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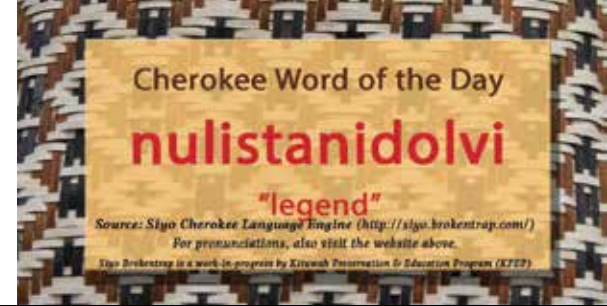
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SOLDIER: Warren Dupree (left), Post 143 service officer, reads a certificate he presents to Lt. Col. Kina Swayney (US Army Ret.) during a ceremony honoring women veterans on Friday, Oct. 7, 2011. During the regular session of Tribal Council on Thursday, March 1, 2018, Swayney was named a Beloved Woman of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

BELOVED WARRIOR

Lt. Col. Kina Swayney
named EBCI
Beloved Woman

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The late Lt. Col. Kina Swayney received numerous awards and commendations during her 24-year distinguished mil-

itary career, and now she has received the highest designation within the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. During its regular session on the morning of Thursday, March 1, Tribal Council approved legislation unanimously designating Lt. Col. Swayney as a Beloved Woman.

Casey Cooper, Cherokee Indian Hospital chief executive officer, submitted the legislation along with the Cherokee Indian Hospital Patient Family Adviso-

ry Council on which Lt. Col. Swayney served. “Through my career, I’ve had the chance, as you know, to be a part of a lot of legislation, but I can’t think of any that I was more honored to get to participate in,” Cooper said on Thursday. “It was a great blessing to get to know Kina, and one of the greatest regrets that I have is that I didn’t know her earlier in my life. She was so multi-faceted...”

He added, “She was a warrior. She

was an ambassador. She loved her community. She was tenacious in fighting for the individual rights of people that were oppressed or afflicted or possibly just didn't have a voice due to addictive disorders."

The legislation stated many of her accomplishments and service, both in the military and at home with the Tribe, including her work with the Cherokee Civil Action Team which she helped create in 2015. "She committed to fight against the drug epidemic by submitting, in June 2016, Resolution No. 267, that implored tribal leadership and other agencies and entities to actively combat the drug crisis in the community," the resolution stated.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed stated on Thursday, "Lt. Col. Swayney embodied the true spirit of a Cherokee woman. She was strong, but she was not overbearing. She was courageous, but she was not harsh. She represents everything that we believe that a strong, Cherokee woman should be. She was a leader who led with love, with compassion for her community and for this Tribe. She was a warrior who gave her time in service to this nation, and when she came back and saw the carnage that was occurring here because of substance abuse, she came back and was a leader here and was a warrior leading the fight here on that front."

Big Cove Rep. Richard French noted, "I knew here most of my life also...she was always giving back to the community...it's just an honor to be able to do this for her here today."

Lea Wolf, an EBCI tribal member from the Painttown Community who was a good friend to Lt. Col. Swayney and served with her on the Civil Action Team, said, "It was an honor for me for her to ask me to work alongside of her to do some of the things that we did here for the people. I miss my friend something terrible. She was a good person."

Wolf added, "I'm pretty sure that you see the love through the work that she did. She fought hard..."

Doug Swayney, Kina's husband, commented, "She would have been humbled by all of this. If any one thing would come from this it is more commitment to the betterment of our Tribe in all aspects in dealing with all of the issues that face us now and in the future."



HONORED: Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed (left) and Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha (right), both veterans of the United States armed forces, are shown with Doug Swayney, Lt. Col. Swayney's husband, following the designation of LTC Swayney as a Beloved Woman.

Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell, a veteran of the U.S. Army, said, "She had a life that needs to be put out there for people to emulate as a way to be – tough, tough, tough, tough. For her to be a Lieutenant Colonel alone in the United States Army is an accomplishment...she accomplished far more in her life than we ever did."

He went on to state, "There's no one more deserving."

Lt. Col. Swayney attended Advanced Officers Training at Fort Bragg, NC and both the basic and advanced Officer's course at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indiana. She graduated from Combined Arms School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Command General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth; Joint Warfighting and Operations Course at Joint Staff College in Norfolk, Va.; and Joint and Interagency Planners Course at Joint Staff College in Norfolk.

She received a bachelor's degree in political science from Western Carolina University and a master's degree in human resources manage-

ment and organizational development from Webster University.

With the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, she achieved the highest military rank of any EBCI woman in history.

Lt. Col. Swayney's awards and decorations include: Defense Meritorious Service Medal, five Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, Army Achievement Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, two Overseas Service Medals, Army Service Ribbon and two Army Superior Unit Awards.

She served overseas including several positions in the Middle East including: training and exercise officer in Qatar and Egypt, training mission to strengthen partnership with the Kazakhstani Army, and an assignment to serve on an Iraqi Assessment Team – the only female on the team of 50 – where she flew in and out of training sites daily evaluating the Iraqi Army.



HONORING A HUMBLE MAN

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LEADER: Kent Briggs, Cherokee Braves head football coach, was named an Honorary Member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians during the regular session of Tribal Council on Thursday, March 1. He is shown on the sidelines of the 1A State Championship game on Dec. 9, 2017 at North Carolina State University.

Coach Briggs named Honorary Member of Tribe

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

Kent Briggs, Cherokee Braves head football coach, led his team to a state title this past season, and now he has another title. During its regular session on the morning of Thursday, March 1, Tribal Council passed legislation designating Coach Briggs as an Honorary Member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Council passed Res. No. 143 (2018), which was submitted by the 2017 Cherokee Braves football team, unanimously. “Mr. Kent Briggs has given selflessly and built a strong foundation for our students and athletes through

his empathy, encouragement, determination, commitment, and enthusiasm as he inspires our students to reach down into their souls to bring forth their very best,” the resolution states. “Despite his recent health and battle with cancer, he continued to be present for our students and athletes as a coach, leader, and mentor.”

The legislation went on to state, “His inspiration and motivation have created more than a team. He has created a family.”

The last part of the resolution stated he was given the honorary member designation “for his unselfish dedication and commitment to our students, team, school, community, and Tribe.” Coach Briggs, shocked by the gesture, said emotionally, “I’m completely without words. This is the greatest honor I’ve ever had or will ever have.”

He added, “I’ve never had a greater year in coaching than I’ve had this year, and it wasn’t

necessarily about winning the state championship. It was about the journey, and going on the journey with these guys and the Cherokee Nation will always be my best and happiest year... to give me this honor, I’m blown away. I don’t know what to say except for I’m very, very proud and very honored, and I will do all I can do to uphold the representation of being part of this Tribe.”

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed presented Coach Briggs with a Certificate of Appreciation designating him as an Honorary EBCI tribal member, and Vice Chairman David Wolfe presented him with a Cherokee wood carving as a gift from the Tribal Council.

Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha stated, “On behalf of the Tribal Council, we too would like to thank you for your hard work and dedication and everything that you put into what a coach should be. To come into this community

and be the person that you are and show your humbleness, we appreciate you.”

The 2017 Braves state championship team was introduced during the event, and prior to their introductions Coach Briggs spoke on the team and their season.

“Our guys worked really hard to accomplish the things that they did this year...for us, it was a great honor to represent Cherokee Nation. These guys have worked really hard to put themselves in this position, but the biggest thing that I am proudest of is how they represented our nation. They went out there on the field, and obviously played well, but they also did the things that you have to do to make Cherokee proud.”

He went on to say, “The biggest thing that I think got us to a state championship was believing in ourselves, these guys believing that they could do it, and they did that because Cherokee believed in them.”

Several Tribal Council representatives congratulated the team and Coach Briggs during Thursday’s honoring.

Wolftown Rep. Bo Crowe, who volunteers his time with the team as a statistician, noted, “It’s been an honor to be able to stand on the sidelines and listen to the way the coaching staff works and how the boys hold themselves. They are well-deserving of this state championship...”

Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose said, “I’m proud of you men for making history and being the best in the state...I get emotional because I’ve played in state championships and I know what you guys sacrificed and have been through...take the lessons that you’ve learned from



HONORED: Kent Briggs (front row center), Cherokee Braves head football coach, is shown with tribal leaders following being named an Honorary EBCI tribal member. Shown (left-right) front row – Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle, Coach Briggs, Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose; middle row – Vice Chief Alan “B.” Ensley, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell; back row – Wolftown Rep. Jeremy Wilson, Big Cove Rep. Richard French, and Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha. Tribal Council voted unanimously on the legislation designating Coach Briggs as an Honorary Member.

winning state and what you went through and use it in life...football lessons are life lessons.”

Wolftown Rep. Jeremy Wilson commented, “This Tribe has been through a really tough time, and I think that the unity that you guys brought to this Tribe has been probably the best thing that you could bring. To me, the state title is really just a bonus of what you really brought to this community, and I want you guys to understand what leaders you really are.”

He then said, “Coach Briggs, I just want to welcome you to the Eastern Band.”

Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle said, “When you have a coach of the high caliber as Mr. Briggs here, it streams down to the players and that’s what happened this year. We had a great team.”



ELATION: Coach Briggs (center) celebrates with his team moments after they captured the 1A State Football Championship on the cold, rainy, snowy afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017 at Carter-Finley Stadium on the campus of North Carolina State University. Following the game, he stated, “We said from the very first practice that the only goal we had this year was to win the state championship...we believed in each other, and we worked our tails off to get in this position and I’m so proud of our guys.”

Working on housing needs

Groundbreaking held for housing complex in Painttown

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

Tribal leaders and housing officials of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians gathered on the rainy afternoon of Wednesday, Feb. 28 to break ground on a new housing opportunity for tribal members. The Hwy. 19 Housing Complex, located in the Painttown Community, which will be completed sometime next year, will include 60 total units including: 12 two bedroom, one bath; 32 three bedroom, two bath; and 16 four bedroom, two bath.

"It's another beautiful day, not because of the weather but the way the Tribe is today, that we're able to push projects out like this for our people," said Travis Smith, EBCI Secretary of Housing. "That's what makes it beautiful. We're very fortunate in what we have and to be able to provide for our people today."

Vice Chief Alan "B." Ensley, noted, "I would like to thank some of the older Council members including (Painttown Rep.) Tommye Saunooke. This project began in 2002, but I want to thank the Chief (Sneed) too for picking this project up and moving it forward...some of the projects get slowed down, but I really want to thank the Chief for really pushing this project. We know what the rental and the



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HOUSING: Tribal leaders break ground on the new Hwy.19 Apartment Complex in the Painttown Community on the afternoon of Wednesday, Feb. 28. Shown (left-right) are – Wolfstown Rep. Bo Crowe, Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle, Vice Chief Alan "B." Ensley, Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, Painttown Rep. Lisa Taylor, Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose, Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha, Big Cove Rep. Richard French, and Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell.

housing needs are for the Tribe, and this will take us a long way."

He added, "When the project was first presented to Council, I mentioned that we could build in Yellowhill, Snowbird, and all of the different communities. So, hopefully, that's where this project will lead to."

Both of Painttown's Tribal Council representatives were present for the event. Rep. Saunooke commented, "This has been a long time coming and we're just thankful."

Rep. Lisa Taylor said, "We're just thankful to be getting this housing for our enrolled members."

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed noted, "We know the needs

of our people. They need housing. They need it now. Thank you to Tribal Council for appropriating the funds when they did. One of the goals and objectives of this administration is to get housing on the ground. And, so, I'm grateful to HCD (Housing & Community Development) and T.W. (Saunooke) and the legwork that you did on this on the front end and everybody at HCD and Housing and the work that they're doing."

He added, "This is just the first of many to come. Housing is going to be a priority, and we're going to make these projects a priority...this is just the first step. We'll get shovels in the ground, and then we're going to get people into houses."

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- Principal Chief
Richard G. Sneed

Principal Chief's Report (week of Feb. 26 – March 2)

RICHARD G. SNEED
PRINCIPAL CHIEF

This week, I joined Tribal Council to break ground for a new housing project along Highway 19 in the Painttown community. One of my goals is to build 100 homes. The new housing project will have a total of 60 units. This project has been in the works for several years and I am fortunate to be able to complete and follow through with the vision and the work of previous tribal leaders.

Construction is expected to begin later this month and the project is estimated to take 12-18 months for completion. The Housing and Community Development office is taking applications for the units and there is no waitlist for the units. The units will be market rate rentals which means the cost will be comparable to others in the region. The qualifications are proof of a sufficient income and pass a background check. If you have any other questions you can call the Housing Services Manager, Michelle Stamper 359-6904.

This development will bring new housing opportunities for young families. The development will consist of 12 two-bedroom units, 32 three-bedroom units, and 16 four-bedroom units. The project will also have a community room that houses a laundry room, workout facility, small gathering space and the community mailboxes.

There are other housing developments which will be moving forward this year on Fisher Branch and Macedonia Road.

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Tribe offering \$25,000 reward in ballot tampering case

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

An audit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' 2017 General Election and recounts alleges ballot tampering and voter fraud, and now tribal leaders want to know who was responsible. Tribal Council voted during its Budget Council session on Tuesday, Feb. 27 to offer a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the tampering. Those wishing to relay information can do so by calling (800) 455-9014 or visiting ebci.alertline.com.

