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Five issues discussed at Town Hall Meeting

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Following the recent passage of legislation to hold bi-annual Town Hall Meetings for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the first such event was held on the evening of Tuesday, May 15 at The Gathering Place on the campus of Cherokee Central Schools. Five issues were discussed during the event by tribal leaders, officials, and members including: alcohol referendum, large projects of the Tribe specifically the proposed Adventure Park, the upcoming Crisis Stabilization Unit at the Cherokee Indian Hospital, the use of the old Cherokee High School site, and the proposed EBCI Constitution.

Alcohol Referendum

Denise Ballard, EBCI Election Board chairperson, commented, “There is only one question. ‘To allow ABC permits to be issued to allow retail sales of alcoholic beverage on tribal trust land at a tribally-owned package store and ABC store.’ Now, the Election Board interpreted this to mean that it would be on tribal land, one store separated so there’s two entrances – one for spirits, wine, alcohol, hard liquor…and a package store for beer.”

She noted that the referendum is scheduled on Thursday, May 31 with the polls being open 6am – 6pm. “This will be a hand count. We’re not using any machines. It will be hand-counted at each polling location at the end of the day after 6pm.”

Ballard added, “There seems to be a lot of questions out in the community. I hope all of the Council members have certainly gone to their communities and tried to explain this more. We got the question from Tribal Council. The Election Board did not come up with this question.”

Peggy Hill, Yellowhill Community, stated, “As I read and understand this, the Tribe will own it, but it doesn’t necessarily mean the Tribe will operate it. It could be contracted out for management.”

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed answered, “The intent is just that – it would be tribal-owned. As far as the details of who operates it, the TABCC would operate a package store at this time...that would be up to the TABCC at that point.”

On the referendum question itself, he went on to state, “The language in there is confusing enough I think; to put in there all these other details would only confuse the issue further. It would be tribally-owned, and the profit would go to the Tribe.”

He said the point of limiting the referendum question to only a tribally-owned ABC/package store was to ease into the process. “The intent was we didn’t believe there would be widespread support for just across-the-board, everything-all-at-once, and I don’t think anybody in the community wants to see, certainly I don’t want to see, bars on every corner...”

Adventure Park

Paula Wojtkowski, EBCI Secretary of Commerce, said, “The Commerce Department has, for a number of years, done a lot of work to get the proposal to the point where it is today which is the Tribe has approved $180 million for the Adventure Park project.”

She noted that another presentation on the project is forthcoming. “If you think about our entire Destination Marketing strategy, the cornerstone of that strategy is, of course, our cultural amenities and our cultural attractions. But, in addition to that we need additional things to attract what used to be our traditional demographic to Cherokee. It’s been a little over-shadowed by gaming for these last 15 years or so. So, we’re working diligently to come up with plans and put them into place for long-term viability and return of the regional leisure tourist which the Adventure Park does target very specifically that regional leisure tourist.”

Mary Jane Ferguson, Painttown Community, asked, “Have the numbers, the demographics,
be updated? Because you’re now competing with Charlotte who has a white water park and white water rafting, Pigeon Forge who has several, and on WLOS news last night, there was an announcement that Ghost Town was going to be reactivated by some former Disney executives. That brings to my mind, are you satisfied with your numbers? Have you updated your numbers? One-hundred and eighty (180) million dollars is a lot to invest, and all around our region people are begging for help. So, do we have the workforce to sustain this endeavor and how large is it going to be? I want to see things move forward here as well, but I just want to make sure that’s going to be a viable economic driver for not only Cherokee, but for our region.”

Wojtkowski said the feasibility and marketing study has been updated within the last six months with new numbers. “With regards to the concerns about workforce, I think we all share those concerns. We’re very lucky, in some regards, to have a low unemployment rate right now. But, the flip side to that is anytime you expand, you’re going to have to account for that.”

Chief Sneed, in addressing the workforce issue, said that Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort has a high turnover, sometimes 40 percent or more for some quarters, in some front-line jobs, specifically food and beverage jobs which pay in the $10 - $14 an hour range.

