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- Lew Harding, Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 Commander, during the Cherokee Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 27

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**During a Memorial Day Ceremony** at the Cherokee Veterans Memorial Park on Monday, May 27, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, left, U.S. Marine Corps veteran, salutes after placing a wreath along with Sgt. Major Frank McRae, U.S. Army; SFC Clifford Long, U.S. Army; and Col. John Carter, U.S. Army.

# WE REMEMBER

## Cherokee remembers fallen warriors on Memorial Day

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

As the sun shone down on the names inscribed in a marble statue at the Cherokee Veterans Memorial Park of those brave Cherokee warriors who gave the ultimate sacrifice in battle, a large crowd gathered to honor them. The Steve Youngdeer American

Legion Post 143 hosted its annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Park on the morning of Monday, May 27.

"They are the fallen, we are grateful for their eternal sacrifice," Post 143 Commander Lew Harding said during his opening remarks.

Commander Harding said on Memorial Day that unity is important nationwide. "We must seek harder to find common ground and work together as a country, as a Tribe, and as a people. We must not lose our moral compass or disregard the rule of law. These freedoms, for which these brothers and sisters have died, are so meaningful

and we must preserve them. Each generation must relearn and re-commit to the foundations of our democracy. This nation was built on the blood, sweat, and tears of Native Americans and many others. We cannot let those sacrifices be in vain. We honor these veterans here today and the fallen heroes of all the conflicts that our country has faced."

He added, "Today, we honor the men and women who answered the call of our nation. They are our heroes...the families of the fallen, we love you and we honor you. We thank you for every bit of our freedom that we appreciate each



**Lew Harding**, Post 143 Commander, opens Monday's event.

and every day."

During the program, Warren Dupree, Post 143 service officer, read a research piece about the Post's namesake, Steve Youngdeer. The piece was written by Gary Holt, a U.S. Army veteran, and is entitled "Journey of a Young Warrior 1917-18".

After training at Camp Sevier from September 1917 to May 1918, Private Youngdeer and his fellow troops in the 30th Infantry Division took a 10-day boat transport and landed at Liverpool, England.

"About July 1, 1918, the 30th was ordered to move into Belgium," Dupree read. "It was assigned to Tunneling Camp for final training in trench warfare and in attacking strong points. This sector was turned over to the 30th Division by the 33rd British Division."

He continued, "On Aug. 31, 1918, the 119th and 120th Infantry Battalions, along with the 113th and 115th Machine Gun Battalions, engaged the 236th German Division. Steve Youngdeer was noted for volunteering constantly to be one of the first men to go 'over the top' and out of

the trenches. He was there to take care of business and do his job as an American soldier. On Aug. 1, 1918, Steve Youngdeer suffered a leg wound that would be complicated by pneumonia. He was taken to a field hospital in the British sector called Dirty Bucket Camp near Flanders Field. On Sept. 15, 1918, Private Steve Youngdeer passed away."

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, gave the keynote address during Monday's event and said, "It is an honor to be part of a community where so many come out to honor the memory of our fallen veterans who have paid the ultimate price. There are many communities today where there is no ceremony taking place at all. Memorial Day has become a day for cookouts and family gatherings, and while that is appropriate, the purpose of Memorial Day is found in the name."

Chief Sneed said that on Memorial Day, each year, he reflects on the life of his grandfather Vernon Sneed, a man he never got to meet. He said he has only one photo of his grandfather who was killed during World War II and that photo makes



**Charles Penick**, U.S. Army Infantry veteran, raises the U.S. Army colors on the new flagpole, installed as part of Operation Flagpole, during Monday's event.

him reflect on the entirety of his family. "I look at that picture, and I wonder what their lives would have been like had he not fallen during that fateful day in Germany. I wonder how my life would have been different had I had the opportunity to know him, and I wonder how our community would have been different had he been a part of it. And then, I reflect upon the big picture – the world stage – and I wonder what humanity had been like if tyranny and despotism would have won out that day during World War II. Fortunately, we only have to imagine what that would be like because of the very sacrifice of Vernon Sneed and countless mil-

lions of men and women, just like him, who stood and faced evil head on and paid the ultimate price for the freedom that we enjoy today."

Following the keynote address, Chief Sneed and Cyndi Lambert, former EBCI First Lady, did the Ringing of the Bell ceremony in honor and memory of the following members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who were killed in action:

**World War I:** Steve Youngdeer, U.S. Army; Joe Kalonaheskie, U.S. Army; **World War II:** Boyd Catt, U.S. Army; Jacob Cornsilk, U.S. Army; Adam West Driver, U.S. Marine Corps; James R. Lambert, U.S. Army; Samuel William Otter, U.S. Navy; Blaine



**Ray West**, Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143, salutes the flag during the singing of the National Anthem.

Queen, U.S. Army; Mark Rattler, U.S. Marine Corps; Isaac Ross, U.S. Army; Joshua Shell, U.S. Army; Sheridan Smith, U.S. Marine Corps; Vernon George Sneed, U.S. Army; William Taylor, U.S. Navy; Enos Thompson, U.S. Army; Jeremiah Toineeta, U.S. Army; Robert Austin Wahneeta, U.S. Marine Corps

**Korea:** Charles Arch, U.S. Marine Corps; Charles George, Medal of Honor recipient, U.S. Army

**Vietnam:** John Burgess, U.S. Army; John Edward Oocumma, U.S. Army

Chief Sneed, Col. John Carter, SFC Clifford Long, and Sgt. Major Frank McRae did the ceremonial laying of the wreath which was followed by the dedication of Operation Flagpole at the Park.

The Operation Flagpole, a project conceived and funded by Cyndi Lambert, involved placing permanent flagpoles for the U.S.



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and EBCI colors as well as those of all branches of the armed forces including the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine. “We are able to be here today largely in part due to those who are not,” she said. “And, today is a special today to remember those who have died for our freedoms.”

Lambert noted that she formulated the idea for Operation Flagpole during a simple drive by the Park one day when she noticed a general lack of flags. “Each branch of our military have had brave warriors who have been injured or killed, and it’s only fitting each branch is given a prominent recognition in our Veterans Park.”

She said many people were involved in Operation Flagpole,

with herself and former Principal Chief Patrick Lambert, a U.S. Army veteran, and she thanked Post 143, notably Commander Harding and Service Officer Dupree, as well as Justin French and the EBCI Facilities Department for their work. “For Patrick and I, this personal contribution is only a small way for us to show our gratitude, love, and appreciation for all of our veterans and honoring those who are injured or gave their lives to protect us and our freedoms. This joint effort just goes to show that working together with friends, neighbors, our local American Legion Post 143, and our community, we can ensure that the sacrifices made by our nation’s finest and bravest never go unappreciated and that their memories are never forgotten.”

Post 143 presented a Certificate of Achievement to both Joaquin Layno and Blake Smith for being named the valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the Cherokee High School Class of 2019.

The Post 143 Color Guard rendered honors to the fallen heroes which was followed by the playing of “Taps”.

Phyllis Shell, U.S. Army veteran, sang two songs during Monday’s event including “In Honor of Those Who Served” and “God Bless America”. Taran Swimmer, former Miss Cherokee, opened the event by singing the National Anthems of the United States and the EBCI. Patriotic readings were done by Col. Carter and Dupree, and Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell, U.S. Army veteran, gave the benediction.

# Elect **TERRI HENRY**



## *Vice Chief*



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My dear friends and relatives,

As with every election, voters are challenged to identify and select leaders who will:

- + Listen to the people.
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- + Serve the People.

This election needs to be a balance of our credentials, experience and the commitment to serve the People.

My name is Terri Henry and I am a candidate for the Office of Vice Chief.

I will represent you with professional qualifications I earned: a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science-International Relations and a Juris Doctorate, or law degree, having studied federal Indian law, and international human rights law.

My leadership experience is drawn from six years on Tribal Council representing the Paint Town community from 2009-2015, leadership at the international, inter-tribal, and national venues where I have influenced our own community's needs. My values, advice and leadership come from my family upbringing, prayer and meaningful discussions to find common ground.

I believe that in listening to your needs and having meaningful discussion, we can help each other find solutions that are rooted in Gadugi.

I will work to build a tribal government that will have your interests in mind during decisions that I can advise on and will keep the community up to date on my efforts.

I will care for the duties of my office and the responsibilities of the Tribe as a commitment of trust from the People. I will serve the People to the best of my ability.

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, **VOTE. TERRI HENRY FOR VICE CHIEF**

# Groundbreaking held for Kolanvyi Community Center

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**T**ribal leaders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians broke ground on the new Kolanvyi Community Center, located in the Big Cove Community, on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 22. The new 3,600 square foot building, designed by Johnson Architects, is being built by Owle Construction and is estimated to be completed by this December.

This is the first phase of this project with a gym to follow in phase two.

"This is a good day," said Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed. "I want to say a special thank you to our Project Management Team for developing a process by which we can really expedite these projects. Our vision for this is gone are the days when it will take 10 years for a project to roll out."

He added, "I look forward to this opening for the community, for the Ladies Group, for the youth, and when the gym is done we'll have a nice, new gymnasium for the community."

Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley said, "This is always a great occasion. These events are fun. I remember when Yellowhill got theirs and how excited we were. These are exciting times for the communities. I hope everybody in the community gets out and gets involved."

He spoke of the importance of community, "That's where it all begins – in our communities. So, I hope you really take ownership of this new building and the community club will grow along with hard work."

Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell spoke



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**Tribal leaders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians break ground** on the new Kolanvyi Community Center, located in the Big Cove Community, on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 22. Shown, left to right, are Wolfstown Rep. Jeremy Wilson, Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle, Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahnetah, Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell, Big Cove Rep. Richard French, Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, Wolfstown Rep. Bo Crowe, Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke, and Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha.

**"Our forefathers maintained that culture, maintained that sense of community..."**

**- Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell**

of the pride Big Cove Community members have. "If you go to Cherokee now or you go to the school, or wherever it is in a public place,

you will see a lot of people wearing Kolanvyi shirts. You don't see that in these other communities. You don't see them out there like you do Big Cove."

He went on to say, "The reason that people look up to this community is because of what we've done. Our forefathers maintained that culture, maintained that sense of community, and maintained that sense of hard work, that sense of giving back, and that sense of working together, of cooperation, of helping – not in-fighting, not malice, but welcoming one another to come together and work together."

Big Cove Rep. Richard French said, "This is a long time coming. Big Cove is a great community – always has been, always will be."

He said community members in Big Cove look out for one another. "In Big Cove, we stick together and we try to help one another."

Rep. French concluded the event by telling the crowd, "You're always welcome. It doesn't have to be a groundbreaking or ribbon-cutting. You're welcome to all of our community meetings. We hope this does draw more people out. The greater your community involvement, the greater your community is going to be."

# Snowbird breaks ground on community center

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**S**NOWBIRD - The Snowbird Community is getting a new 48,000 square foot community center. Various leaders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) made the trip for the groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, May 23. It will be built on the same land where the old complex sits now.

"It's a wonderful day for Snowbird," said Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed. "The facility they've had has kind of been patchworked and piecemealed together over the years, but they've been extremely patient."

Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Bucky Brown presented a resolution to Tribal Council last year and was ecstatic that it the project is underway.

"It's been a long time coming for the Snowbird people. The last community center was built in the 1970s, and we've kind of outgrown it," said Brown.

The current complex is noticeably aged, and each building has been constructed as needed in the past. This project will rebuild the



JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo

**Tribal leaders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians break ground** on the new Snowbird Community Center on the afternoon of Thursday, May 23. Shown, left to right, are Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha, Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell, Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Bucky Brown, Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, Wolfstown Rep. Jeremy Wilson, and Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle.

entire community center and function much smoother.

"I want to give a shout-out to our project management team. This is probably the fastest moving project ever in the history of the Tribe for a project this size," said Chief Sneed.

Chris Greene, the manager of the EBCI Project Management Office, says that this project is expected to be completed within two years, and possibly as soon as the

end of 2020. It's a phased project that will involve demolition of specific buildings in order while keeping parts of the community center functional through the process.

"The buildings are just getting older, and what this does is it replaces all that with a new state-of-the-art building which should last 30 years at a minimum," said Greene.

He also said that the total cost of this project has yet to be calcu-

lated, but that it will increase the efficiency of the complex.

"It'll help with energy costs, it'll help with maintenance issues, it's going to help with all the yearly costs you would have," said Greene.

It was the second groundbreaking in two days, with the Kolanvyi Community Center holding an event on May 22. It is a busy couple of weeks, with the groundbreaking of the new Cherokee Youth Center coming Friday, May 31.

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# CHEROKEE MARKET

The Cherokee Market is a place for enrolled members to showcase their arts and crafts and to provide local produce for the community and visitors in an outdoor setting.

All vendors must be enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Vendors must be the original producer (or family member) of all items being sold and must agree to the guidelines and submit an application prior to sale.

There are no assigned vendor spaces. Vendors select a space on a first-come-first-serve basis.

There is no vendor fee for spaces.

The 2019 Cherokee Market will operate from 8:00am - 5:00pm every day of the week.

For more information call 359-6490.



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**Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, seated second from right, and Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, seated second from left, sign a proclamation** in the Office of the Principal Chief on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 21 proclaiming Monday, June 17 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. According to the proclamation, this year marks the sixth year that the Tribe has recognized this event. Prior to signing, Chief Sneed read the proclamation which states in part, "Recognizing that it is up to all of us, to ensure that proper social structures exist so people can retain community and societal connections, reducing the likelihood of abuse; and preventing abuse of older adults through maintaining and improving social supports like senior centers, human services, and transportation will allow everyone to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of our communities..."



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# Qualla Housing celebrates clean audit

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Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed announced on Monday, May 13 that the Qualla Housing Authority (QHA) has received its first clean in audit in over ten years.

The audit, which was analyzed in October 2018, shows that the QHA addressed the five findings from 2017's report, while also having no new findings for this year's report. Though there are still recommendations for improvements, Chief Sneed says that this a significant step in the right direction. "We are getting the organization to

a place where it can function and operate and deliver the services it is intended to deliver," said Chief Sneed.

The report was performed by Melissa B. Peterson, CPA, who has overseen the QHA audit the last three years. Protocol usually has the same reviewer for three to five years, and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is expected to look towards a new auditor for the 2019 report. The primary difference between this year's audit and years passed is who was involved with the primary operations of the QHA.

Up until the 2017 audit, those operations were in the hands of the

QHA Board. That board consists primarily of members of Tribal Council. Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell is the chairman of the QHA Board.

Rep. Shell said that the primary issue in previous years was staffing. The QHA was, like a lot of functions in the Tribe, hit hard by former Chief Patrick Lambert's Early Retirement Act. There was difficulty filling positions, especially in contracting, and many employees who stayed on were forced into interim roles to pick up the slack.

After the 2017 report, the primary responsibilities were handed to the Chief's Office. Chief Sneed appointed Travis Smith as Secretary of the QHA in December 2017, and Smith immediately went to work.

"I started reviewing their documents, their policies, their procedures, and kind of to see where they were at and what they had going on. I noticed a deficiency of all their procedures at that point in time," Smith said.

Smith said that the program was extremely behind from an administrative standpoint. The policies were outdated, and so were most of the technologies used in the offices.

"We had no financial director. Leadership was lacking in a lot of places, there was no accountability. Some of the things we started focusing on required people to step up and do a lot of extra work. I have to take my hat off to Maceta Bradley, she stepped up. I put her in an interim position and she ran with it."

Bradley is still the interim Finance Director at QHA, and it's

a position that has been difficult to fill.

"I think that has a lot to do with the FBI investigation that's going on. They don't want to be tied to the finances of Qualla Housing when they're investigating the financials of Qualla Housing," said Smith.

Smith was transferred from his position this year to his current role as governmental affairs liaison for the Tribe. This was about a month before the new findings were released. Brandon Stevens, who is also the EBCI Director of Realty Services, was appointed as the Interim Secretary of the QHA in April.

One of the issues still lingering with the QHA is the 'duplicate services' with other tribal programs. Chief Sneed has gone before Council to try and merge the QHA and Housing and Community Development (HCD) programs for the last year and a half, but nothing has come of it.

"I just tried to withdraw it. Because it was clear to me that it wasn't going to happen. As I've said repeatedly about the merger of the two programs, this isn't something Richie Sneed came up with. Patrick Lambert tried to do it, Michelle Hicks tried to do it. It gets shot down every time," said Chief Sneed.

"So that day in Council I just said to the Council members, 'if it's a yes then say yes, if it's a no then say no.' Let's stop kicking the can down the road. 'Maybe we should have another work session.' I said 'we've had seven works sessions already.'"



## LIST OF EBCI CANDIDATES

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The Cherokee One Feather will be publishing contact information for any person planning to seek office as a Tribal Council Representative, Principal Chief, Vice Chief, or School Board member. As of print time, we have received information from the following candidates:

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# North Carolina state senators voice opposition to Catawba Bill

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The Catawba Indian Nation is seeking a casino near Kings Mountain, and Senate Bill S. 790 would help pave the way for them to open up for business. Leaders of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) have already expressed their opposition to the bill, and now close to three-quarters of the North Carolina Senate has joined that opposition.

In a letter sent to Sen. John Hoeven (R-N.D.), who serves as the chairperson of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, and Sen. Tom Udall (D-N.M.), the vice chairperson for the Committee, the North Carolina senators wrote, "Senate Bill 790 would – for the first time in U.S. history – allow land to be designated for a tribe to build a casino outside of the Bureau of Indian Affairs process."

The letter continues, "If passed, the legislation would deal an economic blow to a region of the state that depends on this industry and the thousands of jobs it provides annually. The bill would skirt the formal input process that has worked for decades and doesn't allow impact from the state or the people who live near the proposed site."

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) introduced S. 790 in March with the hopes it would "clarify" language included in the 1993 Catawba Indian Land Claims Settlement Act and authorize the Department of the Interior to act upon their land-into-trust application from several years ago.

N.C. Sen. Jim Davis (R-50th District), one of the 38 signees of

the letter, said in a statement, "The legislation skirts the formal input process that gives state and local governments in North Carolina, and their constituents who live near the proposed casino site, a voice in the process. I encourage the U.S. Senate to reject this unprecedented overreach."

The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs held a hearing on the matter early in May, but no official decision was delivered. Catawba Indian Nation Chief William Harris offered written testimony stating the bill "will bring justice to the Catawba and assure that Catawba gaming operations are subject to the same strict regulation as other tribal gaming operations."