Res. No. 133, submitted by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, was passed unanimously. The resolution states in part, "...to restore trust in the election system, and to bring those responsible to justice, it is necessary for the Tribe to contract with an independent third-party investigator to dig deeper into the subject and attempt to identify who was responsible for the adulteration of the 2017 election."

During discussion on the legislation on Tuesday, Chief Sneed commented that himself and Vice Chief Alan "B." Ensley attended a community meeting in the Big Cove Community recently and the election tampering issue was a hot topic of discussion. "Community member Lori Taylor was adamant at that meeting, and we were all in agreement, that further investigation needed to be conducted because the audit report does not designate who they think may have done the tampering."

He added, "It is imperative that

we restore full faith in the election process of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians...I believe everybody seated around this horseshoe, everybody involved in tribal government, and every member of this community wants to know who was responsible."

The initial report was conducted by Veriti Consulting LLC and states, "In summary, it is Veriti's opinion there was ballot tampering between Election Day and the Recount due to significant internal control weaknesses in the election process and safeguarding of election documentation. It is impossible to determine who the person or persons were that committed the alleged ballot tampering. Further analysis and review of all internal controls related to the election process should be performed to further assess, and strengthen policies and procedures."

Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle said on Tuesday, "I think we need to get to the bottom of it, and we need to put the faith back in our people where they can come out and vote and feel like they voted for the person that they wanted in and got in...I'm all for this. It's kind of sad that this came from Birdtown because there are some great people in Birdtown, very trustworthy, but there was some evidence and allegations of wrongdoing here. I think we need to find out who it was."

The Birdtown Community was a large focus of the investigation. Boyd Owle (506 votes) was in first place following the General Election with a large lead over Albert Rose (431) and Ashley Sessions (419). A recount was held for the

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*- Principal Chief
Richard G. Sneed*

community on Sept. 13, 2017, and the total number of ballots increased by 78.

"The change in ballot counts between Election Day and the Recount resulted in the third-place candidate, Sessions, moving into the second-place position," the report states. "After challenges by both Rose and Sessions, the Board of Elections called for the Run-off election on Oct. 10, 2017, between Rose and Sessions. Rose won the Run-off election by a wide margin." During its investigation, Veriti related that their staff toured polling locations (Birdtown, Wolfstown, Big Y), reviewed Board of Elections documents, assessed the security and safeguarding at both the Board of Elections and the BIA offices, reviewed ballots and ballot bins, and more.

In a section of the report entitled "Conclusion of Birdtown Ballots", Veriti notes, "It appears the General Election in Birdtown, specifically the Early Ballots and Undervote Ballots, were altered between Election Day and the Recount. The fact there was an

increase of 86 additional votes per the Recount and a decrease in the Undervote ballots supports our conclusion that ballot tampering occurred."

Of particular interest in the report are the storage bins containing the ballots. Veriti noted in the report, "Each type of bin was 'sealed' shut with a numbered zip tie. However, even with the security seals in place, several bin types remained unsecured. With minimal effort, we opened the sealed bins and slid our arm in and removed ballots."

The report went on to note, "The unsecured, but sealed, storage bins would have permitted the possible manipulation of General Election ballots between the election night count on Sept. 7, 2017 and the Recount on Sept. 13, 2017. Anyone with access to the BIA Vault could have added, removed, or altered ballots with relative ease. Based upon election data previously described, we believe this may have been the means by which an unknown person or persons altered ballots."

A time frame for the second investigation was not set per the resolution. It was decided to put the matter out for bid through an RFP (Request for Proposals). The resolution does state, "...the person or firm hired to perform this second-level investigation shall have training and experience in conducting investigations for the purpose of identifying violations of applicable law, for the purpose of identifying persons responsible for such violations, and for the purpose of obtaining and preserving evidence for criminal prosecutions and civil legal actions."



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ATTORNEY: R. Andrew Murray, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, speaks to Tribal Council during their regular session on Thursday, March 1. "I took an oath to serve, and I took an oath to do justice," he said. "My goal was to get out in my first three months and see my major stakeholders, and you are a major stakeholder. My understanding is that the Western District of North Carolina U.S. Attorney's Office and you, this Council, have worked well together and collaborated well together. I will tell you my first goal is not to screw that up. I plan on working with you as closely as possible to do justice as you guys see what justice is for this community." Murray was sworn in on Nov. 27, 2017 following being nominated by President Trump in September 2017 and confirmed unanimously by the Senate on Nov. 9, 2017. Retired from the U.S. Coast Guard after more than 30 years of service, Murray was the elected District Attorney of North Carolina's 26th Prosecutorial District prior to taking his current position.

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BASKETBALL

Murphy tops Lady Braves in regional semis

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

MMURPHY – The Cherokee Lady Braves (19-7) finished their 2017-18 season with a 55-32 loss at Murphy in the 1A West regional semifinals on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 27. Cherokee’s usual high-powered offense was hindered with shooting problems on the night.

“We improved so much from the beginning of the season,” Chris Mintz, Lady Braves head coach, told the One Feather. “We started out 2-4 and won 17 out of our final 20. That is something to be proud of. These girls came to work every day and did their best. Tonight was not our night, and we couldn’t buy a basket. Tonight doesn’t take away from a great season.”

On the year, Cherokee was co-champions with Murphy for the Big Smoky Mountain Conference regular season title and they were runner-up in the BSMC tournament.

Tuesday’s game started slowly for both teams with the first bucket of the night coming at the 5:04 mark in the first when Murphy’s Aubrey Clapsaddle hit an inside shot. Almost a minute later, Cherokee’s Timiyah Brown scored and got Cherokee on the board. After the first quarter, Murphy led 14-8.

The second quarter was all Lady Bulldogs as they outscored Cherokee 17-3 to take a 20-point (31-11) lead into the locker room.

The third quarter was a close one with Murphy edging the Lady



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RUNNING: Cherokee’s Raylen Bark (#1) runs up court in the second half of a 1A state playoffs fourth round game at Murphy on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Braves 12-10 and taking a 43-21 lead into the final eight minutes. The fourth quarter zoomed by and Cherokee was unable to close the gap.

Cherokee scorers included: Raylen Bark 3, Carla Wolfe 6, Nao-

mi Smith 2, Shelby Wolfe 6, Deante Toineeta 6, Kayleigh Wolfe 3, Tori Teesateskie 2, and Timiyah Brown 4. Murphy’s scorers included: Hailey Thompson 2, Brianna Moore 4, Jessica Beckner 18, Ellie Martin 5, Aubrey Clapsaddle 12, Sarah Pulli-

um 2, and Sydni Addison 12.

For the season, Tori Teesateskie, junior, led the Lady Braves with 298 points followed by Deante Toineeta 227, Shelby Wolfe 216, Raylen Bark 192, Timiyah Brown 124, and Carla Wolfe 109.

Listen to Patrick Not Star and be glad you played

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

I've played all sorts of sports in my life, volleyball being my tops, and I can tell you square off I'm competitive and I don't like losing. I don't think anyone does. But, I can also tell you that the lessons learned in years of long practices, arduous training sessions, competitive games and matches, and months in the off-season of eating cleanly and hitting a volleyball every single day have taught me more about life than any game I ever won.

Cherokee is a sports town, and this year we've had the pleasure of seeing the Braves football team win the school's first state title. That was definitely cool and a wonderful achievement for the team. But, for me, even better was getting to watch six of those young men sign letters of intent to play college football. Lessons learned on the gridiron will help them in their college careers as they work towards their degrees.

And, even better than that was getting to watch them gel as a team and as brothers. Teamwork – what a lesson.

This year was up and down, mostly up, for the CHS varsity basketball teams. The Braves and Lady Braves both got off to slow starts, but the middle of the season was all theirs for the taking. They lit it up in January!

Well, neither team finished where they wanted to, but they achieved a tremendous amount. The Braves won the Big Smoky



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TEAM: The Cherokee Lady Braves share a moment prior to the Big Smoky Mountain Conference tournament final at Murphy last month. Moments like this embody what true teamwork and unity are all about – two great lessons learned in sports.

Mountain Conference regular season title as well as the conference tournament, and the Lady Braves were co-champions in the BSMC regular season and runner-up in the tournament.

But, along the way and more importantly, they played as a team. They won as a team. They shot as a team. They dunked as a team. They lost as a team. And, they learned life lessons as a team.

Even if both teams had lost every single game this year, those lessons would have been learned.

Shakespeare once wrote, "Let me embrace thee, sour adversity, for wise men say it is the wisest course."

I've written several times before about the importance of teamwork,

but facing adversity as a team is the true test and the true lesson.

I take thousands of photos each season, but the ones I like the most aren't the ones necessarily where a player is scoring or making a great play. I like those, but the ones I really enjoy, both as a photographer and a sports guy, are the ones that show emotion, true emotion. I took several this past season showing wonderful interaction between the players, and for me, that's the true purpose of sports – interaction leading to teamwork.

My daughter has been a fan of Spongebob Squarepants since she was little, and it's a show that we still watch, almost daily, in our house. There's one particular episode that rings true for this week's

column in which Spongebob and Patrick Star play a game of hide-and-seek. Spongebob traverses the globe looking for Patrick, but he can't find him. Finally, Spongebob enters a small establishment at the end of the world and comes across a starfish named Patrick Not Star. Distracted over not finding the "real" Patrick, Spongebob laments that he'll never win the game. Patrick Not Star simply asks, "Did you have fun playing?"

I always hope athletes, from pee wees to pros, have fun when they play. Win or lose, it's still a game, and it provides an opportunity for wonderful growth and lesson-learning. Have fun! Now, let's get outside and enjoy some spring sports in the sunshine.

BASKETBALL

Coach Hogner, several Braves receive conference honors

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

First-year Braves head coach Aaron Hogner coached his team to a regular season conference title as well as a conference tournament championship. For his accomplishments during the first season, he was named the Big Smoky Mountain Conference Coach of the Year. Josh Cottrell, of Hayesville, was named the BSMC Player of the Year.

Three senior members of the Cherokee Braves team were named to the All-Conference team including Tye Mintz, Holden Straughan, and Justus Day. Two other Braves, Josiah Lossiah and Sterling Santa Maria, were named Honorable Mention.

Mintz averaged 16 points and 9.4 rebounds a game. On the season, he had 288 points, 169 rebounds, 33 assists, and 34 steals. Straughan averaged 14.5 points and 3.9 assists per game. For the year, he had 261 points, 52 rebounds, 70 assists, and 38 steals. Both Mintz and Straughan hit the 1,000 point mark for their career

during the season.

Day, who played in 10 games on the season due to an injury, averaged 14 points per game as well as 3.4 rebounds. For the season, he had 140 points, 34 rebounds, and 9 steals. Lossiah ended the year with 120 points, 58 rebounds, 82 assists, and 58 steals. Santa Maria ended with 213 points, 97 rebounds, 26 assists, and 32 steals.

Other selections for the All-Conference team were: Josh Cottrell, Hayesville; Jeremiah Clark, Murphy; Deland Thomas, Rosman; Hooper Thomas, Rosman; Zeke Bradley, Swain County; Brier Younce, Swain County; and Seth Parker, Swain County.

Other Honorable Mention selections included: Dillan Phillips, Andrews; Kabe Ellis, Andrews; Dwain Cook, Hayesville; Blake McClure, Hayesville; Hayden McClure, Hayesville; Peyton Krieger, Hayesville; Tucker Price, Robbinsville; Landon Orr, Robbinsville; Elijah Wachacha, Robbinsville; Micah Nelson, Murphy; Hagan Newton, Murphy; Luke Stewart, Rosman; and Gaige Southards, Swain County.

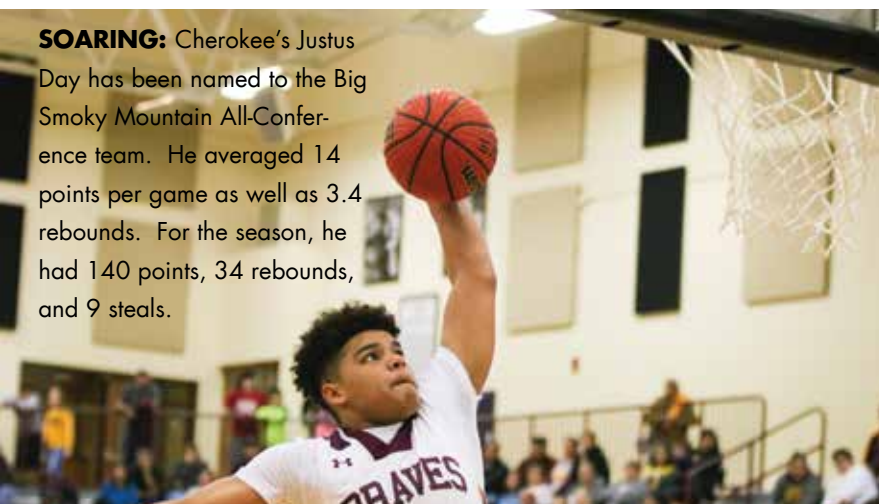


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COACHING AWARD: First-year Braves head coach Aaron Hogner (center) coached his team to a regular season conference title as well as a conference tournament championship. For his accomplishments during the first season, he was named the Big Smoky Mountain Conference Coach of the Year.



