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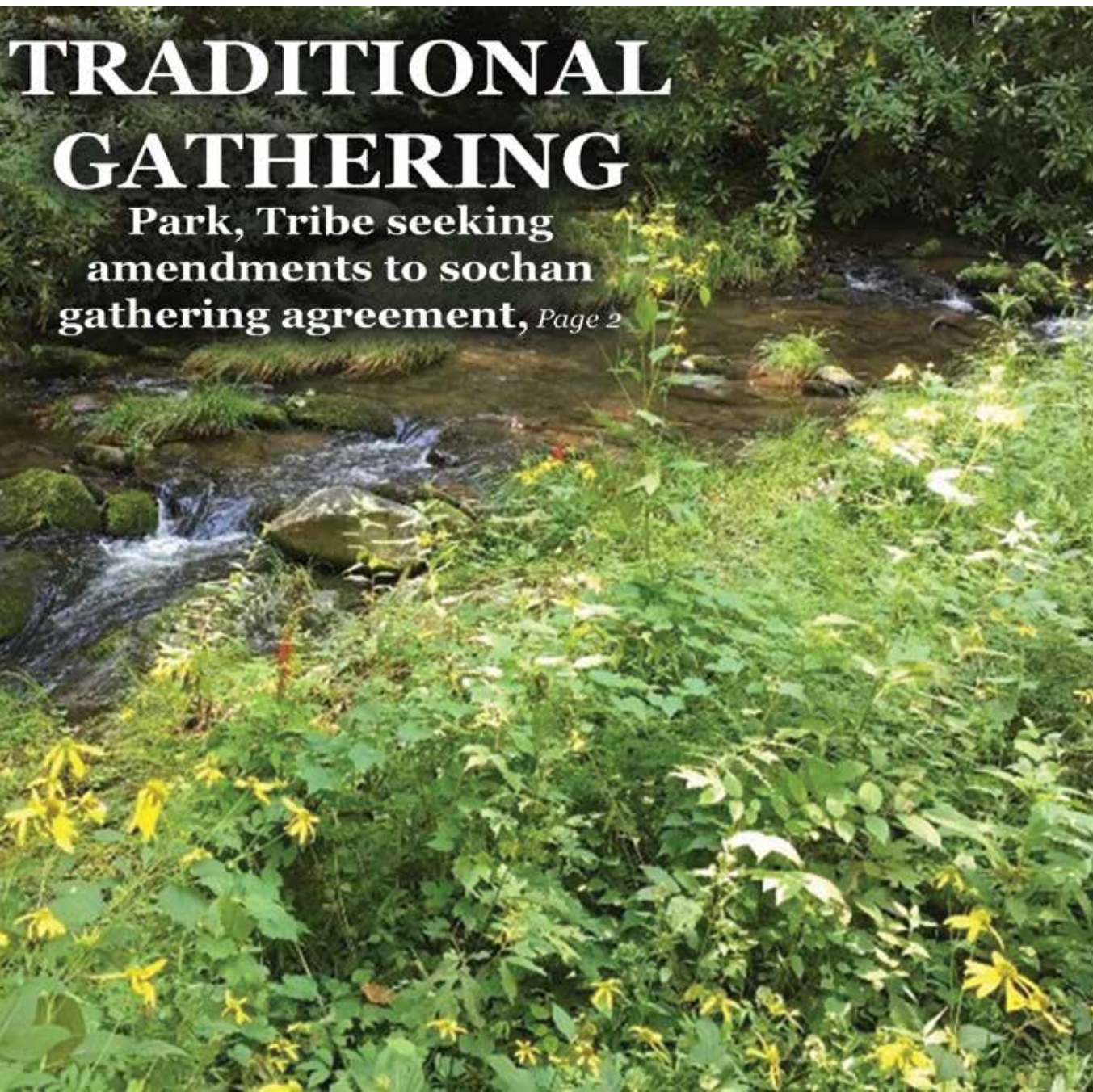
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**“I never,
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I can’t tell you
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*- Michael Yannette, Cherokee
Central Schools director of Musical
Theater and Choirs, after receiving
the 2019 Frell Owl Award*



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Park, Tribe seeking amendments to sochan gathering agreement

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Officials from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park are happy with the implementation of the sochan (*Rudbeckia laciniata*) gathering agreement between the two governmental entities, but they see room for improvement. Entered into in March, officials have monitored the success of the agreement which currently allows up to 36 EBCI tribal members to harvest sochan in a traditional manner.

According to information from the Park, "Park and EBCI staff completed a review of traditional gathering activities conducted in 2019 and identified three possible amendments to improve the agreement: 1) allowing permitted tribal members the choice of gathering a portion of the sochan leaf known as the turkey foot or gathering whole sochan leaves; 2) clarifying text regarding gathering activities near visitor centers, trailheads, campgrounds, and picnic areas; and 3) establishing a sochan research area that would be off limits to gathering."

Public comment is being sought until Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020. Community members wishing to voice their opinion on these amendments, can read the entire amendment and comment online at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/grsm> and clicking on "Sochan Gathering for Traditional Purposes - General Agreement Amendment



NPS photo

Sochan is shown growing beside a river in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

1" or mail comments to: Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Attention: Environmental Planning and Compliance, 107 Park Headquarters Road, Gatlinburg, TN 37738.

Joey Owle, EBCI Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources, noted, "EBCI Natural Resources staff have worked closely with GSMNP staff on the creation, implementation, and monitoring of the activities allowed under the General Agreement for Sochan Gathering for Traditional Purposes by enrolled EBCI members."

He added, "Following a successful inaugural season of sochan gathering in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, our teams met regularly to discuss and analyze the findings from the control plots, harvest results and testimonials from permitted gathers, and how to improve the

process for the 2020 harvesting season."

Cassius Cash, Great Smoky Mountains National Park superintendent, noted, "Overall, the season went well. As with any new process, there is a learning curve and we're striving to make it more efficient in the future. We believe the proposed amendments will help clarify the gathering process so that it's easier to understand and implement. The key to the success of the program has been communication. Park staff and EBCI leadership established a working team that met monthly leading up to the issuance of the permits and continues to meet regularly."

Secretary Owle is also happy with the relationship between the Tribe and the Park. "We appreciate Superintendent Cash's support of moving forward with a pro-

posed amendment to the General Agreement that aims to enhance the gathering practices for enrolled members of the EBCI."

He encourages participation in the comment period. "I would like to encourage our community members to take advantage of the public comment period and participate in this important process."

The National Park Service put into practice new regulations in August 2016 whereby members of federally recognized American Indian tribes can legally perform traditional gathering of plants in national parks that encompass their traditional territory. As part of those new rules, tribes must enter into agreements with their local park such as the EBCI did with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Bill to place lands in Tennessee into trust for Tribe passes House

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The House of Representatives has passed legislation that would put 76 acres in east Tennessee, containing several historic sites to the Tribe, into trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act (H.R. 453), introduced by Rep. Charles J. Fleischmann (R-Tenn.) on Jan. 10, 2019, passed the House on Dec. 16, 2019.

“For the second year in a row, the House agreed to a widespread bipartisan fashion to maintain a

commitment to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians by placing specified lands and easements in Monroe County, Tenn., into a trust for the use and benefit of the Tribe,” Rep. Fleischmann said in a statement on Dec. 16, 2019. “The Cherokee Nation has a rich history in the Third District, and I am grateful to be engaged in the process to safeguard the story of the Eastern Band in the Cherokee towns of Tanasi and Chota.”

He added, “I strongly believe this preservation of lands will allow succeeding generations to comprehend and acknowledge the impact that the Cherokee Nation

has had on east Tennessee.”

The 76 acres includes approximately 46 acres at the site of the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, around 18.2 acres which includes the Chota Memorial and the Tanasi Memorial, and another 11.2 acres known as “support parcel”. Also included in the bill are permanent easements for the Chota Peninsula, which includes 8.5 acres and the Chota-Tanasi Trail which has 11.4 acres.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed said in a statement following the bill’s passage in the House, “This bill reunites the Eastern Band of Cherokee with our homelands in east Tennessee. We look forward to a renewed and prosperous relationship with Tennessee.”

An identical bill (H.R. 146) was introduced on Jan. 3, 2017 by Rep. Fleischmann. That bill too was passed by the House but never came to the Senate floor for a vote. Chief Sneed testified on that bill in front of the House Subcommittee on Indian, Insular, and Alaska Native Affairs on Oct. 4, 2017.

“These properties commemorate and interpret historic people like Sequoyah, towns such as the historic Cherokee capital at Chota, and the culture of the Cherokee during the period from the early 1700s through 1840, and are also associated with and interpret the Trail of Tears,” he then noted. “The properties are located in Monroe County, Tenn., near the town of Vonore and are adjacent to Tellico Lake, the reservoir behind TVA’s Tellico Dam. This bill celebrates not only a time in Cherokee history when we lived in Tennes-

see but also the return of the Cherokee people - as a modern, living people with a living culture and language, and traditions that have survived from ancient times - back to Tennessee.”

The Chota Memorial includes a full-scale representation of the Council House and sits in the spot of the original structure at Chota. The Tanasi Memorial, built by the TVA and the Tennessee Historical Commission in 1989, contains a monument with an inscription that states in part, “The site of the former town of Tanasi, now underwater, is located about 300 yards west of this marker.”

Charlie Rhodharmer, Sequoyah Birthplace Museum director, noted the importance of the area, “Tanasi was the first Cherokee capital in what is now this area of east Tennessee. It was set up by Moytoy of Tellico in the late 1720s/1730s. Moytoy was the first ‘emperor’ (spokesman) of the Cherokee. By 1753, Chota had become the mother town of the Overhill. During the 18th century, Chota was the political and cultural capital of the Cherokee Nation. It was known as a peace town.”

He added, “Chota was the longest existing Cherokee capital in the east before the Removal. Chota is center stage for Lt. Henry Timberlake’s visit. Timberlake wrote his memoirs of his visit to the Cherokee Overhill, which gives us an incredible insight into Cherokee life and culture in the mid-18th century. By 1788, the Cherokee had moved their capital south to Georgia.”



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Officer-involved shooting in Big Cove

Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) officers responded at approximately 8:01 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4 to a reported call of a traffic accident in the Big Cove Community.

Upon arrival, CIPD officers encountered an armed male subject. A confrontation ensued and led to the officer discharging his firearm. The subject was shot, and he was transported to an area hospital. The officer involved has been placed on administrative leave and the case has been turned over to the FBI. No further details are available at this time.

- Cherokee Indian Police Department release

Cherokee Preservation Foundation awards 16 grants during fall cycle

The Cherokee Preservation Foundation recently awarded 16 fall grants for 2019 for a total of more than \$2.2 million. Grants were awarded to partners that meet the Foundation's mission of improving the quality of life for the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indian (EBCI) and the surrounding region.

The 2019 fall grants include:

- * American Indian Science and Engineering Society, \$65,837 to continue increasing interest and competency in science, technology, engineering, math, and computer science at Cherokee Central Schools.
- * Western Regional Educational Service Alliance, \$263,470 to enhance STEM-E education in Cherokee Central Schools and support training for students and teachers in WNC.

- * Sequoyah Fund, \$6,875 to support the fund's efforts to provide board development and document updates.
- * Revitalization of Traditional Cherokee Artisan Resources, \$76,390 to protect traditional Cherokee artisan resources for future generations.
- * Cherokee Central Schools - Cherokee BabyFACE, \$40,727 to support the BabyFACE program at Cherokee Central Schools and local community in efforts to improve Cherokee's future workforce.
- * Cherokee Central School, \$19,527 to enhance the cultural arts experience at Cherokee High School.
- * Western North Carolina Non-profit Pathways, \$143,530 to provide training, learning opportunities, and resources to nonprofits and community groups in the WNC region.
- * Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation, \$12,100 to promote and preserve Cherokee culture and copper artistry techniques.
- * Cherokee Boys Club, \$51,525 to support the Cherokee Boys Club's efforts to use more sustainable building practices.
- * Cherokee Youth Council, \$213,895 to support the Cherokee Youth Council in the development of selfless leaders grounded in Cherokee culture.
- * Cherokee Right Path, \$112,750 to implement the 2019 Right Path Adult Leadership Program.

