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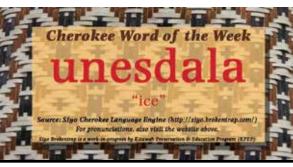
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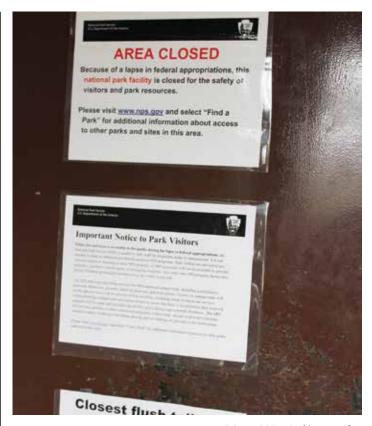
Road closures, stalled pay as government shutdown impacts Cherokee economy

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resident Donald Trump's insistence that the federal budget include \$5 billion for a wall at the Mexican border has led to a government shut down as members of congress disagree over the funding for the project. However, in a region where the federal government has a heavy presence, the lack of paychecks for federal employees and lack of funds to keep federal programs operating has a significant impact.

Locally, the U.S. Public Health Service's Commissioned Corps and Indian Health Service, both operated under U.S. Health and Human Services, provide health care services at the Cherokee Indian Hospital. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service operates the Oconaluftee Job Corps. The Department of the Interior oversees both the Bureau of Indian



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While national parks have been accessible, facilities have been closed, like restrooms and visitor centers. This restroom sign at the Great Smoky Mountains National Park Oconaluftee Visitor Center urges people to travel two miles south to use restrooms in Cherokee.

Affairs (BIA) and National Park Service. All have been negatively impacted by the shutdown.

Calls to the BIA are answered by a voicemail prompt stating, "Our office is currently closed due to government shut down."

But having to go without pay or not reporting to work is only part of a potential problem with the park service. While donations from organizations have allowed the park's Oconaluftee visitor's center to open, until Jan. 2, U.S. 441, it has been closed since then. The Blue Ridge Parkway is also closed. While facilities have been kept in order with the park, other national parks across the country have reported overflowing garbage and piles of human waste with no one taking care of it. On Jan. 3, visitors attempting to enter the visitors center or use the restrooms were turned away with signage stating that the facilities were closed due to a lapse in funding.

Principal Chief Richard

Sneed said the tribe should be largely unaffected in the short term. "The (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) EBCI takes measured and thoughtful steps to ensure we are insulated from events such as federal shutdowns. The effects of a short-term federal shutdown are quite minimal, and the EBCI is well equipped to continue providing services to negate the impact on enrolled members."

However, Chief Sneed said a long-term shut down could cause a disruption in services. "A long-term shutdown would affect funding for health services the EBCI provides, regulatory oversight on construction and permitting, and the ability of the EBCI to be awarded new grant funding or access funding that has already been awarded. I will work with each of the EBCI secretaries to ensure the impact on employees and enrolled members is minimal."

Secretary of Housing
Travis Smith said right
now there are no short
term affects to his division.
"The only governmental
contacts we have would be
with the HUD office and
this would only be effected if we were unable to
drawdown funding for this
program. We have some reserves to carry us through

such times as these with no effect to the customers or employees. I have not been made aware of any other issues short or long term to date."

At the hospital, Chief **Executive Officer Casev** Cooper said that shutdowns have occurred in the past and that tribal leaders have built reserves to prevent political and economic volatility from negatively impacting services. Cooper said federal employees at the hospital will continue to work, and they'll continue to get paid. "We currently have less than a dozen civil servants contracted from the Indian Health Service working for the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA). While assigned to CIHA these civil servants are required to work regardless of the 'shut-down,' but because we pay the government for these employees and we pay the government in advance, these employees do not have to work without pay. At this time the CIHA does not anticipate any disruptions in services as the Indian Health Service appropriation now represents approximately one-third of total revenue for the CIHA, and the CIHA has managed to build responsible levels of cash reserves in anticipation of this very situation."

Two native women make history taking oath in Congress

JOSEPH MARTIN ONE FEATHER STAFF

ASHINGTON - For a first in the United States, two Native American women were sworn into the House of Representatives Thursday. Deb Haaland (D-N.M.) and Sharice Davids (D-Kan.) took the oaths of office as newly-elected representatives. Haaland is a member of the Pueblo of Laguna, and Davids is a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Eastern Band of Cherokee representatives went to the capitol to witness the swearing in and to meet with Davids and Haaland.

Haaland issued a statement saying, "I can't wait to bring New Mexico values to Congress. As the representative for the families in the state's first congressional district, I will be an advocate for renewable energy jobs to protect our land, air and water, a fighter to





File photos

Rep. Sharice Davids (D-Kan.), left, a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, and Rep. Deb Haaland (D-N.M.), a member of the Pueblo of Laguna, were sworn into the House of Representatives on Thursday, Jan. 3.

expand opportunities for our kids and a champion for equity."

Davids' addressed the public.
"I'm really looking forward to making sure that people remember the history of our country and also the present, that people keep in mind that we're still here, and that our voice is really important, and that we need to have native issues, con-

cerns and all the good stuff that's happening in Indian country to be acknowledged, heard and seen in congress and on the executive side, and we're here to make sure that happens."

Collin Price, public relations officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation, attended the event. "(It was a) super exciting, really proud moment." Price said it was good to see the native youth embracing Davids, and the mood of her tribe was one of enthusiasm. "We're seeing people who normally don't, show up for events."

Tribal Council Wolftown Rep.
Jeremy Wilson was part of a,
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
contingent to attend the event. He
said the event signified a new era
for America, not just for Native
Americans but for women as well.
"I had the opportunity to be a part
of history, and the atmosphere in
Washington this trip was different than my previous trips. Even
amidst the government shutdown,
there was a strong sense of hope,
and an overwhelming sense of support for both Deb and Sharice."

Haaland and Davids join Reps. Tom Cole (R-Okla.), a member of the Chickasaw Nation and Markwayne Mullin (R-Okla.), a member of the Cherokee Nation, as Native American members of congress.

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New election law passes

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(Editor's Note: The One Feather has requested a full, official copy of the ordinance that was passed from the EBCI Attorney General's Office and the TOP Office and has not received it as of publishing.)

fter spending months in the works, a new election ordinance is now in effect for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Tribal Council passed the ordinance during a special session held Wednesday, Dec. 19 and Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed ratified the legislation later that day. Two amendments were introduced prior to passage. One was to strike the portion requiring a referendum vote to overturn the results of a referendum, which passed. The other was to add two more election board members, which failed.

The changes address ineligibility for office, particularly for those who've been impeached and removed from office. It also addresses the certification process, conducting recounts and runoffs, handling the filling of vacancies of offices, petitioning for referendums, early voting procedures, protests and irregularities, unlawful campaign activities and securing ballots and the Board of Elections' offices.

Changes in the election law were inspired largely by irregularities in the Birdtown community after last year's Tribal Council elections. These irregularities resulted in a recount and runoff election. Some in council opposed passage because they felt the ordinance was

being rushed through. Painttown Rep. Lisa Taylor said, "I won't support this ordinance as it

won't support this ordinance as it is. I can't support it until we get it right."

Big Cove Rep. Richard French pointed to two new amendments and said the ordinance wasn't ready. He moved to kill. "There's still work to be done on this ordinance."

Chief Sneed answered that ample time has been given to work on the ordinance and provide opportunity for input. "We've had five marathon work sessions on it." He said the law gives transparency and accountability. "It ensures what everybody says they want."

One of the most contentious points of the ordinance was whether Tribal Council should have the authority to overturn the results of a referendum vote. At the work session held Tuesday, Dec. 18, Council members voted to approve an amendment that requiring a referendum vote to overturn the results of any referendum.

Community member Becky Walker advocated for the amendment. "It only gives strength to the power of the referendum vote."

"My concern is being able to amend that...setting a hard line and not being able to amend some of these referendums to better serve our people," Vice Chairman David Wolfe said.

The amendment's approval prompted an irritated response from acting EBCI Attorney General Mike McConnell. "I strongly advise against taking the action that you just voted on. I think it's wrong 100 percent. It's wrong. It's absolutely

wrong for tribal council to give up its authority to make law."

McConnell explained his position at the special session. While McConnell understands the political implications of going against the results of a referendum, he said any requirement that impeded Council's ability to create and enforce laws would go against the Charter and Governing Document. He said and equivalent at the federal level would be deemed an impermissible delegation of authority. "You are really hamstringing the tribe."

Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahnetah, who said he made a mistake in initially approving the measure, moved to strike the amendment from the final ordinance. "I think this is going to hamper tribal council. We cannot tie our hands with this amendment."

The ordinance passed by a

vote of 8-3. Taylor, French and Cherokee County/Snowbird Rep. Bucky Brown didn't vote to pass. Chairman Adam Wachacha, whose father, the former Council Rep. for Cherokee County/Snowbird Abe Wachacha, died Dec. 15, was absent.

Chief Sneed was pleased by the passing. "I would like to thank the Tribal Council representatives for their due diligence in properly vetting this resolution. The (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Tribal Council has hosted eight separate work sessions, with one of those including an evening session, allowing community members to provide input. I would like to thank those Tribal Council members that worked on and approved this ordinance, as I believe it is an important part of keeping our election process fair and equitable amongst candidates."

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Tribal Court Report

Judgment Summary for Dec. 12 Brady, Rocky Eugene

14-15.5 Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public – Dismissed on Plea 14-70.19 Resisting Lawful Arrest – Guilty Plea, 10 days jail time suspended, 3 months unsupervised probation, court costs: \$190

Bush, Nathan David

14-95.5(c) Drugs: Simple Possession of Marijuana – Dismissed Upon Proof
14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Dismissed Upon Proof

Fabian, Crystal Lee

20-28 Revoked License – Report Infraction

Hendrix, Rozina Cruz

14-30.3 Compulsory School Attendance – Guilty Plea, Prayer for Judgment Continued

Locust, Starlina Maria

20-313(a) No Insurance – Guilty/ Responsible, fine: \$50, court costs: \$190

20-28 Revoked License- Dismissed on Plea 20-111(2) Fictitious Registration

Plate – Dismissed on Plea

Long, Rayelita Dawn

14-95.5(a) Drugs: Possessing a controlled substance classified in schedule I, II, III, IV, and V – Dismissed, Treatment Complete

Lossiah, Channing Victor

14-10.60 Larceny – Dismissed with Restitution

McCoy, Charlene A.

14-10.60 Larceny – Dismissed Upon Completion of Deferred Prosecution, not to be in contact with victim nor go upon the victim's property, restitution ordered: \$410

Roland, Kandi

14-5.2 Communicating Threats – Dismissed, Failure of Prosecuting Witness to Appear and Testify

Swayney, Nicholas Dean

14-15.3 Transportation of Alcoholic Beverages – Dismissed, Treatment Complete
14-15.6(a) Providing Alcoholic
Beverages to persons under 21 –
Dismissed, Treatment Complete

Wachacha Jr., Herman

14-40.56 Assault on a Female – Dismissed with Leave to Refile

Wilnoty, Megan Dawn

14-95.11(c) Drugs: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Guilty, Amend Charge, 30 days jail time suspended, 6 months unsupervised probation, court costs: \$190

CIPD Arrest Report for Dec. 10-17

The following people were arrested by the Cherokee Indian Police Department and booked into the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center. It should be noted that the following defendants have only been charged with the crimes listed and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Addresses have been redacted.

