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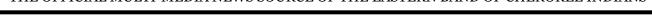


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- Mark Tuttle, epidemiologist with EBCI Public Health & Human Services, on the coronavirus



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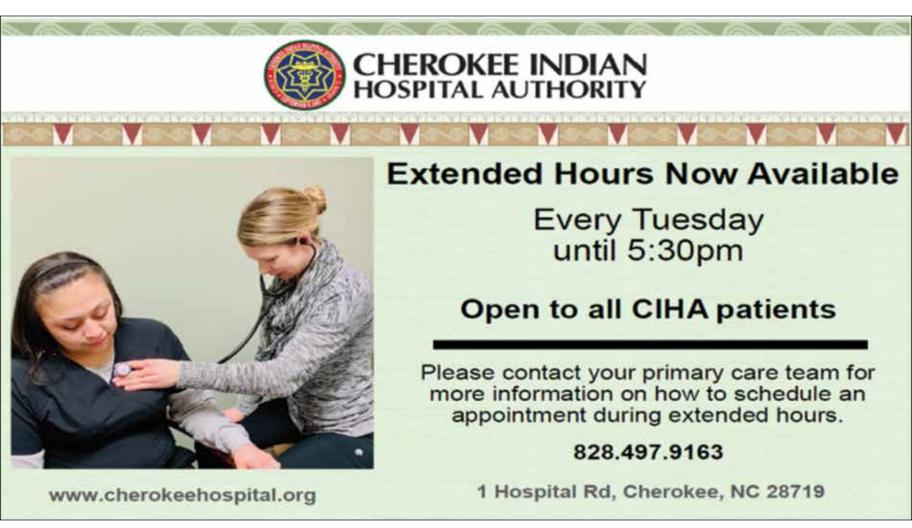
s the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has begun to spread across the United States, the EBCI Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) called a meeting to discuss the Tribe's preparation.

This meeting was held on the afternoon of Monday, March 2 and brought together the local stakeholders in order to initiate a plan moving forward. The primary takeaway from the meeting was understanding what is needed to be prepared across the Tribe and to ensure communication between all the departments involved.

The main things that the com-



Vickie Bradley, Secretary of PHHS, speaks in front of community stakeholders at their called meeting on Monday, March 2 to discuss the coronavirus.



munity can do is to take all necessary precautions in terms of basic hygiene. Thoroughly washing your hands, covering your mouth to cough or sneeze, avoid touching your face, clean frequently touched items at your home and work, and avoid contact with those that are sick.

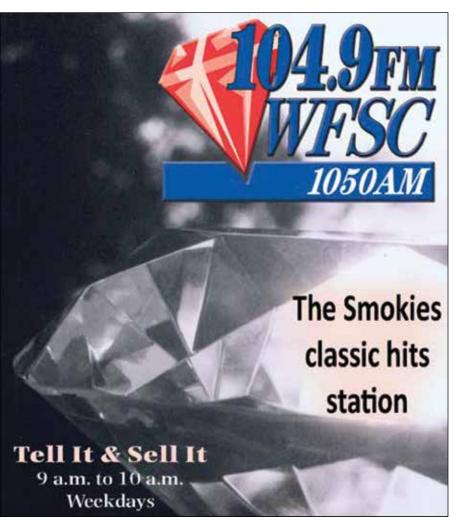
"This virus, it's not very hearty. Many things can kill it. Typically, it doesn't last on surfaces very long, although it has been seen to last up to nine days on some surfaces. That's kind of worst case, mostly it's around 24 hours max," said Mark Tuttle, a PHHS Epidemiologist.

An important aspect of COVID-19 is that it is a novel virus. This means it has not been seen before, therefore no one is immune to the disease and any information regarding the virus is adapting at this point.

Tuttle led a presentation on COVID-19. He even had to edit the statistics the day of the meeting because of multiple new cases hitting the United States over the weekend. He discussed what is known at this moment, with all the offered information coming from the World Health Organization and the CDC.

Current trends show a few groups that are more at risk. Elderly people, especially 70 years and older, have a higher rate of fatality. Other increased rates include men, those with preexisting medical conditions, and smokers.

As of March 2, the COVID-19 had reached 67 countries with nearly 90,000 cases. 89 of those cases have been in the United States. There have been no reported cases in North Carolina or



its neighboring states. However, it has reached several East-coast states, including New York and Florida. There have been multiple deaths in Washington state.

There are more statistics available, but with new information coming everyday it is best to keep a watch on the situation through https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/ and https:// www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019.

Each entity had a chance to speak at the meeting, offering contact information and their plan moving forward in terms of preparation. PHHS, Harrah's Cherokee Casino, Cherokee Indian Hospital, Cherokee Central Schools, EBCI Emergency Management, and more were there. It was also stated the Tribe has been in contact with Swain and Jackson counties to ensure that there is continuity moving forward, and that they have shared their plans for preparation and what to do if there were to be a reported case in the region.

Different departments, including the Cherokee One Feather, will be sharing materials to help prevention efforts. This includes posts on social media, as well as posting flyers and reminders across all the buildings and bathrooms on the Boundary and surrounding areas.

Currently, the region is pre-

paring. However, protocol could quickly change if there is a reported case in the area. Vickie Bradley, Secretary of PHHS, was providing a report to Budget Council on Tuesday, March 3 when Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley asked about public gatherings moving forward.

"If the virus hits our community – if we were to have a positive case – I would recommend that we discontinue any congregating in public spaces," said Bradley.

Adele Madden, of Harrah's Cherokee Casino, said that they have already taken precautions on three employees that had travelled internationally during the outbreak. She said that they would be spending three paid weeks at home to ensure they did not bring the virus to the casino.

A unified front and focus on education and caution is necessary moving forward. More resources will soon be available, but if there are any questions regarding COVID-19, contact the following services:

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For clinical or urgent information – NC Epidemiologist on Call: 919-733-3419.



Disinfectant wipes were placed by a sign-in sheet at the meeting. All those that attended will be added to a distribution list for COVID-19 information and updates.

Council approves changes to Tribe's exclusion laws

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ribal Council has approved changes to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' (EBCI) exclusion (banishment) laws. By an unanimous vote, Council passed Ord. No. 124 amending parts of Cherokee Code Chapter 2 (Exclusion Powers of the Tribe) during its regular session of Council on Thursday, March 5.

The ordinance was submitted by the EBCI Office of the Attorney General, and Michael McConnell, interim Attorney General, presented several floor amendments to the legislation during Thursday's session.

"The changes to Chapter 2 that are in the proposed ordinance do not alter Tribal Council's authority regarding its exclusive control of banishment and exclusion under the Chapter," McConnell said. "What it does is provide the statement of policy and tribal sovereignty in the exercise of exclusion and defines some terms."

He added, "Tribal Council has the authority to banish and within that authority is the authority to re-visit one of those decisions. It doesn't make any requirements that you do so, but it recognizes that you have that power."

Earlier in the session, Tabled Ord. No. 18 (2019), submitted by Kallup McCoy II, was withdrawn as the main gist of that legislation was to give Council the ability to re-visit an exclusion decision - something that is contained in the more wide-sweeping changes included in Ord. No. 124.

"This (Ord. No. 124) does require proper notice to the person being excluded," McConnell noted. "The necessity for that is that if somebody were to try to challenge on the backend and say 'you can't get me for trespassing, I didn't know I was excluded'. So, the type of service is spelled out."

Some of the main changes included in Ord. No. 124 are:

* Addition of subsection (d) to Section 2-1 which reads, "The power to exclude contains the power to modify or terminate a previously ordered exclusion."

* Addition of subsection (e) to Section 2-1, "The Tribe hereby declares that the power to exclude is an inherent and essential part of Tribal sovereignty. It is indispensable to the Tribe's autonomy and self-governance. Further, it is a natural right of the members of this Tribe, through their tribal leaders and codified tribal law, to exercise the power of exclusion to protect the Tribe's natural, economic, and cultural resources, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of tribal members."

* Amend subsection (b) to Section 2-3, "Such persons shall be provided with a written statement of the grounds for the proposed exclusion

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at the same time notice of the hearing is served upon them."

Ord. No. 124 also adds penalties for those found guilty of harboring individuals who have been banished. It adds Section 2-10 (Harboring excluded person) which reads, "Any person who harbors an excluded person on Cherokee trust lands shall be guilty of a crime and upon conviction thereof may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment not to exceed six months or a fine not to exceed \$5,000, or both."

A floor amendment was passed adding the following to the end of the last sentence in Section 2-10 which reads, "...but shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum sentence of not less than seven (7) days."

Ord. No. 124 also changes the vote amount required by Coun-

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cil to exclude an individual by amending Section 2-5 to state that a simple majority vote is required to exclude an individual instead of the previous three-fourths vote.

Many of these changes were discussed during a work session held on the legislation on Wednesday, Feb. 26. One major point of discussion during that session was a new state law regarding people excluded by the Tribe who re-enter and trespass on EBCI trust lands. N.C. House Bill 744 passed and was ratified by Gov. Roy Cooper on June 15, 2018 and took effect on Dec. 1, 2018. According to information from the General Assembly, "...House Bill 744 would make it a first-degree trespass for a person to enter onto or remain upon lands of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians after having been excluded by resolution passed by the Tribal Council. A first offense would be a Class 2 misdemeanor, and any subsequent offense would be a Class I felony, including a fine of not less than \$1,000."

McConnell addressed the change during that work session noting, "The state law did change, and it's a felony now to violate an exclusion resolution issued by the Tribe. So, that's a great step. The difficulty is in the on-the-ground 'how do you deal with this' situation. We constantly try to work with the police department on how to do that. One of the sticking points with the tribal process is making sure that the person who is being excluded has been properly served with the exclusion resolution."

He added, "We may all know it. The papers may all be in our offices, but if that person hasn't been served properly when it goes to court they would have a very good defense to that exclusion."

Rep. Saunooke said during the work session, "We've banished people and they've never left here. It's a felony now, and that's a good thing."





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Tribe's realty, historical documents to remain in Cherokee

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With the process ongoing for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to take over realty functions of the Tribe from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), tribal leaders sent a message to BIA officials that they do not want records moved. During its regular session on Thursday, March 5, Tribal Council passed unanimously legislation, submitted by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, that states the Tribe's position on records in possession of the Cherokee Agency.

"This resolution is simply giving them formal notice that we do not want our records removed from our tribal lands and taken to Lenaxa, Kansas," Chief Sneed said on Thursday. "It is our position that those records belong to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians - that they are not BIA property and we are giving them a formal notice that we would like for those documents to remain on Eastern Band of Cherokee's tribal trust lands."