- * Cherokee Cooperative Extension, \$35,587 to support the development of the local food economy through education, hands-on-training, infrastructure development, and business incubation.
- * EBCI Division of Commerce, \$850,281 to support the marketing efforts of the Greater Cherokee Tourism Council.
- * EBCI Natural Resources, \$24,986 to increase the environmental sustainability of the rivers within Cherokee.
- * EBCI KPEP, \$337,887 to support Cherokee language preservation through the development and implementation of various language programming efforts.
- * Chattooga Conservancy, \$8,000 to manage and monitor the native cane restoration project in Sumter National Forest.

- Cherokee Preservation Foundation release

Tribal Council agenda - Thursday, Jan. 9

Call to order at 8:30 a.m. by Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha

- Item No. 1** - New ordinance, amendment to Cherokee Code (CC) Chapter 18B - hours for sale and consumption
- Item No. 2** - New ordinance, amendment to CC Chapter 106 - business license law clarification
- Item No. 3** - Amendment to CC Chapter 130B - limited waiver of sovereign immunity for hostpital contracts
- Item No. 4** - Amendment to CC Chapter 18B, Tribal Alcohol Beverage Control Commission
- Item No. 5** - Amendment to CC

Section 16C-2 - tribal employment rights

- Item No. 6** - Amendment to CC Section 130(4)a - public health and sanitation code
- Item No. 7** - Amendment to CC Section 92-12A - brokers are prohibited
- Item No. 8** - Amendment to CC Chapter 161 - tribal elections
- Item No. 9** - Amendment to CC Section 92-7 - Tribal Employment Rights Office
- Item No. 10** - Amendment to CC Section 117-37 - public meeting ordinance
- Item No. 11** - Tabled Ord. No. 2 (2019) - public health laws
- Item No. 12** - Tabled Ord. No. 18 (2019) - amendment to CC Chapter 2, exclusion powers of the Tribe
- Item No. 13** - Tabled Ord. No. 48 (2019) - public intoxication
- Item No. 14** - Tabled Ord. No. 63 (2019) - amendment to CC Chapter 16, Tribal Gaming Commission
- Item No. 15** - Tabled Ord. No. 64 (2019) - amendment to CC Chapter 96, tribal employees
- Item No. 16** - Tabled Ord. No. 65 (2019) - amendment to CC Chapter 16, Class III Gaming
- Item No. 17** - Tabled Res. No. 76 (2019) - Tribal Council authorizes the Tribe to assign John F. Harlan Jr. a portion of Wolftown Community parcel number 1349 of suitable size for the construction of a HIP home
- Item No. 18** - Appointments to the Police Commission
- Item No. 19** - Appointments to the Tribal Employment Rights Commission
- Item No. 20** - Tribal Council appointment to TERO (Kimlyn Lambert term expired)
- Item No. 21** - Tribal Council appointment to TERO (Johi Griffin term expired)
- Item No. 22** - Principal Chief ap-

pointment to TERO (Billy Brown term expired)

Item No. 23 - Principal Chief appointment to TERO (Kevin Jackson resignation)

Item No. 24 - Tribal Realty reorganization of survey and realty services

Item No. 25 - Resolution requesting Realty and Attorney General to draft an ordinance to address outdated land transfers

Item No. 26 - Amendment to Res. No. 631 (2013) - EBCI has decided to extend health services under its compact and FA's to non-beneficiaries on a few for-service basis

Item No. 27 - Tribal Council imposes a moratorium on the administration, collection, and enforcement of the TERO fee created and

imposed by CC 92-28B

Item No. 28 - TERO is authorized to issue and conduct the 2020 employment survey

Item No. 29 - Recognition of heirs of Allen Boyd Queen (d)

Item No. 30 - EBCI Transit program authorized to submit an application package to the NCDOT/ROAP/RGP up to the amount of \$52,830

Item No. 31 - Tribe's Public Health Program is authorized to apply and accept funds from Safe Kids of North Carolina, no requirement of additional match

Item No. 32 - Tribe's OENR is authorized to submit an application package and accept EPA funding up to \$28,500

Item No. 33 - TERO is authorized to apply and accept funds

from US DOL-ETA in the amount of \$500,000

Item No. 34 - As an equity owner of Balsam West Fibernet, the EBCI will make a loan to Balsam West Fibernet in an amount not to exceed \$4 million for a term of 10 years at a rate of 5 percent

Item No. 35 - Resolution asking Tribal Council to approve the establishment of a RFP to engage with a consulting firm to conduct a feasibility study regarding the Tribe entering the commercial gaming market

Item No. 36 - Resolution asking the Tribe to contribute an additional \$2 million to the TCGE to be earmarked to pay Experianta's pre-development expenses consistent with Res. No. 192 (2018)

Item No. 37 - Donation requests

for the month of January 2020: Brixton Reed, \$300; Snowbird Termite Basketball team, \$600

Item No. 38 - Resolution proposing to clarify the intent of Res. No. 27 (2019)

Item No. 39 - Resolution requesting Tribal Council approve contract number 2000105, Polly Kelly bank sliding in front of her house

Item No. 40 - Tribal Council approves the Principal Chief to enter into a contract with a lobbying firm out of the state of Virginia

Item No. 41 - Appointment to TCGE Board to fill the seat of Robert M. Saunooke, whose term has expired

Emergency resolutions and banishment items, if necessary



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Cherokee Wrestling hosts 42nd Chief Osley B. Saunooke Invitational

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

On Saturday, Jan. 4, the Cherokee High School wrestling team hosted the 42nd Chief Osley B. Saunooke wrestling invitational.

The Braves stood strong in the event with Braden Taylor and Masih Catolster placing first at the 160lb and heavyweight divisions, respectively. Kaden Pheasant also placed second at 170lb and Ian Crowe placed fourth at 220lb.

"We faced a couple of out-of-state schools, Pigeon Forge are a former state champion, a couple 2A schools thrown in," said Mike Winchester, CHS head wrestling coach. "So, for the competition we faced we did really well."

However, this was more than an early season test for Cherokee. This tournament means a lot more to the people who run this event. T-shirts are made for the event that has been ongoing since 1978. The family of the late Chief Saunooke still makes sure to show their appreciation at the event as well. Robert Saunooke, the grandson of Chief Saunooke, was in attendance and presented trophies to the winning wrestlers.

"It's an incredible honor and respect for my grandfather", said Robert Saunooke.

"A lot of people don't realize that Chief Osley brought the first manufacturers, he's the one that started the tribal levy and told the state we weren't going to pay them taxes. He did a lot in the early



Photo courtesy of Cherokee Central Schools Athletics

The Cherokee High School wrestling coaching staff is shown with Cherokee's four highest placers, left to right: Head Coach Mike Winchester, Coach Jaron Bradley, Kaden Pheasant, Braden Taylor, Ian Crowe, Masih Catolster, and Coach Joe Lambert.

beginnings of our Tribe to give us financial resources and independence. He was already nationally known because he was a wrestler, so that got him into a lot of the political arenas a lot easier."

Chief Osley B. Saunooke, who served as Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from 1951-55 and 1959-63, was a world heavyweight wrestling champion. He earned his title

in 1937 and held it for 14 years. That's why the name attached to this tournament works so well.

Robert Saunooke also said that the family usually sponsors the tournament as well, and plans to continue the tradition moving forward.

Coach Winchester, who has returned for his second stint with the program, said that he appreciates the history of the tournament and what it means to the community.

"I was talking to his grandson during the break. We were kind of comparing notes. He was wrestler, I was a wrestler...that's my most favorite thing, to be able to share those experiences with those guys that have wrestled through the years and your memories of the tournament, and how important it is to everybody in and around Cherokee."

Winchester says that because he came in as coach so late there were things he was unable to do for the tournament this year, but he is looking forward to growing the name and brand of the event. He made a point of adding features to it when he was with Cher-

okee from 1993-2003.

"We're going to continue and do more things. The things in the future that I look forward to doing, I have a little biography of Chief Saunooke that I will publish with the tournament brackets and hand out to each of the coaches, so that they'll get to learn a little bit. That's one of the things that I did in the past when I was at Cherokee."

Winchester says that he loves the growth of the tournament, but also there is a lot that goes into the preparation and function of the event.

"I would like to say a big thanks to everyone that was involved. From council members, former council members, all the parents that were involved, the table workers...our kids that worked for us, the concessions, the hospitality room, the administration at Cherokee. This is a total effort by everybody. I don't run the thing. Everybody pulls together to make this happen, it is a full community effort," said Winchester.

"Many people know the name of Osley Saunooke, but this tournament is here to make sure people understand what the name means. By not only giving the event a title but sharing stories as well, the history continues."

"A lot of us today forget what we have overcome to get what we have now," said Robert Saunooke.

"So, keeping that connection to our past by having a tournament that is named after somebody who was a real big part of that past, I think it honors him but more importantly it keeps our kids and people connected to our history."



BASKETBALL

Braves top Johnson Co. (Tenn.)



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Cherokee's Sterling Santa Maria (#34) goes for a shot between Johnson County's (Tenn.) Darren Cunningham (#15) and Ethan Bower (#11) during a game played at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Friday, Dec. 27. Led by Santa Maria with 34 points, the Braves won 95-88 over the Longhorns. The game was close most of the way with Johnson Co. holding leads after the first period (24-20) and at the half (47-45). Cherokee tied it up at 68-68 to close out the third and went on for the 7-point win. Other Braves scorers included: Chris Johnson 4, Sarron Johnson 11, Bobby Crowe 17, Treannie Larch 11, Don Bradley 5, and Dawson Bradley 2. Longhorns scorers included: Bower 2, Lucas Phillips 38, Cunningham 10, Michael Oxentine 23, and Clayton Cross 15.



Crowe takes a shot inside. He finished the game with 17 points.

BASKETBALL

Bishop outlasts Cherokee 78-70



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo

Cherokee's Sarron Johnson (#4) goes inside for a shot while Bishop McGuinness' Rhett Spencer defends during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 28. Johnson and Sterling Santa Maria both had 21 points, but the Braves fell just short of a win as the Villains won 78-70. Bishop led most of the way (27-23 after the first; 43-33 at the half; 58-51 after the third). Cherokee got to within two points in the fourth, but were unable to close the gap. Other Braves scorers included: Chris Johnson 5, Jordan Arkansas 8, Ethan Crowe 2, Bobby Crowe 5, Treannie Larch 2, and Don Bradley 6. Villains scorers included: Dawson McAlhaney 24, Jake Plueinizak 5, Nathan Fuller 16, Noah Allred, 15, Seth Williams 2, Spencer 2, and Jake Ledbetter 14.



Santa Maria lines up for a shot. He finished the game with 21 points.

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BASKETBALL

Lady Braves nearly double Tuscola



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Cherokee's Raylen Bark (#1) drives inside against Tuscola's Emily Trogdon during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Friday, Dec. 27. The Lady Braves led the entire way en route to a 59-33 victory. Cherokee was led by Deante Toineeta with 16 points followed by Bark with 12. Other Lady Braves scorers included: Ayanna Lambert 2, Tigger King 2, Naomi Smith 7, Vivian Ross 5, Zoey Walkingstick 3, Rhyne Girty 2, and Kamia Wiggins 10. Tuscola's scorers included: Cooper Richardson 5, Abby Webster 4, Grace Glance 5, Myrissa Johnson 1, Brittany Steppleton 8, Trogdon 6, Abby Westmoreland 2, and Delany Buchanan 2.



King defends against Trogdon.

Braves, Lady Braves defeated in road games at Franklin



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Cherokee's Deante Toineeta (#13) goes for a layup around Franklin's Sierra Wade (#23) during a game at Franklin High School on the evening of Friday, Jan. 3.

Franklin led from the outset in this game en route to a 52-40 victory over the Lady Braves. Cherokee was led by Vivian Ross and Zoey Walkingstick who each scored 9 points respectively. Franklin led 19-11 after the first period and took a 31-18 lead into the locker room at the half. The Lady Panthers kept a double-digit lead in the second half as they would take the 12-point win. Other Lady Braves scorers included: Raylen Bark 4, Tigger King 3, Naomi Smith 2, Deante Toineeta 6, Jordyn Martin 2, Rhyne Girty 4, and Kamia Wiggins 1. Franklin's scorers included: Nevaeh Tran 5, Sierra Wade 10, S. Williams 10, Tori Ensley 7, Canaan Drake 16, and M. Brewer 4.