Arch, Erica Loraine – age 29

Arrested: Dec. 10 Released: Dec. 14 Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance

Medford, Graham Ansel – age 27

Arrested: Dec. 10 Released: Dec. 15

Charges: Failure to Appear on Mis-

demeanor

Morgan, Francis Armachain – age 43

Arrested: Dec. 10 Released: Dec. 11

Charges: Child Abuse in the Second

Degree (five counts)

Wilnoty Jr., Michael Warren – age 27

Arrested: Dec. 10

Released: Not released as of report

date

Charges: Failure to Appear on Mis-

demeanor

Young, Harley Lewis – age 32

Arrested: Dec. 10 Released: Dec. 14

Charges: Assault on a Female

Littlejohn, Robert Allen – age 42

Arrested: Dec. 11 Released: Dec. 12

Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Aggravated Weapons

Offense

Lossiah, Brent James – age 26

Arrested: Dec. 11

Released: Not released as of report

date

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Pheasant, Natasha - age 22

Arrested: Dec. 11 Released: Dec. 14

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Possession Marijuan up to ½ oz., Possession Schedule I

Controlled Substance

Price, Anissa Nicole – age 25

Arrested: Dec. 11

Released: Not released as of report

date

Charges: Reckless Endangerment

(two counts)

Sneed, Thad Dustin – age 36

Arrested: Dec. 11

Released: Not released as of report

date

Charges: Possession Schedule I

Controlled Substance

Bird, Nicholas Daniel – age 34

Arrested: Dec. 12 Released: Dec. 13

Charges: Criminal Conspiracy,

Larceny

Ensley, Brooke Lea – age 28

Arrested: Dec. 12

Released: Not released as of report

date

Charges: Parole Violation

Johnson, Anthony Dean – age 40

Arrested: Dec. 12 Released: Dec. 12

Charges: Failure to Appear on Mis-

demeanor

Paul, Jason Leroy – age 24

Arrested: Dec. 12

Released: Dec. 12

Charges: Failure to Appear on Mis-

demeanor

Taylor, Franklin Terry – age 57

Arrested: Dec. 12

Released: Not released as of report

date

Charges: Failure to Appear on Mis-

demeanor

George, Shonica Raylene – age 36

Arrested: Dec. 13 Released: Dec. 13

Charges: PWIMSD Controlled

Substances

Lossiah, Johnnie Ray – age 27

Arrested: Dec. 13

Released: Not released as of report

Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Resisting Public Officer, Failure to Obey a Lawful

Order of the Court

Otter, Kerry Hawk – age 32

Arrested: Dec. 13

Released: Not released as of report

Charges: Failure to Appear on Mis-

demeanor

Reyes, Sonia Margarita – age 21

Arrested: Dec. 13

Released: Dec. 14

Charges: Failure to Appear on Mis-

demeanor

Taylor, Stephanie Nicole – age 28

Arrested: Dec. 13

Released: Not released as of report

date

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Flee/Elude Arrest with a Motor Vehicle, Driving While License Revoked

Toineeta, Margie Lynn – age 49

Arrested: Dec. 13

Released: Not released as of report

date

Charges: Second Degree Trespass, Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Watty, Ariella Jo – age 33

Arrested: Dec. 13

Released: Not released as of report

date

Charges: Possession Schedule IV Controlled Substance (two counts), Possession with Intent to Manufacture/Sell/Deliver Heroin, Probation Violation

Welch, Anthony Dirk – age 48

Arrested: Dec. 13 Released: Dec. 13

Charges: Failure to Appear on Mis-

demeanor

Arch, Sara – age 47

Arrested: Dec. 14

Released: Dec. 14

Charges: Child Abuse in the Second

Degree, Simple Assault

Arneach, Cheyenne Robin – age 26

Arrested: Dec. 14

Released: Dec. 18

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Possession Schedule

II Controlled Substance

Cabrera, Delores Amelia – age 45

Arrested: Dec. 14

Released: Not released as of report

date

Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Probation

Violation

Daniel, Kristian Hope – age 25

Arrested: Dec. 14

Released: Dec. 14

Charges: Obstructing Justice, Fail to Comply with Pre-Trial Release

Flippo, Robert – age 22

Arrested: Dec. 14

Released: Dec. 14

Charges: Simple Possession Sched-

ule V Controlled Substance

Keel, Amber Dawn – age 29

Arrested: Dec. 14

Released: Dec. 14

Charges: Simple Assault, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Owle, Leigh Ann - age 41

Arrested: Dec. 14

Released: Not released as of report

date

Charges: Failure to Appear on Mis-

demeanor

Rodriguez, Otonio Milan - age 26

Arrested: Dec. 14

Released: Dec. 15

Charges: Child Abuse in the Second

Degree, Simple Assault

Sequoyah, Sammi Lynn – age 37

Arrested: Dec. 14

Released: Dec. 14

Charges: Spring-Loaded Knives, Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance (two counts), Possession Schedule IV Controlled Substance

Watty, Joseph Michael – age 43

Arrested: Dec. 14

Released: Dec. 14

Charges: Possession Schedule V Controlled Substance, Possession Marijuana Greater than ½ oz. to

1.5 oz.

Wolfe, Jordan Leigh – age 23

Arrested: Dec. 14

Released: Not released as of report

Charges: Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance: Possession

with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule I Controlled Substance; Simple Possession of Marijuana; Providing Contraband; **Probation Violation**

Saunooke, Anthony Welch - age 23

Arrested: Dec. 15

Released: Dec. 16

Charges: Failure to Appear on Mis-

demeanor

Welch, Tsisquanida Shay – age 22

Arrested: Dec. 15

Released: Dec. 15

Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive

Locust III, William Russell – age 27

Arrested: Dec. 16

Released: Not released as of report

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Providing Contraband, Possession Schedule III Controlled Substance, Providing or Possessing Contraband

Armachain, Matthew Sampson age 25

Arrested: Dec. 17

Released: Not released as of report

date

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor; Possession Schedule III Controlled Substance; Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance: Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance: Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule I Controlled Substance; Trafficking in Opium or Heroin

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WRESTLING

Braves place at Chief Osley B. Saunooke tournament

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

ONE FEATHER STAFF

wo members of the Chero-kee Braves varsity wrestling team placed in the annual Chief Osley B. Saunooke Memorial Tournament held at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Saturday, Jan. 5. McClay Phillips took second place in the 120lb division and Dakota Siweumptewa took second in the 132lb division.

"I think my team continues to grow and they show me with their improvement every time they wrestle," said Tavi Rivera, Braves head wrestling coach. "This is a very demanding sport, and when it comes to wrestling, it's all about heart, endurance, and what position you want to put yourself in. I'm very proud of my guys."

He has high hopes that members of this year's team will qualify for state, a feat that has become a staple of the program. "If we make it to state again this year, it will be the fourteenth year in a row we've had state qualifiers or a state champion. I'm very proud of these guys, and I can't wait to see what we do in the rest of the season."

Siweumptewa, a sophomore who has been wrestling for seven years, commented, "It's a pretty tough tournament. There's a lot of good kids here wrestling. The more you wrestle, the more you learn."

He said that experience and learning on the mat is important to developing in the sport. "Learn more and practice harder every day and try to do your best 100 percent



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos

Cherokee High School wrestlers McClay Phillips (left) and Dakota Siweumptewa (second from right) both took second place in their respective divisions at the annual Chief Osley B. Saunooke Memorial Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 5 at the Charles George Memorial Arena. They are shown with Junior Miss Cherokee Destiny Siweumptewa, who handed out the awards during the tournament, and CHS head wrestling coach Tavi Rivera.

every day."

Phillips, a senior who has been wrestling for 10 years, said, "I think I could have wrestled a little bit better...it's a big tournament, and I'm glad that we had the turnout that we did. I think second place is good for the turnout that we had."

Wrestlers from 14 teams par-

ticipated in Saturday's tournament hosted by Cherokee High School. Pigeon Forge (Tenn.) took the team title with 119.5 points followed by Swain County, a team which contained several members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, with 112.5 points, and Mitchell in third place with 106 points.

Top finishers in each weight

division are as follows:

106: 1st - Dakota Tehandon (Mitchell); 2nd - Samuel Klepac (AC Reynolds); 3rd - Kevin Cook (Hayesville); 4th - Collier Foster (Polk County)

113: 1st - Colton Poole (Pigeon Forge); 2nd - Keith Cook (Hayesville); 3rd - Will Cole (Rosman); 4th - Brendone Christie (East Henderson)

120: 1st - Dylon Lowry (Mitchell); 2nd - McClay Phillips (Cherokee); 3rd - Sam Green (Swain County); 4th - Cade Vaughn (Andrews)

126: 1st - Hunter Dover (Chase); 2nd - Nate Brock (Swain County); 3rd - Josh Parton (Pigeon Forge); 4th - Preston Burnett (Polk County)

132: 1st - Garret Foremen (Pigeon Forge); 2nd - Dakota Siweumptewa (Cherokee); 3rd - Jason Smith (Mitchell); 4th - Brennan Worthington (Polk County)

138: 1st - CJ Dyer (Pigeon Forge); 2nd - Jonas Trejo (Swain County); 3rd - Tucker Marshall (East Henderson); 4th - Trevor Guild (Union County)

145: 1st - Colby Dalon (Pigeon Forge); 2nd - Taylor Thorn (East Rutherford); 3rd - Lucas Brown (Swain County); 4th - Israel Maltba (Mitchell)

152: 1st - Tyler Morgan (AC Reynolds); 2nd - Andrew Baiamonte (Pigeon Forge); 3rd - Hunter Craig (Swain County); 4th - Michael Little (Mountain Heritage)

160: 1st - Calvin Jones (East Rutherford); 2nd - Nathaniel Hughes (Mountain Heritage); 3rd - Zane Ramey (Rosman); 4th - Damian Lossiah (Swain County)

170: 1st - Max Pirez (AC Reynolds); 2nd - Terry Thompson (Polk County); 3rd - Sean Phillips (Union County); 4th - Cameron Holley (East Rutherford)



Pigeon Forge High School poses with the first place team trophy following their win during Saturday's tournament.

182: 1st - Ryan Richerdson (Mitchell); 2nd - Jesse Sutphin (East Rutherford); 3rd - Austin Andrews (AC Reynolds); 4th - Cody Long (Swain County)

195: 1st - Grayson Parker (East

Henderson); 2nd - Clyde Ponchot (Swain County); 3rd - John Roberts (AC Reynolds); 4th - Randy Stuart (East Rutherford)

220: 1st - Sean Sprague (East Henderson); 2nd - Dalton Hollifield

(Mountain Heritage); 3rd - Jacob McCarter (Pigeon Forge); 4th - Bo Thompson (AC Reynolds)

285: 1st - Hudson Boone (Mitchell); 2nd - Noland Brown (Swain County); 3rd - Troy Allison (East Henderson); 4th - Sammy Christensen (Andrews)

Team Scores:

1st - Pigeon Forge 119.5

2nd - Swain County 112.5

3rd - Mitchell 106

4th - AC Reynolds 98

5th - Mountain Heritage 75.5

6th - East Rutherford 75

7th - East Henderson 71

8th - Union County 48

9th - Rosman 34

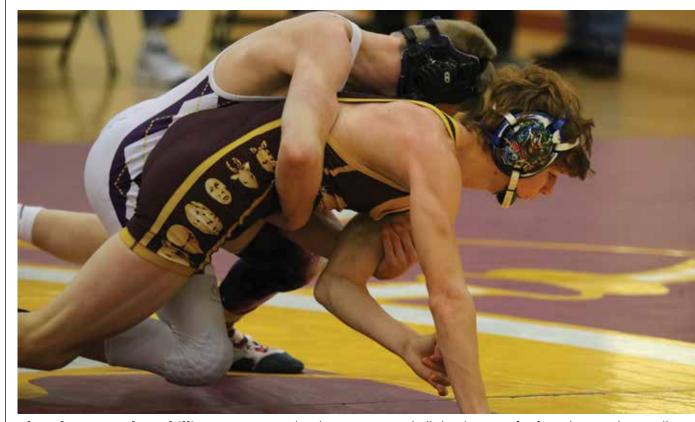
10th - Polk County 31

11th - Chase 29

12th - Cherokee 19

13th - Hayesville 18

14th - Andrews 11



Cherokee's McClay Phillips (maroon) and Dylon Lowry, Mitchell, battle is out for first place in the 120lb division. After a heart-fought match, Lowry took the title.



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Cherokee's Tori Teesateskie (#30) goes for a shot over Pisgah's Carter Gibson in a game at Pisgah on Friday, Dec. 21. The Lady Bears defeated the Lady Braves 68-59.



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Cherokee's Josiah Lossiah (#12) shoots over Pisgah's Devan Dodgin in a game at Pisgah on Friday, Dec. 21. The Bear defeated the Braves 73-54.



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Cherokee's Deante Toineeta shoots a jump shot over three Rosman defenders in the first half of a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Wednesday, Jan. 2. The game was close in the start with the Lady Braves leading 14-13 after the first period. A huge second period for Cherokee – the Lady Braves outscored the Lady Tigers 35-6 – was the difference in the game as they went on to a big 88-41 win.



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Cherokee's Michael Bernhisel goes for a shot over Rosman's Logan Powell in the second half of a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Wednesday, Jan. 2. The Braves jumped out to a huge 34-8 lead after the first period and lead the entire game en route to a 92-70 victory over the visiting Tigers.



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Cherokee's Raylen Bark goes for a layup ahead of Franklin's Nevaeh Tran (#21) during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Friday, Jan. 4. Cherokee led from the start en route to a 76-57 win.



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Cherokee's Joaquin Layno (#55) shoots over Franklin's Tye Chastain (#40) and Tler Harrell (#12) during a game at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Friday, Jan. 4. Franklin jumped out to an early 22-6 lead after the first period and went on to defeat the Brayes 79-53.

Places of Worship

Abundant Life Apostolic Church. 828-488-8937

Acquoni Baptist Church. 497-6521 or 788-0643

Antioch Baptist Church. Coopers Creek Road.

