lossiah 2, Vivian Ross 2, Zoey Walkingstick 6, Tori Teesateskie 4, and Rhyné Girty 2. Murphy was led by Torin Rogers with 19. Other Lady Bulldog scorers included: Kaiya Pickens 10, Bri Moore 1, Kennedy Colbert-Carr 2, Martin 3, Aubrey Clapsaddle 17, Sara Pullium 8, Leah Moses 2, and Sydni Addison 8.

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Cherokee's Sterling Santa Maria (#34) shoots a jump shot over Murphy's Abram Abling during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena. With 21 points on the night, Santa Maria led the Braves to a 62-52 win. The Braves led by 9 or 10 points for most of the contest leading 20-11 at the end of the first period, 34-24 at the half, and 47-38 at the end of the third. Other Braves scorers included: Ethan Crowe 4, Bobby Crowe 6, Josiah Lossiah 14, Blake Smith 10, Chris Hartbarger 4, and Nate Crowe 3. Murphy was led by Abling with 22 points followed by Isra Smith 11, Micah Nelson 2, Beid Beal 3, Tommy Speis 2, Justice Dorsey 4, Tyler Simonds 4, and Devonte Murray 4.

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Catamounts honor Cherokee

WCU holds Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Appreciation Night

CULLOWHEE - Western Carolina University hosted the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Appreciation Night at both the Catamount women's and men's basketball games at the Ramsey Center on Thursday, Jan. 17.

"Each year, WCU celebrates its special partnership with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and we do our best to honor them as the university resides on the sacred homelands of the Cherokee people," said Sky Sampson, director of WCU's Cherokee Center. "All of us at the university are so appreciative of the Tribe as it continues to share this land and history with our students, faculty, staff, alumni and visitors."

Appreciation Night included a brief welcome and recognition of tribal members from Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, followed by a special demonstration of the Bear Dance by EBCI royalty – Little Miss Cherokee Morgan Hernandez, Junior Miss Cherokee Destiny Siweumtewa, Teen Miss Cherokee Juakina Perez, and Miss Native American USA Karyl Frankiewicz – accompanied by singer Micah Swimmer.

"The Bear Dance is a traditional social dance for the Cherokee people," Sampson said. "During the dance, the Ramsey Center audience observed our demonstrators pawing and growling at each other all in fun and laughs. The dance



Western Carolina University photo

Members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians perform the Cherokee Bear Dance during Western Carolina University's Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Appreciation Night. Shown in the foreground are Miss Native American USA Karyl Frankiewicz and Wesley Bird.

was once a way for young women and men to socialize and court in a public setting."

"We are so honored to host these games in such a significant place at WCU, and we hope that

each enrolled member felt appreciated on this special night," she said.
- Western Carolina University release

Cherokee High School Honor Roll – 2nd quarter

9th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Kegan Curtice, Lucian Davis, Aria Forer, Christen Hensley, Jesus Luna, Vivian Ross, Eric Salazar, Takota Sexton, Chandler Shelton, Joshua Smith, Abigail Taylor, Donna Thompson, Danasia Toineeta

Alpha Honor Roll: Jordan Arkansas, Patricia Armachain-Biddix, Taylor Blanton, Donald Bradley, Evan Caley, Makala Davis, Caidyn French, Creighton George, Makalah Goforth, Alverta Henson, Zachariah Lossiah, Makala McGaha, Jamice Mora, Shawn Parsons, Iman Powell, Kyler Queen, Phoebe Rattler, Mackenzie Reed, Caedance Smith, Jacob Wallace

Beta Honor Roll: Marcus Armachain, Johnny Bradley, Kyanna Brady, Dason Bryant, Benjamin Feather, Joseph Hornbuckle, Gabriel Jarvis, Sarron Johnson, Cameron Lane, Mason Ledford, Dylan Littlejohn, Tehya Littlejohn, Miranda Lopez, Jae Lossiah, Brandon Martin, Mylisa Mathis, Eli McCoy, Alayna Morgan, Aaliyah Queen, John Queen, James Reed, Derek Reynolds, Haley Smith, Nikkia Swayney, Keeifer Taylor, Praire Toineeta, Jayden Tooni, Malik Wolfe, Thomas Wolfe, Trevor Wolfe, Timothy Woodard

10th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Shalyn Barker, Maya Cruz, Jonathan Frady, Kayla Larch, Emilio Librado, Teja Littlejohn, Dreyton Long, Mattie Maney, Destiny Mills, Rocky Peebles, Caden Pheasant, Rosa Reyes

Alpha Honor Roll: Anthony Allison, David Bushyhead, Eeyannah Catolster-Sexton, Rhyann Girty, Adam Reed, Abigail Space, Deante Toineeta, Zoey Walkingstick, Felicity Watty, Trent Wolfe

Beta Honor Roll: Desiree Amos, Braylon Arch, Judson Bradley, Samantha Cole, John D. Crowe, James Davis, Malia Davis, Dawson George, Siah Holiday, Da'quan

Jumper, Rynne Junaluska, Hayley Keever, Kalista Luther, Richard Mata, Serbando Mata, Elizabeth Reyes, Maria Reyes, Silas Sequoyah, Tamika Shell, Naomi Smith, Daniel Thompson, Emma Wolfe

11th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Rayley Bark, Tierney Bradley, Bryanna Disoso, David Hartbarger, Breanna Mangold, Sterling Santa Maria, Brandon Wolfe

Alpha Honor Roll: Taylin Bowman, Kimberly Hendrix, Aia Johnson, Acecia Lambert, Christina Lee, Cade Mintz, Cameron Nelson, Awee Sequoyah, Macy Swayney

Beta Honor Roll: Xavier Armachain, Reef Cochran, Ethan Crowe, Maiya Davis, Aiden Hubble, Destyni Johnson, Austin Ledford, Shalina Little, Brian Littejohn-Bigmeat, Lauren Luther, Hallah Panther, Khylan Pheasant, Cameron Reed, Bessie Swayney

12th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Kyler Hill, Joaquin Layno, Terence Ledford, Jarron Lossiah, Blake Smith, Emma Stamper, Carla Wolfe

Alpha Honor Roll: Jalyn Albert, Annie Durant, Jacee Smith, Seth Smith, Lataya Taylor, Tori Teesateskie, John Watty

Beta Honor Roll: Alexander Ben, Logan Blankenship, Jimiqua Driver, Danicka Huskey, Jamie Lossiah, Josiah Lossiah, Tihjah Lossiah, Lori Meuse, Bekah Panther, Korrina Perez, Dustin Pheasant, McClay Phillips, Ietan Reed-Littlejohn, Elizabeth Shamonski, Jacob Sneed, Daniel Tramper



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Doing something nice for others is typical of the generous Arian. But be prepared for some jealous types who might try to question one of your more recent acts of kindness.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to take on new responsibilities. But before you do, you might want to check out exactly what would be required of you so that you don't face any "surprises" later.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It might be best to put off an important decision until a fluctuating situation becomes more stable. Recently received news could help resolve a long-standing family matter.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) If you still have a problem getting that information gap closed, you might consider asking a higher authority to resolve the matter, leaving you free to move on to another project.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A family matter needs to be dealt with at the start of the week. Once it's resolved, the Big Cat can devote more attention to that new opportunity that seems to hold so much potential.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Pay attention to those niggling doubts. They could be warning you not to make any major decisions until you've checked them out — especially where money matters might be involved.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A business venture might need more of your attention than you are able to provide. Consider asking a trusted friend or family member to help you work through this time crunch.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A more-positive aspect helps you get a clearer focus on how to handle your time so that you can deal with several responsibilities that are just now showing up on your schedule.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A very close friend (you know who that is!) has advice that could help you work through a confusing situation. So put your pride aside and ask for it. You'll be glad you did.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A workplace situation could turn a bit tense. The best way to handle it is to confront it and deal with it openly. Doing so can help reveal the underlying reasons for the problem.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A colleague's remarks appear to be especially cutting. But don't waste your time or your energy trying to deal with the situation. You have more important things to do.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Support for your work comes as a surprise from someone you thought was critical or, at least, indifferent. Your spouse or partner has big plans for the weekend.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your spiritual strength often acts as an inspiration to help others make decisions about their lives.

