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public forum on hemp and its uses to provide pain relief was held at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on the evening of Tuesday, May 29. Hosted by Wolftown Rep. Jeremy Wilson, the meeting centered around a hemp by-product known as cannabidiol (CBD) and its uses. The meeting was attended by approximately 15 community members.

“There is a big stigma around hemp and cannabis,” said Rep. Wilson at the beginning of the meeting. “I want you all to be informed.”

He spoke about the growing drug problem in Cherokee. “We have a large opioid epidemic here…I do believe hemp is a good problem-solver for that.”

According to an article in Forbes magazine in December 2016, “In 2015, the market for consumer sales of hemp-driven CBD products was $90 million, plus another $112 million in marijuana-driven CBD products which were sold through dispensaries—bringing a total CBD market to $202 million last year.”

Rep. Wilson spoke of diversification by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. “To diversify is not just economics. We need to diversify medicinally...we need to diversify in the use of opioids and how we battle that.”

Tuesday’s main presentation was by given by Wahupta Ventures, Inc., a Canadian-based firm that, according to its website, “is focused on the production and processing of hemp and creating key collaboration with sovereign Indigenous communities throughout North America”.

Other uses for hemp were discussed briefly such as its uses as food, skin care and beauty products, biofuel, and others, but the main discussion on the night was the uses of CBD.

“My focus is getting proper care for our people,” said Sam Anderson, a member of the Dauphin River First Nation and the managing director and a founder of Wahupta Ventures. “It’s nothing new that our people use herbs as medicine.”

Anderson spoke of his issues with diabetes and noted, “I’ve been using that (CBD) for awhile, and my blood sugars are back to normal again...it’s been helping me out a good bit.”

Darnell Dinkins, a former NFL player who won a Super Bowl with the New Orleans Saints, is the director of business development for Wahupta. “I see people struggling. They’re looking for a version of relief. This product that we’re talking about is natural. It’s something that’s going to bring some type of relief to you.”

He related that CBD has helped him with pain relief following his football career. “It truly will bring a balance to your body that will create relief. It is helping me in various areas.”

Warren Cudley, Wahupta Ventures president and chief executive officer, said opioid use for pain has not worked. “It was masking a problem, and it was creating a larger problem.”

He added, “Inflammation is the root cause of all disease, so if you can remove the inflammation, you’ll remove the pain and the root cause.”

Cudley said that hemp is a good rotation crop and takes only 120 days to mature from seed to plant. “It takes nine times less water to grow hemp than it does cotton, and it’s a lot more beneficial for the land to grow hemp than cotton.”

He said that last year only 25,000 acres of hemp were grown in the United States. “The world demand is astronomical.”

During the presentation, Cudley described the process Wahupta uses to extract and distill the CBD from the hemp plant.

According to a presentation slide by Wahupta, “The first step is the extraction of the essential oil from the hemp flower. Many types of solvents can be used in the extraction process. Wahupta will be using Ethanol, one of the oldest methods for deriving essential oils from plant materials. Ethanol is used in every extraction industry and is deemed one of the safest solvents by the FDA for food grade and pharmaceutical extraction processes.”

In the presentation, Wahupta provides a business model containing yields and revenue for a
Alcohol referendum defeated, voter turnout low

JUST over 25 percent (25.56%) of the registered voters of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians turned out to vote in the alcohol referendum on Thursday, May 31. The referendum, which asked the question of whether or not the Tribe should operate its own ABC package store, failed with 912 voting against and 821 for.

The question voted on came about through Res. No. 119 (2018) which was submitted by Painttown Rep. Albert Rose, was as follows: “To allow ABC permits to be issued to allow retail sales of alcoholic beverages on tribal trust land at a tribal-owned package store/ABC store”.

Following is a breakdown of Thursday’s voting by community precinct:
- Big Cove: 74 for, 119 against
- Big Y: 60 for, 59 against
- Wofftown: 160 for, 189 against
- Birdtown: 247 for, 212 against
- Cherokee Co.: 11 for, 20 against
- Snowbird: 37 for, 66 against
- Painttown: 117 for, 118 against
- Yellowhill: 115 for, 129 against

But, it was a moot point anyways as the percentage of tribal voters participating did not meet the 30 percent required by Cherokee Code Section 161-9(c)(4).

“We had a very low voter turnout.” Denise Ballard, EBCI Election Board chairperson, said on Thursday night. “It was not the 30 percent that was required for the vote.”

Overall, a total of 1,733 votes were cast out of 6,779 registered voters. Following is a breakdown, by community precinct, of total registered voters, votes cast, and voter turnout percentage:
- Big Cove: 781 registered, 193 votes, 24.71 percent
- Big Y: 403 registered, 119 votes, 29.53 percent
- Wofftown: 1,160 registered, 349 votes, 30.09 percent
- Birdtown: 1,760 registered, 459 votes, 26.08 percent
- Cherokee Co.: 432 registered, 31 votes, 7.18 percent
- Snowbird: 497 registered, 103 votes, 20.72 percent
- Painttown: 826 registered, 235 votes, 28.45 percent
- Yellowhill: 920 registered, 244 votes, 26.52 percent

On the low voter turnout, Ballard said, “People knew that if they didn’t go and vote that it would not pass as it would not hit the 30 percent...people were surprised that younger people didn’t turn out. I kept hearing that from poll workers.”

Counting of ballots for the referendum was done by hand, and Ballard was pleased with the way the system worked. “Everything was very smooth.”

Hand counts were completed by the poll workers at each precinct, and Election Board officials recounted the ballots afterwards in their office at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex.

She noted that the referendum itself cost around $15,000. “That’s low compared to what we would have for a regular election because we didn’t have to have all of the electronic equipment.”

According to Cherokee Code Sec. 161-9(c)(10), “An issue that has been brought up before the eligible voters and voted upon by referendum/initiative may not be voted upon again until a period of two years has passed.”

To read more about this issue and how the referendum came about, visit: https://theonefeather.com/2018/02/council-approves-alcohol-referendum-question/
Remember the Removal Riders start their journey

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KITUWAH - On a breezy late spring evening, 18 Cherokee men and women converged at the Kituwah Mound, the Mother Town of the Cherokee, to join together, reflect, pray, and think about an upcoming journey. The 2018 Remember the Removal Riders received a send-off from several hundred people during an event held at Kituwah on Friday, June 1.

Eight riders from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and ten riders from the Cherokee Nation (Oklahoma) will retrace the northern route of the Trail of Tears. This year’s riders are as follows: EBCI - Bo Taylor, Ahli-sha Stephens, Jan Smith, Seth Ledford, Lori Owle, Nolan Arkansas, Darius Lambert, and Brooke Coggins; Cherokee Nation - Daulton Cochran, Emilee Chavez, Lily Drywater, Dale Eagle, Parker Weavel, Sky Wildcat, Courtney Cowan, Autumn Lawless, and Amari McCoy.

“My whole purpose was to get to this point,” said Taylor, who sustained an injury just prior to last year’s ride. “If I could get through training without killing myself; that’s been my purpose.”

He said this year’s training regimen has been very hard. “We’ve done things this year that we didn’t do last year. We climbed to the top of Clingman’s Dome which is the second highest peak on the east coast. Then, we went to Asheville and climbed over Balsam and that was a tough ride.”

Taylor said his confidence has built throughout this year’s training. “I knew I could do it. I know I can make the ride. For me, I just have so much unfinished business, and now I feel that I’ve gotten to the journey and I’m going to take it. I’m not going to have any expectations other than amazing things are going to happen.”

Lambert, a student at Cherokee High School, said, “I’m super-nervous. I’m very emotional. Luckily, I haven’t cried yet. It’s going to be tough for all of us having to leave all of our families, but we’re in this together. It’s a team ride. We’ve...
JOURNEY:
The 2018 Remember the Removal Riders gathered at Kituwah Mound on the evening of Friday, June 1 for a send-off ceremony in their honor. Coggins said her emotions are running the gamut. “I’m excited, nervous, but it’s getting a lot better now that we’ve gotten everyone together...like some of the other riders were saying while we were getting blessed, we’re one people. This whole ceremony is very emotional. I’m excited. I’m ready to go.”

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, a Remember the Removal alumni, spoke at Friday’s event and told this year’s riders, “You are never going to be the same after this. This event is going to change your life.”

He added, “You must begin and maintain your journey with the end in mind. Know this, there will be times of joy. There will be times of great sorrow. There will be times of ease, and there will be times of great adversity. There will be moments of great victory, and there will be moments of abject suffering. There will be times of laughter and, most assuredly, there will be times of bitter tears. But, know this, we have great faith in you. We believe in you, and we know that you will reach your destination.”