Ross goes for a shot over S. Williams in the second half of Friday's game. Ross finished the game with 9 points.



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Cherokee's Sterling Santa Maria (#34) shoots as Franklin's Chad Wilson (#30) and Trey Penland (#23) defend during a game at Franklin High School on the evening of Friday, Jan. 3. Santa Maria led Cherokee with 16 points on the night, but the Panthers were able to pull away in the second half for an 81-50 win. The first half of the game was close with Cherokee leading 15-13 after the first period. The Panthers led 36-33 at the half and then outscored Cherokee 18-9 to lead 54-42 after the third. Other Braves scorers included: Chris Johnson 2, Jordan Arkansas 2, Ethan Crowe 4, Sarron Johnson 6, Bobby Crowe 5, Don Bradley 15. Franklin scorers included: Trey Woodard 2, Kellen Stiles 2, Penland 5, Griffin Green 14, Isaiah Johns 8, Wilson 12, Miles McClure 30, Brayden Sroka 2, Deytee Jennings 4, and Wyatt Gibson 2.



Don Bradley goes for a short shot. On the evening, he had 15 points.



Michael Yannette receives Frell Owl Award

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

An educator in his 33rd year of teaching received an award for those dedicated in service to Cherokee youth at the 33rd Annual Frell Owl Award Presentation. Michael Yannette, Director of Choirs and Musical Theatre at Cherokee Central Schools, received the award during the annual banquet held at the Chestnut Tree Inn on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

The Cherokee Chamber Singers, under the direction of Yannette, performed during the awards banquet and before the announcement of the winner. He is hugely responsible for the growth of the choir program and the creation of the musical theatre program at Cherokee Central Schools.

When his name was announced, Yannette showed true shock. "I never, never thought for a million years that I was coming here to get this award. I can't tell you how much I appreciate this."

He went on to say, "I've been teaching for 33 years. I've never stayed so long in one school. I've never loved students so much...I love teaching my kids. I truly love those kids, and I'm so grateful. Thank you so much for this. This was completely unexpected, and it is completely, joyfully accepted."

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed commented, "It cannot be understated the impact that educators have on all of our lives. I think every one of us, if we look back, there's a teacher or a coach, a mentor, who has had a positive impact on who we are and the



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos
Michael Yannette, right, Director of Choir and Musical Theatre at Cherokee Central Schools, is presented the Frell Owl Award from Greg Owle, Cherokee Boys Club general manager, during the annual awards banquet at the Chestnut Tree Inn on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

people we are today."

He praised Yannette's work with the Cherokee students. "I've sat in the audience, wiping tears away, at just the amazing gift that this man has drawn out of these young people."

Chief Sneed added, "Michael, you will never know, this side of eternity, how far reaching your life's work has shaped the lives of our young people. It is not only your expertise, your excellence and passion, but because of the love for and the belief in every one of your students that all of this is made possible. Because of your unyielding commitment to our children, future generations of Cherokee families will always have a song in their heart."

Greg Owle, Cherokee Boys Club general manager, read Yannette's nomination which was sub-

mitted by Yona Wade. It states in part, "Performance artist Michael Yannette is an exceptional concert pianist, actor, singer, playwright, multi-media artist, and music educator who brings together all of

his talents to create rich and thoroughly unique theatrical, musical, and visual experiences."

Past Frell Owl Award recipients include: Chief John A. Crowe (1983), Stella Kanott (1984), The Crowe Family (1985), Ray Kinsland (1986), Pearl and John Reagan (1987), Betty Crisp (1988), Jerri Reagan Kinsland (1989), Mary Chiltosky (1990), Dora Reed (1992), Marie Junaluska (1995), Sharon and David Crowe (1996), Ernestine Walkingstick (1997), Jody Adams (1998), Gary Maney (1999), Mary Sneed (2000), Mary Mantooth (2001), David McCoy (2002), Glenda Crowe (2003), Denise Ballard (2004), David McQueen (2005), Skooter McCoy (2006), Johnson "Booger" Arch (2007), Kathy Wolfe (2008), Carmaleta Monteith (2009), Roy Lambert (2010), Sandi Owle (2011), Lana Lambert (2013), Catherine Blythe Sanders (2014), Will Poolaw (2015), Wilbur Paul and Lou Johnson (2016), Mary and Alan Smith (2017), and Isaac "Ike" Long (2018).



Yannette, front and center, is shown with his students from the Cherokee Chamber Singers.

Ron Porter gives everything he can

JONAH LOSSIAH
ONE FEATHER STAFF

This year, Ron Porter made sure that Christmas came a week early in Cherokee.

As he has for the last several years, Porter made the multi-hour trek from Cullman, Ala. to Cherokee to deliver a sizable amount of clothes to Ric Youngblood's Smokeshop. He makes this trip twice a year, once in May and once in December. Porter says that he also takes a shipment up to Pennsylvania every July as well.

"I do it because people need to," said Porter, who is also a veteran of the Vietnam conflict, serving from 1973-75.

"I put my effort in not thinking of how I got hurt in the service. I put my effort into helping people."

Porter first met Richard Bird, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and the owner of the Smokeshop, at the Annual Multicultural Indian Event held at the Oakville Indian Mounds Education Center in Danville, Ala. Bird has represented the EBCI at this event for years, and this is when he was introduced to Porter. They both racked their brains for a date, but guessed that was about a decade ago. However, they became close a few years later, and it all started with one shirt.

"He volunteered to bring in our eagle staff," Bird said. "We didn't have a veteran to do it at the time. So, I worked with him and told him what to do and he carried the staff all weekend. At the end of the weekend, I was gifted a shirt by Don Eagle, a former WWF professional wrestler. He (Porter) liked my shirt so I gifted it to him, and in turned he gifted me his



JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo

Ron Porter, left, brings donations of clothes, which are distributed at Ric Youngblood's Smokeshop, for the Cherokee community. He is shown with Rick Bird, owner of the Smokeshop, on the morning of Wednesday, Dec. 18.

friendship."

Bird told Porter of the struggles of some families on the Qualla Boundary, and so he decided to help in whatever way he could. Porter started talking to members of his community, and gained support from auction houses, churches and individuals in his local area in Alabama. The next year, Porter gave Bird a load of clothes to take home to distribute to the Cherokee community. Bird did so, and set up a stand outside of his Smokeshop.

"What we generally do is take it to the senior citizens first and let them have first pick, and then we take it and put it out here for whoever needs it," said Bird.

This was how they operated for the first few years, but over the past three years Porter has made the delivery himself.

"He's just really giving. You would think the man would be

a millionaire, but he's not. The stuff he brings is top notch, and he don't even ask for gas money," said Bird.

"I'm that close to being homeless myself right now," said Porter.

Porter says that he just wants to help people, and that Bird is giving him an opportunity to do just that. He continued by saying the he has become very attached to this community, and looks forward to coming to Cherokee each time.

"I feel closer to Ric and everybody here than my own family," said Porter, who has pictures of Bird and his family with him in his pocket.

Twice a year, he pulls up to Ric Youngblood's Smokeshop in his Chevrolet Equinox. He manages to stuff hundreds of articles of clothing in that car. On this trip, he brought at least six bags and six boxes full of shirts, pants, shoes, jackets and stuffed animals.

Bird and his employees say they look forward to it every year, as well as plenty of the community.

"My favorite story is the lady whose house burned down, and they got kids clothes for all her kids. That was about three years ago," said Daily Hutcherson, who was helping set up the table Wednesday morning.

Porter says that all he wants to do is help people, and that he appreciates the support that has been provided to allow for him to do this every year. Money doesn't matter to him, and he'll take as much time as needed to get this done. He simply wants to provide all he can.

"If I can help a family out. Like I said, I'm pretty close to being homeless. I don't care. Something will happen," said Porter.

OBITUARIES

James Richard Bigwitch

James Richard Bigwitch, 48, born Aug. 20, 1971 made his journey to his heavenly home from Cherokee Indian Hospital on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019. He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Allen Bigwitch and Eva Littlejohn Bigwitch. In addition, he is proceeded by his brothers, Robert Bigwitch, Isaac Bigwitch, Fred Bigwitch, James Bigwitch; and sisters, Marie Patricia Armachain and Stacy Ann Bigwitch.

James is survived by one son, Tim Crow; one grandson; his brother, Charles William Bigwitch (Mary); sisters, Lucy B. Teesateskie and Peggy Littlejohn; aunt and uncle, Ollie and Jim Bigwitch; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

James was a member of the Pentecostal Holiness Church of Cherokee. James enjoyed signing gospel music and will be remembered for the time he sang with a quartet.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Pentecostal Holiness Church. with Pastor Tim Melton officiating. Internment was at the Bigwitch Family Cemetery, and pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Matthew S. Armachain

Matthew S. Armachain, 26, of the Wolftown Community, went to meet his Heavenly Father on Friday, Dec. 13, 2019.

He is preceded in death by his maternal great grandparents, Stan-cil Jumper Sr., Jesse and Nola Teleskie; maternal grandmother, Nellie Jumper; paternal great grandparents, Hayes and Minnie Lossiah; paternal grandmother, Mary Kather-

ine Armachain; aunt Althia Lossiah Cruz; cousin, Armando Armachain; maternal uncles, Everett Jumper and Uncle Sam Jumper; and aunt, Linda Ball.

Matthew is survived by his parents, father, Phillip Armachain (Day) and mother, Mary Jumper Hornbuckle (Paul). In addition to his parents, he leaves behind his brothers, Phillip S. Armachain Jr. (Kirstyn), Glenn David Jumper Jr., Ryne Sampson (Skye), Special Brother Dennis "Dinky" Jumper, and one sister, Samantha Prather (Matt). He is survived also by his aunts and uncles, William "Billy" Jumper (Dee) of South Carolina, Glenn Jumper (Karen), Dinah Harry, Tammy Jackson (Dwayne), Mary Wolfe (Richard Driver), Albirda Armachain, and Deweese Armachain all of Cherokee.

Matthew enjoyed hunting and fishing, especially deer hunting. He always found peace being in the outdoors. Matthew will be remembered for his smile and friendliness. He loved spending time with his family and friends, especially when food was involved. Many good times were spent with him over meals where he amazed people with his appetite. Matthew also enjoyed skateboarding and snowboarding. He was a member of Rock Springs Baptist Church and saved by the grace of God.

The family would like to invite all gospel singers to the visitation to raise their voice in song.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Dec. 19 at Wrights Creek Baptist Church with funeral services following immediately afterwards with Pastor Patrick O'Dell and Pastor Cory Adams officiated. Internment was at Wrights Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were PJ Armachain, Ryne Sampson, Taylor Wolfe, Xan Sadongei, Matt Prather, and Bo Lossiah.

Robert Bruce Huskey Jr.

Robert Bruce Huskey Jr., age 81, passed away surrounded by his family on Friday, Dec. 20, 2019 after an extended battle with Parkinson's.

Born in Cherokee, he was the son of the late Robert Bruce Huskey Sr. and Birdie Hill Huskey. He is preceded in death by his loving wife, Clara Jean Huskey; son, Kent Huskey; brothers, Henry, Mickey, Stanley Huskey; and sister, Laverne Land.

He is survived by his son, Nick Huskey (Tedda); sisters, Loretta Crowe (Sylvester) and Arlene Cochran (Fred); along with eight grandchildren, Hope, Chasity, James, Cory, Cade, Nataya, Zane, and Danicka as well as 14 great-grandchildren.

Robert was proud to have served with the United States Air Force for 12 years before returning to Cherokee to work for Indian Health Services until his retirement. He was a member of Sequoyah Sovereign Grace Baptist Church in the Big Cove Community. An avid bird watcher, he enjoyed traveling, golfing, fast pitch softball and spending time with family and friends.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Dec. 23 at Long House Funeral Home Chapel with James "Bo" Parris presiding. Burial followed at the Bradley Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were among nephews and family members. The American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post 143 gave graveside honors.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with Arrangements.