The resolution states, "For over a century, the Cherokee Agency and the Tribe have, individually or in concert, created or managed records pertaining to the conduct of tribal and federal business, including but not limited to leases, maps, surveys, letters, notes, easements, transfers of possessory holdings and other things. Some of these



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records are ancient, historical and irreplaceable; and, these records are stored in the Cherokee Agency building in the 'vault', and in filing cabinets located in other offices in the building, including in the Superintendent's suite of offices..."

It goes on to state, "The Tribe is on the cusp of entering a '638' contract with the BIA for the performance of realty functions in Cherokee, and is about to obtain the Cherokee Agency building by transfer from the BIA. In the course of preparing for the transfer of the building, all federal property within the building is being inventoried, and this includes all of the records - including the Tribe's ancient and historical records..."

Chief Sneed noted, "Many things with the Bureau of Indian Affairs moves along at a snail's pace. This is actually moving along rather nicely as far as the 638 process goes."

The resolution states that the BIA could move the records - a point tribal leaders addressed with the legislation which states, "There is a potential that records that are important to the Tribe will be removed from the Cherokee Agency building and into federal archives in Lenaxa, Kansas. Although the Tribe may thereafter obtain copies (and some originals) from the archives, the Tribe's history and ability to manage its own affairs will be severely compromised if the records are removed from Cherokee."

Brandon Stephens, Tribal Realty Services director, said on Thursday, "We have received ownership of our possessory holding files which are our land records. That is huge. That is something to be proud of in our history that we have possession of our land records, and we now have the destiny of what is recorded and how those things are cared for and how they are managed and taken care of."

He added, "This has sped along some other records that will be passed to us, in addition to the leasing records, surveying and issues records, maps, historical documents. So, this is huge for us. This part of us that really tells our story, who we were, where we are, where we're going."

Calling it a "huge moment" for the Tribe, Stephens noted, "It also adds to the strength of our sovereignty when you have that ability."

He spoke of the transfer of several structures, "We are making strides now to assume the ownership and control of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Building #1, Building #5 which is the Forestry Building behind the BIA Agency, and the school property so that all advanced. And, we hope in the next 90 days that the Eastern Regional Office (BIA) will give us word about the transfer of Building #1."

The legislation concluded by stating, "The Tribe should make every effort to keep the records important to the Tribe in Cherokee, and in the Cherokee Agency building, unless and until the Tribe builds a better, more suitable facility...the Tribe asks the Cherokee Agency to provide 30 days written notice in advance of any decision to move any records from the Cherokee Agency to any other location, and to give the Tribe a meaningful opportunity to engage with the Agency or the Department of the Interior on the subject of classification and removal of records."

CCS School Board holds first meeting of March

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The Monday, March 3 meet-L ing of the Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Board of Education was called to order at 4:45 p.m. with Chairperson Jennifer Thompson; Secretary Tara Reed-Cooper; Board members Gloria Griffin, Karen French-Browning, and Regina Ledford Rosario; School Board Assistant Sunnie Clapsaddle; HR Director Heather Driver; Superintendent Dr. Michael Murray; Assistant Superintendent Dr. Beverly Payne; and Tribal Council representative Chelsea Saunooke present. Vice-Chair Isaac Long was late to the meeting.

The minutes from their Tuesday, February 18 meeting were approved along with the amended agenda for the day.

The first guests to the meetings were the CCS Beta Club, who came to speak on their recent trip to the North Carolina Beta Club Convention in Greensboro. Each student who went on the trip talked about what they learned and what they enjoyed most about the trip. In January, the School Board donated \$500 to the Beta Club to help fund the outing.

Next to visit the Board was the Close-Up group, which is the group of students that went to Hawaii last month. Similar to the first guests, each student spoke on their experiences and thoughts on the trip.

Laura Pinnix, the CCS cultural director, was also a guest on Monday. She was there to propose a new scholarship for graduating seniors going to college. It would be an annual scholarship worth \$500 and would be for personal use, not tuition or academic funding. Pinnix said that the student selected would be one who studied the Cherokee language and would offer both an incentive and assistance to the student.

There were no objections to the idea, but the Board said they would begin reviewing the concept. They said they would need solidified guidelines, to look at the legalities, and find the best form of funding.

The Board was supposed to meet with Athletic Director Sean Ross regarding an update on the renewed Athletic Recognition Committee. However, he was unable to attend the meeting. Instead, he had provided his presentation to the Board, outlining changes he was recommending to the committee.

The School Board then went into a closed session with Libby Ensley and Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley. These guests were not on the provided agenda, and the closed session lasted for well over an hour. It was stated that the meeting was to discuss personnel issues, and the Board offered no report from the closed session.

Due to time constraints, the Cherokee One Feather was unable to stay for the remainder of the meeting. The meeting went into closed at 5:16 p.m. and was still closed at the time of departure around 6:30 p.m. The rest of the report is based on an audio recording provided by the CCS Board of Education.

Once the session was reopened, the Board moved to the consent agenda. The only question came from French-Browning who asked if anybody knew who was the selected individual for the position of Varsity Baseball Pitch Count Coach. They discussed that he was listed as non-enrolled and wondered who the previous person was in that position. French-Browning wanted more clarification and decided to pull the resolution from the consent agenda. The person in question was selected as the best candidate by Athletic Director Sean Ross.

With no other questions, the Board moved to pass the Consent Agenda as amended, approving the following resolutions:

• 20-139 – Henrietta Armachain approved as a Volunteer Chaperone for the Galapagos trip in June with the Travel Club.

• 20-140 – Corbin Wright approved as the Middle School Assistant Baseball coach for the 2020 season.

• 20-142 – Timothy Swayney approved as a Substitute Teacher for Cherokee Elementary School (CES).

• 20-143 – Audrey Rogers approved as a Substitute Nurse for CES.

20-144 – Lori Davis approved for a transfer to an Elementary Teacher Assistant position for CES.
20-145 – Keterri Cagle-Bradley approved as an Accounts Payable Processor position for CCS.

The Board then approved the newly edited job description for the Varsity Volleyball Head Coach. The edit added that an individual would need 2-3 years of successful experience at the Varsity level.

The last thing in 'unfinished business' was approving the 2020-2021 CCS Calendar. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Beverly Payne said that there were additions to this upcoming academic year.

"There is one difference in this calendar as opposed to our previous calendars, and that is that we put in a few late-start days so that our staff can get together and do vertical PLC meetings," said Payne.

The Board then approved a sabbatical request by a CCS employee who is due to have a child this summer. They requested to have 12-months of sabbatical leave to spend as much time with their child before returning their position at the school.

There was one walk-in resolution presented by HR Director Heather Driver. Resolution 20-146 would approve Jimmy Ray Long as a full-time custodian at CCS, and it was approved by the Board.

The last subject discussed before adjourning was the current approach to the novel coronavirus. With the meeting being on Monday, plenty has changed since then. However, Yona Wade represented CCS at the tribal meeting that afternoon to maintain communication with the tribal programs and their approach to preparing for the virus. Wade said that they would be providing information and protocol with their packets this Thursday.

Superintendent Murray said that they will be taking the situation seriously and will do what they can to share more information directly and via social media. He said that right, they will continue with caution, but no drastic measures have been taken yet. Murray said they would keep an eye on the situation and assess future school trips and other functions as time progresses.

The next meeting of the CCS Board of Education will take place Tuesday, March 10 at Swain County High School. It is the annual joint meeting with the Swain County Board of Education.

Council approves land purchases in Budget Council session

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ribal Council approved two land purchases L for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) during its monthly Budget Council session on Tuesday, March 3. The purchases were approved through the passage of Res. No. 118 (2020) and Res. No. 145 (2020).

Council first approved the purchase of 21.22 acres near the Sequoyah National Golf Club in Jackson County with the passage of Res. No. 118 (2020) which was submitted by the EBCI Lands Acquisition Committee. The property, found in Book 714 Page 128 of the Jackson County Register of Deeds, was purchased for \$875,000 from the estate of Robert A. Lawhon, Jr.

The resolution states, "The \$875,000 purchase price is essentially appraised value and half the asking price of another adjacent parcel."

Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley said, "We've worked on this parcel here for several years since we started the project out on the fourlane. It has been through the Lands Acquisition Committee, and we recommend the purchase of this property to join what we already own out there."

Jay Gallinger, EBCI tribal attorney, said the Tribe has been looking at this property since 2005. He related that the parcel will be EBCI deeded property and not trust land and it is already zoned for residential usage.

Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke inquired, "Has there been any plans to put any tribal housing out there?"

Tiny Taylor, EBCI Secretary of Housing, answered, "It is on the radar, but until we actually have it in our possession we haven't made any plans."

Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle made the move to pass the legislation authorizing the purchase and said, "This is, of course, valuable land and we're going to try to put housing there eventually. Any time you build something, especially like the golf course that is big and gets visited quite a bit, the land around it gets more expensive."

He went on to note, "It's a beautiful piece of | the EBCI Endowment Fund No. 2.

property, and it already has road access going up to the golf course."

Wolftown Rep. Bo Crowe and Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose voted in opposition of the legislation.

The other land purchase on the day involved two parcels in the Wolftown Community totaling 59.508 acres for the total price of \$300,000 with the passage of Res. No. 145 (2020). Wolftown Community Parcel No. 812-L containing 2.749 acres and Wolftown Community Parcel No. 812-N containing 56.759 were purchased from Juanita Wilson, an EBCI tribal member, and added to the EBCI Tribal Reserve. The purchase was approved unanimously.

"When we spoke about this in the Lands Acquisition Committee, it was to put additional property into the tribal reserve," said Vice Chief Ensley. "The amount that they're asking and that we agreed upon is less than what we've paid for other properties that we've bought and put in reserve."

The funds for both purchases came out of

Fatal accident on Foothills **Parkway in Park**

Great Smoky Mountains National Park rangers responded to a fatal accident on the Foothills Parkway between Chilhowee Lake and Look Rock, near mile marker 13, at approximately 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3. A passenger in a vehicle, Maiah Reilich-Godino, age 18, of Eddington, Maine, was sitting in an open window while the 2011 Jeep Patriot was in motion. She fell from the vehicle when the roof rack she was pulling up on disconnected from the roof. Maiah died as a result of her injuries.

Blount County Sheriff Office Deputies and Park Rangers performed CPR until American Medical Response (AMR) ambulance service arrived and pronounced her dead on scene. The driver and front-seat passenger, the only other occupants of the vehicle, were not injured.