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Each year, the Cherokee Boys Club recognizes Years of Service recipients. These awards are based on the employee's start date at full-time status, and the award is given in 5-year increments. Shown, left to right, are the recipients for calendar year 2018, Chad Swayney, Children's Home/Bus & Truck Department, 20 years; Tiffani Reed, Administration, 15 years; DeAnne Smith, Administration, 5 years; Crystal Armachain, Agelink Childcare, 5 years; Letina Saunooke, Agelink Childcare, 10 years; and Herbert Squirrell, Administration, 30 Years. Not pictured: Lee Wade, Construction & Facilities, 15 years; Kelly Bridges, Construction & Facilities, 15 years; and Jessica Wachacha, Snowbird Child Development, 15 years. CBC officials noted, "We, at the Cherokee Boys Club, want to thank each and every one of our employees for their dedication and hard work and we are very excited for the future."



Photo by Syringe Services Program

Destiny Johnson, outreach worker with the Syringe Services Program of Tsalagi Public Health, has received a North Carolina Certified Peer Support Specialist Certification. Information from pss.unc.edu states, "Peer Support Specialists are people living in recovery with mental illness and/or substance use disorder and who provide support to others whom can benefit from their lived experiences. The North Carolina Certified Peer Support Specialist Program provides acknowledgment that the peer has met a set of requirements necessary to provide support to individuals with mental health or substance use disorder."



Image courtesy of the artist

America Meredith, *The Thunder Boys Release Game into the World*, 2011, acrylic, colored pencil, watercolor and One-Shot enamel on panel, 30 x 40 inches, Collection of Daniel McCoy Jr.

Cherokee Nation artist featured in WCU art exhibit

The Western Carolina University Fine Art Museum at Bardo Arts Center is holding an exhibition exploring Cherokee language and culture, entitled "Outspoken: Paintings by America Meredith", now through May 3.

Meredith, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, is an artist who speaks her mind. As a painter, independent curator, and publishing editor of the *First American Art Magazine*, she uses visual art and writing to address important issues in the Native community. Her work celebrates Cherokee language and culture, examines changing customs, and challenges Native American stereotypes. This exhibition draws particular attention to the importance of language in Meredith's work, bringing together paintings that incorporate Cherokee syllabary, reference Cherokee oral histories, and pair found-object text with visual imagery. Painters, portrait artists, Cherokee language

students, members of the Eastern Band, and those inspired by the natural world will especially appreciate the works on view.

Meredith received her Bachelor's of Fine Arts (BFA) degree from the University of Oklahoma and her Master's of Fine Arts (MFA) from the San Francisco Art Institute. In 2013, she published the first issue of the *First American Art Magazine*, a quarterly journal devoted to promoting dialogue about Native art. Her work is in the collections of numerous museums including the National Museum of the American Indian.

The reception for *Outspoken* will take place on Thursday, Feb. 21 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the WCU Fine Art Museum at Bardo Arts Center, 199 Centennial Drive, Cullowhee.

For information, call (828) 227-ARTS or visit bardoartscenter.wcu.edu.

- Western Carolina University release

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

Write the 2019 Cherokee Indian Fair Theme and win a prize

If you are an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, you are eligible to submit the entry form for the 2019 Cherokee Indian Fair theme. The prize for the winning entry is \$100. Here are a few simple rules:

- * Entrants younger than 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian to co-sign the liability release form and submit it with a W-9 form.
- * The theme must be culturally-oriented.
- * The theme must be seven words or less, (last year's theme was: Ga Du Gi, Heartbeat of our Tribe.)
- * Only one entry per person is allowed.

The entry forms will be available to pick up at the Cherokee Welcome Center or online at theonefeather.com, 359-6490, between the hours of 7:45 a.m. till 4:30 p.m., open daily.

Please turn your entry form in at the Cherokee Welcome Center no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 15. The Cherokee Indian Fair Committee will meet to choose the winning theme from the entry forms that are submitted.

- Cherokee Indian Fair Committee

Endowment Fund accepting grant applications

The Percy B. Ferebee Endowment Fund will be accepting grant applications through July 31, 2019. For information and to apply online, please visit the Wells Fargo Philanthropic Services Private Foundations website at <http://www.wellsfargo.com/private-foundations/ferebee-endowment>. If you need further assistance please feel free to contact: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.; Attention: David M. Miller; David.m.miller@wellsfargo.com

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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

see 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

Wolftown Community Club news

The Wolftown Community Club held a fundraiser to raffle off two (2) tickets to the UNC vs. Duke men's basketball game on Saturday, March 9 at the Dean Smith Center. The drawing took place on Jan. 8 during our regular community meeting and Chumper Walker drew the winning ticket. Congratulations to Misty Littlejohn! We would like to thank all the volunteers who worked hard to sell tickets and to everyone who bought a ticket and made this a successful fundraiser! Also, a special thank you to Walker who agreed to come and do the honors since he is dedicated N.C. State fan!

Our next regular scheduled community meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 5:30 p.m. and it is potluck. The club voted to have a potluck dinner for all regular meetings due to the early start time. Everyone is invited to attend and bring your favorite entree/dessert. We have had some very informative meetings with good discussion/

comment sessions so come on out and join us and get involved.

Submitted by,

Tammy Jackson, Secretary
Wolftown Community Club

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) available

The 2019 offering of Tax Assistance begins Wednesday, Feb. 6. Appointments can be made now. If your annual income is \$54,000 or less, you are eligible to have your taxes prepared at no cost at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office at 876 Acquoni Rd, located next to the Yellowhill Community Building and covered basketball court. Please bring with you the following items to your appointment:

- All income related forms such as: W-2, 1099 Misc., 1099-I, SSA-1099, etc.

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

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

- EBCI Cooperative Extension
Program

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A Cherokee Homebound Christmas

RENISSA MCLAUGHLIN

Since my children were born, we have had the same Christmas morning routine. Wake up, make breakfast, open presents, and then...pretty much nothing but eating at different places. As they got older and the real Santa was revealed, surprises turned to “and for Christmas I want”. A couple of years ago, to show my youngest that there were less fortunate people out there and presents weren’t necessarily what Christmas was about; I searched for opportunities to volunteer at a soup kitchen or other place that fed the needy on Christmas day. Because of his age, we could not volunteer at the larger facilities in Asheville and Atlanta. But through my work, an opportunity to give back presented itself this past Christmas.

During planning for the Tribe’s holiday closures, Tsali Manor (Senior Citizens Program) prepared 12 boxed meals to ensure the clients on the homebound list had provisions.

I asked the question, “Has the homebound ever received a hot meal on Christmas Day?” Because this is a tribal holiday, they had not. A few conversations later, A Cherokee Homebound Christmas was born!

There are over 200 people who are on Tsali Manor’s homebound meal delivery program currently (Qualla Boundary). Surveys were sent out to determine who wanted to receive a meal and a detailed meal delivery route was provided by their staff. New Kituwah Academy offered the use of their kitchen and sponsored the meals and the Cher-



Photo by Renissa McLaughlin

Zoie Shuler and Taylor Oquendo work on boxing meals on Christmas morning, Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2018 at the New Kituwah Academy as part of the Cherokee Homebound Christmas program.

okee Youth Center loaned three vehicles to aid in delivery to the 59 people who responded. Through word of mouth, one by one, volunteers signed up!

On Christmas morning at 7:30 a.m., the lights and ovens were turned on at Kituwah Academy. As I stood in the kitchen that morning, I thought, “Oh, no! What if no one shows up to help!” A few minutes later, I heard voices in the building and was blessed with the smiles of Fred and Sally Penick. More volunteers arrived – more hugs and Christmas Cheer! By 10 a.m., meals were being packaged and routes were assigned. Before people started their routes, we bowed our heads and Fred Penick blessed the

meal. With hearts filled with good intent and Christmas blessings, our volunteers headed out.

Two of the youngest volunteers had this to say about their experience. Mia Cruz, who is the 7-year-old daughter of Ana and Coonie Cruz said, “I felt so excited and I felt wonderful to give them love!”

Her brother, Drake Cruz, who will be 8 this February said, “I was happy because it was fun, and it was nice to help people in my community and be kind.” Mia, Drake, and their family live in the Birdtown Community and helped deliver meals there.