FOR THREE: Cherokee's Holden Straughan (#20) has been named to the Big Smoky Mountain All-Conference team. Straughan averaged 14.5 points and 3.9 assists per game. For the year, he had 261 points, 52 rebounds, 70 assists, and 38 steals.



SOARING: Cherokee's Justus Day has been named to the Big Smoky Mountain All-Conference team. He averaged 14 points per game as well as 3.4 rebounds. For the season, he had 140 points, 34 rebounds, and 9 steals.



JUMP SHOT: Cherokee's Tye Mintz (#1) has been named to the Big Smoky Mountain All-Conference team. He averaged 16 points and 9.4 rebounds a game. On the season, he had 288 points, 169 rebounds, 33 assists, and 34 steals.



POINT: Cherokee's Josiah Lossiah has been named Honorable Mention Big Smoky Mountain All-Conference. He ended the year with 120 points, 58 rebounds, 82 assists, and 58 steals.



LINING IT UP: Cherokee's Sterling Santa Maria has been named Honorable Mention Big Smoky Mountain All-Conference. He ended the year with 213 points, 97 rebounds, 26 assists, and 32 steals.




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Tribal member athletes honored by Tribal Council, Executive Office



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BRAVES: During its regular session on Thursday, March 1, Tribal Council and the EBCI Executive Office honored EBCI tribal members who qualified for the participated in the 1A state championship wrestling meet held last month in Greensboro. Shown (left-right) are the three members from Cherokee High School who qualified including: Seth Sneed, sixth place in 132lb.; Caden Pheasant, sixth place in 160lb., and Sam Sneed, fourth place in 152lb.



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BLACK KNIGHTS: During its regular session on Thursday, March 1, Tribal Council and the EBCI Executive Office honored EBCI tribal members who qualified for the participated in the 1A state championship wrestling meet held last month in Greensboro. Shown (left-right) are the three members from Robbinsville High School who qualified including: Kyle Fink and Nathan Fisher who placed fourth in 126lb.



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MAROON DEVILS: During its regular session on Thursday, March 1, Tribal Council and the EBCI Executive Office honored EBCI tribal members who qualified for the participated in the 1A state championship wrestling meet held last month in Greensboro. Shown (left-right) are the three members from Swain County High School who qualified including: Mac Long, Will Paul who won the state title in the 220lb., and Cody Long.



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1K: During its regular session on Thursday, March 1, Tribal Council and the EBCI Executive Office honored EBCI tribal members who reached the 1,000 point milestone in basketball this past season. Shown (left-right) are – Tori Teesateskie, Cherokee High School; Lynsey Hicks, Swain County High School; and Shay Tisho, Smoky Mountain High School. Not pictured – Holden Straughan, Cherokee High School.

Travel League basketball teams recognized at Tribal Council



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PEE WEE GIRLS: The Cherokee Pee Wee Girls WNC Travel League team was recognized by Tribal Council during the regular session on Thursday, March 1 for the team's victory in the recent tournament. They were the regular season champions as well and finished the season an undefeated 14-0. Shown (left-right) back row – Cambry Stamper, Laylah Thompson, Brooklyn Panther, Joscelyn Stamper, Madison Rogers, Livia Crowe; front row – Lilly Lossiah, Morgan Hernandez, Emily Brady, Kennedy Moore, and Taytem Saunooke.



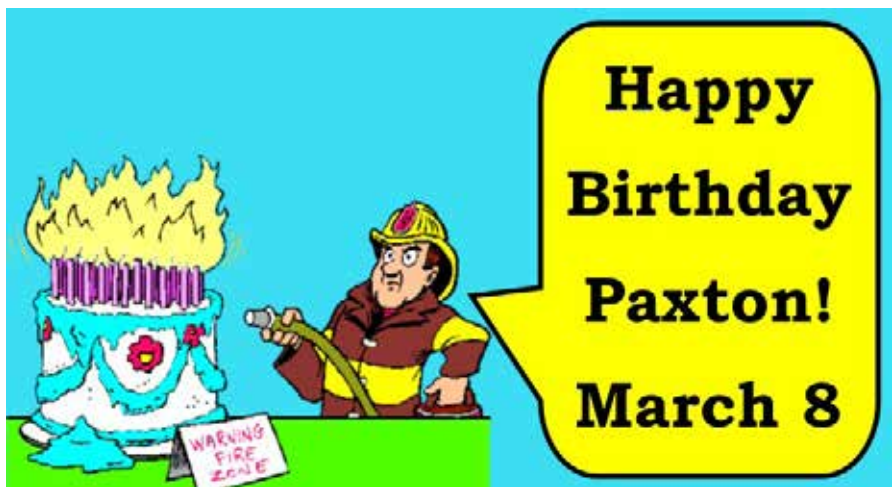
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PEE WEE BOYS: The Cherokee Pee Wee Boys WNC Travel League team was recognized by Tribal Council during the regular session on Thursday, March 1 for the team's victory in the recent tournament. Shown (left-right) back row – Kyitan Johnson, Dalton Yates, Zaynon Taylor, Malchiah Littlejohn; middle row – Utsela Saunooke, Felix Lossiah, Brandon Blankenship; front row – Kaden Stephens, L.J. Panther, Dillon Beam, Ezekiel Welch, and Wakinyan Raines.



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TERMITE BOYS: The Cherokee Termite Boys WNC Travel League team was recognized by Tribal Council during the regular session on Thursday, March 1 for the team's victory in the recent tournament. Shown (left-right) back row – Ogana Hill-Ledford, Savian Davis, Jack Teesateskie, Bubba Moore; middle row – Goo Clapsaddle, Tayvin Bark, Elijah Lineberry, Javan Garcia; front row – Chaske Raines, Ogana Swimmer, Matix Stamper, Dawson Panther, and Samuel Hernandez.



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Building a healthy community

Tribal member encouraging recovery through education, podcast, example

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

Kallup McCoy II, an EBCI tribal member, is a busy man. He can be found each day training for extreme running challenges, working on a podcast, and educating people about the reality and dangers of substance abuse.

“Everything is opening up because I’m carrying out God’s will for exactly what he saved me for, to help heal and give hope to others by loving and supporting those who are struggling because I know what it’s like,” said McCoy, who is in recovery from his own past addictions. “I have an understanding of these issues, and I’m open-minded because I understand that blessings don’t come to us. They’re supposed to flow through us. We’re not supposed to hang on to those things. We’re supposed to give it back.”

Educating others, especially youth, about substance abuse and recovery efforts is now one of his focuses, and he has started a bi-weekly podcast called the NCRaw (North Carolina Recovery Always) Recovery Podcast. “We believe in multiple pathways to recovery and that includes medicated-assisted treatment, faith-based, or someone doing it on their own. Whatever it may be, if it’s helping



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DETERMINATION: Kallup McCoy, an EBCI tribal member, is working every day to bring awareness and education on recovery issues.

you become a better and more productive person and you find your drive and your passion again, we’re all about it.”

The podcast, which is produced at Western Carolina University (WCU), can be heard online at: <https://www.ncraw.life/>.

The three hosts of the program are McCoy, Stephen Steen, and Richie Tannerhill. Courtney Stiwalt, who recently earned a bachelor’s degree in music from WCU, is the producer and director of media. The project itself works under the mission statement, “We are a team of recovery advocates with a mission to educate the general public about substance misuse disorders and methods for sober living. We hope to empower the individual and to assist the community in defeating the stigma associated with recovery topics by sharing stories

that prove that recovery is happening around us every day.”

McCoy is also currently hosting a logo contest for his group, Rez Hope Recovery and Consulting. “It’s a personalized logo combining strength, healing, and our traditions.” The winner will receive \$100.

“My vision is building a healthier community and support those who are struggling with not just substance use and mental health issues, but people who struggle with trauma of any kind and hopelessness,” he commented. “I believe that if we start building a healthy community we control the supply by decreasing the demand for drugs. That goes back to educating our kids because the things that we’re going to teach them, the positive and healthy choices that they learn to make, then they can go home and change their family’s life if they’re struggling. It is all going to filter down if we can go and witness to the kids and help them make better choices and learn leadership skills.”

He has met with some area school officials and has a few more meetings upcoming on that issue – educating the youth about those struggles. “We’re hoping to go ahead and start setting some goals on how we can get early prevention programs implemented.”

McCoy will be doing a program with the Cherokee Children’s Home staff later this month. “That’s just going to educate them and enlighten them on how to best meet the kids where they’re at because there

is a right way to approach those who are struggling with trauma, substance use, and mental health issues.”

Next month, his group is hosting an event with the youth at the Children’s Home where they will have a cookout, play games, etc. “We just need to let them know they’re valuable. So many people say, ‘our kids are the future’, but we’re not talking to them right now. That’s a problem. We need to ask them the questions. We might think we know what’s best for them, but by not asking, a lot of times, we don’t know what’s best.”

During that event, he’s going to talk with them about leadership and healthy choices.

In addition to everything mentioned, McCoy is training for several extreme running events. First off, he is running a marathon on Emerald Isle on Saturday, March 10, and one week later, he will run the Badwater 50K in Bald Head Island. “At the Badwater 50K, the race director for the Badwater 135 the world’s toughest foot race, is going to be present and I’m hoping to share my story with him and my vision for building a healthier community and the struggles and oppression that we’re going through as a people. And, I’m hoping that he’ll open up a spot for me in his July race.”

The first of May, McCoy is embarking on an incredible journey. He is going to run the Benge Route of the Trail of Tears. “In my run

see **MCCOY** page 20

Sharing history of Snowbird Day

Adcock receives Fellowship to record and share history of Snowbird Day School

Trey Adcock, UNC Asheville assistant professor of interdisciplinary studies who also directs the university's American Indian & Indigenous Studies Program, has won a \$50,000 Whiting Public Engagement Fellowship – one of only seven awarded nationally in 2018.

With this fellowship funding, Adcock, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, will lead a project to record the history of the Snowbird Day School, which was attended during its history by an estimated 550 Cherokee children in Western North Carolina before closing in 1963. The school had its roots in Quaker-led initiatives in the late 19th century but was eventually controlled by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. A central tenet of the school was to assimilate Indian youth into white, Anglophone culture. Only 80 out of its students are still living, and one teacher, age 93, still survives.

Adcock and his students will collect and preserve oral histories, mainly in the Cherokee language, while also digitizing photographs and other historical materials in partnership with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The EBCI Tribal Council unanimously passed a resolution in support of this project and has expressed an interest in expanding it to include



UNC Asheville photo

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other day schools that operated in the broader Cherokee community. As a collaborative, tribal-led initiative, "Tuti Tsunadelogwasdi Uninohelv (Stories of the Snowbird Day School)" will bring Cherokee communities together to reflect on their history, document the experience of cultural transition, and contribute to the preservation of their language.

"We never walk alone and this project exemplifies this. It has taken a team of folks to get to this point and I am just honored to be a part of it," says Adcock. "It's humbling to be recognized by the Whiting

Foundation and to be among so many other great scholars. Funding from this fellowship will go toward supporting UNCA students to be a part of the project, which I am excited about, to help interview community members, design a digital gallery that will host the project and design a multi-media based traveling exhibition. The exhibit will travel across WNC at various venues before being donated into the permanent collection of the Junaluska Museum in the Tuti yi community near Robbinsville, North Carolina."

Joe Urgo, UNC Asheville interim chancellor, noted, "Trey Adcock has done a wonderful job creating learning opportunities for our students and the community in indigenous studies while helping grow the university's relationship with native peoples in our region and beyond. Trey was instrumental in the new agreement between UNC Asheville and the United South and Eastern Tribes (USET) that will bring citizens of the 27 USET-member tribal nations to our campus as students. Trey works continuously to bring additional tribal experience and expertise to our campus as we expand our minor in American Indian and Indigenous Studies and our Cherokee language program. The greater Asheville community benefits from the many public events he organizes."

Public events from UNC Asheville's American Indian and Indigenous Studies program include Cherokee stickball demonstrations, concerts, lectures, exhibitions, and more.

The next speaker in this series

"We never walk alone and this project exemplifies this."

- Trey Adcock

will be Sarah Sunshine Manning, a Shoshone-Paiute educator and journalist whose free public talk, "We Are the Earth, We Are the Land", takes place at noon on Thursday, March 8, in Karpen Hall, Laurel Forum.

"Stories of the Snowbird Day School" is one of seven different public-facing projects across the country to receive \$50,000 grants in 2018 as part of the Whiting Public Engagement Fellowship program, which celebrates and supports faculty in the humanities who embrace public engagement as part of the scholarly vocation. Ten more projects are receiving \$5,000 planning grants as part of a new aspect of the Whiting Foundation Public Engagement program. For more information, visit <https://www.whiting.org/humanities/public-engagement-fellowship/fellows>. For more information about UNC Asheville's American Indian and Indigenous Studies Program, visit <https://ist.unca.edu/american-indian-and-indigenous-studies-aiis> or contact Trey Adcock at ladcock1@unca.edu.

- UNC Asheville

Deadline for Yogi Crowe Scholarship approaching

The Board of Directors of the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund reminds graduate and post-graduate students that April 1 is the deadline for requesting financial assistance from the Fund for summer semester. Applications and eligibility guidelines are available from any of the board members, from Tribal Education or from the Website www.yogicrowescholarship.org. Applications must be postmarked by the deadline date and mailed on or before the deadline. Applications not postmarked or received electronically by the deadline will not be considered.