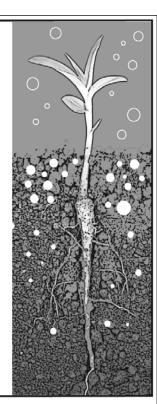
Park Rangers are completing the accident investigation. No additional details are available at this time. - National Park Service release

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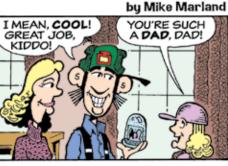
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3. From Genesis 29, what childless woman was jealous of her sister's fertility? Candace, Abigail, Rachel, Herodias 4. In what book do we find the story of Samson and Delilah? Judges, Num-

bers, Exodus, 1 John 5. From Genesis 39, whose wife tried to seduce a handsome slave? Daniel, Shimei, Potiphar, Achan

6. In Ruth 3, which farmer winnowed his barley at night? Abner, Eleazar, Boaz, Joah

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1. ADVERTISING SLOGANS: Which product was advertised as "the champagne of bottled beer"?

2. GEOGRAPHY: Which was the first designated national park in the United States?

3. BIBLE: From which book of the New Testament does the proverb "the blind leading the blind" originate?

4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president established the Purple Heart award to military members injured or killed in battle?

5. LITERATURE: What is the title of a classic novel that its British author originally named "Strangers from Within"?

6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which animal's home is called a lodge?

7. FOOD & DRINK: Which spice is described as "the Queen of Spices"?

8. MUSIC: Who wrote the libretto and music to the opera "The Flying Dutchman"?

9. HISTORY: Which country's revolution was described in the book "Ten Days That Shook the World"?

10. ANATOMY: What is the most common blood type in humans?

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SPORTS

BASKETBALL Teesateskie named to NCCAA Mideast All-Region team

SCOTT MCKIE B.P. ONE FEATHER STAFF

Tori Teesateskie, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, is making her mark at the collegiate level in her freshman year with the Johnson University (Tenn.) Lady Royals. She was recently named to the NCCAA (National Christian College Athletic Association) Mideast All-Region Team.

"I was surprised that I got it," said Teesateskie. "Yeah, I accomplished it, but there's more that I need to accomplish. I was excited that I got it and surprised at the same time."

Teesateskie, a Cherokee High School graduate and former Lady Brave, was the only freshman named to the five-person First Team All-Region list. "It's a huge accomplishment," said Caylee Braziel, Johnson University women's basketball head coach. "It's just an incredible accomplishment, and we are super, super proud of her to represent Johnson and our program. I am so excited about her potential as she goes into her sophomore, junior, and senior years. She's got a lot of potential. I can't wait."

She finished the regular season with 460 points (20.9/game) shooting 43.9 percent from the field, 39.11 percent from threepoint land, and 80.77 percent from the free throw line. "She really can have a 2,000 point career which not many basketball players do," said Braziel who noted that Teesateskie's points per game statistic is the highest in the entire Mideast Region. "I wouldn't be surprised if she gets MVP next year or the year after - she really deserves it."

While the Lady Royals lost 63-60 to Great Lakes Christian College in the semifinals of the Mideast Region tournament on Friday, Feb. 28, Teesateskie hit 8 of 10 three-point shots. Braziel commented, "She was on. She is the purest, probably the best, women's three-point shooter I've ever seen."

The Lady Royals now move on to the NCCAA Tournament as a No. 7 seed where they will face No. 2 seed Manhattan Christian College on Thursday, March 12 at 4 p.m. in Joplin, Mo. Teesateskie is now, and has been all season, focused on her team rather than her statistics.

"To me, it's not an individual sport, it's a team sport," she said. "Sharing the ball, looking to see who's open on the court, and making sure other players get open and we get the best shot that we can get is really an important part of why I like to play because out of all of the accomplishments I've had, I wouldn't have accomplished them if it wasn't for my teammates."

A lot of Teesateskie's success in high school and in college has been due to her work ethic. "She is an incredible worker," said Braziel. "She stays in the gym and keeps working, goes after it. She's the first one there. I've seen her kick into even higher gear as the year's gone on which is just incredible. Tori is the kind of player that is so composed, so even-keeled; which really brings consistency. Part of what makes her so good is she is so consistent."



Photos courtesy of Johnson University **Tori Teesateskie**, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in her freshman year with the Johnson University (Tenn.) Lady Royals, was recently named to the NCCAA (National Christian College Athletic Association) Mideast All-Region Team.

Teesateskie noted, "I know that practice is going to be hard, but if I want to better myself I'm going to have to do it on my own. I think it's really important that I go and get in the extra shots and I go and work on what I need to work on."

She said her biggest focus is really representing the Tribe to the best of her ability. "I am thankful for the opportunity to represent my Tribe, and I want to set an example for future kids. Even though this isn't a big division school, I'm still a minority student who is making it."



BASKETBALL

Braves, Lady Braves to play in all-star games

SCOTT MCKIE B.P. ONE FEATHER STAFF

Several members of the Cherokee Lady Braves and Braves varsity basketball teams, as well as the coaches of both of those squads, have been invited to participate in post-season all-star games.

Sterling Santa Maria, Braves senior, and Aaron Hogner, Braves head coach, will participate in the 68th Annual Blue-White All-Star boys game on Saturday, March 21 at Pisgah High School. Both will be on the White team along with Braves assistant coaches Jack Gloyne and Ethan Clapsaddle. The 44th Annual Blue-White All-Star girls game will start at 6 p.m. followed by the boys game. Advance tickets are on sale now at www.bluewhiteallstar.com.

Several Cherokee players are participating in the 6th Annual West vs Midwest 1A All-Star Basketball Game on Saturday, March 21 at the Charles George Memorial Arena. The girls game starts at 5 p.m. followed by the boys game. Braves seniors Bobby Crowe, Treannie Larch, and Ethan Crowe will play for the West in the boys game. Lady Braves seniors Raylen Bark and Tigger King will play for the West in the girls game, and Lady Braves Head Coach Keith Pinnix will be the head coach for the West girls. Admission to the games is \$7.00.

Rosters for the Blue-White All-Star games are as follows: **White Boys:** Sterling Santa Maria (Cherokee), Adam Crook (Enka), Drew Scott (Brevard), Gavin Strickland (Henderson), Tyrece Thompson (Asheville),



Sterling Santa Maria



Treannie Larch

Famous Pasley (Asheville), Ben Bryson (West Henderson), Josh Lyda (West Henderson), Mitch Wike (Smoky Mountain), and Zeb Sink (Smoky Mountain) Blue Boys: JT Laws (North Buncombe), Caden Norris (North Buncombe), Nathaniel Ledford (Mountain Heritage), Justus Shelton (Mountain Heritage), Callin Randolph (Mountain Heritage), Lucas Jenkins (Mountain Heritage), Jacob Lamb (Madison), Ty Watkins (RS Central), Cameron Phillips (TC Roberson), Jakari Thompson (AC Reynolds), and Tyler Parton (AC Reynolds) White Girls: Annabelle Schultz (Erwin), Michelle Lopez (Brevard), Tristen Berry (Brevard), Lucy McRae (Smoky Mountain), Sydni Addison (Murphy), Ava Yurko



Bobby Crowe



Raylen Bark

(Asheville), Sekaya Canady (Hendersonville), Carter Gibson (Pisgah), MaeAnna Norris (Pisgah), Mae Cordiale (Enka), and Cambrie Lovin (Robbinsville) Blue Girls: Hannah Ray (Mountain Heritage), Kylie Robinson (Mountain Heritage), Makenna Perkins (McDowell), Kaitlyn Light (North Buncombe), Lani Woods (North Buncombe), Hannah McMahon (Mitchell), Abby Hedgepeth (North Henderson), Ashley Patton (North Henderson), Nikya Lynch (RS Central), and Sara Fletcher (Reynolds)

Rosters for the West vs Midwest All-Star games are as follows: **West Boys:** Bobby Crowe (Cherokee), Ethan Crowe (Cherokee), Treannie Larch (Cherokee), Landon White (Andrews), Jose



Ethan Crowe



Tigger King

Martinez (Andrews), Mark Cothern (Hayesville), Dillon Schmitt (Highlands), Justice Dorsey (Murphy), Devonte Murray (Murphy), Nick Millsaps (Swain County), Connor Hyatt (Swain County) Landyn Hall (Robbinsville), Dylan Stroud (Nantahala), and Colton Taylor (Blue Ridge) West Girls: Raylen Bark (Cherokee), Tigger King (Cherokee), Karlie Curtis (Andrews), Abby Hedden (Andrews), Annie Brooks (Hayesville), Jade Patterson (Hayesville) Kendra McCall (Highlands), Erika Sena (Murphy), Savannah O'Dell (Nantahala), Karlyn Matheson (Robbinsville), and Ashlyn Dodson (Rosman)

Rosters for the Midwest teams were unavailable by press time. Scott McKie B.P./One Feather photos



TALENT SHOWCASE



Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather

Keegan Crow sings "For Forever" from "Dear Evan Hansen" during the Braves on Broadway production by the Cherokee Performing Arts Program at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center on the evening of Tuesday, March 3. The show featured Cherokee Middle School student performances with a few numbers by graduating Cherokee High School (CHS) seniors.



Ailey Reed sings "In My Own Corner" from "Cinderella".



Students perform "Revolting Children" from "Matilda".

Kyleigh Sherman sings "When Will My Life Begin" from "Tangled".



CeCe Lambert, a senior at CHS, sings "Dead Mom" from "Beetlejuice".



Silas Driver, a senior at CHS, sings "Make Them Hear You" from "Ragtime".



Ella Montelongo, a senior at CHS, sings "Stars and the Moon" from "Stars for a New World".



Staci Spicer, a senior at CHS, sings "Big, Blonde, and Beautiful" from "Hairspray".



Kim Hendrix, a senior at CHS, sings "LIfe I Never Lead" from "Sister Act".

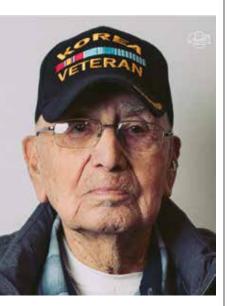


Hilarie Howell sings "I Know It's Today" from "Shrek the Musical".