“One of the biggest drivers in that turnover is that lack of affordable workforce housing,” he said. “So, when I talk with governmental leaders in the surrounding counties, they’re all facing the same issue. Real estate prices are to the point where people working $10 to $14 an hour jobs can’t afford the housing. So, in traveling around to the different community clubs, I’ve said, the Tribe is going to have to invest in workforce housing. Now, we will get a return on investment if we build apartment complexes off-Boundary specifically for workforce housing.”

Hospital Expansion/ Crisis Stabilization Unit

Casey Cooper, Cherokee Indian Hospital chief executive officer, said the Crisis Stabilization Unit, which is in Phase II of the hospital’s expansion project, is a necessary piece of their Recovery Community Continuum.

“The niche that the Crisis Stabilization Unit would help us to meet is currently we don’t have a secure facility for people who are in acute psychiatric crisis or people who need acute detox services so that they can be stabilized but also have their freedoms temporarily limited, but be stabilized in a safe environment and then be transferred to a more long-term facility after that,” he said. “The entire Recovery Community Continuum was a vision that was co-developed with Analenisgi, the Healing and Wellness Coalition, tribal leadership, and a number of community stakeholder groups. It was decided that if we really wanted to advance sobriety and we really wanted to help and come from a position of treatment for this community, that we needed an entire continuum of services, that there wasn’t just one solution.”

He also discussed other Phase II projects. “The entire bottom floor, underneath the Crisis Stabilization Unit, is planned so we can take all of Analenisgi and our community-based services and move them onto the campus. It’s very desirable to have the Behavioral Health staff co-located on the campus in a contiguous facility... there’s been a lot of concern about the number of offices that are in Phase II. I think the current number is around 47 offices in Phase II. Part of the reason for that is we have a lot of staff that are currently officed in the old hospital. We have to tear down two-thirds of the old hospital. They have to be relocated. We have to construct new offices.”

For the project, Cooper said, “We’re ready to go. If its determined that this is still a priority for tribal leadership, we are ready...most of the schematic design is done. We’re still tweaking the budget. As a matter of fact, on our original project, we were originally scheduled to start demolition this month.”

He said they are hoping to start in August, and he is concerned about delays to that plan. “Delays in a decision are surely going to result in price escalation, as the economy is revving up. As there is a lot of construction going on, we’re seeing pricing going up. So, there would definitely be escalation in the project. The other thing that concerns us about delay is if we end up being behind the retail development (project) at the casino, we’re really going to be struggling for workforce, good, high quality workers, contractors, and so it’s going to create a real resource constraint on the project.”

Old Cherokee High School site

Chief Sneed started the discussion by explaining the need for the demolition of the old high school which occurred last fall. “We were spending approximately $600,000 a year keeping the lights and the HVAC going on the building, that if we did anything to it when you look at the cost of remodeling and bringing it up to code, it was going to cost more than it would to demo it and build something back that was more efficient, that met our needs.”

He said that an intensive archaeological survey would have to be completed prior to any projects being constructed at the site.

Wojtkowski spoke on the idea of having a one-stop shop for all tribal programs built at the site. “If you think about it, from purely a customer’s standpoint, with the customer being us as individual tribal members, when we go to get services from the Tribe, oftentimes we’re running all over town because we don’t have one centralized location.”

She said most of the Tribe’s administrative functions could be housed in one place. “The second benefit of having a centralized campus is being able to recapture some of that real estate where we’re currently located all over the Boundary. We’ll be able to turn that into a revenue generator, via lease, for the Tribe.”

Chief Sneed said that is one idea, but it’s not a solid plan, and he related there is not a solid plan in place at the moment – just ideas. “The concern I would have with centralizing the administration there, and certainly it’s a good location, is it’s also a prime commercial location. Even though we have probably the most outstanding revenue stream anywhere in the country as far as the amount of revenue our two casinos properties generate, the size and scope of this government and the programs that we have are currently consuming 88 percent of that revenue annually.”

He did state that the budget he plans to put forth for consideration for Fiscal Year 2019 will see TOWN HALL next page
only consume 80 percent of that revenue, and he plans to cut that each year going forward.

“We’re trying to be a leaner government, a more efficient government, and certainly more fiscally-responsible with the revenue that we have.”