For more information, contact any of the Scholarship Fund board members: Dr. Reva Ballew, president 631-1350; Dr. Jennifer Thompson, vice president 507-5997; Mary Herr, secretary 497-9498; Tamitha Fourkiller, treasurer 497-7034; Dr. Carmalita Monteith 497-2717; Sunshine Parker 506-1952, Jan Smith 507-1519 or Shannon Swimmer 736-3191.

*- Yogi Crowe
Memorial Scholarship Fund*

Cherokee Pre-K registration

Registration for Cherokee Pre-K is being held now through Tuesday, May 1. Applications can be picked up at the HOPE Center. The child must be 4-years-old by Aug. 31 and meet the service priority guidelines. Info: HOPE Center 554-5101

- Cherokee Central Schools

Cherokee Recreation notes:

• Wrestling has started. It will not be held against your child for missing the first week. Practices will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at the Birdtown Gym starting at 5:30pm.

• Volleyball sign-up deadline is Friday, March 23. Parents will hear from Recreation regarding coaches, practice times, and other information. Practices will start Tuesday, April 3.

• Tee-Ball sign-up deadline is Friday, May 4. Parents should here from Recreation by May 11 regarding all tee-ball information.

SCC president's list addition

Southwestern Community College accidentally omitted a name from their original press release to the One Feather regarding the fall semester president's list. Dolores Taylor, from Cherokee, was also named to the prestigious president's list.

- Information from SCC

Eastern Band Community Foundation announces Bill Taylor Scholarship

Applications for the Bill Taylor Scholarship are now being accepted by the Eastern Band Community Foundation. This scholarship is available to all EBCI tribal members or their immediate family members who study Business/Business related curricula. The deadline to apply is June 1.

This scholarship was named in honor of previous Tribal Council Chairman Bill Taylor for his involvement and encouragement in bringing the gaming industry to Cherokee and has awarded \$42,082 in scholarships since 2000. Awards are based on students meeting various eligibility requirements detailed on the NCCF website www.nccommunityfoundation.org. Applications can also be downloaded on this site under "Qualla Reservation". For further information contact Norma Moss at normahmoss@gmail.com

The Eastern Band Community Foundation is an affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation. In addition to the website, like us on Facebook, follow us on LinkedIn and Twitter @NCCF for more information on the North Carolina Community Foundation.

*- Eastern Band Community
Foundation*

Vendors sought for Spring Garden Fair

Vendor applications are now being accepted for the Spring Garden Fair set for April 20-21 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Organizers are seeking vendors who sell garden items such as seeds, plants, seedlings, yard art, tools, bees, farm-related subjects, fairies, bird houses, and canned or food products. They are also seeking educators to share information about composting, solar power, recycling, mulches, beekeeping, etc. All are welcome. This event is sponsored by the Offices of the Principal Chief and Vice Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and Legend Weaver Studios. For an application or more information, visit Facebook – Spring Garden Fair or email: legendweaverstudios@gmail.com

Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program accepting applications

The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program is currently recruiting EBCI tribal members who are undergraduate college students to participate in its 2018-2019 program. Undergraduate students with a minimum GPA of 2.75 enrolled in at least six credit hours per semester are eligible to apply by the deadline of 5pm on Monday, April 2.

The culturally-based leadership

program gives students opportunities to develop strong leadership abilities and serve successfully in leadership roles. With the help of mentors, participants develop individual leadership plans, volunteer in their communities, and complete a group service project during a yearlong fellowship.

To obtain an application form stop by the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute located at the Cherokee Boys Club in the former Family Support building across from the garage between the hours of 8am – 4:30pm.

Fellows in the Jones-Bowman Program enjoy the following benefits by participating in the program: –Participation in unique leadership opportunities that will develop their leadership skills.

–Community and culture involvement with an opportunity to give back.

–Meet other students interested in becoming leaders within the Cherokee community.

–Receive funding to support leadership opportunities.

–Receive guidance from outstanding mentors and build peer mentoring relationships.

–Programming is grounded in traditional core values: Strong Individual Character, Group Harmony, Spirituality, Sense of Place, Honoring the Past, Educating the Children, Sense of Humor.

The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award was established in 2007 to honor the memories and leadership of Principal Chief Leon Jones and James Bowman, founding members of the Board of Directors of the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program is a program under the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute; a department of the Cherokee

Boys Club and is funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

Info: Alicia Jacobs alicjaco@nc-chokeee.com, 359-5544

- Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program

Notice of Tribal Privilege Tax increase

The EBCI Tribal Council approved an increase in the rate of Tribal Privilege tax from 3 percent to 4 percent effective Thursday, March 1. This tax applies to hotels, motels, tourist homes, tourist camps, campgrounds, rental cabins and similar businesses and persons who rent private residences and cottages.

The EBCI utilizes privilege tax revenues for tribal services including Sanitation, Tourism & Marketing, cultural preservation, youth

sports, Health Transportation, fuel assistance, and Head Start.

Notices have been mailed.

Info: EBCI Office of Budget and Finance 359-7062

- EBCI Secretary of Treasury
Cory Blankenship

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) available

The 2018 offering of Tax Assistance begins Wednesday, Feb. 7. If your annual income is \$54,000 or less, you are eligible to have your taxes prepared at no cost at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office at 876 Acquoni Rd, located next to the Yellowhill Community Building and covered basketball court. Bring with you the following items to your appointment:

- All income related forms such as: W-2, 1099 Misc., 1099-I, SSA-1099, etc.
- Photo I.D. such as Driver's License or enrollment card with picture
- Social Security Card and birth date of every member of the household
- Enrollment Card of federally recognized tribe for North Carolina Tax Exemption
- Bank Account Information if you want tax return direct deposited
- Last year's tax return if possible
- The program does not do Rental Income (Schedule E), Dividend and Investment Income (Sch B) and Complex Schedule C.

To schedule an appointment,

call the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office 359-6939 or 359-6933 and speak to any staff person.

- EBCI Cooperative Extension

EBCI Enrollment deadline notice for new applicants

In order to be considered for the June 2018 per capita distribution, completed enrollment applications for new applicants to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians must be submitted to the Enrollment Office by 4:30pm on Thursday, March 15. Enrollment applications received after this date and time will not be considered for the June 2018 distribution.

An application will only be considered complete with a county- or state-certified birth certificate, certified DNA results and certification of all other Indian blood. To schedule an appointment at the local collection site, call Michelle Stiles 359-6463. Out-of-town applicants may contact Amber Harrison (918) 685-0478 to schedule an appointment in your area.

DNA testing must be collected by Wednesday, Feb. 28 in order for the results to be in by March 15. Any DNA collected after this date is not guaranteed to be returned by the deadline. Because of the extended amount of time in receiving a social security number for a newborn, an application will be considered complete without a

social security card. However, an enrollment card will only be issued upon receipt of the social security card of a new enrollee.

Applications may be obtained from the Enrollment Office located at 808 Acquoni Rd. or at www.ebci.com.

Info: EBCI Enrollment Office (828) 359-6469

- EBCI Enrollment Office

Per Capita Loan deadlines for upcoming cycle

The EBCI Office of Budget & Finance is about to begin a new cycle of loan assistance for EBCI tribal members for the months of April – September. If you wish to begin receiving loan assistance in the month of April, you must submit a new application to the Finance Office. Applications will be accepted March 19-23, and the new application forms are available at the Finance Office and online at www.ebci.com/government/per-capita-loans/. Applications submitted on forms from previous cycles will not be accepted.

Following is the deadline schedule with check release dates in parentheses: March 19-23 (April 13), April 16-20 (May 11), No applications accepted in May, June 18-22 (July 13), July 16-20 (Aug. 10), Aug. 20-24 (Sept. 7)

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OBITUARIES

Joyce Sprinkle

WEAVERVILLE – Joyce Sprinkle, age 80 of Weaverville, passed away Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018 in Johnson City, Tenn. at the home of her son Lewis, who was her caregiver.

Mrs. Sprinkle was born March 24, 1937 in Swain County to the late Dock and Martha Bradley Smith. Joyce was raised on the Cherokee Reservation and was extremely proud of her heritage as a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. She attended Baylor University in Texas and Lees McRae College for her degree in registered nursing. She was an RN at St. Joseph Hospital and Yancey County Hospital in Burnsville. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Lewis Sprinkle who died in 2014.

Surviving are her sons, Lewis Sprinkle and Kelly Sprinkle and wife Michelle; sisters, Jean Jones, Ruth Ann Jeans, Mary Ward and husband Jim, Linda Bryson and husband Mike and Cindy Smith; brothers, John Smith and wife Joann, Dock Smith Jr. and wife Althea Mae, and Bill Smith and wife Arlene; grandchildren, Aden and

Addison Sprinkle; and many nieces and nephews.

Her funeral service was held Tuesday, Feb. 27 in Locust Grove Baptist Church with Rev.'s Ben Whitmire and Cecil Hopps officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Locust Grove Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 305 Locust Grove Rd., Weaverville, NC 28787.

For those who desire, condolences may be offered to the family under Mrs. Sprinkle's obituary at www.WestFamilyFuneralServices.com.

Christy Lou Wachacha

Christy Lou Wachacha, 43, of the Wolfstown Community in Cherokee, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital.

Christy was a loving mother, daughter, sister, and friend. She always had a kind word for everyone she met. She worked at the Cherokee Casino as a lead in the EVS department. Christy loved working with her friends at the casino and was very proud of her time there. Every night before she left for work she would always give her babies a hug and a kiss and told them she loved them. Her pride and joy were

her kids, Julian, Gali, Beatriz, and Rande. Christy is not alone. She is now in heaven with God, Jesus, holding her baby Rande and with her family.

She is survived by her children, Julian, Gali, and Beatriz Wachacha, all of the home; sisters, Gail Wachacha, Tina Saunooke, and Mary Jane Smith (husband Alan); nieces, Shalana Wachacha and Daryn Smoker; aunts, Marie Swayney, Darlene Davis, Lucille Smith, and Wilma Taylor; uncles, Bob Taylor (wife Joyce) and Ed Taylor (wife Cleo); and special friend, Dailey Pheasant. She is also survived by many other family, cousins, and friends.

Christy was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. Tom Wachacha Sr. and Edna Ruth Taylor Wachacha; one son, Rande Wachacha; and two brothers, Tommy Wachacha Jr. and David Wachacha.

Funeral services were held on Friday, March 2 at the Acquoni Baptist Church. Pastors Noah Crowe, Jim Parks, and James "Bo" Parris officiated. Burial followed at the Wachacha-Taylor cemetery. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Wachacha family.

Victor Raydean French

Victor Raydean French, son of Mary Lee Christie and Edward French was born May 21, 1964 in Tahlequah, Okla. and departed this life on Feb. 21, 2018 in Stilwell, Okla., at the age of 53 years.

Victor loved singing and was a past member of the Kingfisher Quartet. He also enjoyed fishing, cooking, spending time with family, and he worked at E&E Brake Parts in his younger working career.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Florence York and Jess Christie, Amie Pickup and Jess French; aunts, Laura Wolf and Lavonna Farrell; and four uncles.

Victor is survived by a loving family that includes his son, Edward Eli French of Tahlequah, Okla.; grandson, Reign French; mother, Mary Thompson of Stilwell, Okla.; father, Edward French and companion Diane, of Briggs, Okla.; siblings, Laura Killer and companion Loyd Berry, David Thompson, all of Stilwell, Okla., Edward French of Minnesota, Pamela French, Robert French of North Carolina, Arrow French of Bluejacket, Okla., and Brett French of Oregon.

Several nieces, nephews, other relatives and many, many friends also survive him.

MCCOY: Tribal member

encouraging recovery, *from page 16*

to Oklahoma, I'm going to run 1,300 miles, and I'm going to set aside the last 111 miles, and I'm going to try to complete that in 24 hours. I have to make at least 100 miles in 24 hours to qualify for the Badwater race."

He commented, "I want to quote, 'to whom much is given, must is required', and that's why

I'm working so hard on my recovery because I hold myself to a higher standard and I know that I have to keep working at my recovery – going to classes, going to meetings, and just getting involved in the community and giving back. That holds me accountable to the things I said I'm going to do."

McCoy concluded by saying, "For me to make the impact I want to make, I think it is imperative to seek struggles with tenacity and

perseverance because that has a direct correlation with growth and leaving your mark on the world. Everything I'm doing is not about 'look at me'. I'm saying look at you because we all have greatness in us, and we don't need to be afraid to set high goals and go after them no matter the circumstances."

You can connect with McCoy on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/kallup.mccoyii.3>



Photo courtesy of EBCI Enterprise Development

COURSE: The following completed a four-week course on Quickbooks organizers by EBCI Enterprise Development including (left-right) – Steven Lee; Devi Colcord; Michael Cannon, instructor; Sarah Crowe; Jeanne Crowe-Lira; Nicolas Garcia; Sabrina Arch, Enterprise Development specialist; Melanie Johnson; and Niles Stillman. The photo was taken at the Tribe’s EOC Building on Monday, Feb. 26.