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OBITUARIES



John Henry Maney

John Henry Maney, 89, of Cherokee, took his heavenly flight on March 4, 2020 to reunite with his parents, John W. Maney and Arnessa Bradley Maney; his children, Don, Ronnell, and Johnnie Ruth Maney; granddaughter, Nancy Dawnell Maney; and Beloved Woman Louise Bigmeat Maney.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores; children, Nancy Maney, William Maney, Charla Crowe and husband Melvin, Kenneth (Buff) Maney and wife Julie, Mollie Grant and partner Rodney Starlin; and stepchildren, Carolyn West and Robin West. In addition to them, he will be remembered by his close relatives, Paulette Smart, Dianne Panther, Pat Brown, Nikki Bradley, Sheila Arch, Annette Jackson, Jennifer Jackson, Zena Wolfe, his Rock Springs Baptist Church Family along with many other family members and friends. He was a wonderful and loving grandfather to 14 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great children.

John Henry was a proud Army Veteran, having served in the Korean War. During his lifetime, he was an Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Council Member, Indian Health Service Employee, Lions Club and Painttown Community Club Member, an award-winning potter with pieces on display at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C. along with numerous museums worldwide. He was a faithful member of the Rock Springs Baptist Church, an avid Duke Blue Devils fan, a Senior Games Cornhole Champion and enjoyed watching Walker Texas Ranger.

People who met John Henry will remember his generosity, sense of humor and sweet demeanor. He was a kind and good person who made the world a better place. He loved the Lord and his family.

Visitation will take place at Rock Springs Baptist Church on Friday, March 6 beginning at 5 p.m. Funeral services will commence at 11 a.m. the following day with Pastors Greg Morgan, Keith Carson and Bobby Watts officiating. American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post 143 will provide Military Honors. Burial will take place at Blythe Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Micah Swimmer, Drew Grant, Cody Maney, Aniyah Younce, Osti Younce, Elijah Bryant, Kevin Primo, and Brent Younce.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Winnie Lee Nuñez

Winnie Lee Nuñez was born to Ernest and Mary Leauna Sneed in Cherokee on Dec. 14, 1939. She joined the Navy after graduating high school. She met her future husband, Arthur Nunez while they both served until 1963. She passed away on Feb. 24, 2020.

Winnie is preceeded in death



by her parents and brother, Ernest Jr (Bud) and daughterin-law Bethany. She is survived by Arthur Nunez, their children; Arthur Ernest (daughter-in-law Lori), daughter Leauna (Cissy) Christensen; grandchildren, Mary Leauna, Keegan, Crystal, Konner and Keira; siblings, Gertha Shipman, James(Jimbo)Sneed, Herbert Sneed, Hillard Sneed, Maurice(Piney) Sneed and Carie Lou Parker. She will be lovingly remembered as an excellent cook who enjoyed to feed everyone and a superior seamstress. She was an animal lover to the end. She will be loved and greatly missed by all that had the benefit of knowing her.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 5 at Long House Funeral Home. Graveside services with military honors were held at Hollybush Cemetery, located off of Ernest Sneed Rd on Macedonia Rd.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Owen Joseph Smoker Sr.

Owen Joseph Smoker Sr., 44, passed away Wednesday, March 4, 2020. He was the son of the late Davidson Ray Smoker and Elsie Marie Thompson Smoker.

He is survived by his children, Airowen and Baylen Smoker and their mother Megan Smoker, and other children, Harley, Wayah, Jojo, Miley, and Owen Jr.; one sister, Denise Smoker Sanchez Rattler, and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, March 8 at Crisp Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor James (Bo) Parris officiating.



Marvin (Tom) Bradley Sr. Marvin Thomas Bradley Sr., 81, of the Big Cove Community, passed away March 7, 2020 at his home.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, Seaborn and Sallie Smith Bradley, his brother, David Bradley, and sister, Lydia Marie Bradley.

Tom is survived by his wife, Sadie Wolfe Bradley of 59 years; one daughter, Vita Bradley; one son, Marvin (Tommy) Bradley Jr.; one granddaughter, Sabrina Arch (Ethan); one grandson, Dave Bradley (Talisa); his beloved great grandsons, James (Coug) and Noah Arch, Seaborn Bradley; and one "very special" great

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Flying yesterday and tomorrow

New Kituwah students named semi-finalists in state art contest

SCOTT MCKIE B.P. ONE FEATHER STAFF

Several students at New Kituwah Academy have been named semi-finalists in the North Carolina Dept. of Transportation (NCDOT) Aviation Art Contest. This year's contest, sponsored by the NCDOT Division of Aviation and the North Carolina Airports Association, has the theme of "Flying Yesterday and Tomorrow".

The following New Kituwah students are semi-finalists in the contest: Aria Toineeta, third grade; Sara Reed, second grade; DJ Staton, third grade; Kaileeana Littlejohn, fifth grade; and Morgan Hernandez, fourth grade.

"I thought of a carpet with balloons because I had two ideas - one with a flying carpet and one



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo

Several students at New Kituwah Academy have been named semi-finalists in the North Carolina Dept. of Transportation (NCDOT) Aviation Art Contest. Shown, left to right, are Morgan Hernandez, Aria Toineeta, Kaileeana Littlejohn, DJ Staton, and Sara Reed.

where balloons are tied to my hands and I'm flying up," said Toineeta. "I decided to put balloons on the carpet so it would give it more lift." Staton said, "Mine was about a big ship with fireworks all around it and a beautiful galaxy in the background, and you can see little people inside of it." When asked his inspiration, he noted, "I watch a lot of movies that have rocket ships in them, and I just decided to draw one."

Littlejohn said, "I wanted to bring something back from the time when they used hot air balloons and also bring someone from the future to see what things are like now. That gave me an idea to mix the future and the past together."

Hernandez drew an astronaut girl along with the planet Saturn and a sunset that she made using turquoise, pinks, and purples. She flicked white paint throughout the piece to resemble stars. When asked her motivation, she noted, "I just wanted to follow my dreams."

The students compete with students across the state, and the top three works in each age division (junior, intermediate, and senior) will go to the national competition.

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granddaughter; Eliza Jane Bradley, all of Cherokee; and a special cousin, Bertie Cooper.

Tom was faithful in attending Big Cove Baptist Church. He served 2.5 terms as a Council Member on Cherokee Tribal Council representing the Big Cove Community. He owned and operated Standingwolfe Campground and Tom's Grocery. Tom is the last of the big farmers in Big Cove. Tom was also a skilled craftsman and made his own coffin along with several others.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 9 at Big Cove Baptist Church with James "Bo" Parris and Gil Breedlove officiating. Interment was in the Standingwolfe Memorial Gardens.

Pall bearers were Rob and Kenny Panther, Sonny Sneed, Marty Taylor, Boyd Owle, and Kenny Griffin. *Psalm 46*

1God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangement.



Photo courtesy of New Kituwah Academy

The following students and teachers at New Kituwah Academy, shown left to right, had perfect attendance for the month of February including back row - Sam(i)sini Sampson (teacher), Wadulisi Bark, Ani Stamper, Anatli Pheasant, Walosi Hicks, Tsoni Hill (teacher); front - Unesadv McLauring, Galvlo Hicks, Gitaya Ramirez; not pictured -Tselisi Murphy (teacher).

Veterans sought for Honor Flight opportunity

If you are a veteran of the Korean War or the War in Vietnam, and you would like to go on a one day trip to our Nation's Capital, Washington D.C., and visit the military memorials and monuments that are dedicated to you for military service with fellow veterans of that time period, then please speak up. This is a one-day flight from Asheville, hosted by the Blue Ridge Honor Flight, and is at no cost to you. This guided tour is to honor you for your military service to this great nation. Info: Warren Dupree 508-2657

> - Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143

H.E.L.P. Program is taking applications for lawn maintenance and garden plowing

Eligibility requirements: * Must be a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

* Individuals applying for assistance must be living in the home * Applicants must be at least 59 1/2 years old

* Applicants under 59 1/2 must not be physically capable of mowing: proof of disability (Social Security Disability Statement or a doctor's note stating applicant is not physically capable Mowing:

* Client/family is responsible for getting yard clear of any trash and/or debris

* Residence must be within the three-county service area (Jackson, Swain, and Haywood)

* Seasonal: April 1 to Sept. 28

* Mowing and weed eating will include a 50-foot perimeter around the home including carports.

* Lawns mowed outside the 50foot perimeter will be the homeowner's responsibility. Plowing: * Available up to a 100-foot by 100-foot area * One (1) garden per household Info: 359-6638 - EBCI H.E.L.P. Program

National 2020 Census update

The National 2020 Census Day is just around the corner - only 65 days away. The following is an update on what the residents of the Qualla Boundary, can expect:

The 2020 Census has already begun in Alaska and will begin soon in other areas in February. The process will begin with group quarters such as: nursing homes, children's homes, jails, prisons, etc. Opportunities for employment with the 2020 Census will run until July. Pay rate is \$17.00 per hour plus mileage .58 per mile. Opportunities for full-time and part-time employment are available. To apply go to 2020census. gov/jobs to apply.

How will the 2020 Census work?

 By mid-March households will receive official 2020 Census information (not at your post office box). By April 1, every home should have received an invitation to participate in the census. In this information you will find a Census ID Number. You will be instructed to go to the census website, enter the ID Number, and complete the 2020 Census form. Keep in mind that everyone in your household must be counted. Young children (ages 0-4) are the most undercounted members of the population. Please include them. They count.

• You can respond online, by phone, or by mail.

• If you do not respond after receiving the first notice. You will receive another reminder with a Census ID Number. Once again, you will be encouraged to respond online, by phone, or by mail. • If you do not respond after the second notice you will receive a paper form at your home, which you can complete and mail back to the census bureau. It will also include a Census ID Number, so if you chose not to submit the paper form you can still respond online or by phone.

• If you still do not respond to these efforts, then you can expect a visit from a census worker. Official Census workers should always identify themselves as an employee of the US Census Bureau. No one from the Census Bureau should ask for your social security number, money or a donation, anything on behalf of a political party, credit card, or banking information. If they do, then this is a scam. Please report this to the US Census Bureau immediately!

Each year, the federal government distributes hundreds of billions of dollars to states and communities based on Census Bureau data. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians receives 10 percent in federal funding with some tribal programs receiving 70 to 100 percent in federal funds -Cherokee Central Schools receives 70 percent and Cherokee Indian Hospital 32 percent.

The 2020 Census Cherokee Committee will be hosting a 2020 Census "Kick-Off" Event on Thursday, April 2 beginning at 11 a.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Committee members will be available to assist individuals with responding to the census and answering any questions they may have. T-shirts will be given to those who show proof of participating in the 2020 Census. Community Garden Kits will also be given out by the EBCI Extension Center.