Sheyahshe Littledave, who participated in last year’s ride, spoke during Friday’s event and gave some words of encouragement to this year’s riders. “Completely out of my element, I joined a group of six strangers. I trained with them and learned to rely on them emotionally and mentally, and I love them. I am forever indebted to my team for what they have given me.”

She joked about Missouri and said that this year’s riders should definitely listen to the alumni about the state some have dubbed “Misery”. “The road is just a never-ending pothole. You’ll probably bounce your way through. You might even get a flat, but you’ll be ok, you’ve got your team with you.”

Littledave said that no matter what challenges the riders will face, “It’s ok, you’ve got your team with you.”

Taylor summed it up, “I want the Creator to open up doors for us.”

According to information provided by the Remember the Removal Bike Ride, the schedule is as follows:

- June 3: New Echota, Ga. to Cleveland, Tenn.
- June 4: Cleveland, Tenn. to Dayton, Tenn.
- June 5: Dayton, Tenn. to Spencer, Tenn.
- June 6: Spencer, Tenn. to Murfreesboro, Tenn.
- June 7: Murfreesboro, Tenn. to Guthrie, Ky.
- June 8: Guthrie, Ky. to Princeton, Ky.
- June 10: Golconda, Illinois to Ward, Illinois
- June 12: Cape Girardeau, Mo. to Farmington, Mo.
- June 13: Farmington, Mo. to Steelville, Mo.
- June 14: Steelville, Mo. to Waynesville, Mo.
- June 15: Waynesville, Mo. to Competition, Mo.
- June 16: Competition, Mo. to Strafford, Mo.
- June 18: Republic, Mo. to Cassville, Mo.
- June 19: Cassville, Mo. to Pea Ridge, Ark.
- June 20: Fayetteville, Ark. to Stilwell, Okla.
- June 21: Stilwell, Okla. to Tahlequah, Okla.
MURPHY - The rain couldn’t stop the shovels from turning the dirt at the Eastern Band of Cherokee’s solar farm groundbreaking at Harrah’s Cherokee Valley River Casino on Tuesday, May 29. Tribal leaders and leadership from Siemens Government Technologies were all in attendance despite the wet weather.

“Our Tribe is helping set the standard.” said Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed. “We’ve been really blessed to have had success with our properties. But, along with that success comes a responsibility to go green and be environmentally friendly for generations to come.”

Helping lead the project for the Tribe is Secretary of Agriculture and Natural Resources Joey Owle. According to Owle, the new solar array will generate over 700 kilowatts of electricity - enough to power 10 percent of the electrical needs at the Harrah’s Cherokee Valley River Casino - roughly $100,000 in annual savings.

“Siemens is really pleased at the opportunity to bring Tribal and Federal resources together to deliver an environmentally sustainable project.” said Sam Lewis, vice president for Automation and Services.


Siemens Government Technologies. “This project will help defray the Tribe’s operating costs, enabling them to support other Tribal programs while simultaneously helping the Tribe meet their energy goals.”

Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha helped reiterate the importance of seeking green solutions for The Eastern Band. “Solar energy helps us honor our long-standing tradition to use the resources around us in the most effective manner possible.”

- Office of the Principal Chief
ELDERS: As EBCI tribal elders and staff members from the EBCI Public Health & Human Services Division look on, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed (seated left) and Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley (seated right) prepare to sign a proclamation on Friday, June 1 designating June 15 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in the communities of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The proclamation states in part, “The National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Public Health and Human Services Division recognize the importance of taking action to raise awareness, prevent and address elder abuse.”

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### CIPD Arrest Report for May 21-28

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
FINAL DRAFT OF
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The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources, Water Quality Office will hold a Public Meeting on

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 15TH 2018
9AM to 5PM
at
BIRDTOWN RECREATION COMPLEX
1212 Birdtown Road, Cherokee NC 28719

The purpose of the meeting is an opportunity for the public to receive information and provide comments on the Final Draft of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Water Quality Standards, which have been revised to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s suggested modifications to the toxic pollutants mean contaminant level. Further, the EBCI Water Quality Office has also made some modifications to the Water Quality Standards.

These revisions are in compliance with the Clean Water Act Sections 303 and 518 (33 U.S.C. 1251, 1341) and Tribal Law.

Stakeholders and participants will also be asked for input on (https://cherokeenaturalresources.com/contact-us/). A copy of the revised Water Quality Standards will be available on-line at (https://cherokeenaturalresources.com/). A hard copy of the revised Water Quality Standards will be available for viewing at EBCI Water Quality Laboratory, 2000 Old #4 Road, Cherokee NC 28719 during business hours.

Questions about the revised Water Quality Standards should be directed to the Water Quality Section Supervisor, Michael Bolt by phone at (828) 359-6772 or email mailto:michbolt@nc-cherokee.com.

Closure of the Meeting Record

The meeting record will close as of midnight, Wednesday August 15th 2018. Written comments need not be notarized but must be postmarked before midnight and mailed to:

Michael Bolt  
Water Quality Section Supervisor  
EBCI 106 Water Quality Office  
PO Box 1925  
Cherokee NC 28719
Cherokee High School seniors Marley Bradley and Justus Day both signed letters of intent to continue their sports careers at the next level. In a ceremony in the Cherokee High School Fieldhouse on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 30, Bradley signed to the cheerleading squad at Young Harris College in Young Harris, Ga. and Day signed to play basketball at Catawba Valley Community College in Hickory.

“It’s exciting,” said Bradley who has been cheering since the age of 3. “At some point, I thought that I wouldn’t be able to cheer in college, but then I got the opportunity and I’m overwhelmed.”

She plans to study international business at Young Harris.

Madison Crowe, Lady Braves head cheerleading coach, commented, “As a coach, this is the pinnacle of coaching, and that’s the reason that you do coach is to send athletes to the next level. Marley has left her legacy on Cherokee High School...she is a part of the national championship cheerleading squad that we have here at Cherokee Central Schools – the first squad to ever accomplish that. She’s awesome. She will be a pleasure to coach.”

Crowe noted this will have positive effects for the Cherokee cheer program. “I think this is a stepping stone. She has laid the foundation for them to build upon, and hopefully we send more and more every single year.”

Peanut Crowe, Cherokee Central Schools athletic director, commented, “These are two good athletes right here. As for Justus, as some of the coaches in the conference said, he is an ACC talent... he’ll go to Catawba Valley and spend a couple of years there and then hopefully we’ll see him play at Wake Forest or North Carolina State. Catawba Valley is a feeding program for those two schools.”

Day, a member of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians who started playing basketball in the seventh grade, played several years in high school in Mississippi. Of signing, he commented, “I’m excited. I can’t wait.”

He said he does plan to transfer to a Division I school after his two years at Catawba Valley. In his senior season at Cherokee, he played in 10 games due to an injury, but he managed to score 140 points (14pts/game) and grab 34 rebounds (3.4/gm) and was named to the All-Smoky Mountain Conference team.

Aaron Hogner, Braves head basketball coach, commented on Day, “I didn’t get to spend a lot of time with him, but the few times that we really did get to talk, I was impressed with his maturity. We had a lot of good conversations about the game and about his future.”

He spoke to several college coaches about Day. “With the little bit that they got to see him play this year and seeing game film from his sophomore year, they were really impressed. This is a kid that has a lot of talent and has set the bar really high for athletes that come to this school.”

NEXT LEVEL: Justus Day (left) and Marley Bradley, both Cherokee High School seniors, signed college letters of intent in a ceremony at the Cherokee High School Fieldhouse on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 30. Day will play basketball at Catawba Valley Community College in Hickory, and Bradley will join the cheerleading team at Young Harris College in Young Harris, Ga.
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A total of 76 Cherokee High School students crossed the stage and received their diploma at Ray Kinsland Stadium on the morning of Saturday, June 2. The CHS Class of 2018 is the largest class in school history.

“Each and every student is sitting here today for the last time as a Cherokee Central Schools student, and they are here at this juncture in their lives because of many folks who contributed to their successes,” said Dr. Debora Foerst, CHS principal.

She thanked the parents and guardians of all of the students as well as school staff and tribal officials and leaders who contribute their time and efforts to the betterment of Cherokee High School. “We are able to provide opportunities to our Lady Braves and Braves second to none because you believe so strongly in education. We are truly a living and breathing example of the idea that it takes a village to raise a child.”