WCU photo

CHEROKEE TOUR: The Cherokee Elementary Traditional Dancers lead the Cherokee Friendship Dance during a program in the University Center Grandroom at Western Carolina University on the night of Tuesday, Feb. 27 called the “Cherokee Cultural Tour”. The tour included 20 stations highlighting Cherokee creative expression; Cherokee language, philosophy, and world view; tribal sovereignty and self-determination; and cultural competency. Participants had the opportunity to hear musical performances, participate in dances, and meet representatives from the tribal government of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, the Trail of Tears Association, and other agencies. The Traditional Dancers also performed the Bear and Bullfrog Dances on the evening, and Laura Pinnix and Catuce Tiger, CES cultural staff, demonstrated the use of the “Shi-yo” Cherokee Language App.



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Thanks from the family of Kirby Dunlap

The family of Kirby Dunlap would like to thank everyone for their outpouring of love and support the last few weeks. Thanks to Birdtown Free Labor, Tribal Construction, Albert Rose and Travis Smith. Thanks to Dr. Blythe Winchester and staff at Cherokee Hospital. Thanks to Cherokee Tribal EMS. A very special thank you goes to Gwen Thompson, Kirby's Community Health Nurse. Without her and her program, Kirby could not have stayed home for the last nine years! We would also like to thank Harris Home Health and Hospice for their exceptional care. Thank you to Rev David Baxter, Danny Lambert and Whittier United Methodist Church. We are humbled and appreciative of everything done for Kirby and us!

Syringe Services Program thanks One Feather

I wanted to say thank you for writing about the Syringe Services Program. We have had an excellent response to the program and a majority of the participants said they heard about the program from the One Feather. Your help in getting information about the program

out to the community is greatly appreciated.

Thank you again,
Ginger Southard, RN
Tsalagi Public Health

Thank you for search efforts, support

Marilyn Swimmer and family would like to say thank you to the following individuals who took our "Missing Person Alert" serious and followed thru with search and rescue personnel.

Thank you Anthony Sequoyah, your professionalism as an Emergency Response Personnel, your constant communication with family and your immediate family for their understanding and support of the long hours you invested on and off the clock!

Thank you to National Park Ranger Beasley and Curtis Arneach for your support and assisting Anthony during this time and your willingness give us your numbers and taking our calls, making the time to visit and talk to help begin the search Saturday morning.

To Katherine (Nora) Panther, Gail Long, Alma Johns, Hattie Pheasant, Karen Browning, Juanita Swimmer, Carolyn West, Regina Swimmer, your cooking with us and bringing food, prayers and support during the whole six days.

Thank you to Marina and Robert Bigmeat for your support and you including Miss Amanda in your visits.

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Dooner Driver and Ernie Pheasant, your time and effort you walked with George and Randy when you could. We appreciate how you volunteered immediately and never stopped looking for Bear.

To Facility mgmt. workers who brought tables and chairs and letting us know you all would have searched had you all known. Clement Calhoun – your offer to use your dogs and search!

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Big Cove Stickball Women, your generous amounts of food you shared and to Carla Neadau for your contact and texts to help arrange this work.

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Lastly, Anthony Sequoyah, your helpers on Wednesday: Bo Crowe, "Bunsey" Crowe, GSMNP Ranger, and BIA Forestry, Sam Blythe and Crew and station 3 firemen/first responders.

As the healing begins and the grief begins to lessen, we sincerely appreciate each one of you for "not giving up". We thank God for each of you and again thank you. To all of Bear's friends that called, offered support, and visited, we thank you.

For the future, always believe and trust a mother's instinct because we know our children better than anyone!

March is National Nutrition Month

March is National Nutrition Month and this year the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics urges everyone to "Go Further with Food." According to eatright.org, the campaign focuses attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity hab-

its. This year's theme encourages everyone to achieve the numerous benefits healthy eating offer, but it also urges us to find ways to cut back food waste. Just remember, wasted food equals wasted money and nutrients.

Also, this month to recognize the dedication of Registered Dietitian Nutritionists, the second Wednesday of March is celebrated

as "Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Day" and this year it falls on March 14. Celebrate the people who try to encourage everyone to eat better and tips for maintaining an overall healthier lifestyle by doing something as simple as a thank you card.

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Fred B. Lunsford - Part I

Editor's note: The One Feather solicited stories from our community's veterans. Our intent is to honor them through their own words and remind everyone of the sacrifice of our armed forces and their families. After putting the call out, we received a call from Mr. Lunsford, who is a World War II veteran. He wanted to share his veteran's story and told me that he wrote a book about his life which included his veteran's story. He proceeded to give us permission to recount his story via excerpts from his book. You will find below the first in a series of excerpts from "Glory in the Mountains as The Sound of Many Waters" by Mr. Fred B. Lunsford, a veteran of the United States Army.

A Life Changing Event - Army Beginnings

I was a senior in high school looking toward graduation in the spring. We had been having some frosty mornings and a little snow now and then. I had a wonderful girlfriend. Everything was really looking up for me. Communication was not much in those days since there were no televisions and very few people had radio. Most of the news I got was in school. We were in class on Dec. 8, 1941. The principal, Mr. Hudson, came to our room and interrupted the teacher to give us the tragic news. Japan had bombed Pearl Harbor the day before. The President declared war on Japan and everything changed. Some of the boys in our class who were already eighteen went away to war and didn't get to graduate. In the spring of 1943, I graduated from high school after the

crops were planted, I went to the Snowbird Mountains to work on a logging job for a man named Grant Phillips. Mr. Phillips was cutting large oak trees and transporting them to the sawmill with horses. He then sawed them into timbers, trucked them to Marble, and loaded them on freight cars. From there, they were shipped to a shipyard in Norfolk, Virginia to be used in shipbuilding. I slept in the bunkhouse and ate in the chow hall working ten hours a day. I don't remember how much money I made, but the going wage was ten cents per hour. In the month of July, I received greetings from the President of the United States that I had been drafted into the military to help fight the war. I was to report to the bus station in Murphy early in the morning of August 12. Three busloads of young men (most were eighteen years old) were there. We were ready to fight for our country. When I got my notice, Grant Phillips told me that his logging job was a defense job and he could get me a deferment for six months if I wanted him to do so. I said, "No, I will go on and do my duty for my country". We went to Camp Croft, South Carolina for our examination and induction into the service. Some of us went to the Navy, some in the Marines, and some in the Army. We came home for a few days and then went back to Fort Jackson, SC.

The first night at Fort Jackson was a horrible night. I had never felt so alone in my life. It felt my lot to sleep on the second floor of the barracks and of all things, on the top bunk. It must have been one hundred and ten degrees on

that top bunk right up against the roof where the hot South Carolina sun had been beaming down all day long. I was just laying there sweating and thinking about being home sitting on the front porch of the old farm house, feeling the cool mountain breeze blowing on my fevered brow. Then eleven o'clock came and they started playing taps. The loud speakers were just outside our window. I thought I would die. I thought surely the world had come to an end. I cried myself to sleep and dreamed of home. The next morning, we had to fall out for reveille at five o'clock and start the day running without slowing down all day long. We had to have another physical and one shot right after another. Then we had to endure another long, hot, lonely night. I was a Christian, but hadn't had a lot of practice praying, but those few days at Fort Jackson, I caught up on my praying, if there is such a thing as that. God heard and answered my feeble prayers. He manifested Himself to me in a mighty way and the Scripture that says "I will never leave you nor forsake you," came close to me. He was a constant companion to me all the way through the war and all through life. He never leaves me,

even in old age.

Several of the young men were from Cherokee County and some I had gone to school with. I had hoped we would stay together, but it was not so. Donald Cook and myself had gone to school together and grew up in the same community. One morning, Don was gone. He had shipped out to some place and we didn't know where. John Clark, with whom I had graduated from high school, was still there, as well as Homer Hunsucker and Dan Hughes from Murphy. One night, they rounded a bunch of us up like cattle in a corral and loaded us on a group train. We had no idea where we were headed. Late in the night, the train stopped. A man was walking along the track and I yelled out the window to him and asked where we were and he said, "Knoxville, Tenn.". Daylight brought some big surprises. We were at the train depot in Louisville, KY. Our faces were all black from the coal smoke from the old steam locomotive. Our army tan uniforms were all black as well. GI trucks gave us immediate transportation to Fort Knox, Ky. We were now a part of the Armed Force of the U.S. Army, and ready for basic training. What a sad looking crew!

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Thanks to everyone who participated in the 50/50 raffle held in August. The total raised from the raffle was \$983.50 and the winner was Dr. Blythe Winchester, a past grant recipient now working as a physician at the Cherokee Indian Hospital. Donations from others who did not wish to participate in the raffle were \$990.00.

The Board of Directors is thankful to all our friends who have continued to support higher education for Eastern Cherokees over the years.

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2017 Scholarship Recipients

A total of 100 Eastern Band of Cherokee Tribal Members have received the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship since 1986. This 2016-2017 year eight recipients received a total of \$19,775 raising the total grants given to students over the years to \$297,779. Here are the following scholarship grantees:

Beau Carroll- Masters Degree in Anthropology with a concentration in Archaeology, University of Tennessee

Gerri Grady-Professional MBA, Haslam College of Business, University of Tennessee

Carmen Johnson-Doctor of Podiatric Medicine, California School of Podiatric Medicine

Nelson Lambert-LL.M. Degree in Gaming Law and Regulation, William S. Boyd School of Law, Las Vegas, Nevada

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Megan Smith-PhD Counseling Psychology, University of North Dakota

Luke Swimmer-Masters of Business Administration, University of Kansas

Natalie Welch-PhD in Sport Management, University of Tennessee

Note from a past recipient

By Shannon Swimmer, past grant recipient and current board member

I was born and raised on the Qualla Boundary and attended Cherokee Central Schools. I then attended the University of Kansas and received my bachelor's degree in English. I returned to Cherokee and worked in the EBCI Human Resources department which interested me so much that I went on to pursue a Master's degree in Human Resource Management from Western Carolina University. A few years later I decided to go to law school, thinking I would focus on Employment law and work again in Human Resources. Instead I ended up enjoying trial advocacy so much that I specialized in Tribal Law and Advocacy, receiving those certifications along with my Juris Doctor from the University of Kansas School of Law. I returned to Cherokee in 2014 and was the Clerk of Court and Probate Judge for the Cherokee Tribal Court until April of this year when I was appointed Associate Judge.

During my time at KU Law I was a single mother with two children. The tribe's Education program generously covered my tuition, books as well as housing and utilities. However, as a single parent I had other expenses that could not be covered by that program. I had to feed a family of three, clothe growing children, pay fees associated with extracurricular activities for the kids and all the other incidentals that arise on a regular basis. I also had to purchase study materials and guides specifically for law students but since they were recommended rather than required, those were not covered by the Education program. Thankfully, I received the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship for several semesters and because the funding was unrestricted, I was able to use it for those miscellaneous expenses. Receiving the scholarship was not only an honor but helped make it possible for me to stay in school, pursue my goals, and take care of my family at the same time.

I was honored again when I was asked to serve on the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Board of Directors. I feel blessed to participate on the Board of Directors, as a past recipient and as a community member who values higher education and is encouraged by all the Cherokee youth pursuing higher education. I hope that other community members will support the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund so that every enrolled member with the goal of obtaining a graduate or professional degree can see their dream come true.

For more information about Yogi Crowe and the Scholarship Fund, go to

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Who was Yogi Crowe?

Some recent contributors receiving our annual report may not know who Richard (Yogi) Crowe was. It has been more than a generation since Yogi, as he was known to all his friends, was killed in an automobile accident on May 25, 1983. For someone who only lived 36 years, Yogi certainly left a legacy that he never dreamed would happen.

Richard (Yogi) Crowe was an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the driving force behind many Eastern Cherokees going to graduate school. His encouragement at many times kept students in school. He graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1982 with a Master's degree in Public Health and shortly thereafter became the Director of the American Indian Recruiting Program for the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. This job gave Yogi the opportunity to do what he wanted to do – encourage more Native Americans and especially Eastern Cherokees to attend graduate school.

After Yogi's death in 1983, his friends wanted to honor him and continue the work he had started with encouraging tribal members to attend graduate and post-graduate school. The idea for the Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund came into being in 1985 with a Steering Committee, then a resolution to Tribal Council and the formation of a 501 (c) 3 tax exempt organization with seven board members. Yogi Crowe would be proud of the 100 graduate and doctoral students who have been assisted by the scholarship fund in attaining graduate and doctoral degrees working in Cherokee with success as lawyers, social workers, teachers, psychologists, doctors, physical therapists, and other professions.



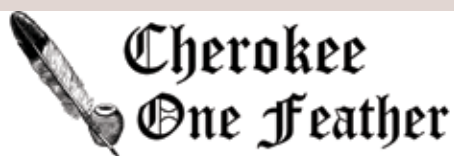
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ROBERT JUMPER
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“Be the change you wish to see in the world.”
- Mahatma Ghandi

We are in great need of an overhaul of government protocol. I am not talking about the people who fill the seats of our elected posts. If there are issues with a tribal leader, you and I have the fix we need in a voting booth (but even that has come into question). I am talking about process and law. Because our legislature was set up on a turnstile of two-year rotations with no stagger of terms, we stay in constant turmoil. This is not a recent happening. We have been at odds with language and interpretation in our law for decades.