This information is submit-

ted by the 2020 Census Cherokee Complete Count Committee. If you have any questions on the census or employment opportunities please contact any of the following committee members: Tammy Jackson, EBCI Cooperative Extension Center; Kim Smith, Census Bureau regional representative; Zena Rattler, Snowbird Library and Cherokee County; Adam Lambert, Qualla Boundary Public Library); Hope Huskey, Sequoyah Fund; Judith Welch, SW Council Agency on Aging; Melanie Lambert and Nakeysha Welch, Tribal Enrollment; William Maney, Tribal Childcare; Lisa Parker, BIA/Realty Office; Tamara Jackson, Tribal Housing; Kelsey Jackson, EOC Public Safety; Heather Owle and Stephanie Maney, EBCI Communications; and Jessica Winchester, Tammie Welch, Amanda Moore, Kelsey Owle, Cherokee Central Schools.

Info: Visit the group's Facebook page at: Census 2020 EBCI or go to 2020census.gov - 2020 Census Cherokee Complete Count Committee releasee

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) appointment available

VITA prepares simple tax returns for free for individuals who make less than \$54,000 gross income, Elders (59.5+), and others who need general tax help. Appointment times are available and can be made through April 8. Please bring the following documents: tax forms (W2s, 1099s, etc.); one form of tribal, federal, or state photo ID for all family members; banking information (account and routing number) if needed for refund; and previous year's tax returns if available.

The site location for this service will be the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office.

Info: Julie Wilnoty, site coordinator, 359-6938, juliwiln@ nc-cherokee.com

> - EBCI Cooperative Extension Office

Kindergarten registration for Swain County Schools

Registration for children that will be entering kindergarten in Swain County Schools will be held in April. Wednesday, April 15 registration will be held at West Elementary and at East Elementary on Thursday, April 17.

Children that will be 5-yearsold on or before Aug. 31 are eligible to attend kindergarten for the 2020-21 school year.

Notes will be sent home through local daycares, Headstart and Bright Adventures to set appointment times. If your child does not attend one of those providers, please call the school and speak with Lisa Sutton for an appointment East Elementary 488-0939 or West Elementary 488-2119.

Bring the following items with you to the appointment: -Your child. Teachers will be giving an assessment so it is necessary for your child to be present. -Your child's Social Security Card -Your child's Birth Certificate -Your child's most recent shot records

-Proof of Residency (power bill, etc)

-Any other necessary information (custody papers, Tribal Enrollment Card, etc)

-Kindergarten physical (if already completed – must be completed by the 1st day of Kindergarten) - Swain County Schools

Cherokee fishing tournaments • Opening Day Tournament. March 28-29. Registration deadline is March 27. \$15 registration fee and \$20,000 cash prizes. Twoday tribal fishing permit required • Memorial Day Tournament. May 23-24. Registration deadline is May 22. \$15 registration fee and \$10,000 cash prizes. Two-day tribal fishing permit required • Tim Hill Memorial Tourna

• Tim Hill Memorial Tournament. July 11-12. Registration deadline is July 10. \$15 registration fee and \$10,000 cash prizes. Two-day tribal fishing permit required

• Qualla Country Tournament. Sept. 5-6. Registration deadline is Sept. 4. \$15 registration fee and \$20,000 cash prizes. Two-day tribal fishing permit required

• Rumble in the Rhododendron. Nov. 7-8. Two-may team fly fishing. Registration is Oct. 5. \$300 entry fee and \$10,000 cash prizes. Call 497-9300 to register for this tournament only.

You can register for the first four tournaments and buy a permit at www.fishcherokee.com or from a local permit vendor in Cherokee. All legal fishing methods apply. Fishing hours for the tournament are one hour prior to sunrise until one hour after sunset. Tagged fish are stocked in all rivers, streams, and ponds within the Catch & Keep Enterprise Waters for each respective tournament. Tagged fish are not stocked in the Catch & Release trophy fly fishing waters. Opening day of fishing is Saturday, March 28 and the Catch & Keep Enterprise waters will be closed to everyone from March 14-27.

Members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) can use their tribal enrollment card as a fishing permit. Registration is still required for tournaments. Spouses of EBCI tribal members as well as EBCI first descendants can obtain a free, special-use permit to fish enterprise waters by submitting required documentation to the EBCI Fisheries & Wildlife Management Office located at the Tribal Utilities (Brad) Building on Hwy. 19. Registration is still required for tournaments, and the permits are valid for one year. Info: 359-6094

- EBCI Natural Resources

THANK YOU LETTER Thank you from the family of Patrick West

"God knew you was getting tired, and a cure was not to be. So he put his arms around you and whispered "Come to me' with tearful eyes, we watched you pass away. And, although we loved you we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hardworking hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, he only takes the best."

The family of Patrick West wishes to express our most sincere thank you and appreciation to those who helped to ease our pain during the loss of our beloved: Dad, brother, grandson, uncle, and nephew. We thank Bo Parris and Ben Reed for the beautiful services and comforting words. Singers for the beautiful songs, those who sent flowers and food, Jim Park and Acquoni Church, Missy and Ally Reed. Longhouse Funeral Home. Thank you CPD, Fire Dept., EMS and CIH ER Staff, Harris Reginal Hospital In-Patient and ICU units. Tammy Cagle the casket spray was beautiful. Thank you to our many cousins and family for just being there for us. We thank the grave diggers and the pall bearers: Lino Sisengchanh, Sylas Davis, Neklye Lossiah, DJ Wolfe and Albert Martin.

Good Housekeeping

Irish Soda Bread

This rich and tender rustic Irish quick bread is best paired with corned beef and cabbage, beef stew or any other hearty St. Patrick's Day meal.

- 4 cup all-purpose flour, plus more for surface
- 1/4 cup sugar
 - 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 11/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - 6 tablespoon cold butter
 - 1 cup dried currants
 - 2 teaspoon caraway seeds
- 11/2 cup buttermilk

1. Heat oven to 350 F. Grease large cookie sheet.

2. In large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and baking soda. With pastry blender or 2 knives used scissor-fashion, cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in currants and caraway seeds, then buttermilk until flour is evenly moistened.

3. On a well-floured surface, knead dough 8 to 10 times just until combined. Shape into flattened ball; place on cookie sheet. Cut 1/4-inch-deep "X" into top.

4. Bake loaf 1 hour or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely on wire rack.

For thousands of triple-tested recipes, visit our website at www.goodhousekeeping.com/food-recipes/.

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COMMENTARY

What we see

ROBERT JUMPER ONE FEATHER EDITOR

Think Cherokee and the Qualla Boundary are some of the most extraordinary lands anywhere in the world. Millions of people each year come to our area to enjoy the great outdoors and some stop in to inquire about the history and culture of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. They see the natural beauty of our home and they are in awe.

They also see the run-down buildings in our business district and the closed and dilapidated state of properties that have gone out of business long ago. They see what were once homes and now are disintegrating buildings and trailers that are only homes to rats, snakes, and other wildlife. They see the weeds going through cracked sidewalks and faded signs or billboards.

Our visitors are greeted by some of

the most amazing wildlife experiences on the planet too. Herds of elk frequent the Boundary on a regular basis. They thrill locals and visitors alike, causing traffic snarls and frayed nerves. The elk resurgence has been responsible for an increase in tourism traffic and dollars for businesses on and off the Boundary. We also see the occasional deer, turkey, and, of course, all manner of ducks and geese.

Speaking of ducks, bird watchers can get an eyeful here. We have six state recognized birding trails on the Qualla Boundary. I enjoy watching spotting and learning the many varieties of finches, woodpeckers, and others that frequent our ancestral home. There were even rumors of an eagle making an appearance over the winter.

But, we also see stray dogs and feral cats roaming the "reservation". Irresponsible people who haven't spayed or neutered their pets will have litters and litters of unwanted animals that become



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a nuisance and a danger to all of us. Beyond the negatives for humans is the negatives for the animals. Domesticated animals do not fare well in the wild. They cannot compete with wild animals for food. They will not be accepted into packs and will not enjoy the protections of that environment. These stray animals will dig in garbage cans for food and dodge cars for as long as they can. Animal Control will remove many of these stray pets, but many of them will become another common sight on rural mountain roads-roadkill.

We need to continue efforts to improve the look of our homelands. As we know, the best look is the one the Creator provided. Every time mankind has tried to improve on what God created, it has always been made a little less than perfect.

We have been trying to improve the Oconaluftee Island Park for many years. We added "talking trees" which were posts with electronics in them to provide a prerecorded history lesson to anyone who came by to press the buttons. We built pavilions on the Island to add amenities, provided plumbing and electrical access. We built bridges and volleyball pits complete with white sand. And, just when one thinks things couldn't be more improved on the Island, a nice big flood routinely submerges the Island Park and all the amenities thereof.

If you take a stroll on the Island in the Spring and Summer, many days you will find hundreds of people enjoying the grass, the rocks, and the water. Most of us enjoy nature, just the way the Creator intended and the way he made it. I'm not saying the manmade improvements are wrong or bad. I am saying that sometimes the easiest way to make an area attractive is to try to maintain it in the condition that the Creator provided it.

And, once we make changes to our naturally beautiful environment, it is our duty to maintain those areas to the best of our ability. Which means we should be, as a government and community, creating work groups and applying funds to the repair and beautification of our lands. Where we can replace or repaint, we should. We should be intentional at putting barriers up to hide anything that we cannot fix. We should be routinely maintaining our greenways and exploring ways to refurbish or replace the aging stock of buildings in the most prominent and visible areas of the Boundary.

If we want to entice visitors to our land for the purposes of economic growth, we need to be deliberate about these things. If we want our youth to be interested in staying and growing our community, we need to make home attractive for them, a place to build a great life. It is part of staying true to our values. Love of the land and of the inhabitants, mankind and animal, represent our harmony with the Creator. The health of our lands reflects the health of our people. Let's work together to make our homelands a place that reflects the love we say that we have for it.

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SPEAKING OF FAITH Pursue holiness brings God's peace to us

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GOD'S WARNING...

"Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord.

"Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many." Hebrews 12:14-15 (NLT)

("A right relationship with God leads to right relationships with fellow believers. Although we will not always feel loving toward all other believers, we must pursue peace as we become more Christ-like.)

("A poisonous root of bitterness comes when we allow disappointment to grow into resentment, or when we nurse grudges over past hurts. Bitterness brings with it jealousy, dissension, and immorality. When the Holy Spirit fills us, however, He can heal the hurt that caused bitterness.") (From the NLT notes.)