He added, "S. 790 does not create any concerning precedent. Rather, it restores the original intent of the Catawba Federal Settlement Act, while limiting the Tribe's land acquisition to its congressionally established service area, which was deemed in the Act to be the equivalent of 'on or near reservation' for certain purposes, reflecting its historic significance to the Tribe."

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, who has been vocal in his opposition to the bill, said in a statement, "We appreciate the support from the surrounding counties and a super-majority of the North Carolina Senate who are concerned with this federal attempt to silence the voices of North Carolina stakeholders, including the Eastern Band. We have been a proud partner with North Carolina for decades. As it stands, this will would create a harmful precedent – the first time Congress has expressly authorized an Indian tribe to


acquire land into trust simply for owning and operating an off-reservation casino. We encourage the Catawba Indian Nation to go through the same proper process in their home state of South Carolina that we have worked through for decades as partners with out state of North Carolina."

During the May 1 Senate Committee of Indian Affairs hearing on the bill, John Tahsuda, principal deputy assistant secretary for Indian Affairs at the Department of the Interior, said in written testimony, "The bill is intended to make the IGRA (Indian Gaming Regulatory Act) applicable to the Tribe, including the important protections and authorities that it provides for

tribes generally, such as the option of entering into a tribal-state Class III gaming compact with a state, enactment of tribal gaming ordinances, and the use and net gaming revenue."

The two U.S. Senators from North Carolina, Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) and Richard Burr (R-N.C.) are co-sponsors on this bill. A spokesperson for Sen. Burr's office noted that the senator signed onto the bill because it provides much needed clarification around language in the 1993 Catawba Indian Land Claims Settlement Act that has since remained unclear.

There has been no activity on the bill since the May 1 hearing.



**CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**

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<b>Administration</b> (828) 497-9163 ext. 6233	<b>The Eagle Clinic</b>
<b>Analenisgi</b> (828) 497-9163 ext. 7550	Dr. Winchester/Jocelyn Lass, FNP (828) 497-3578
<b>Cherokee County Clinic (CCC)</b> (828) 837-4312	Kate McKittrick, PAC (828) 497-3577
<b>Dental Clinic</b> (828) 497-9163 ext. 6478	Dr. Houser (828) 497-3727
<b>Eye Clinic</b> (828) 497-9163 ext. 6495	Quana Winstead, PAC/Dr. Bullock (828) 497-1991
<b>Human Resources</b> (828) 497-9163 ext. 6343	Dr. Swink (New Provider coming soon) (828) 497 - 3478
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# School Board finalizes budget proposal at second Monthly Meeting

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

The Tuesday, May 21 meeting of the Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Board of Education was called to order at 11 a.m. with Chairperson Charlotte Saunooke; Vice Chairperson Gloria Griffin; Secretary Jennifer Thompson; board members Isaac Long, Karen French-Browning, and John Crowe; Superintendent Dr. Michael Murray; Assistant Superintendent Dr. Beverly Payne; School Board Assistant Sunnie Clapsaddle; HR Director Deborah Toineeta; and Tribal Council Alternate Representative Bo Crowe present. Tribal Council Representative David Wolfe was the only absentee for the

meeting.

Opening prayer was led by Superintendent Murray and the minutes from the May 6 meeting were approved.

Then, the agenda for the current meeting was approved.

The Board then welcomed the first two guests for the meeting – CCS Finance Director Howard Wahnetah and Cherokee Boy's Club (CBC) Assistant Finance Director Ashford Smith who first introduced the CBC's new Finance Director William Lowe. The Board was presented with several versions of an updated finance report for CCS. The difference between the reports was the wage percentage increases for teachers and teacher assistants.

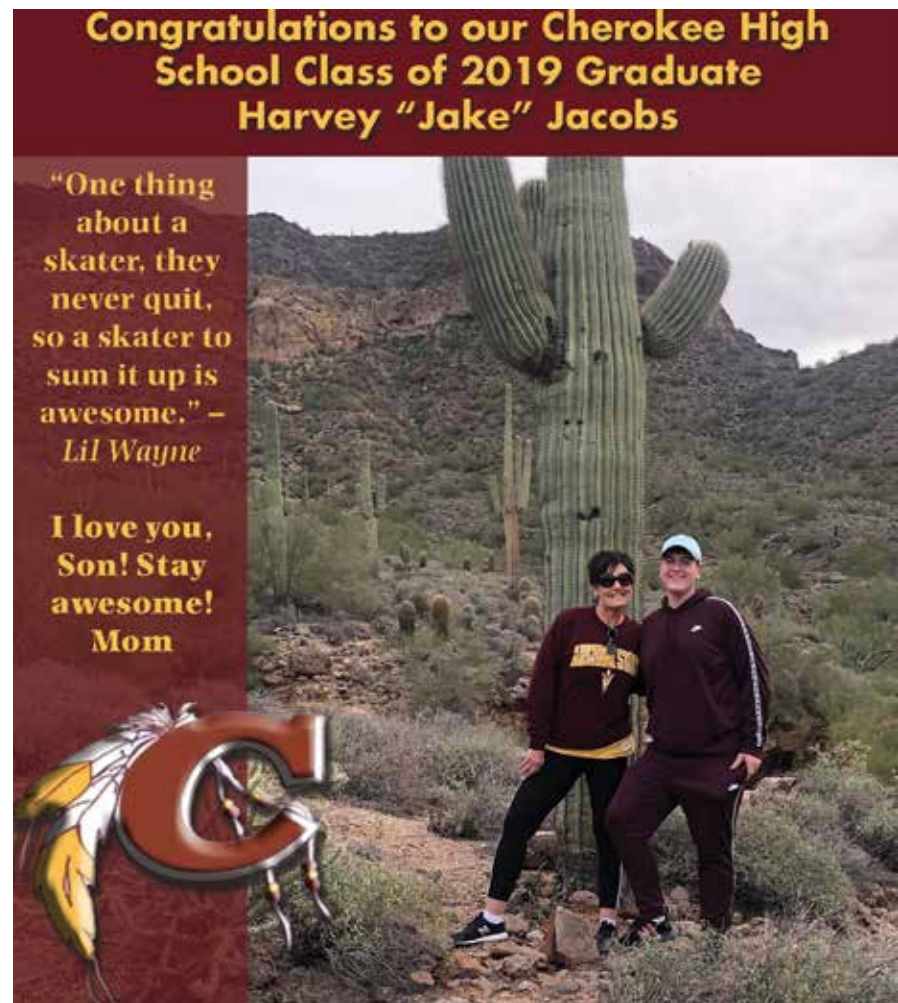
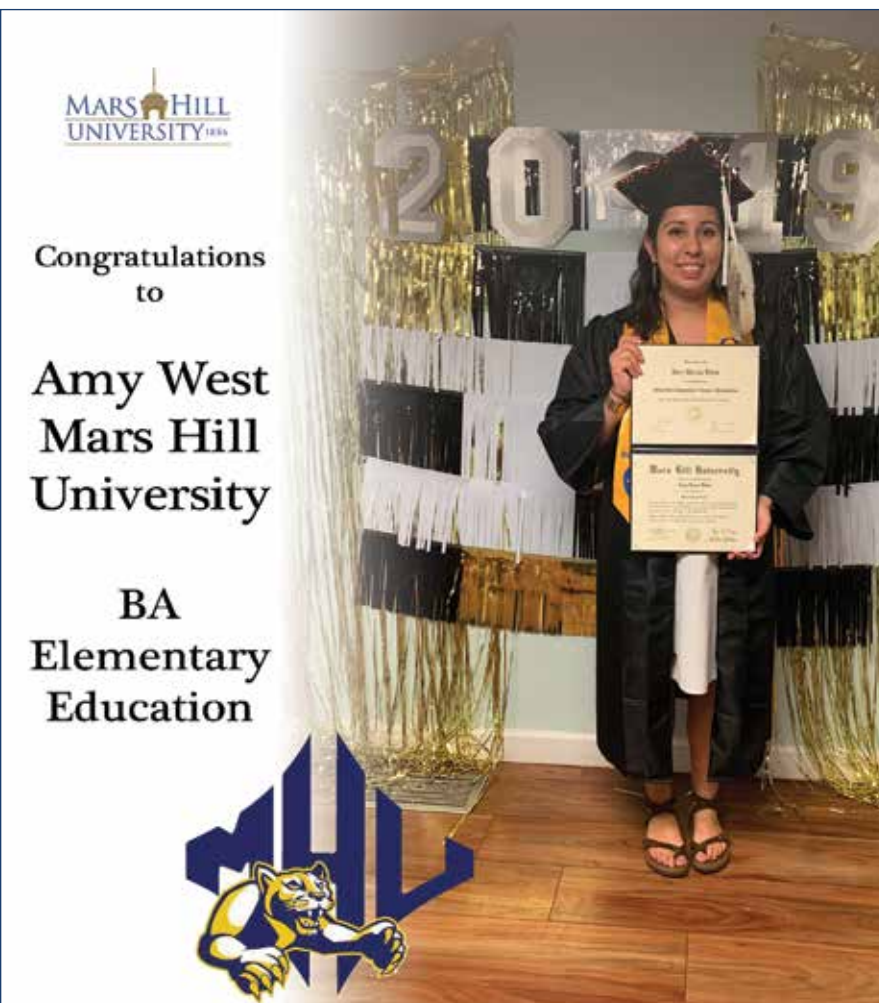
The decision that needed to be made was to finalize the school budget now, or to wait for the state. It was stated that the benefit to waiting for North Carolina is that the Board could base their pay increases off the state's. The disadvantage is the waiting game.

After weighing the pros and cons of the situation, the Board moved to finalize their budget with set increases. The proposal to Tribal Council will include a 5 percent increase to teachers and a 2.5 percent increase to teacher assistants. There will not be an increase to other staff unless an individual is finishing their year with CCS. In which case they will receive a 7 percent increase that other staff was given last year.

The attention of the meeting was then turned to 21st Century After School Program. Yona Wade, the CCS Director of Community Affairs, came to the meeting requesting funds from the Board for after school program.

Smith spoke for Wade when first presenting this information. Wade has been trying to close a grant for two years but has continually run into issues with the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE).

"Yona at that time [in 2017] was ready to close the grant out," said Smith. "He said there was no need for it, we're going to send the money back. We're funding this locally now. For one reason or other, it didn't get reported to the BIE that we weren't still spending



out of that fund. So, the BIE wants their money back and there's not enough money in that account."

Wade has records of his attempts to pay the money back, but he says there was a miscommunication of how to return the money in 2017. The center of the confusion came from the fact that due to funds being transferred via wiring, Wade and his office could not initiate the payment.

The amount needed from the Board is \$54,187.15. The total amount being paid back to the BIE is \$189,706. A motion was made to provide this money, and the motion was passed. Dick Crowe was the one member opposed.

This concluded the finance update, and the Board moved to the consent agenda and its 80 resolutions. The majority of those reso-

lutions were in regard to the CCS summer school programs, though there were a few exceptions:

- Bonnie Brown was approved to fill a teacher position for Cherokee Elementary School.
- Amy West was approved to fill a teacher position for Cherokee Elementary School.
- Anna Bartlett was approved to fill a teacher position for Cherokee Elementary School.
- Tina Swimmer was approved as CCS Varsity Volleyball Head Coach.

One resolution was pulled entirely, and two others were singled out to be voted on. The other 77 were quickly passed.

Resolution 19-270 to approve Carolina Hyatt for the 2019 Cultural Summer School Program was voted on separately. Jennifer Thompson abstained from the

vote due to a personal relationship with Hyatt, and the resolution was passed.

Resolution 19-272 to approve Crystal Lambert for the 2019 Cultural Summer School Program was the other item voted on separately. Karen French-Browning abstained from the vote due to a personal relationship with Lambert, and the resolution was passed.

There was also an added resolution, 19-308, which was approving another position for the STEAM Summer Camp. This resolution was passed.

There was no old business discussed at this meeting. Dr. Elizabeth Younce was welcomed to request an increase to the Part B grant. The increase from 2.3 million to 3.9 million dollars would help to add positions, benefits, an increase in

supplies, and adding money to the Joey Parker playground fund.

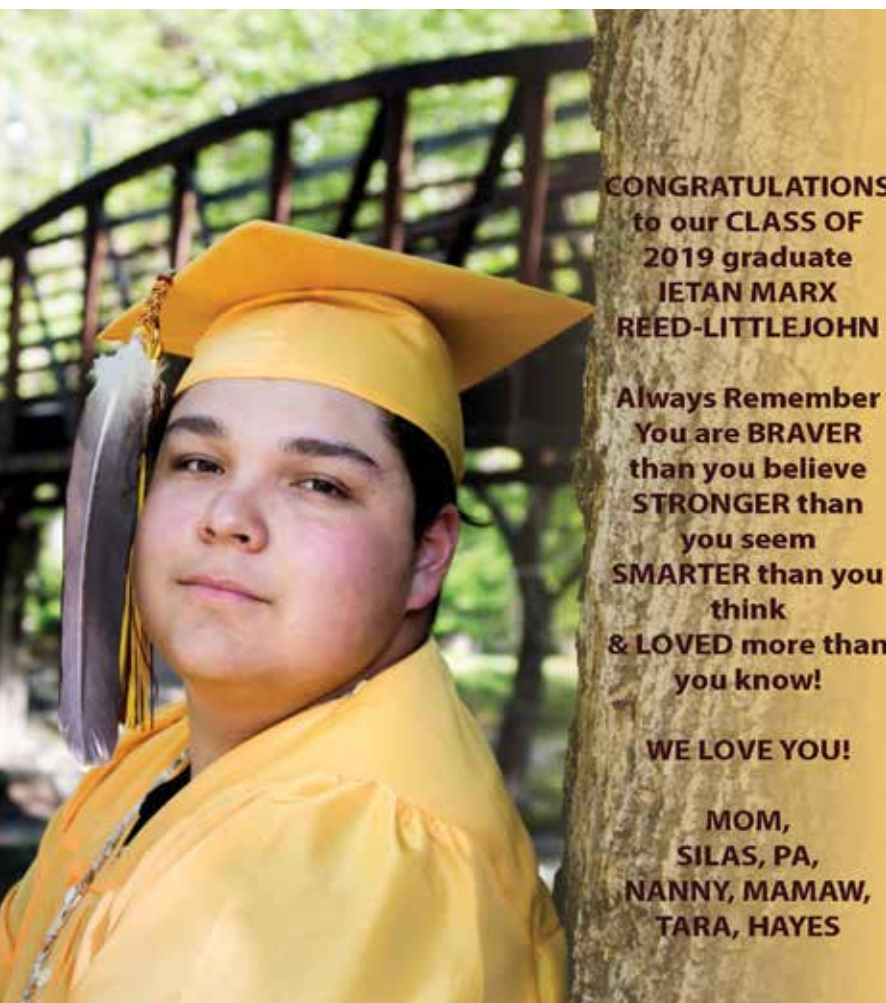
The Board moved to approve these supplemental funds.

The other new piece of business was to approve and sign the Local Education Agency (LEA) Assurance Title 1, which was quickly presented and approved.

In other discussion, Superintendent Murray presented a request from the JROTC to install training poles across the road from the school on CCS property. It would not be of cost to the CCS. The Board approved the motion.

The Board then went into a closed session to speak with a student of CCS. No report was provided for the closed session.

The final topic addressed before adjourning was to confirm the next meeting date of Monday, June 3.



## EBCI Candidate bios/platforms

*The One Feather made this space available to all EBCI candidates in the upcoming Primary Election. These are the submissions we received by press time. These are printed as received by us with no editing.*

### Alan B Ensley

Vice Chief candidate (Incumbent)

I am the son of the late Charlie and Edgarita Ensley. I grew up in the Big Y Community, and I'm a lifelong resident of the Cherokee Community and a graduate of Cherokee High School. I live in the Yellowhill Community with my wife, Libby Driver Ensley, our two children Timiyah and Kellen. I have 24 years of uninterrupted public service for the Tribe, both as a Yellowhill Council member and as your current Vice Chief.

I have been on the forefront of the Tribe's economic success since 1995, but I also remain dedicated to making sure the needs of enrolled members are met on a daily basis as your Vice Chief. I believe that even though our community has evolved, my priority will always be to work for the success and betterment of the Cherokee People. I enjoy my community involvement and I value working with my people. It's important for me to stay in touch with you, whether it's an office visit, home visit, or community experience.

Your voice matters to me and I will continue to listen and work for you when elected. I also want to take the time to personally participate in community events. You need to see me, talk to me, and reach me with your concerns and needs - and it's always good to just visit. My record reflects that I am a strong supporter of our elders and

youth.

As Vice Chief, my platform is simple - make this government work for YOU, the Tribal member. Ensuring the Tribe's health needs are successfully met, economic progress, educational achievement, and environmental advancements - these are all things that I have and will continue to champion for the EBCI. I am a strong and loyal supporter for Tribal employees, and I will never forget to appreciate, respect, and advocate for our Tribe's workforce. These employees are the reason for our success - it's the workers that make this Tribe what it is. I will always recognize and respect that, and my record shows that.

As your Vice Chief, my work is for the success of the EBCI, and I wish to respectfully continue that effort.

### Ben Parker

Vice Chief candidate

I am Ben Parker candidate for the office of Vice Chief of the Eastern Band Of Cherokee Indians. I am 63 years old, a lifelong resident of the Wolfstown community. I am an ordinary citizen and enrolled member who works hard to maintain my family and my health.

I have never held a tribal job or a seat in tribal office. I do have over 30 years of Business experience. When you are before council, frustrated at not getting general services, or being held up because of dragging feet, I can identify, because I have been there. That is why I seek the office. Our concerns need to be met with the attention to detail and compassion that I offer.

When I have a problem, I want it to be addressed and remedied, and, like you I do not want to be addressing the same problem to

several new administrations. There will be times when nothing can be fixed immediately, but I am certain that many of the concerns I have seen voiced in council should have already been fixed. I would appreciate your vote in the primary election on June 6.

### James "Bud" Smith

Vice Chief candidate

Shiyo,

My name is James "Bud" Smith and I am running for the office of Vice Chief. I live in the Wolfetown Community and am a proud father of three children and six grandchildren. I have worked in our school system as well as tribal government for the last twenty years as a teacher, administrator and tribal government official. I am proud to have served you in these positions and will continue to do so in the office of Vice Chief. My education and experience has prepared me well for this position. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Humanities, a Master's degree in Secondary Education and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership. My experience along with education equips me to serve you in this position.