Samuel Watty

Samuel Watty, 84, born April 22, 1935 went to his Heavenly home on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019 following a brief stay at the Cherokee Indian Hospital. His loving family

was by his side.

Samuel Watty served in the Army from 1956-62 and exited the service as a PFC-2 and had been part of the 59th Ordnance Brigade and had been stationed at Ft. Carson, Colo. He was in the reserves for four years with an additional two years of active duty. After leaving the service, Samuel began working as a construction worker up until his retirement.

He is proceeded in death by his parents, Stephen and Rachel Watty, as well as his wife, Elsie Watty.

In addition to them he will be welcomed to Heaven by his daughters, Mary Montelongo, Anna Louise Watty, grandson Michael Montelongo and Fabian Reed; his brothers, Quincy, Johnny, Joseph and Anderson Watty; along with his sisters, Yonnie, Winnie, Lorrene, and Nannie Sue who will be overjoyed to be reunited with him in Heaven.

Sam is survived by his children, Samuel Chute Watty, Charlie (Francine) Watty, Dennis Watty, Regina Watty, and Rebecca (Cleto) Watty, all of Cherokee. In addition to his children, he is survived by his remaining sister, Maybelle Watty. Sam also leaves behind 22 grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren, and one great great grandson.

Sam had a special companion, who stayed by his side, made him smile and cheered him up, that will also be left behind and mourn Sam's passing, his special pet companion, Gweedo.

Funeral services were held at Straight Fork Baptist Church on Saturday, Dec. 14 with Pastor Charlie Ray Ball officiating. The burial took place at the Samuel Watty Cemetery. Pallbearers were among Watty's grandsons.

Robert Dennis Mathews

Robert Dennis Mathews of the

Tow String Community in Cherokee, soared home with the Angels on Dec. 26, 2019. Rob looked forward to once again embracing his parents, Seaborne and Floy Mathews and brothers Douglas (Glenda) and Wayne as well as many loved ones and family members already at his new home on high.

Still waiting to join Rob is his wife and best friend of 40 years, Cindy. They were inseparable and the love of each other's lives. Also waiting to join Rob are his brothers, Raymond Mathews (Juanita and Francis) and Roy Mathews (Cathy); sisters, Bertha

Pilkington (Buddy), Janice Crutchfield (Ancil), and Rachel Mathis (Bobby); and many treasured nephews, nieces, great nephews, great nieces, in-laws who also loved him as a son, brother, and uncle and many cherished extended family members.

Rob had a rare spirit of love, kindness, generosity, and laughter. He could light up any room with his presence. He loved people. He had a special gift for bonding with the elderly and children. He helped make the world a better place and is missed by so many.

Robert was a United States Army Veteran who heroically helped protect America's freedom in the Vietnam War. He was an active member of Tow String Baptist Church and enjoyed helping others in his community. In his lifetime, he loved hunting, gardening, carving, antiquing, spending time with family, and countless road trips along the many back roads of the South with his loving wife.

Funeral services were held at Crisp Funeral Home on Saturday, Dec. 28 with graveside services at Tow String Cemetery.

Louwanda Jean Bryant

Louwanda Jean Bryant, 83, wife of the late Charles Junior Bryant, of Ladson, passed away peacefully at her residence on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020.

Louwanda was born in Cherokee on May 11, 1936. She was the daughter of Jack and Mary Jackson and a proud member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Louwanda was a professional educator 36 years. She taught at Ladson Elementary School for over 30 years. She was an avid reader and loved her gameshows. She loved baking and cooking for her family. She was also known as a mentor to many, particularly to friends of her children. Louwanda was a graduate of Radford University.

She is survived by her children, Charles Dwayne Bryant (Christine), Michael Dean Bryant (Holly) and Dawn Charlene Bryant Crowley (Michael); her sister, Barbara Jackson Robie; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Junior Bryant and 11 brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, Jan. 5 at Parks Funeral Home Chapel in Summerville, S.C. Burial followed in Plantation Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the CMT (Charcot-Marie-Tooth) Foundation or to the American Heart Association. Arrangements by PARKS FUNERAL HOME, 130 West 1st North Street, Summerville, SC 29483. www.parksfuneralhome.com.

Fred Bradley Jr.

Fred Bradley Jr. 72, of the Painttown Community, went home to be with the Lord Friday, Jan. 3, 2020. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Fred Bradley Sr. and Elzina Trammer Bradley. In

addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by sisters, Doris Elzina Queen, and Bessie E. Owle; brothers, Richard Youngdeer, Henry James Bradley Sr.; and one son, Henry James Bradley Jr.

He had been a member of Old Antioch Baptist Church since 1992. He was a U.S. Marine Veteran having served in the Vietnam Era.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Kina Bradley; sons, Greg Bradley, Jason Bradley and wife Sharon, Freddie Youngdeer, and Wilson Sneed all of Cherokee; grandchildren, Nyasha Bradley, Greg Bradley, Jacie Bradley, Kathleen Long, Mack Long, Owen Taylor, Stephen McCoy, Keanan Bradley, Logan Bradley, Brayden Bradley, Marcus Wolfe, and Toby Keith McCoy all of Cherokee; one brother, Homer Bradley of Cherokee; and sisters Sharon Littlejohn, Elise Maldonado, and Sarah Bradley of Cherokee.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at Old Antioch Baptist Church. Revs. Dewayne (Bear) Lambert, Ben Reed, and Patrick Odell officiated with burial in the Bradley Family Cemetery.



Cora Carolyn Littlejohn

Cora Carolyn Littlejohn, 66 years young, of Cherokee, passed away at Mission Memorial Hospital on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020. She will be greeted in Heaven by her father, Luke Littlejohn; mother, Lydia

Driver Littlejohn; a brother, Calvin Littlejohn; and her sisters, Emily Biddle and Catherine Reagan.

Carolyn, as she was lovingly known as, is survived by her daughter, Lisa Queen- Bird (Steve); son, John Littlejohn (Dawn); grandsons, John Queen, Tom Queen, Dakota Ward, and Mark Ballard; granddaughters, Nyla Queen and Alexis Armachain; brother, McKinley Littlejohn; sister, Koula Littlejohn; along with her good friend, Wahn-eta Miller. Carolyn's memory will also be carried forward by her special nephews, Tony Baloney Alonzo and Bug Taylor, along Rudy, known by others as Ruthy.

Carolyn was a fluent Cherokee speaker as well as a traditional basket maker. She loved spending time with her family and friends, especially when it came to spoiling her grandchildren with her love and humor. Carolyn loved to make people laugh and had a one of a kind sense of humor that those who know her loved. She was a one of a kind woman. God broke the mold when he made this wonderful, funny woman that will be missed and forever loved. She enjoyed watching Jeremy Lin hoop it up in basketball, that was her favorite basketball player. Carolyn also a fan of football and the Atlanta Braves. In her younger days, she was a fierce athlete that enjoyed playing basketball and volleyball.

Funeral services were held at Rock Springs Baptist Church on Monday, Jan. 6 with Pastor Greg Morgan and Pastor James "Bo" Parris officiating. Internment was at Littlejohn Cemetery. Pallbearers were Howard "Junebug" Taylor, Tony Alonzo, Tony "Little Tony" Bernhisel, Leander "Mater" Silva, Oscar "Jr" Silva, and Alex Michua along with friends.

Long House Funeral Homes assisted with arrangements.

MORE OBITUARIES



Alice Virginia Lambert

Alice Virginia Lambert, 79 of Cherokee, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020. Alice was a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians residing in the Birdtown Community. She was born July 8, 1940 to the late Benjamin Tillman Rose

and Mildred Alice Warren Rose.

Alice is survived by her loving husband of 61 years, Joseph "Joe" Gaston Lambert Jr.; one son, Joseph "Joey" R. Lambert; one daughter, Lindsay Robin Lambert; granddaughters, Jessica Rose Lambert, Mariah Carey Lambert, Sierra (Justin) Davis, and Simone McDowell; grandsons, Gabriel Simcox, John (Jessica) Hall, Jordan (Sasha) Sampson, Anthony Smith, Tyler Toineeta, and Curtis Price; daughter-in-law, Kimlyn Sneed Lambert all of Cherokee; sisters, Phyllis Rose Coons, Mary Rose (Bill) Booth, Vivian "Lib" Rose (Dan) Kieffer, Linda Rose Carter, all of Cherokee, and Brenda Rose (Larry) Johnson of Clyde; brother, Edwin Ray (Cathy) Rose; sister-in-law Marie Arch Rose; special niece Sherri Booth, all of

Cherokee; numerous nieces and nephews that were like children to her, many dear friends, and her pastor, Percy Cunningham.

In addition to her parents, Alice is preceded in death by her son, Douglas Allen Lambert; daughter, Debra Louise Lambert; brothers, Donald Edward Rose, Benjamin "Teddy" Rose, Albert Dale Rose; sister, Nancy Rose Long; and daughter-in-law, Mary Rodriguez Lambert.

Alice was a graduate of Southwestern Community College. She worked for the Tribe for many years as a bookkeeper, and managed the first movie theater owned by the Tribe in the early 1980's. Alice was an avid gardener and was an expert canner and preserver. She was well known by family and friends for her famous cream

corn and cornmeal gravy.

Alice will be remembered for her love and kindness and for always offering a home-cooked meal to anyone who entered her home. She was brave and strong, and will be missed tremendously by her family!

The family held a private celebration-of-life on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at her brother, Ray Rose's home in the Birdtown Community. Alice was laid to rest at Tranquility Ridge Cemetery. Cremation arrangements in care of Long House Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to Alice's favorite charity, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Cherokee Heritage Day

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Join us for a day of family fun at our first Heritage Day of the year!

For this Heritage Day we will be focusing on the traditional clothing of the Cherokee, as well as some contemporary items.

There will be clothing making, and copper working demonstrations that will last all day. There will also be an education fashion show with a Q&A session. Kids can join in on the fun with a paper doll craft where they can design their own version of Cherokee traditional clothing!



Good Housekeeping

Basil, Mozzarella and Tomato Pizza for One

- 1/2 package (8 ounce) Italian bread shells
- 1 plum tomato, very thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 2 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped
- 2 tablespoons sliced pitted ripe olives
- 1/8 teaspoon cracked black pepper

Heat oven to 450 F. Place one 4-ounce Italian bread shell on ungreased cookie sheet. Arrange plum tomato slices over bread; sprinkle with shredded mozzarella cheese. Top with chopped fresh basil, sliced olives and black pepper. Bake 10 minutes or until cheese is melted.

• Each serving: About 510 calories, 14g total fat, 44mg cholesterol, 1,005mg sodium.

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Beck lives in Sylva with her husband and son. Since April of this year, she served as the interim manager. Beck began her career in the program as an education program specialist and is currently the fiscal and training supervisor. She has worked for the program for five years. Beck holds a Bachelor of Science degree in hospitality tourism management from Western Carolina University and a Master of Arts degree in management and leadership from Montreat College.

Williams, the new Education & Training manager, comes to Cherokee from the State of Indiana as the director of the Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission which serves over 25,000 Native Americans that live

in the State of Indiana. She has been married to Stephen for over 29 years. Her stepdaughter, Jennifer and Dr. Brandt Young live in Zionsville, Ind. MeLissa's and Steve's daughter, Shayna Williams and her fiancée, Eric Duong live in the area. Williams obtained her Master of Science degree in management and a Bachelor of Science degree in organizational management from Oakland City University.

West lives in the Wolfetown community with her husband and three children. She has worked for the Tribe for eight years with over four of those years in the Education & Training Program. She began her career in the program as an education program specialist and in October, she accepted the position as the education supervisor. West obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Western Carolina University.

- *EBCI Education & Training Program release*



Photo contributed

Renissa McLaughlin, right, 3200 Acre Tract Community Center chairperson, presents a \$900 donation recently to Wilbur Paul who accepted on behalf of the Cherokee Cancer Support Group. "Thanks to all of the volunteers who help support our community members who are struggling or have survived cancer," said McLaughlin. "This donation is made in loving memory of Kathy Owle and Myrna Climbingbear." She said the 3200 Acre Tract Community has one lease that they receive payments on twice annually. McLaughlin, along with community volunteers Rita Driver and Shirley Brady, said that they convened to decide how to utilize the funds to benefit the community, and it was decided to distribute 100 percent of the lease funds to a non-profit to ensure there is transparency in all transactions.