To all the volunteers who cooked, packaged, and delivered meals to the homebound – SGI!

We hope this is just one of many opportunities to serve our communities.

Homebound Christmas volunteers: Melissa Bodefield, Coonie and Ana Cruz and Family (Drake and Mia), Big Cove Rep. Richard and Angie French, Matt and Brandi Hollifield, Marsha Jackson, Renissa McLaughlin and family (Jordan Littlejohn and Taliquo Walker), Fred and Sally Penick with New Kituwah Academy, Michael Shuler and Kylie Crowe Shuler and Family (Zoie, Jeb, Trace, and Taylor and Josh Oquendo), Karina “Botch” Squirrell and son, Zanyon Taylor, and Matt Tooni.

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you Yogi Crowe Scholarship

It is with extreme gratitude that I am writing to thank the Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund for awarding me funding for this spring. I am excited to be entering my final semester as PhD candidate in Sport Management at the University of Tennessee. I have had a great experience with the program and look forward to continuing my research and contribute to the Native American community. I have been lucky enough to conduct research in Cherokee on the game of stickball and look forward to sharing my work with the community in the form of a documentary that we started in 2018. Stay tuned for that! I will also continue to teach this spring and I love promot-

ing and representing our tribe to the undergraduates at UT.

I will be defending my dissertation on Native American athletes giving back to their community in March. In addition to a traditional written dissertation I am creating a documentary film that showcases Native athletes. It is important to me to provide a video representation of these athletes and illustrate the important work they do connecting to their community. I do not think I would be able to pursue this project if it were not for the support of the Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund.

I look forward to making the fund proud and sharing my experiences with others who are considering continuing their education. I encourage anyone to reach out if they have any questions about my research or want advice about higher education.

Sgi,
Natalie Welch
Wolfetown

Thank you for support

The family of Jonathan Toineeta would like to thank everyone for their prayers and help during this difficult time. We would like to thank everyone who came to visit John during his hospital stays. A very special thank you to the Four Seasons Hospice Nurses and Staff for their excellent care for him and to the Cherokee Indian Hospital staff for their wonderful job caring for him during his last days. Also, thank you to the people who brought food for the family to the hospital and services. Thank you to Waterfalls Church, to the men who prepared the grave site, to everyone who brought or sent flowers and to Long House Funeral Home for wonderful services you provided.

Lastly, Thank you to Vice Chief B. Ensley for the food and everything you provided before and after the services. If we have forgotten anyone, it has not gone unnoticed. Everything was greatly appreciated and from the bottom of our hearts we thank you.

**From the family of
Jonathan Toineeta**

Thank you Yogi Crowe Scholarship

I would like to thank the Yogi Crowe Scholarship committee for their support this semester. I am in the second year of my Ph.D. program at the University of North Dakota. Being awarded this scholarship has allowed me to go to conferences and grow professionally as well as alleviate the financial burden of being a graduate student. As always, I am very grateful for the support that the committee continues to give me.

Megan K. Smith, M.A.

Thank you

The family of Shan Goshorn wish to express their gratitude to all who helped make her memorial special - flowers by Robert "Birdie" Saunooke, Lambert Wilson, David Preston and staff of Edward Jones and neighbors organized by Arlene Reagan; refreshments by Brad Harvey and to the Museum of the

Cherokee Indian for the location.

Extra special thanks to Robin Swayney and Lambert Wilson for all their help and donation of time and artwork, for without them, it would not have been quite as special. It was a wonderful celebration of life for an extraordinary person. Everyone's attendance was appreciated.

**Edna, Diane, Donna,
and Brandon**

Thank you from the Dale French Sr. family

Thank you to everyone for the love, sympathy, and comfort we have received over the passing of Dale French Sr. The flowers and plants brought beauty to the service and the food was much appreciated during this difficult time. Thank you Acquoni Baptist Church, Melvin and Zena Wolfe, Alfred and Maybelle Welch and the Smokers for the songs and all the other singers that came out for him. Thank you Pastor Bo Parris and Pastor Jim Park for the service. Thank you B. Ensley, David Wolfe, Long House Funeral Home, pallbearers and the grave diggers. Special thanks to the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 for their part in the service.

The Dale French Sr. family



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OBITUARIES

Olivia Martinez

Olivia Martinez, 69, of Cherokee, passed away Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019 at Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga, Tenn.

She is survived by her children, Roger Neadeau (wife Carla) of Cherokee, Mara Lopez (husband Gabe) of Camarillo, Calif., Terri Neadeau of Oxnard, Calif., Blane Saipaia (wife Ruby) of Canton, Ohio, and Michael Lopez of Cherokee; 15 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; her mother, Lucila Hernandez of Woodland, Calif.; one brother, Ruben Martinez Jr. (wife Renee) of Ventura, Calif.; several aunts, uncles, two nephews, and friends also survive.

Olivia was preceded in death by

her father, Ruben Martinez; and one son, Alexx Echevarria.

Memorial services were held at the Sacred Heart Church in Ventura, Calif. on Tuesday, Jan. 29.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Martinez family.

Linda Sue Chiltoskie "Sooge"

Linda Sue Chiltoskie "Sooge", a life-long native of the Wolfstown community, passed away on Thursday Jan. 17, 2019 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital after fighting an extended illness.

Linda was a Doula/Pregnancy Support Specialist, a cosmetologist, and she also had many other talents. She was alumni of Bacone Indian College in Muskogee, Okla. nursing, as well as alumni of

Southwestern Community College where she studied cosmetology, phlebotomy, and received her Doula certification.

She loved all of her babies and was a friend and mother to everybody. She greeted everyone with a smile and she had the courage and the strength of the bravest warrior. Linda was a life-long public servant. She was a Godly mother and wife, and she was a member at Yellowhill Baptist Church.

Linda is survived by her husband, Kim A. Chiltoskie; her daughters, Nakoa Chiltoskie Warrington and husband (Dana Warrington), Rebecca Chiltoskie, Kaniawa Chiltoskie; her grandchildren, Kimmemelah Perkins (Grant Shuler), Tego Warrington, Alitama Perkins, Dacia Warrington, Kyleah

Warrington, Kamryn Saunooke; special brothers, Robert Raines of Tahlequah, Okla., Eddie Welch and wife (Susie Welch); special sisters, Fran Walkingstick and husband (Sammy Walkingstick), Wandie Taylor; and special father, Ruben Taylor.

Linda was preceded in death by her father, Moody Ernest Reid; her mother, Amy Emma Welch Reid; her sister, Sarah Lynn Reid Boudreaux; and her brothers, Louis Raines, Jim Welch, and John Welch.

Services were on Sunday, Jan. 20 at Yellowhill Baptist Church. Bro. Forman Bradley and Pastor Ben Reed officiated.

Pall bearers were Tim Chiltoskie, Wyatt Chiltoskie, Dana Warrington, Tego Warrington, James



Buddy Fischer-Proprietor, Ted Lambert, Roy Teesateskie, Wayne Owle

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Walkingstick and Grant Shuler.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with the final arrangements.

Staff Sgt. Randy Douglas Bocook

Staff Sgt. Randy Douglas Bocook 72, of Bryson City, died in his home on Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019.

He was the son of the late Jerious Bocook of Asheland, Ky. and Lola Clemons Bocook of Vance's Creek, Quincy, Ky. He was active duty U.S. Army for 12 years and in the U.S. Army Reserves for two years. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Criminology at St. Leo and served in Corrections in Georgia and in North Carolina as a jailer for the Swain County Sheriff's Department. He was with the U.S.

Dept. of the Interior as a social service assistant in the residential program at the Oconaluftee Job Corps Center in Cherokee for 12 years. In retirement, he co-facilitated domestic violence and sex offender treatment groups for Alternatives and Gateway Clinics in Bryson City and Hazelwood.

Surviving are his wife of 26 years, Lisa Barco Bocook of Bryson City; his children, Randy Douglas Bocook, Jr. of Richmond Hill, Ga., Kelley Bocook Campbell of Midway, Ga., Christine M. Whitlock of Memphis, Tenn.; grandchildren, Donna-Michelle, Amber, Taylor, Madison, Reagan, Harrison, Katie, Merrik, Darien, Bryce, Taylor-Rose, Tommy, Summer, Shelby; and six great grandchildren.