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

Bethabara Baptist Church. 497-7770

Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church. 497-4141

Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church. 497-6918

Boiling Springs Missionary Baptist Church. 488-9202

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

Cherokee Bible Church, 497-2286

Cherokee Church of Christ, 497-3334

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

Cherokee Church of the Nazarene, 497-2819

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church. 674-2690

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Five Braves named SMC All-Conference

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ive Cherokee Braves were named to the All-Smoky Mountain Conference football team and another four received Honorable Mentions as post-season honors are handed out. Joaquin Layno, Cade Mintz, Masih Catolster, Blake Smith, and Damian Blanton were named All-Conference and Sterling Santa Maria, Rocky Peebles, Isaiah Armachain, and Seth Smith received Honorable Mention nods.

Cherokee finished the season 7-6 overall and 3-3 in the Smoky Mountain Conference where they finished fourth.

Kent Briggs, Braves head coach, commented, "I'm very proud of these young men. They had an exceptional year, and the guys that were named Honorable Mention were worthy of being All-Conference as well. All of those guys had the type of year that should be recognized. I felt like our team was very competitive. I feel very proud of what these guys accomplished, especially our seniors. Over the past three years, we've had a bunch of playoff games and won a state championship and have been very competitive."

Coach Briggs said honors such as these have carry-over value going into future seasons. "When you have players like this who are successful and get recognition, I think it motivates all our players to step up their game and try to reach that level of success. I think it is really good for our program for our players to be recognized because they deserve the recognition, but it also helps with goal-setting for the younger players that are up-and-coming."

Mintz, junior wide receiver, caught 52 passes for 1,083 yards (20.8 avg) and 9 TDs and ran the ball 49 times for 362 yards (7.4 avg.) and 6 TDs. Smith, senior wide receiver, caught 28 passes for 542 yards (19.4 avg) and 7 TDs. On defense, Mintz had 4 interceptions and Smith had 3.

Blanton and Layno, both seniors, anchored Cherokee's defense all year long with 98 and 82 tackles respectively. Catolster, a fresh-



Blake Smith, senior



Joaquin Layno (#35), senior

man lineman on both offense and defense, added 63 tackles on the season.

1A State Champion Murphy swept the individual awards as long-time coach David Gentry was named SMC Coach of the Year, Micah Nelson was named Back of the Year, and Hunter Shope was named Lineman of the Year.

Other members of the All-Conference team include: Landon White (Andrews), Zack Sheppard (Andrews), Adam Leek (Hayesville), Hunter Shope (Murphy), Brady Satterlind (Murphy), KJ Allen (Murphy), Slade McTaggart (Murphy), Dallas Rayburn (Murphy), Ray Rathburn

see ALL-CONFERENCE next page



Damian Blanton (#36), senior



Cade Mintz (#10), junior



Masih Catolster, freshman

Updated CHS basketball schedule

Note: This schedule has been updated, per the CHS

Athletic Dept., as of Thursday, Jan. 3.

Wednesday, Jan. 9 – vs Blue Ridge

Friday, Jan. 11 – vs Andrews

Tuesday, Jan. 15 – at Highlands

Wednesday, Jan. 16 – vs Robbinsville

Friday, Jan. 18 – at Hayesville

Tuesday, Jan. 22 – vs Murphy

Friday, Jan. 25 – at Robbinsville

Tuesday, Jan. 29 – at Rosman

Friday, Feb. 1 – vs Swain

Tuesday, Feb. 5 – at Blue Ridge

Thursday, Feb. 7 – at Murphy

Friday, Feb. 8 – at Andrews

Tuesday, Feb. 12 – vs Highlands

Feb. 14-22 – Big Smoky Mountain Tournament at Robbinsville

BASKETBALL

Cherokee Lady Braves Season-to-Date results

(8-2 as of Friday, Jan. 4)

Dec. 6: Cherokee 56 Franklin 47

Dec. 12: Cherokee 74 Hayesville 59

Dec. 14: Cherokee 79 Swain County 51

Dec. 15: Cherokee 67 Lincoln Charter 54

Dec. 21: Pisgah 68 Cherokee 59

Dec. 27 (Daytona, Fla. Sunshine Classic Tour-

nament): Cherokee 74 Knott County Central

(Kentucky) 70

Dec. 28 (Sunshine Classic): White County

(Tenn.) 61 Cherokee 59

Dec. 29 (Sunshine Classic): Cherokee 71 Atlantic

(Fla.) 51; Lady Braves finished in third place

Jan. 2: Cherokee 88 Rosman 41

Jan. 4: Cherokee 76 Franklin 57

Cherokee Braves Season-to-Date results

(3-8 as of Saturday, Jan. 5)

Dec. 6: Franklin 89 Cherokee 55

Dec. 12: Cherokee 52 Hayesville 49 (OT)

Dec. 14: Swain County 84 Cherokee 82

Dec. 15: Lincoln Charter 71 Cherokee 52

Dec. 21: Pisgah 73 Cherokee 54

Dec. 27 (Eastern Alamance 11th Annual Holi-

day Tournament): Burlington Christian Acade-

my 76 Cherokee 48

Dec. 28 (Holiday Tournament): Bartlett Yancey

67 Cherokee 65

Dec. 29 (Holiday Tournament): Cherokee 52

Horizon AU Australian Basketball Group 57

Jan. 2: Cherokee 92 Rosman 70

Jan. 4: Franklin 79 Cherokee 53

Jan. 5: Glenn 77 Cherokee 54

ALL-CONFERENCE: Post-season football honors for Braves, from page 12

(Murphy), Chase Roberts (Murphy), Micah Nelson (Murphy), Candler Edwards (Robbinsville), Rylee Anderson (Robbinsville), Landon Orr (Robbinsville), Austin Lovin (Robbinsville), Clayson Lane (Robbinsville), Jase Phillips (Robbinsville), Erik Barnett (Robbinsville), Hooper Thomas (Rosman), Kayne Smith (Robbinsville), Christian Carnathan (Robbinsville), Brennan Chapman (Robbinsville), Marcus Stamey (Robbinsville),

Chase Hughes (Swain), Jake Langston (Swain), Bryce Sain (Swain), Noland Brown (Swain), and Ian Brooks (Swain).

Other players received Honorable Mention nods include: Tucker Holloway (Andrews), Hunter Rickett (Andrews), Brawley Stillwell (Andrews), Dwain Cook (Hayesville), Reid Beal (Murphy), Justice Dorsey (Murphy), Peyton McCracken (Murphy), Yousef Mugharbil (Murphy), Devonte Murray (Murphy), Robert Bodine (Murphy), Annie-Kate Dalton (Murphy), Grady Garland (Robbinsville), Aaron Phillips (Robbinsville), Isaac Wilkinson (Robbinsville), AJ Ornelas (Robbinsville), Lex Hooper (Robbinsville), Luke Stewart (Rosman), Nick Millsaps (Swain), Damion Lossiah (Swain), Daniel Ammons (Swain), Charlie Lambert (Swain), and Hunter Burrell (Swain).



COMMUNITY

Long named Frell Owl Award winner

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he Frell Owl Award is given annually by the Cherokee Boys Club to those who give long-standing, exemplary service to Cherokee youth. This year's award, the 32nd annual, went to Isaac "Ike" Long, Wolftown School Board representative who frequently volunteers his time for youth sports, during the annual banquet held at the Chestnut Tree Inn on the morning of Wednesday, Dec. 19.

"The Frell Owl Award is given to those who best exemplify the character and accomplishments of the late Frell Owl – Cherokee educator and civic leader, and to those who have significantly contributed to the welfare of Cherokee children and families," said Greg Owle, Cherokee Boys Club general manager.

He then read the unattributed nomination letter for Long, "It is an honor to recommend someone so committed to the community and involved in helping our youth. This person has been an active, positive volunteer in the community for youth sports leagues along with the middle and high school sports for over 15 years. He has dedicated much of his spare time to Cherokee Central Schools beginning with serving as a high school Booster Club president (8 years), and he is currently volunteering 10 to 20 hours per week working with the Braves and Lady Braves as a clock operator."

The letter continued, "He is a constant and stable fixture in the



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Greg Owle (left), Cherokee Boys Club general manager, presents the 32rd Annual Frell Owl Award to Isaac "Ike" Long during the annual awards banquet held at the Chestnut Tree Inn on the morning of Wednesday, Dec. 19.

athletic parts of the school. He cares about the student-athletes and expresses his dedication year after year, sport after sport."

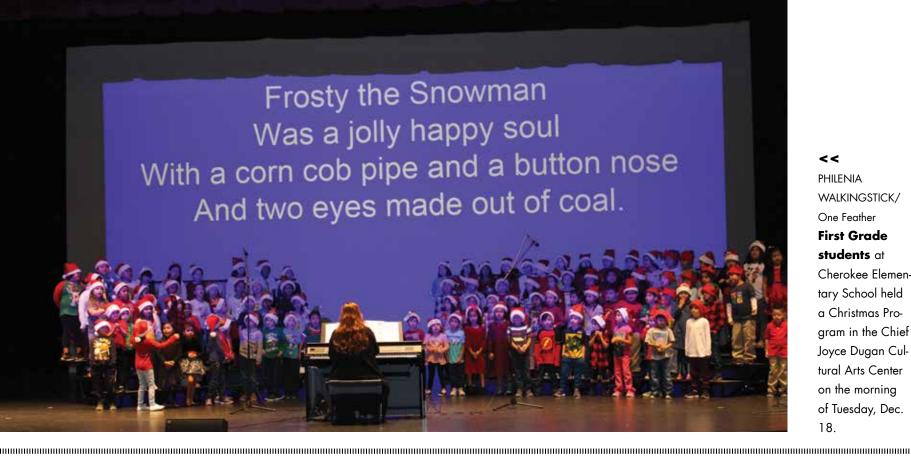
The nomination letter went on to say, "He truly serves unselfishly and is always exhibiting loyalty, dependability, and is a constant support for our young people. These qualities have helped this person be successful throughout his life."

Long stated after receiving the award, "It's an honor to be nominated, let alone win an award like

this. I don't dedicate my time for awards or recognition. I just do it for the youth, and I'll continue to do it as long as I can."

Owle said the long-time Frell Owl Awards "says a lot about our community and investment that is put into the lives of our future generations".

Past recipients of the Frell Owl Award include: Chief John A. Crowe, Stella Kanott, The Crowe Family, Ray Kinsland, Pearl and John Reagan, Betty Crisp, Jerri Reagan Kinsland, Mary Chiltoskey, Dora Reed, Marie Junaluska, Sharon and David Crowe, Ernestine Walkingstick, Jody Adams, Gary Maney, Mary Sneed, Mary Mantooth, David McCoy, Glenda Crowe, Denise Ballard, David McQueen, Skooter McCoy, Johnson "Booger" Arch, Kathy Wolfe, Carmaleta Monteith, Roy Lambert, Sandi Owle, Lana Lambert, Catherine Blythe Sanders, Will Poolaw, Wilbur Paul, Janet "Lou" Johnson, and Robin Swayney.



<< PHILENIA WALKINGSTICK/ One Feather First Grade students at Cherokee Elementary School held a Christmas Program in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center on the morning of Tuesday, Dec.

18.

THANK YOU LETTERS Thanks for support

Patsy Sue Maney and daughters would like to thank everyone for the flowers, and we would like to thank all of the singers for coming and singing. Thanks to the Preachers for coming and preaching for our mother.

Thanks from.

Sherry Maney and Teresa Gibson

A belated heartfelt thank you

We would like to say thank you to all of you who visited, sung songs, and brought food during our hospital stay and while at home where our Mom and "Beloved granny" –Amanda Swimmer -wanted to be.

We thank Harris Hospital and the wonderful staff including our surgical teams, to the Blue Ridge Rehabilitation Center and staff.

Our Caring EMS workers who handled our little lady like gold and our first responders who were able to keep our feisty little lady comfortable as possible- we say thank you.

We are blessed to have family step in and help without hesitation, the Panther sisters/ nieces: Nora Panther, Alma Johns, Hattie Pheasant, Alice Kekahbah, Gail Long, and Loretta Bradley.

Marina and Robert Bigmeat, Sharon and Lawrence Queen (for the old timey soul food); Best Friends to our lady; Erma Bradley and Robin, Marie Swayney, the Reed sisters (Linda, Matilda, Julie for singing), Sarah and Shirley Catt, Rose Maney for singing in your native language and Paula, Karen Browning, Donald and Cathy Wolf for favorite foods. Momma's Chief - Patrick and Cyndi Lambert - for your constant visits and calls.

We were overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and musical comforts given by Rock Springs Church choir, Aqcuoni Singers, Yellowhill Singers, Cherokee Baptist singers, Straight Fork Church singers, Macadonia singers, Boiling Springs Singers, Alfred, Maybelle and Victoria Welch, Lane and David Smoker, Zena and Melvin Wolf, Antioch Youth Choir.