This pivotal election gives us the opportunity to move the Tribe forward to a more responsible and responsive model of government. We must return our government to one of respect and dignity. One that represents all of us locally as well as nationally and works in the best interest of all tribal members. A government we can all be proud of. Effective decision making only occurs when civilized, respectful debate between tribal leaders takes place in a spirit of cooperation and compromise. We must have respect for one another and respect for the offices we hold. Through this mod-

el, tribal leaders will best identify challenges and opportunities that directly affect the everyday life of tribal members and then work to implement changes that work in the Tribe's best interest.

This election offers you, the tribal members, the opportunity to select a fresh and new direction for our Tribe. We must develop new strategies and develop a long range plan that ensures the security of our children. They are the ones who will ultimately live with the decisions we make today. We must restore our government to one of dignity and respect, we are Tsalagi. I thank you for reading this and if I can answer any questions for you I would be happy to. Thank you for your support and I hope to meet and talk with you before the primary.

Let's do Better! We Can A Fresh New Direction Forward!  
Vote for Bud!

### Ashley Sessions

Birdtown Tribal Council candidate

Siyo, My name is Ashley Sessions. I am a candidate for Tribal Council in the Birdtown/3200 Acre Community for 2019. I am a lifetime resident of Birdtown. My fiancé, Dustin, and I live on Adams Creek with our four children, Preston, Ava, Lawson, and Lyla. I have had community members ask about my family because of my last name. I feel that it is important to give you all this information so you know where I come from. My mother is Sherry Welch and my father was John Sessions. He was not a member of the Tribe and passed away in 1988. My grandparents were Julie/Tommy Welch, my Great Grandparents were Sam/Mattie Brady and Jonah Welch and Olive McCoy. If I am elected as your

council representative, here are some things I would like to focus on and show you that I will work for you:

Housing - Housing has been an issue for our tribal members for a very long time. Too long if you ask me.

Emergency Housing - We currently do not have any apartments, houses, or trailers available for emergency housing. If your family were to experience the unthinkable such as a house fire, flooding, etc., our housing department does not have any program in place to assist you. I will work for you to change that.

Low income housing – In spite of being told that we are wealthy, we still have low income families. Some may want to say that we have “outgrown” QHA and no longer need federal funding to assist with housing but that is simply not true. If we can spend multi-millions on a convention center, a parking deck, and out of state land, then all of our enrolled member can and should have a roof over their head at night. Housing is a priority for me. If there is one thing that every enrolled member deserves, it is a safe place for their family, a place with clean water, heat, and food. A home to call their own.

Term Limits - I will bring in legislation proposing term limits for council members. Eight years (4 - two-year terms), which is equivalent to the Chief and Vice Chief’s terms (2 - four-year terms). Being elected as a public servant is an honor but it is also something that individuals have taken advantage of by becoming too comfortable and forgetting why they wanted the seat in the first place. I advocated for this in my last campaign and I stand firm on this belief.

Minor’s Fund – I believe we need to revisit how well the staggered payments are working for our young people. I want to send out a survey to every individual in the groups that are receiving staggered payments to ask questions such as: Is it beneficial? Is it harder to provide for their family because they didn’t go to college but instead decided to stay here and start a family? Are they still having to live with family due to housing issues that would not be relevant if they had received one lump sum or a larger distribution? There are many factors that come into play and I feel like these are the only individuals that can accurately answer the questions because they have first-hand knowledge. Are three distributions working or should we try two distributions, half at 18 and the other half at 21? Or do we need to take it back to one lump sum? These are all very important questions and I want to help you find the right answer.

If elected, these are only a few things I would like to work on, there are many more issues that we are facing. The most important thing to me, is you! I want you to know I will help you any way I can. I want to work with you and for you.

I am asking for your vote in the Primary Election on June 6th. Please Vote. We can move our tribe forward, together!

### **Nelson Lambert**

Birdtown Tribal Council candidate

For you Birdtown! My name is Nelson Lambert. I have visited with many families in our Birdtown community throughout my campaign journey. I appreciate all those that I have visited, thus far, for sharing their ideas and concerns with me. Through LISTENING and

LEARNING, my message becomes stronger after every visit.

There are so many good people in our community that truly care about other families here and want to help those in need out of the goodness of their heart. Just as I’ve always done and will continue to do as your leader. It takes communicating with all of you and inform you of families in need. There are too many people that I’ve met with who do not know who needs support. Support in the simplest of ways such as, visiting someone, checking to see if someone needs a meal, or help with tidying up because a Tribal program has failed them in one way or another.

Some Tribal representatives are so disconnected from our community that they do not know what you are going through personally because they do not take the time to listen. Most of you believe some are only in there for the paycheck. Some look at us as votes instead of how we should be looked at which is individuals with our own personal circumstances. Just as most of you have voiced, I too wish we could go back to the days when Tribal Council only made a hundred dollars or so per Council meeting, kept a full time job, and some even walked miles to those meetings. As I’ve LISTENED to you I have LEARNED that those were the days when leaders actually cared for the people and worked together with the desire to accomplish goals to help every family. Not just a select few.

I have pinpointed 14 major issues of concern. Know that these issues are like trees and under every tree there are deep roots underneath. It takes me, on average, 2 hours discussing these issues and the roots that entangle and wrap

around the other issues:

(Note: These 14 major issues are not listed in order of importance. Every issue here is of utmost importance.)

- 1- Healthcare
- 2- Elders
- 3- Youth/Family: Things To Do
- 4- Tsali Care
- 5- Dialysis
- 6- Disabled
- 7- Housing
- 8- Land
- 9- Drugs
- 10- Judicial System
- 11- Experience
- 12- Homeless
- 13- Starving Families
- 14- Education

I have a clear and concise vision as to how we can improve our lives for each of the 14 major issues. So long as we are prioritizing our spending.

With your vote of support, as your future Birdtown Councilman, I will sponsor legislation and will always support legislation that you bring before Tribal Council that will improve the lives of our community, families, and our Tribe as a whole.

I humbly and respectfully request your vote of confidence at the polls. Primary election is June 6th. Listen\*Learn\*Lead

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### **Pamela Sneed**

Painttown Tribal Council candidate

Siyo - My name is Pamela Sneed and I am a candidate for Painttown Council Member. My parents are Skipper and Rose Sneed of the Painttown community. I complet-

ed my MBA degree in May 2012. I have worked for over 23 years for our Tribe in positions with the Gaming Commission, the TOP office as well as the One Feather office. Here is what I plan to bring to the table if I am elected:

\* I will use my knowledge that I gained from my years of employment with the Gaming Commission to provide the community with real information about what is going on in the gaming world and what real impact that our casinos and the decisions that are made concerning them will have on our bi-yearly percap. My main job duty in the TGC was to protect our tribal assets and I feel that I can continue that as your council member.

\* I believe it is our council member's responsibility to keep their respective communities informed, to let them know the basis for each decision, admit mistakes and correct them, and to respond to their communities' questions and concerns.

\* Our Tribe needs to diversify our economy and I will support legislation that not only benefits Painttown community but the Tribe as well. Tribal Council needs to set out a plan to guide decisions and actions for the next 2-4 years, including prioritizing which areas need immediate attention and act accordingly.

\* Our Tribe must encourage more of our members to attend Trade School. Our tribe needs more plumbers, electricians, HVAC technicians, mechanics, etc. These are very important jobs that we could use in every tribal program.

\* I know every household has been affected, one way or another, by this drug epidemic that has consumed our community. I know my family has, unfortunately. I think

we not only need to concentrate on their recovery, but we also need to concentrate on learning why they decided to travel this road and how they and their experience can help our community prevent others from taking the same road. I will promise to support and work with PHHS to fund opportunities to combat this epidemic.

\* I believe in the importance of mixing new ideas with our traditions and culture. We live in the 21st century but our traditions should always provide the guidance we need to ensure a great future. We must provide a way to keep our traditions and culture alive as well as evolve with the rest of the world.

We need to come together as a unified Tribe not only for this generation but for future generations. We have proven our resiliency and we must continue to work together to meet our full potential as a great and generous Tribe. I hope to proudly guide our Tribe into the future.

I humbly ask for your support in this upcoming Tribal Election. Sgi! Vote for a fresh start. A new and energetic voice for our community!

### **Sharon Bradley**

Big Y School Board candidate

The mission statement for Cherokee Central Schools, "That we will be a community where each student will complete high school graduation, will be globally competitive for work and post-secondary education, will possess an appreciation for and an eagerness to preserve our nation, and will be prepared for life in the 21st Century."

While at CCS I have been a proponent of the Programs of Studies or Career Paths for all our students. I believe to accomplish this mission

that our staff and administration must be committed to each student and their various interests, goals and endeavors. Development of sound policies and procedures for administration, staff, and students is essential to ensuring that "no student is left behind". It is also crucial to integrate our culture in the curriculum at every level and in every class. Cherokee Central School has a very diverse group of students that should be proud and knowledgeable of who they are and what they stand for.

I believe the most important facet of our school system is our children, learning how to communicate with them and their families, understanding where they are socially, spiritually and intellectually will open the doors for them to excel at the highest levels of their educational choices. We must align our budgets, staff and curriculum to meet their needs and the growing needs of the Eastern Band and neighboring communities. I will be committed, not only to my community but all our tribal entities to make Cherokee Central School the school of choice for parents and students of Western North Carolina who want an exemplary education in science, technol-

ogy, math, engineering, the arts, careers, athletics, and culture.

I have presented myself for a candidate to represent the Big Y Community on the Cherokee Central School board. I am a graduate of Cherokee High School, Mars Hill College, Western Carolina University under-graduate, and Western Carolina University Masters in Business Administration. I have also completed coursework for a certificate in Financial Planning at WCU. I have been employed at Cherokee High School for 22 years teaching Finance, Sports & Entertainment Marketing, Business Law, Entrepreneurship, Fashion Merchandising, and Accounting. My employment also includes 5 years at the Cherokee Indian Hospital as the Contract Health Manager, Manager at the Ceremonial Grounds, and 2+ years at Harrah's Casino. I am a member of the National Indian Educators Association, a charter member of the Qualla Education Collaboration, have served CCS as Department Head for the Career and Technical Education department, have served on the School Improvement Committee, and started the Ladies Golf program.



## TRACK & FIELD

# Panther wins state title, two Braves place



Photo courtesy of Eddie Swimmer

**Hallah Panther**, Lady Braves junior, right, won the state title in the Women's Pole Vault with a jump of 10-0. She is shown with her coach, Landon Hunt.

## ONE FEATHER STAFF REPORT

**H**allah Panther, Lady Braves junior, won the NCHSAA 1A State Championship in the Women's Pole Vault at the state meet held at NC A&T Irwin Belk Track in Greensboro on Saturday, May 18. With a jump of 10-0, she took the title with the same jump that won her the 1A West Regional title earlier in the week and the Smoky Mountain Conference title on May 1.

Sterling Santa Maria, Braves junior, took second place at the state meet in the Men's Shot Put with a throw of 49-5.75, and Joaquin Layno took fourth in the Men's Discus Throw with a distance of 137-4.

Other top four finishers from the Smoky



Photo by Kevin Hensley/The Cherokee Scout

**Sterling Santa Maria**, Braves junior, won second place in the Men's Discus Throw.

Mountain Conference, per [ncmilesplit.com](http://ncmilesplit.com), are:

- **Andrews**
  - Tucker Holloway, Men's Long Jump, 1st, 22-4
  - Kabe Ellis, Men's Triple Jump, 4th, 43-3
- **Hayesville**
  - Madi Crisler, Women's Discus Throw, 2nd, 100-1
  - Jake McTaggart, Men's Discus Throw, 3rd, 141-5
- **Murphy**
  - Women's Team Title, 49.50 points
  - Women's 4x100M Relay Team, 3rd, 50.98
  - Women's 4x200M Relay Team, 4th, 1:47.79
  - Women's 4x400M Relay Team, 2nd, 4:10.57
  - Brianna Moore, Women's Long Jump, 4th, 16-9.5
  - Sarah Pullium, Women's Discus Throw, 1st,



Photo by Kevin Hensley/The Cherokee Scout

**Joaquin Layno**, Braves senior, throws the shot. He placed eighth in the shot put and won a fourth place medal in the Men's Discus Throw.

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- Kelia Oliver, Women's Discus Throw, 4th, 97-10; Women's Shot Put, 3rd, 33-6.75
- Men's 4x800M Relay Team, 1st, 8:21.60
- Riley Blalock, Men's Shot Put, 1st, 50-1
- **Swain County**
  - Jessie Lohmann, Women's 100M Hurdles, 2nd, 16.43
  - Monica Riordan, Women's 300M Hurdles, 2nd
  - Jenna Marr, Women's Pole Vault, 3rd, 9-0
  - Ryan Jenkins, Men's 3200M Run, 1st, 9:46.71
  - Trey Bowman, Men's 110M Hurdles, 2nd, 15.49
  - Jesse Waldroup, Men's Pole Vault, 4th, 12-0
  - Jacob Waldroup, Men's Pole Vault, 3rd, 12-6

# Let's finally get rid of the 'jocks are dumb' trope

**SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

The movie trope of the dumb jock has been used over and over again, especially throughout the 1980s. I think it is time to put that trope to bed as many student-athletes are excelling at both these days, especially the first part.

This year's valedictorian (Joaquin Layno) and salutatorian (Blake Smith) for Cherokee High School (CHS) are both multi-sport athletes. Both were members of the Cherokee Braves varsity football team who won the 2017 1A NCHSAA State Championship and they were also members of the Braves varsity basketball and track and field teams. They, along with many of their teammates and other athletes in general, were honored at both the CHS Academic Awards banquet and the Athletic Awards banquet held recently.

Four years ago, I wrote in this column an article entitled "Do student-athletes make better students?". In that column, I referenced a study entitled, "A Comparison of the Educational Performances of Athletes and Nonathletes in 133 North Carolina High Schools" which found that the average GPA for athletes was 2.86 compared to 1.96 for non-athletes and athletes had a dropout rate of 0.7 percent compared to 8.98 percent for non-athletes.

When I interviewed Smith recently about being named the salutatorian, he noted, "Everything I do, I try to put everything I have into it and put a lot of effort into it."

That sort of work ethic and



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo

**Joaquin Layno** throws the shot put at this year's Smoky Mountain Conference track and field championship meet held at Cherokee earlier this month. A stand-out in three sports, he is the Cherokee High School Class of 2019 valedictorian as well.

positive mental attitude serves him and others well in both their athletic endeavors as well as the in the classroom, and it most definitely accounts for the better classroom performances by most athletes.

Earl Campbell, Heisman Trophy winner and two-time NFL MVP running back, once said, "I talk to student-athletes. I try to get them to remember that they're not just athletes, but student-athletes. You need to get an education, keep your hands clean and try to represent the university."

At CHS's Academic Awards

banquet on May 14, the keynote speaker was Kelsey Jackson who earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business management from Montreat College while also playing college basketball. She spoke to the students about the importance of self-discipline and hard work, two tenets of any student-athlete. And, she hammered home the message to have determination, "It doesn't matter how long it take you to finish. What's important is that you finish."

She was referring to the journey to a college education, but it could

easily be applied to any goal that you set for yourself in life.

Jackson also said that her parents made sure she put the emphasis on the first word of student-athlete.

I feel that most student-athletes get it and do put the proper emphasis on their education. All you have to do is look at Cherokee High School to see that is the truth.

I'll leave you with a quote by the late Nelson Mandela who once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

# Kiowa tribal member breaks MLS record

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

Chris Wondolowski, a striker for the San Jose Earthquakes and a member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, became the most prolific scorer in MLS (Major League Soccer) history on Sunday, May 19 with a four-goal effort against the Chicago Fire.

Though Wondolowski came into the match on a bit of drought, you would have never guessed it. He tied Landon Donovan’s record of 145 early on with a real poacher’s goal in the 21st minute. It came off a beautiful assist from Shea Salinas, and ‘Wondo’ simply passed the ball into the bottom right corner.

The goal that broke the record was one of the easiest of his life. Chicago Fire David Ousted mishandled a cross and dropped the ball right at the feet of Wondolowski, who calmly poked it in right in front of Ousted.

Wondolowski completed a hat-trick in the 74th minute on a break from the Earthquakes. His teammate Cristian Espinoza was dragged



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down just outside the box, but the referee allowed for advantage and Wondolowski didn’t hesitate. His curling shot left the keeper with no chance.

He capped off the night just two minutes later with a calm and easy finish from seven yards out. Wondolowski became the first Native American to play in FIFA World Cup in 2014 when he

represented the United States in Brazil. He played in two games for that team that was inches away from going to the quarterfinals. He has scored 11 goals for his country during his career.

According to a USA Today article published in 2014, Wondolowski’s mother is a half-Kiowa and half-Cherokee, and she made sure Chris know of his connection

to his tribe. His Kiowa name is Bau Daigh, which translates to “Warrior coming over the hill.” Wondolowski has inspired many of the Kiowa tribe and they consider him a hero. A few years ago, the Kiowa people started putting on soccer camps, and Wondolowski has returned many times to help with those events.



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**Jacee Smith**, left, receives her Cherokee High School diploma from Dr. Debora Foerst, CHS principal, during the annual commencement ceremony held at Ray Kinsland Stadium on the evening of Thursday, May 23.

# “Our memories will remain”

## Cherokee High School graduates 73

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**C**herokee High School held its annual commencement ceremony on the sunny evening of May 23 at Ray Kinsland Stadium. A total of 73 students graduated in the Class of 2019 with the following motto: “Together, we have experienced life. Separately, we will pursue our dreams. Forever, our memories will remain.”

Dr. Debora Foerst, CHS principal, thanked the families of the students and the community at-large for their support. She spoke of the importance of memories and how they play in the lives of students. “Memories are significant culturally. Cherokee people have a strong oral tradition, and a strong emphasis was placed on storytelling. It was a way of learning about

the shared tribal memory. We grew up hearing our elders share their stories, their memories. The Class of 2019 has been making memories together since they started school.”

She added, “Most classes, I dare say, do not start their ninth-grade year with the intention of making memories, or they’re probably not even aware of them. But, I believe this class is different. They knew they were making memories every step of the way, and they took us along for the ride to enjoy, support, and applaud them.”