SCC photo

The graduates from Class 80 of Southeastern Community College's BLET (Basic Law Enforcement Training) program are shown at their graduation on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at the Public Safety Training Center in Macon County. Shown, left to right, front row - Bradley Buddington, Chapel Hill; Timothy Carter, Franklin; Scott McCoy, Franklin; Abbygayle Swayney, Cherokee; and Gabriel Bingham, Franklin; back row - SCC's BLET Instructor Zach Dezarn; Drew Payne, Murphy; Samuel Ingram, Robbinsville; Jarod Lovelace, Robbinsville; Jacob Waldroup, Andrews; and Curtis Dowdle, dean of the Public Safety Training Center.

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THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you to Yogi Crowe Scholarship Shiyo!

My name is Teresa Santa Maria and I am a recipient of the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship for the spring 2020 semester. I am a registered nurse and currently serve as the Cherokee High School Nurse. I have been happily married for 19 years with two wonderful children. My daughter is a recent graduate of Portland State University and my son is currently a senior at Cherokee High School. I recently began my career path this past fall at Western Carolina University in the Family Nurse Practitioner program. My future plans are to return to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians as a mid-level provider so that I may serve my people and communities. Currently, there is less than 0.5 percent Native Americans in the field of family nurse practitioners and the numbers decrease as medical doctors even more. I feel that as Native Americans, we must care for each other in order to provide the best possible care in a more cultural competent, holistic way. I am very grateful and appreciative of the assistance provided to myself through this scholarship.

SGI!

Teresa Santa Maria, BSN, RN

Thank you to Yogi Crowe Scholarship

Dear Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund,

Happy New Year! I am happy to announce that I successfully passed the boards part 1 exam with your help to cover the costs of study materials. Additionally, I hope to get support for the cost of registration and study materials for the boards part 2 exam next year.

I appreciate the continued support going into the spring 2020 term of my podiatric medical school education. This upcoming semester will be the last semester with classroom instruction because next year will entirely consist of clinical training. As a third-year student, I have one day of didactic classroom education and four days of clinical education. I feel privileged to be given the opportunity to help and learn from patients daily and can't wait to provide care to the people of my tribe one day after residency.

Much appreciation,
Carmen Johnson

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2019 in the rear view mirror

ROBERT JUMPER

ONE FEATHER EDITOR

Every year is eventful. If it were not so, it would be a dull world and an even duller newspaper. After all, if there is no history to write about, your newspaper would be full of public service announcements and advertisements (maybe). Oh, we could make up a few stories for each edition, but you get plenty of that from the mainstream media.

We began 2019 with community fractures. Our Principal Chief, who had been installed after a gut-wrenching impeachment process, and our Vice Chief, who had been installed when Chief Sneed vacated that seat, were setting and implementing their visions for the tribe. The Executive Office and Tribal Council were continuing to build trust and engage the community in building unity and refocusing on a sustainable future for the Tribe's economic and cultural protection.

Winter

In January, we were celebrating the election of two Native American women to the United States Congress. We also lamented the negative impact a federal government shutdown was having on Cherokee life. And the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians made an appearance in London, by invitation, walking in their New Year's Day Parade.

February began with our contemplation of the pros and cons of the hemp and cannabis businesses (and, yes, there is a difference). We continued to document our love-hate relationship with elk. Also in February, rain dominated one edition as a minor flooding included the Oconaluftee Island Park. We lost veteran reporter Joe Martin again in February.

In March, the "discussion" about Nakwasi Mound ownership with the town of Franklin continued and concerns about Soco Road cracks and buckles were addressed by the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Tribal

Council approved the purchase of Cherokee Cablevision, then later unapproved it. Shiny new needle drop-off kiosks were installed in multiple locations on the Qualla Boundary. The Catawba Indian Nation made it known that they are looking to build a casino in North Carolina. New signage for high school basketball and high school football championships were raised on the Qualla Boundary.

Spring

Come April, we were again celebrating the Tribe's commitment to protection and renewal of natural resources with the opening of a solar farm at the Harrah's Cherokee Valley River. The One Feather also represented the Tribe at a state level, winning 14 North Carolina Press Association Awards for journalistic excellence in various categories at their annual competition.

The Tribe and United States Park Service signed an agreement on the collection of sochan. We said farewell to Coach Kent Briggs at Cherokee Central Schools. A motorcycle accident took a life on the Foothills Parkway. The Environmental Protection Agency blessed the Tribe's water quality standards.

As April gave way to May, the Tribal Election Board gave way to Teresa McCoy as the Cherokee Supreme Court reversed their decision to disqualify the former Big Cove representative from running for Principal Chief. The Tribe broke ground on a new Crisis Stabilization Unit. Will Poolaw received honorary membership in the Tribe.

We welcomed Jonah Lossiah as a reporter at the Cherokee One Feather in May. The Tribe and Cherokee Central Schools also welcomed a new head football coach, David Napert. Qualla Housing got its first clean audit in a decade and Cherokee High School and Cherokee youth from other schools were honored for graduating.

In June, Harrah's Cherokee won a bid to name the old Asheville Civic

Center. The annual Remember the Removal ride commenced. The Oconaluftee Job Corp was scheduled to be closed. The closure announcement was later reversed. The Tribal Primary Election was held, narrowing the field of those vying for the seats of power. June also saw the passing of Mr. Ray Kinsland. A proposed Constitution was withdrawn during June Council. The Tribal Council did not feel that the document was ready to be presented to the community for referendum voting. Principal Chief Sneed responded to U.S. Senator Richard Burr's Charlotte Observer opinion letter which accused the Tribe of profiteering. Chief Sneed called the letter "mean-spirited". We reported on the Casino's progress on the \$250 million upgrade, which includes more hotel rooms, an event/convention center, and expanded parking. Also anticipated is a retail outlet that would be a draw to both gamers and non-gamers.

Summer

In July, during Tri-Council, the councils of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee Nation, and United Keetoowah Band declared a State of Emergency for the Cherokee Language, citing a recent study that revealed only .05 percent of the 400,000 citizens of the three federally recognized Cherokee tribes are Cherokee speakers. The Cherokee Police Department announced that they seized over \$2 million in illegal narcotics in 2018. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians hosted its annual July Pow Wow. The Tribe celebrated renovations and road improvements at Rough Branch.

And we shared the low voter participation numbers in tribal elections. The One Feather held its candidate debates for all elected

offices of the Tribe. Those debates were broadcast and streamed live and were repeated on both sporadically from July until the election in September. A Council-approved hemp feasibility was presented to Council. The EBCI Public Health and Human Services Division released its five-year health assessment. During the report, Secretary Vickie Bradley addressed concerns about a media report on Tsali Care Center, stating "We have quality of care at Tsali. Without a doubt, your folks are receiving quality of care."

We interviewed the Kituwah LLC leadership who told us they were doing much for the economy of Cherokee but could not provide any specific details about projects. Governor Roy Cooper ratified the Tribe's sports betting bill.

The Talking Trees Children's Trout Derby kicked off the first weekend of August. The EBCI Tribal Employment Rights Office received the Governor's NCWorks Award of Distinction and the Division of Housing provides donations to two community support organizations. The Seneca Nation of New York repatriated two Cherokee Booger masks to the Tribe. Cherokee athlete Miranda Stampfer was featured in August. Some of the candidates for elected office provided statements published in the One Feather and EBCI held a Comicon at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. A development in Snowbird was named after former Council member Diamond Brown Jr. and a Snowbird youth center was named after former Council member Abe Wachacha.

September saw the re-election of most of the Tribal Council and the election of both Chief Richard Sneed and Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley.

Fall

October was Fall Festival (a.k.a. Cherokee Indian Fair) time. The Miss Cherokees were crowned; mass quantities of food were consumed; and family and friendships were rekindled and enjoyed by all. After a tied vote on the first try, the Cherokee Central Schools Board of Education appointed a new chairperson.

In November, we honored our military veterans and fallen heroes in heartfelt services and in participation in the Blue Ridge Honor Flight program. The Atlanta Braves baseball organization held a closed meeting with the Principal Chief, a meeting sparked by a comment from a St. Louis Cardinals pitcher. There has been no publicly announced outcome from the meeting to date. A 5 percent cost of living increase was approved by Council, later vetoed by the Principal Chief, and then later upped to 7 percent. The employees had not seen a cost of living increase since 2013.

In November, Keyonah Lambert was featured on a One Feather cover for her reception of a prestigious "White Coat" at the East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine. It signified her completion of doctorate and that she was "ready to see patients". The Cherokee One Feather dropped the retail price and became a free newspaper, charging only for subscription mailing. The United States Attorney General launched a national Missing and Murdered Indigenous Person Strategy. The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute relocates and the United States Senate passes a bill to repeal "obsolete" Indian laws.

In November, we said farewell to our valued colleague and Advertising Sales Coordinator Philenia Walkingstick.

On Dec. 7, 2019, the tribal government experienced a ransomware attack affecting a large majority of tribal programs and shut down the tribal network. Even the 9-1-1 system was compromised, causing some great concern for hours on that Saturday morning. For the first time in its known history, the Cherokee One Feather staff could not physically prepare and execute a print edition (the week of Dec. 11). Tribal programs are still being effected as of this writing. Many are finding "workarounds" to continue the functions of their community services. Chief Sneed stated, "This attack is being treated as an act of domestic terrorism."

Meona Feather is featured on the Dec. 4 edition front cover for her efforts as a member of the Lake Forest College basketball team. EBCI Destination Marketing held its annual Cherokee Christmas Parade. Western Carolina University dedicated its archaeological facility to a Cherokee township. And we once again celebrated a season of great performances by the music and theatre students at Cherokee Central Schools.

That is just a nutshell view of the many diary events at the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in 2019. There were so many legislative, judicial, executive, and community events during the year, it would take a book-sized newspaper to print them all. Yes, it has been an eventful year. And if you happened to have missed any of the things that went on last year, there is a complete archive of the One Feather coverage of 2019 at our website, www.theonefeather.com. 2020? Well, it is already looking pretty interesting as well. Let's get to it.

One Feather Question of the Week:

Following are the responses to our weekly Facebook question. The comments are presented as they appear on the One Feather Facebook page.

Do you agree with the new federal law that raises the minimum age to purchase tobacco from 18 to 21?

Elizabeth Hall: All of this because of the E-cig! Bear with me from my understanding it is the vitamin E the you find in the E-cig on the black market that's killing people so it does not make since to change the age cause now everyone will be buying it from people who make them so there is no telling whats in it!

Charlotte Reed Pierce: "NO". Kids smoke at 12 yrs.old. They're addicted by the time their 16 yrs.old. Now they have to wait until their 21 yrs.old to be legal age to purchase. I believe 17 should be the legal age.

Barbara Jones: Yes I do. They are trying to save young people's lives. Many young people want to take up the Habit just to be a part of the action. Maybe this will make a lot of teenagers think twice before they tried to purchase cigarettes and ruin their lungs and bodies.

Lori Smith Brown: I can't see the logic in sending 18 year olds to a career where they could die on their very first day, but yet they aren't old enough to smoke cigarettes? I don't smoke and obviously don't think it's healthy. But at what point is there adult decision making? The government won't let them smoke , but they'll let them

march into certain death?

Marie Hall: I think if you can fight and die for your country and pay taxes, then you should be able to make your own decisions about smoking and drinking. Where we really need to concentrate is on raising our children in a smoke free and responsible drinking environment. None of my 3 adult children smoke and they drink responsibly, just like me. My Dad smoked and drank irresponsibly but my mother was a strong woman and instilled in me her values and I am thankful and so are her grandchildren. If you haven't broken the cycle, do it now and your grandchildren will be the healthier for it.

Susan Graham: I suspect it is a wasted effort but I wish tobacco products could be eliminated. I speak as a wife of a man with, 1/2 of his right lung, COPD w/emphysema . I have asthma.

Kathleen P. Dewey: Yes. Smoking is a strong addiction and very hard to quit.