A praying lady to have Bros. Bo Parris, come at a moments phone call, Gil and Laura Breedlove, Merritt & Lulie Youngdeer, Percy Cunningham, Ed and Margaret Kilgore, Jim Park, Phone call from Bro. Steve Gunter, Prayers from Bro. Bobby Watts, and David and Terri Morris.

We appreciate your assistance in chairs and tables from the Tribal Facility Management and the young men who made the effort to visit and talk with mom. Our leaders: Perry Shell, Richard French for Big Cove, our Vice Chief B. Ensley, Chief Richie Sneed.

Larry Blythe's visit, David Jumper, Will Locust, the Cherokee Speakers group who visited and Matt Tooni for singing with mom. The voungest visitor, Abraham (Arkansas) sung and prayed with mom.

May our Gadugi Community be blessed, our Free labor who dug and covered the grave, the Big Cove Ladies Stickball group for Cooking for family and friends with Granny's Kitchen. We also include our station 3 firemen/first responders for always ready to lend a helping hand.

In honoring her we thank you writers from the One Feather, Smoky Mountain News and NY Times.

To our tribal families, we thank you for the prayers, phone calls, text messages, and visits during our loss. We all lost a true treasure and we thank you for loving her, singing to her, and in honoring her. Her one true request that we can obtain thru faith is to become a child of God so we can all meet her on the other side.

May you all be blessed and we thank you from

Melvena, Marilyn, Don, Eddie, Seymour, Juanita, George and our Swimmer Family

Starting the new year out right

Day One fitness event focuses on recovery, health, and wellness

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RYSON CITY - About thirty people started the new year off with a focus on health and wellness and how it can help with a new lifestyle for those in recovery from substance abuse. A RezHOPE event, called Day One, was held at Crossfit 2232 in Bryson City on the afternoon of Tuesday, Jan. 1 as a collaboration with other health organizations including Spiritual Adrenaline, Shift Gym in Bryson City, and Bryson City Health and Fitness.

"We've brought together the fitness community from the local area
to support the recovery community," said Tom Shanahan, author
of "Spiritual Adrenaline". "We're
really excited about that, and what
we're doing is a demonstration of
what crossfit is all about for people
who haven't tried it before. We're
trying to create a safe and welcoming environment for people who
may have been in recovery and haven't integrated a healthy lifestyle
into their recovery."

Shanahan, who was a sponsor on Kallup McCoy II's Trail of Tears run last summer, started his book tour at the event. "I wanted to start here for two reasons - first, I was inspired by Kallup's run. Anyone who can run 777 miles just blows my mind, my hat's off to him. And, secondarily, when I did the research on him and did the



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Jama Anders (standing), Crossfit 2232 owner, explains various exercises to participants at the Day One event held at his gym on the afternoon of Tuesday, Jan. 1.

research on what was happening on the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians territory, I was stunned to see the addiction numbers for alcohol and drugs were double the general population and that's true of other Native American communities around the country. It was mind-blowing to me, so I thought it was really important to start here... it's a modern-day tragedy, and if we can make even a little bit of a difference, I wanted to do that."

Katelynn Ledford, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and a leader in RezHOPE, spoke highly of Shanahan and his decision to start his book tour locally. "He could have chosen



Tom Shanahan (center), author of "Spiritual Adrenaline", poses with RezHOPE leaders Kallup McCoy II (left) and Katelynn Ledford, both members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

"They're demonstrating every single day that there is hope in recovery..."

 Casey Cooper, Cherokee Indian Hospital chief executive officer

anywhere, but he chose to start it here for the Cherokee people, and to me, that is so significant and is awesome."

When asked the goals for the event, she noted, "We're wanting to get people inspired to start off the new year with some physical goals. Let's start out 2019 right. If you're getting right mentally, emotionally, and spiritually but leaving out physically you'll have a sway there. So, we're trying to bring it to people's attention just how important it is to not only make sure that those areas are covered but physically as well. That's how we're so successful in our recovery. We get out there and go to the gym and work hard, and by doing that it sets us up to be able to tackle life the same way and to tackle recovery the same way. As much as we are dedicated to working out, we use that same drive out there."

McCoy II, an EBCI tribal member and founder of RezHOPE, said, "From the fitness community's standpoint, we're hoping people will come out and start taking their overall wellness more seriously. So, we've got Crossfit 2232, Shift Gym, and Bryson City Health and Fitness in the gym coming together to support recovery. We just want people to join a gym today and set some goals."

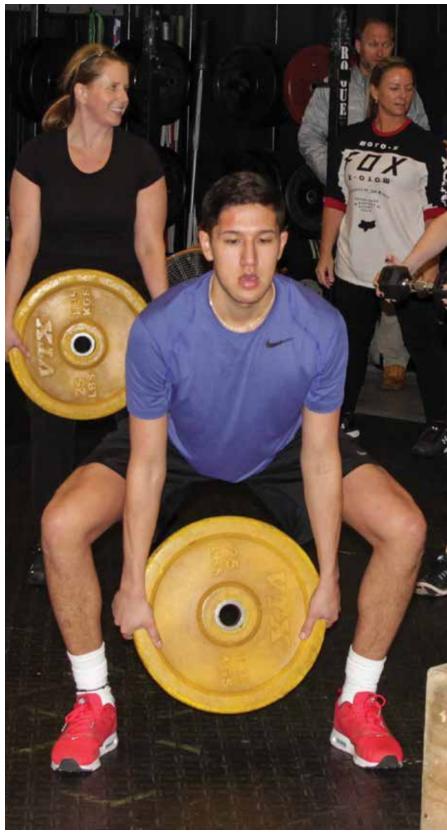
RezHOPE plans to continue their partnership with Spiritual Adrenaline. McCoy II said, "He (Shananahan) is building a curriculum that includes diet, fitness, and nutrition into your existing recovery program...I think there's going to be some huge things coming out of this."

During the event, Jama Anders, owner of Crossfit 2232 who also works with Cherokee Central School athletes on strength and conditioning training, took the participants through a basic crossfit workout including squats, pushups, crunches, stretches, and more.

Casey Cooper, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority chief executive officer, was present at Tuesday's event and commented, "There's nothing more important to achieving our objective. Our core purpose at the hospital is to ensure the prosperity for the next seven generations - to have an Eastern Band in the future. Otherwise, why do we even exist as a hospital? I am convinced that we cannot achieve that core purpose without grassroots initiatives like this that come from the community because there's no individual and community resilience if the solution is always in a professional system."

He said solutions coming from community-based organizations strengthens the resolve and ability to come together and prosper. "The other thing that I love about this is they are providing the single-most important ingredient that we need to improving the health of our tribal population, and that ingredient is hope."

Cooper further said, "They're demonstrating every single day that there is hope in recovery, and without that how do any of us have the motivation to get up and



Nolan Arkansas, an EBCI tribal member and student at Yale University, shows good form doing weighted squats.

do what we do every day? I think it's vitally important. As a matter of fact, I would argue that what they're doing may be one of the single-most important things that the community is doing to ensure the prosperity of the next seven generations."



BRAVES ON BROADWAY

Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather

Abigail Taylor performs "Waiting for Life to Begin" from the musical "Once on This Island" during the Braves on Broadway show, put on by the Cherokee Performing Arts program at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center on the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 21.



Jullian Parra-Rubio (left) and Cece Lambert, as Danny and Sandy, perform "Summer Nights" from the hit musical "Grease".



Ella Montelongo, as Madame Thenadier, performs "Master of the House" from "Les Miserables" with other members of the company.



What says "Cabaret" better than a kick-line? Jacob Sneed (white shirt), as the Emcee, sings "Wilkommen" with other members of the company.



Logan Lequire, as Alexander Hamilton, performs "My Shot" from the hit "Hamilton".



Dalericka King, as Rose, sings "Spanish Rose" from "Bye Bye Birdie".



Sylas Davis (middle seated), as M. Thenadier, performs "Master of the House" from "Les Miserables" with other members of the company.



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Aaron Smart, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, enjoys the warmer weather on the afternoon of Tuesday, Dec. 18 by tearing it up at the Cherokee Skate Park.



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This bull elk, part of herd of about 35, were spotted in several fields about a mile from the Oconaluftee Visitor Center in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on the afternoon of Monday, Dec. 31.

Cherokee Central Schools honors elders

he Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) hosted the annual Honor the Elders program on Friday, Dec. 7 in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center (CAC). The Honor the Elders event recognizes and educates the school about the livelihood, community involvement, and achievements of the honored tribal elders. Each year the Culture Department request CCS students conduct interviews with the selected elders to create a biography about each elder.

This year the honorees were Calloway
Ledford Sr., Lydia Louise Goings, Luther Butch
Goings, and Quincy Watty, all of whom have
contributed to preserving Cherokee culture and
language. Each have their own distinct gifts and
talents that they've used to not only provide for
their families, but to give back and influence the
greater Cherokee community. Some honorees are
distinguished veterans; others lifelong artisans
perfecting their crafts, each however with their
own unique contributions to our people. Provided is an annotation of the biographies presented
during the event with consideration to the elders'
advice offered to the younger generation.

Calloway Ledford Sr. was born to Lillian and Mason Ledford from the Snowbird community at Cherokee Indian Hospital in the 1950s and is known as "Poppy" to his grandchildren. Calloway married Martha Ledford in August 2002; they reside in the Painttown community. He has nine children, 32 grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. He was raised with seven siblings in the Snowbird community, all of whom spoke the Cherokee language. Calloway attended school at Little Snowbird where he excelled in arithmetic and played softball and basketball. He was not punished for speaking Cherokee in school, yet later learned English from his brother David which allowed him to be able to translate as needed. Calloway's advice to the younger generation is to "get your education, listen to your elders, get a job, and go to it every day."

Lydia Louise Goings was born to Emma Squirrel at the Cherokee Indian Hospital in 1947 and was given her name after her grandmother. Louise is a highly accomplished basket maker and has worked for the Cherokee Schools for over



Photo courtesy of Cherokee Central Schools

Cherokee Central Schools held its annual Honor the Elders program last month and honored Cherokee elders including, left to right, back row – Luther Butch Goings, Calloway Ledford Sr., Quincy Watty, and Lydia Louise Goings.

thirty-three years. Louise started making baskets at the age of ten, and sold those early baskets for "pocket money", but it wasn't until her son Eddie was born that she began making baskets for real, traveling with her mother to sell them. Louise has been a member of the Qualla Arts and Crafts Cooperative since the late 1960's and has demonstrated her craft at the Festival of American Folk-Art, Smithsonian Institute, Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C., and other renowned locations. She continues to share her gift in the classroom and during Cultural Summer School, many of her students go on to be accomplished basket makers in their own right. Louise's advice to the younger generation is to "go on to school, get a job, be a good citizen, and always be respectful."

Luther George "Butch" Goings was born at the Cherokee Indian Hospital to Nellie Reid and George Goings, he received his familiar name "Butch" from his uncle Moody Reid who told him he'd be "one tough guy." Raised in the Yellow Hill community, he attended Chillco Boarding School prior to serving in the Army for three years. Butch worked for the Roads division of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and has stated there are many opportunities for young people in trade

education. He is an accomplished woodcarver, studied under the late carver Amanda Crowe. He started early and has continued to work with the community free labor group. Butch's advice to the younger generation is to "listen well, follow instruction, and get a good job."

Quincy Watty was born to Rachel and Steve Watty and is from the Big Cove community where he still resides. Quincy is a fluent speaker and was nine years of age before

he learned to speak English. He has four children and twenty-three grandchildren. Quincy made his career in law enforcement where he retired as the assistant chief of Police after eighteen years of service. He has worked in the Big Cove free labor group as a youth and has continued the work throughout his life. Quincy's advice is to "stay in school and finish, stay active in sports, and please stay away from drugs."

The program was narrated by Sean Crowe, a CCS employee and orator who volunteers each year to do his part in giving back to the community. A performance by Robert Running Wolfe also highlighted the program with blues, gospel, and country music. Each year, the program follows Native American Heritage Month to honor the contributions of the selected elders. The program has carried on through at least one generation, allowing for some of the parents of those early CCS students to be recognized over the years.

Crowe said it best when speaking to the children that filled the rows of the CAC in saying, "Listen well, it could be your grandparents sitting up in these chairs one day."

- Cherokee Central Schools release

Local auditions for "Unto These Hills" 2019 season

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

- Cherokee Historical Association

Gaming Conference scheduled for Tulsa

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

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

- Oklahoma State University release



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A full moon shines brightly over Cherokee on the night of Saturday, Dec. 22.

Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation launches Fellowship

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

Through the All For NC Fellowship, the Foundation is seeking to invest directly in young innovators, change makers, visionaries, entrepreneurs and risk takers between the ages of 21 and 35 with bold ideas for how to make a difference in North Carolina and its communities. The Fellowship is a 12-month program designed to provide funding, coaching and mentoring to young people who have a vision and plan that could contribute to a better life for North Carolina's people and communities.