Blake Smith, CHS Class of 2019 salutatorian, said in his address, “As I reflect on the past going back to middle school when I met my group of friends that have become my brothers, I can’t help but laugh at some of my favorite memories. From all of us getting in trouble in eighth grade to all of us winning a state ring together in our junior year, I will never forget all of the great times we had together.”

He went on to say, “Without these friends, who have become family to



Joaquin Layno, CHS Class of 2019 valedictorian, walks into Ray Kinsland Stadium at the beginning of Thursday's ceremony.

me, I would not be the person I am today. Throughout these four years of high school, I've learned many life lessons. I've learned to be successful and to get what you want, it takes hard work, determination, and sacrifice. These memories and these sacrifices have shaped us into the people that we are now."

Jayden Crowe, CHS Class of 2019 president, commented, "Over the past 12 years, many memories were created with these people sitting behind me...over the last four years, we've created some of the most memorable and influential memories of our lives."

He added, "Behind you, all of your memories; before you, all of your dreams; around you, all who love you. Thank you for the most memorable four years of my life Class of 2019. I wish you all the best in whatever your life brings upon you."

Joaquin Layno, CHS Class of 2019 valedictorian, said, "This Class of '19 has been full of surprises. We took part in Cherokee's first state championship in football. We took part in the school's first play coming up as freshmen, also creating an outstanding performing arts program. We've had state qualifiers in wrestling, track and field, and cross country. In my opinion, we've had the best class officers ever: Class President Jayden Crowe, Vice President Shirley Peebles, Historian Darius Lambert, and Treasurer Emma Stamper."

He quoted Denzel Washington stating, "I've found that nothing in life is worthwhile unless you take risks."

Layno added, "Every failed experience is one step closer to success. You've got to take risks. You will fail at some point in life. Accept it. You will lose. You will



**Blake Smith**, right, CHS Class of 2019 salutatorian, receives an award from Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, in the form of a Pendleton blanket.



**The Dr. Jerry Wolfe Gadugi Award** was presented to Kylee Tramer, left, and Kyler Hill, right, by WCU Cherokee Center Director Sky Sampson.

embarrass yourself...but, don't get discouraged. Never look back. Give everything you've got, and when you fall throughout life, fall forward."

Several specialty awards were given during the ceremony including:

- NAIWA (North American Indian Women's Association) Awards presented by Loretta Bolden: Blake Smith, Joaquin Layno
- Award from Cherokee Central School Board Chairperson: Emma Stamper, Kyler Hill
- Award from Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed: Blake Smith, Joaquin Layno
- Dr. Jerry Wolfe Gadugi Award presented by WCU Cherokee Center Director Sky Sampson: Kylee

Tramper, Kyler Hill

Following is a list of the graduates of the CHS Class of 2019:

- Joaquin Gabriel Leonardo Layno (Valedictorian, Highest Honors, National Honor Society)
- Blake Lawson Smith (Salutatorian, Highest Honors, National Honor Society)
- Jalyn Gail Albert
- Troy Douglas Anthony Jr.
- Isaiah Running Wolfe Armachain
- Michael Eugene Bernhisel
- Logan Seth Blankenship
- Damian Xavier Blanton
- Tylina Rae Blanton
- Ivan Jacob Calhoun
- Averii Nycole Cotton (Honors, National Honor Society)
- Jayden Chazmond Crowe
- Nathaniel Stephen Crowe

- Sylas Gauge Davis
- Jimiqua Lynn Driver
- Joshua Isaiah Driver
- Jazlyn Janea Dunn
- Annie Danielle Durant
- Isaiah Darius Evans
- Joshua Dwayne French
- Moirra Cait-Linnea George
- Joshua Douglas Girty
- Adrian Gomez
- Adriana Gomez
- Chayton Oriuela Hernandez
- Kyler Dean Hill
- Marianna Hornbuckle
- Danicka Brooke Huskey (Honors, National Honor Society)
- Harvey Ray Jacobs
- Jacelyn Celise James
- Darius Ian Lambert
- James Tay Lambert
- Terence Lee Ledford (National Hon-

- or Society)
- Lucina Lynn Lira
- Jamie Marie Lossiah
- Jarron Pierce Lossiah (Honors)
- Josiah Nv-ga-di-hi Lossiah (Honors, National Honor Society)
- Tihjah Bre Lossiah
- Dylan John Francis Mangold
- Julian Dean Martin
- Landen Isaiah Messerly
- Lori Denise Meuse
- Brianna Jade Murphy
- Savannah Kay Owle
- Korrina Lynn Owle Perez
- Rebekah Shaeleigh Panther
- Jullian Diego Parra-Rubio
- Shirley Annette Peebles (Honors, National Honor Society)
- Juakina Esmerelda Perez
- McClay Lelewis Phillips (Honors, National Honor Society)
- Niobe Inez Redus
- Ietan Marx Reed-Littlejohn
- Mariana Sherayna Reyes
- Jacee Elissa Smith (Honors)
- Seth Allen Smith (Honors, National Honor Society)
- Jacob Colon Sneed (Honors, National Honor Society)
- Samuel Otter Sneed
- Emma Nicole Stamper (Highest Honors, National Honor Society)
- Dani Raelene Swayney
- Lataya Ge-di Taylor
- Tori Teesateskie (Honors, National Honor Society)
- Derek Edward Torres (Honors, National Honor Society)
- Malakai Tooni
- Alyssa J-Ann Tramper
- Daniel Edwards Tramper
- Kylee Ashton Tramper
- Dylan Allen Wachacha
- Amaris Lynn Watty
- Aweeusti Watty
- Jaia Alexis Watty
- Carla Angeli Wolfe
- James Robert (Tre) Wolfe
- Terrance Russell Wolfe



**Daniel Edwards Tramper** waves to the crowd after receiving his diploma during Thursday's commencement.

## EBCI students honored at Principal Chief's Awards

The following students, all members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, were honored at the annual Principal Chief's Awards ceremony on Wednesday, May 22. The event, hosted by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, was held in the Cherokee Tribal Council Chambers.

**Cherokee High School:** Emma Stamper, Blake Smith

**Cherokee Middle School:** Mahala Allison, Braylon James

**Cherokee Elementary School:** Samantha Toineeta, Dawson Clapsaddle

**New Kituwah Academy:** Naomi Watiyeli Taylor, Tyce Hogner

**Smokey Mountain Elementary School:** Lucianna Trampler, Steffani Sanchez

**Smokey Mountain Middle School:** Shelby Maney, Jalen Motola

**Smoky Mountain High School:** Olivia Me-Li Jackson, Patrick Sneed

**Swain East Elementary:** Pippa Welch, Seth Carroll

**Swain West Elementary:** Faith Murray, Sylas Stanberry

**Swain Middle School:** Mary Cooper, Blake Sain

**Swain County High School:** Kilyne Oocumma, Jack Cooper

**Fairview Elementary School:** Madalyn Moody, Elijah Hamilton

**Scott's Creek Elementary School:** Chloe Ledford, Gabriel Wolfe

**Andrews High School:** Shahannah Rattler, Karra Postell

**Murphy High School:** Natasha Lequire, Noah Herrin

**Robbinsville Elementary School:** Bailie Sequoyah Conley, Johnny Roman Jones

**Robbinsville Middle School:** Tai-Lee Owle, Haden Key

**Robbinsville High School:** Ryen Bird, Madison Elisabeth Orr



**JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo**

**Olivia Me-Li Jackson**, left, receives a Principal Chief's Award from Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed during the annual awards ceremony in the Cherokee Tribal Council Chambers on the morning of Wednesday, May 22.

*- One Feather staff report*

### Cherokee Elementary School Awards recipients

#### Academic Improvement:

**PreK:** Jaden Shelton, Beau Edwards, Keylan Taylor, Nevaeh Rhinehart, Leah Toineeta, Leah Walkingstick

**KG:** Levi Winstead, Marley Murphy, Marlie Price, Kinley Crowe, Kenietha Wildcat, Leiland Rhinehart, Dahvie Conseen, Izabela Crowe, Christopher Miles, Tyla Jackson, Colton Owl, William Mesteth, Beatriz Castro-Wachacha, Cypress Climbingbear-Esquivel

**1st:** Weston Swimmer, David Kalonaheskie, Hayden Rhinehart, Lula Ensley, MaKennedy Ensley, Newton Sampson, Aryahnie Pheasant, Kealan Jumper, Levi Shelton, Kody May Gloyne, Kyleigh Porter, Grahme Saunooke, Dustin Trampler  
**2nd:** Blake Sequoyah, Pheobe Littlejohn, Malia Brady, Greyson

Panther, Simon Ricon-Wahnetah, Karyn Bradley, Alaina Hull, Maya Lossiah, Boomer Pheasant, Kennedy Moore, Avrix Teesateskie  
**3rd:** Keysa Collins, Nicolas Paramo, Jovane Saunooke, Audree Edwards, Ezekiel Welch, Marcelita Swayney, Faith West, Ernest Pheasant, Rubi Conner, Joe Garcia, Kollin Sampson, Kylana Sampson, Ge-li Castro-Wachacha, Dezmond Shelton, Shooter Toineeta  
**4th:** Kiowa George, Kailyana Hornbuckle, Martin Artega, Mariah Taylor, Rodrigo Santiago, Brandy Martinez, Javon Long, Jade Palomo, Cynthia Saunooke, Auron Taylor, Shataya Chambers, Luke Stamper  
**5th:** Jack Teesateskie, Nikolai Thompson, Javan Garcia, Marleigh Aguilera, Krenston Armachain, Hunter Mathis, Danelle Bushyhead, Madison Teesateskie, Yvonne Saunooke, Leland Locust, Nathaniel Smedley, Joshua Hornbuckle, Tsali Dvdisdi

#### Academic Excellence

**PreK:** Austin Wahnetah, Aubree Reed, Kyra James, Cullen Bradley, Kyleandra Pheasant, Nylah Teesatuskie

**KG:** Kaeson Reed, Bryson Beach, Ladybug Grubbe, Cheyenna Taylor, Shannon Lineberry, Eli Sampson, Jayce West, Ariel Crowe, Keagan Taylor, Avery Brown, Jerimiah Queen, Lennox Harper, Max Arch, Channin Maye, Carter Nations  
**1st:** Chotky Davis, Justin West, Isaac Aragon, Kenleigh Hornbuckle, Joshua Bernhisel, Laylauna Allison, Lily Robertson, Jack Maney, Nickyle Teesatuskie, Serenity Willis, Gregory L. Groenewold, Kaelyn Montelongo

**2nd:** Cyrus Crowe, Riley McCoy, Nyra Reed, Kalia Reed, Lauren Arsana, Laila Crowe-Taylor, Ko'dee K Wolfe, Sophie Crowe, Andyn Pheasant, Kaitlyne Wike, Kayden Dial, Peter Lopez

**3rd:** Darien Jenkins, John Calvin Gloyne, Maia Lane, Colton French, James Martinez, Laylah Thompson, Maddalen Mendia, William Hoyle, Houston Reed, Roxy Solis, Shawn Driver, Zoe De Los Reyes, Zailiana Blythe, John Dills, John Morgan  
**4th:** Nayaa Addo, Jamee McMillan, Chloe Locust, Denver Porterfield, Dalton Yates, Alicia Ledford, Reginald Hyatt, Aleiyah Hull, Kingston Welch, Trennan Calhoun, William Ellwood Jr., Anie Mora

**5th:** Kieaira Ensley, Lilia Jarvis, Dawson Clapsaddle, Tayvin Bark-Cruz, Shona Cole, Sophia O'Kelley, Lexcy Ortiz, Jesaiah Hornbuckle, Gabriel Dial, Jessie Wildcat, Kayla Morgan, Jayden Trampler, Jayvin George

#### Best All-Around

**PreK:** Trinita Caley, Gia Crowe-Taylor, Axe Milholen

**KG:** Amaya Rodriguez, Zyah

Amezcuca, Ehko Lossiah, Ella Cline, Daryan Smith, Lucy Smith, Ayden Antone

**1st:** Carolyn Lillard, Makeena Armachain, Kaelyn Montelongo, Emma Milholen, Xavion Davis, Zion Dawkins

**2nd:** Janiyah Rattler, Braelyn Murphy, Julius Armachain-Garcia, Nina Montelongo, Ava Walkingstick, Dominique Gonzalez

**3rd:** Jessica Arsana, Eva Hill, Lilly Lossiah, Alana Squirrel, Kiarra Caley, Elijah Youngdeer, Noah Dossett, Alex Antone

**4th:** Deanna Long, Lilliana Pheasant, Elizabeth Tedrick, Daisee Fourkiller-Raby, Drallen Ledford, Melody Tramper, Carter Bird

**5th:** Maritza Luna, Timber Sampson, Alicia Salas, Emiliano Garcia, Leilah Lossie, Zachary Seay, Keith Smith

### **VOC Award by Cherokee Vocational Opportunities**

Peter “PJ” Lopez, 2nd Grade  
Keith Smith, 5th Grade

### **Braves Awards by Cherokee Boys Club**

**PreK:** Alyssa Rayne Queen and Taiquan “Gerron” Driver

**KG:** Cole Davis and Khloe Sequoyah

**1st:** Curren McCoy and Nakisha Saunooke

**2nd:** Greyson Ledford and Austin Fourkiller-Raby

**3rd:** Cainyan Welch and Grace Smith

**4th:** Philip Saunooke, Joscelyn Stamper, and Sage Bark

**5th:** Conner Junaluska and Francesca Armachain

### **Daily Attendance Awards**

Carolyn Lillard, Kynleigh Taylor, Adalynn Taylor, Laila Crowe-Taylor, Dahilia Long, Maia Lane

### **Most Improved Art Award**

Kimberly Norton, Evard Bradley, Cheyenne Taylor, Lucas Biddix, Aryanhie Pheasant, Joey Panther, Joslynn Thompson, Joseph Perry Saunooke, Gabby Smith, Gabby George, Luke Wolfe, Anie Mora, Jayden Bradley, Sage Bark, Aiyanna Locust, Korbin Sampson

### **Most Outstanding Art Award**

Gia Crowe-Taylor, Leighton Bryson, Yoana Meza, Dahvie Conseen, Kody May Gloyne, Isaac Aragon, Natalee Tedrick, Colin Lossie, Willa Goodson, Walker Sutton, Kimberly Crowe, Nic Paramo, Aleiyah Hull, Drallen Ledford, Jessie Wildcat, Ayden Queen

### **Best All Around Art Award**

Elijah Axe Milholen, Avery Brown, Joshawa Swayney, Kayden Dial, Peter “PJ” Lopez, Jessica Arsana, Johnny Long, Marleigh Aguilera

### **Most Improved Music Award**

Jaden Shelton, Lake-Van Garcia, Pippa Teesateskie, Levi Winstead, Akeelah Townsend, Jolden Kalonaheskie, Aries Lossiah, Malachi Bird, Willa Goodson, Walker Sutton, Walela Ledford, Ernest Pheasant, Meli Hornbuckle, Kingston Welch, Madison Teesateskie, Cyrus James

### **Most Outstanding Music Award**

Kylexandra Pheasant, Kedron Hyatt, Dara Codynah, Jerimiah Queen, Adalynn Taylor, Adrian Santos, Samantha Cucumber, Brayon Tucker, Karmelita Montelongo, Noah Dossett, Sage Bark, Alicia “CiCi” Ledford, Carlito Huerta-Perez, Mychaela Lambert, Charlie Guillien-Swayney, Gabby Smith

### **Best All Around Music Award**

Aubree Reed, Eli Lane, Odie Owle, Kennedy Moore, Peter “PJ” Lopez, Felix Lossiah, Ava Walkingstick, Korbin Sampson

### **Most Improved PE Award**

Nevaeh Rhinehart, Theodore Squirrel, Niyah Taylor, Arian Teesateskie, Carolyn Lillard, Curren McCoy, Savannah Hornbuckle, Colton Crowe, Willa Goodson, Ernest Pheasant, Faith West, Kayla Guillien, Johnny Long, Sage Bark, Nakaiya Hill, Blake Wolfe,

### **Most Outstanding PE Award**

Triniti Caley, Logan Walker, Ehko Lossiah, Ivan Martinez, Lula Ensley, Joseph Armachain-Garcia, Austin Fourkiller-Raby, Greyson Panther, Walker Sutton, Lilly Lossiah, Ezekiel Welch, Joscelyn Stamper, Drallen Ledford, Sara Toineeta, Zachary Seay, Gabby Smith

### **Best All-Around PE Award**

Kedron Hyatt, Arian Queen, Nickyle Teesatuskie, Cambry Stamper, Peter “PJ” Lopez, Cameron Oocumma, Daisee Fourkiller-Raby, Johnathan Saylor

### **Presidential Fitness Awards**

McKyan Panther, Leland Sexton, Cambry Stamper, Jeron Martens, Nyra Reed, Taytem Saunooke, Colton Crowe, Abigail Lambert, Kennedy Moore, Elliott Wildcat, Kayden Dial, Maya Lossiah, Jessica Arsana, Cameron Oocumma, Levi Smith, Tomas Soap, Drake Cruz, Lilly Lossiah, Laylah Thompson, Ezekiel Welch, Rayden Locust, Felix Lossiah, Kollin Sampson, Elijah Youngdeer, Khloe Cucumber, Haley Locust, Dezmond Shelton, James JJ Smith, Cainyan Welch, Keiarah Queen, Wakinyan Raines, Faith West, Dillon Beam, Livia Crowe, Deanna Long, Jamee McMillan,

Kayla Guillien, Dawson Panther, Utsela Saunooke, Emilee Brady, Daisee Fourkiller-Raby, Joscelyn Stamper, Gabriel Dial, Yvonne Saunooke, Emiliano Garcia, Johnathan Saylor, Shawnee Kirkland, Sara Toineeta, Kellen Ensley, Zachary Seay, Matix Stamper, Jack Teesateskie

### **Cherokee Language Most Improved**

Parker Kirkland, Coleesia Maye, Kimberly Norton, Thatcher Hampton, Jayce West, Darren “Tye” West, Izabella Crowe-Lossiah, Bristol Armachain, James Gammon, Loki Raya, William Conner, Jaxon Wade, Ahniah Wildcatt, Lucas Tedrick, Kealan Jumper, J-Leoni Walkingstick, Weston Swimmer, Kalia Reed, Christopher Martinez, Janiyah Rattler, Maya Lossiah, Walker Sutton, Greyson Panther, Natalee Tedrick, John Calvin Gloyne, Maddalen Mendia, Felix Lossiah, Meikka Pheasant, Darien Jenkins, James “JJ” Smith, Ernest Locust, Sage Bark, Reginald Hyatt, Drallen Ledford, William Ellwood, Ayaisha Driver, Philip Saunooke, Martin Arteaga, Spencer Moore, Emiliano Garcia, Gabriel Dial, Javan Garcia, Tsali Dvdisdi, Josilyn Ledford