The Cherokee Code needs a clean-up. Recently, the Tribal Council enacted legislation to do just that. The problem is that there was some vagueness about timelines and reporting. Should there be at least monthly progress reports on how the clean-up is progressing? How do we even know that anything is being done? We have seen in the past other legislation, passed by Council and approved by Executive, that just falls by the wayside.

The pattern is, in some cases, to wait long enough that an issue falls out of the public eye and then it is no longer an issue. Remember the enrollment audit? Heard anything about it lately? Not quite a couple of years ago, our government directed that the actions of Council members and Executive administrations for the past ten years be audited and investigated. Do you recall any updates on that investigation?

Leaving issues like this hanging makes for gossip, innuendo, and speculation. If nothing is being done wrong, the reports should be presented that say so, so that we may unify and move on to more important things. If something is wrong, the reports should be presented so that we can deal with it and, unify, and move on as well. Most, if not all, of our leaders have promised transparency in government. Not getting updates on enacted legislation like the Code clean-up is like having dirty

windows.

For a window to be transparent, you either wash the window or open it. Simple requests for information deemed public by our laws sometimes requires a bit of hoop jumping, prodding, begging, nagging...well, you get the idea. Access to information continues to be a challenge in tribal government, as it is for many news organizations across Indian Country. Politicians typically have an arm's length relationship with the media, even one that is tribally-owned. It is good in a way that they recognize that a free press is good for the people. And, it is bad in a way because, at times, there is a reluctance to share information when dealing with a subject that may be damaging politically.

Yes, we do have a Public Information law, but it is loosely interpreted by some in our government. If an official doesn't want to address an issue or release a document, they simply ignore calls and emails. There is a 15-day window for response, before you may proceed with any additional efforts to get a document or information. If an official refuses to provide the information for whatever reason, the only recourse is to take it to court, which is expensive, time-consuming, and not practical for any entity owned by the Tribe.

Some community members have been working on a draft constitution that they are getting ready for public input as we go to press. They have spent months deliberating and researching; looking at old Cherokee governing documents and work done by previous community committees. Their research and materials go back decades in some cases, centuries in others. A good constitution will go a long way to bringing our laws into the 21st century. Our ancestors gave us a document, the Charter, that has brought us this far. It is time for a new generation of Cherokee people to bring law current and relevant to Cherokee today.

We have talked about staggered and longer terms before. Some have suggested that they do not want longer terms because they feel that if (speaking specifically about Tribal Council) an official is not doing the job, the people should not have to

see **EDITORIAL** next page

A place of sanctuary for pets

When my wife and I retired from the United States Coast Guard, we moved back to her home town of Cherokee, North Carolina. We had dogs of our own, but we started to notice that there were a lot of stray dogs and dogs along roadsides that looked to be homeless and/or abandoned. We are both animal lovers, and it broke our hearts to see them suffering. So, we started taking dogs to our house.

That all started about 12 years ago. We now have 61 dogs living with us. All dogs that we rescue are loved. We let them stay in our house. When the summer weather is hot, they can stay in the air-conditioned house. When the weather gets cold and wet, they can stay inside with the heat. We have a dog door on our front storm door, so they can go in or out if they want to. All dogs that come to the sanctuary (Cherokee Dog Sanctuary, Inc.) get regular vet visits and all have been spayed or neutered. In fact, we have had over 150 dogs and cats spayed and neutered. And, the dogs that need to be groomed go to the

groomer.

We have been doing this service for our four-legged children by ourselves so far with a little help from friends and family. But, now we are asking for more help, so we can help more dogs find their forever homes. Cherokee Dog Sanctuary Inc. is a state- and federally-recognized non-profit organization. It is the only dog rescue group located on the Cherokee Indian Reservation, and we are Native American-owned and operated. No officers or directors receive a salary for operating the sanctuary. All monies are donated to the dogs for care and upkeep.

Cherokee Dog Sanctuary, Inc. is a refuge for canines who need another chance at life, an opportunity for a happy ever after that has thus far eluded them. Some of the dogs have been traumatized from abuse and neglect. Others are shy or under-socialized. Some have very special medical needs. But, once they arrive at the sanctuary, the healing begins.

If you wish to help, all donations are tax

deductible.

Respectfully,

Chris and Stacey Harsh

Cherokee, NC

Editor's note:

Cherokee Dog Sanctuary has provided the following information regarding donations:

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wait to vote them out. I would suggest that you would have less trouble with an official not doing the right thing if the term was longer. A two-year term keeps our government in a constant state of flux.

Big economic and community development opportunities need consistent guidance and leadership.

Our political leaders would be able to come off the campaign trail and vote their conscience more effectively because they would not have to be in constant campaign mode with longer terms. A four-year term would be a much more effective term of office for our Tribal Council seats. Staggering those terms, so that only half of the seats were up for election every two years would

also provide stability and experience retention in our government. The people should have the right of recall for those who violate their oath to the Cherokee community, regardless of the length of term. These are two things we need to do now. It is not necessary or practical to put off needed governing change until we get a constitution in place. These are things we could do now.

Our governing documents, both Charter (or Constitution) and Code, must reflect the will of the people in a clear, concise way. Conflicting and ambiguous language must be addressed. It is up to us to make it a priority for our tribal leaders. We must make it clear that it is such a priority that it can't wait one more election cycle. We must be the change we want to see.

I SHOULD ~~PROBABLY~~ GET A RIDE HOME.

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HAPPENINGS

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

Benefits/Fundraisers

Upcoming Turkey Shoots at Jess Welch's Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. March 10 at 5pm, benefit for Ray Swayney. Good prizes, good fun, good benefits.

Souper Bowl Fundraiser. March 9 (new date) from 11am – 1pm at Cherokee Choices Community Room. All proceeds will go to fund the Community Syllabary Class. \$5 for bowl of soup, bread/crackers, and drink; \$7 all-you-can-eat soup, bread/crackers, drink. Potato, taco, tomato, vegetable, zuppa tuscana, and more.

Pendleton Raffle Fundraiser. Winner will be announced on Monday, April 2. Purchase raffle tickets at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian to help send the Warriors of Anikituahwa to England for London's New Year's Day Parade. To purchase a raffle ticket, see Mike Crowe Jr., Jarrett Wildcatt, Dawn Arneach, Tyra Maney,

Kristy Maney Herron, or Sonny Ledford. You can also stop by the Box Office at the Museum and purchase a raffle ticket as well. If you do not want to purchase a raffle ticket, donations will be accepted towards the trip to London. It has been over 250 years since Timberlake took Ostenaco, Cunneshote, and Woyi to visit King George III in London.

Cultural Events

Cherokee Language Class. Wednesdays March 28; April 4, 11, and 18 from 6-8pm at Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore, Tenn. The cost of the class is \$50 for all four evenings, and the class will be taught by Gil Jackson and Lou Jackson, both EBCI tribal members. Info: Museum (423) 884-6246, seqmus@tds.net

Free Syllabary Class. Every Thursday through April 26 from 7-8pm at Cherokee Choices conference room. Limited slots avail-

able. This if for EBCI tribal members ages 10 and up only. This is not a Cherokee language class. Info: Tara McCoy 359-5542

Cherokee Syllabary and Intro to Cherokee Class. Every Monday and Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm at the 3200 Acre Tract Community Center at 1000 Old Bryson City Road in Whittier. Everyone is welcome. Info: <https://www.facebook.com/3200-Acre-Tract-Community-Center-1589774257745245/>

General Events

Free Line and Swing Dance Lessons. Thursdays on March 8, 15, 22, and 29 at the Yellowhill Activity Center. Line Dance at 5:30pm, Beginners Swing at 6:15pm, and Advanced Swing at 6:45pm. Emerald Booth will be the instructor for line dance, and Bob Canady and Sherri Booth will be the instructors for the couples swing. Info: 788-0502

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WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

MARCH 5-11, 2018

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckaseige River	Stocked March 2, 2018	Mid-day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout	BWO, Midges, Black Stone Flies, Crane Fly, Black Caddis	Frenchies, Girdle Bugs, Egg Patterns, Woolly Buggers
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	N/A	Mid-day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	BWO, Crane Flies, Black Stoneflies	BWO, Girdle Bugs, Woolly Buggers, Zebra midges, stripper midges, frenchies, Griffith gnats
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Follow posted regulations-wild trout	Mid-day	Rainbow, Brown, and Brook Trout	BWO, Black Stoneflies, Midges	Woolly Buzzer, Girdle Bugs, Blue Wing Olive, Zebra midges, stripper midges, frenchies, Griffith gnats

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BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, MARCH 5	TUESDAY, MARCH 6	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7	THURSDAY, MARCH 8	FRIDAY, MARCH 9	SATURDAY, MARCH 10	SUNDAY, MARCH 11
AVERAGE 3:30 AM-5:30 AM 3:53 PM-5:53 PM	AVERAGE 4:17 AM-6:17 AM 4:41 PM-6:41 PM	AVERAGE 5:04 AM-7:04 AM 5:27 PM-7:27 PM	AVERAGE 5:51 AM-7:51 AM 6:15 PM-8:15 PM	AVERAGE 6:38 AM-8:38 AM 7:02 PM-9:02 PM	AVERAGE+ 7:26 AM-9:26 AM 7:50 PM-9:50 PM	AVERAGE 9:14 AM-11:14 AM 9:38 PM-11:38 PM

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Habakkuk in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Nehemiah 10, what's the most common starting letter of the 87 names listing priests, Levites, chiefs and fathers? *C, B, T, H*
3. Which book may be summarized, "The end of the world as we know it."? Proverbs, Ephesians, 2 Peter, Revelation
4. How did Jesus enter Jerusalem during the "Triumphal Entry"? *On foot, Carried by slaves, On donkey, In golden chariot*
5. Which prophet foretold the ministry of John the Baptist? *Levi, Isaiah, Aaron, Mordecai*
6. From 1 Chronicles 20, Elhanan slew Goliath's ...? *Father, Brother, Mule, Oxen*

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) H; 3) Revelation; 4) On donkey; 5) Isaiah; 6) Brother

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Talk by Sarah Sunshine Manning. March 8 from 12-1pm at Laurel Forum at UNC – Asheville. Manning, a citizen of the Shoshone and Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation and a descendant of the Chippewa-Cree of Rocky Boy, Mont., is a writer, journalist, speaker, and social science education. She will give a talk entitled “We are the Earth, We are the Land”.

Talk entitled “We Are the Earth, We Are the Land”. March 9 from 5-6pm at Ken Blankenship Education Wing in the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Sarah Sunshine Manning (Shoshone/Paiute) will share her poignant and personal story of connection to land and Earth elaborating on universal understandings of the many lessons of the natural landscapes around us. The free talk will be 45 minutes with additional time for questions. Info: Museum of the Cherokee Indian 497-3481

Swain County Democratic Party Whittier/Cherokee Precinct Meeting. March 15 at 6pm at Chestnut Tree Inn in Cherokee. Light refreshments. Guest speaker will be candidate Joe Sam Queen. All are welcome. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118

Community Drug Forum. March 15 from 6:30-9pm at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Everyone is welcome to attend the forum which will focus on discussions on solutions and problem-solving – what can be done to solve the problem? Bring your thoughts, ideas, and solutions. Open hearts and open minds. Info: David Jumper 788-0906

“From Dope to Hope” speaker. March 28 from 5:30-7:30pm in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. Tim Ryan, addiction expert and recovery advocate, and the author of “Dope Man”, will give a speech entitled “From Dope to Hope”. Light refreshments will be provided. Info: TimRyanSpeaks.com

Joy Harjo to participate in Visiting Writer Series at UNC Asheville. April 12 from 7-8:30pm at UNC Asheville’s Lipinsky Hall Auditorium. Harjo, a member of the Mvskoke Nation, has won the William Carlos Williams

Award from the Poetry Society of America and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Native Writers Circle of the Americas. This event, part of UNC Asheville’s Visiting Writers Series and the American Indian and Indigenous Studies Series, is free and open to everyone. Info: (828) 251-6853, events@unca.edu

Kindergarten Registration for Swain County Schools. April 17 from 8am – 12pm at West Elementary and April 19 from 8am – 12pm at East Elementary. It is imperative to attend registration day as the number of expected students is used to calculate the number of needed teachers. Appointments for Kindergarten registration may be made by calling the school secretaries or Katrina Turbyfill 488-2110, kturbyfill@swain-mail.org

Health and Sports Events

Cherokee Healing and Wellness Coalition meeting. March 13 at 11:30am at Agelink Ernestine Walkingstick Conference Room. Bring your lunch and join the group as they finalize plans for the Cahokia Mound trip, planning for the Rally for Recovery, and implement the Sons and Daughters of Tradition at summer camps. Info: (828) 331-8688 or 497-9498

Health Series at Jackson County Public Library. A new, monthly health series entitled “Mind and Body: Health, Nutrition, and You” will be held at the Library. It is a partnership between JCPL, WCU, Mountain Projects, Appalachian Behavioral Health, Vaya Health, SAND, and Cherokee Mental Health. Upcoming dates include:

- March 13 at 6:30pm, Nutrition 101, Your Body and Your Health
- April 24 at 6:30pm, Diabetes and Disease Prevention, Heal what Ails You
- May 1 at 6:30pm, PTSD: Invisible Wounds, Visible Healing
- May 15 at 6:30pm, Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention
- June 12 at 6:30pm, Drug Abuse, Addiction, and the Opioid Crisis
- July 10 at 6:30pm, Brain Health, a Look at Alzheimer’s and Dementia
- Aug. 14 at 6:30pm, End of Life Care and Plan-

ning

Info: Jackson County Public Library, 586-2016, www.fontanalib.org

Swain County Dizzy Dean Benefit Co-Ed Softball Tournament. March 17 at 9am at Swain County Ballfields. \$200 entry fee. Unlimited home runs with purchase of Dizzy Dean bracelet. Double-elimination, five girls/five guys, ISA co-ed rules apply. Info: Trent Crisp 736-1381, Riley Randall 788-4665, Larry Simonds (828) 200-7303

Cherokee Recreation League Basketball Banquet. March 22 at 6pm at Birdtown Gym. Menu items will be announced at a later time.