"Pursue peace with everyone, and holiness, for without it no one will see the Lord.

"See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God that no one be like a bitter root springing up and causing trouble, and through him many become defiled." Hebrews 12:14-15 (GSB-NET)

As Pastor Melton explains, "Praise, Honor and Glory all belong to a Holy, Holy, Holy God. And we are also to follow peace, in holiness, with all of mankind—as much as we are able. If you knew Jesus was coming or even if you knew you were to die next week, you would begin cleaning up in every area of your life. We are to be cleaning up our lives in every area so that we can follow after Him in holiness. Holiness brings peace to us.

"Look what the Hebrew young people said

to King Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 3:16, 'We do not need to defend ourselves before you. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. But even if he doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up.'

"They had cleaned up their lives, pursuing holiness, and in the KJV version they said "We are not careful" because they knew they were approved of by God by making their stand-approved by serving and standing for Jehovah. They knew they were being holy and wholly dedicated unto God. The opposite of peace is to be in the turmoil that is caused by doubtatheism. It is caused by doubt that God is able or unwilling to do what was needed-what these young people needed. They were totally convinced that they were following after their God by standing for Him. They knew that any doubt at all on their part would have also not have let Him move as their Savior. It was a test they knew they would have to pass as He was the only God who could save them," Pastor Melton added.

"Knowing God was what gave them the courage to stand-that He loved them, hon-

ored their choice of following after Him in choosing to stand for Him. This brought peace to them in that they believed this without a doubt. Doubt breeds doubts. They were saying to God, 'We trust You'-not those 'what ifs'. Their pursuit of holiness brought this kind of peace to them, knowing that He would keep His promises to their people and themselves. Peace is real trust where one can sit back and relax. They knew they had done right so the promises of God would certainly become theirs. Their assurance of this had become their insurance card. The Lord's Peace had become theirs. Read Numbers 6:24-25.

"In the same way these young people were assured, we can have that kind of peace-God's Peace. We can dedicate our marriages, spouses, children, homes, cars, jobs, etc., to God, by our also pursuing His Holiness. Our portion of God's Peace is only through Jesus, who told us to, 'Fear not. I have overcome the world.' We also know that sin can separate us from God. To get where we want to be, we must get in Christ, and hand all our cares over to God, the Father. If we dedicate all to Him, Who'd be better at keeping it? Pray prayers of supplication with thanksgiving. Put your faith in Him as it is to come out in your prayers, with the peace that passes even our own understanding

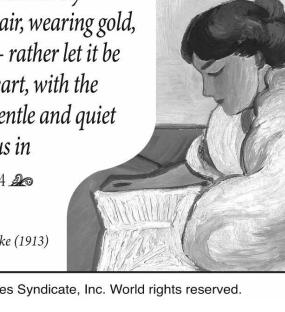
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Do not let your adornment be merely outward - arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel - rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. 1 PETER 3:3,4 20

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The moon was shining brightly over Cherokee on the evening of Saturday, March 7. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Nappenings

Event listings are free of charge. Send your event name, date and time, location, and contact info to scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com.

Benefits/Fundraisers Indian Taco Fundraiser Benefit for Cheryl Davis. March 13 at 11 a.m. at the Yellowhill Community Building. \$8/plate. Sponsored by Reed's Frybread and Ladies of Sequoyah Baptist Church. For deliveries, call 736-4417

Turkey Shoots at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. March 14 at 3 p.m., benefit for Jesse Welch. March 21 at 3 p.m., benefit for Mike Ramos' NAYO

Team. Good fun, good prizes, good benefit. All are welcome.

Senior Citizens Fundraiser. March 14 from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

at Tsali Manor. All proceeds will go towards the Senior Citizen's Annual Trip. Breakfast, yard sale, and bake sale.

Church Events Hope for Cherokee Evangelistic Meeting. March 25-28 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: James Esser (678) 689-8212

Cultural Events Cherokee Language Class. Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. at the Macedonia Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The instructor will be Wiggins Blackfox.

Free Winter Lecture Series at Sequoyah Birthplace Museum

The Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, in Vonore, Tenn. is hosting a free lecture series that delves into a variety of Cherokee topics. * Cherokee Legends by Jarrett Wildcatt. March 15 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

* Evolution of Cherokee Women's Roles by Tyra Maney. March 22 from 2 p.m. to 3p.m.

These lectures are free and open to the public and are sponsored in part by TN Arts Commission and Sequoyah Birthplace Museum. For more information or in case of inclement weather in both Tennessee or North Carolina, check their Facebook page, website at www.sequoyahmuseum. org, or contact the useum at (423) 884-6246

Cherokee Beadwork Class.

March 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore, Tenn. The class will be taught by Betty Maney, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee



Indians, and the project will be a bracelet. The cost is \$15 for the class plus a kit fee of \$45 which includes a loom, beads, thread, and needle that students will be able to take home after the class. Bring a bag lunch, and the class is limited to eight students. This class is sponsored, in part, by the Tennessee Arts Commission ABC Grant. Info: Museum (423) 884-6246, www.sequoyahmuseumorg.

New Kituwah Academy Annual Honor Our Speakers Walk & Cultural Fair. April 8 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the New Kituwah Academy. Info: 359-6401

Kananesgi Basket & Art Festival. April 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Tara McCoy 359-5542

General Events

Sylva Photo Club program "Photographing Birds at Home". March 14 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cullowhee United Methodist Church at 416 Central Drive in Cullowhee. This is an all-ages event open to the general public, not just photographers. Larry Thompson, North Carolina Wildlife Federation executive director, will discuss his techniques for photographing wild birds using some very basic methods of setting up an aesthetic shooting environment at home. Meetings of the Sylva Photo Club are free for first-time guests of members. For non-members, the cost is only \$5 which will be applied to their annual dues of \$20. Info: Tony Wu (828) 226-3840

Tribal Foods Distribution.

March 17 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds.

Info: Frank Dunn 359-9750

Swain County Democratic Party meeting. March 17 at 6 p.m. at the United Community Bank at 145 Slope Street in Bryson City. Items on the agenda include: recapping the March 20202 Primary and upcoming 2020 County Convention planning. All are welcome. Info: 497-9498

Jackson County Democratic Party meeting. March 17 at

6:30 p.m. at party headquarters at 500 Mill St. in Sylva. The meeting is open to all Democrats. JCDP meetings include all precinct officers and part executive offices, as well as representatives of auxiliary organizations (Men's Club, Democratic Women, Young Dems). Frank C. Burrell, chair of JCDP, will preside.

Chief's Bingo. March 18 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Celia Smith 359-7008

Maverick's Tsalagi Sunshine (MTS) Memorial Rock Painting. March 28 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Oconaluftee Island Park Pavilion #4 (closest to the Open Air Market). In honor of Maverick Sampson, MTS invites everyone to join them in remembering and honoring lost loved ones with painting rocks "to express our love or grief". Rocks, brushes, and paint will be provided to guests upon arrival.

Rainbows & Ramps Festival. March 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Lisa Frady 359-6471

2020 Census Kick-off and Community Garden Kit Giveaway. April 2 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Tammy Jackson 359-6934

Spring Garden Fair. April 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and April 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Carmaleta Monteith 497-2717

Spring Fling. April 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 Hall on Acquoni Road. Yard art, plants, wind chimes, sun catchers, hummingbird feeders, birdhouses. Hotdogs, chips, and drinks.

Spring Fling Market. April 9 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Denise Walkingstick 508-2211



Easter Eggstravaganza. April 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Michelle Wesley 788-0606

Week of the Young Child Fair. April 23 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Amanda Bradley 507-4657

Cherokee Rodders Spring Rod Run. April 24-25 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at the 2093 Tsali Blvd. parking lot. Info: Cherokee Rodders (828) 226-6853

Swain County High School Earth Day event. April 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. The event is open to the public and free of charge with activities for all ages including a one-hour wildlife presentation featuring live animals from Balsam Mountain Trust. Info: Swain County High School 488-2152

Tribal Foods Distribution. April 28 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Frank Dunn 359-9750

Dandelion Market. May 7 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Denise Walkingstick 508-2211

Elder's Walk and Lunch. May 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Walk starts at the Art Market located adjacent to the Oconaluftee Island Park and ends at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Deb West 359-6291 or Sherry Welch 359-6290

Cherokee Day of Caring. May 14 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Info: Deb Owle 497-5550

Sampson and Lizzie Arneach Welch Family Reunion. May

16 at 2 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. The children of Sampson and Lizzie are: Corneeta Welch, Epps Welch, Edward Welch, Annie Welch Oocumma, Sallie Welch Partridge, Jeanette Welch Walkingstick, and Nannie Welch Taylor. The following individuals are the descendants of the list that has been compiled so far: Juna Welch (Lula Nicey Ledford), Martha Welch Wachacha (John Wayne Wachacha), Margarind Welch Wallace (Tahquette Wallace), Isaac Welch Sr. (Judith Owle), Nannie Welch Taylor(George Taylor), James Blue Welch(Bessie Byrd), David Welch, Lucinda Welch Martin (Charley Martin), Fannie Oocumma Powell (Homer Powell), John Oocumma (Alice Littlejohn), Joseph Oocumma (Kina Queen), Andy Oocumma (Susie Reed), Savannah Partridge George (Manley George), Bessie Partridge, Jonah Welch (Olive McCoy), Ancy Walkingstick Wachacha (Raleigh Wachacha), **Emmaline Walkingstick McCoy** (Russell McCoy), Ramsey Walkingstick (Mable Teesateskie), Sim Taylor (Beulah Teesateskie). All descendants from the above are welcome. Info: Charles E. Taylor (828)768-6828, Agnes Welch 736-9718, Rosie McCoy 736-1622, Ulela Harris 734-0178, or Kathie McCoy 226-4580 via Facebook or Phone. Fundraising for this Reunion has begun so please reach out as to how you can help. Meat, drinks, plates and utensils will be provided.