Selected Fellows will receive

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

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

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

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

- Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation release

UT Graduate School funds available

The Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund has announced that the University of Tennessee Graduate School will soon be nofunds for a 2019-20 fellowship. UT will provide a fellowship to a graduate or doctoral student recommended by the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund. To apply for the 2019-20 University of Tennessee fellowship, students must apply to the Scholarship Fund by making a request in writing to the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund Board of Directors, P.O. Box 892. Cherokee, NC 28719 by Friday, Feb. 1, 2019 to be considered for this fellowship. If more than one application is received, the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund Board of Directors will make a recommendation to UT Graduate School as to who should receive the tuition waiver based upon need.

tifying them soon of the available

- Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship

Mission to hold RN Open House

Are you a registered nurse with less than one year of experience? Or will you graduate from a nursing program by May 2019? Mission Health invites you to learn more about our New Graduate RN Residency Program at an Open House on Monday, Jan. 14 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The event will be hosted at Mission Health's Cancer Center at 21 Hospital Drive in Asheville. The program is open to any new nurses in the community, as well as current Mission Health team members. You'll learn about opportunities in many practice areas across Mission Health and talk with nursing managers and directors. You'll even be able to begin the application process for the program.

The New Graduate RN Residency Program offers year-long, full-time (or part-time in some areas) paid nursing positions. These give



Photo courtesy of New Kituwah Academy

The following teachers and students at New Kituwah Academy had perfect attendance for the month of December. The student are shown, left to right, front row – Guque-Keira Winchester, Tuya-Sean Slee, Elohi-Atlas Slee, Asgigi Yona-Rhett Lambert, Wadulisi-Jaxtyn Bark; teachers are shown, left to right, in the back row – Agaliha-Lindsay Crow, Tsoni-Joni Hill, Tsel(i) si-Chelsea Murphy, Sam(i)sini-Tamara Sampson, Gelan(i)-Carolina Oocumma, and Sela-Shayla Jackson.

new nurses the opportunity to grow in their nursing practice and gain clinical experience across a variety of settings in a supportive environment that includes mentoring, professional development and peer support. Areas of specialty may include Medical-Surgical Adult Care, Progressive Care/Stepdown, Behavioral Health, Emergency Department, ICU/Critical Care, Maternal/Newborn/NICU, Surgical Services, Pediatrics and/or Staffing Pool.

The program is offered at multiple locations throughout Mission Health, including several of our regional hospitals in western North Carolina.

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2018 Cherokee Christmas Parade Winners

1st place- Swain County 4H Livestock Club

2nd place- Pirouettes Dance Academy

3rd place- Cherokee Indian Hospital

- Cherokee Welcome Center

Wolftown Community Club news

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a great holiday! The Wolftown Community Club participated in the Community Building Decorating Contest and received first place for our "Grinch" theme!! We also participated in the Cherokee Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 15. Although our float didn't place, we had a great time working together on the float and building decorations. The Club also held an "Evening of Christmas Music" on Thursday, Dec. 20. We had a good crowd and everyone had a great time! There were plenty of refreshments and the music was awesome. We would like to say thank you to the Barker Family from Whittier, Antioch Baptist Church from Cooper's Creek and Zena Long and Friends for the beautiful music. Hopefully this will become an annual event.

We invite everyone to attend the monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month 5:30 p.m. We are working on getting cultural activities started as soon as possible. Announcements will be in the One Feather and on our community Facebook Page.

> - Tammy Jackson, Secretary Wolftown Community Club

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OBITUARIES

Kenneth "Gudger" Smith

Kenneth "Gudger" Smith, 83, of Whittier, passed away Monday, Dec. 17, 2018 at Harris Regional Hospital in Sylva after an extended illness

Gudger was a member of the Cherokee Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife,
Beatrice H. Smith; two children,
Kenni Lynn Brooks (husband
Steve) of Sylva, and Kyle Lee Smith
(wife Phyllis) of Wagener, SC; four
grandchildren; two great grandchildren; brothers, Ned Stamper
and Ray Stamper; sisters, Sandy
Davis, Louise Cabe, Jane Owle,
Geraldina Stamper, Edith Stamper
Queen, and Sue Stamper Rattler

Gudger was preceded in death by his mother, Charlotte Smith; one son, Kelly Smith; and brothers, Dugan Cabe and Babe Cabe.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Dec. 20 at the Cherokee Baptist Church. Pastors Percy Cunningham and James "Bo" Parris officiated. Burial followed at the Thomas Memorial Cemetery in Whittier. Pallbearers were Jeff Marcom, Terry Allison, Robert Lambert, Charlie Hartline, Brian Brooks, and Ned Stamper.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Smith family.

Jonathan Nathaniel Toineeta

Jonathan Nathaniel Toineeta, 48, of Cherokee, passed away Monday, Dec. 17, 2018 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital after a brief illness.

Jonathan was a hard-working man. Any job he applied himself to, he gave 110 percent and more. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle and his sense of humor was unmatched.

He is survived by his mother, Betty Toineeta: two children, Victoria Toineeta and Jordan Toineeta, both of Cherokee; grandchildren, Jesse John Taylor, Bishop Boyd Taylor, and Hayden Arch; brothers, Jesse Toineeta (wife Monika) and Bruce A. Toineeta (wife Tonya); sisters, Rose Shell and Cheryl Shell; special aunts, Gail Parker and Hazel Shell; niece, Kendall Toineeta; nephews, Jesse R. Toineeta and Anthony Toineeta; great nephew, Jesse Easton Toineeta; friend, Marina Wahnetah; and numerous extended family also survive.

Jonathan was preceded in death by his father, Jesse Toineeta; paternal grandparents, Howard and Tiny Toineeta; and maternal grandparents, Boyd and Mary Shell.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at Long House Funeral Home. Rev. Randy Watkins officiated. Burial followed at the Shell Cemetery in the Yellowhill Community. Pallbearers were James Toineeta, George Toineeta, Samuel Abraham Toineeta, James Plummer, Jonas Plummer, and Graham Medford.

Donna Eugeunia Arch

Donna Eugeunia Arch, 61, of Cherokee, passed away Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital.

She was born to Shirley Rogers and James "Jimmy" Arch on Oct. 7, 1957. She was mother to Marigeun Arch Davis (Willis) and Martha Arch-Lozano (Jaime) and grandmother to Christine Salazar (Fabian), James Davis, Eli Garcia, Dominic Arch, Michael Lozano, and Olivia Arch.

She leaves behind many family, friends, and several special friends. She also leaves behind one sister,

Marie Rose; three brothers, Robert Arch (Linda), Roger Arch, and Charlie Arch (Lou); many many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great great nieces and nephews.

Donna was preceded in death by her mother; father; brothers, James Arch and Ross Arch; one sister, Frances "Becky" Smith; and many special aunts and uncles.

She dedicated her life to the children of the community. She claimed all of her clients as her own children and always wanted the best for each of them.

She was a light to guide each life she touched and had a heart of gold as big as the world.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, Dec. 16 at the Long House Funeral Home. Pastor James "Bo" Parris officiated.

Charles Earl George

Charles Earl George, 55, of Whittier, passed away Friday, Dec. 21, 2018 at Harris Regional Hospital in Sylva.

Charles worked at Paul's Diner in Cherokee.

He is survived by his wife, Jonnie Lambert Cunningham; two children, Tashauna Murcia (husband Jose) and Megan Murcia (husband Cesar); nine grandchildren; two sisters, Barbara George and Suzi George; and several nieces and nephews also survive.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Newman George and Betty Screamer George; two brothers, Kenny Screamer and Larry George; and one nephew, Kenny George.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, Dec. 23 at Long House Funeral Home. Burial was at the Screamer Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were Adrian George, Jose Morales, Fabian Moreno, Jose Murcia, Jr., Michael Owl, and Cesar Murcia.

James Richard George

James Richard George, 76, of Whittier, passed away Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018 at St. Josephs Hospital in Asheville.

James loved his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He loved his dogs and his close friends. He loved to watch football and wrestling on TV. He loved life and being visited by his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is survived by his two children, Donna George and William "Will" George both of Cherokee; his grandchildren, Brittany George, Goat George, O.B. George, and Tony Grimes all of Cherokee and Karyn Hemphill of Brevard; and 10 great grandchildren also survive.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Ammons George and Lucy Ben George; one son, Alvin George; and two brothers, Ed George and Henry George.

No services are planned. Long House Funeral Home is assisting the George family.

Lela Lambert Bales

Lela Lambert Bales, 99, of the Tow String Community, went home to be with the Lord Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018.

A native of Cherokee and born April 20, 1919, she was the daughter of the late Rev. Jesse and Cora Bradley Lambert and wife of the late Rev. Shady Bales.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was also preceded in death by her son, David Jesse Bales; grandson, David Ethan Bales; sisters, Cleo Gallaway, Eula Sanders, Floy Mathews; and brother, Rev. Dan Lambert. She was a wonderful homemaker, was avid in her hobbies and traveled for 31 years with the Tsali Manor Senior Citizens. She was a member of Tow String Baptist

Lela is survived by her children, Gladys Cochran and husband Dewey, Glenna Cunningham and husband Gene, Elizabeth Ledford and husband Roger, Oscar Bales and wife Stephanie; several grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren; sister, Tinsa Sanders and her brother, Rev. Ray Lambert and wife Betty; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 2 in the chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Revs. J.T. Lambert and Tim Barker officiated with burial in the Tow String Cemetery.

The family would like to thank the Tsali Care Center and Dr. Winchester for their loving care of Lela.

Elsie Marie Watty

Elsie Marie Watty, 66, of the Big Cove Community in Cherokee, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2018 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital.

She is survived by her children Michael Watty, Martha Watty, Matt Watty, and Marc Watty; grandchildren, Daliah, Kobe, Ethan, Adayah, Josiah, Jaymian, Makenah, Leland, Jayvian, and Little Bear; great grandchildren, Serenity, Josyah, Aliyana, and Emmaline; two brothers, David Owl and Gene Owl; sisters, Patricia Welch (husband Charles), Lou Thompson, and Willie Thompson (Wes); special sister, Roni Seawright; and also survived by Amanda Thompson and Mildred Oueen

Marie was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Stephen Watty; parents, Lawrence Thompson and Lillian Junaluska Thompson; three brothers, John Quincy Owl, Thomas J. Owl, and Robert Owl; and one sister, Lorraine Thompson.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Dec. 28 at Long House Funeral Home. Pastor James "Bo" Parris officiated. Burial followed at the Watty family cemetery in the Big Cove Community. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Norman Eugene Haigler

Norman Eugene Haigler, 74, was born March 29, 1944 in Cherokee and has been a resident of D'Iberville, Miss. since 1989. He passed away Saturday, Dec. 22, 2018.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Don and Cora Haigler; brothers, Robert, Ed, and Bill Haigler; sisters, Elaine, Carol and Betty Haigler; and two grandchildren, Joshua and Meloney Haigler.

Norman is survived by his wife, Pam Watts Haigler of D'Iberville, Miss.; siblings, Frank Haigler of Lincoln, Calif., Lou Salter of Milton, Fla., Tommy (Rosemarie) Haigler and Ronnie Haigler of Bryson City, and Larry (Melba) Haigler of Cherokee; son, Daniel (Dawn) Haigler of Clarksville, Tenn.; daughters, Elena (Chuck) Burnham of Colorado Springs, Colo., Kristina Haigler of Cherokee; step-daughter, Amy Bourgeois of D'Iberville, Miss.; 12 grandchildren, Jeremy and Angela Crossley, Bryan and Samantha Collins, Kristopher and Zachery Johnson, Meghan, Sherilyn and Jason Haigler, Alexandria Zapata and Kameron and Brandon Bourgeois; two great grandchildren, Joshua and Josiah Haigler; and all of his close friends.

Norman's family would like to express their gratitude to the staff at Merit Health Hospital for their support, care and love they showed during his stay.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, Dec. 27 at Long House Funeral Home. Pastor James "Bo" Parris officiated. Burial followed at the Birdtown Cemetery with military honors provided by the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143.

Thaddeus (Syd) Chiltoskie Grant

Thaddeus (Syd) Chiltoskie Grant passed away Thursday, Dec. 27, 2018 after a long illness.

Syd enjoyed a simple life, including a good cup of coffee and good conversation. Syd liked taking rides into the country and he enjoyed the opportunity to view nature.

Syd is survived by his loving partner, Lea Goad; his daughters, Cynthia Grant-York (Victor) and Dawn Nichols; his sons, Walter Grant (Kay), Sydney Grant, and David Nichols; his two grandsons, Cody Buchanan, and Jonathan O. Grant; three granddaughters, Aron Joyce Grant, Estella Laura Grant, and Sydney Rain Grant; two special nephews, Spencer and Richie Thomas; and many other nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Syd was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest Lone Wolf Grant and Rebecca Grant, as well as by his brother, Raymond Edward Grant.