Cara Forbes: I don't even use tobacco products myself and I think it's a decision that's being made without much thought to the reality that we have young adults ages 18 to 20 who are now going to face the decision to either struggle through recovery with a withdrawal period or find a way to access these products illegally. The real question should be how we can help these young people.

Wednesday Robinson: I like it. Now the seniors in high school won't be buying them for freshmen. I wish I never would have smoked.

Jetka Calhoun: What's the point if someone wants something bad enough they will get it one way or another. Make cannabis legal and maybe all the other stuff might die down.

Ayla Cruz-Bryant: At 18 if you commit a crime, you will be charged as an adult. If the government believes 18 year olds aren't old enough to choose to smoke, they should apply that to their laws as well.

Luke Vaden: Extremely frustrated. It should not be in place. It is appalling that you can enlist, and die at the hands of defending the freedoms of this country at the age of 18, but when you return, your freedoms are limited...

Wilson Johnson: 18 for this ,21 for that . I think they should just pick one age to be recognized as a adult and stop all the confusion. Let's settle on 20. Please understand that maturity has nothing to do with age.

Carissa Murphy: Do away with cancer sticks completely (smokeless tobacco too) and we wouldn't have to worry about it.

Isaiah Storm Gilchrist-Myers: Lmao you think it matters in the least? 10 year olds out here dipping and smoking, its the Qualla Boundary centered in the heart of the Appalachians. Governmental regulations mean diddly here.

Beverly Carson: let me just say cancer, emphysema,chronic obstructive pulmonary disease,-congestive heart failure,chronic bronchitis,major contributing factor to numerous other diseases

Bobbie Donaldson: No I don't.

If they can go to war at 18, then they should be able to buy cigarettes. Kids will smoke if they want to. Keep teaching them the dangers. Let them make their own decisions

Shirley Reagan: As long as they can go to war at 18, they should be legal adults period. They should raise legal age to 21 for military. The law won't stop 18 years old from smoking or drinking alcohol anyway.

Evan Watty: Gen Z saying ok Boomer, only for the boomers to raise the age to buy tobacco products as payback haha

Tracy Reed: Don't agree with it at all like everyone else said you can go to war at 18 but can't drink are smoke. Kinda stupid. But it will not stop them Getting cigs are beer they will find away to.. they need to worry more about getting this drugs off the street then stupid stuff like this... get them dealers come on. That's what's killing Americans..

Martha Baerreis: How about raising the enlistment age to 21 (or older).. It is a fact that human emotional development is not complete until around age 30, and the physical development of the human brain is not complete until age 25. Send them to school or let them get a job.. but don't send them to war until they are old enough to understand what they are doing. Cigarettes? same thing

Rich N Amy Wilson: If they are old enough to fight for our country and get in debt with student loans then they should be able to choose to smoke, drink or gamble.

Jeff Tatham: Not everyone in

the military sees combat. Military is very good for many young adults, it teaches discipline, order, responsibility, teamwork, commitment - the list goes on and on. It helps many kids grow up. There is no value in smoking.

Cliftney Sterling: No if they can sign up to defend their country at 17 and then go at 18 but can't make a decision if they want to smoke or not. I disagree with it

Hala Butler: Why are we delaying adulthood? At some point you need to take responsibility for your own choices, it seems we expect less and less from teenagers

Sonya Agustin: This keeps the young safe from harming themselves but then again if they want it bad enough someone will get it for them so it's a catch22

Bree Garcia: I personally don't think it should matter, so what if they changed the age to 21 it still isn't going to stop people from smoking. And that goes for buying alcohol still don't stop people from buying beer for under aged children.

Christine Ledbetter: As a heart patient.. The less smoking the better.

Joshua Saunooke: No... no matter what age limit you set on tobacco products. If one desires a pack of cigarettes he/she will find a way to acquire some... I agree in a sense that it'll prevent some young people from picking up the habit however for those that are already 18 and experienced cigarettes and are addicted it'll have no effect...

Renee Cole: They are considered

an adult at 18 so no I don't agree

Charles Welch: Too much attention to it. The more laws, the cooler it is.

Kathy Burgess: No I don't agree cause you can vote at 18.

Michael Zapeda: There is not a short answer to this. I tried to write something but I had to delete it because it's not just about smoking. It's about the whole education system and how we're holding our kids back. So they're still acting like kids at 18 and 21

George Martin: Then you should not vote until you are 21 do I get amen!!

Lynn Brown: I think the Feds need to get out of our personal lives...

Tonuia Owle-Conner: I don't agree bc u can sign up for the military at age 18 but I don't smoke anyways

Yona Sequoyah: Yes life expectancy might advance, plus anything to hurt the cancer industry...

Judy Whisler Zetts: I wish I had never smoked a single cigarette.

Annette Marie Gregory: Wonder if this applies on base. Cause they can be 18 and drink on base

Roberta Panther: It doesn't really matter because they will get someone to buy it for them!!

Leanna Arch: No. If a child can go to war at 18 then why worry about them smoking cigarettes.

Debra Hoppe: Not really when drugs are on a rampage.

Dawn Russell: If they are going to raise the age for tobacco then they should raise the age for enlistment and college loans. If they aren't old enough to make a choice regarding tobacco then they aren't old enough for debt or getting killed in a war.

Ginny Fisler: War. 18. Smoking 21. Not making too much sense

Theresa Kornafel Desjardins: Tobacco is a killer no one should smoke it's suicide.

Fori Massey McLean: Yes

Tohav Harris: Yes



SPEAKING OF FAITH

A call to Holy living...

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"But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say, 'You must be holy because I am holy.

"And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of him during your time here as 'temporary residents.'"

1 Peter 1:13-17 (NLT)

"We cannot live like the world in their ignorance. So be holy in your conduct and speech. Father is watching you! and me! Signs and wonders come with this revelation—'sin is not okay!' The world is full of sin. It is time for the Church to be the Church! Holiness is a heart issue. Being holy is not only doing what is right, but also doing it, 'Godly'.

"The Lord is not just using your language to speak the Word of God, it is to be spoken as by a representative of Christ—in holiness. Spend time with God! Being righteous is not just being right in His Presence of Holiness. Holiness is being 'separated from sin and all its mess, unto the Lord.' We belong to Him and it is a holiness issue. The Power is bound in Holiness and His Glory, meaning 'totally other than that.' Praise only begins the starting of it.

"He wants to spend time with us—as we live in His Presence. Holiness becomes a by-product of our living in His Presence. In other words, God will make you act good. You've been good, but not holy, if it hasn't changed your position 'in the flesh'. Only the

holy will be able to receive the Glory. We are to be obedient as a child of God."

Living the New Life -
What Christians Should Be

"Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand.

"Think about the things of heaven, not the earth.

"For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.

"And when Christ who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory."

Colossians 3:1-4 (NLT). (Read through verse 21.)

"Be full of compassion and pursue separation from worldliness. Holiness is the most important thing if you are in hot pursuit of the Lord. Don't be disobedient. Say, 'God use me! Let me give to You whatever You want.' Get more of Him. Get in His Presence. 'Lord, cause me to change!' God has to mean more to us than He does right now.

To All Believers...

"Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and

seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NLT)

"'Humble' means 'we have issues that need to be removed'. Say publically, 'Things need to change.' Pray to Him, and seek His Face. 'Turning away from wicked ways'—means not only saying, 'I'm sorry.' Then, He will hear. (Where is there sin in the camp?) None can live just any old way! None are holy, nor honorable. Change what all you watch, for Him, to be willing to say, 'I'll forgive them and heal their land.' Cherokee is cursed with the drugs, alcohol, and a hatred for the things of God. Is there racism? Child molestation, abuse, neglect?

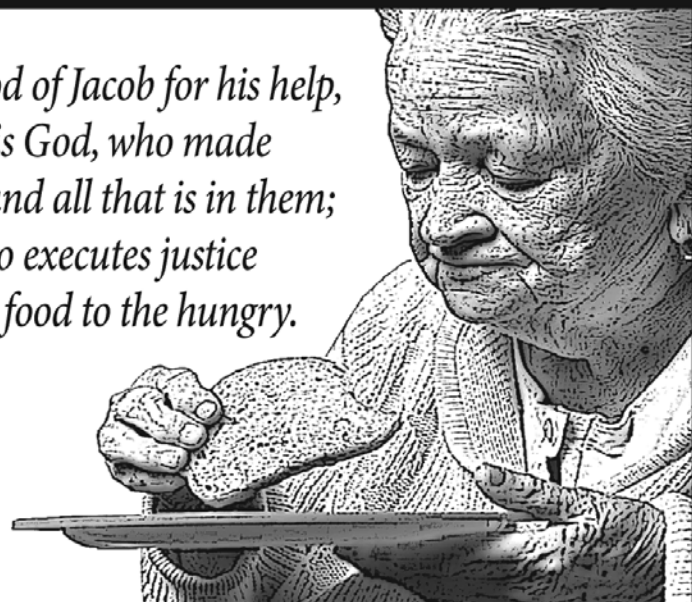
The Church should be the most powerful voice to 'heal the land.' Are churches 'zombies'—'dead men walking'? Are they just waiting to go to heaven? We are supposed to be getting everybody ready—its way beyond just having 'fire insurance.' Are we just playing church? We need to see God move. God's people in the early church, powerfully filled with God and His Glory, meant just a cloth touching the anointed were taken to the sick ones for their healing. If we put in the effort, He will help us. Allow Him to be the 'you' in Him.



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*Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help,
whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made
heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps truth forever, who executes justice
for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord gives freedom
to the prisoners.*

PSALM 146: 5-7



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SYRINGE SERVICES PROGRAM

Beginning November 12, 2019 Syringe Service Program Hours will be as follows:

WHEN

Mondays: 9:00am—5:30pm

Tuesdays: 9:00am—5:30pm

Thursdays: 9:00am—5:30pm

Fridays: 9:00am—5:30pm

WHERE

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- ◇ HIV/HCV Testing & Referrals for Care
- ◇ Naloxone by referral
- ◇ Safer Injection Education
- ◇ Referrals for Drug Treatment, Medical Care, and Community Resources per request
- ◇ Community Syringe Disposal



HAPPENINGS

Benefits/Fundraisers

Turkey Shoot. Jan. 11 at 3p.m. at Jesse Welch's Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. This is a benefit for Big Injun Race Team. Good fun, good prizes, good benefit. All are welcome.

Cultural Events

Feather cape workshop. Jan. 6-17 (Monday through Friday) from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Museum of the Cherokee Indian. \$20 per person. 10 people max. Join the Atsila Anotasgi cultural specialist at the museum to create your own feather cape. Yarn for the base will be provided. Must bring your own feathers. For registration, email Dakota Brown at dakota.brown@cherokeeemuseum.org.

Refresher Cherokee Lan-

guage class. March 2, 9, 16, 23 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum's Multi-purpose Room in Vonore, Tenn. The cost of the class is \$40 for all four evenings. The class is a beginner, intermediate, and advanced refresher course and will be taught by Lou Jackson, Brett Jones, and Joel Turner – all members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Register by Jan. 13 by calling (423) 884-6246 or seqmus@tds.net

General Events

Worm Your Way into Vermicomposting. Jan. 13 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office. Fast and efficient way to create compost. Info: Benjamin Collette 359-6928 or benjcoll@nc-chokeee.com

Swain County Democratic Party Whittier/Cherokee Precinct Potluck Supper. Jan. 14 at 6 p.m. at Chestnut Tree Inn. Info: 497-9498

Swain County Democratic Party Whittier/Cherokee Precinct meeting. Jan. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Chestnut Tree Inn. Agenda will include planning for 2020 and voter registration drives. Info: 497-9498

Appalachian Farm School for Agribusiness. Tuesdays from Jan. 14 - March 3 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Burrell Building of SCC's Jackson Campus. This free seminar is to help those interested in growing vegetables, fruits, other crops and livestock learn how to

turn their ideas into sustainable businesses. Pre-registration is required: <http://bit.ly/AFS2020S-BC>. Prospective attendees are encouraged to register a week in advance. Info: Henry 339-4426 or t_henry@southwesterncc.edu

Local auditions for "Unto These Hills" 2020 season.