Chief Sneed said revenue diversification is greatly needed. “The fact still remains that we have yet to diversify, and everybody’s talked about it for 10 to 15 years now. So, we have one revenue stream that we rely on and that’s the casino. So, we have to start looking at these parcels of land, and that is a tremendous parcel that has great revenue-earning potential.”

Terry Taylor, Birdtown Community, commented, “I agree that that’s prime property for tourism. When you go through downtown Cherokee, you see the same thing and you’ve seen it for the past 30 years. When you go to Bryson City or Sylva or Waynesville, those people have a vested interest in their business, and they are very versatile and they’re busy.”

Speaking of the trend for some businesses in Cherokee to close during the tourism off-season, she noted, “In the wintertime, you can’t go anywhere and sit down and eat unless it’s at the casino or unless it’s a fast food restaurant. I think growth is good. Times have changed. Minds have changed. People have grown, and the casino, I’m very grateful for it, but we have got to find something else to bring money in.”

Chief Sneed pointed to the recently-approved Tribal LLC (Kituwah Economic Development) and said, “That is economic diversification. Growth is good, but the reality is we can’t continue to build here. We just don’t have the buildable land base. So, there are opportunities off-Boundary. There are opportunities off-shore.”

He said the Poarch Band of Creek Indians in Alabama own resorts in Bermuda and Aruba as well as other properties and businesses around the United States. “One of the ideas that has to get through to the general public is that economic diversification doesn’t mean that we always build something here. It could be just investment. It could be endowments. There are a plethora of things that we can be doing rather than trying to build on property that is very expensive to build on. There are so many hoops that we have to jump through to do anything with our own land here that it drives the cost of production up. There was a study done, probably 15 years ago, and this is the most expensive place in the state of North Carolina to build per square foot. That hasn’t changed, and I don’t think that it ever will change...”

Mary Wachacha, Yellowhill Community, said, “If this Tribe had more foresight, and it’s got a lot of hindsight, the day the middle school and the high school moved out of that building, the Tribe would have moved in right then. That building should have never been allowed to deteriorate. We don’t have that kind of money to build a new building. I agreed back then, in the Hicks administration, it would have been a great central location for tribal business.”

She agreed with Taylor’s point saying of the businesses in downtown Cherokee, “A lot of them are shuttered and closed! Why do we let them do that? But, when you go in those buildings, the businesses, the owners have literally let them fall apart. There is no money being put by tribal members back into those businesses downtown.”

**EBCI Tribal Constitution**

Lloyd Arneach Jr., a member of the volunteer EBCI Constitution Committee, said their group has been working on the current proposed draft of the constitution for a little over a year. He said they have set up a website, www.sgadugi.org, where people can read the current draft, and he noted that the committee meetings, held each Monday from 6 – 8pm at the Shawn Blanton EOC building, are open to all tribal members.

“I advise people to go out and take a look at it on the website, or if you don’t have a computer at home, go to the Qualla Library and use their public access terminals there. They also have copies printed to give out,” he noted. “Right now is the time to get input. We need people to look at it and have some thought and feedback while it’s still in a draft form.”

Arneach said the Committee hopes to have a final draft finished by the end of June to be able to present to Tribal Council during their regular session in July.

Vice Chief B. Ensley thanked the Committee for their work and said, “I feel like if we put the one document out and it gets voted down, it just goes dormant for another 5 to 10 years before another group comes along and picks it up. I just think we need to put it out in sections.”

Arneach said the Committee has thought about going that route and has discussed it. “The problem is that because we have an unbalanced government currently, with the current Charter and Governing Document that only lays out the Executive Office and the Legislative Office, how do you introduce the Judicial without balancing the powers of the other two? It would be kind of difficult to do this in sections because it’s so integrated in what it does.”

He added, “We understand this is not going to be the right answer for everyone. This is not going to be the perfect document for everyone. Not everyone is going to be able to agree on the entire document. What we’re asking for is to understand that this is a living document. This is going to be a framework, a foundation for our government. This is how we move forward and progress.”

Chief Sneed commented, “The purpose of a constitution is just that – it is saying this is what constitutes our government, and it outlines the rights of the individual and places constraints upon the government. It has to come from the people. It comes from the governed, not the government.”