No services are planned at this time.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Grant family.

Wallace Herbert St. Clair Jr.

Wallace Herbert St. Clair Jr. 64, of Cherokee, went home to be with the Lord, Saturday Dec. 29, 2018. A longtime resident of Cherokee,

he was the son of Kogee Sulphur of Cherokee and the late Wallace St.Clair Sr. and husband of the late Martha Jackson St.Clair. He was a member and Deacon of Old Antioch Baptist Church.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by children, Sharon Bradley and husband Jason, Howard Morgan and wife Frances, Skye Littledave, Ricky Morgan and wife Kim, and Terry Morgan and wife Sheena; 11 grandchildren; one sister, Debra Carter; one brother, Bobby Sulphur; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held on Friday, Jan. 4 at Old Antioch Baptist Church. Revs. Denny Crowe and Danny Little officiated with burial in the Jarrett Blythe Cemetery.

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Mourning the death of the role model

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"When I grow up, I want to be like (fill in the blank)." When I was a boy, there were those who I looked up to and strove to mirror. The difference in a role model and a hero were indistinguishable. Back in the day, we looked to men and women of "pure character" and "iron will." They were almost superhuman in their integrity. They were able to maintain an appearance of nearly divine status. A good portion of those would not appear as mighty in the light of today's media, including social media. Flaws and secrets were more easily hidden. Role models of my day don't look as heroic as they did back then because, for the most part, things were exposed about them as I grew up that made them less than desirable as a role model. Nobody is perfect, even those we recognize as such.

Like it or not, we do not have role models today or at least, they are not easy to find. Oh, we have those who proport to be role models; those who attain recognition as athletes, entertainers, politicians, or entrepreneurs (who become politicians). And, we still admire their achievements. But, when it comes down to saying, "I want to be like them," we inevitably stop short because we know that there is probably some skeleton lurking in their closets that might jump into our closet if we profess allegiance to those "role models." There is probably some dirty laundry that we don't want to have touch our lives.

For good or bad, we, the media, are, in large part, responsible for the death of the role model. The deep-diving characteristics of modern journalism and the voracious social media network have fed the appetite of the public to have every detail of

a public person's life. And, it is not up to the individual whether they become public people. It is up to the interest and whim of the media or public.

Those in sports, entertainment, and politics know that an element of being in those activities or professions is that their lives will be on public display. It is an occupational hazard because no matter how good a person may be, there is always something questionable, or something that could be spun as questionable.

I am convinced that many who find themselves in public eye would prefer not to be considered a "role model". There are people who find themselves in circumstances that push them into the public spotlight that is, for the most part, beyond their control. Win an award, do a "heroic" act, reach a particular professional or personal plateau, and suddenly, you are in the spotlight.

When you become a role model, there is no time or possibility of going into the closet and clearing out the skeletons or changing history to make you more palatable. Your story is what it is. In years past, with no social media and less media coverage, it was possible to keep a lid on many of the bones in those closets. We live in a society of supposition. There was a recent commercial that played on the perception that "if it on the internet, it must be true." Friends sharing undocumented and unverified material on social media has been the cause of the demise of many a celebrity and politician.

As a Tribe, we are a very close-knit set of communities, and we enjoy our social network. As we pass information one to another, some of that is fact and some gossip. And many times, the more outrageous a tidbit of information is, the more we want to spread it, regardless of the status of verification.

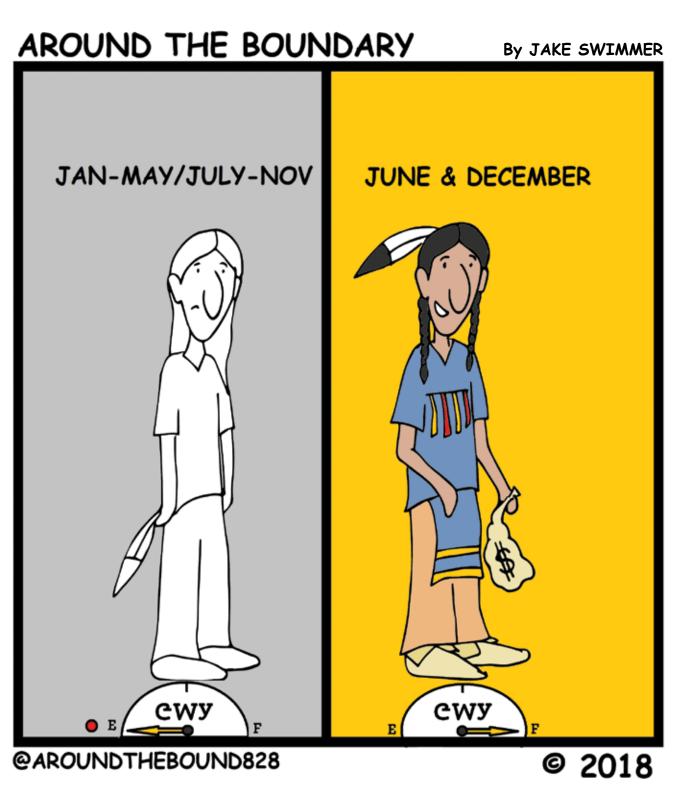
So, I think it is next to impossible for a person to be a role model in our society and our Tribe. And, we must look with caution at those who profess to be role models. Regardless of intention, a person who says they have the right way to do anything is only able to give the "right way" according to their situation and life, which rarely matches the condition and experience of anyone else. Certainly, there are those who excel in specific fields to the point

of justified emulation, but you can and will find a rotten apple in the very best of baskets of fruit. And the old saying goes, one bad apple spoils the bunch. How many times in recent months have you heard of an entertainer, politician, or athlete who achieved a lofty status that people admire and strive for, being objects of criminal investigation, sexual harassment allegation, or some other inappropriate behavior? Many of us have decided that if we cannot find a person or persons that meet the high standards needed for being a role model, then we will lower our standards. If we cannot see the person that exempli-

fies the lifestyle, talent, and values we want in a role model, then we will settle for the one who has at least some of those characteristics. Sadly, the more we, as a community, settle for less, the more the bar is lowered, fewer people have a desire to achieve and grow.

The potential is always there for a resurrection of the role model. Real role models are not looking to be role models at all. It is the desire to do the right thing because they believe in doing it. It is not enough to be successful. They have a code or moral standard that they live by. It is not outward adoration that drives them, but introspection and personal accountability. They achieve acclaim as a byproduct, not as a goal in life. They live the same on the field as they do off, in front of the cameras or off, or behind the podium or not. Their code of ethics is a standard for a lifetime, not a fortune cookie proverb for the day that will change with tomorrow's visit to the restaurant.

Set a high standard for yourself this year. Search within yourself and know what is important to you and for your personal growth. Ensure that, if you choose to pick a role model, that their values mirror what you know to be ethically and morally sound, based on your inward evaluation. It is more important to listen to what your own heart is saying, rather than what a role model or the population around you might say. There is no doubt that there are many in our tribe and the world who are great people and have good intention, but it is only you who can change your life. The only role model that matters is the one you look at in the mirror.



COMMENTARY

Cherokee contingent represents Tribe well in London

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

ONE FEATHER STAFF

hat started as a conver-**V** sation in my living room turned into an experience over 200 years in the making. Dawn Arneach, Museum of the Cherokee Indian executive assistant, came over to watch the 2018 London New Year's Day Parade with myself and my family a year ago. As we sat there, she noted that it would be cool for the Warriors of Anikituhwa, official cultural ambassadors of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, to walk and perform in the event which is watched by hundreds of millions worldwide.

We encouraged her to pursue it; she did, and the rest is history – or rather history-making. Ostenaco, Pigeon (reported in some instances as 'Pouting Pigeon'), and Stalking Turkey visited England in 1762, escorted by Lt. Henry Timberlake, where they met with King George III and drew huge crowds during their stay. Flash forward to Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019, and another official Cherokee delegation, drew huge crowds and adulation as they participated in this year's London New Year's Day Parade.

The Warriors of Anikituhwa were joined by other members of the Tribe in the historic journey that began with a flight from Atlanta on Thursday, Dec. 27. The Warriors performed in Trafalgar Square, were interviewed on BBC-TV, and participated in the parade itself in addition to various other appearances, engagements, and sight-seeing excursions – all the while representing the Tribe with



Photo courtesy of Dawn Arneach/Museum of the Cherokee Indian

The Warriors of Anikituhwa and a contingent from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are shown prior to participating in the London New Year's Day Parade on Jan. 1, 2019. Shown, left to right, are: Charlie Rhodarmer, Sam Sneed, Bullet Standingdeer, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, Bo Taylor, Kristy Maney Herron, Tyra Maney, Lloyd Arneach Jr., unknown, Nikki Crisp, Mike Crowe Jr., Jarrett Wildcat, Daniel Tramper, and Dawn Arneach.

dignity and pride.

Warriors members Bo Taylor, Mike Crowe Jr., Daniel Tramper, Bullet Standingdeer, and Jarrett Wildcatt were joined by EBCI women Nikki Crisp, Kristy Maney Herron, Tyra Maney, and Dawn who performed some of the dances with the men. Charlie Rhodarmer, Sequovah Birthplace Museum executive director, portrayed Lt. Timberlake throughout the visit and performances. Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed and wife Trina Sneed traveled with the group and their son, Sam Sneed, performed with the Warriors. EBCI Communications staff members Tighe Wachacha and Mike Stephen Smith took tons of photos and videos which they plan to turn into a documentary of the trip. Also joining the

group were Lloyd Arneach Jr., Treat Reed, and Lil' Daniel Tramper.

While there, the group had the opportunity to visit many places in and around London including Stonehenge.

The Parade itself was streamed live on several platforms, and we woke up early (London is five hours ahead) to watch this group, and we weren't disappointed. It was truly cool to see a Cherokee group interspersed on an international stage with so many other peoples and organizations.

The group did so well that they have already been invited back to participated in the 2020 Parade as well as a summer event in Rome, Italy. But, more information on those will be released as they develop

During their performance in Trafalgar Square, the Warriors performed the Cherokee Welcome Dance. Back in September, Councilor Robert Davis, Deputy Lord Mayor of the City of Westminster and a Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London; London New Year's Day Parade and Festival Executive Director Bob Bone; and other Parade officials delivered an official invitation to the group in the form of a framed certificate.

Prior to receiving the official invitation, the Warriors performed the same Welcome Dance. At that time, Taylor explained that it is not exactly a Welcome Dance. "When Timberlake came through Cherokee country, he thought it was a Welcoming Dance, but it wasn't really a Welcoming Dance. It was a way to let him know that we were still warriors. We were willing to protect our land and our people. So, that was why they were doing it."

The historic trip to London that the Warriors and the EBCI contingent took to participate in this year's parade proved several things. First, the world got to see that Cherokee people and American Indians are still here. Secondly, it proves that any idea, no matter how grandiose it might seem, can be accomplished if everyone works together for a common goal.

Hats off to Dawn for having an idea, getting others inspired, and spearheading an effort to see it through. Hats off to the Warriors and the rest of the contingent for a job well done, and I am eagerly looking forward to watching them again in the 2020 Parade.

COMMENTARY

Running for you

Dear Readers.

This year is my year... our year! Tovember 2018 brought us a historical event and this past week we witnessed something that is quite inspiring - 110 new women members of Congress were elected for a total of 127 women now elected to Congress... and two of those are the first ever Native American women! Sharise Davids (KS) and Deb Haaland (NM)). What Native American woman wouldn't be proud of that? I certainly am. This could be the beginning of something great, new and necessary. Winning any race, but especially winning as a woman is about drive, determination, endurance and resilience.

Giving women a chance to lead is the way of the future and it will become more common as time passes. I believe women leaders can bring something more to the table. We can be firm but fair. We can work hard and rise to challenges without any fear. We bare children and raise families. We fight for what we believe even if we are the only ones standing at times. We can make a point with a soft voice yet our words can be quite powerful if we are speaking from the heart. We believe things can be better and we are willing to put the effort in to help make them better. We believe in our people. We have hearts big enough to help the people we are meant to serve. We are educated. We are strong, compassionate and courageous.

As we all have seen, women are the ones in our Tribe that always work to keep the men on Council straight and they often don't listen. That is why we need more women serving in our elected government!

As a Cherokee woman, I believe we need to look at candidates like I've just described for the upcoming election. It's time we elect leaders that will hear us but also listen. We need to stop supporting the cookie cutter politician while expecting something new. We must take a chance on somebody that will fight for you and especially stand for what is right and best for families. Your best candidates may be women; truthful even if it stings, ability to love and be caring like family just as mothers do, keepers of our traditions and the wisdom passed on from our elders. Our Tribe is matrilineal because age old time has proven our women offer the loyalty, truth, strength and wisdom to be entrusted with our most precious treasures... family and traditions.