Jan. 25 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cherokee Historical Association Main Box Office at 564 Tsali Blvd. Individuals of all ages and experience levels are encouraged to audition. Season Dates: First rehearsal May 10, Opening Night May 30, Closing Night Aug. 15. Info: www.cherokeehistorical.org or visit them on Facebook at: <https://www.Facebook.com/UntoTheseHills/>

How to Make Money on the Farm seminar. Feb. 1

from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Southwestern Community College in Sylva. This event is free and will introduce participants of sources of income from the EmPOWERing Mountain Food Systems grant and for farm operations. Info: <http://bit.ly/makemoneyonthefarm>

Sports Events

Sports Physicals. Jan. 15 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Hospital Pediatrics Dept. Requirements include: established Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority patient, ages 5-18, parent or guardian must be present, and athletes followed by a specialist should be scheduled on a regular clinic day. Info or to schedule an appointment: 497-3351

Upcoming Pow Wows for January 2020

Note: This list of pow wows was

THE JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS THE

WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

JANUARY 6-12, 2020

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

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BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, JAN. 6	TUESDAY, JAN. 7	WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8	THURSDAY, JAN. 9	FRIDAY, JAN. 10	SATURDAY, JAN. 11	SUNDAY, JAN. 12
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out the continent. Please call
before traveling.

**20th Annual Morning Star
Pow Wow. Jan. 11** at John Car-
roll School in Bel Air, Md. Info: G.
Scholl (410) 838-8333 or glsjcs@
yahoo.com

**26th Annual Avi Kwa Ame
Pow Wow. Jan. 17-19** at Mojave
Crossing Event Center in Laughlin,
Nev. Info: Maria Medrano (928)
788-5190 or mariamedrano@
fortmohave.com

**Bear Moon Pow Wow. Jan.
18** at Indian Community School
in Franklin, Wisc. MC: Artley
Skenandore. Host Drum: Smokey-
town. Co-Host Drum: Iron Boy.
Info: auwilliams@ics-edu.org

**Texas Gulf Coast Tia-Piah
Benefit Dance. Jan. 18** at St.
Pius Catholic Church in Pasadena,
Texas. Info: Jan Hackett at hack-
ett.jan@gmail.com

**Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe
Winter Pow Wow. Jan. 25** at
Doe Spun Building in Hollister,
N.C. Info: Barry Richardson (252)

586-4017

Support Groups
**AA and NA meetings in Cher-
okee.** Alcoholics Anonymous
(AA): Tuesdays at 7pm at Chero-
kee Indian Hospital (CIH), Satur-
days at 10am at CIH conference
room. Narcotics Anonymous (NA):
Mondays at 8pm at CIH, Thurs-
days at 8pm at CIH, Fridays at
7pm at CIH conference room.

Analenisgi Recovery Center
weekly schedule
Mondays
Be Assertive, Not Aggressive: 1
p.m. to 2 p.m.
Parents Supporting Parents: 3:30
p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Acceptance (open to community):
5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Tuesdays
Abstract Recovery: 9 a.m. to 11
a.m.
Strong Hearts: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30
p.m.
Life Recovery (open to communi-
ty): 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesdays
W.R.A.P. Class: 9:15 a.m. to 10:15
a.m.
Creative Writing: 10 a.m. to 11:30
a.m.
Adulting 101: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
Communication 101: 1:30 p.m. to
2:30 p.m.

We Belong – Two Spirit (open to
community): 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Peacemaking Support Circle (open
to community): 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Thursdays
Life Recovery (open to communi-
ty): 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Putting off Procrastination: 10:30
a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Radical Acceptance: 11:30 a.m. to
12:30 p.m.
Healthy Boundaries: 1:30 p.m. to
2:30 p.m.
Fridays
W.R.A.P. Class: 9:15 a.m. to 10:15
a.m.
Creative Recovery: 11 a.m. to 12:30
p.m.
Depression and Anxiety: 1 p.m. to
2 p.m.
All classes are open to clients of
Analenisgi. Classes open to the
community are noted. Info: 497-
6892

CIHA Bariatric Support
Group meets every second
Thursday of the month at Chero-
kee Indian Hospital from 12-1pm
in the Soco Gap Training Room.
Groups are led by registered dieti-
tians. 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 meet-
ing 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 Sup-
port Group** meets the first
Tuesday of every month 1 p.m.
at In-Home Care Services in the
Beloved Women's & Children's
Center second floor). This group
is presented by The Alzheimer's
Association Western Carolina
Chapter. Info: 359-6860

**Life Recovery Tsa La Gi Fam-
ily Support Group** meets on
Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
at the Macedonia Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall.

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

Community Clubs
Big Y Community Club meets
the second Tuesday of each month

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at 6pm at the Big Y Community Building. For information on renting the building for your special occasion, call Brianna Lambert 788-3308. The rental fee is \$75 and \$25 will be returned after cleaning.

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

Birdtown Community Club meets the last Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Community Building. Potluck starts at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6pm. Chairman: Stephan Watty, Vice Chairman: Joi Owle, Treasurer: Deb Slee. Secretary: Sasha Watty. The community building is available for rent.

Paint Town Community Club meets the last Monday of each month at 5:30pm at the new Painttown Gym. Info: Lula Jackson 736-1511, Lois Dunston

736-3230, Abe Queen (Free Labor) 269-8110, Jennifer Jackson (building rental) 269-7702

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

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

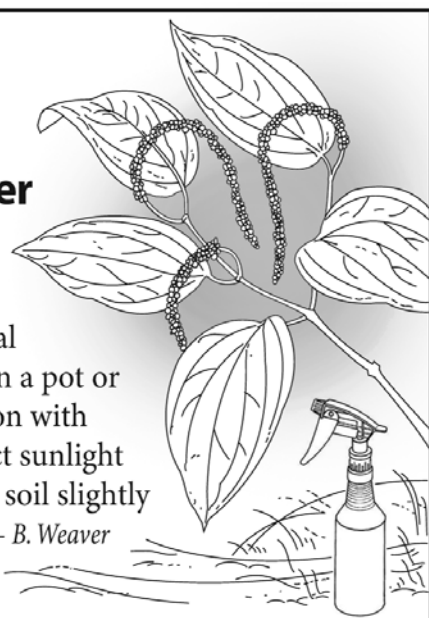
Yellowhill Community Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Yellowhill Activity Center unless it's a holiday. Info: Bo Lossiah 508-1781, Lloyd Arneach 269-6498, Reuben Teeskuskie (building rental) 497-2043

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

The Garden Bug Growing black pepper

These plants do best in fertile soil that retains a little moisture. Good drainage is always essential whether growing black pepper in a pot or in the ground. Look for a location with filtered sunlight; too much direct sunlight can damage this plant. Keep the soil slightly moist, and mist the plant often. — B. Weaver

Source: balconygardenweb.com



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Expert: CBD Oil Could Damage Pets' Eyes

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Your recent article about giving CBD oil to pets omitted an important factor: its effect on the eyes. Past research has shown that CBD causes eye pressure to spike in humans, and the same issue was noted in a study with rodents. Popular media has not noted this. CBD oil should be given to pets only with appropriate oversight from an animal specialist able to measure eye pressure. — *Dr. Denise Valenti*

DEAR DR. VALENTI: Thank you for the update. I had not seen the research on this, and it is important for pet owners to know about this possible side effect of CBD (cannabidiol).

A 2006 study at the University of Aberdeen of human glaucoma patients found that a fairly high dose, 40 mg of CBD oil, administered sublingually (under the tongue) caused a temporary rise in intraocular pressure. (A lower dose, 20 mg, did not cause the same problem.) And a more recent study at Indiana University found that mice given CBD oil experienced a similar rise in interocular pressure. The study found that when THC and CBD were given together, the THC blocked CBD's effects on eye pressure — but because THC also IS the component of marijuana that makes a person (or pet) high, it opens a whole other kettle of fish.

If you're currently giving your pet CBD oil, contact your veterinarian to ask about checking and monitoring your pet's eye pressure. High interocular pressure can cause serious damage to the eyes. If your dog or cat has glaucoma, avoid administering CBD oil until you've talked to the vet about all possible side effects.

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

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1. Kendrys Morales set a Toronto Blue Jays record in 2018 by homering in seven consecutive games. Who had held the franchise mark?

2. How many consecutive seasons did Boston's Wade Boggs have 200 or more hits?

3. Who was the first offensive lineman to twice finish in the top 10 of Heisman Trophy balloting?

4. Name the first woman to coach a championship-winning team in the WNBA.

5. Who was the oldest player to win the Conn Smythe Trophy as the NHL playoff MVP?

6. Jill Ellis set a record in 2019 for most games coached with the U.S. women's national soccer team (132). Who had held the mark?

7. From whom did boxer James J. Braddock win the heavyweight title from in 1935, and who beat him for it in 1937?

Answers

1. Jose Cruz Jr., with six consecutive games in 2001.

2. Seven consecutive years (1983-89).

3. Pittsburgh's Bill Fralic (1983 and '84).

4. Anne Donovan, with Seattle in 2004.

5. Boston goalie Tim Thomas was 37 when he won the award in 2011.

6. April Heinrichs, with 124 games coached.

7. He won the title from Max Baer and lost it to Joe Louis.

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Amber Waves



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	9			7		2

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

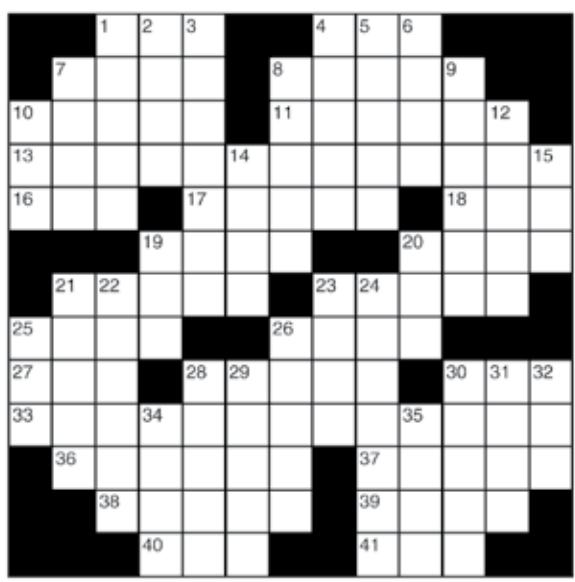
Differences: 1. Chair back is missing. 2. Shirt is different. 3. Food spat is missing. 4. Chair back is lower. 5. Nose is smaller. 6. Hair is different.

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ACROSS

- 1 Possesses
- 4 Cribbage scorer
- 7 Ringlet
- 8 Prelude
- 10 "M*A*S*H" setting
- 11 Scents
- 13 Kitchen pair
- 16 — and outs
- 17 "The — Show With Jon Stewart"
- 18 Whopper
- 19 Citi Field team
- 20 Marching musicians
- 21 Topper for Miss USA
- 23 Rushmore or Rainier
- 25 Responsibility
- 26 Cried
- 27 Lawyers' org.
- 28 Memorable mission
- 30 Shooter ammo
- 33 13-Across, e.g.
- 36 African desert wind
- 37 Ointment
- 38 Military subdivision
- 39 Unattractive
- 40 Mauna —

King Crossword



- 41 More, to Manuel
- 10 Japanese pond carp
- 12 Epithet for Simon Templar (with "The")
- 14 Information
- 15 Scarlet
- 19 Spring month
- 20 On the other hand
- 21 Big brass
- 22 Slanted, as lettering
- 23 Viral Web
- 24 One skilled in playing dead
- 25 "— Kapital"
- 26 Goes up a few degrees
- 28 Worship
- 29 Parkinson's treatment
- 30 Doctor's orders?
- 31 Jealousy
- 32 Iron or Bronze
- 34 Out of control
- 35 Long story

DOWN

- 1 Throws hard
- 2 Neighborhood
- 3 — : spoken :: libel : written
- 4 Danger
- 5 Black wood
- 6 Ready for action
- 7 Quarter, e.g.
- 8 CSA president
- 9 Overcoat

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. Is the book of Nahum in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. In Acts 7, who recounts the story of Abraham along with the captivity and freedom of the children of Israel? Paul, Peter, Stephen, Andrew
 3. From II Corinthians 3:17, "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is ..."? Hope, Liberty, Love, Peace
 4. Who went to sleep and fell out the window while Paul preached? Esau, Enid, Eutychus, Eucyrus
 5. In what Macedonian city were Paul and Silas imprisoned? Philippi, Neapolis, Jericho, Jerusalem
 6. From Acts 13:6, Barjesus was a ...? Cousin of Jesus, Early priest, Sorcerer, Friend of Mark
- Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.
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1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are female elephants called?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the oldest brewery in the United States?
3. MOVIES: To which destination is the McCallister family traveling in the movie "Home Alone"?
4. GEOGRAPHY: How many U.S. states are named after a president?
5. MUSIC: In the song, what did Frosty the Snowman do after a magic hat was placed on his head?
6. ANATOMY: Where is the glabella located in the human body?
7. LANGUAGE: What did the Russian Space Station "Mir" mean in English?
8. LITERATURE: What are the names of the young bunnies in "The Tale of Peter Rabbit"?
9. HISTORY: In what year was the sound barrier broken by a jet aircraft?
10. LANDMARKS: Which presidents are depicted in the Mount Rushmore National Memorial in South Dakota?