Dr. Foerst went on to say, “Every single graduate and their families made a conscious choice to be a Brave, and they are showing the world what being a Braves is all about. These seniors have set records, won titles, paved paths, and blazed trails on the field, on the stage, in the classroom, in other countries, in the Council Chambers, and in art galleries.”

Robin Reed, CHS Class of 2018 salutatorian, said in her address, “To my classmates, thank you for the best time here at Cherokee High School. I will never forget all of the memories that we had here at the school together. We’ve grown so close, especially in the past four years.”

She added, “This is not the end, it is only the beginning. For most of us, we have known each other for 13 years, and unfortunately, today we will begin to go our separate ways and to live our separate lives. I want each of you to remember what you have gained here at Cherokee High School – your abilities.

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Reed thanked the Cherokee community for their support of the school and its students. “Our characteristics are derived from you. Our support comes from you. Words can never explain how grateful I am to be a Cherokee Brave – to be part of such an amazing Tribe, and this amazing school is something I will always hold close to me.”

Scarlett Guy, CHS Class of 2018 valedictorian, commented, “We all should be very proud; not just proud of this accomplishment, this step in beginning our lives, but proud of each other as members of the Class of 2018. We are an amazing class. We have members who were vital in the state football championship victory. We have members who competed at the state level in wrestling, track and field, golf, and cheerleading. We have amazing artists and writers, musicians and actors, traditional dancers, beaders and basket weavers, and Cherokee speakers.”

She added, “With such amazing and diverse characters in our class, the question begs to be asked, ‘where do we go from here?’ Well, many of us will go on to college. Some of us will join the workforce or the military, but all of us will do amazing things because all of us are capable.”

Guy concluded by saying, “Please know that graduation is not the final accomplishment but is the first of many – the first to kick off the true beginning of our lives. I’m sure that most of you, if not all, are nervous of what’s to come. I know that I am, but it is natural to be scared of the unknown, as cliché as that sounds. From our experiences here, we are as prepared for life after high school as we can be, but school can only teach you so much before you have to live and learn from your own success and failures...it is important to remember that admitting failure and defeat is not a weakness...it is from failure that we learn to be successful and find happiness in our lives.”

During Saturday’s ceremony, several awards were given out including the following:

- NAIWA Award, presented by Loretta Bolden to Scarlett Guy and Robin Reed
- “Be Brave” Awards, presented by Charlotte Saunooke, Cherokee Central School Board chairperson, to Riley Crowe and Tristin Bottchenbaugh
- American Legion Awards, presented by Lew Harding, Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 Commander, to Brennen Foerst and Andrew Reese
- Battalion Commander Saber Presentation by Col. William Carter and Sgt. Alva Brown to Isaiah Bowman and Brennen Foerst
- Dr. Jerry Wolfe Gadugi Award, presented by Gerri Grady and Sky

see GRADUATION next page
Sampson, WCU Cherokee Center director, to Shanenon Wolfe and Natasha Walk

Ben Reed, CHS Class of 1989, gave the closing prayer and remarks. “It’s a good day to be a Brave. It’s a good day to live in this community. It’s a good day to be an alumni from this school. I’m very proud of our school system.”

He further stated, “You don’t have to be the best at everything, but try your best and try to be the best. Try to use what God’s given you.”

The Cherokee High School Class of 2018 is as follows:

**Highest Honors:** Scarlett Delaney Guy (National Honor Society, valedictorian), Robin Leigh Reed (National Honor Society, salutatorian), Nolan Blake Arkansas (National Honor Society), Matthew Job Thompson Climbingbear (National Honor Society), Shelby Elisabeth Wolfe (National Honor Society)

**High Honors:** Kyra Chiann Sneed (National Honor Society), Anya Johnnie Walsh (National Honor Society), Elias Chance Bryant (National Honor Society), Samuel Eason Esquivel (National Honor Society), Samantha Nicole Lee (National Honor Society), Macie Jais Welch (National Honor Society), Shanenon Ray Wolfe (National Honor Society)

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**National Honor Society:** Shannon Tracy Albert, Chace Lowegan Andrews, Antonio Luna Bernhisel, Riley Alexis Crowe, Nathan Garrett Gaddis, Lidia Nichole Ramirez


**GADUGI:** The first annual Dr. Jerry Wolfe Gadugi Award was presented to Shanenon Wolfe (second from left) and Natasha Walk (second from right). The award, given in honor and memory of the late EBCI Beloved Man, was presented by Sky Sampson (left), WCU Cherokee Center director, and Gerry Grady (right), Wolfe’s daughter.

**HAPPY:** Latika French beams as she walks into the stadium during the graduation procession.

Josie Saunooke, CeAnna Michelle Saunooke, Steven Isaac Saunooke, Ashley Elizabeth Schaal, Xavier Maslin Siwemuptewa, Seth Parker Sneed, Gavin Blake Squirrel, Tierra Hailey Stamper, Holden Thomas Straughan, Jeremy Allen Swayne, Jerome James Thompson, Tiarra Lacree Toineeta, Natasha Katelynn Walk, Tsali Clay James Welch, Karson Tame-Jex Wildcatt, Clarissa Cheyenne Wilnoty
Cherokee High School names its top students

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

Cherokee High School has named its top students for the Class of 2018. Scarlett Guy is this year’s valedictorian and Robin Reed is the salutatorian.

“It’s really exciting,” said Guy, who is from the Painttown Community. “As a freshman, I didn’t know what a valedictorian was. Once I did find out, it just seemed like something far away.”

Guy, who is entering a pre-med program at Duke University this fall with the goal of becoming a neurosurgeon, was involved in numerous activities during her Cherokee High School career including being involved in the TAG and Close-Up programs, playing in the marching and concert bands including two years as drum major, and being on the wrestling team.

She said signing up for honors classes at every opportunity helped her academically. “If there was an option for honors, I always chose it.”

When asked her final thoughts about Cherokee High School, she noted, “I’m just extremely grateful that it was Cherokee High School that I was able to get my diploma from and be valedictorian of because of all the opportunities that they offer to their students here. They want every student to do well and be well and succeed. Because of all of these opportunities and being able to find community in clubs and groups made me stand out as a competitive student to colleges.”

Reed, who is from the Big Y Community, said, “It doesn’t feel real. I didn’t think that four years ago when we came in that we’d be sitting here today.”

Reed, who is entering the pre-med program at Lincoln Memorial University this fall, said that “staying on track” was a key to her success in high school. “Just do your work. It wasn’t hard to do at all. Just stay on top of everything.”

She played volleyball and softball all four years at Cherokee as well as being a part of the HOSA club and the Close-Up program.

As she prepares to leave Cherokee, she said, “It’s been real. It really has. It’s been quite the journey. It’s been great. Honestly, it’s been a great experience. I wouldn’t trade it for anything. I wouldn’t go anywhere else if I had to go back.”

Of the two students, Deb Foerst, Cherokee High School principal, noted, “Robin and Scarlett are awesome. I have literally known Scarlett since elementary school and Robin since she was born. They are just such good girls, and they exemplify what true Braves are from the time they set foot on the Cherokee High School campus engaging in all of the extracurricular activities that they have while maintaining such good habits scholastically. These are the two that we want out front. We’re excited for their futures.”

TOP STUDENTS: Scarlett Guy (left) and Robin Reed have been chosen as the Cherokee High School Class of 2018 valedictorian and salutatorian respectively. They are shown at the school following a senior walkthrough at the Cherokee Middle School on the afternoon of Thursday, May 31.

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INSPIRING: Scarlett Guy, center, leads the Cherokee High School Class of 2018, in a senior walkthrough at the Cherokee Middle School on the afternoon of Thursday, May 31. Guy, Class of 2018 valedictorian, is followed directly by Robin Reed who is the salutatorian for the class.
Annie Lynn Cucumber
Annie Lynn Cucumber, 49, of Cherokee, passed away Sunday, May 27, 2018 at Mission Hospital in Asheville.

She is survived by her father, Henry Queen Sr. of Cherokee; her children, Kaila Cucumber, Jacob “Hunter” Rattler, and Kierstan Cucumber, all of Cherokee; two grandsons, Payne Rattler and Kaden Cucumber of Cherokee; four sisters, Ruth McCoy, Leslie “Caron” Swayney, Lady Bird Powell, and Marlena “Mel” Toineeta all of Cherokee; one sister-in-law, Henrietta Littlejohn of Cherokee; one Aunt, Rosie Hornbuckle of Cherokee; one great aunt, Amanda Swimmer of Cherokee; many nieces and nephews; and many great nieces and nephews.