Bo Lossiah, a member of the Committee, read the draft Preamble in the Cherokee language and spoke of the importance of the document. “It means something to the heart that we can hold onto our sovereignty. You can talk about the United States Constitution. We need to have our own. It needs to be ours.”

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FRIDAY, MAY 25
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Tribal Council launched an investigation in January following a settlement payout to seven former employees of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. That investigation is now complete and has found there was no wrongdoing by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed in the settlement process, and Tribal Council has committed to writing tribal law dealing with how lawsuit settlements are handled in the future.

The settlement, totaling $698,000, was paid to end a wrongful termination lawsuit (Blankenship, et. al. v. Lambert) filed in Cherokee Tribal Court in December 2015. The investigation, conducted by Elite Private Investigations from Hendersonville, started after Tribal Council approved Res. No. 92 (2018) during its regular session on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018. The resolution stated in part, “Tribal Council requests an outside entity to conduct an investigation to ensure Chief Sneed complied with policies, plans, procedures, law, and regulations regarding the Blankenship and others v. Lambert settlement.”

For their services on the investigation, Elite Private Investigations was paid $13,188.70.

“I appreciate being exonerated of any wrongdoing in this,” said Chief Sneed. “I had guidance from the Attorney General’s Office. There is just no law, and I appreciate the fact that Tribal Council is going to go to create a process and law which is what I have encouraged all along. There needs to be a process and law, and that is what the legislative body is tasked with doing. I am very encouraged, according to the statement that they’ve released, that they’re going to do that because as it stands right now, tribal law is silent on how settlements are handled.”

Carolyn West, Tribal Council’s legal counsel, wrote in a release to the One Feather on Tuesday, May 15, “As the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians continues to move forward, the Tribal Council reviewed the findings of the settlement investigation. The investigation showed a need for a settlement policy. This is due to the fact no settlement process is the same each time. In the coming months, Tribal Council will submit legislation to correct this issue.”

The release noted that the settlement payouts came from the Tribe’s Lawsuit Settlement line item. “There were two check dates because of a calculation error by the insurance company. November 30, 2017 and December 7, 2017. No individuals were paid. The check was cut to the law firm who represented them, Carpenter, Guy & Arnold, PLLC.”

The release went on to state, “Prior settlement procedures were different. Some settlements had a Tribal Council authorization resolution prior to payment and some did not. The settlement investigation answered the questions presented in Resolution No. 92 (2018).”

The Cherokee Supreme Court, in July 2017, advised the parties to seek mediation. Following that mediation, an original settlement was filed in Tribal Court on Oct. 9, 2017 that called for the plaintiffs to split $525,000. On Nov. 6, 2017, a new settlement was filed with the amount being $698,000.

In a report to the One Feather on Dec. 15, 2017, Chief Sneed wrote, “The settlement of the lawsuit was reached after a formal mediation conducted by a neutral third-party attorney/mediator. The mediation was attended by the parties and their attorneys, including the attorney for the Tribe’s insurer. Patrick Lambert and his attorney W. Scott Jones were invited to participate in the mediation but chose not to.”

He went on to state in part, “I authorized the settlement after weighing the risks, costs and discord that come with continued litigation. Among other things, I determined that in view of the recent upheaval in tribal government, the best approach was to promote unity and healing within the Tribe and to settle the lawsuit.”
POPPY DAY: As members of the American Legion Auxiliary Steve Youngdeer Post 143 and Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley (seated right) look on, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed (seated left) signs a Proclamation in the Executive Office on the morning of Friday, May 18 designating Friday, May 25, 2018 as National Poppy Day for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The document, which was also signed by Vice Chief Ensley, states: WHEREAS, at the end of World War I, the American Legion adopted the poppy as a symbol of freedom and the blood sacrificed by soldiers during wartime; and WHEREAS, poppies are worn and displayed as a symbolic tribute to our fallen and the future living veterans and service members; and WHEREAS, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, in conjunction with American Legion Auxiliary Post 143, wishes to recognize those men and women who have fought and died in service to our country; and WHEREAS, wearing a poppy will unite citizens from across the country who decide to show their patriotism. NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Sneed, Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and I, Alan B. Ensley, Vice Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, do hereby declare May 25, 2018 as: National Poppy Day.
Sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance. The collective consciousness of all who love our country is acutely aware of the loss of our fellow citizens during wartime. On this day, each year, we remember.