Most of today's current leaders don't see things the same way women do. Some can't see the big picture or think beyond their own selfish interests for generations into the future. It's time to change that.

I'm not saying all women will make great leaders but we need to do something different this time. We need to take an example from our Country heading in a different way by electing a large slate of new women leaders. We need to search out Cherokee women who will take the positions seriously; one that will keep their humility intact and not become egotistical; one that will always remember that job one is to take care of our people and our families and not themselves.

My husband and I have always advocated for more of our Cherokee Women to get into political office because we believe in our traditional matriarchal society where the women were the primary heads of the household. I think that women have a clearer perspective of family, community and care giving than most men and I believe we need more women in office to help our Tribe bring forth these perspectives into reality.

A race in 2019? For me? Why not? Some say I can do it and can win. I know I have a strong husband and family who will support me all the way and I know my heart is in it as well!

Two years ago, I registered to run a Half Marathon (13.1 miles) and it was cancelled due to weather, last year I planned to try again but I slipped and broke my ankle in 3 places that took surgery, two steel plates and seven screws. Now one year later I am planning to still complete my goal of the Half Marathon! I have been training for several months and gaining strength and confidence in my ankle, eating healthy (not counting the holidays) and getting mentally prepared. The race is this coming Saturday, Jan. 12th and I have been strengthening my heart, mind and body to prepare for this race. My goal is to finish in a good respectable time especially given that I'm no longer a "spring chicken" (53 years in chicken years is pretty old) but especially because I'm recovering from a severe broken ankle.

But really there are many reasons why I have set such a goal for myself. One is to complete something I never thought I'd try. And second but most importantly, I want to prove to myself and everyone that determination, strength

and resilience is in my blood and can be in all of us.

With all the recent events, I have realized I am strong enough to handle most things. I am determined to finish and if I say I'm going to do something then I will. I know my resilience will be a reminder to me in the future and I hope to a few others, that as a strong Cherokee woman I can do whatever I set my mind to do.

I continue to prepare for my race! As I said 2019 is my year!

I've been thinking of ways
I will make it about others. I'm
dedicating my race to those that
have struggled in the past few
years. Whether it's due to losing a
loved one, a physical injury, trying
to fight an addiction or dealing
personally with someone with an
addiction, some other loss you've
been through and just feeling helpless and trying to hold your family
together or if you're dealing with
an illness or someone you love is...
My race in 2019 will be for you.

Next Saturday, Jan. 12, as I struggle physically to complete the Half Marathon just know that mentally each of you will be in my thoughts, because this upcoming race in 2019 is about healing, better health, fresh starts, togetherness, strength and hope.

I just ask for your prayers and support for my race. I seek a strong heart, steady feet, strong will power and a showing of my determination, drive and caring for the ones I dedicate my race to; I am running for you. Talk to you soon!

Cyndi Lambert,

former First Lady of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Birdtown Community

COMMENTARY

Shutdown needs to end soon

JOSEPH MARTIN

ONE FEATHER STAFF

o much in this region and with our tribe centers around the federal government. Just for starters, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has a highly visible presence here. Indian Health Service provides a significant chunk of funding for Cherokee Indian Hospital. Housing and Urban Development provides some funding for housing. These are just what impacts the tribe directly.

Any kind of stoppage of funding from any of these programs could create major problems for the tribe as programs could end up scrambling to find new funding sources or just to make ends meet.

The current federal government

shutdown does that. President Donald Trump would not agree to a budget unless it included \$5 billion for the construction of a wall at the Mexican border, a wall that will likely be ineffective at stopping illegal immigration. It's a wall that will be in violation of the Tohono O'odham's sovereignty, a wall that members of that tribe have vowed to oppose. Democratic leaders in the House and Senate won't support that, and that's where the impasse has been since Dec. 22, 2018.

Impacts aren't just limited to the programs that deal directly with the tribe. Others also have an impact through indirect means. Probably the most notable of these programs is the National Park Service. Since the founding of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in 1934, it's been a major tourist draw for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Even with the wall. He told the Washington Post that federal employees, "signed up for this." No, they didn't. This act from the president, which has

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Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort today, the park still remains a major draw for tourism, which is still the lifeblood of the Cherokee community.

The most visible effect to this region has been with the park. While the main thoroughfare of U.S. 441 from Gatlinburg, Tenn. to Cherokee has been open, facilities have been closed. That not only includes the visitor centers at Sugarlands and Oconaluftee, it includes their restrooms. While they managed to stay open with the help of the Great Smoky Mountains Association, that ended Jan. 2. That not only includes lack of restroom access, it includes trash pickup and other upkeep at the facilities. If this continues, it can lead to a messy and dangerous situation, especially for the area's wildlife.

As of Friday, facilities still seemed to be in good shape at the Oconaluftee center and farmstead. However, tourists appeared confused when attempting to enter the building, and they appeared annoyed at having to hold it for the time it takes to get to their cars and drive the two miles to Cherokee's nearest public restrooms.

Our representative Mark Meadows (R-N.C.) urged the president to not go along with a funding bill that doesn't include the funding for our representative's blessing, is already having a negative impact on his district's 6,200 federal employees, some who here locally work for the BIA, park service and forest service. These are employees who either are furloughed or required to work without a paycheck. That will have an impact on spending.

This is of course on top of the federal programs' funding that the tribe has had to forgo, at least temporarily. Long term, the tribe could be looking at impacts to health care, education, law enforcement, on top of a potential decline in tourist visitation. This can't happen.

It would be nice if the legislative and executive branches could compromise and reach an agreement to keep our government working. What may have to happen is for congress to pass its own bill to keep the government working and override any veto from Trump. Whatever the case, federal employees, people and governments who depend upon federal funding, have become pawns in a nasty political game. That any of our elected officials think this is o.k. and acceptable is disgraceful. The standoff between Trump and the Democrats needs to end, and America needs to get back to work again.



Starting immediately, we will no longer post photos in albums on our Facebook page. All event photos will be uploaded to **Cherokeepics.com**, as they currently are, and we will share that album's link. Thank you.



OBITUARIES CONTINUED

Dale Morgan French Sr.

Dale Morgan French Sr., of Cherokee, passed away Friday, Jan. 4, 2019 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital.

Dale was a US Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Nora French; two children, Margaret Welch and Dale French Jr.; grandchildren, Dyna Robison, Jon Robison II, Bryton Esquivel, Morgan French, and Ava Gertkin; great grandchildren, Alize' Esquivel and E-Lo-Hi Watty; sisters, Ann French and Darlene Defoe both of Cherokee and Suzana Roach of Cache, Okla.; and foster brothers, Eugene French and Jonathan French.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, Morgan French and Dinah Crowe French; one brother, Nick French; and one sister, Maude Paul.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 8 at the Acquoni Baptist Church. Revs. Jim Park and James "Bo" Parris officiated. Burial followed at the French Family Cemetery with military honors provided by the American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post 143. Pallbearers were Eddie Paul, Eugene French, Johi Griffin, Glen Welch,

Mike Thompson, and James "Spooky" Sherrill. Long House Funeral Home assisted the French family.

Eli George

Eli George, 71, of the Snowbird Community in Robbinsville, passed away Friday, Jan. 4, 2019 at his residence.

Eli loved to fish and was fond of vintage cars. He always made friends with everyone he met. He divided his time between Cherokee and Snowbird with extended family. Eli was father to T.C. and Melissa when he didn't have to be. He went home to heaven loved and missed by many. The ones lucky to know him are better for it.

"I Love you like a dad now and always you are the superman in my life when I needed a hero, love you always now and always "T.C.

Eli is survived by his longtime companion, Jenette Jumper; his children, Suzanna Morgan (husband David), T.C. Jumper, Melissa Seay, and Nathan Jumper; one brother, Edwin George; nephew, Eddie George; cousins, Sam and Clara Saunooke; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jackson George and Annie Long George; and one brother, Cain George. Funeral services were held on Monday, Jan. 7 at Long House Funeral Home. Pastors James "Bo" Parris and Greg Morgan officiated. Burial followed at the George Family Cemetery in the Birdtown Community.

Merle Crowe Lossiah

Merle Crowe Lossiah, 82, of the Big Y community, went home to be with the Lord Friday, Jan. 4, 2019. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late Albert and Regina Welch Crowe and wife of the late Eli Lossiah. In addition to her parents and husband, she was also preceded in death by three brothers, Gene Crowe, Gilbert Crowe and Desmond Crowe; and nephew, Jason Crowe.

She is survived by one daughter, Squinnie of Cherokee; twin sister, Marie Sequoyah and sisters Mary Griffin, Charlotte George all of Cherokee; special nephews, Bunsey, Danny, Aaron, Eli, A.J., Dez, Gabe, Fabian; and one niece, Brooke.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 7 at Old Antioch Baptist Church. Revs. Ben Reed and James (Bo) Parris officiated and Rev. Denny Crowe assisted. Burial was in the Crowe Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were family.



CHEROKEE VETERANS:

We want to share your stories.

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

Thank you for your service and love for your community.

Cherokee One Feather

HAPPENINGS

Benefits/Fundraisers

Turkey Shoot. Jan. 12 at 5 p.m. at Jesse Welch's Turkey Shoot Facility. Sponsored by the Big Cove Free Labor Group. Good prizes, good fun, good benefit. All are welcome.

Big Y Breakfast Fundraiser and Indoor Yard Sale. Jan. 19 at 8 a.m. at Big Y Community Building. Sellers can set up the evening before from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the gym and doors will be locked until you arrive in the morning. All tables are \$5 each and there will be 50 tables available. All proceeds from the table rentals goes to support the Cherokee Animal Rescue, a non-profit, no-kill shelter in Cherokee. The breakfast will be the "best gravy on the Rez" and will be \$5 a

plate. To reserve a table, contact Brianna Lambert 788-3308

Church Events

Multi-faith Spiritual Gathering. Jan. 12 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Qualla Java Café meeting room. Join in to share a prayer, song, poem, story, or inspirational reading in a spirit of mutual respect and unity. Open to members of all faiths and spiritual traditions and to those of no particular faith. Sponsored by the Baha'is of the Southern Mountains. No donations requested or accepted. Info: Grant at gwolf19@yahoo.com

Cultural Events

Cherokee Language Class. Jan. 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11 from 6 p.m.

to 8 p.m. at Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore, Tenn. The cost of the class if \$40 for all four evenings. The class will be taught by Lou Jackson and Brett Jones, both enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Info: Sequoyah Birthplace Museum (423) 884-6246, seqmus@tds.net

General Events

Community Dance. Jan. 12

from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Yellowhill Community Activity Center. Legends in Their Own Minds is the featured band playing Appalachian music and songs. \$8 for singles, \$15 for couples. Refreshments available.

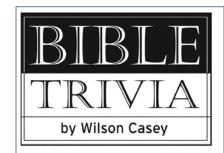
Swain County Democratic

Party meeting. Jan. 15 at 6 p.m. at the United Community Bank at 145 Slope St. in Bryson City. All are welcome. Agenda will include planning 2019. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118

NAIWA dinner. Indian Dinners, Jan. 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Yellowhill Activity Center. W/chicken, bean bread, fat back, beans and hominy, cabbage, potatoes, dessert and drink for \$10.

Health/Sports Events
Catamount Basketball EBCI
Appreciation Night. Jan. 17 at
The Ramsey Center in Cullowhee.
Women's game at 5 p.m. and Men's
game afterwards at around 7:30
p.m. Free admission to all youth





- 1. Is the book of Jeremiah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. The villains, Sanballat and Geshem, are mentioned in only which book (KJV)? 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, 2 John
- 3. From Ephesians 5, what did Paul recommend as a substitute for wine? *Water, Laughter, Love, Holy Spirit*
- 4. Who condemns drinkers who start early in the morning? *Job*, *Isaiah*, *Ruth*, *Esther*
- 5. From 1 Kings 10:26, which king had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen? David, Jehoash, Solomon, Neco
- 6. According to many, who wrote the book of Revelation? *John, Jude, Matthew, Peter*

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Nehemiah; 3) Holy Spirit; 4) Isaiah (5:11); 5) Solomon; 6) John (the Revelator)

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league basketball players wearing their team jerseys to the game. Everyone is welcome. Tribal discount tickets (\$5) available only at the WCU Cherokee Center until Jan. 16. To reserve tickets, call 497-7920. Info: same number or email Sky Sampson at snsampson@wcu.edu

Community Groups

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

Support Groups Cherokee Living Well and Diabetes Talking Circle. This group, for community members with diabetes or pre-diabetes and their family and friends, meets at Tsali Manor on the third Thursday of each month from 12 - 1pm. Info: Nilofer Couture, MPH, RD, LDN, CDE, 497-9163 ext. 6459 or Nilofer.Couture@cherokeehospital.