She was married to Robert Lee Tramper.

Annie was preceded in death by her mother, Stacey Sequoyah; adopted parents, Wesley Powell and Annie Powell; brothers, Henry Queen Littlejohn Jr., Lloyd Toineeta, Alvin Toineeta, and Jimmy Sequoyah; one sister, Mildred Cisneros; one nephew, Khrystofer “Hawk” Rattler; and one great niece, Aubrey Littlejohn.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 31 at Bethabara Baptist Church. Pastors James “Bo” Parris and Greg Morgan officiated. Burial followed at the Sequoyah Cemetery in the Birdtown Community. Pallbearers were Dean Swayney, Tim Swayney, James Swayney, Jesse Queen, Henry Littlejohn, III, and Jacob Smith.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Cucumber family.
Cherokee Elementary School Awards List (1st - 4th grades)

Braves Achievement Award
1st: Colin Lossie, Jacqueline Fourkiller-Raby, Walker Sutton
2nd: Darian Oocumma, Roxy Solis
3rd: Dillon Beam, Jade Palomo, Sage Bark
4th: Hunter Mathis, Maritza Luna

Read Bravely Bookathon
4th: Chaske Raines, Javan Garcia, Marleigh Aguiler, Francesca Armachian, Shona Cole, Emiliano Garcia, Taylor Kazhe, Leilah Lossie, Hunter Mathis, Tevin Ross, Suri Watty

Top Readers
3rd: Cynthia Saunooke
4th: Olivia Arch

Vocational Opportunities Student Award
1st/2nd: Christopher “Shooter” Toineeta

Traditional Singers
1st: Georjia Girty, Julius Walkingstick, Theresa “Addy” Harris
2nd: Audrey Edwards, Eloise Frady, Eva Hill, Maia Lane, Zoe De Los Reyes, Kylaana Sampson, Kaidyn Walkingstick

Traditional Dancers
1st/2nd: Diana Standingdeer, Olivia Huskey, Ivan Morales, Faith West, John Calvin Gloyne
3rd: Dante Bigwitch, Jamee McMillan, Kaylee Wolfe, Madigan Welch
4th: Timber Sampson, Jayden Tramper, Colby Lossie, Hunter Mathis

Most Outstanding Art Student
1st: Laila Crowe-Taylor
2nd: Jessica Arsana
3rd: Lucas Wildcat
4th: Maritza Luna, Gabby Smith

WCU Youth Art Show Participants
1st: Sophie Crowe, Kailia Reed, Laila Crowe-Taylor
2nd: Cainyan Welch, Taleah Murphy, Haley Locust, Aaliyah Watty, Drake Cruz
3rd/4th: Houston Hornbuckle, Araceli Martinez-Arch, Kyitan Johnson, Deanna Long, Madison Teesateskie, Lilia Jarvis

WCU Youth Art Show Winners
1st Place: Jonathan Rivera-Gomez
Honorable Mention: Johnny Long

CII Nutrition Poster Contest (4th Grade)
1st Place: Dominic Arch
2nd Place: Maritza Luna-Martinez
3rd Place: Charlie Guillen-Swayney

Most Outstanding Computer Student
3rd: Kiowa George, Meli Winstead
4th: Jocelyn Saunooke, Dawson Clapsaddle

Most Improved Computer Student
3rd: Madigan Welch, Kingston Welch
4th: Alyssa Hoyle, Owen Bird

Best All-Around Computer Student
3rd: Ava Walkingstick, Suri Watty

Achieve 3000
3rd: Auron Taylor, Aubree Grimes, Javon Long, Trennan Calhoun, Kierstan Cucumber, Nyla Queen
4th: Samantha Toineeta, Kieaira Ensley, Nikolai Thompson, Timber Sampson, Michael Lozano-Rodriguez

Academic Improvement
2nd: Rubi Conner, Nicolas Paramo, Craigan Wildcat, Audrey Edwards, Willie Welch, Jayanna Thompson, Elijah Youngdeer, Haley Locust, Briann Teesateskie, Maia Lane, Preston Roach, Ariel Hoyle

4th: Sara Toineeta, Nikki Toineeta, Jessie Wildcat, Jadence Sau nooke, Nikolai Thompson, Oscar Charlie Guillen-Swayney, Jocelyn Sau nooke, Zachary Seay, Blake Wolfe, Taylor Kazhe, Kayla Morgan, Jayden Tramper, Gabby Smith

100 Book Club for 1st Grade

Top Reader for 1st Grade: Ava Walkingstick

150 Book Club for 2nd Grade

Top Reader for 2nd Grade: Jessica Arsana

Academic Excellence
1st: Andyn Pheasant, Cher Crowe-Garcia, Code...
Jaylee Arch, Marissa Wilson, Julius Walkingwolfe, Josiah Hull, Kalia Reed, Greyson Ledford, 19
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Best All-Around Cherokee Language
Slevin Youngdeer
son Clapsaddle, Connor Junaluska, Suri Watty, Anana Hicks, Jonathon Rivera-Gomez,
3rd: Nicholas Ensley, Albert Toineeta, Noah Watty, Lucas Watty, Anana Hicks, Jonathon
1st: Nathan Taylor, Weston Swimmer, Nellie Lambert, Leland Sexton, Viola Williams, Cher CROWE-Garcia, Sophie Crowe, Steven Walker Sutton
2nd: Grace Smith, Kyleah Swayne, Taleeah Murphy, Dyani Standingdeer, Audree Edwards, Keirah Queen
3rd: Nicholas Ensley, Albert Toineeta, Noah Watty, Anana Hicks, Jonathon Rivera-Gomez, Jade Palomo
4th: Emiliano Garcia, Mato Nierhausen, Dawson Clapsaddle, Connor Junaluska, Suri Watty, Slevin Youngdeer
Best All-Around Cherokee Language
Sage Bark
Most Outstanding Cherokee Language Student
1st: Maya Lossiah, McKyan Panther
2nd: Khloe Cucumber, Jay Jay Ledford
3rd: Dalton Yates, Jamee McMillan, Sage Bark
4th: Shona Cole, Sara Toinette

Most Improved PE Student
1st: Maya Lossiah, McKyan Panther
2nd: Khloe Cucumber, Jay Jay Ledford
3rd: Dalton Yates, Jamee McMillan, Sage Bark
4th: Shona Cole, Sara Toinette

Best All-Around PE Student
1st: Cambry Stamper, Peter Lopez
2nd: Lily Lossiah
3rd: Joscelyn Stamper, Zachary Seay

Most Outstanding Music Student
Sage Bark; Best All-Around: Deanna Long

Most Improved Music Student
4th: Nikola Thompson, Nakaiya Hill

Most Outstanding PE Student
1st: Maya Lossiah, McKyan Panther
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Best All-Around Music Student
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2nd: Lily Lossiah
3rd: Joscelyn Stamper, Zachary Seay

Presidential Fitness Award
2nd: Jose Garcia, Ezekiel Wehcl, Drake Cruz, Rayden Locust, Faith West, Haley Locust, Lily Lossiah, Wakingyan Raines, Leila Smith, Laylah Thompson, Caimyan Welch, Elijah Youngdeer, Kyam Arch, Camaron Oocumma, Keirah Queen, Jessica Arsana, Khloe Cucumber, Kollin Sampson, James Smith
4th: Yvonne Saunooke, Dawson Clapsaddle, Shawnee Kirkland, Matix Stamper, Sara Toinette, Kellen Ensley, Zachary Seay, Suri Watty, Javan Garcia

Daily Attendance
2nd: Colton French, Camaron Oocumma, Elijah Youngdeer
3rd: Emily Many, Meli Winstead
4th: Keirah Ensley

Tribal Council Merit Award
1st: Shyanna Cash, Jeron Martens, Georgiia Girty, Alaina Hull, Ava Walkingstick, Skyler Welch, Dahlia Long, Tia Buchanan, McKyan Panther, Lauren Arsana, Kirk Reed; Best All-Around: Sophie Crowe
2nd: Marcy Swayne, Drake Cruz, Kimberly Crowe, Ezekiel Welch, Jessica Arsana, Ryleigh Postoak, Wakingyan Raines, Lily Lossiah, Laranzo Wilnoty, Camaron Oocumma; Best All-Around: John Calvin Gloyne
3rd: Johnny Long, Aleyiah Hull, Aniebriegh Mora, Dralen Ledford, Utsela Saunooke, Daisee Fourkiller-Raby, Denver Porterfield, Kayla Guillen, Christian Luna-Martinez, Brandy Martinez, Sage Bark; Best All-Around: Deanna Long
4th: Dawson Clapsaddle, Payton Driver, Tayvin Bark-Cruz, Timber Sampson, Talan Crowe, Chaske Raines, Javan Garcia, Leilah Lossie, Gus Burgess, Sienna Ella Wahneta, Gabriella Smith; Best All-Around: Suri Watty
Motion Makers Bicycle Shop and Outdoor 76 announce Grand Opening in Cherokee

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Motion Makers Bicycle Shop

as one of America’s Best Bike Shops, Motion Makers is a friendly customer oriented bike shop that delivers an unrivaled cycling experience from start to finish. With locations in Cherokee, Sylva and Asheville, Motion Makers Bicycle Shop has friendly staff, expert technicians and a large selection of bikes and gear. Through the years Cranford and his staff have created a retail environment with a pulse and culture that keeps customers coming back for their top-notch service, the chance to talk with friends and be a part of the local cycling community.