Funeral Services were held

Saturday, Jan. 26 at Crisp Funeral Home in Bryson City. Rev. James P. Cahill and Rev. Daniel Coffey officiated. Internment was private at the family plot.

In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated for memorial services and additional expenses. Please send donations Lisa Bocook P O Box 885, Bryson City, NC 28713.

Annie Oocumma

Annie Oocumma, 69, of the Wolfstown Community in Cherokee, passed away Friday, Jan. 25, 2019 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital after a short, courageous battle with cancer.

Annie was the most fun loving, warm-hearted mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, coach, teammate, friend, breast cancer survivor, or whatever you needed her to be.

She loved softball, Cherokee Braves, Bingo and her Bingo family, senior games and senior friends. But most of all, she loved her family especially her grandkids, nieces and nephews Kaden and Carter. They were her guiding stars. She put them on a pedestal unknown to most. They never had to hurt or want for anything "Sissy" could fix anything and left that impression on all of them making them feel invincible and anything was possible.

She loved unconditionally and would give you the shirt out of her trunk or go buy you one; feed you or give you her last dollar. She never knew a stranger and was special to many. If you were a "victim" of her crude and gutter mind, then you were super special to her. She joked in a special way that made everyone laugh. She will be missed by all that knew her.

She attended Bethabara Baptist

but was a life coach at Cherokee Methodist in her early years.

Annie is survived by her daughter, Jeannie "Jen" Oocumma-Driver and husband Jerry "Bear" Driver of Cherokee; two grandchildren Elizabeth "Liz" Oocumma and Jamison "Cain" Oocumma both of Cherokee; one great grandchild Preeya Oocumma; brothers, Mose Oocumma (Peggy), Clint Oocumma, Joe Oocumma Jr., Ray Oocumma, Dave Oocumma, and Jerry Oocumma; sisters, Peggy "Dolly" Littlejohn, Nellie Ahli-sha Littlejohn Stephens (Jake), Norma Oocumma, Susan Oocumma, and Caroline Oocumma; aunt Myrtle Bird; great uncle Simpson Queen; special grandsons, Tavi Rivera and Raymond Taylor; and best friend Honey, her dog.

Annie was preceded in death by her mother, Kina Queen Littlejohn; step-father, Boyd Littlejohn; biological father, Joseph Oocumma; one daughter, Kina Darlene Young Dog; and brothers, Levi Oocumma, Henry Queen Littlejohn, Wild Bill, John Jr., and Henry Oocumma.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 29 at Bethabara Baptist Church. Pastor James "Bo" Parris officiated. Burial followed at the Annie Oocumma Cemetery. Pallbearers were Cain Oocumma, Frank Oocumma, Jim Oocumma, Mike Oocumma, Ray Oocumma, Troy Arch, Moose Littlejohn, John Martin, Justin Lambert, Jake Stephens, Duke McCoy, Chad George, Bear Driver, Frank Driver, Blaine Wolfe, Tim Smith, Tavi Rivera, Raymond Taylor, Omar Yanez, German Bernal, Lil Kallup McCoy, Mike Caldwell, Ed Thompson, Mark Littlejohn, and Coon Bigmeat. Honorary pallbearers were Kaden Stephens and Carter Stephens.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Oocumma family.



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Carlotta Linette Crowe

Carlotta Linette Crowe, 58, of Cherokee, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019 at her residence.

She is survived by her children, Adam Chris Lambert, Christian Celine Lambert, and Bobby Allen Crowe; her mother, Edith Crowe; grandchildren, Bumpy, Dac, Iyv, MJ, Mykey, Millz, and Ko-ga; Brother Jeff Crowe (Reggie Crowe); sister, Mag Teesateskie (Perry); and also Geraldine Thomson (Vicki).

Carlotta was preceded in death by her father, Allen Boyd Crowe; one daughter, Caretta Denise Lambert; one son, Michael Edward Lambert; and one sister, Christine (Mote) Crowe.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Acquoni Baptist Church. Revs. James “Bo” Parris and Jim Park officiated. Burial followed at the Sneed Family Holly Bush Cemetery. Pallbearers were Nick Bushyhead, Taylor Teesateskie, Ike Teesateskie, Joshua Lossiah, Dewayne Lossiah, and Ed Thompson.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Crowe family.

Clarice Jackson Creson

Clarice Jackson Creson, age 62, of Knoxville, Tenn., passed away peacefully Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019.

She was a member of the Cherokee nation and a lifelong member of the Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by parents, Johnny and Cordilla Jackson; and brother, Marvin L. Jackson.

She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Earl Creson; children, Shannon Creson, Kim Meeks, and

Ernie Taylor Jr.; and grandchildren, Drake Creson, Jessica Creson, Jennica Creson, Lee Woods, Felicia Woods, and Tiffany Woods.

Graveside services were held on Friday, Jan. 25 at the Jackson Cemetery in the Wolfstown Community in Cherokee.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Creson family with the local arrangements and Bridges Funeral Home in Knoxville also assisted the family.

Don Edward Chekelelee

Don Edward Chekelelee, 54, of Robbinsville, went home to be with the Lord Thursday, Jan. 24, 2019. A native of Robbinsville, he was the son of Anona Lambert of Robbinsville, and the late Ed Chekelelee, and step-son of the late Carroll Ray Lambert Sr.

Don was a rock mason, and a dealer at Harrah’s. He loved to play softball, go fishing, and umpire softball games. He loved his grandchildren. He was also an avid Steelers Football fan.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Reed Chekelelee; children, Dewitt Chekelelee, Tonya Chekelelee, and Scott Chekelelee all of Robbinsville, and Thomas Jumper of Cherokee; grandchildren, Jayden Reece, Ethan Jaymz, McKinley Ty, and Draylen Don of the home, and one due in July; siblings, Alan (Heather) Chekelelee of Murphy, Eddie (Susan) Chekelelee of Murphy, Tammie Chekelelee of Robbinsville, Carroll Ray (Lashaun) Lambert Jr. of Robbinsville, Crystal (Philip) Ellington of Robbinsville, and Carolyn (late Snake Panther) Reed Panther of Cherokee; a special brother, Alvin Wachacha of Robbinsville; step-brother, Jimmy

Lambert; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held on Monday, Jan. 28 at Buffalo Baptist Church. Revs. Coy Adams, Philip Ellington, Noah Crowe, and Scott Chekelelee officiated with burial at Chekelelee Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Cassidy Galaviz, Cruz Galaviz, Luke Swimmer, Jeremiah Bird, Tommy Chekelelee, Adam Wachacha, and Alvin Wachacha.

Donna West Welch

Donna West Welch, age 55, of the Big Cove Community, went to her eternal home on Jan. 23, 2019 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital.

She was the daughter of Emily West and the late Norman West. Donna was a domestic engineer, who during her life had babysat many children. She was a member of Bethabara Baptist Church.

Donna is survived by her loving husband of 38 years James Welch Sr.; sons, Leroy Welch (April), Simpson Jorge Welch (Mystikal); daughter, Kerra Driver (Dooner); step-sons, Emerson Welch, Chuck Taylor, and Jamie Panther; sister, Norma Craig (Bo); daughter-in-law, Lou Welch; special daughter Janell Panther; sister-in-laws, Mattie Welch and Sharyn Panther; grandchildren, Pippa Spencer, Harper, Laurel, Emery, Achai, Marla, Ice, Jaylee, McKain, Timby; and special friend, Linda White.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Jan. 28 at Bethabara Baptist Church. James “Bo” Parris, Bobby Watts, Eddie Sherrill, and Tony Cochran officiated. Burial followed at the Armachain Cemetery in the Big Cove Community. Pallbearers were Aaron Smiley,

Nolan McIntosh, Robert Welch, Michael Joe Welch, Jaiden Welch, AJ Welch Jr. Panther, Jesse Jr., Justin French, Jakob Craig, Joe Panther, and Harley Maney, Jr. Honorary pallbearers will be Bo Craig, Davis Welch, John McCoy, Wade Wolfe, Darius Thompson, Joseph Solis, Damion Solis, Jeremy Hyatt, and Cody White.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Welch family.