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

Analenisgi Recovery Center weekly schedule

Monday:

Wrap: 9:15 - 10am Finding Tohi: 10 - 11am Cherokee Culture: 11am -12:30pm

Step by Step: 1:30 - 2:30pm
The 12 Steps of Yoga (located at
Cherokee Choices): 2:30 - 4pm
Recovery Support: 4:30 - 6pm
Hi-De-Nv (Come with me) Recovery
Support Group: 5 - 6pm

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

Wrap: 9:15 - 10am

Wild Wednesday: 10:15am - 12pm

Adulting 101: 12 - 1pm

Healthy Boundaries: 1 - 2pm

Soulfit: 2 - 3:30pm

Staff Meeting: 3:30 - 4:30pm

We Belong: 5 - 6pm

Peacemaking Support Circle: 5 -

6pm

Thursday:

Life Recovery: 8:30 - 9:30am

Staff Meeting: 9 - 10am

Mindfulness Crochet: 10:30am -

12pm

Creative Writing: 1 - 3pm Employment Skills: 3 - 4pm

Friday:

Wrap: 9 - 10am

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

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

CIHA Bariatric Support Groups meet every second Tuesday of the month at Snowbird Library from 11am – 12pm (Chrystal Frank)

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

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

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



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

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although you're getting kudos and other positive reactions to your suggestions, don't let the cheers drown out some valid criticisms. Better to deal with them now than later.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Following your keen Bovine intuition pays off, as you not only reassess the suggestions some people are putting in front of you, but also their agendas for doing so.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You continue on a high-enthusiasm cycle as that new project you've assumed takes shape. You're also buoyed by the anticipation of receiving some good news about a personal matter.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your eagerness to immerse yourself in your new assignment is understandable. But be careful that you don't forget to take care of that pressing personal situation as well.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good time to learn a new skill that could give a clever Cat an edge in the upcoming competition for workplace opportunities. Enjoy the arts this weekend with someone special.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You could risk creating an impasse if you insist on expecting more from others than they're prepared to give. Showing flexibility in what you'll accept could prevent a stalemate.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Although you can weigh all factors of a dispute to find an agreeable solution for others, you might need the skilled input of someone you trust to help you deal with an ongoing situation of your own.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The good news is that your brief period of self-doubt turns into a positive "I can do anything" attitude. The better news is that you'll soon be able to prove it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time for Sagittarians to start making travel plans while you still can select from a wide menu of choices and deals, and not be forced to settle for leftovers.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Like your zodiacal sign, the sure-footed Goat, you won't allow obstacles in your path to keep you from reaching your goal. Don't be surprised by who asks to go along with you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Let your head dominate your heart as you consider the risks that might be involved in agreeing to be a friend's co-signer or otherwise act as his or her backup in a financial matter.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Prioritize: Resolve to close the door and let your voicemail take your phone calls while you finish up a task before the end-of-week deadline. Then go out and enjoy a fun-filled weekend.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your capacity for care and compassion helps to bring comfort to others.

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Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

(Open until Filled):

- Speech Language Pathologist Independent Contractor- Must have a valid NC Speech Language Pathologist License. Masters of Science in Speech Language Pathology from an accredited program. Successful completion of National Certification Examination. 1 year of vertilable, supervised professional experience within the last 3 years. To learn more about this Speech Language Pathologist Job please send all resumes to the department head, elizabeth younce@ccs-nc.org or call 828.554-5128.
- Elementary School Counselor Must have completed an approved Master's counselor education program in a regionally accredited college or university. Must be eligible for a professional license issued by the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction.
- School Psychologist Minimum requirement of a Master's Degree in psychology and have at least three year's experience working in a school setting. Must hold state license to practice school psychology.
- Middle Grades 6-8 Special Education Inclusion Teacher Must have a valid NC Teaching license in Special Education or eligible to receive licensure based on bachelor's degree in related field.
- Middle Grades 6-8 Special Education Teacher Must have a valid NC Teaching license in Special Education or eligible to receive licensure based on bachelor's degree in related field.
- Part Time Custodian Must have high school diploma/GED.
- Security Gate Monitor (Part-Time; On-Call) Must have high school diploma/GED.

Applicants who have accepted the Early Retirement Incentive Plan (ERIP) from EBCI or affiliated entity must wait 3 years before applying for employment.

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CASTERN BAND OF CHEROME INDIANS

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



POSITIONS OPEN

Please attach all required documents

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

Open Until Filled

- 1. Medical Social Worker Tribal In Home Care Services PHHS (L10 \$41,082 \$51,353)
- 2. Telecommunicator (Multiple) Public Safety Communications Center Public Safety (L7 \$31,078 \$38,848)
- 3. Certified Nursing Assistant Tribal In Home Care Services PHHS (L4 \$23,616 \$29,520)
- 4. Director of Information Technology I.T. (L15 \$64,206 \$80,258)
- 5. Conservation Outreach Coordinator Natural Resources Agriculture & Natural Resources (L9 \$37,474 \$46,843)
- 6. Part-Time Paramedic (Multiple) EMS Public Safety (L8 \$16.40 \$20.50 per hour)
- 7. Detention Officer Corrections CIPD (L7 \$31,078 \$38,848)
- 8. Teacher Qualla Boundary EHS/HS PHHS (L7 \$31,078 \$38,848)
- 9. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant Kituwah Preservation & Education Program Community/Education/Recreation (L6 \$28,372 \$35,465)
- PART-TIME Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant Kituwah Preservation & Education Program – Community/Education/Recreation (L6 \$13.64 – \$17.05 per hour)

Download Applications and Job Descriptions and Apply Online at: WWW.ebci.com/iobs





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

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

Administration Grants Coordinator

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

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

The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates

or readvertise positions without notice.

EMPLOYMENT

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Optometrist

Dental Assistant II

Physician – Emergency Room

Director of Managed Care

Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali

Care Center (10 Positions)

CNA Medication Aide – Tsali Care

Center

RN – Tsali Care Center (2 Positions)

PTR RN – Tsali Care Center

PTI CNA – Tsali Care Center (5

Positions)

PTI RN – Tsali Care Center (3 Posi-

PTI LPN – Tsali Care Center (3

Positions)

CMA/LPN – Primary Care

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Ward Clerk – Tsali Care Center (2

Positions)

Residential Technician – Snowbird

Residential Treatment Center (2

Positions)

Employment Specialist - Analenisgi

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

MANDARA SPA OPENINGS

Position: Massage Therapist

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

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

Position: Cosmetologist

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

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

Position: Male Spa Attendant

Job Description: The Spa Attendant's overall responsibility is provide premier quality service to the spa clientele by efficiently and properly cleaning the spa and maintaining it so that it is fully functional. Spa Attendants will perform any combination of general/industrial cleaning duties to maintain a clean and orderly environment.

For questions please contact Bruce Taylor, Spa Director 828-497-8552. **1/16pd**

Tribal Alcohol Beverage Control Commission has the following job available: Alcohol Law Enforcement Officer – level 1

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description from Amanda Younce at the Tribal Alcohol Beverage Control Commission Office between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday -Thursday. This position will close 01/04/18 at 4pm. Indian preference does apply and a current Job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of TABCC application. **1/9pd**

TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE IOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January

9, 2019 CLOSING DATE: January 16, 2019 At 4:00pm NAME OF POSITION: Full Time Floor Attendant NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 2

SHIFT: Evening

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

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TRIBAL BINGO ENTERPRISE JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 9, 2019 CLOSING DATE: January 16, 2019 At 4:00pm NAME OF POSITION: FT Concession Attendant NUMBER OF POSITIONS: 2 SHIFT: Evening

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

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS
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CHEROKEE, NC

FILE NO.: DV 11-028 CLEO DYER

V.

DANIEL DYER

TO: DANIEL DYER
TAKE NOTICE that a pleading
seeking relief against you has been
filed in the above-entitled action.
The nature of the relief being
sought is the RENEWAL OF A DO-

MESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDER. You are required to make defense to this pleading not later than December 24, 2018, said date being 40 days from the first date of this publication, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This is the 14th day of November, 2018.

Tim Lewis, Attorney for Plaintiff, EBCI Legal Assistance Office, PO Box 2280, Cherokee, NC 28719 828.359.7400

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

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. EST 18-082

In the Matter of the Estate of Dianne Sue Wildcatt

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

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

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

Stephen Kirkland, 118 Field Rd., Whittier, NC 28789, **1/9pd**

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Barbara Ann Hornbuckle George

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

their recovery.

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

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

Jason Ray George, 39 Hornbuckle Dr., Cherokee, NC 28719. **1/16pd**

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Amanda Mabel Swimmer

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

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

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

Donald Lee Swimmer, P.O. Box 790, Cherokee NC 28719, **1/16pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 18-005

In the Matter of the Estate of Lorenzo Dwight Walkingstick

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION Frances Louise Luther, 4 Shirley's Way, Leicester, NC 28748. **1/23pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 18-085

In the Matter of the Estate of William Phillip Standingdeer

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

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

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

Bernice Standingdeer, P.O. Box 1792, Cherokee, NC 28719.

1/30pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 18-087

In the Matter of the Estate of Dorothy P. Swimmer

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

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

Kina M. Swimmer, 242 Ike Swimmer Road, Cherokee NC 28719. 1/30pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 18-086

In the Matter of the Estate of Larry Robert Hornbuckle

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

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

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

Jessica George, P.O. Box 1677, Cherokee NC 28719. **1/30pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 18-081

In the Matter of the Estate of Mickey Edward Rattler

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

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

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

Elsie Rattler, 180 Elsie Rattler Road, Cherokee NC 28719. **1/30pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 19-002

In the Matter of the Estate of Patsy Sue Ledford Maney

All persons, firms and 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.

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

Sherry Maney, P.O. Box 843, Cherokee NC 28719. **1/30pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 19-003

In the Matter of the Estate of Tracy Renee Swimmer

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

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

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

Tina Swimmer, P.O. Box 148, Cherokee NC 28719. **1/30pd**

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Request for Proposals

The EBCI Public Health and Human Services Division (EBCI PHHS) seeks competitive proposals for a Project Manager for the Tribal Action Plan (TAP) for multi-disciplinary, collaborative, community-wide response to the opioid epidemic. This Project Manager will support the planning for and implementation of the TAP. This is a 1-year opportunity that may be extended. Interested individuals or companies may request the request for proposals from: Martha Salyers, 43 John Crowe Hill, Cherokee, NC 28719, 828 359 6185,

martsaly@nc-cherokee.com

Requirements and submission instructions are in the RFP. Proposals must be submitted before close of business, 4:30 pm EST, January 18, 2019. Submissions sent after this time will not be considered. This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. EBCI PHHS reserves the right to decline any proposals received. 1/16pd

Cherokee Department of Transportation (CDOT) of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians **Request for Qualifications**

Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

The CDOT is requesting qualifications for Roadway Design
Services for Old #4 Road on the
Qualla Boundary in Cherokee, NC.
Engineering firm shall propose a
team with Engineers specializing in
surveys, roadway design, hydraulics/hydrology, structural design
(retaining walls), traffic control,
utility design and permitting.

For a copy of the RFQ, contact Eden Brown, CDOT Manager, PO Box 2400, Cherokee, NC or 828-359-6532, or ebrow@nc-cherokee. com. **1/16pd**

Cherokee Department of Transportation (CDOT) Of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

The CDOT is requesting qualifications for Roadway Design
Services for Welch Road and
Meetinghouse Cove Road on the
Qualla Boundary in Cherokee, NC.
Engineering firm shall propose a
team with Engineers specializing in
surveys, roadway design, hydraulics/hydrology, structural design
(retaining walls), traffic control,

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Request for Proposals

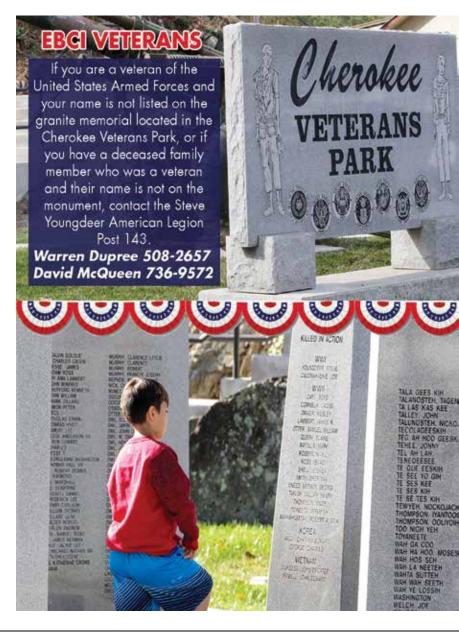
Kituwah, LLC seeks competitive proposals from a qualified and appropriately licensed contractor to design and develop various types of signs (one for top of building and one along roadside) to include sign dimensions, types of materials to be used and total cost for completion of the necessary detailed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

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

Kristin Smith 1235 Seven Clans Lane Cherokee, NC 28719, 828 736 2365.

kristin@kituwahllc.com

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