Outdoor 76 opened their doors in the fall of 2010 in the beautiful mountains of Franklin. Their staff is made up of outdoor enthusiasts who have spent years hiking, paddling, climbing, cycling, camping and fishing the mountains of Western North Carolina and abroad. The shop features an incredible selection of men’s and women’s clothing and shoes, along with a very comprehensive selection of technical backpacking gear and accessories, as well as recreational paddling equipment - plus everything else you’d expect from a full-service outfitter. If they sell it, they’ve used it.

Info: www.motionmakers.com or www.outdoor76.com/

- Motion Makers Bicycle Shop owner
TOP CEDS Priority Projects Announced

Once every five years, the EBCI conducts a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) planning process to determine priority projects for economic development over the next five-year period. The CEDS Steering Committee is led by the EBCI Planning Board, with the Chief, Vice Chief, and all members of Tribal Council participating in the process. We also had the best turnout of enrolled members ever at meetings held for Public Input into the process.

The 2018 CEDS Process is now complete, and the priority projects, as well as all other economic development project considered, are listed below. The Tribal Planning Office would like to thank the Planning Board, Chief Sneed, Vice Chief Ensley and all who helped to make this process possible. We also appreciate the generous assistance from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation who helped underwrite the effort. - EBCI Planning Office

* To read the entire report, visit theonefeather.com and follow the CEDS link located at the top of the page.

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Tribe to commemorate World Elder Abuse Awareness Day with a walk

The EBCI Public Health and Human Services Family Safety and Senior Citizens Programs are commemorating World Elder Abuse Day by hosting a Walk to End Elder Abuse at Tsali Manor from 5 – 7pm on Friday, June 15. This year’s theme is: “Elders Matter: We’re in this together...and together it works”.

Did you know that every day 10,000 people turn 65 in the US alone? That trend is going to continue for nearly the next 20 years. Demographics are shifting, and soon there will be more elderly people in the US than ever before. At the same time that the population is growing, a startling number of elders face abusive conditions. Every year an estimated 5 million, or 1 in 10, older Americans are victims of elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation. And, that’s only part of the picture: Experts believe that for every case of elder abuse or neglect reported, as many as 23.5 cases go unreported.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day serves as a global call-to-action for individuals, organizations, and communities to raise awareness about abuse, neglect, and exploitation of elders. The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations (UN) launched the first World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) on June 15, 2006 in an effort to unite communities around the world in raising awareness about elder abuse. WEAAD is in support of the UN’s International Plan of Action acknowledging the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue.

Info: EBCI Family Safety 359-1525
- EBCI Public Health and Human Services Division
Do you need help with...
end of life planning;
family safety parent representation;
a domestic violence-related civil law case;
or community education, self-help resources, and brief legal advice?

**EBCI Legal Assistance Office**

Ginger Lynn Welch Complex
810 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719
828-359-7400
legalhelp@nc-cherokee.com

EBCI Legal Assistance also handles child custody representations under certain conditions. Please call to determine if you qualify and if the program can represent you.
Nominations sought for WCU’s Mountain Heritage Awards

CULLOWHEE – Western Carolina University is accepting nominations for the Mountain Heritage Awards, prestigious honors bestowed on an individual and an organization each year for contributions to or playing a prominent role in research, preservation and curation of Southern Appalachian history, culture and folklore.

The awards will be presented at the 44th annual Mountain Heritage Day on Saturday, Sept. 29, on the WCU campus.

Deadline for nominations is Saturday, June 30.

There is a storied tradition of the awards and the recognition given to regional figures, institutions and organizations, beginning with the first presentation in 1976. "What do Cherokee ‘Beloved Woman’ Amanda Swimmer, community activist Rob Tiger, the late WCU Chancellor H.F. ‘Cotton’ Robinson and Mountain Faith Band all have in common?” said Pam Meister, director of WCU’s Mountain Heritage Center. “And how about Dogwood Crafters, the Jackson County Genealogical Society, the Museum of the Cherokee Indian and the Young Adult Choir of Tried Stone Missionary Baptist Church? They’re all recipients of WCU’s Mountain Heritage Award.”

Recipients are chosen by a committee comprised of regional and campus representatives. Letters of nomination should not exceed five pages and should include the full name of the individual or organization being nominated, with a website address if applicable; the mailing address of the nominee; the founding date for organizational nominees; a list of the nominee’s accomplishments; a list of the awards and other recognitions received by the nominee; information about the nominee’s influence in the relevant field of expertise, such as crafts, music or organizational cause; and information about the nominee’s role as a teacher, advocate, leader or curator of mountain culture.

Nominations should be delivered to the Mountain Heritage Center offices, located in Room 240 of WCU’s Hunter Library; mailed to Mountain Heritage Center, 1 University Drive, Cullowhee N.C. 28723; or emailed to pameister@wcu.edu.

- WCU

Community Garden Contest dates

Registration for the EBCI Cooperative Extension Center’s 2018 Community Garden Contest is now open. Judging will be held the week of June 25. Interested community members can register their garden through Friday, June 8. Come by the EBCI Cooperative Extension Center Monday – Friday from 8am – 4:30pm to register. Info: EBCI Cooperative Extension Center 359-6939 or Chumper Walker, director, 359-6930

- EBCI Cooperative Extension Center

Right Path Adult Leadership Program

The Right Path Adult Leadership Program (RP) is accepting nominations for participation in the 2018-19 program. This program is for enrolled tribal members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma (CN), and the United Kituwah Band (UKB). 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, June 22 by 5pm, 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 22, 2018.

• Email: taramcc@nc-cherokee.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)

The Right Path Adult Leadership Program is a culturally-based leadership program under the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute. The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute is a department of the Cherokee Boys Club and is funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. For more information, please contact Tara McCoy, Right Path Leadership Specialist at 828-359-5542 or taramcc@nc-cherokee.com.

- Right Path Adult Leadership Program

Cherokee Tribal Court Jury List for Monday, July 9

Guardian ad Litem training

A new guardian training course will begin in the middle of June; and the GAL program is currently accepting applications for child advocates in Swain, Macon, and Jackson counties.

The GAL Program is part of the North Carolina Guardian ad Litem Program, a division of the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts, which recruits, trains, and supervises volunteer advocates in every county across the state to represent and promote the best interests of abused, neglected, and dependent children in the state court system. Volunteer advocates work with an attorney to form a plan that ensures these children are placed in a safe, permanent home.

North Carolina Guardian ad Litem Program thrives on volunteerism, and its vital work is only made possible by dedicated volunteers who are committed to the cause of keeping children safe from future harm. If you have an interest in becoming the voice for a child, contact the local GAL office (828) 587-2087, or you can also find out more about the program or submit an application by visiting www.volunteerforgal.org or www.facebook.com/ncGuardianAdLitem.

Spots available at Mountainside Art Market

The Mountainside Theater will have an Art Market set up underneath the rain shelter during the 2018 season of “Unto These Hills”. Local artists can reserve space on Friday and Saturday nights throughout the season. Info: Laura Blythe 497-1126 for more details and a vendor agreement.

There will be 10 spaces available for rent.

Potential to have 1,500 or more people per weekend coming through the Art Market

Each artist is responsible for the set-up and break-down of their booth.

One table and two chairs can be provided

Vendor must provide handcrafted art for sale, and it cannot duplicate what is offered in the Mountainside retail area.

Cost is $50 per night

Extended contracts can be signed.

Spaces are first-come, first serve

Set-up will begin at 6:30pm, break-down will start at 10am.