Tribal Foods Distribution. May 19 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Frank Dunn 359-9750

EBCI Tribal Council Awards. May 21 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Kelly Sampson 359-7023 or Kelly Dills 359-7024

Strawberry Festival. May 23 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Carmaleta Monteith 497-2717

Customer Appreciation Day. May 23 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Cherokee Welcome Center. Info: Welcome Center 359-6490 or 359-6491

Unveiling of Beloved Man Dr. Jeremiah "Jerry" Wolfe Memorial Display Case. May 25 at 1 p.m. in the main lobby of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Info: Museum 497-3481

Gourd Gathering. May 28-30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Suzi Noone (410) 392-0003

Health Events

March Mammography Madness. March 16 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Hospital. If you are a Cherokee Indian Hospital patient, and it has been one year and one day since your last mammogram, you are eligible to get a 3D mammogram. No appointment necessary. Walk-ins welcome. Info: 497-9163

Sports Events West vs Midwest 1A All-Star

Basketball Games. March 21 at the Charles George Memorial Arena. The girl's game will start at 5 p.m. followed by the boys at 6:30 p.m. Admission to the games is \$7. Info: Dr. Bud Black, director, (704) 435-2542, (704) 898-5208, westmidwestgames@aol.com

MMA Fights. April 18 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Spencer Fisher 508-4248

Fire Mountain Inferno Bicycle Races. May 2 and 3 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: www.gloryhoundevents.com

Upcoming Pow Wows for March 2020

Note: This list of pow wows was compiled by One Feather staff. The One Feather does not endorse any of these dances. It is simply a listing of ones occurring throughout the continent. Please call before traveling.

STAR School Culture Club Benefit Pow Wow. March 14 at STAR School in Flagstaff, Ariz. MC: Mike Salabiye. Host Northern Drum: Standing Horse. Host Southern Drum: Strictly Southern. Info: (928) 415-4157, revaline. nez@starschool.org

UNC Greensboro 4th Annual Pow Wow. March 14 at Leonard J. Kaplan Center for Wellness in Greensboro, N.C. Info: Ariel Hewlin at ashewlin@uncg.edu

Denver March Pow Wow.

March 20-22 at Denver Coliseum in Denver, Colo. Emcees: Lawrence Baker, Chris Eagle Hawk. Info: (303) 934-8045, www.denvermarchpowwow@comcast.net

Texas Gulf Coast Tia Piah Benefit Dance. March 21 at St. Pius Catholic Church in Pasadena, Texas. Info: Jan Hackett at Hackett.jan@gmail.com

55th Anniversary FIHA Pow Wow. March 27-29 at St. Lucie County Fairgrounds in Fort Pierce, Fla. Host Northern Drum: Medicine Horse. Host Southern Drum: Ottertrail. Info: info@fiha.us,



Why Do Americans Indulge Their Pets?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Why do Americans spend so much money on their pets? Couldn't they save more money if they didn't indulge their dog or cat with designer sweaters, booties, premium dog food and trendy grooming? — Caryn B., via email

DEAR CARYN: It's true that Americans spend more on their pets than anyone else in the world. According to the American Pet Products Association, spending in 2019 reached \$95.7 billion.

Owners spend most of their money on pet food and treats, totaling \$36.9 billion last year. Another expensive item is veterinary care and related product sales (like medications), with \$29.3 billion spent.

Why do we spend so much money? Ask any owner, and they'll give you roughly the same answer. Our pets are a part of our family. We are dedicated to them, just as they are dedicated to us. We don't want to see them suffer, and like any beloved family member, we are willing to spend far more money on their health and comfort than we would on ourselves.

Designer doggie sweaters aren't just stylish, they protect our dogs from the elements, and the higher-priced sweaters tend to be more comfortable and better fitting. Booties prevent cuts to the pads on their paws when walking in the city or on icy pavement, minimizing pain and possible infections. High-quality dog food costs more, but the payoff is in better overall health and a longer life. And grooming, for the most part, plays a key part in keeping pets healthier and more comfortable. (With the exception of scrotum glitter. I'm not quite sure about that one.)

So sure, we're spending a lot of money. But Americans look for a balance of value for what we spend, and clearly, pet owners are finding great value in spending a bit more to keep their beloved pets healthy and happy.

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1. What women's college basketball team had its streak of 253 straight weeks ranked in the Associated Press poll's top five snapped on Feb. 17, 2020?

2. Actor Terry Crews ("Brooklyn Nine-Nine") was selected in the 11th round of the 1991 NFL Draft by what team?

3. In what sport would the competitors abide by the Marquess of Queensberry Rules?

4. Who was the last U.S. woman to win the gold medal in the ladies' discipline at the ISU World Figure Skating Championships?

5. What TV sportscaster played with future PGA Tour pros Fred Couples and Blaine McCallister as a member of the University of Houston golf team?

6. Jean Dolores Schmidt (a.k.a. "Sister Jean") became famous overnight as chaplain for what 2018 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Final Four team?

7. Though nicknamed "The Admiral," what rank did basketball great David Robinson achieve when he completed his Navy service in 1989?

Answers

1. The Connecticut Huskies, whose historic stretch began Feb. 5, 2007.

2. The Los Angeles Rams.

3. Boxing.

4. Kimmie Meissner, in 2006.

Jim Nantz, CBS Sports lead playby-play announcer.

6. The Loyola University Chicago Ramblers.

7. Lieutenant (junior grade).

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Inaugural Spring Pow Wow presented by The Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians. March 27-29 at Spotlight 29 Casino in Coachella, Calif. MC: Juaquin Hamilton. Host Drum: The Boyz. Info: Earl Thomas (760) 775-5566, ethomas@ spotlight29.com

On Wisconsin Annual Spring Pow Wow. March 28 at Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisc. Info: Michael Williams at wunksheekuw@gmail.com

University of Redlands Pow Wow. March 28 in Redlands, Calif. Host Northern Drum: Bear Springs. Info: Christina Lara at christina_lara@redlands.edu

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

Analenisgi Recovery Center weekly schedule

Mondays Be Assertive, Not Aggressive: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Parents Supporting Parents: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Acceptance (open to community): 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays Abstract Recovery: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Strong Hearts: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Life Recovery (open to community): 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesdays

W.R.A.P. Class: 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Creative Writing: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Adulting 101: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Communication 101: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. We Belong - Two Spirit (open to community): 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Peacemaking Support Circle (open to community): 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays Life Recovery (open to community): 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Putting off Procrastination: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Radical Acceptance: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Healthy Boundaries: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Fridays W.R.A.P. Class: 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Creative Recovery: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Depression and Anxiety: 1 p.m. to

2 p.m.

All classes are open to clients of Analenisgi. Classes open to the community are noted. Info: 497-6892

CIHA Bariatric Support

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

Cherokee Cancer Support

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

Cherokee Alzheimer's Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month 1 p.m. at In-Home Care Services in the Beloved Women's & Children's Center second floor). This group is presented by The Alzheimer's Association Western Carolina Chapter. Info: 359-6860

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

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

Recovery Bible Study, One Step to Jesus will meet weekly on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Christian Acts Church at 257 East Alaska Road in Bryson City. All are welcome to participate in a safe, encouraging environment. It is for any addiction or spiritual or emotional healing need. Info: Pastor Melanie 488-2432

Community Clubs

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

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

Birdtown Community Club

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

Paint Town Community

Club meets the last Monday of each month at 5:30pm at the new Painttown Gym. Info: Lula Jackson 736-1511, Lois Dunston 736-3230, Abe Queen (Free Labor) 269-8110, Jennifer Jackson (building rental) 269-7702

Snowbird Community Club

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

Wolftown Community Club

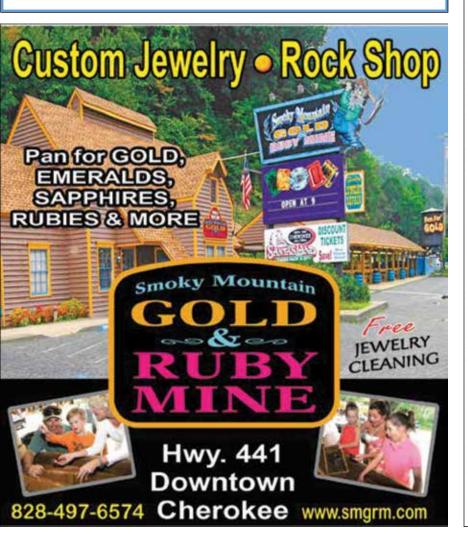
meets the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm at the Wolftown Community Club Building. Info: Tuff Jackson, chairman, 788-4088; Jesse Sneed, vice chairman

Yellowhill Community Club

meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm at the Yellowhill Activity Center unless it's a holiday. Officers: Keredith Owens, chairperson; Reuben Teesatuskie, vice chairperson; Virginia Johnson, secretary; Dawn Arneach, treasurer. Info: Virginia Johnson 788-8659



The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program is currently accepting applications for the 2020-2021 program year. If selected, Fellows receive up to \$4000 to use for their leadership endeavors and for travel opportunities. Fellows will also raise awareness and work on community issues, receive personal and professional support from mentors in our community, and have networking opportunities. To apply, please visit www.rkli.org/jones-bowman/ or visit the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute at 171 Boys Club Loop, Cherokee. Applications are due to Christopher Reed by April 6th, 2020 at 4:30pm.





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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Disappointed about something that didn't go your way? Cheer up. Look at the reasons it happened, and you could find a valuable lesson about what to do (or not do!) the next time.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time to do some reassessing of plans and goals — even how you considered redoing your bathroom. The point is to be open to change if change can improve things.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Take some time to learn who is the right person (or persons) to approach and discuss your ideas with for your new project. Also, reserve time to prepare for an upcoming family event.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Dealing with a demanding situation, as you recently did, could drain much of your own emotional reserves. Take time to relax and indulge yourself in some well-earned pampering.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The regal Lion might feel that she or he is above emotional displays. But showing your feelings can be both liberating for you and reassuring for someone who has been waiting for you to do so.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An emotionally needy person might make more demands than you can cope with. Best to ask for some breathing space NOW, before resentment sets in and makes communication difficult. (828) 507-0962. 3/25

FREE

Free gospel books! (Malachi 4:5 and Revelations 10:7.) Are you searching and hungering for more of the Living God? Then, there is more for you! Send for your free books at P.O. Box 1894, Beaufort, S.C. 29901 UFN

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) An unexpected spate of mixed signals could cause serious schedule setbacks. Best to focus on straightening everything out as soon as possible and get everyone back on track.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be aware that someone in the workplace could try to use a disagreement with a colleague against you. If so, be prepared to offer your side of the story with the facts to back you up.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An unexpected challenge to a previous decision can be unsettling. But your reservoir of self-confidence — plus your loyal supporters — should help carry the day for you. Good luck.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While the idea of making some sort of major move in the near future continues to interest you, don't overlook a new possibility that could be emerging closer to home.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Be careful not to base an upcoming decision on gossip or anything you might hear if it can't meet provable standards. That's true regardless of whom the source might be.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might still need to do some solid reassessing early in the week before you can close that sensitive situation. A new job-related opportunity could present itself later in the week.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are extraordinarily sensitive to people's feelings, and you're always ready to offer comfort if necessary.