Sylvester “Sonny” Hill

Sylvester “Sonny” Hill, 63, of the Big Cove Community, passed away peacefully Friday, Jan. 25, 2019. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Jesse and Yonnie Watty Hill and husband of the late Barbara Sequoyah Hill.

He was preceded in death by his nephew, Timothy Lane Hill; niece, Cecily “Dani” Hill; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Sonny is survived by four daughters, Lavita Hill and fiancé Ethan Ledford, Sunnie Clapsaddle and husband Ethan, Natalie Grant and husband Zahay, Jolena Sampson Hill and partner Marshall; nine grandchildren, Aura, Aia, and Raven Johnson; Tawodi, and Dawson “Goo” Clapsaddle; Anagalisgi, Iya, and Koa Grant; Jacoby Sampson; three brothers, Eddie, Butch, and Jay Hill; sister, Sandy Hill; and special companion, Harriet Sampson.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 29 at Straight Fork Baptist Church. Rev. Charles Ray Ball officiated with burial in the Yonnie Hill Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Lupe Solis, Dean Hill, Pat Hill, Nick Hill, Kyler Hill, Chris Ledford, Bill Driver, Ethan Clapsaddle, Ethan Ledford, and Damian Solis and grandsons.



Candidate Debates



Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center

Each night will start at 5 p.m. with the first group listed.

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*** Tuesday, June 25 -**

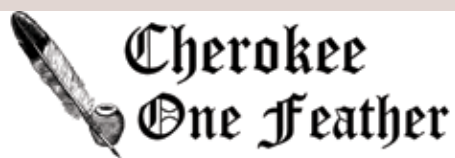
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*** Thursday, June 27 -**

Vice Chief, Principal Chief

*These debates are hosted by the Cherokee One Feather
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Scandalous behavior

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

When we are children, it comes naturally to point fingers, mainly if we can't get things to go the way we want them to or if we feel we are going to be blamed for a bad outcome. "He did it, no she did it!" conversations come as naturally as "Hi mommy; hi daddy."

We are great at taking credit for the good, but we are lousy at accepting responsibility for the bad. Fault finding consumes precious time that could be better spent on creating solutions.

Do people take advantage? Yes. Do some people get more than their fair share by manipulating the system? Yes. Is it wrong? Yes. Will we change those yes answers to no by pointing fingers? No.

I know that some finger pointing has an agenda beyond the situation at hand. After all, we are in an Executive election year here on the Boundary, and our Tribe will be looking at possible changes in leadership as all Tribal Council seats, Principal Chief, Vice Chief, and half of the Cherokee Central Schools Board seats are up for election. There is even discussion of final submission of a constitution to replace the governing documents to be voted on by the people in the general election. Convincing people of or implying culpability in suspected bad behavior equals changes in hearts, minds, and votes. Never mind that the accusation may be unfounded. In the court of public opinion, your guilt is determined by the popularity of the one making the charge. No evidence is required.

Some of us thrive on controversy and innuendo. The inference of scandalous behavior builds media empires. The tendency of news organizations to tell half-truths (i.e., lies) or embellishing news stories with opinion or supposition (i.e., lies) has grown to a seemingly uncontrollable state. Even a seemly credible news giant like the American Broadcasting Company, and its subsidiary WLOS in Asheville, perpetuated a scandal that caused an uproar in Indian Country and across America. A group called the Black Hebrew Israelites (BHI) incited a confrontation between a

group of Catholic school students involved in a pro-life rally and a group of Native peoples showing support for the Indigenous Peoples March. The BHI quartet was left out of the original reporting, leaving the public to believe that incident was solely sparked by the students. At the center of the confrontation was one of the students and Mr. Nathan Phillips, an Omaha Nation elder.

The rest of the story has finally been told in the media. I won't rehash it. It was true that the students made inappropriate and culturally hurtful language (and gestures). There were also some interesting and helpful statements made in the analysis of the incident that I think is important for us as we take in the remainder of the election year to come. As the rhetoric escalates, it will be increasingly difficult to parse fact from fiction. Statements will be made by our friends, our candidates, and those outside our tribe that we cannot, should not, take at face value.

During an ABC Nightline report, Dr. Marc Lamont Hill, Professor at Temple University, said that it is important to stop and take time to research any news or story that we hear and see.

"When the story came out, everyone pounced on it and had an immediate reaction," Dr. Hill noted. "The more information we got, the more our positions changed. The level of unsafety and insecurity that we are feeling because of the political discourse and the feeling of unsafety and insecurity makes people react quickly to any symbol or sign of disrespect or discrimination or anything else. If there is any lesson that anyone could learn from this incident, it is to take a pause. The media should get the full story before a rush to judgment. Look at more data, more evidence to find out the full story." In the office, we are required to ensure our accuracy in the stories we provide you. In the past, large media organizations like ABC were considered by the staff as credible sources that would be safe to provide information. And yet, they pounced on this story, presumed that they got from the internet.

A Nightline reporter said, "It is a sobering reminder of the Internet's ability to oversimplify a complicated event."

Relationships in the tribal communities of our Tribe are complex. Sometimes, it is just as important to look at the motivation of the messenger as it is to verify the information they bring.

We, as a people, must engage

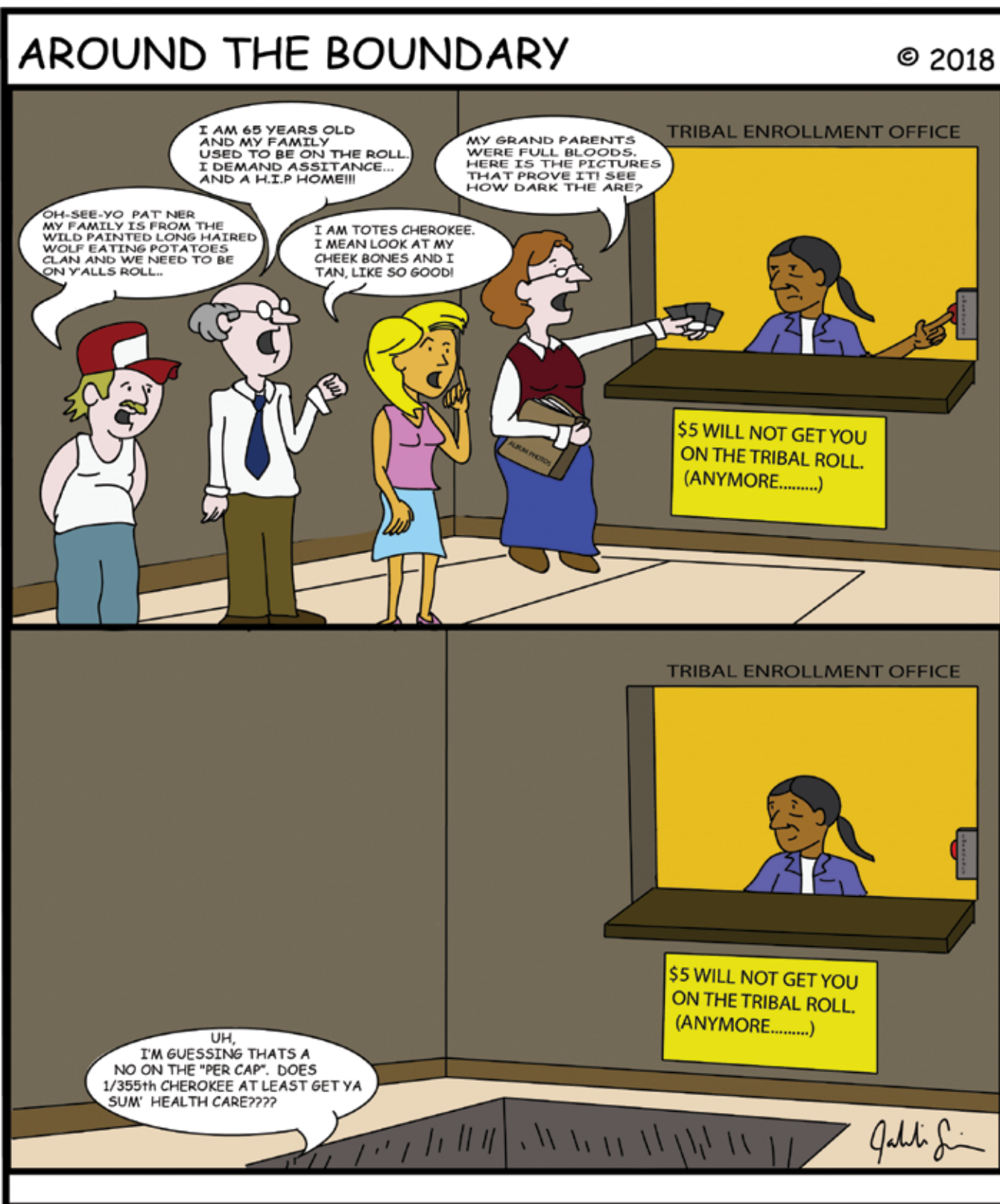
more. We must insist on transparency in our dealings with each other and with the government. When we don't understand, we must ask for clarification. When the government offers opportunities for the constituency to provide input and

get explanations, we need to seize those opportunities. And the only agenda that matters is the one that brings a better life, the right way. We must stop saying we love each other and the next breath rip into each other like we are at war. Either

we need to truly love each other or drop the pretense.