Vendors must stay the entire time.

Vendors will be responsible for their belongings.

Two people per space maximum: no children

“Unto These Hills” staff will not be available for set-up, tear-down, or to help watch personal items

The following dates are available: June 8 and 9; June 15 and 16; June 22 and 23; June 29 and 30; July 4, 5, 6, 7 ($50/night or $175 for all four days); July 13 and 14; July 20 and 21; July 27 and 28; Aug. 3 and 4: Aug. 10 and 11; and Aug. 17 and 18.

- North Carolina Guardian ad Litem Program

Southern Highland Craft Guild Mentoring Program

The Southern Highland Craft Guild has a Mentoring Program for prospective applicants. There are two upcoming workshops including June 30 and Sept. 22 – both from 1 – 4pm at the Folk Art Center in Asheville. Applicants/Mentees who choose to go through the Mentoring Program will have a Mentor in their specific area of craft to guide them through the application and prospective jurying process.

Info: Faye Harper, faye@craftguild.org, or Paula Bowers, pbweave@frontier.com

- Southern Highland Craft Guild

EBCI Cooperative Extension Community Garden Judging

Registration for the community garden contest will be May 21 – June 8.

Judging will be done in these communities the following dates:

June 26: Wolfetown, Big Y, Birdtown, and 3200 Acre Tract

June 27: Big Cove, Towstring, Yellowhill, and Painttown

June 28: Cherokee County and Snowbird

Youth Gardeners, up to age 18, and Community Gardens judging dates will depend on the number of entries. They will most likely be done along with the main judging dates. Participants should provide clear driving directions to the garden: age of the gardener, and if the garden is organic or conventional.

A team from the EBCI Cooperative Extension office will bring judges to visit the gardens. They will score the gardens in the following areas:

• General appearance
• Planning for Season-long food production
• Evidence of exceptional gardening practices such as soil preparation
• Plant selection
• Pest control and season-extending techniques
• Creativity such as creative design, unique plants or other features.

Winners will be announced at the EBCI Cooperative Extension’s Community Awards Program in September.

Info: Maddie Ciszewski, agriculture agent. 359-6935 or email madecisz@nc-cherokee.com

- EBCI Cooperative Extension

June is Dairy Month

June is Dairy Month which means even though it’s hot out you should still drink milk and/or other calcium-fortified drinks for your overall bone health. According to ChooseMyPlate.gov, consuming dairy provides health benefits especially improved bone health and reduced chances of osteoporosis. Dairy products also provide calcium, potassium, vitamin D and protein which are vital for the health and maintenance of your body. Dairy should be consumed in the diet at least two servings a day, which means one 8 ounce glass of milk or any other dairy products such as cheese and/or yogurt. I know a lot of people are whole milk drinkers and if you’re one of them think of making the switch from higher fat milk and milk products to fat-free or low-fat options such as 2 percent, 1 percent, and skim.

If you’re lactose-intolerant you have alternatives to choose such as lactose-free milk or soy milk or even taking lactase before consuming milk. If you avoid milk for other reasons, choose non-dairy sources of calcium such as calcium-fortified juices, cereals, breads, almond milk, soybeans and other soy products, and some leafy greens (collard and turnip greens, kale, bok choy). Calcium is important because it is used for building bones and teeth and in maintaining bone mass.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

- EBCI WIC Program
Coconuts and apples

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER STAFF

“Muslim brotherhood & planet of the apes had a baby=vj.”-Rosanne Barr tweet, referring to former Obama aide Valerie Jarrett.

“You know, Ivanka, that’s a beautiful photo of you and your child, but let me just say, one mother to another, do something about your dad’s immigration practices, you feckless (expletive)! He listens to you! Put on something tight and low-cut and tell your father to (expletive) stop it.”-Samantha Bee speaking on her television show, referring to Ivanka Trump.

We have been reminded of the cutting, hurtful impact of words in the mass media recently. Two highly-rated, popular comedians, have had to walk back statements that were, it seems, intended to make a political statement by way of making a “joke”. One of the comedians, Rosanne Barr, paid the price of losing her job and the jobs of several others, as their parent company shut down the reboot of the “Rosanne” sitcom.

When I was being “reintroduced” to the Tribe after a long time away from Cherokee, a friend told me early on that I should expect a good amount of “poking fun” and “name-calling” if I was to be welcomed and accepted in the community. He said I would know how readily I was being accepted by people in the Tribe by how much “ribbing” I got from them. Since then, I have heard that from many more of my friends and associates, and I have taken a whole lot of ribbing. Good natured, of course.

I was once told that Indians can’t be racists, since they are a minority.

By definition, racism is “prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against someone of a different race based on the belief that one’s own race is superior” (Google).

The definition doesn’t specify the size or population of the race, only that it identifies itself as superior to others of a different race and communi-
fun of someone, for some circles in our community, is a cultural norm. Differences between “light-hearted” teasing and veiled contempt are very hard to determine. There is a fine line between good-natured kidding, and racial bullying and bigotry.

A beloved elder once tried to address an incident of hateful dialogue between two tribal members by kindly explaining that hurting each other because of the way we choose to live out our heritage is not the Cherokee way. Respect and courtesy for one another is high on the list of what it means to be Cherokee among our elders. Bullying and bigotry are products of another culture, even when they are used to “defend” Cherokee heritage.

It is important for us to look within ourselves and search our motives when we are doing things in the name of our people. When we stand up for our culture and heritage, we need to make sure we do so in a way that reflects the values that our ancestors held dear, or we become hypocrites and dishonor the very culture we are trying to uphold. Foul language and name calling are not signs of power, but of ignorance.

I used to love to debate when I was in high school and in college. It didn’t matter whether it was a formal setting or a group of friends, I loved to explore issues through the tool of debate. I would often take a side that I didn’t necessarily agree with, just so I could engage thought processes with others. I knew the moment my opponent started name-calling or insulting, that I had him on the ropes. When we run out of reason, we often turn to hateful speech to feel like we have something over someone else.

Cherokee people have a history of being a fun-loving, jovial community. We like to have fun and laugh with each other. We also have a history of high regard for people of our blood, of our community. Our ancestors would not have been pleased that we laugh at the expense of hurting others. And, when it comes right down to it, speaking of calling people names because of their racial makeup, who among us has the right to cast the first stone?

A CHEROKEE COMMUNITY CITIZEN GROUP IS ATTEMPTING TO DRAFT A CONSTITUTION FOR THE EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS. THE DRAFT IS NEARLY COMPLETE. SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AND INPUT AT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE:

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CHEROKEE VETERANS:
We want to share your stories.

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

Thank you for your service and love for your community.
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mother wants memorial for son

This Labor Day, I want to remember my son, Patrick Bradley Allison (Feb. 2, 1973 – April 14, 2015), who was killed three years ago while on his job to make the roads safer for his community. He worked for the Cherokee Department of Transportation. His sacrifice to the Cherokee community needs to be recognized by the tribal government. I put a temporary roadside memorial in the form of a memory cross and photo where he was killed while on duty with the CDOT. No one with the Tribe bothers to mow around it. The temporary memorial is now showing signs of wear and needs a new coat of paint.

I’m asking tribal leaders to consider erecting a permanent memorial near the Tribal Council House or the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds to honor Brad and all tribal employees who were killed while serving their community.

Jackie Smith Talley
Salem, SC

COMMENTARY

Tribal member experiences discrimination at Harry’s on the Hill

It has been a while since I have had a different vehicle and thought about trading mine. I found a couple of SUVs that I liked at Harry’s on the Hill in Asheville near Sam’s Club. As we drove up to the dealership, I noticed a big towering statue of an Indian out front. Seeing the figure should have been my first clue of what I was about to endure.

Discrimination and hate are out there and going to Harry’s on the Hill: I got to experience it first-hand. At first, it made me angry. Then, I was disheartened and remorseful that this still happens.

I am writing this because we do not have to be mistreated. As a Cherokee Nation, we can stand up for ourselves and others. Making others aware of instances like this can prevent them from happening again.

We need to look out for each other and make those that are in the market for a vehicle aware that the salesperson is not your friend and that they may have alternative intentions.

Back to Harry’s on the Hill, I tried to negotiate with a salesperson, but he seemed like he did not want to work with me or go down on their prices. Remember, they know we are Cherokee, and it is close to per cap, so they increase their costs.