### **Cherokee Language Most Outstanding**

Aubree Reed, Elijah Milholen, Braylon Squirrel, Cheyenna Taylor, Makenzie Bark, Dahvie Conseen, Sindhu Arsana, Ella Smith, Bryson Beach, Yoana Meza, Lily Robertson, Jeshua Lossiah, Mariana Cruz, Aryanhnie Pheasant, Jolden Kalonaheskie, Amelia Holiday, Peter Lopez, Willa Goodson, Taytem Saunooke, Lauren Arsana, Riley McCoy, Kodee Wolfe, Braelyn Murphy, Ava Walkingstick, Jessica

Arsana, Dana Brent Bryant, Zoe De Los Reyes, Lilly Lossiah, Kylea Swayney, Maia Lane, Eloise Frady, Johnny Long, Ayanna Lambert, Emilee Brady, Deanna Long, Kayla Guillien, Chloe Locust, Dayton Wilnoty, Mychaela Lambert, Jessie Wildcatt, Marleigh Aguilera, Hunter Mathis, Jadence Saunooke, Gabby Smith

### **Cherokee High School academic awards**

*The following students received CHS academic achievement awards for the 2018-19 school year:*

**OCS:** Richard Mata (Best All-Around)  
**Life Skills:** Andy Watty (Best All-Around)  
**Film Production I:** David Bushyhead  
**Project Management:** Rocky Peebles  
**Intro to Engineering Design:** Naomi Smith  
**Intro to Auto Service:** Shawn Parsons  
**Auto Service I:** Tyler Ledford  
**Auto Service II:** Joshua French  
**Health Science I:** Mattie Maney  
**Health Science II:** Destiny Mills  
**Health Team Relations:** Jacob H. Wallace  
**Health Occupation Leadership Award:** Kylee Trampler  
**Agriscience:** Shalina Little  
**Environmental and Natural Resources:** James Reed  
**Horticulture:** Gabriel Jarvis  
**Environmental and Natural Resources:** Derek Torres  
**EACS:** Alayna Morgan  
**Business Law:** Abbigail Space  
**Fashion Merchandising:** Miranda Lopez  
**Sports and Entertainment Marketing:** Iman Powell  
**Entrepreneurship:** Phoebe Rattler

**A&T Production:** Emma Wolfe  
**Personal Finance:** D. Christopher Hartbarger  
**Intro to Woodshop:** Rhyan J. Girty  
**Woodshop I:** Noland Queen  
**Health and P.E. (Girls):** Caedance Smith  
**Health and P.E. (Boys):** Eric Salazar  
**Physical Fitness:** Raylen Bark  
**Olympic Weights (Girls):** Raylen Bark  
**Olympic Weights (Boys):** Rocky Peebles  
**Visual Arts I:** Miranda Lopez  
**Visual Arts II:** Tevy West  
**Graphic Design:** Jazlyn Dunn  
**Cherokee Arts and Crafts I:** Kayla Larch  
**Cherokee Arts and Crafts II:** Tyлина Blanton  
**Cherokee Baskets:** Donna Thompson  
**Woodcarving I:** Jordyn Martin  
**Woodcarving II:** Kyler Hill  
**Spanish I:** Rosa Reyes  
**Spanish II:** Raylen Bark  
**Cherokee I:** Brandon Wolfe  
**Cherokee II:** Kyler Hill  
**Earth and Environmental Science:** Alayna Morgan  
**Biology:** Rocky Peebles  
**Physical Science:** Christopher Gammon  
**Chemistry:** Joaquin Layno  
**American History I:** Raylen Bark  
**American History II:** Raylen Bark  
**Civics:** Joaquin Layno  
**World History:** Jacob Wallace  
**English I:** Caedance Smith  
**English II:** Mattie Maney  
**English III:** Christopher Hartbarger  
**English IV:** Blake Smith  
**Fundamental Reading:** Jamice Mora  
**Academic Prep.:** Caidyn French  
**Broadcast Journalism:** Maya Cruz  
**Yearbook:** Zoey Walkingstick  
**Math I:** Danasia Toineeta  
**Math II:** Dreyton Long  
**Math III:** Shalyn Barker

**Advanced Functioning and Modeling:** Emma Stamper  
**Math Essentials:** Shalina Little  
**Pre-Calculus:** Raylen Bark  
**Fundamental Math I:** Donna Thompson  
**Intro to Computer Programming:** Joseph Hornbuckle  
**Intro to Excel:** Tihjah Lossiah  
**Excel:** Taylor O'Kelley  
**Online Honors and College Courses, CHS World Changers:** Danicka Huskey, Alayna Morgan, D. Christopher Hartbarger, Shalyn Barker, Mattie Maney, Joaquin Layno  
**Top Academic Students**  
**Ninth Grade:** Keagan Curtis, Takota Sexton, Caedance Smith, Abigail Taylor, Jacob Wallace  
**Tenth Grade:** Shalyn Barker, Maya Cruz, Kayla Larch, Destiny Mills, Rocky Peebles  
**Eleventh Grade:** Raylen Bark, Tierney Bradley, D. Christopher Hartbarger, Awee Sequoyah, Brandon Wolfe  
**Twelfth Grade:** Joaquin Layno, Blake Smith, Seth Smith, Jacob Sneed

### **Cherokee 4-H wins project record book awards**

Every year, 4-H members have the opportunity to create a project record book reflecting the work

they have accomplished in a 4-H project. These books serve as a way to teach youth the importance of record keeping. The best books from the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) 4-H program were sent to compete against the rest of the West District (21 far western counties and the Qualla Boundary) recently.

Winners are chosen in a specific 4-H project category and coordinating age group. The district winners for the 2018 competition year were:

\* Ogana Swimmer, 3rd place in 9-10 Citizenship and Civic Education  
\* Anasette 'Agasga' Cooper, 2nd place in 9-10 Environmental and Natural Resources  
\* Cameron 'Tsawayugi' Jackson, 3rd place in 9-10 Environmental and Natural Resources  
\* Tyce 'Aquatega' Hogner, 3rd place in 11-12 Environmental and Natural Resources  
\* Joanna Shipman, 1st place in 9-10 Family and Consumer Sciences  
\* Carys Holiday, 1st place in 11-12 Family and Consumer Sciences  
\* Lucian Davis, Participation in 13-15 Healthy Lifestyles

- EBCI Cooperative Extension release



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## Council Replays

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Budget Council: 4:00 pm

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**Kodesgi Jackson, left, and Cameron Jackson** work on painting a strawberry craft at the Annual Strawberry Festival at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 25. The event, sponsored by the NAIWA Cherokee Chapter, featured food and crafts featuring the strawberry.



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**Jarrett Wildcatt**, a Cherokee Friend and a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, sings the Cherokee Quail Dance song during the Cherokee Welcome Center Customer Appreciation Day event on Saturday, May 25. The Cherokee Friends performed several dances including the Cherokee Quail Dance, Cherokee Buffalo Dance, Cherokee Bear Dance, and the Friendship Dance.

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### Top Priorities, Moving Forward

While continuing to strengthen gaming and diversify the economy, top priorities are:

- **Safe communities**
  - Ensure the police department and emergency responders have the staff, equipment and training needed to reduce the crime and violence occurring within our communities
- **Children healthy and ready for school**
  - Increase knowledge of and access to tribal programs that promote healthy and happy families and children
  - Increase opportunities to better prepare our children for school
- **Accurate Cherokee history taught throughout our ancestral lands**
  - Provide age appropriate Cherokee history curriculum locally, and throughout North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia
- **More workforce training opportunities**
  - Increase the ability of the local workforce to fill the employment needs of the community
- **More small business development**
  - Increase small business ownership to help strengthen the local economy and diversify the downtown areas

### Education/Experience/Family

- Serves and has served the citizens and government of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) for over 15 years
  - Current tribal policy analyst and former tribal council representative
  - Attained law degree from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law and undergraduate degree from the University of Mississippi (aka, Ole Miss)
  - Prior to law school was an Optician for 11 years
  - Small business owner with husband, Bo
- Family**
- Parents were Oscar and Elizabeth Welch
  - Anita and Bo have 5 children: Dylan, Carmen, Jonah, Kayla and Drew

*"Moving forward together, we can make our great EBCI Nation better for the next generation. Sgi."*

— Anita Welch Lossiah

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**Sabrina S. Arch, left, instructor of the Cherokee Business Training Class, is shown with three graduates** who received a Certificate of Achievement for graduating on Thursday, May 23 including Tracia Davis, Cara Forbes, and Carla Nadeau. This class is offered to provide insight into what it takes to start and run a business. Participants get to explore entrepreneurship as it relates to their industry, values, and goals; and they create a mission statement and build a business plan.

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# Cherokee Day of Caring 2019 delivers Ga-Du-Gi

For many centuries, the Cherokee have practiced a traditional lifeway known as Ga-Du-Gi (helping the community). Community members in need of help often receive assistance without a request from other tribal members. This assistance may include tending a garden, fixing a roof, yard clean up, etc.

The Cherokee Day of Caring is a daylong community event that reflects the spirit of Ga-Du-Gi and was held this year on Thursday, May 16. Approximately 330 Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) members and community members volunteered by assisting nine families or individuals in particular need that were nominated by their respective community clubs.

The Cherokee Preservation Foundation, Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, and the Office of the Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, collaboratively sponsored this 15th annual event.

The Cherokee Day of Caring Committee also honored nine "Quiet Heroes" who have served their communities unselfishly and presented a "Good Neighbor"



Photo courtesy of Cherokee Preservation Foundation

**Cherokee Day of Caring** participants work at the house of Melanie Hyatt in the Towstring Community on Thursday, May 16.

Award to a nontribal member who significantly helped members of the EBCI.

"We are proud to celebrate the 15h annual Cherokee Day of Caring event, because it epitomizes this community's giving spirit and compassion for one another," said Cherokee Preservation Foundation Executive Director Bobby Raines.

Day of Caring Projects included:

Towstring – Melanie Hyatt  
Big Cove – Carolyn Panther  
Yellowhill – Lloyd Arneach Sr.  
Painttown – Jasper Queen  
Big Y – Wynn Jones  
Wolfstown – Maggie Armachain  
Birdtown – Ed Walkingstick  
Snowbird – Cindy Wachacha  
Cherokee County – Nancy Plem-

mons

Overflow Volunteer Project: Food Pantries (Wolfstown and Birdtown)

The Quiet Heroes & Good Neighbor Awards went to:  
Towstring – Ancil Crutchfield  
Big Cove – Eddie Hill  
Yellowhill – Frella Owle Beck  
Painttown – Johnny George  
Big Y – Warren "Junior" Crowe Jr.  
Wolfstown – Wilson Oocumma  
Birdtown – Lloyd Leslie Ledford  
Snowbird – Ryen Bird  
Cherokee County – Johnny Robinson

Good Neighbor – Paul Wojtkowski (the Good Neighbor is a non-EBCI tribal member who gives of themselves unselfishly to benefit the entire Tribe)

- Cherokee Preservation Foundation

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## OBITUARIES

### Doug Mathews

Doug Mathews, 74, of the Towstring Community, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Seab and Floy Lambert Mathews.

He was a faithful servant of the Lord.

Doug is survived by his wife of 47 years, Glenda Mathews; two sons, Scott Mathews and wife Jeanne of Sylva, and Brian Mathews and wife Juanita of Cherokee; three grandchildren, Crystal Mathews, Ricky Mathews, and Eli Mathews. A graveside service was held Thursday, May 23 at Towstring Cemetery. Randall Watkins officiated.

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## EBCI Fishing Tournament schedule

### Tournaments

- July 12-13; Tim Hill Memorial Tournament; \$10,000 cash prizes
- Qualla Country Tournament; Sept. 6-7; \$20,000 cash prizes
- Rumble in the Rhododendron; Nov. 2-3; \$10,000 cash prizes

### Opening Day: Saturday, March 30 Tournament Permit Requirements:

Daily Tribal Fish Permit for each day fished and tournament registration \$11, covers both days of respective tournament

**Fishing Hours:** One hour prior to sunrise and one hour after sunset

**Event Coordinator:** Paula Price, EBCI Natural Resources Program/Fisheries & Wildlife Management 788-3013, paprice@nc-chokeee.com, or www.fishchokeee.com

- EBCI Natural Resources Program/  
Fisheries & Wildlife Management

## Eastern Band Community Foundation announces Bill Taylor Scholarship availability

Applications for the Bill Taylor Scholarship are now being accepted by the Eastern Band Community Foundation. This scholarship is available to all enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians 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 \$48,022 in scholarships since 2000. Awards are based on students meeting various eligibility requirements detailed on the NCCF website www.nccommunityfoun-

dation.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

## Hellbender sightings requested

As temperatures warm and fishing and swimming season ramps up, the EBCI Department of Fisheries & Wildlife Management asks for everyone's help reporting hellbenders.

Eastern hellbenders (tsu-wa) – a species of giant salamander also called "water dogs" – live in clear, cold, fast-moving waters. They can grow to sizes of over two feet long and three pounds and may live to be 30 years old or more. Although hellbenders were once common here, declining water quality and habitat degradation have reduced their populations – but they're still occasionally spotted in tribal streams.

Contrary to popular belief, hellbenders are not poisonous, and they don't hurt the populations of trout. While hellbenders may occasionally attempt to eat a piece of bait or even a fish on a line, their diet depends more on crayfish and minnows.

To protect hellbenders, tribal wildlife officials ask that you:

1. Don't move rocks – Adult hellbenders depend on large, flat rocks for shelter, and their babies prefer

smaller cobble. Moving these rocks will disturb the animals' habitat, as well as that of fish and other aquatic life.

2. Cut your line – If you catch a hellbender while fishing, cut your line. The hook will eventually fall out.
3. Report your sightings – The department wants information about hellbenders in tribal streams. Report sightings as soon as possible at 359-6110 or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ebcifw/about/>

More information about hellbenders can be found on the EBCI Natural Resources website <https://chokeee.naturalresources.com/> and the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission website <https://www.ncwildlife.org/Learning/Species/Amphibians/Eastern-Hellbender>.

Info: EBCI Supervisory Biologist Caleb Hickman at [calehick@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:calehick@nc-chokeee.com)

- EBCI Natural Resources

## Kindergarten notice for Swain County

Children that will attend kindergarten in Swain County Schools in the fall need to be registered by June 27. Info: Katrina Turbyfill 488-2119 ext. 5534

- Swain County Schools

## Local artists needed

The Oconaluftee Indian Village is looking to purchase wholesale, handmade crafts from local members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Bring your crafts by the Village and show your products. Info: Callie Bush, operations manager, 497-1534

- Oconaluftee Indian Village

## Tribal Childcare Subsidy

## information

Are you caring for children other than your own that are eligible for child care? Do you need help paying your child care fees? Are you a caregiver and need help finding child care? Do you work full-time or attend school full-time? If you answered yes to any of these questions, call Candy Ross, Public Health & Human Services family support coordinator, who will take your information and let you know if you qualify for assistance through Tribal Subsidy.

Tribal Subsidy offers child care fee assistance up to one year. Contact Ross, located in the Dora Reed Building, 359-2203, [candross@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:candross@nc-chokeee.com)

- Qualla Boundary Head Start and  
Early Head Start

## Right Path accepting nominations

The Right Path Adult Leadership Program (RP) is accepting nominations for participation in the 2019-20 program. This program is for enrolled tribal members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). Participants will learn Cherokee history and culture, and to develop leadership competencies. Participants will meet two days per month, for 12 months, and will engage in case study work, classroom lectures, and experiential learning.

Candidates must be age 18 and over, have a high school diploma or GED. Knowledge of Cherokee culture and/or experience in a professional environment is a plus.

Deadline for submission: Letters of nomination will be accepted by mail, email, or in-person delivery, by 5 p.m., June 21, to the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute located at the Cherokee Boys Club

on, Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC,  
Attention, Tara McCoy, Right Path:  
• Mail: Attention: Tara McCoy P.O.  
Box 507 Cherokee, NC 28719.  
Must be postmarked on or before  
June 21, 2019.

• Email: [taramcc@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:taramcc@nc-chokeee.com)

• In-person delivery: Ray Kinsland  
Leadership Institute at Cherokee  
Boys Club at 134 Boys Club Loop  
off of Acquoni Road, Cherokee,  
NC 28719 (across from the CBC  
Garage)

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Boys Club and is funded by the  
Cherokee Preservation Foundation.  
Info: Tara McCoy, Right Path

Leadership Specialist, 359-5542 or  
[taramcc@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:taramcc@nc-chokeee.com).

- *Right Path Adult Leadership  
Program*

### 2019 Cherokee Indian Fair Exhibit Books are available

The 2019 Cherokee Indian Fair  
exhibit books are available now.  
The books are more colorful and  
are not just an exhibit listing book.  
This year's book includes a number  
of things:

- \* the Qualla Arts & Crafts section  
has history on the Co-op with a  
focus of encouraging artist and  
crafters to become members of  
Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual, Inc.
- \* the EBCI Cooperative Extension  
section contains history on the  
Cherokee Indian Fair and EBCI  
Cooperative Extension Center
- \* history on the Community Clubs

and Cherokee Community Club  
Council.

The goal is to encourage more  
participation and support of the  
community clubs. Prize money for  
all traditional Cherokee exhibits  
has been raised to encourage tribal  
members to continue making these  
crafts and keeping our heritage  
alive. Tammy Jackson, EBCI Coop-  
erative Extension Center communi-  
ty development assistant, said, "We  
hope everyone enjoys the new book  
and will be inspired to grow an item  
or make an item to enter in this  
year's fair!"

Copies of the exhibit book can  
be picked up at the following loca-  
tions: EBCI Cooperative Extension  
Center, Qualla Arts & Crafts Mutual  
Inc., Cherokee Welcome Center,  
and Tsali Manor.

- *EBCI Cooperative Extension*

Indians and residents of the Qualla  
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seeking participation from builders  
and contractors, providers of ser-  
vices, and hardware and building  
supply companies. They are also  
inviting banks; lending institutions;  
insurance providers; and local  
retailers that provide home appli-  
ances, electronics, furniture, home  
and garden equipment, and other  
household goods.