In an utopian community, an election would be about that - candidates debating who to bring a better life to those in the community and doing it in the traditional Cherokee way. It would not be about the past. It would be about the future. A scandal would not be the talk of the town and would be snuffed out by the people who refused to hear it.

Mr. Nathan Phillips, the Omaha Nation elder at the center of the Washington controversy, when asked what he saw any opportunity that came from the scandal. He said, "An opportunity to bring people together with the purpose of peace and a better future for all of our children." That sounds good to me.



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Tribal Archives should be fast-tracked

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

My daughter was in the second grade when the deadline passed for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to have a Tribal Archives facility constructed. She is now a freshman at the University of Iowa and the facility is still in the planning stage.

With the passage of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Land Exchange Act of 2003 on Nov. 10, 2003, the Tribe exchanged 218 acres, known as the Yellow Face tract, with the National Park Service for the Park's 143-acre Ravensford property. Due to that exchange, a new Cherokee Central Schools campus was built and has become a hallmark among educational and athletic facilities in the state of North Carolina.

Along with that exchange, tribal officials entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the National Park Service and agreed

to build a Tribal Archives to house all of the archaeological artifacts associated with the digs on that site. The Archives was supposed to have been finished in 2009. That was ten years ago!

This project is on the Tribe's 2018-22 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) top five list. Each project on that list is scored for CEDS consistency, community impact, readiness to proceed, and management capacity. The Archives received a score of 50 putting it at number 18 on the score list, but tribal officials felt it deserved a higher degree of consideration and added it as number five on the final list.

Information from the CEDS report states, "The project is consistent with traditional Cherokee values of honoring the past by knowing one's ancestors, identifying with and belonging to the Tribe, and living and preserving Cherokee culture. The Archives facility would require five to seven full-time staff to manage it. There is a

limited public audience for archives facilities, except for those located in museums with exhibits and educational programming. The facility will likely draw additional tourists to Cherokee and generate revenues through admissions and concession sales."

This project was discussed, along with others, at a Town Hall Meeting at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on the evening of Thursday, Jan. 24. Russell Townsend, EBCI Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, spoke about the massive Ravensford archaeological project and the importance of having a Tribal Archives. "It turned into the largest archaeological project in North Carolina history," Townsend said of the work done at the site prior to construction of the new school. "Because, underneath, that old logging town and hay fields was 8,000 years of human history preserved better than you could ever imagine. There were 11 burned house structures which you almost never get...it gives us an unparalleled look at what Cherokee life was like in different points in history."

According to Townsend, when constructed, the facility will house "hundreds and hundreds of thousands of artifacts of Cherokee past".

He stressed the need for the facility. "Every nation has its national archives. Every real, sovereign country has its national archives. The United States has the Library of Congress and the Smithsonian Institute, and I think we should have our own to maintain our governmental history so that people

can know who we really are."

It is nice to see this project on the current Tribal CEDS list. Now, some action just has to get rolling on it so that this facility can come to fruition and become a reality that will help future generations of EBCI tribal members and the general public learn more about the storied history of the Eastern Band of Cherokee.

While the project will be viewed by most as another municipal project that is a non-revenue generator, it does have some potential there. Townsend told the people in attendance at Thursday's Town Hall Meeting that an initial design for the facility includes a "front-of-house" portion where the public can come and view people working with artifacts and the items themselves. I know people would take advantage of that opportunity. The facility will probably never break even or be a revenue-generator for the Tribe, but there are opportunities there to help offset operational costs.

During the 2nd Annual Cherokee Archaeology Day, hosted by the EBCI Tribal Historic Preservation Office, in September 2012, Amy Walker, an EBCI tribal elder from the Yellowhill Community, spoke of the importance of having information from archaeology. "It brings back into focus who our ancestors were and how far we have removed from that in some respects. I know we have to live within the times today, but the values are still needful and are being used within certain families here today, and that's what really makes us Cherokee."



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It's a new year...same as the old year

Observations and random thoughts Vol. 19.1

WILLIAM LEDFORD

It's a new year! 2019! And nothing has changed in Washington. No, I retract that. The Democrats now hold the House of Representatives and record numbers of female legislators now hold office. President Trump ran into a buzz-saw named Nancy Pelosi. Trump is obviously not used to dealing with strong women. He seems greatly intimidated by women that stand up to him and so, has to prove he's a man. Bigly. Most bullies have that reaction to people that push back. His actions prove that she, along with Hillary and Liz, are not gonna hide in the corner and say, "Yes Donald" in a heavy East European accent. Poor Donald.

We're into a 30 plus days and running government shutdown. Wanna know why? The answer is so simple. Donald Trump is fascinated by "things", bright, shiny objects. Things that people will point to years later and give him credit for. Now it's a "big, beautiful wall". One that Mexico will pay for. An impregnable wall. Or, a fence made of steel slats. I dunno, I can't keep up. I do know that if built we taxpaying Americans will shoulder the cost of this wall, not Mexico. And I do know that walls don't work. See below.

Trump envisions a grand wall like the Great Wall of China or Hadrian's Wall, or more likely, Israel's wall. News flash! Genghis Khan got through the Great Wall,

with his entire horde of Mongols. And ransacked and occupied China. Fail. Hadrian's Wall didn't stop raiders from north of the wall from pillaging deep into England and was abandoned. Fail. And Israel's wall is just an affront to common decency. So, major fail. Even with history proving that walls only slow the inevitable these MAGA hat wearing Trump supporters want one. Why? Because Trump told them that they did. I believe that they also probably wish they could wall Native people off just like the Palestinians are walled off.

So, you're thinking, "Where do the members of NC's congressional representatives stand on this issue?" Over in the Senate, Senators Burr and Tillis toe the party line, at least until 2020 when the next election occurs. And the shutdown continues, Congressman Mark Meadows is a non-issue and we'll see if the Senators from NC can show some huevos and cross over to re-open the government. Stay tuned.


Speaking of MAGA hat wearers. A bunch of Kentucky Catholic

school kids were in Washington during the Indigenous People's March to protest women who were there supporting their right to choose. And they were sporting the MAGA hat. They interacted with individuals who call themselves Black Hebrew Israelites or some such. And then they interacted with Native people who had the actual permit to be there. That interaction was all over the internets on viral media. Now, the white kids are stating that they were misrepresented. Of course they were, they always are. I call BS. They are not misrepresented youth. We have to watch out for these types of people again, they feel empowered. I'm not paranoid and I hope everyone now sees what I see. Vigilance people, all that I ask.

I want to give kudos to someone who rights injustice in this world. Not Daredevil or Jessica Jones, it's... Corey Blankenship. He merits a cape with a big ol' S on it. Why? I'll 'splain. Albuquerque is known for its intrepid and skilled car thieves (they stole 2 cop cars recently), but we also have mail thieves. One

managed to make away with a box of mail from the USPS truck with the check the tribe sends to us older ones for Christmas. And due to the long holiday break it took a little while to make the tribe aware that mine was missing. Anyway, once I got through and spoke with some people in Finance, I was still no closer to resolving my issue. One person instructed me to get a police report filed and it could be reissued. So, I did. And when I called back with news and spoke to someone else entirely I was told, nope, it was all on my shoulders. Dismayed. I did what any self-respecting member of the EBCI would do, I called my councilmember. He put me in touch with Mr. Blankenship, some investigation was conducted and although I still haven't seen it, was told, "the check will be in the mail". Hmmm...that sounds oddly familiar...where have I heard that before...? Jokes! Thanks Corey...you get to be Superman.