However, when I start looking for a new car, I do my homework & researching dealership websites for the details of vehicles listed which includes: mileage, asking price, and VIN. When I provided the bank with the information, they informed me that the asking price was too high. Knowing the values of all the vehicles, I tried to get Harry’s on the Hill to meet me halfway. They did not want to work with me. Yes, I wanted a car, but it should not be this hard.

At this dealership, I was treated as a customer with respect, and they were willing to work with me. When I left with a new car, I took a picture of my new car and sent it to the Harry’s on the Hill salesman that did not want to work with me. He could have easily had my business if he had treated me like a valued customer.

His reply, via a text message, obviously not meant for me was “look what this biatch sent me” and “Cherokee lady on Yukon”.

What is even more demeaning is that once he realized that the sent the message to the wrong person, he did not try to correct it or apologize. Instead, he continued to act like he was still messaging a co-worker that seemed like he was trying to ask about what his co-worker thought about some dreamcatchers someone had given him, and he was contemplating sending this gift back. By looking at the picture, it looks like a screenshot off of the internet.

I found out the hard way. I am glad to know how he honestly feels and believe this is the shared work environment of Harry’s on the Hills dealership. By having the Indian mascot up as you enter this dealership can be misleading and needs to be taken down.

This is hate! We deserve better! I pray that if you are looking to purchase a vehicle that you take time and do your homework. No one should have to go through this. I hope that you get treated decent and with respect, without having to travel further away! As a Tribe, we can unify and stand up to others trying to take advantage of us!

Sabrina Arch
Big Cove Community
First and foremost, I would like to say, “Thank you!” Everyone has been overly supportive and encouraging! Unified together we can make a difference, and I wanted to let you know that we have.

Patricia P. Grimes, one of the owners of Harry’s on the Hill, has reached out to let me know that what happened to me is not their philosophy and inconsistent with their values. They have terminated that employee and are finding a way to take down the statue.

She asked if there was anything I could think of that they can do to right this wrong. I did not know how to answer this question. I am puzzled, I do not know how to fix this but going forward because we are always doing things for our community. I told her that we have a lot of events where we give back to the community, our kids, and the elders where donations are welcome. She said she welcomes any idea and that we can send those request to the dealership to be reviewed. They have also made a public apology statement on their Facebook site.

None of this could have been accomplished without your support, love, encouragement, and passion! I sincerely want to Thank every one of you! We can make a difference when we stand together!

Sabrina Arch
Big Cove Community
Benefits/Fundraisers

Cherokee Cancer Support Group Prime Rib Dinner Fundraiser. June 9 from 5 – 7pm at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds exhibit hall. Menu: Prime rib, salad, baked potato, vegetable, rolls, tea, coffee, and water. Food will be provided by Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort. Advance tickets are on sale now. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased from any Cancer Support Group member. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. A raffle will be held every 30 minutes. Local vendors are invited to set up and sell crafts at no charge, but you must supply your own table. This event is sponsored by the Cherokee Cancer Support Group and Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort.

Church Events

Vacation Bible School. June 10-14 from 6 – 8pm nightly at Straight Fork Baptist Church. Fun and fellowship. Everyone is invited.

Vacation Bible School. June 11-16 from 6 - 8pm nightly at Waterfalls Baptist Church. The theme is “Jungle River Adventure”. Info: www.vbs.bogardpress.org

Cultural Events

Kituwah Celebration. June 22 from 6 – 8pm at Kituwah Mound. This event, sponsored by the Kituwah Preservation and Education Program, is free of charge. Food, fun, culture. Everyone is welcome.

General Events

Cherokee Bluegrass Festival. June 7-9 at Happy Holiday RV Village and Campground in Cherokee. Numerous groups performing including: The Crowe Brothers, Lorraine Jordan & Carolina Road, the Little Roy & Lizzy Show, The Inspirations, Carl Jackson, Carolina Blue, Mountain Faith, and many more. Daily ticket prices are $40 for adults in advance until May 30, then $45 at the gate. A three-day adult ticket is $90 in advance and $95 at the gate. Children ages 7-15--$15 per day or 3 days for $45 in advance and $50 at the gate. Children under 7 are free when accompanied by parents. Tickets may be ordered online at www.adamsbluegrass.com. Info: Adams Bluegrass, LLC (706) 864-7203 or Happy Holiday RV Village and Campground 497-9204

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society presentation. June 7 at 6:30pm at Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Drive in Bryson City. Scott Withrow will be presenting “Georgia Gold, The Cherokee John Martin Chambers”. Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. This event is free and open to the public. Info: www.swaingenealogy.com

Event listings are free of charge. Send your event name, date and time, location, and contact info to scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com.
Elder Abuse Awareness Walk. June 15 from 5 – 7pm at Tsali Manor. Information booths will be set-up at 5pm, registration starts at 5:30pm, walk starts right at 6pm. Free t-shirts while supplies last. Info: 359-1525

Swain Arts Center Summer Arts Camp. June 18-21. Activities will include Cherokee storytelling, arts and crafts instruction from Cherokee artisans, and field trips to significant historical and cultural sites in Swain County. Spaces available for 25 students who have completed grades 3-5. The camp is funded in part by a grant from RTCAR (Revitalization of Traditional Cherokee Artisan Resources) and the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. Registration will be open until May 19 or until the spaces are filled. There is a $25 fee for the camp. To register, www.swain.k12.nc.us. Info: Rachel Lackey. Swain Arts Center director, 488-7843, rlackey@swainmail.org

Qualla Boundary Library Summer Reading program. June 21 – July 26 (Thursday evenings) from 5:30 – 7pm at the Qualla Boundary Public Library. All school-aged children are welcome. Registration is open through June 15. Info: 359-6725

myFutureNC Listening Session. July 12 from 2 – 5pm at Cherokee Central Schools. myFutureNC, a statewide education commission focusing on educational attainment for all North Carolinians, is holding a series of listening sessions to hear from communities about what they perceive as their region’s economic strengths and identify the education opportunities that are most needed to capitalize on those strengths. This session will focus on Native perspective and will include Dr. Beverly Payne and Yona Wade from the Qualla Education Collaborative. Info and RSVP at: https://www.myfuturenc.org/listening-sessions/

Health and Sports Events
Archery at Big Y Gym. Each Tuesday at 6pm. All shooters are welcome. Deino and Allen, both certified instructors, will be assisting.


Red Earth Pow Wow. June 8-10 at Cox


Cherokee Rally for Recovery. July 26 from 3 – 7pm at Cherokee Central Schools. The tentative theme is “Healing through Healthy Communities”. There will be speakers, games, educational information, food, and music to honor those in recovery and help those working on recovery. Info: Billie Jo Rich or Lara Conner 497-6892

Upcoming Pow Wows for June 7-10
Note: This list of pow wows was compiled by One Feather staff. The One Feather does not endorse any of these dances. It is simply a listing of ones occurring throughout the continent. Please call before traveling.

9th Annual Seven Oaks Pow Wow. June 7 at Winnipeg Soccer Federation North in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. MC: CoCo Stevenson. Host Drum: Sons of the Drum. Info: Lavina Moneyas (204) 334-8417, lavina.moneyas@7oaks.org; or Shelby McNish, shelby.mcnish@7oaks.org

150th Annual White Earth Pow Wow. June 8-10 at White Earth Indian Reservation in White Earth, Minn. Info: Lew Murray (218) 261-1599


39th Annual Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Pow Wow. June 9-10 at Salem County Fairgrounds in Woodstown, NJ. MC: Edward Keith Colston. Host Drum: Mystic River. Info: Ty Ellis (856) 651-7335, tywolf23@gmail.com; or Liz Gould, lmg6887@gmail.com

44th Annual Native American Pow Wow and Craft Fair. June 9-10 at LaSalette Shrine Fairgrounds in Attleboro, Mass. Host Drum: Split Feather. Info: Barbara Brittnall (508) 680-6419, wollomonuppoag.council@yahoo.com; or Laura Demers (508) 838-4478

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

Big Cove Community Club meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the Big Cove Rec. Center. Info: Chairman Butch Hill 497-7309, Vice Chairman Joe Red Cloud 269-6130, Secretary Lavita Hill 736-3126, or Treasurer Lisa Hardesty 788-1646

Birdtown Community Club meets the last Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Birdtown Community Building. Potluck starts at 5:30pm, meeting starts at 6pm. Chairman: Stephan Watty, Vice Chairman: Kallup McCoy, Treasurer: Deb Slee. Secretary: Sasha Watty. The community building is currently not available for rent.