There will be space available on  
the grounds and inside the exhibit  
hall, depending on your needs. Ta-  
bles will be provided (limit two). In  
lieu of a monetary registration fee,  
the Housing Division is requesting  
each vendor to bring a door prize(s)  
to be raffled off to attendees. The  
deadline to register for this event is  
June 28.

For registration forms or ques-  
tions, contact Kayla Smith 359-  
6908 or [kaylsmit@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:kaylsmit@nc-chokeee.com).

- *EBCI Housing Division*

### EBCI Housing Division hosting 12th Annual Cherokee Housing Fair

The EBCI Housing Division  
will host the 12th Annual Chero-  
kee Housing Fair at the Cherokee  
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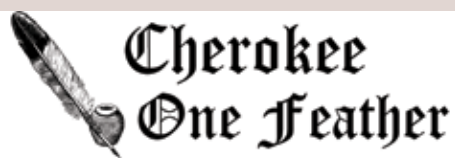
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# Beating a dead horse

**ROBERT JUMPER**  
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

**H**ave you voted yet? You can. I did. My ballot only had Principal Chief and Vice Chief candidates on it because I vote in Snowbird and the slate of candidates was small enough not to require a primary. So, my civic duty is done, for now.

Do you know what the candidates are saying? Do you know what they are doing? There are important issues we face as a Tribe, and each candidate has a unique viewpoint. Do you know each one's take on the issues that affect you and your community? Have you asked them?

If you are on social media or if you have a water cooler or a "smoke hole" (a.k.a. break area) at your workplace, you know that your fellow community members have some strong opinions about the candidates; some with strong support, others with strong condemnation.

The candidates are trying to communicate with you. They each have their strategy and style. Some are using sign language; that is, they are putting up temporary, corrugated cardboard signs at a furious pace. I have always wondered if the constituency bases their votes on how many signs they see for a candidate. Are you swayed by a pretty sign? Maybe the thought is that you can visually beat a constituent into submission.

I have always seen our elections as a very personal process. Not for me, of course, I live off Boundary, so, the best I can hope for is a piece of mail with a partial platform enclosed. I am okay with that; I like to do my own research and make my decisions based on my findings. It is understandable that, when a candidate knows that the voters are getting close to going to the polls, they strenuously accentuate their positives and stick the negatives in a drawer somewhere. Disagreeing with a voter that is nearly walking into the voting booth is a sure sign that a candidate isn't a student of human psychology. If you can't say "yes" to that voter, it is best not to say anything. Saying "no" to a voter in voting mode is almost assuring a no vote to

your getting past the primary.

To me, particularly with the Tribal Council and School Board elections, and with the small populations within those communities, it seems that any candidate would be able to see each family personally (or at least enough of them to ensure most of the votes). So, when you don't see them, you wonder just how committed they are to (1) hearing the individual concerns of those they intend to serve and, (2) caring about the community. You also have to scratch your head a bit when they only come around when it is election time.

Elections give people another topic of gossip, and sometimes facts become elastic. Old timers (and I am proud to say I number myself among them) used to call a tall tale a "stretcher." It referred to stretching a fact into something that you wouldn't recognize. Some folks call it "embellishment." Whatever you call it, it typically won't hold up in court, and it shouldn't be given any weight when you are trying to decide who sits in the seats of power in tribal government. People would sometimes tell stretchers to impress their people or get a laugh. The problem is that elections are no laughing matters.

There are those who would do away with the primary, some already holding seats of power. I disagree with going straight to a general election. I prefer that preliminary vote for even those races where our current law doesn't require it because there are not enough candidates. It would engage the electorate more effectively if we did it for all communities regardless of the number of candidates. And, it would urge all candidates to engage in public discussion.

The problem with beating a dead horse is that you aren't likely to get a satisfactory result. The horse will not do what you want it to do, because it is gone, you see. It can't feel your urgings, even if you curse at it and expose it to physical violence. It has lost its ability to hear you and the horse has lost all its feelings. It doesn't care what goes on from now on because it is no longer in this world from a spiritual standpoint. Sometimes we act like that. I am hoping that we have not become dead horses.

We have been through some perilous times as a Tribe, and yet we are still strong. We have had people at the extremes of personal agendas tugging at us from all sides. Being beaten in this way makes us numb and apathetic at times, maybe most of the time.

A small, volunteer (meaning they don't get paid and they do it on their own time) group of community members have been trying to communicate and assemble a constitution of the people for two years. This is the latest in multiple attempts to engage the people in discussion to create a valid governing document of the people. Public engagement has been sparse and, based on the most recent Tribal Council work session on the subject, it looks like we are far away from any genuine consideration of a change in governance. The public response to efforts to bring a constitution to a public vote would make you think that the people have no interest in civic protections that the document would afford.

I am fascinated by our propensity only to participate providing a meal or a door prize is involved. I don't get to see the candidates' budgets, but I am betting that they may spend more money on food for meet and greets than they do on signage. And, I know that I am generalizing right now, and please don't be offended unless this applies to you. If you are basing your vote on who fed you the most hot dogs or who had the best BBQ, we are in worse shape than we think.

By the time you read this, early voting for the primary may have concluded and, if you didn't take advantage of that opportunity, I hope you are going to the polls June 6. Hopefully, this plea will wake up a few dead horses.

## Around The Boundary by Tsegilayi Ayuini



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# Places of Worship

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**Antioch Baptist Church.** Coopers Creek Road.

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**Bethabara Baptist Church.** 497-7770

**Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church.** 497-4141

**Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church.** 497-6918

**Boiling Springs Missionary Baptist Church.** 488-9202

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

**Cherokee Bible Church.** 497-2286

**Cherokee Church of Christ.** 497-3334

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[www.cherokeemission.org](http://www.cherokeemission.org)

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**Sequoyah Sovereign Grace Church.** 497-7644

**St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church of Cherokee.**

280-0209, [cherokeepiscopal@gmail.com](mailto:cherokeepiscopal@gmail.com)

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**Waterfalls Baptist Church.** Wrights Creek Road.

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## SPEAKING OF FAITH

# The supremacy of Christ

**MYRA D. COLGATE**  
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Paul wrote to the church (from The Message Numbered Edition The Bible in Contemporary Language)

Colossians 1:9-29

### WORKING IN HIS ORCHARD

9-12. “Be assured that from the first day we heard of you, we haven’t stopped praying for you, asking God to give you wise minds and spirits attuned to his will, and so acquire a thorough understanding of the ways in which God works. We pray that you’ll live well for the Master, making him proud of you as you work hard in his ‘orchard’. As you learn more and more how God works, you will learn how to do your work. We pray that you’ll have the strength to stick it out over the long haul—not the grim strength of gritting your teeth but the glory-strength God gives. It is strength that endures the unendurable and spills over into joy, thanking the Father who makes us strong enough to take part in everything bright and beautiful that he has for us.”

13-14. “God rescued us from dead-end alleys and dark dungeons. He’s set us up in the kingdom of the Son he loves so much, the Son who got us out of the pit we were in, got rid of the sins we were doomed to keep repeating.”

### CHRIST HOLDS IT ALL TOGETHER

15-18. “We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see

God’s original purpose in everything created. For everything absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment. And when it comes to the church, he organizes and holds it together, like a head does a body.”

18-20. “He was supreme in the beginning and—leading the resurrection parade—he is supreme in the end. From beginning to end he’s there, towering far above everything, everyone. So spacious is he, so roomy, that everything of God finds its proper place in him without crowding. Not only that, but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe—people and things, animals and atoms—get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies, all because of his death, his blood that poured down from the cross.”

21-23. “You yourselves are

a case study of what he does. At one time you all had your backs turned to God. Thinking rebellious thoughts of him, giving him trouble every chance you got. But now, by giving himself completely at the Cross, actually dying for you, Christ brought you over to God’s side and put your lives together, whole and holy in his presence. You don’t walk away from a gift like that! You stay grounded and steady in that bond of trust, constantly tuned in to the Message, careful not to be distracted or diverted. There is no other Message—just this one. Every creature under heaven gets this same Message. I, Paul, am a messenger of this Message.”

26-29. “This mystery has been kept in the dark for a long time, but now it’s out in the open. God wanted everyone, not just Jews, to know this rich and glorious secret inside and out, regardless of their background, regardless of their religious standing. The mystery in a nutshell is just this: Christ is in you, so therefore you can look for-

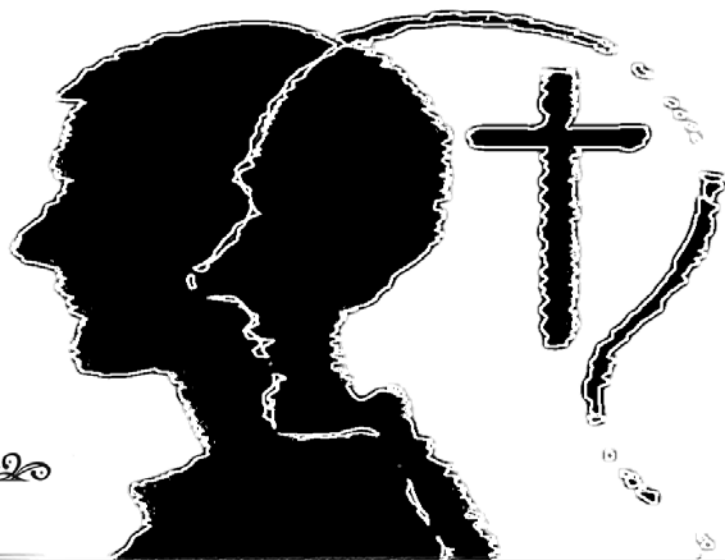
ward to sharing in God’s glory. It’s that simple. That is the substance of our Message. We preach Christ, warning people not to add to the Message. We teach in a spirit of profound common sense so that we can bring each person to maturity. To be mature is to be basic. Christ! No more, no less. That’s what I’m working so hard at day after day, year after year, doing my best with the energy God so generously gives me.”

Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Son of man, has created all things on this earth. He then paid the full Blood-price on that Cross for each one because there was no one else who could have so perfectly carried out that mission. He had to make the Way for us to be ‘in Him’, as we choose to let Him come into our hearts. Each one must choose to receive Him as the one who has paid our full price and is now our Savior, Friend, Brother and soon coming King.



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*...Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.* ROMANS 12:2



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# Constitution deserves real discussion

**JONAH LOSSIAH**  
ONE FEATHER STAFF

Imagine there is an issue in the United States government, and the legislative branch doesn't like how the judicial branch is operating.

Now imagine that Congress had the power to dissolve the judicial branch. Chaos would probably ensue, and that's why there are laws barring that from happening. Well, not in Cherokee.

If the Tribal Council wanted to get rid of the court system, there isn't much stopping them. That's one of the many differences between a charter and a constitution.

This commentary was sparked by a recent work session on Tuesday, May 21. The Citizens for a Constitution came to present Council with an updated form of their proposed document. To put it simply, it was a rough day in the Council House.

A lot of specifics were combatted, and there wasn't really any progress made.

One of the most impactful moments of the afternoon was when Bo Lossiah came up to the podium. He wasn't arguing for a small piece of language. He expressed a simple yet powerful point:

"What we could really value are just some notes. If you could just write out the notes. Certainly, there are some items about the document that you do like, I would assume so.

I wouldn't think that any of you would be against civil rights for your constituents. I would think you would want that – due process for you, your constituents," said Lossiah.

As many of you know, and I have addressed it before, Bo Lossiah is my father, and Anita Lossiah is my stepmother. They are two of the members of the Citizens for a Constitution group. I have watched this constitution proposal grow. Phone calls, talks at the dinner, I've known about this document since they first decided to start the group over two years ago.

I'm not writing this for them. I don't agree with everything they say and do, either. I'm not even arguing for the specifics of this proposed constitution.

I'm doing this for my people. We do not have our basic civil rights in place. I find it ridiculous that nothing has made it through about a people's constitution by 2019.

The thing I find genuinely insulting is how this constitution is being treated. The Citizens for a Constitution are doing this on their own time and their dollar. They've decided to bring it forward to Tribal Council to have as many voices heard as possible.

However, several of our leaders seem staunchly against it. Whether it's through their dismissive attitudes and comments, or their body language throughout any work session on the subject, it baffles me

that some are more focused on a single issue than getting a desperately needed document as this passed.

Do I expect everyone to agree on everything? Absolutely not. However, the Council representatives often get visibly angry at people that present them with any idea that they don't 100 percent agree. The air in the Council House on that Tuesday afternoon was thick with animosity. It felt like Lloyd Arneach was being bombarded at that podium. And why? Possibly, it's because someone brought forth an issue for which they have no solution.

That's another serious problem. Most of the disagreements about this version of the constitution are the same ones that the Council representatives had last year, yet on very few occasions did they have an idea about how to fix that problem. There is just huffing and puffing for the sake of it. I lost count of the number of times Arneach asked, 'what would you suggest?' Remember that this is a 'work session.' A prime example of this disrespect is simply how this meeting ended. After more directionless arguing, the meeting was adjourned because a council member needed to get ready for a campaigning event. They said they needed to pick up food for a meet the candidates' event.

This kind of behavior is so commonplace. I, for one, find the need

for a constitution a very serious matter. Though it seems that it is not a shared sentiment. The sense of urgency is lacking, and it is being looked at more as a piece of personal politics, not as a governing document for an entire nation. There is bound to be some work needed on a document that is going to impact everyone on the Boundary. Not to mention that the people creating this work are doing it in their spare time.

As mentioned, this group has been working for over two years. The last time there was an attempt with this much momentum was probably 20 or more years ago. This is such a tremendous opportunity, and if it fails, we may expect at least another decade before we get another proposal like this.

There is going to be another work session on Monday, June 3. There could be some progress made, but if not, it would be surprising for this to pass at the next Tribal Council meeting on Thursday, June 13.

If we gain anything from my commentary, I hope that it will be that more of us will look at this situation. Develop your own opinion on what it means to have a governing document, and make your voice heard.

Pay attention to what's going on and keep our leaders accountable.

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## Benefits/Fundraisers

**Turkey Shoots at Jesse Welch's Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community.** June 1 at 5 p.m., benefit for the Hill family. June 8 at 5 p.m., benefit for the Hill family. June 15 at 5 p.m., benefit for Rez Hope. Good prizes, good fun, good benefits. All are welcome.

## General Events

**MANNA Foodbank Community Pop-Up Market.** May 29 from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the lot across from 777 Casino Drive in Cherokee. MANNA Foodbank will host a free community pop-up market providing fresh produce, perishables, and other grocery staples to anyone in the community who needs food support. Community members are encour-

aged to bring their own bags to the market.

**Wolftown and Big Y Community Clubs Meet-the-Candidates event.** May 30 at 5 p.m. at the Wolftown Gym. This is for all Wolftown Tribal Council, Vice Chief, and Principal Chief candidates.

**"Unto These Hills" opening nights.** Merchant Night is Thursday, May 30 and Local Night is Friday, May 31. The house opens at 7 p.m. with a showtime of 8 p.m. at the Mountainside Theater. The show, in its 70th season, will run from June 1 – Aug. 17.

**Remember the Removal send-off ceremony.** May 31 at 5 p.m. at

Kituwah Mound. Food catered by Granny's Kitchen.

**Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting.** June 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Drive in Bryson City. "Faith, Fire, and Spirit in the Tennessee River Valley" is the title of the presentation by Elise Bryson. This event is free and open to the public.

**Redrum Motorcycle Club Annual Dinner, Cherokee Gathering, and Run.** June 7-8 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Proceeds will benefit the Cherokee Cancer Foundation. \$25 per bike with meal included, \$15 per meal for non-riders. Run regis-

tration begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 8 with kickstands up at 12 p.m. Info: Thomas Wolfe 269-8989 or Donald Wolfe 269-6302

**Cherokee Cancer Support dinner.** June 8 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Birdtown Community Building. Cost is \$15 for prime rib, baked potato, rolls, drink, and a dessert.