The freedoms that we take for granted were paid for by the lives of others few of us know. On Memorial Day, we honor them all and offer our deep and profound gratitude for their service so nobly done and for their sacrifice. By honoring them we preserve their memory and mourn their loss.

In many cases, these men and women are unknown except to their loved ones. They made the greatest sacrifice possible, giving one’s life that others may live in freedom.

They did not choose where they served or what foreign policy they enforced. The death of any one of them is a loss to us all.

On this Memorial Day, pause for a few minutes of personal reflection. Attend a commemorative ceremony. Place a flag on a gravesite. Take part in a patriotic program. Do your part. They did theirs.

For this one day each year, our county pauses to remember our brothers and sisters who gave their lives in military service. Our history is filled with their heroism, their idealism, and their loss. They gave all their tomorrows to ensure that ours would be free.

Generations of Americans have been inspired by their heroic actions in support of our great country. There is nothing more powerful or reverential than walking in a veterans’ memorial park among the white crosses and reflecting on the courage and sacrifice of our fallen warriors. We grieve for the sadness, the feelings of pain and loss in their families. May we never take for granted the blessings of freedom. And, may we never again sacrifice one warrior, not one, in some politician’s trumped-up cause so the painful memories of Memorial Day will be healed and our hearts can again be lifted up in love, peace, joy, and forgiveness.

We do not honor those who lie beneath our soil when we reply with accommodation to those who would have us turn on each other. Our country has been blessed by their sacrifices. We, as a nation, must not dishonor them now in our hearts with hate.

On this day and every day, as we remember the names of the fallen, and honor their memories, let us renew our commitment to them and to each other. God bless our country and God bless those who gave so much to pass the torch of freedom.

At this year’s service on Monday, May 28, at 11 am, the Yellowhill Veterans Memorial Cemetery will be decorated to honor the fallen. A bell of remembrance will toll to honor each Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians service member who did not return. Freedom comes at a price and that price is very high. For those of us that remain, it is our duty to ensure that all those men and women, past and present are honored for their service.

On Memorial Day, at 3 pm local time, please join your fellow Americans in observing 60 seconds of silence. This National Moment of Remembrance honors U.S. service members the world over, who gave their lives in the line of duty. Thank you.

Harding is the Commander of the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143.

WREATH: Maj. William Underwood and SFC Clifford Long, both U.S. Army veterans, prepare to lay a wreath during last year’s Memorial Day observance at the Yellowhill Veterans Cemetery. This year’s event is scheduled for Monday, May 28 at 11 am at the same location.
Hemp Public Forum. May 29 from 6 – 8pm at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds exhibit hall. This event is being hosted by Wolftown Rep. Jeremy Wilson. Below is his statement on the event:

“I have been working with a group out of Canada called Wahupta Ventures. They are a corporation in Canada. They have offices located in Winnipeg Manitoba, Burnaby British Columbia, and Las Vegas, Nev.

Wahupta specializes in Hemp/CBD. They work with indigenous communities to find opportunities to meet their specific social and economical goals while also honoring traditional values to addressing current conditions in the individual communities themselves.

The reason I am holding a public forum on hemp, is to give people the opportunity to learn about what hemp actually is. There is a stigma about Cannabis, and many people think that hemp is marijuana, and that is simply not true. You cannot get high on hemp. Hemp only contains less than 0.3 percent THC, and can contain up to 60x the concentration of CBD (Cannabidiol)

CBD is legal, and there are great opportunities the Tribe can benefit from if we decide to go this route. As everyone knows, we have a major drug problem here, and we have major chronic illness problems. We have issues with diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure, anxiety, PTSD, inflammation, etc. CBD extracted from hemp can be therapeutic for all of these, and without any worry of the high. CBD can even play a major role for cancer patients, and for anyone who seeks to quit smoking.

While although CBD can play a major role medicinally, it has a major role economically as well. Hemp can be used for food, industrial textiles and products, building materials, hygiene, paper, and plays a role in environmental cleanliness.