Paint Town Community Club meets the last Monday of each month at 5:30pm at the new 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 7pm 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 Teesatstuskie (building rental) 497-2043

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

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

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

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

Analyensgi Recovery Center weekly schedule
NOTE: All classes/groups are open to all Analyensgi clients. Support groups marked with ** are open to the community.

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

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

Wednesdays
Safety WRAP: 9-10am
Strong Hearts Women’s Group: 11am – 12pm
Healthy Boundaries: 1-2:30pm
Creative Writing: 2-3pm
**Family Support: 5-6pm
**Agape LGBT Group: 5:45-6:45pm
**HIV/AIDS/Hep C Support Group:

Cherokee One Feather

We are printing a nature insert for the July 18 issue. This will be a glossy-magazine style insert featuring the best nature photography from Cherokee tribal lands and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Submit high-resolution photos to Scott by Friday, June 29: scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com

Questions: Scott (828) 359-6263
(second and fourth Wednesdays 5:45-6:45pm)

**Thursdays**
- Life Recovery: 8:30-9:30am
- Connections (Brene’ Brown): 10:30-11:45am
- Finding Tohi (Peace/Balance): 1-2pm
- Uncle Skills Men’s Group: 3-4pm

**(Fridays**
- Creative Recovery: 9:30 am - 12pm
- Cherokee Language and Culture: 1-2:30pm
- Popcorn and a Movie: 2:30-4pm

Info: Analenisgi Recovery Center 497-6892. Times and dates may be subject to change.

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

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

Event listings are FREE of charge. Send information to Scott at scotmckie@nc-cherokee.com or message the One Feather Facebook page.

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FOR SALE by owners. Family owned/operated campground, established in 1965. Located on the banks of Soco Creek on the Cherokee Indian Reservation, Cherokee, NC. Within walking distance of downtown Cherokee and Harrah’s Casino. Within one-two miles of most major attractions in Cherokee. On approximately 16 acres, the campground consists of 11 cabins, 11 bunkhouses, and 33 campsites, including 23 FHU sites. Serious inquiries call 828-736-2765 for an appointment. Cherokee Campground and Craig’s Cabins. Must be an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. 6/21pd

Going out of business sale. Cloud 9 Mattress in Waynesville. Closing the store due to health issues. Only cost to you is take over lease and purchase my new heating and AC unit that was just installed at $2,500. I will train you and help you set everything up for free. (828) 246-0455. 6/7

OWN YOUR OWN FOOD BUSINESS - “Hot Diggity Dog”. An easy-to-operate Health Department-approved Food Cart. All equipment, paper supplies, signing, secret recipe, suppliers, marketing recommendations, and training included. Minimum bid $4,500. Call Robbie at 404-229-2044. 6/7

For Sale – three new violins - black, brown, white, new case/bow/4x4 $80each. One new crossbow, Barnet Ghost (350 ft. per second) Quiver scope – 3volt/3broadhead, thumb hold stock. $350. (828)341-5552. 6/14

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Law Office of Shira Hedgepeth, Tribal Legal Advocate, For representation, call (828) 585-5044 or email shira@legal-decisions.com. Find us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/legaldecisions. 6/7pd

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June 8th -9th, 50 Bryson St. Bryson City. Chop saw, Rad. saw and compound miter saws and slider, Generator, various tools, antiques, knives, rocking chairs, 20ft. extension ladder, electric wheel chair and much more.
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Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

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- Cherokee Language Instructor (Multiple Positions) - Must have an Associate's Degree.
- Full Time Custodian - Must have high school diploma/GED.
- 4 Hour Food Service Worker (Multiple positions) - Must have high school diploma/GED.
- IT System Administrator - Must have Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems or equivalent related field. Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP) certification preferred. With three or more years in experience in Windows Server systems administration, including one year of supervisory experience and knowledge of education environments.
- Cultural Program Coordinator - Master's degree preferred; Bachelor's degree required in Business or office related field. Work experience in business office management or organization and related technical skills areas. Must have experience with budgets and grant writing. Must be social when dealing with the community. Experience with Cherokee Language and culture preferred.
- School Psychologist - Minimum requirement of a Master's Degree in psychology and have at least three year's experience working in a school setting. Must hold state license to practice school psychology.
- Middle School Math Teacher - Must have valid NC Teaching license.
- Middle/High School Special Education Teacher (Pathseekers) - Must have valid NC Teaching license.
- Middle School Special Education Teacher (Dreamcatchers-Autism Class) - Must have valid NC Teaching license.

Applicants who have retired from SBCI or other affiliated entities must wait a period of 6 months before applying for employment. Applicants who have accepted the Early Retirement Incentive Plan (ERIP) from SBCI or affiliated entities must wait 3 years before applying for employment.

The ABC's of submitting letters, press releases and articles to the Cherokee One Feather for publication.

Advertisements are not articles. If you are selling something in the body of your submission, you will be asked to pay our advertising rates. Your articles should be about a public service or be at least related to community members.

Brief is better. We want your reader to be engaged and interested in what you are saying. Our 250-word limit is not to keep you from speaking your mind. It is to ensure that you communicate in a way that will capture even the shortest of attention spans.

Cherokee-centric is the ticket! Your material should take into account who the Cherokee One Feather audience is and be relatable for them. If you value them with your words, our community will value what you write.

The Cherokee One Feather wants to be your voice and your source for information relevant to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and those who are interested in our culture, history, and lifestyle. We love sharing your opinions, views, and public service information. Please submit your letters, releases, and articles to Robert Jumper, One Feather Editor, at robjumper@nc-cherokee.com or bring them by our offices at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. To send them via snail mail, our address is PO Box 501, Cherokee, NC 28719. Happy writing!
EMLOYMENT

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:
- Targeted Case Manager – Family Safety
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- Master Level Therapist - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center
- Dental Assistant II
- Registered Nurse Supervisor – Tsali Care Center
- EVS Specialist
- To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close June 14, 2018 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. 6/14pd

LEGAL NOTICES

In the Matter of the Estate of Wallace Monroe Rogers
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Barbara A. George, 57 Screamer Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. 6/7pd

In the Matter of the Estate of Linda Sue Smith Raby
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Joan Smith Henry, P.O. Box 86, Cherokee, NC 28719. 6/14pd

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Landscaping RFP Cherokee Central Business District
In an effort to provide a more
appealing and beautiful appearance in Cherokee Business District to the general public, the PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM seeks to provide services to maintain landscaping services. The PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM is requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide Landscaping services in the Cherokee Central Business District and all associated work. The selected Firm shall be required to follow any and all requirements of the Tribe including the Tribe’s Employment Rights Office (TERO).

For a copy of the RFP, contact Polly Castorena, 828-359-6530 or Justin French, 736-1266. 6/7pd

NOTICE OF CEDS PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

The EBCI Tribal Planning Board in conjunction with the Tribal Planning Office has completed a draft of the 2018 EBCI Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The Document will be available in the Cherokee Business Development Office, Suite 137 of the Ginger Lynn Welch Center, from 7:45 AM – 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, May 24 – June 23, 2018.

If you are unable to review the document in person, you may access it, review, and make comments through the following website: https://www.ebci.com.

If you have questions or comments, please contact either of the following at the Tribal Planning Office:
Doug Cole, Phone 828-359-6709, email dougcole@nc-cherokee.com
Kim Deas, Phone 828-359-6707, email kimdeas@nc-cherokee.com 6/7pd

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Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources

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(phone 828-359-6260)
AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT is requesting sealed bids/ Qualification proposals from qualified consulting firms. The deadline for submitting Proposals will be June 18th @ 4:00 PM.

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 work solicited through this advertisement.

You may request the full RFP from the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Joseph Owle @ (828)359-6260. 6/14pd

Requests for Proposals
Internal Audit Services
(OIA-18-003)

The Office of Internal Audit and Ethics of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is requesting proposals from experienced individuals, firms or groups to provide Internal Audit Services in accordance with The Institute of Internal Auditors’ International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing. The RFP package may be requested by contacting Rebecca Claxton, Audit Manager at 828-359-6769 or reclax@nc-cherokee.com. Proposals must be received on or before June 15, 2018. 6/7pd

Requests for Proposals
Roadway Paving Projects:

“CDOT RB- 2018”

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting sealed proposals (NCDOT Qualified Contractors only) for paving of multiple roadways located upon the Qualla Boundary. Bid Proposal Deadline is June 19, 2018 at 10am.

Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules and regulations shall apply to the procurement and performance of any work awarded pursuant to this advertisement.

You may request the full Request for Proposal through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact CDOT at (828)-554-6530 or 828-359-6532. 6/14pd

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