**Elder Abuse Awareness Luncheon.** June 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds exhibit hall. This is in conjunction with World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Free t-shirts while supplies last. Info: 359-1525

## Health/Sports Events

**Tsalagi Public Health Blood Drive.** May 31 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex Community Room. Appointments are encouraged. To schedule an appointment, contact Verita Wolfe 359-6192 or [veriwolfe@nc-cherokee.com](mailto:veriwolfe@nc-cherokee.com)

**Smoky Mountain Competition Cheer Club Cheer Clinic and Open Tryouts.** June 2 at Cullo-whee Rec. Center Gym. Registration begins at 1p.m., \$20 cash only. Skills session and open tryouts begin at 2 p.m. Parent information and Q&A Session from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Open to boys and girls ages 6 to 18 as of Aug. 31. Wear comfortable shorts, shoes, and a t-shirt. Previous cheer and tumbling experience not required, but recommended. Info: 506-1419, [smokymountaincheer-club@gmail.com](mailto:smokymountaincheer-club@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Pow Wows for May 31 - June 2

Note: This list of pow wows was

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## WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

MAY 27-JUNE 2, 2019

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckaseigee River	Stocked May 2	All Day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout	Yellow Stone, Black Stone, Green Drake Sulfur	Yellow Sally, Tellico, Sulfur, Light Cahill
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	N/A	All Day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	Yellow Stone, Green Drake and Sulfur	Yellow Sally, Sulfur and Yellow Stimulator
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Follow posted regulations-wild trout	All Day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Brook Trout	Yellow Stone, Black Stone, Green Drake Sulfur	Yellow Sally, Tellico, Sulfur, Light Cahill

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MONDAY, MAY 27	TUESDAY, MAY 28	WEDNESDAY, MAY 29	THURSDAY, MAY 30	FRIDAY, MAY 31	SATURDAY, JUNE 1	SUNDAY, JUNE 2
AVERAGE	AVERAGE+	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	GOOD	BETTER	BEST
8:26 AM-10:26 AM 8:47 PM-10:47 PM	9:08 AM-11:08 AM 9:29 PM-11:29 PM	9:50 AM-11:50 AM 10:11 PM-12:11 AM	10:33 AM-12:33 PM 10:55 PM-12:55 AM	11:18 AM-1:18 PM 11:41 PM-1:41 AM	N/A 12:05 PM-2:05 PM	12:30 AM-2:30 AM 12:56 PM-2:56 PM

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**19th Annual Indian Market & Pow Wow. May 31 – June 2** at Tesoro Cultural Center in Morrison, Colo. Info: (303) 839-1671

**51st Annual Alabama-Coushatta Pow Wow. May 31 – June 1** at Alabama-Coushatta Reservation Ballpark in Livingston, Texas. Info: Alabama-Coushatta Pow Wow Association (936) 563-1100

**Lil'wat Celebrations Pow Wow. May 31 – June 2** at Tribal headquarters for Lil'wat Nation in Mount Currie, British Columbia, Canada. Info: Elizabeth Andrew (604)

894-6550, Elizabeth-andrew11@hotmail.com

**Prairie Band Potawatomi Pow Wow. May 31 – June 2** at Prairie Peoples Park in Mayetta, Kan. Emcees: Lawrence Baker, Vince Beyl. Host Drum: Northern Cree. Info: Anna Boswell powwow@pbpnation.org

**Annual Strawberry Festival and Pow Wow. June 1-2** at Native American United Methodist Church in Anaheim, Calif. MC: Walter Ahhaitty. Host Northern Drum: Bear Springs. Head Southern Singer: Steve Bohay. Info: (714) 535-2429, naumcoffice@aol.com

**Delaware River Bear Pow Wow. June 1-2** at Margaretville Village Park in Margaretville, NY. Info:

Donald Gibson (607) 746-6833, gibsondc47@yahoo.com

**Rogue Valley Veterans Pow Wow. June 1-2** at Baseball Field in White City, Ore. Info: Faith Hazen (541) 601-3627

**Wellness Matters, LIFE Celebration Pow Wow. June 1** at Mount Elden Middle School Dome in Flagstaff, Ariz. Info: Carrie Dallas (928) 526-2968, cdallas@nacainc.org

**Support Groups**  
**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**  
**Mondays**

Be Assertive, Not Aggressive: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.  
Parents Supporting Parents: 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Acceptance (open to community): 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Tuesdays**  
Abstract Recovery: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
Strong Hearts: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Life Recovery (open to community): 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Wednesdays**  
W.R.A.P. Class: 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.  
Creative Writing: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Adulting 101: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.  
Communication 101: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
We Belong – Two Spirit (open to community): 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Peacemaking Support Circle (open to

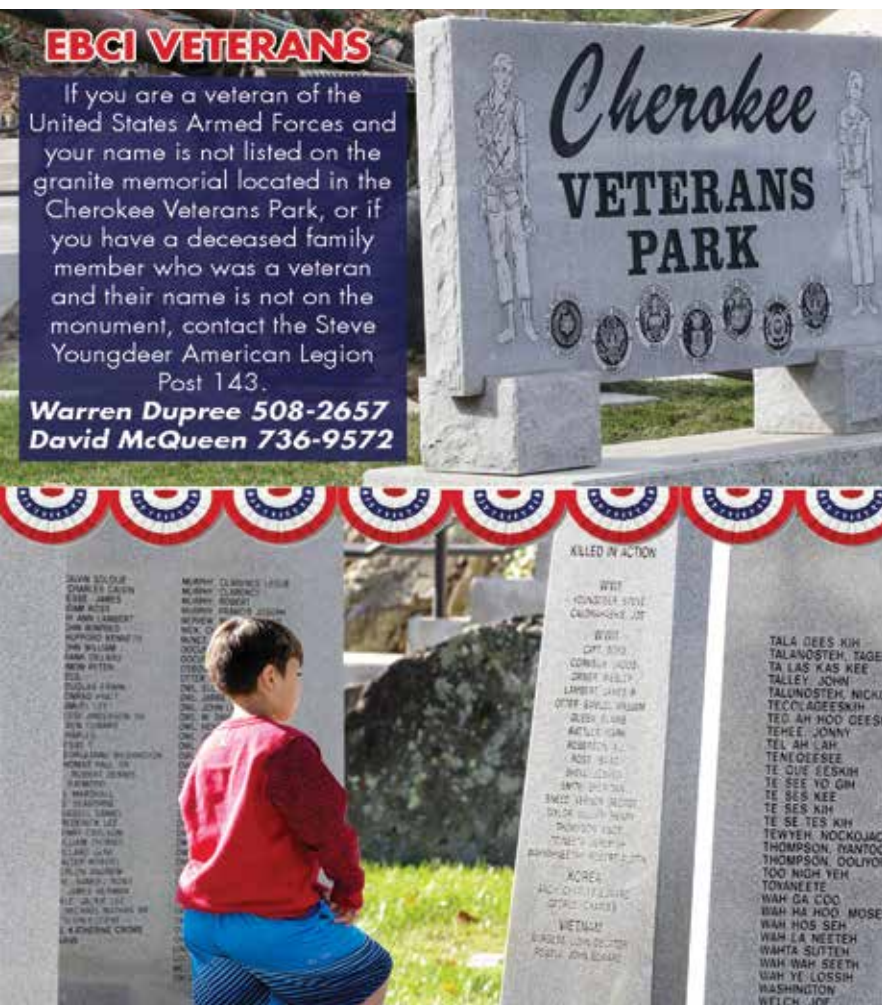
community): 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
**Thursdays**  
Life Recovery (open to community): 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
Putting off Procrastination: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Radical Acceptance: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Healthy Boundaries: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
**Fridays**  
W.R.A.P. Class: 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.  
Creative Recovery: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Depression and Anxiety: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

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

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

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

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



Chapter. Info: 359-6860

### 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 Hardses 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 available for rent.

### Paint Town Community Club

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

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

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

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



### Lab Ignores Owner When Water Beckons

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** Near my house is a fenced park with a pond. When no one else is in the park, I'll let my black Lab, "Kerry," off of his leash to run free for a few minutes. However, he tends to run straight into the pond for a swim and won't come when I call him (he normally is very obedient). Then he's muddy and gross. What can I do to teach him to stay away from the water? — *Eric S., Kissimmee, Florida*

**DEAR ERIC:** Let me get this straight. You have a black Labrador Retriever, you're walking him next to a body of water, and you don't want him to jump into that water?

That's a really tough order for Kerry to follow. Labs love water. They adore it. Natural bodies of water are their second home. (Baths are not so well-loved, unfortunately.) When you let him off his leash next to a pond, you've given him the biggest treat of his day.

So it's really hard for him when you call him back, and he probably gets very willful. There's a disconnect happening that is confusing for him: Ultimate happiness by splashing in a pond makes his papa unhappy. He's not sure what to do.

If you want a dog who's always obedient and also stays clean, then Kerry has to stay on a leash in this park. If you want a dog who's happy, give Kerry some water time. Maybe that water has to be somewhere else a little less muddy. Maybe you'll have to resign yourself to rinsing him off after time in the park. But find a middle ground where both of you are happy.

Send your tips, questions or comments to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).

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## Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was beloved American author Ursula K. LeGuin — perhaps best known for her "Earthsea" series — who made the following sage observation: "What sane person could live in this world and not be crazy?"

• The skateboard was invented in California in the 1950s by surfers who wanted to continue their favorite activity even when they weren't in the water.

• It's hard to imagine what life was like before the widespread availability of refrigeration, isn't it? Some people have decided to find out — and you might be surprised at how many. Although 99.5% of all households in the United States have a refrigerator, that still means that more than 1.5 million households are fridge-less.

• What we call coffee beans are actually the pits of the coffee beans.

• With an area of less than 1,000 square miles, the tiny Western European nation of Luxembourg is one of the smallest countries in the world, and it is the world's only remaining sovereign Grand Duchy. Considering the country's longstanding adherence to tradition, it is perhaps unsurprising that the national motto is "We want to remain what we are."

• Those who study such things claim that the hair on people of European descent tends to whorl in a counter-clockwise fashion, while on most Japanese people it whorls in the opposite direction.

• Statistics show that for every 71,000 skydiving jumps made, there is only one fatality. That might not seem surprising until you put it in context: You have a one in 20,000 chance of dying from a regular fall right here on solid ground.

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**Thought for the Day:** "The problem with being sure that God is on your side is that you can't change your mind, because God sure isn't going to change His." — *Roger Ebert*

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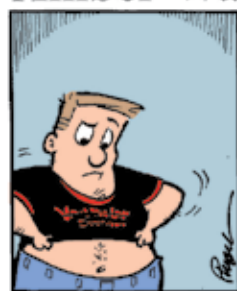
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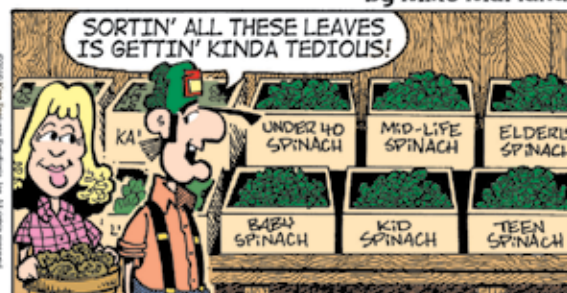
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# Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

## R.F.D.



by Mike Marland

## The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Differences: 1. Picture is hanging vertically. 2. Clock is big-ger. 3. Picture on boy's shirt is missing. 4. Baby's hair has bow. 5. Drapes are wider. 6. Knob is missing from lamp.

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# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Cookie con-tainer
- 4 Pen point
- 7 Castle protec-tor
- 11 Quite eager
- 13 Bobby of hockey lore
- 14 Ames' state
- 15 Curtain-like membranes
- 16 Name in China's history
- 17 Masticate
- 18 Extemporize
- 20 19th Hebrew letter
- 22 Arrest
- 24 Stay informed
- 28 Waistband material

- 32 Aircraft
- 33 Mary's pet
- 34 Twitch
- 36 Helper
- 37 Prom-goers' rides
- 39 Desert
- 41 Mail units
- 43 Droop
- 44 Solemn
- 46 Border shrub-bery
- 50 — En-lai
- 53 Be sick
- 55 Lounge
- 56 Ladder step

- 57 Doctor's due
- 58 Individuals
- 59 "Why not?"
- 60 Med. approv-al agcy.
- 61 Witness

## DOWN

- 1 Coffee
- 2 Elderly
- 3 Hot dog hold-er
- 4 — de plume
- 5 Mideastern nation
- 6 Stream
- 7 "Pieta" artist

- 8 Reaction to fireworks
- 9 Emotion elic-it-ing 8-Down
- 10 Caught sight of, to Tweety
- 12 "Blue Boy" artist
- 19 Cudgel
- 21 Energy
- 23 Morsel
- 25 Settled a bill
- 26 Loosen
- 27 Hammerhead part
- 28 Right angles
- 29 Cafe au —

- 30 Bullets et al.
- 31 U.S. spy org.
- 35 Letterman's network
- 38 Sailor's domain
- 40 "That feels so good!"
- 42 Workers
- 45 Hastened
- 47 Puts on
- 48 Merriment
- 49 Otherwise
- 50 Weep
- 51 Coloration
- 52 — budget
- 54 Meadow

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1. Is the book of Jeremiah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In a vision that convinced Peter to share the gospel, in what were the creatures let down to earth? *Great sheet, Cloud, Well, Wind*
3. Who was instructed to eat bread while he lay for 390 days on his side? *Moses, Ezekiel, Methuselah, Samson*
4. From Matthew 5, what did Jesus tell His disciples they were the salt of? *His glory, Mankind, The earth, Conversation*
5. Who survived the bite of a viper as described in Acts 28? *Paul, Matthew, John the Baptist, Stephen*
6. From Genesis 35, who died in giving birth to Benjamin? *Anna, Leah, Martha, Rachel*

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

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1. ADVERTISEMENTS: Which company's ads feature a character called Elsie the Cow?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of America Samoa?
3. MUSIC: Which 1960s song features the lyrics, "Sont des mots qui vont tres bien ensemble"?
4. INVENTIONS: In what year did American Express introduce an international credit card network?
5. MOVIES: Which island is the setting for the film "The Teahouse of the August Moon"?
6. HUMAN BODY: What does a Brannock device measure?
7. CHEMISTRY: What is the first element on the Periodic Table?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many red and white stripes are on an American flag?
9. LITERATURE: What was Shakespeare's wife's name?
10. LANGUAGE: What does the German term "blitzkrieg" mean in English?

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## Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

### (Open until Filled):

- **Special Education Teacher** - Must have a valid NC Teaching License in Exceptional Children area or eligible to receive licensure based on Educator Prep Program alignment.
- **Special Education Teacher Assistant (Multiple Positions)** - Must have an Associate's Degree in related field or completed a minimum of 48 semester hours.
- **Varsity Wrestling Head Coach** - Must have previous successful coaching experience in assigned sport.
- **Middle School Wrestling Head Coach** - Must have previous successful coaching experience in assigned sport.
- **Full Time Security Guard** - Must have high school diploma/GED.
- **Varsity Cheerleader Head Coach** - Must have previous successful coaching experience in assigned sport.
- **JV Cheerleader Head Coach** - Must have previous successful coaching experience in assigned sport.
- **JV Volleyball Head Coach** - Must have previous successful coaching experience in assigned sport.
- **High School Pathseekers Teacher** - Must have a valid NC Teaching License in Exceptional Children area or eligible to receive licensure based on Educator Prep Program alignment.
- **Elementary Teacher Assistant** - Must have an Associate's Degree in related field or completed a minimum of 48 semester hours.
- **Agriculture Teacher** - Must have North Carolina teaching certificate in Agricultural Education (CTE Endorsement 700 or 701), or eligible to receive licensure based on Educator Prep Program alignment.
- **Elementary Teacher (Multiple Positions)** - Must have a valid NC Teaching license; or eligible to receive licensure based on Educator Prep Program alignment.
- **Dance/Performing Arts Instructor** - Preferred qualifications include a valid NC Teaching license in Dance or Theater; or eligible to receive licensure based on Educator Prep Program alignment.
- **Custodian** - Must have high school diploma/GED.

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# TRADING POST

## FOR RENT

2BR, 1 bath mobile home. Quiet park in Ela, no pets. References/background check required. \$450/month, \$450/deposit. 488-8752. UFN

## FOR SALE

LAND FOR SALE – Blackrock Creek Community; Great home sites and acreage available 15 minutes from Harrah's casino. 1.6 to 9 acre tracts just outside the Reservation in Jackson County, NC. Seller financing available at great terms. Contact Bruce Nelson (954) 232-8375. 6/5pd

J. Perez Produce Farmer's Market.  
Homegrown fresh produce and

vegetables, plants, and flowers.  
Located at 747 Casino Trail, Cherokee, NC. UFN

For Sale – 74 Board-Foot Butter-nut (white walnut). Asking \$325. Also, metal building that needs floor. Asking \$50. Buyer takes it apart. Located in Whittier. Call (706) 988-8098. 6/5

## FREE

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



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Try using that **Aries** charm to warm up the usual set of workplace naysayers, and then back it up with a solid block of facts and figures to sell your idea to your colleagues.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) While nothing can deter a determined Bovine from following a course you believe in, it helps to have some supporting data and statements by trusted colleagues to make your case.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Take advantage of new information that could help make your career transition easier. The weekend is a good time to re-establish relationships with people you haven't seen in a while.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Personal matters demand your attention as once-stable situations begin to shift. Quick action to shore things up is called for in order to avoid more problems down the line.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Although your financial picture begins to brighten, "thrift" and "caution" are still the watchwords for fiscally astute Leos and Leonas to live by. Expect news about a family matter.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Before you try to blame a colleague for a workplace problem, make sure you have the proof to back you up. Make some quiet inquiries on your own to try to solicit more information.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Trying to cheer up a depressed friend or downcast family member can be difficult. But keep at it, and your efforts should soon pay off in ways you might have never expected.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Taking a new look at an old and frequently recurring problem might lead you to consider making some surprising changes in the way you had been handling it up till now.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Despite what the naysayers might say, setting your sights on a new goal could be one of the smartest things the typically sagacious Sagittarian has done in a long time.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Rebuilding an unraveling relationship won't be easy. But you can do it, if you really want to. Just remember to keep the lines of communication open between the two of you.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A new friendship could develop into a close relationship. Meanwhile, reassure an old friend who might be feeling neglected that he or she is still an important part of your life.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You might be feeling that you're still in over your head as you continue trying to adjust to your new situation. But the pressures ease by week's end, giving you time to come up for air.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a gift for sensing the feelings of others. You might consider a career in some aspect of counseling.

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# Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

## Agelink Childcare:

- 2 – Teacher's Aide positions
- 1 – School Age Group Leader
- Open until filled

## Construction Department

- Full-Time - Carpenter/Mason
- Opens – 05/24/19
- Closes – 06/07/19

- Full-Time – Carpenter/Mason Helper
- Opens – 05/24/19
- Closes – 06/07/19

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

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.*

# 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\**

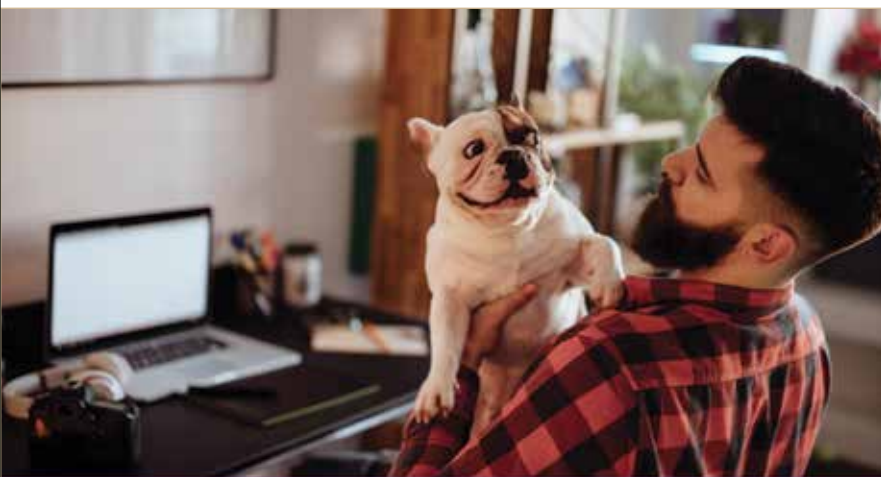
*\*eg: Driver's license, Enrollment, Diplomas, Certificates\**

### Closing Sunday, June 02, 2019

1. Survey Technician – Realty (L6 \$28,372 - \$35,465)
2. Teacher Assistant – Qualla Boundary HS/EHS – Public Health & Human Services (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
3. Finance Management Specialist – Qualla Housing Authority (L13 \$53,792 - \$67,240)
4. Utility Worker – Tribal Construction – Operations (L3 \$20,960 - \$26,200)

### Open Until Filled

1. Director of Information Technology – I.T. (L15 \$64,206 - \$80,258)
2. Part-Time Paramedic (Multiple) – EMS – Public Safety (L8 \$16.40 - \$20.50 per hour)
3. Kituwah Academy Teacher – Kituwah Preservation & Education Program – Community/Education/Recreation (L11 \$45,018 - \$56,273)
4. Natural Resources Enforcement Officer (Multiple) – Natural Resources Enforcement – Public Safety (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
5. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
6. Family Safety Manager – Family Safety – Public Health & Human Services (L16 \$70,192 - \$87,740)
7. Certified Medical Assistant - Tsalagi Public Health - Public Health and Human Services (L5 \$25,830 - \$32,288)
8. Lead Wildlife Biologist – Natural Resources – Agriculture & Natural Resources (L9 \$37,474 - \$46,843)
9. Housekeeper I Light Duty – Housekeeping – Support Services (L3 \$21,484 - \$26,855)
10. Driver – Transit – Support Services (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)1



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VALLEY RIVER  
CASINO & HOTEL

Select positions eligible for hiring bonus. Restrictions apply. Please see Talent Acquisition department for details. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and have a valid photo ID. An Enterprise of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Harrah's Cherokee Casinos value diversity and inclusion, and are equal opportunity employers. ©2019, Caesars License Company, LLC.