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



**LETTER TO THE
EDITOR**

The *Cherokee One Feather* is your community newspaper. We want you to feel like you are a part of the *Cherokee One Feather* family because you are. From pictures to writing, the newspaper was created to inform you and to share your thoughts. We invite you to share your thoughts on community issues, send appreciation, let people know about your concerns and celebrate your victories. Someone in our community may need the information you have. Share it. Someone may be thinking they are alone in their thoughts. Let them know that they are not alone. Make your voice louder by writing to the *Cherokee One Feather*.

Write to The Editor, *Cherokee One Feather*, P.O. Box 501, Cherokee, 28719 or email at robejump@nc-chokeee.com

Benefits/Fundraisers

Indian Taco Fundraiser. Jan. 31

at 11:30 a.m. at the Cherokee Youth Center. \$8 includes drink and dessert. Walk-ins are welcome. Deliveries call 359-8113 by Wednesday, Jan. 30 at 4 p.m. All proceeds will benefit a Cherokee Youth Center staff member for travel expenses.

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

Turkey Shoots at Jesse Welch's Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. Feb. 2

at 5 p.m., fundraiser for Cindy and Traci West boys ball team. Feb. 9 at 5 p.m., fundraiser for Jaylinne's 8th grade class trip. Good prizes, good fun, good benefit. All are welcome.

Cultural Events

Cherokee Heritage Day. Feb. 9

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Celebrating Kagali "Hungry Month", all-day activities are free to the public. Storytelling at 11 a.m. Other activities include: stamped card making, clay heart-shaped medallions, painting/drawing demonstration, and more. Info: 497-3481

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 Kanasegi 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

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WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

JAN. 28-FEB. 3, 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, Woolly 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. 28	TUESDAY, JAN. 29	WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30	THURSDAY, JAN. 31	FRIDAY, FEB. 1	SATURDAY, FEB. 2	SUNDAY, FEB. 3
AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	GOOD	BETTER	BETTER
7:03 AM-9:03 AM 7:27 PM-9:27 PM	7:51 AM-9:51 AM 8:15 PM-10:15 PM	8:40 AM-10:40 AM 9:04 PM-11:04 PM	9:29 AM-11:29 AM 9:54 PM-11:54 PM	10:19 AM-12:19 PM 10:43 PM-12:43 PM	11:08 AM-1:08 PM 11:32 PM-1:32 AM	N/A 11:56 AM-1:56 PM

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 2 Samuel in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 1 Corinthians 16, on which day did Paul tell believers to put aside money for their offerings? *First, Third, Fifth, Sabbath*
3. Which book (KJV) begins, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly"? *Judges, Ruth, Ezra, Psalms*
4. What was Matthew's occupation before becoming a disciple? *Tentmaker, Tax collector, Fisherman, Shepherd*
5. In Esther 2, who foiled a plot to assassinate King Ahasuerus? *Neco, Amaziah, Mordecai, Joshua*
6. What did Ruth and Boaz name their son? *Obed, Hushai, Abner, Jehu*

ANSWERS: (1) Old; (2) First; (3) Psalms; (4) Tax collector; (5) Mordecai; (6) Obed

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is now available in bookstores and online.

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General Events

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

Homebuyer Education Class. Feb. 5 and 7 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Division of Housing Conference Room located at 756 Acquoni Road. Learn what homeownership is all about. Info: Tina Larch 359-6912 or Shelby Hornbuckle 359-6917

“Whispers in the Cemetery: The Stones Tell All” to be presented at Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting. Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Drive in Bryson City. Karen Marcus, long-time genealogist, will share the history and symbols that can be found on grave stones in the area and discuss how these can be used to solve some genealogical mysteries. This event is free and open to the public and conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. Info: <http://www.swaingenealogy.com>

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 Areyu Queen, Public Safety Communications Center manager, 359-6435, atreque@nc-chokeee.com

22nd Annual Greening Up the Mountains Festival. April 27 in downtown Sylva. Heritage arts festival that celebrates the arrival of spring through both traditional and contemporary forms of Appalachian art, music, food, and beverage. Arts, crafts, food vendors, 5K race, youth talent contest, beverage arts featuring local craft breweries, live music on two stages. Applications for vendors will be accepted through March 15 and can be downloaded at: www.greeningup-themountains.com. Info: Kendra Hamm at greeningupthemountains@gmail.com

Health/Sports Events Cherokee Alzheimer’s Support Group. Feb. 5 at 1 p.m. at Tribal In-Home Care Services on Kaiser Wilnoty Road. Dr. Blythe Winchester, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority, will be the guest speaker and will talk about the symptoms and general knowledge about the disease. Info: 359-6860

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

org.

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

Analenisgi Recovery Center weekly schedule

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

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

Event listings are FREE of charge. Send event information to Scott at scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com and include: event name, date(s), time(s), place, and contact info.

HOMEBUYER EDUCATION CLASS

Working toward owning a home and don't know where to start? Or want to learn what homeownership is all about? Let us help you!! The Division of Housing (TDH) will offer a Homebuyer Education class on Tuesday, February 5th and Thursday, February 7th, 2018, from 5:00 pm—7:00 pm. (Must attend both sessions to receive certificate.)

Class will be held at the TDH Conference Room, located at TDH Office on 756 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC. 28719. Please call Tina Larch at 828-359-6912 or Shelby Hornbuckle at 828-359-6917 to register.



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Become an EBCI Ethics Advocate

The Office of Internal Audit and Ethics is seeking individuals to serve as Ethics Advocates to assist in the enforcement and compliance of the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Tribal Officials.

A member from each EBCI township will be selected to serve as an Ethics Advocate. One Ethics Advocate will be selected to serve on the Ethics Review Committee as a voting member. The other Ethics Advocates will be available to assist on a rotational basis as needed and may at times be assigned the voting authority of the sitting Ethics Advocate.

The duties of Ethics Advocates include but are not limited to:

- Help review policies and procedures for the Ethics Program
- Help review and act on ethical violation complaints
- Help review results of investigations and the findings of fact report to support conclusions
- Help present a quarterly report to the Audit and Ethics Committee on the activity of the Ethics Program
- Help review potential Ethics and Compliance issues and their resolution
- Help conduct investigations when authorized and warranted
- Present findings of fact to the Audit and Ethics Committee for final decision and action on complaints
- Attend quarterly training to obtain pertinent training and educational opportunities for Ethics and Compliance

Minimum Requirements for Ethics Advocates are as follows:

- *Must be an enrolled member of the EBCI and reside in one of the following counties: Buncombe, Cherokee, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon or Swain.*
- *Must be at least 22 years of age or older*
- *Must have a bachelor's degree or higher, J.D. preferred*
- *Cannot be a Tribal Official as defined by Cherokee Code 117-45.1(a)(1)*
- *Cannot have any pending criminal charges or any felony convictions*

Please pickup/submit all applications to:

Office of Internal Audit and Ethics

Attn: Barak N. Myers, Ethics Officer or Donald Parker II, Ethics Specialist

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Madison is a senior at Mars Hill University and will graduate cum laude in May with a degree in psychology. Logan is a Law Enforcement Officer with the Cherokee Indian Police.

Madison's paternal grandparents are the late Vice Chief Carroll "Peewee" Crowe and Mickie Crowe, and her maternal grandparents are the late Jesse Saunooke and Wahnetah and Ned Stamper.

Logan's paternal grandparents are Lonnie Wayne Woodard Sr. and Hazel Blackwelder, and his maternal grandparents are Ray and Joann Cloer and Jean Carson.