NAYO Basketball Tournament. March 30-31 in Cherokee, NC. Hosted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Recreation Department, games will be played at the Birdtown Gym, Painttown Gym, and at Cherokee High School. Age divisions for boys and girls teams: 12-14, 15-17, age as of Aug. 1, 2017. Deadlines: Team entry form must be turned in by March 19, completed roster due by March 26. Entry fee: \$150. Info: Mianna “Peaches” Squirrell 359-6896, miansqui@nc-chokeee.com or Shannon Bark 359-3345, shanbark@nc-chokeee.com

Upcoming Pow Wows for March 9-11

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.

Canyon Echoes Contest Pow Wow. March 9-10 at Chinle High School in Chinle, Ariz. Host Northern Drum: Black Lodge. Host Southern Drum: Cozad. Info: Alfred Nelson (928) 674-9473, wildcat762003@yahoo.com

Spring Pow Wow “Showcasing Youth and Talent”. March 9-11 at Surrey, British Columbia, Canada. MC: Francis James. Host Drum: Black Fish. Info: Michael Mackay-Dunn (604) 836-3720, mackaydunn_m@surreyschools.ca

16th Annual Social Pow Wow. March 10 at Sparks Athletic Center in Salem, Ore. MC: Bob Tom. Head Singer: Algin Scabby Robe. Info: Gordon Toyama (503) 370-6265, gtoyama@willamette.edu

27th Annual Indian Summer Winter Pow Wow. March 10-11 at Wisconsin State Fair Park in West Alice, Wisc. Info: Joy Maisells (414) 430-6643

31st Annual Mole Lake Youth Trails Traditional Pow Wow. March 10-11 at Cranden High School in Cranden, Wisc. MC: Ronny Preston. Host Drum: Hay Creek. Co-Host Drum: Tomahawk Circle. Info: Joey Tallier (715) 478-6443

Thomas Rivers University Traditional Pow Wow. March

10-11 in Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada. MC: Daniel Wildman. Info: Alexis Edwards (250) 682-5334, alexisedwards@live.ca

Lawilowan American Indian Festival. March 10 at Shippensburg University in Shippensburg, Penn. MC: Dennis Zotigh. Host Drum: Zotigh. Info: Arvil (717) 817-6421

University of Toronto's Honoring Our Students Pow Wow. March 11 at Goldring Centre for High Performance Sport in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. MC: Bob Goulais. Host Drum: Smoke Trail. Info: (416) 978-2233, issupowwow@gmail.com

Community Club Meetings
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 Chairman Joe Red Cloud 269-6130, 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: Kallup McCoy, Treasurer: Deb Slee. Secretary: Sasha Watty. The community building is currently not available for rent.

Paint Town Community Club meets the last Monday of each month at 5:30pm at the new Paint-town 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

CHEROKEE PET OF THE WEEK
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SŌHi ʌD RVLTŌJ DŌŌYL



Poe, a Dachshund/Jack Russell mix, lives with Lidia Flores in the 3200 Acre Tract.

Is your pet your best friend? If you'd like to have your pet (whatever that may be) featured as the **Cherokee Pet of the Week**, send a high resolution photo, type and name of pet to: scotmckie@nc-chokeee.com, or message us at the One Feather Facebook page.



Cherokee Water & Sewer bills will now have a new look.

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
428-358-1022 (Payments)
428-359-7036 (Billing Questions)
428-359-6100 (Service Requests)

WATER/SEWER BILL
Customer Copy
Keep this portion for your records

Bill Number	Bill Year	Account Number - Customer Number	Service Period	Bill Date	Current Billing Due Date
27	2018	200099-1296	01/01/2018 - 03/31/2018	03/29/2018	04/09/2018

Customer Name: SMITH, JANE
Service Address: 10096 COVE ROAD

Description	Rate	Prod. Use	Quantity	Previous	Current	Change
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WATER FEE						802
SEWER FEE						802
Total Current Billing						1604
Previous Balance						45.91
Adjustments						.00
Auto Paying/Rebated						.00
Total Amount Due						1650.91

Questions?
Payments
359-1022

Billing
359-7036

Service Requests
359-6100

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
PO Box 617
Cherokee, NC 28718

WATER/SEWER BILL
Please write your Account Number and Customer Number (CN) on your check and endorse this portion of bill with your payment

Service Address	Bill Number	Account # - Customer #	Current Billing Due Date	Amount Due
10096 COVE ROAD	27	200099-1296	04/09/2018	1650.91

JANE SMITH
PO BOX 123
CHEROKEE, NC 28718

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Wolftown Community Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Wolftown Community Club Building. Info: Tuff Jackson, chairman, 788-4088

Yellowhill Community Club meets the first Tuesday of every month unless it's a holiday. If anybody would like to teach an art or craft call Reuben 497-2043 to be scheduled.

Community Groups

Big Y Archery Club meets every Tuesday at 7:30pm at the Big Y Community Club Building. Indoor targets and 3D game targets available. This is free of charge to all and everyone is welcome. Instruction is available.

Support Groups/Meetings

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

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

Analenisgi Recovery Center

weekly schedule for Fall/Winter 2017/18

*NOTE: All classes/groups are open to all Analenisgi clients. Support groups marked with ** are open to the community.*

Mondays

Safety WRAP: 9 -10am
Cherokee Culture: 11:15am - 12:30pm
Still Waters: 2-3pm
**Family Support: 5-6pm

Tuesdays

Native Plants: 8:30-10:30am
Employment Skills: (second and fourth Tuesdays 11am -12pm)
Taming Salolis (Squirrels): 11am – 12pm
Emotions: 1-2pm
**Self-esteem: 2-3pm
**Life Recovery: 3-4pm

Wednesdays

Safety WRAP: 9-10am

Strong Hearts Women's Group: 11am – 12pm
Healthy Boundaries: 1-2:30pm
Creative Writing: 2-3pm
**Family Support: 5-6pm
**Agape LGBT Group: 5:45-6:45pm
**HIV/AIDS/Hep C Support Group: (second and fourth Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm)
Thursdays
**Life Recovery: 8:30-9:30am
Connections (Brene' Brown): 10:30-11:45am
Finding Tohi (Peace/Balance): 1-2pm
Uncle Skills Men's Group: 3-4pm
Fridays
Creative Recovery: 9:30 am - 12pm
Cherokee Language and Culture: 1-2:30pm
Popcorn and a Movie: 2:30-4pm
Info: Analenisgi Recovery Center 497-6892.

Times and dates may be subject to change.

CIHA Bariatric Support Groups meet every second Tuesday of the month at Snowbird Clinic from 11am – 12pm (Chrystal Frank) and every second Thursday of the month at Cherokee Indian Hospital from 12-1pm (Nilofer Couture) and 4:30-5:30pm (Linda Johnson). Groups are led by registered dietitians. Info: CIHA Nutrition Dept. 497-9163 ext. 6459

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 Monday – Friday 10am – 2pm and provides counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals. Info: 497-0788



What is Kanvwtotiyi?


Kanvwtotiyi is a substance abuse residential treatment center for adults, both men and women, suffering from addiction who need extra help to start their recovery journey.

- 1. Don't we have access to other residential treatment centers?**
The community has used several residential treatment programs over the years, but there are often long waits to get into these programs, and many are far from Cherokee.
- 2. What is the average length of stay at Kanvwtotiyi and why?**
Our goal for all patients who seek recovery from addiction is to complete at least one year of active treatment, which may include detox at Cherokee Indian Hospital, Kanvwtotiyi, supportive housing and outpatient support. The length of stay at Kanvwtotiyi is flexible according to patient need, but the most patients will graduate from the program in about 42 days.
- 3. What does the treatment plan for patients consist of?**
The schedule at Kanvwtotiyi is filled from morning to night with activities that have been shown to be effective with addiction recovery. A typical day includes up to 4 hours of group and individual therapy plus work unit time. Kanvwtotiyi emphasizes treating the "whole person", with a focus on healing traumas, addressing mental health issues, Cherokee culture, work, education and family involvement.
- 4. Has Kanvwtotiyi began accepting patients yet?**
Kanvwtotiyi admitted the first patient on January 22, 2018, and as of February 9, we have 7 patients.
- 5. What happens after a patient "graduates" from Kanvwtotiyi?**
Many patients will have supportive families, jobs, school and other responsibilities to return to. However, patients who do not have a safe place to live, or who are not ready to maintain abstinence in the community, will receive ongoing housing support. There are plans to build both men's and women's homes soon. Until these are in place, we will continue to refer individuals to outside residential support programs.



- 6. What is the main difference between Kanvwtotiyi and the proposed Crisis Stabilization Unit?**
Kanvwtotiyi is an unlocked facility which serves patients on a voluntary basis, which can include patients who are involved in the court system. Kanvwtotiyi cannot safely serve individuals who need inpatient nursing care, who are suicidal, or who are not medically or psychiatrically stable. The Crisis Stabilization Unit will be a locked facility to serve patients, including involuntary commitments, who need detox or psychiatric inpatient treatment in a secure setting.

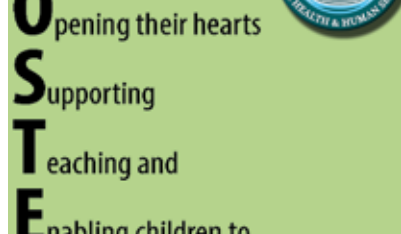
How would I or a family member be admitted into Kanvwtotiyi?
We encourage anyone in need of substance abuse residential treatment to call Analenisgi at (828) 497-6892, come by during walk in hours Monday-Friday at 1pm or go to the Cherokee Indian Hospital Emergency Department.



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Sites. Serious inquiries call 828-736-2765 for an appointment. Cherokee Campground and Craig's Cabins. Must be an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. 3/22pd

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Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements



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

Body Shop Technician (Service Department)
Opens March 7, 2018 and
Closes on March 21, 2018

Full-Time Resident Counselor (Cherokee Children's Home)
Opens March 7, 2018 and
Closes on March 21, 2018

Part-Time Resident Counselors (Cherokee Children's Home)
Opens March 7, 2018 and
Closes on March 21, 2018

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

The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory.

Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate.

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



Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

- **6 Hour Food Service Worker** - Must have HS Diploma or GED.
- **Middle School Math Teacher** - Must have valid NC Teaching license.
- **Volleyball Coach** - Must have HS diploma or GED; and must have previous successful experience.
- **Middle School Special Education Teacher (Pathseekers)**- Must have valid NC Teaching license.
- **Middle School Special Education Teacher (Dreamcatchers-Autism Class)**- Must have valid NC Teaching license.

Applicants who have retired from EBCI or other affiliated entities must wait a period of 6 months before applying for employment. 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.

	Mon, March 12	Tues, March 13	Wed, March 14
9 AM			
10 AM			
11 AM	Change cat litter		
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1 PM			
2 PM			
3 PM			
4 PM			Clear out browser
5 PM			

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EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS



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

POSITIONS OPEN

Please attach all required documents
eg: Driver's license, Enrollment, Diplomas, Certificates

Closing Friday, March 09, 2018

1. TOP/Council Assistant - Tribal Operation Program - Tribal Council (L4 \$23,040 - \$28,800)
2. Ethics Specialist - Office of Internal Audit and Ethics (L14 \$58,794 - \$73,493)
3. Ethics Officer - Office of Internal Audit and Ethics (L15 \$64,206 - \$80,258)
4. Senior Auditor (Multiple) - Office of Internal Audit and Ethics (L14 \$58,794 - \$73,493)
5. Tribal Planner - Project Management - Operations (L11 \$45,018 - \$56,273)
6. Maintenance Utility - Temps (Multiple) - Facilities - Administration (L4 \$11.35 - \$14.19 hourly rate)
7. Tribal Prosecutor II - Criminal Law - Office of the Attorney General (L18 \$83,722 - \$104,653)
8. Outside Plant Installer - Cherokee Broadband - I.T. (L9 \$37,474 - \$46,843)
9. OSP Lineman Installer - Cherokee Broadband - I.T. (L10 \$41,082 - \$51,353)
10. Recreation Aide - Recreation - CERS (L3 \$21,484 - \$26,855)

Closing Friday, March 16, 2018

1. Administrative Assistant - Heart to Heart Child Advocacy - PHHS (L5 \$25,830 - \$32,288)
2. Victim Services Coordinator - Heart to Heart - Child Advocacy - PHHS (L6 \$28,372 - \$35,465)
3. Teacher (Multiple) - Qualla Boundary HS/EHS - PHHS (L7 \$31,078 - \$38,848)
4. Cook - Qualla Boundary HS/EHS - PHHS (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
5. Director of Snowbird and Cherokee County Services - Executive (L14 \$58,794 - \$73,493)
6. Youth Development Professional - Cherokee Youth Center - CERS (L3 \$21,484 - \$26,855)

Open Positions

1. Paramedic Part-Time - EMS - Operations (\$16.40 - \$20.50 per hour)
2. Paramedic Full-Time - EMS - Operations (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)

Download Applications and Job Descriptions and Apply Online at:
www.ebci.com/jobs

EMPLOYMENT

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Residential Treatment Center Manager - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center

Optometrist

Physician- Emergency Room

PTR Physician – Emergency Room Hospitalist

Pedodontist

PTR Registered Nurse - Snowbird

Residential Treatment Center

RN – Tsali Care Center (2 Positions)

Emergency Hire RN – Inpatient

Emergency Hire Dental Assistant II (2 Positions)

Dental Assistant II (1 Positions)

Dentist – Satellite Clinics Cherokee County & Snowbird

Dentist

Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care (11 Positions)

Certified Medication Aide - Tsali Care

LPN – Tsali Care (2 Positions)

RN MDS Coordinator – Tsali Care

PTI Registration Receptionist Clerk (2 Positions)

To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163.