Download Applications and Job Descriptions and Apply Online at:  
[www.ebci.com/jobs](http://www.ebci.com/jobs)

## EMPLOYMENT

### CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Child Services Manager – Analenis-  
gi  
Dental Assistant II (2 Positions)  
EVS Technician (2 Positions)  
Physician – Emergency Room  
Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali  
Care Center (8 Positions)  
Cook – Tsali Care Center  
Housekeeper I – Tsali Care Center  
(1 Position)  
PTI CNA – Tsali Care Center (2  
Positions)  
CNA Medication Aide – Tsali Care  
Center  
PTI CNA Medication Aide – Tsali  
Care Center (2 Positions)  
PTI LPN – Tsali Care Center (3  
Positions)

PTI RN – Tsali Care Center  
PTR RN – Tsali Care Center  
RN – Tsali Care Center  
RN Supervisor – Tsali Care Center  
Ward Clerk – Tsali Care Center  
Behavioral Health Manager – Crisis  
Stabilization Unit

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

### Mandara Spa positions

#### Position: Massage Therapist

Job Description: The Massage Therapist role is to provide and maintain the highest standards of massage therapy and recommendations for home care. A massage therapist must provide excellent

guest care, and create a feeling of rest and relaxation for spa guests, resulting in high retention and increased treatment and retail sales.

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

#### Position: Cosmetologist- Sign-On Bonus offered

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

Applicants must be self motivated and responsible. Required to have open availability, work evenings, weekends, and holidays. Able to maintain a professional

appearance at all times. Able to maintain work station in accordance with North Carolina State Board sanitation/sterilization procedures. Must have a current NC cosmetology license. We are currently offering a sign on bonus for this position.

#### Position: Male Spa Attendant- Sign-On Bonus offered

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

#### Position: Concierge

Job Description: The Concierge is responsible for participating



**Reagan  
Amelia  
Panther**  
graduated from  
Carson-Newman  
University with a  
Bachelors of Science degree  
in Special Education on  
Friday, May 3rd, 2019.

Reagan graduated Magna Cum Laude and earned an Outstanding Student award. She was awarded the Lauren Brumit Award for Outstanding Student Teacher for the Spring 2019 semester.

She was President of Gamma Beta Phi and was a member of Alpha Chi, Best Buddies CNU, and Kappa Delta Phi.



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**Candidate  
Debates**

**Chief Joyce Dugan  
Cultural Arts Center**

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

**\* Tuesday, June 18 -  
Big Cove Tribal Council, Birdtown Tribal Council**

**\* Thursday, June 20 -  
Cherokee County - Snowbird Tribal Council,  
Painttown Tribal Council**

**\* Tuesday, June 25 -  
Wolftown Tribal Council, Yellowhill Tribal Council**

**\* Thursday, June 27 -  
Vice Chief, Principal Chief**

*These debates are hosted by the Cherokee One Feather  
and will be moderated by Robert Jumper, editor.  
Write-in candidates will not be allowed to participate in these debates.*



and monitoring front of house to ensure that all guests are met and welcomed, and that a comprehensive range of 'information' and 'homecare services' are offered. Paying special attention to front line guest service excellence standards.

For questions please contact Bruce Taylor, Spa Director 828-497-8552. **5/29pd**

**Qualla Security, Inc. is accepting applications for unarmed security guards.** A clean criminal history and negative drug screen are required. Training will be provided. Call 497-4568. **5/29pd**

**CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:**

EVS Technician  
Pharmacy Technician I  
PTI Phlebotomist  
Bookkeeper

To apply, visit [careers.cherokee-hospital.org](http://careers.cherokee-hospital.org). If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close May 30, 2019 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **5/29pd**

**CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:**

Optometric Assistant

To apply, visit [careers.cherokee-hospital.org](http://careers.cherokee-hospital.org). If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close June 6, 2019 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **6/5pd**

**Vocational Opportunities of Cherokee, Inc. (VOC) has openings for the Summer Youth Program.** The program will last for

6 weeks and is 40 hours per week. The program will start on June 10th and run through July 19th. Requirements: Applicants must be age 14-17, enrolled member of a federally recognized Tribe, and full-time student. Preference will be given to applicants with barriers to employment, such as; age, lack of social skills, or single parent home. Applicants selected will need to secure a work permit. Applications may be picked up at the VOC Office located behind the Tribal Bingo Hall from 8:00-4:30, M-F. The deadline for applications is June 3rd. For more information you can contact Kim Sneed or Alyssa Cline at 497-9827. **5/29pd**

## LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 19-046

### **In the Matter of the Estate of Xavier Ryan French**

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 be-low.

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

Monika Toineeta, 140 Blankenship Tract, Cherokee, NC 28719. **5/29pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 19-045

### **In the Matter of the Estate of Diann Bark**

All persons, firms and corpo-

rations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

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Monika Toineeta, 140 Blankenship Tract, Cherokee, NC 28719. **5/29pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 19-047

### **In the Matter of the Estate of Nancy Audena 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

Pamela Smith, P.O. Box 602, Cherokee, NC 28719. **5/29pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 19-037

### **In the Matter of the Estate of James Myron Long**

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

Stephanie Long, Dewitt Owle Rd. Box A8, Cherokee, NC 28719.

**5/29pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 19-054

### **In the Matter of the Estate of Zachariah Lightening Rattler**

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

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

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

Elsie Rattler, 168 Elsie Rattler Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. **5/22pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 19-053

### **In the Matter of the Estate of DAVID ENSLEY**

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

Brenda Ensley, 80 Rock Springs Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719. **5/29pd**

## CREDITOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as the Co-Administrators of the Estate of Lorenzo Dwight Walkingstick, deceased, late of Cherokee County, North Carolina, and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned Co-Administrators, in care of Mark A. Pinkston, Esq., Van Winkle, Buck, Wall, Starnes and Davis, P.A., Attorneys-at-Law, 11 North Market Street, Asheville, NC 28801, on or before the 15th day of August, 2019, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. Frances Louise Luther, Co-Administrator

Melissa Rose Walkingstick Fryer,  
Co-Administrator  
Estate of Lorenzo Dwight Walkingstick. **6/5pd**

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS  
BY PUBLICATION  
CHEROKEE COURT  
IN THE MATTER OF IVAN MORALES  
FILE NO. CVJ 19-16, SP 19-16

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-referenced actions. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:  
**TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS, ADOPTION AND NAME CHANGE**  
Filed: April 4, 2019 in the Cherokee Court, Cherokee, North Carolina.  
TO: IBAN HERNANDEZ MORALES

You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than July 1, 2019 and upon your failure to do so, the Petitioners, Jessica Santos and Rodrigo Santos, seeking service against you, will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This, the 16th day of May, 2019.  
Danya L. Vanhook  
Attorney for Petitioners  
Jessica and Rodrigo Santos  
28 Walnut St., Ste. 9  
Waynesville, NC 28786  
(828) 400-8092  
**6/12pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 19-060  
**In the Matter of the Estate of Annie Oocumma**

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

Jeannie Oocumma Driver, P.O.  
Box 629, Cherokee, NC 28719.

**6/12pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 19-061

**In the Matter of the Estate of Dale Morgan French Sr.**

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

Nora Watford French, 24 Sequoyah Road, Cherokee, NC 28719.

**6/12pd**

**BIDS, RFPs, etc.**

**The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee Life Recreation Department** is requesting proposals from qualified food vendors. We are looking for up to three food vendors to set up for the 2019 NAYO softball and baseball tournament on July 18-20. Vendors will be set up at the John A. Crowe and must have their own insurance, you may request the full RFP and associated requirements for proposals through Brianna Lambert, (828) 736-6781/ bri-lamb@nc-chokeee.com. Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement. **5/29pd**

## Request for Qualifications

The purpose of this Request for Qualifications is to obtain proposals from qualified marketing and advertising agencies interested in becoming the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) long-term partner and Agency of Record by providing strategic marketing and advertising planning and subsequent campaign development. Agencies may partner with other agencies or subcontractors to cre-

## Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Great sheet; 3) Ezekiel; 4) The earth; 5) Paul; 6) Rachel



1. Borden Dairy Company
2. Pago Pago
3. "Michelle", by the Beatles
4. 1958
5. Okinawa
6. A person's shoe size
7. Hydrogen
8. 13, for the number of colonies that declared independence from Great Britain
9. Anne Hathaway
10. Lightning war or rapid attack

## King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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## Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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ate a team that is suited to develop the plan and campaign. However, there must be a single “lead” agency that is responsible for strategic guidance and brand development that will be the guardian of that brand through all forms of communication. All billing will need to be managed through the lead agency such that the Tribe receives consolidated billing for all services.

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

Michael A. Parker  
Commerce Division  
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
P.O. Box 460  
810 Acquoni Road/Suite 122B  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
Phone (828) 359-6481  
E-Mail: michpark@nc-chokeee.com

Requirements and submission instructions are in the RFP. Proposals must be submitted before 4:00 pm EST, June 7, 2019. Submissions sent after this time will not be considered. This is a solicitation of qualifications and not an offer to contract. **5/29pd**

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Proposals are requested by the Building Rental Program for the purpose of Maintenance and Repair of Building Rental facilities.

Each quote must be accompanied by:

1. Summary of pricing.
2. Certificate of Insurance and w-9
3. Any and all certifications incongruence with this request.

Sealed quotes complying with NC State law, EBCI Tribal Law, TERO regulations, and Federal Law are due in the office of Cameron Cooper, Building Rental Manager, 810 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719 by May 31st, 2019 at 1:00

PM local time. Quotes may only be emailed, hand delivered or mailed. Quotes received after the above scheduled closing time will not be considered.

Project: Maintenance and repair of Building Rental Facilities

Quotes received: at EBCI Building Rental, ATTN: Cameron Cooper, Manager, 810 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719

ccoop@nc-chokeee.com

828-359-6713

until May 31st, 2019 at 1:00 PM

local time

The Work:

The EBCI Building Rental program oversees several facilities that the tribe advertises for lease or currently have leased to the public. From time to time there are maintenance issues with said facilities, that need to be addressed and handled in and expeditious manner. These types of request are as follows but not limited to; electricity work, carpentry, plumbing, and minor landscaping. In addition to these requests the vendor may also be asked on occasion to work after hours on an emergency case situations, vendor will be required to be on call 24/7.

Building Rental is asking for vendors to submit the following rates for the proposal (please include helper rates and after-hours rates).

- NC Licensed Electrician Rate
- NC Licensed Plumber Rate
- Carpenter Rate
- General Maintenance Rate (e.g. landscaping, cleaning gutters)
- Percent markup on subcontractors

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will endeavor to award this work to the vendor with the lowest responsible and responsive quote that meets the requirements and

criteria set forth in this Request for Proposal. However, the EBCI shall not be required to accept any proposal and may choose to reject all proposals.

Proposals due: May 31st, 2019 at 1:00pm. **5/29pd**

### Requests for Proposals

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Cherokee Department of

Transportation

680 Acquoni Rd

P.O. Box 2400

Cherokee, North Carolina 28719

Phone:(828) 359-6530

Project: Boots and Uniforms

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting sealed bids for boots, high visibility safety apparel and administrative apparel.

TERO Regulation applies.

Please submit bids in a Sealed Envelope to the address shown above. CDOT reserves the right to cancel this bid process at any time. This is not a guarantee to contract. If a low bidder is selected; CDOT reserves the right to modify the list as required by staffing needs. Please have all bids submitted to CDOT on June 14th by 10:00 am.

You may request the full RFP and bid requirements for proposals through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Eden Brown at (828) 359-6530 or (828) 359-6532.

**6/5pd**

### Request for Qualifications

The purpose of this Request for Qualifications is to obtain proposals from qualified firms for a feasibility study to be completed that shows the potential value and business strategy of a Tribal Film Production Studio. Cherokee is one of the premier destinations in North

Carolina with its pristine views and Cherokee culture. This lends itself to have ample locations to host film production in the area. The EBCI Commerce Division is interested in looking for a firm that can help them do a feasibility study on creating a Film Production Studio in Cherokee with the ability to provide Tribal Tax Incentives, combined with North Carolina film tax incentives, to enhance film production opportunities.

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

Cameron Cooper  
Commerce Division  
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
P.O. Box 460  
810 Acquoni Road/Suite 122B  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
Phone (828) 359-6713

E-Mail: camecoop@nc-chokeee.com

Requirements and submission instructions are in the RFP. Proposals must be submitted before 4:00 pm EST, June 21, 2019. Submissions sent after this time will not be considered. This is a solicitation of qualifications and not an offer to contract. **6/5pd**

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Cherokee Tribal Court seeks proposals for a Guardian ad Litem Supervisor to establish and coordinate the “Guardian Ad Litem Volunteers for Abused, Neglected and Dependent Children Program” for the Cherokee Courts. The Supervisor will implement a program to provide The Cherokee Court with independent, culturally knowledgeable community members who can advocate for the best interests of children involved in the court system. He/she will recruit and train volunteers, work closely with

these volunteers and administer the program in conjunction with the Cherokee Court. This position will be paid on a contractual basis from the Cherokee Tribal Court. Individuals interested in this position should submit a brief letter-proposal that includes the following:

1. Name and Contact Information
2. Relevant Work and/or Volunteer Experience
3. Relevant Education/Training Experience

Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before June 30, 2019 will receive priority over later submissions. Please mail or email letter-proposals to

Amber Shuler, Court Administrator  
Cherokee Tribal Court  
P.O. Box 1629  
Cherokee, N.C. 28719

ambeshul@nc-chokeee.com

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The Cherokee Tribal Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **6/26pd**

### **Cherokee Tribal Court Jury List for July 15**

Allison, Ronald Willard  
Alonzo Jr., Antonio  
Amos, Wilma Dinah  
Arch, Cheslie Charnelle  
Arch, Logan Quade  
Arch, Sallie Taylor  
Arneach, Sandra Walela  
Arneach, Stephanie Smith  
Bigmeat, Lucy Taylor  
Bigmeat Jr., Russell  
Bird, Theodore Michael  
Blankenship Arch, Tevis Aaron  
Blankenship, Ronald Keith  
Bottchenbaugh, Frankie Lee

Brock, Amanda Grace  
Burgess, Kathy Ann  
Calhoun, Matilda Marian  
Carroll, Tonya Elizabeth  
Cordova, Anamarina  
Crowe, Cynthia Ingham  
Crowe Jr., Gilbert  
Crowe, Kristopher Brett  
Culp, Shannan Christine  
Davis, Michael Shane  
Dockery, Tracey Lavean  
Drysdale, Elizabeth Sue  
Durham, Svnoyi Crowe  
Gibson, Bonnie Louise  
Gloyne, John Henry  
Griffin Jr., James David  
Herrera, Selena Ann  
Herron, Kayla Nicole  
Hodock, Kayla Shayanna  
Hornbuckle, Mary Ann Jumper  
Horseman, Kathleen Marie  
Hyde, Clint  
Jacobs, Maryann McCallum  
Jenkins, Michael Ian  
Johnson, Gail Ledford  
Johnson, Teresa Poston  
Jones, William David  
Kissner Jr., William Richard  
Lambert, Brian Aaron  
Lambert, Monica Marie  
Lambert, Sara Jane  
Lebron, Lourdes Elena  
Lossiah, Joshua Boyd  
Maney, Heather Elizabeth  
Martin Jr., Albert Earl  
Mathews, Brian William  
Montelongo, Lisa

Murphy, Jeffrey Lynn  
Narvaez-Moreno, Edwin Joel  
Negara, Sophillia Louise  
Nelson, Logan Tatsi  
Owle, Deborah Lynn  
Panther, Richard Ricky  
Parker, Cynthia  
Pheasant, Jacqueline Elite  
Reed, Christian Cyle  
Reed III, Robert Steven  
Rodriguez Moreno, Silverio  
Rogers Jr., Kenneth Eugene  
Sanders, Janet Lynn  
Seay, Inez Walker  
Sequoyah, Danica J.  
Shah, Dineshchandra Somchand  
Shell, Virginia Johnson  
Shepherd, Donna Lambert  
Sherrill, Allison Consuela  
Smith, Leigh Adair  
Sneed, David Edward  
Standingdeer, Debra Chiltoskie  
Startt, Cherrie Maxine  
Stubbs, Jan Maxey  
Taylor, Marion Joanne  
Taylor, Timothy Ray  
Thompson, Michael Kristian  
Tisho, Alea Suzanne  
Toineeta, Dominique Tre  
Toineeta, Storm Vincent  
Tullos, Tanya Denise  
Walker, Vincent William  
Warrington, Dana Travis  
Winton, Andrew David  
Wright, William  
Young, Charles Dow



**Jason and Nikisha Shelton, of Haywood County, are pleased to announce the upcoming graduation of their daughter. Jordan currently attends Tuscola High School and graduates June 8th, 2019 at 11:00 am.**

**In the fall she plans to attend AB Tech to pursue a career in the nursing field.**

**We love you Jordan and are so proud of you!!**

*The Shelton/Partridge Families*



**RE-ELECT  
DAVID WOLFE**

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