It’s time for our Tribe to move forward, diversify economically, and it’s time we take real action on our chronic illness and drug problems. By holding this education forum, and having this group present, it will give our people an opportunity to learn about a potential great opportunity for our Tribe and people.

This group will comprise of the President & CEO Warren Cudney; Sam Anderson, a member of the Dauphin River First Nation; and Super Bowl Champion Darnell Dinkins, a former NFL player who played for the New Orleans Saints.
CIPD Arrest Report for May 7-14

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.

Montelongo Jr., David – age 39
Arrested: May 7
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Probation Violation

Bigmeat, Chandra Gay – age 41
Arrested: May 8
Released: May 9
Charges: Larceny

Taylor, Edward Dwayne – age 30
Arrested: May 8
Released: May 8
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Daniel, Kristian Hope – age 25
Arrested: May 9
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor (two counts)

Gould, Kenneth – age 34
Arrested: May 9
Released: May 9
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Brady, David Samuel – age 41
Arrested: May 10
Released: May 10
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Taylor, Edward Dwayne – age 30
Arrested: May 8
Released: May 8
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Badillo, Paul Whitewolfe – age 24
Arrested: May 11
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Hernandez, Angel Gabrielle Solano – age 29
Arrested: May 11
Released: May 11
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Kirkland, Christopher Paul – age 32
Arrested: May 11
Released: May 11
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Taylor, Heather Lee – age 29
Arrested: May 11
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Larceny (two counts)

Toineeta, Taryn – age 30
Arrested: May 11
Released: May 11
Charges: Unauthorized use of a Vehicle

Saunooke, Brittany Cheyenne – age 24
Arrested: May 12
Released: May 12
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Larceny

Toineeta, James – age 59
Arrested: May 12
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Kidnapping, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Bowman, Walker Lee – age 39
Arrested: May 13
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Assault with a Deadly Weapon on Law Enforcement Officer; Aggravated Weapons Offense; Possession with intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance; Simple Possession Schedule III Controlled Substance

Rattler, Allen James – age 50
Arrested: May 13
Released: May 13
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Arkansas, Crystal – age 35
Arrested: May 14
Released: May 14
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

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HOUSING UPDATE

HIGHWAY 19: This photo, taken last week, shows the progress at the site of the new Highway 19 Apartment Complex. When completed, the Complex will have 60 units including 12 two-bedroom units, 32 three-bedroom units, and 16 four-bedroom units.

FISHER BRANCH: This photo, taken last week, shows the progress at the site of the new Fisher Branch Housing project. When finished, it will include two duplex units. Each individual unit will be three bedrooms.
FOOTBALL

Paul signs with Guilford College football

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

RYSON CITY - Will Paul, an EBCI tribal member and senior at Swain County High School, signed a letter of intent on the afternoon of Thursday, May 17 to play football this fall at Guilford College in Greensboro. He is set to play on the defensive line for the Quakers, a Division III school that competes in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

"When I was younger, it was something that I never expected," said Paul. "I’ve always tried to stay as modest as possible, and I never saw myself competing at the next level or being able to or being offered to, but it’s just an opportunity that I think I'll not regret."

This past football season, Paul had 87 total tackles for the Maroon Devils including a fumble recovery for a touchdown and two blocked kicks. He was named to the All-Smoky Mountain Conference team as well as the second team of the All-WNC team. He is a three-year starter for Swain County having played on both the defensive and offensive lines.

Paul said he is looking forward to just playing defense at the next level. "I’ve always enjoyed defense more. I enjoyed being the one to hunt instead of the one to protect. Defense is more fun to me. You can be more aggressive. You can use physical advantages more than on offense."

Also a wrestler, Paul won the 1A state championship at 220lbs. He finished the season 23-4 overall and was named to both the All-Smoky Mountain Conference team and the All-WNC team. When asked about his decision to play football in college as opposed to wrestling, he noted, "Wrestling at the next level is intense. I wrestled at the 220lb weight class which is not a weight class in college. If I wanted to compete well in college, I would have had to have dropped to 197lbs, and I didn’t look forward to that. And, I thought the state championship, the finals match, was a good way to end my career."

Neil Blankenship, Swain head football coach, commented, "We wish you the best of luck and congratulations to the parents on that feat. My favorite time of year is to see how many folks graduate. It’s a time to celebrate."