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(Open until Filled unless otherwise indicated):

School Psychologist - Master's Degree in psychology and have at least 3 year's experience working in a school setting. Must hold state license to practice school psychology.
 High School Nurse - An RN is preferred, but will consider an LPN, who would be supervised by an RN on staff.

* High School JROTC Instructor - Must have Associate's degree. All applicants must have an excellent record of military performance, be within one year of retirement or have retired within the last three years. Please visit the website for full job description and requirements.

Full Time Custodian (Evening Shift) - Must have a high school diploma or GED.
 Special Education Teacher Assistant - Must have an Associate's degree or two years

* Special Education Teacher Assistant - Must have an Associate's degree or two years (48 semester hours) of study at an institute of higher education. Must be willing to obtain CPI certification. Substitute Nurse - Registered professional nurse, designated as R.N. as defined and determined by state law, and currently licensed in the state. Current certification in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021.

* Substitute Custodian (Evening Shift) - Must have a high school diploma or completed GED.

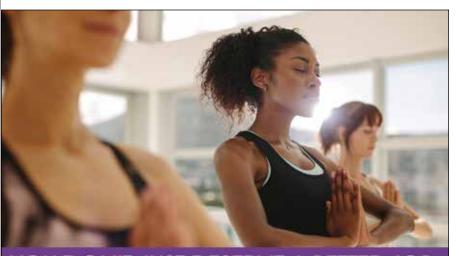
* Substitute Nurse - Registered professional nurse, designated as R.N. as defined and determined by state law, and currently licensed in the state. Current certification in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

 Cherokee Language Instructor - Must have an Associate's Degree or two years (48 semester hours) of study at an institute of higher education. The instructor must have experience working with students.

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

APPLY ONLINE at:

https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/ or visit www.ccs-nc.org for more information.



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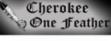
The One Feather is seeking historical and family photos to feature weekly in our #throwbackthursday posts on our Facebook and Instagram pages.



Send your photos to Scott at scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com, text to 788-6908, or message them to us on Facebook.

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

Images from Museum of the Cherokee Indian







The late Will Rogers, noted film and stage actor, cowboy, columnist, and overall entertainer, was born in the territory of the Cherokee Nation in 1879 near present-day Oologah, Okla. A citizen of the Cherokee Nation, he was known to say, "My ancestors didn't come over on the Mayflower, but they met the boat."

- Source: Will Rogers Memorial Museums



The Oconaluftee Indian Village is seeking workers for the 2020 season. We are looking for people willing to educate the public about the Cherokee history and culture in fun, exciting ways. We need applicants who take pride in the Cherokee culture and possess good work ethic. Applications and job descriptions can be picked up at the Cherokee Historical main office, 564 Tsali Blvd. across from the Museum.

Positions available: All areas

Details:

- Village season runs Mid-April to November
- Report time is 9:00 am
 - Be willing to work weekends and holidays
- Provide great customer service to our guests
 Be knowledgeable about Cherokee culture
- Be knowledgeable about Cherokee
 Positions starting at \$10 per hour

EMPLOYMENT

The Museum of Cherokee Indian is now hiring for part time, weekend, front line workers. Stop by the Museum box office to get an application an job description. Indian preference applies. 3/11pd

2020 Census Jobs are still available: March - July

- \$17.00 \$19.00 per hour
- +.58 cents per mile
- Part-Time & Full-Time
- Flexible Hours: Work 20 40 hours per week
- Applicants must be:
- * 18 years of age or older
- * US Citizen
- * Valid Drivers License & your own transportation

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

Masters Level Therapist – Kanvwotiyi

Nursing/Medical Administrative Assistant

FNP/PA – Emergency Room/Inpatient

Masters Level Therapist/Family Safety

Masters Level Therapist - grant position

Masters Level Therapist - Child

Cultural Coordinator - Kanvwotiyi

Closing Thursday, March 12, 2020

Closing Monday, March 16, 2020

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Open Until Filled

- * Cannot be an employee of the US Government
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www.2020census.gov/jobs Questions? Call: 1-855-job-20202 3/25pd

Part time position 1 or 2 wks per mth. Compensated travel depending on applicant location. Able to take direction and team member. Basic computer skills. Able to process information quickly to act timely. Concentration to detail and data entry required. There are no benefits offered with this position and applicant over 21 yrs. Send resume to: Jenniferdwood22@gmail.com Questions - (502) 553-4105. 3/11pd

LEGAL NOTICES AMENDED NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY **PUBLICATION** Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

In the Tribal Court In the Matter of A.S., A Minor Child, File No. CVJ 19-062 TO: The Unknown Father of Minor Child A.S. Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled juvenile action. The nature of the relief being sought is the adjudication and disposition of a petition alleging the minor child, A.S., born on June 12, 2012, is a neglected, dependent and drug endangered child, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on December 9, 2019. You may know the mother of the minor child by the name of Hannah Santiago.

You must answer or otherwise respond to the pleading within forty (40) days of the date of first publication of this Notice. If you fail to answer or otherwise respond within the time prescribed, the matter

will proceed to adjudication and disposition. If you are not already represented by appointed counsel, you are entitled to appointed counsel in this matter, and to that end, provisional counsel will be appointed for you in this matter, and the appointment of provisional counsel shall be reviewed by the court at the first hearing after service of process in this matter.

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

First published this the 26th day of February 2020. Sybil G. Mann Family Safety Program Attorney P.O. Box 455 Cherokee, N.C. 28719 (828)359-1559 N.C. Bar No. 16729 3/11pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 20-015

In the Matter of the Estate of Samuel Watty

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

Charles Watty, P.O. Box 1354, Cherokee, NC 28719. 4/1pd

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org

If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR Dept. at (828) 497-9163 ext. 6343.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Helpdesk Support Supervisor - MCO

Provider network Manager - MCO

RN – Tsali Care Center (multiple)

Director of Managed Care

PTI LPN - Tsali Care Center

Analenisgi Inpatient – FNP/PA

Physician – Emergency Room

Physician - Primary Care

Medical Social Worker – Primary Care

PTI RN – Tsali Care Center (multiple)

Licensed Practical Nurse – Tsali Care Center

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Masters Level Therapist - Analenisgi Inpatient Behavioral Health RN – Analenisgi (Grant Funded)

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Motel Public Notice

Kituwah, LLC is soliciting bids for demolition services of a decommissioned motel located at Ela Campground, 5100 Ela Rd #19, Bryson City, NC 28713. This facility is approximately 2,000 SF and is currently used as storage, all fixtures have been removed from the facility. The property has been recently acquired by Kituwah in which a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment was performed on the property which included the motel. A full RFP may be picked up from Kristin Smith, 1158 Seven Clans Lane, Whittier, North Carolina 28789. Please call (828)-477-4553 with any questions or requests. Proposals must be received by March 13, 2020, 4:00 p.m. at the above address. Proposals will be opened on March 18, 2020. Faxed or e-mailed bids will not be accept-

ed. 3/11pd

Lighting and Solar Public Notice

Kituwah, LLC is poised to write for the USDA Renewable Energy **Development Assistance Grant** (REAP). In doing so Kituwah is requesting proposals from qualified contractors to provide quotes on two Energy Assessments provided to Kituwah. The assessments encompass two facilities to provide Lighting Retro Fits and PV Solar Arrays for both facilities. This job will be contingent upon the award of the USDA REAP grant to Kituwah. A full RFP may be picked up from Kristin Smith, 1158 Seven Clans Lane, Whittier, North Carolina 28789. Please call (828)-477-4553 with any questions or requests. Proposals must be received by March 13, 2020, 4:00 p.m. at the

Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Hypocrites; 3) Rachel; 4) Judges; 5) Potiphar; 6) Boaz



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- 2. Yellowstone
- 3. Matthew
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above address. Proposals will be opened on March 16, 2020. Faxed or e-mailed bids will not be accepted. **3/11pd**

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 001-2020-HH

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Housing & Community Development

The EBCI Housing & Community Development (HCD) seeks to prequalify a pool of licensed General Contractors and professionals, from which to solicit bids, in connection with its administration of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") Healthy Homes Grant funds. HUD and EBCI HCD believes our communities should make homes available to families that are affordable and healthy.

Contractor must have a DUNS number and registered with SAM. gov to perform work as a federal contractor. Qualified contactors and professionals will be expected to start work upon issuance of a contract. Several contractors and professionals will be selected for work. Selections will be based on qualifications. HCD reserves the right to reject any and all submissions. The EBCI supports Native American owned businesses and gives preference to the hiring of Native American firms or businesses whenever possible.

Qualification packages should include a W-9, tribal business license, proof of insurance, and any applicable licenses or certifications. Deliver sealed proposals to the Housing & Community Development office at 687 AcquoniRoad,Cherokee,NC 28719. Deadline for Healthy Home proposals is Friday, March 20 at 4:00p.m.

Contact Paulette Cox at paulcox@nc-cherokee.com with questions or comments or call 828-359-

6748. **3/18pd**

The Public Health and Human Services Division (PHHS)

seeks competitive proposals for a contracting agency to complete a Needs Assessment for Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) people with developmental and intellectual disabilities. This firm will conduct a needs assessment, service evaluation, and gap analysis on current workforce, training, housing, and caretaking services available to EBCI individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

For more information on the scope of work and access to the complete RFP contact Aneva Hagberg Phone: 828-359-6191 Email: anevhagb@nc-cherokee.com. **3/18pd**

The EBCI Natural Resources Department is requesting proposals (RFP) for the development and modernization of the EBCI's digital fishing permit system. Proposals will be accepted through April 3rd, 2020. Copies of the RFP will be made available to interested parties by contacting Paula Price, EBCI Natural Resources Program Coordinator at paulpric@ nc-cherokee.com or (828) 359-6083. **3/11pd**

AUCTION OF USED ITEMS

Harrah's Cherokee Casino is auctioning several used items including commercial grade exercise equipment, commercial grade wallpaper, various sized road cases, and ceramic and vinyl tiles. Purchases may be made by cash and check only. Some minimum bids may apply. Bids will be accepted through Friday, March 20, 2020.

Email Charlie Myers at cmyers1@harrahs.com or call 497-8315 for more information. **3/11pd**

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Explore all the events at installation.wcu.edu