These positions are open until filled. Indian preference does apply.

Operations Manager for Oconaluftee Indian Village

The Cherokee Historical Association is for an Operations Manager for the Oconaluftee Indian Village. We are looking for someone who can multi-task, has retail management experience and the knowledge of Cherokee craft appraisal. This position will run Late March through Mid-November, works weekends and holidays.

Guidelines:

- Indian preference applies.
- Must have supervision/management experience.
- Requires great guest service skills.
- Requires computer and record keeping skills.
- Have the ability to oversee multiple employees.
- Must have knowledge of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians culture and about the culturally based tourism industry.
- Requires the ability to coordinate activities and events, market and promote, communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.

Anyone interested can pick up a job description and application at the CHA main office, located across from the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Applications must be submitted by the COB on March 16th, 2018. Position starts on March 26th, 2018. **3/8pd**

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

LPN – Tsali Care (2 Positions)

RN MDS Coordinator – Tsali Care

To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close March 8, 2018 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **3/8pd**

Part-time Assistant Needed

Part-time Assistant needed to work with clients with developmental disabilities at VOC. This person will be responsible for overseeing the clients and taking them on community inclusion activities. Must be CPR/First Aid certified, high school diploma/GED, and valid NC Driver's license. CNA preferred. You may pick up an

application and job description at VOC located behind the Tribal Bingo Hall. For further information contact Magda at 497-9827. Job closes when filled. **3/8pd**

The Oconaluftee Indian Village is looking to fill the following positions for the 2018 Season:

*Tour Guides/Greeters *Crafters

*Historical Re-Enactors *Concession

*Gift Shop *Box Office *Janitor/Maintenance *Gardener

We are looking for people who are outgoing; who take pride in their culture and who are willing to educate the public about Cherokee History and Culture. We want applicants who have great work ethics and are willing to work weekends and holidays. An application and job description can be picked up at the Cherokee Historical Association Office, located across from the Museum of Cherokee Indians.

Guidelines:

- Indian Preference applies (Except specific historical reenactment roles)
- Must be 17 yrs. old or older (Except for mentoring program)
- Must make it through interview process
- Must be able to show up at 8:30am and work until 5:00pm when required.
- Must be able to work in varying work environment and varying conditions. **3/29pd**

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

RN – Emergency Room

Maintenance Mechanic

To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close March 15,

2018 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **3/15pd**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 17-056

In the Matter of the Estate of Frances Long Reed

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

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

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

Lori A. Reed, P.O. Box 79, Cherokee, NC 28719. **3/8pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-002

In the Matter of the Estate of Kamie Helen Calhoun

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

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

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

Christopher Calhoun, 445 Mink Branch Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **3/8pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-006

**In the Matter of the Estate of
Daniel Lambert**

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

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

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

Nick Lambert, 1660 Tow String Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **3/8pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
The Cherokee Court
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File Nos.: EST 13-037; EST 13-038;

EST 13-039; EST 13-045

**In the Matter of the Estates of:
Darrell Taylor (d. 12/26/2012);
Shawn David Calhoun (d.
4/28/2013);**

**Lena Yvonne Hornbuckle (d
2/24/2013);**

Jim Driver, Jr. (d. 3/9/2013)

All persons, firms, or corporations having outstanding claims or interest in these estates are hereby notified of a hearing to settle the above named estates at the following date and time or be barred from making any further claims against the estate.

EBCI Justice Center
March 20, 2018 at 1:30 PM
3/15pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-001
**In the Matter of the Estate of
James Clifford Smith**

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

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

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

Patricia G. Smith, 288 Kallup McCoy Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719.
3/15pd

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Request for Proposals

The EBCI Office of the Human Resources seeks competitive proposals for a Personnel Policies and Procedures Developer on a contractual basis.

• This project requires: (1) the development of a comprehensive policy and procedures manual to provide a guideline for all tribal departments and their employees. The EBCI employees approximately 1200 employees throughout 80 departments within 9 divisions. The Personnel Policy and Procedures will need to clearly state the benefits and responsibilities of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians employment. It is also the resource to inform employees of policies and procedures and to promote standard practices among all personnel. The Personnel Policies and Procedures will also need to serve as a guideline to employees informed of relevant facts about their employment. The developed manual will maintain the Tribe's compliance while adhering to employment laws, industry standards, trends, best practices, and other HR pro-

gram aspects.

(2) Close collaboration with the Human Resources Secretary and other tribal Departments to ensure inclusion of all relevant workplace practices and processes. Consultants will require expertise in working with large tribal groups and/or other large municipal groups.

Qualifications include:

- Experience: Previous extensive experience developing large scale policy and personnel guidelines, manuals or best practices for large municipalities or tribal entities. Managing projects effectively, including time-sensitive deadlines.
- Education: Bachelor's degree in Human Resources, Public Administration, Public Policy or other management related field. 3-5 years post-baccalaureate paid professional work history.

Interested individuals should submit a brief letter proposal including the following information:

- Name and contact information
- Copies of certifications
- Relevant work experience

Proposals due by March 16, 2018.

Please email proposals to Tara Reed, Manager of the EBCI Human Resources Division, tarareed@nc-chokeee.com.

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The EBCI Office of Human Resources reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **3/15pd**

**Bids are being accepted for
2018 EBCI junior pageant
crowns**

2017 Teen Miss Cherokee Crown
• 9" high, EBCI seal in center (seal must have all wording)

- Use any colors/design for personal touch

- Must present design and type of beads that will be used on the crown to the Board. Bid will not be accepted without presentation of design.

2017 Junior Miss Cherokee Crown
• 7" high, EBCI seal in center (seal must have all wording)

- Use any colors/design for personal touch

- Must present design and type of beads that will be used on the crown to the Board. Bid will not be accepted without presentation of design.

2017 Little Miss Cherokee Crown
• 5" high, EBCI seal in center (seal must have all wording)

- Use any colors/design for personal touch

- Must present design and type of beads that will be used on the crown to the Board. Bid will not be accepted without presentation of design.

Bidders must be prepared to present designs to the Board on Monday, March 26 at 5pm at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. Info: Yona Wade 554-5032 or cherokeepageantboard@gmail.com .

- Cherokee Pageant Board



Qualla Boundary 2018 Special Census

WORKERS ARE NEEDED FOR A SPECIAL CENSUS THAT IS TO BEGIN SOON ON THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS TRUST LANDS, THE QUALLA BOUNDARY. THIS IS A SPECIAL CENSUS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHEROKEE LAW TO HELP DETERMINE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION, AND PROVIDE MORE ACCURATE COMMUNITY VOTING DISTRICTS. THE OUTCOME OF THE CENSUS MAY ALSO HAVE IMPACT ON THE WEIGHTED VOTE FOR EACH TRIBAL COUNCIL SEAT.

AVAILABLE JOBS INCLUDE:

Clerks (\$8.00 per hour)

Enumerators ("Census Takers") (\$10.50 per hour)

Crew Leaders (\$12.00 per hour)

Field Supervisor (\$13.50 per hour)

150 workers are needed for the program. Preference will be given to tribal members and those living on or near Tribal Trust Lands who are familiar with Qualla Boundary communities and residents. The Census will be ongoing for 4 to 5 weeks from the completion of your training. For questions or more information, contact the EBCCI Executive Office at 828-359-7002.

PICK UP, FILL OUT, AND TURN IN YOUR APPLICATION TO WORK SOON!
APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE AND AT THE TRIBAL ENROLLMENT OFFICE.

Application Deadline is March 12!

MARCH 2018 Women's History Month

"WOMEN AND POLITICS"

AN INTERVIEW WITH ELIZABETH GILLESPIE MCRAE



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6:45 PM**

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BRYSON CITY, NORTH CAROLINA

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Welcome to the Neighborhood!

Want to know more about how Housing and Community Development (HCD) can help you become a homeowner? Or maybe you are looking for a nice, contemporary rental unit? Please contact one of our friendly staff members to see what HCD can do for you.

Who is HCD Housing Services and What Services Do We Provide?

HCD Homebuyer Services is a tribal program tasked with assisting enrolled members obtain credit-based mortgage financing. We utilize two lenders – First Tribal Lending and First Citizens Bank - who offer mortgage financing on both trust and non-trust lands. HCD also offers the Portfolio Lending Program which assists enrolled members who have been declined by both lending institutions apply for a mortgage loan through the Eastern Band of Cherokee. Applicants must meet program eligibility requirements to be approved.

Renovation Loans – HCD offers renovation loans up to \$30,000.00. These loans are secured by a lien on the property being renovated.

Down Payment Assistance – HCD assists enrolled members, purchasing or constructing on trust lands, with down payment assistance if they have been prequalified through an outside lending institution. Funds are 20% of contract amount up to \$30,000. This is payable after mortgage is satisfied.

Rate Buy Down – Enrolled members who are receiving a mortgage loan through an outside lender are eligible to receive \$2500 gift funds to "buy down" their interest rate.

Rental Program

HCD offers over 100 rental units located throughout the Qualla Boundary. Our properties include:

- Piney Grove Apartments – 1- and 2-bedroom units located in Piney Grove.
- Heritage Townhomes – 2- and 3-bedroom rental units located in Soco.
- Grandview Cabins – 1- and 2-bedroom cabins located in the Yellowhill Community.
- Miller Branch – 2-bedroom homes located in the Yellowhill Community, adjacent to Tsali Manor.
- Bear Trax – 1-bedroom loft apartments, located in downtown Cherokee.
- Scattered Sites – Located throughout the Boundary, in Swain, Jackson, Cherokee and Graham Counties.

Applicants must apply and have permanent employment/or regular monthly income; provide a background check, have positive rental references, provide current credit applications from Tribal Finance and Qualla Housing Authority.

HCD Housing Services Staff

Michelle Stampler, Housing Services Manager
828-359-6904

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756 Acquoni Road
828-359-6906

**WANTED:
GALLONS OF
RAMPS FOR
THE RAINBOW
AND RAMPS
FESTIVAL!**

**SELL US YOUR RAMPS AT THE
FAIRGROUNDS EXHIBIT HALL
MARCH 19 STARTING AT 9 AM
AND CONTINUING UNTIL WE
GET 60 GALLONS
FOR THE FESTIVAL**

**PAYING \$60 PER "PACKED" GALLON FOR
WHITE (NO MORE THAN 2" OF GREEN) AND
\$50 PER PACKED GALLON FOR GREEN (NO
MORE THAN 4" OF GREEN). YOU MUST BE AT
LEAST 18 YEARS OLD TO SELL AND BE A TRIB-
AL MEMBER (HAVE YOUR ENROLLMENT
CARD READY). LIMIT OF 5 GALLONS PER
TURN IN LINE. NO FROZEN RAMPS.**

QUESTIONS?

LISA FRADY 359-6492, 788-1708 (CELL)

FRIEDA HUSKEY 359-6471, 269-7095 (CELL)

CUT! DON'T DIG!



**PLEASE! HARVEST YOUR
RAMPS RESPONSIBLY!**

Due to the increasing concern of wild ramp populations, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has initiated collaborations with the United States Forest Service and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. These collaborations have led to scientific projects evaluating our Cherokee traditional harvest method of cutting the ramps compared to the non-traditional method of digging the entire plant from the earth. The EBCI is currently in the middle of these projects and would like to stress the practice of our traditional harvesting method as opposed to digging and/or removing entirely. We feel confident that our traditional method of harvest will reflect positive results through science a more sustainable population in the wild if practiced correctly. We entrust in you that you have practiced the use of our traditional method of harvest as you collect these precious natural resources in the wild. As you harvest, please be mindful of the seven generation rule (The seven generation rule is to not take or over use a wild natural resource in a way that might impact its survivability or presence for seven generations after you pass or make the crossing. Traditional long term management for our landscape).

Provided by Tommy Cabe-Office of Environmental and Natural Resources

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