Bill Paul, Will’s father, said, "I’m happy for him. This is a chance for him to grow up, mature, and actually have fun doing what he’s doing while attaining his goal. He wants to be a physical therapist in the sports medicine field, and this is one way to get it. Plus, he misses hitting people, and as a defensive person, he’ll be doing that. I’m pretty happy for him."

Will’s mother, Florence, noted, "It’s really exciting. It’s awesome. I’m excited for him, and this way I can go watch him play and that’ll be great."

NEXT LEVEL: Will Paul (center), an EBCI tribal member and senior at Swain County High School, signs a letter of intent on the afternoon of Thursday, May 17 to play football this fall at Guilford College. He is shown with his parents, Florence and Bill Paul.
GREENSBORO – Several members of the Cherokee High School track and field team placed at the 1A State Championship meet held on Sunday, May 20 at N.C. A&T State University in Greensboro. The meet was delayed two days following severe weather on Friday.

Isaiah Evans placed second in the boys discus throw with a distance of 138-7, and Joaquin Layno placed fourth in the event with a throw of 131-7.

Hallah Panther placed fourth in the girls pole vault with a jump of 9-0. Cade Mintz placed ninth in the boys event with a jump of 10-6.

Cherokee entered two relay teams in Sunday’s meet including: 4x100M team which placed 14th with a time of 46.52 and the 4x800M team which placed ninth with a time of 8:54.13.

Other Smoky Mountain Conference top four finishers included:
- Abe Christensen (Andrews), third place boys discus throw, 133-11; second place boys shot put, 47-10.25
- Micah Anderson (Hiwassee Dam, fourth place boys long jump, 20-3
- Murphy girls 4x100M relay team, first place, 51.04
- Murphy girls 4x400M relay team, second place, 4:11.14
- Murphy girls 4x800M relay team, second place, 10:24.45
- Peyton Wood (Murphy), fourth place girls 300M hurdles, 47.66
- Sarah Pullium (Murphy), first place girls discus throw, 121-10
- Carly Hopkins (Murphy), third place girls shot put, 37-9.5
- DeAndre Jackson (Murphy, second place boys 110M hurdles, 15.45
- Eric Barnett (Robbinsville), fourth place boys high jump, 5-10
- Monica Riordan (Swain County), fourth place girls 100M hurdles, 16.44
- Swain County girls 4x800M relay team, 10:44.08
- Tanner Wiggins (Swain Co.), third place boys pole vault, 13-0

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**COMMUNITY**

The eye of an artist

Tribal member gaining attention as photographer

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

Madison Hye Long sees life as art and her camera is her paint. The EBCI tribal member is gaining international attention as a photographer having had her work featured in a recent New York Times article entitled “Native American Photographers Unite to Challenge Inaccurate Narratives” (https://www.ny-times.com/2018/05/01/lens/native-american-photographers-unite-to-challenge-inaccurate-narratives.html).

The article came about through her recent involvement in an online database called Natives Photograph which includes the work of 26 Native American photographers. “They built the website for us to be recruits for editorials for big magazines,” Long said.

The New York Times article was a launching of sorts for Natives Photograph, but Long says the interest in Native American photographers began at the recent Standing Rock NoDAPL protests. “Now, everybody is getting very involved in Native American culture and aboriginals in general. So, they built the site, and I was a lucky one!”

Long said the Travel Channel reached out to her several months ago. “They’re wanting me to cover western North Carolina. They got some of my night photos, and they’re going to be featuring an article based in the Appalachian area.”

Having grown up on the Qualla Boundary, aka Cherokee Indian Reservation, Long said she uses her life experiences in her work. “I take a lot of it with me. I know where I’m from, and I make sure I always add in some sort of it. Just the Rez in general is a personality, and I always put that in every bit of my work. But, I am a lot different than everybody here, that’s for sure, and I think that’s good. Differentiality is super-good. I always know who I am and just who I want to be.”

Working hard is a part of her everyday life. “Staying driven is what you need.”

Next month, she’s moving back to California to continue her education as she is majoring in photography at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco.