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

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



Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

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2. Part – Time Paramedic (Multiple) – EMS – Public Safety (L8 \$16,40 - \$20,50)
3. Teacher – Qualla Boundary EHS/HS – PHHS (L7 \$31,078 - \$38,848)
4. Utility Worker – Tribal Construction – Operations (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
5. Truck Driver – Tribal Construction – Operations (L6 \$28,372 - \$35,465)
6. Deputy Clerk – Tribal Court – Judicial Branch (L6 \$28,372 - \$35,465)
7. Family Safety Manager – Family Safety – PHHS (L16 \$70,192 - \$87,740)
8. Crew Leader/Operator/Well Technician – Tribal Construction (L10 \$41,082 - \$51,353)
9. Director of Information Technology – IT (L15 \$64,206 - \$80,258)
10. Detention Officer – Corrections – CIPD (L7 \$31,078 - \$38,848)
11. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant – Kituwah Preservation & Education Program – Community/Education/Recreation (L6 \$28,372 - \$35,465)
12. Part Time Childhood Language Specialist Assistant – Kituwah Preservation & Education Program – Community/Education/Recreation (L6 \$13,64 - \$17,05)
13. Kituwah Academy Teacher - Kituwah Preservation & Education Program – Community/Education/Recreation (L11 \$45,018 - \$56,273)
14. Natural Resources Enforcement Officer (Multiple) – Natural Resources Enforcement – Public Safety (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
15. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
16. Financial Analyst II – Finance – Treasury (L12 \$49,200 - \$61,500)
17. Water Shed Coordinator – Natural Resources – Agriculture & Natural Resources (L9 \$37,474 - \$46,843)

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CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

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tions)
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Ward Clerk – Tsali Care Center (2
Positions)
Residential Technician – Snowbird
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CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Peer Support Specialist (2 Positions)
Master Level Therapist – Analenisgi

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 31, 2019 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **1/30pd**
Mandara Spa positions

Position: Massage Therapist

Job Description: The Massage Therapist role is to provide and maintain the highest standards of massage therapy and recommendations for home care. A massage therapist must provide excellent guest care, and create a feeling of rest and relaxation for spa guests, resulting in high retention and increased treatment and retail sales.

Applicants must possess a current NC massage license, applicants must be self motivated and responsible. Required to have open availability, work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

Position: Cosmetologist

****Signing Bonus Offered****

Job Description: To provide high quality, professional hair and nail services to clients. Educate the guest regarding home maintenance and the benefit of additional services.

Applicants must be self motivated and responsible. Required to have open availability, work evenings, weekends, and holidays. Able to maintain a professional appearance at all times. Able to maintain work station in accordance with North Carolina State Board sanitation/sterilization procedures. Must have a current NC cosmetology license. We are currently offering a sign on bonus for this position.

Position: Female Spa Attendants

Job Description: To provide and maintain the highest standards of customer service and create a feeling of comfort and relaxation for our guests that result in repeat client visits and increased treatment and retail sales for Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee. Spa Attendants are responsible for checking in guests, giving guest orientation, and ensuring all linen towels and beverages are always clean, pre-

pared and well stocked. Applicants must be willing to learn our operating Book 4 Time system and be proficient in basic computer knowledge and skills.

Applicants must have an exemplary client service skills. Be able to maintain a professional appearance at all times. Have the ability to empathize with clients. Must be self motivated with "can-do" attitude, have good communication and organizational skills. Must have positive attitude and support Spa directives. Must be tactful, mature and able to get along with diverse personalities.

For additional information contact Bruce Taylor, Spa Director at (828) 497-8552. **2/6 pd**

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Nurse Manager – Behavioral Health
CMS Supervisor – Primary Care
RN – Wound Care
Master Level Therapist – Justice
Center
RN MDS Coordinator – Tsali Care
Center
RN Supervisor – Tsali Care Center
To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close February 7, 2019 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **2/6pd**

LEGAL NOTICES

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 PUBLICA-
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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 PUBLICA-
TION

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 PUBLICA-
TION

Jessica George, P.O. Box 1677, Cher-
okee 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 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.

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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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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
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the date listed or be barred from
their recovery.

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to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed
below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
TION

Sherry Maney, P.O. Box 843, Chero-
kee 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 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 PUBLICA-
TION
Tina Swimmer, P.O. Box 148, Cher-
okee 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 corpo-
rations having claims against this
estate are notified to exhibit them
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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-
TION
Warren H. Crowe Jr., 121 Super
Crowe Road, Cherokee, NC 28719.
1/30pd

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PRO-
CESS 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,
NEGLECT, 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 Ser-
vices, 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 sub-
sequent 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**

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 PUBLICA-
TION
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**

All persons, firms and corpo-
rations having claims against this
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their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are
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to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed
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Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-
TION
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 PUBLICATION
Jennifer Blanton, 860 Union Hill, Whittier, NC 28789. **2/13pd**

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**

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS
BY PUBLICATION
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
In the Tribal Court
**In the Matter of K.W.,
File No. CVJ 18-021
TO: The Unknown Father of
Minor Child K.W.**
Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been

filed in the above-entitled juvenile action. The nature of the relief being sought is the adjudication and disposition of a petition alleging the minor child, K.W. is a neglected, dependent and drug endangered child, filed in the Tribal Court on March 7, 2018. A court order from the Tribal Court directing that service of process on you take place by publication was entered on January 17, 2019.

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

You are advised to IMMEDIATELY contact the Clerk of Tribal Court for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians at (828) 359-6213, to obtain further information about this case, including a copy of the pleadings filed herein and the date(s) and time(s) of scheduled hearings. First published this the 30th day of January 2019.

Sybil G. Mann, Family Safety Program Attorney, P.O. Box 455
Cherokee, N.C. 28719
(828)359-1559
N.C. Bar No. 16729
2/13pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 19-010
In the Matter of the Estate of

Kevin Brian Smith
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
Kayla Cherell Garcia, 122 Victoria Dr., East Flat Rock, NC 28726,
2/20pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 19-009

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Donna Eugeneia Arch**

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
Marigeun Arch, P.O. Box 972, Cherokee, NC 28719, **2/20pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 19-008

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Jonathan Nathaniel Toineeta**

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Jordan Nicloe Toineeta, 1928 Yellowhill Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719,
2/20pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 2019 E 000019
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Nell Beck 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
Robin Darlene Swayney, P.O. Box 2137, Cherokee NC 28719,
2/20pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 19-011

**In the Matter of the Estate of
James Richard George**

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

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Donna S. George, P.O. Box 665,
Cherokee NC 28719, **2/20pd**

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

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 con-

struction 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 be scheduled by calling Kristin Smith at 828-477-4553.

Interested individuals or companies 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

Places of Worship

Abundant Life Apostolic Church. 828-488-8937

Acquoni Baptist Church. 497-6521 or 788-0643

Antioch Baptist Church. Coopers Creek Road.

Beacon of Hope Baptist Church. (828) 226-4491

Bethabara Baptist Church. 497-7770

Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church. 497-4141

Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church. 497-6918

Boiling Springs Missionary Baptist Church. 488-9202

Cherokee Baptist Church. 497-2761, 497-3799 (fax)

Cherokee Bible Church. 497-2286

Cherokee Church of Christ. 497-3334

Cherokee Church of God. 497-4190, 497-5977

Cherokee Church of the Nazarene. 497-2819

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church. 674-2690

Cherokee United Methodist Church. (336) 309-1016,
www.cherokeemission.org

Cherokee Wesleyan Church. 586-5453

Christ Fellowship Church. Great Smokies Center.

Goose Creek Baptist Church. 631-0331 or 497-3512

Jesus is the Light Full Gospel Ministries. 736-9383

Living Waters Lutheran Church. 497-3730, prjack@frontier.com,
lwcherokee@frontier.com

Macedonia Baptist Church. 508-2629 dconseen@gmail.com

Olivet United Methodist Church. (336) 309-1016,
www.YouTube.com/user/OlivetUMC, www.Olivet-UMC.org

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. 736-5322

Piney Grove Baptist Church. 736-7850.

Rock Hill Baptist Church. (828) 356-7312

Rock Springs Baptist Church. 497-9455, 736-1245

Sequoyah Sovereign Grace Church. 497-7644

St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church of Cherokee.
280-0209, cherokeepiscopal@gmail.com

Straight Fork Baptist Church. 488-3974

Waterfalls Baptist Church. Wrights Creek Road.

Whittier United Methodist Church. 497-6245

Wilmot Baptist Church. 554-5850

Wrights Creek Baptist Church. 497-5262

Yellowhill Baptist Church. 506-0123 or 736-4872

Please contact the church of your choice for meeting times and locations.

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