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See puzzle answers page 30

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Cherokee TRIBAL BINGO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 8, 2020
CLOSING DATE: January 15, 2020 at 4:00pm

NAME OF POSITION:
FT Concession Attendant
NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 2
SHIFT: Evening

NAME OF POSITION: Custodian
NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 1
SHIFT: Days

NAME OF POSITION: FT Cashier
NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 2
SHIFT: Evening

Application and a complete job description may be picked up at the Tribal Bingo Hall and returned to April Bradley or Caressa Jackson.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) That lower-than-acceptable performance you're getting from others in your group might be the result of miscommunication. If so, correct it before serious problems arise later on.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An unexpected situation could call for a change of plans. If so, you might feel that this is unfair. But it's best to make the needed adjustments now. There'll be time later for rescheduling.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The new year brings opportunities you might want to look into. Some might be more interesting than others. But take time to look at all of them before you make any decisions.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's a good idea to be careful about expenses until you've worked out that pesky financial problem. You might find it advisable to get some solid advice on how to proceed.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Romance looms large over the Leonine aspect. Single Lions looking for love should find Cupid very cooperative. Paired Cats can expect a renewed closeness in their relationships.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Making contact with a former colleague might not be high on your list of priorities. But it could pay off personally as well as professionally. Avoid bringing up any negatives about the past.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A personal relationship could face added stress because of a situation involving someone close to both of you. Be supportive and, above all, try to avoid playing the blame game.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might well find some lingering uncertainties about a decision. If so, take that as a warning that you might not be ready to make that move yet. More study would be in order.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Music is a dominant theme for Sagittarians right now, and it should remind you to make a greater effort to restore some much-needed harmony in that very special relationship.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although family matters might demand much of the Sea Goat's attention this week, you'll want to try to make time to handle those all-important workplace situations as well.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A recurring unresolved issue might need to be revisited before you can move forward. Consider asking someone familiar with the situation to act as an impartial counselor.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Ignore pressure to make a decision. Keeping your options open is still the wisest course, at least until you're sure you've learned all you need to know about the matter at hand.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're capable of great loyalty to those around you, which is one reason you can count on devotion from friends and family.

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Employment Opportunities

Position: Concierge

Job Description: The Concierge is responsible for participating and monitoring front of house to ensure that all guests are met and welcomed, and that a comprehensive range of 'information' and 'home care services' are offered. Paying special attention to front line guest service excellence standards.

Position: Cosmetologist - Stylist - Nail Technician

GENEROUS 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.

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*For questions please contact
Autumn Parker, Spa Operations Manager 828-497-8527*



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The Cherokee One Feather would like to share your stories in a column we call "Veteran's Corner". Send your written stories to Robert Jumper, editor, at robejump@nc-chokeee.com. Or, if you prefer to sit down for an interview with one of our reporters, call 359-6482 (Robert), 359-6263 (Scott), or 359-6264 (Jonah).

Thank you for your service, and we look forward to hearing from you so we can share your stories of service with the entire community.



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EMPLOYMENT

Kituwah Properties LLC has the following job opportunities:

* Campground Manager – Ela
Campground in Bryson City, NC
* Accounting Manager
Job Description and Applications can be picked up at the offices of the Kituwah, LLC, 1158 Seven Clans Lane, Whittier, NC 28789, Log Building across from Waffle House, if you have any questions please call Kristin Smith at 828-477-4553. Applications must be submitted by January 31, 2020.
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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina Estate
File No. 19-104
In the Matter of the Estate of

David Ledford

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
Jacob Reed
373 Bob Hall Rd. Whittier, NC 28789 **1/8pd**

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

Housing & Community Development
**Request for Proposal for:
Site Preparation and Grading**
The purpose of this REQUEST

FOR PROPOSAL is to establish a pool of on-call contractors for the construction of single-family house sites and driveways for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee receiving assistance through the Housing & Community Developments (HCD) Site Prep Program. Contracts will be for a period of two years with an option to renew for two additional years. HCD reserves the right to add additional contractors to the on-call pool as needed based on scheduling demands. Proposal packets can be picked up at 756 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719. Contact person for this RFP is Denny Ensley, Site Prep Manager, (828) 359-6841 or dennensl@nc-choke.com.
Date: Dec. 3, 2019
Edwin Taylor,
Secretary of Housing
1/8pd

Housing & Community Development
**Request for Proposal for:
Paving**
The purpose of this REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL is to establish a pool of on-call contractors for the paving of driveways for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee receiving assistance through the Housing & Community Developments (HCD) Site Prep Program. Contracts will be for a period of two years with an option to renew for two additional years. HCD reserves the right to add additional contractors to the on-call pool as needed based on scheduling demands. Proposal packets can be picked up at 756 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719. Contact person for this RFP is Denny Ensley, Site Prep Manager, (828) 359-6841 or dennensl@nc-choke.com.
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Housing & Community Development
**Request for Proposal for:
Masonry Wall Foundations**
The purpose of this REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL is to establish a pool of on-call contractors for the construction of single-family masonry foundations for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee receiving assistance through the Housing & Community Developments (HCD) Site Prep Program. Contracts will be for a period of two years with an option to renew for two additional years. HCD reserves the right to add additional contractors to the on-call as needed based on scheduling demands. Proposal packets can be picked up at 756 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719. Contact person for this RFP is Denny Ensley, Site Prep Manager, (828) 359-6841 or dennensl@nc-choke.com.
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Housing & Community Development
**Request for Proposals
Modular Home Manufacturer**
The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian's Housing & Community Development division is seeking proposals from interested and qualified Modular Home Manufacturers, licensed in the State of North Carolina, to suitable for use as permanent single-family permanent housing. Services required will include, but may not be limited to, construction and delivery of modular housing units and installation. Scope of work will include projects on Tribal land in Swain, Jackson,

Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Stephen; 3) Liberty; 4) Eutychus; 5) Philippi; 6) Sorcerer



1. Cows
2. Yuengling
3. Paris
4. One, Washington
5. He began to dance around
6. Between the eyebrows
7. World or peace
8. Flopsy, Mopsy, Cottontail, and Peter
9. 1947
10. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln

King Crossword — Answers Solution time: 25 mins.



Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

7	1	9	8	2	5	6	4	3
4	2	8	7	6	3	9	1	5
5	3	6	4	1	9	7	8	2
1	6	7	5	8	4	2	3	9
9	4	3	2	7	1	8	5	6
2	8	5	3	9	6	1	7	4
3	7	1	9	4	2	5	6	8
6	5	2	1	3	8	4	9	7
8	9	4	6	5	7	3	2	1

Cherokee, and Graham Counties.

1. Proposals shall be delivered to the office of HCD at 756 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719 or mailed to PO Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719, not later than 4:00 PM on January 10, 2020, at which hour and date all proposals will be publicly opened. Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, and the outside of the envelope shall be clearly marked, "Modular Home Manufacturer". It is sole responsibility of the bidder to see that the bid is received in proper time. Any proposal received after the scheduled closing time shall be rejected.

2. Any bidder may withdraw his or her bid, either personally or by written request at any time prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposal, but no bidder may withdraw his or her

bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the opening thereof.

3. All proposals submitted shall include a completed "Proposal", identifying unit costs and qualifications to do the work. The work performed under this contract must conform to requirements of the specifications, which are included in the bidder package.

4. The contract will be awarded to the bidder whose work, in the opinion of the Tribe will best meet the requirements of the Tribe. It is clearly understood by all bidders that the Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposal and to waive informalities in said proposal.

5. A Bidder's Package, including bidder specifications, special requirements and sample contract and forms may be viewed and an electronic copy can be obtained

at the HCD Office, located at 756 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719.

6. The contact person for technical questions concerning project specifications, the bid process and general project information should be directed to Bunsey Crowe, Housing Production Manager, via e-mail at buncrow@nc-cherokee.com or by phone at (828) 359-6903.

Dated: December 2, 2019
Edwin Taylor,
Secretary of Housing

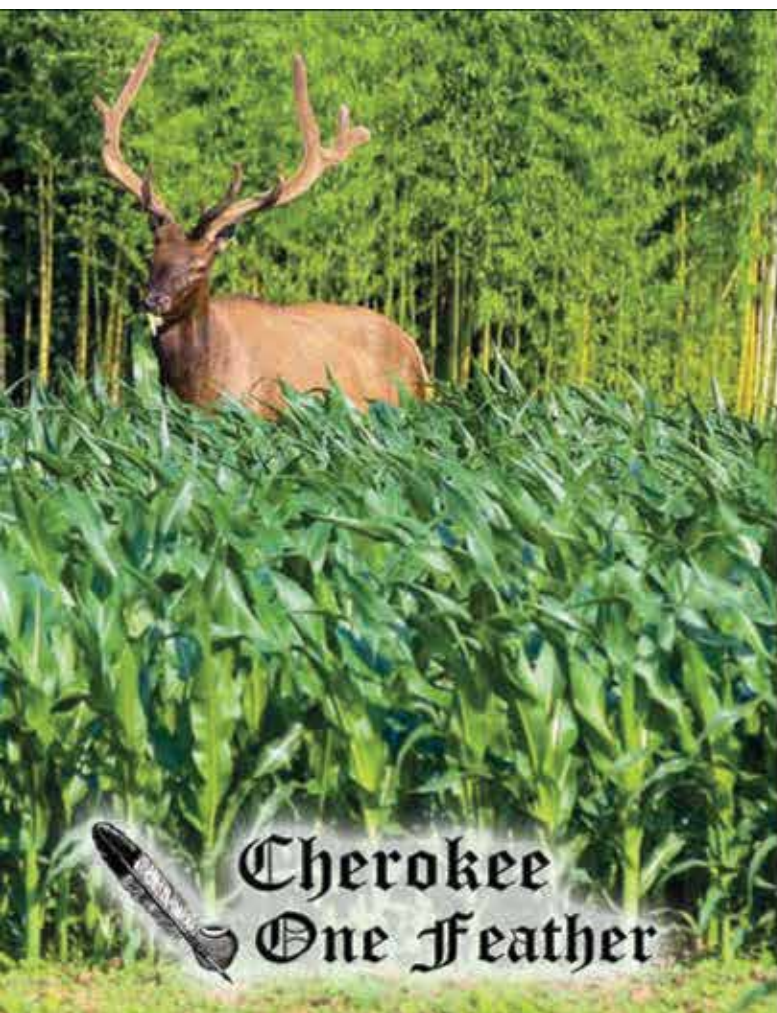
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AUCTION OF USED AND ATTIC STOCK ITEMS

Harrah's Cherokee Casino is auctioning several used and attic stock items. Items include 1 2011 Cadillac Escalade, commercial grade wallpaper, ceramic and vinyl tiles, split-rail fence rails and

posts, 1 used salt spreader, 4 used enclosed-cab street sweepers, various size and style framed prints (\$10 each), used commercial grade exercise equipment, various size and color large planting pots. Purchases may be made by cash and check only. Some minimum bids may apply. Bids will be accepted through Friday, January 24, 2020. Email cmyers1@harrahs.com or call 497-8315 for more information. **1/8pd**

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