“I’m on a fine line between documentary and fine art — always on that fine line,” noted Long. “Because, when you shoot a Native American or you shoot something cultural, that is like a documentation. But, I always...
like to add art in there to make it attractive, make it stand out, and create a narrative. That’s what I always shoot for is creating narratives that people can get something from instead of just looking at it and saying ‘oh, that’s pretty’. They think about it.”

For Long, photography should convey a message. “I hope to make some sort of impact.”

A project she’s currently working on with Dylan Rose, dealing with substance abuse on the reservation, is one she hopes will make a large impact. “I want to create something so intense to get some awareness because it’s obvious that what we’re doing now is not working. Art inspires, always.”

Long, who will give the upcoming commencement speech at the Cherokee Middle School 8th grade graduation, believes in dreams. “If you like something, chase it and don’t let anything stop you. Always use your resources.”

She said that in order to chase your dreams, you have to go out and get it...sometimes, you have to literally climb a mountain. “I hike. To get these pictures, you’ve got to hike and drive, and that’s the best part is just getting out and getting off of your phone. Getting off of social media. Whenever you’re off and away from the media, you find yourself. You experience more. You learn more, and you have more fun.”

Long is shooting high for her career. “I’ve got the Travel Channel, and I’m working with them. The next stop is NatGeo!”

She can be reached on Instagram @madison_hye.
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.

**EBCI alcohol referendum information**

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will hold a referendum on Thursday, May 31. The question asked will be: “To allow ABC permits to be issued to allow retail sales of alcoholic beverage on Tribal trust land at a Tribal- owned package store and ABC store.” Voter registration will close on Tuesday, May 1. You may begin to request your absentee ballot immediately. Absentee requests will be accepted through Wednesday, May 16. Absentee ballots must be received by the EBCI Board of Elections no later than Monday, May 21 at 4pm. Info: Board of Elections 359-6361

- EBCI Board of Elections

**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

**Eastern Band Community Foundation announces Bill Taylor Scholarship**

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

Awards are based on students meeting various eligibility requirements detailed on the NCCF website www.nccommunityfoundation.org. Applications can also be downloaded on this site under “Qualla Reservation”. For further information contact Norma Moss at normahmoss@gmail.com

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

- Eastern Band Community Foundation

**Right Path Adult Leadership Program accepting nominations**

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
EBCI Education & Training Program has updated its guidelines

Some changes are:
- Flexibility to use the full 126 hrs. allotted for an undergraduate degree
- The Education dept. will use the students cumulative GPA for the 2.0 requirement rather than semester GPA.
- As long as your GPA stays above 2.0, you are only required to reimburse for grades below a 1.00.
- Graduate students have the option to pursue an additional Master’s Degree or apply for a Doctorate Degree.
- Scholarship requirement has decreased from three to only two applications
- Parking fees and commuter funds are no longer funded by the Education Department.

For further information about the guidelines and responsibilities, you can find a copy at www.tsalagied.com.

- EBCI Education & Training Program

What is Poppy Day?

Soon you will see the Auxiliary of the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 with red paper ‘poppies’ at various locations throughout Cherokee. The use of the poppy as a symbol on Memorial Day and Veterans Day derived from its symbolism in the poem “In Flanders Fields” by John McCrae. These poppies bloomed across some of the worst battlefields of Flanders in World War I, their brilliant red color an appropriate symbol for the blood spilt in the war.

Why are poppies often sold to raise money for veterans and their windows on Memorial and Veterans Day?

Poppies grew wild in the fields in Flanders, where many of the battles of World War I took place. They particularly proliferated after the battles were over, the soil churned up, and the area fertilized with the blood of thousands. For this reason, they are a significant link with war veterans. It is fitting that they be sold to raise funds for the veterans of any conflict, or their widows and families, who need help.

Today, the American Legion Auxiliary distributes crepe-paper poppies in exchange for donations around Memorial Day and Veterans Day to assist military veterans and their families. “We hope that when you see these Auxiliary members with poppies that you will be inclined to take a poppy in remembrance of our veterans and make a small donation for the poppy,” Post 143 Auxiliary officials stated.

THANK YOU LETTER

Thanks for help with benefit

Thank you to everyone who purchased a meal and played Bingo at the Benefit Fundraiser for my daughter, Myrna, on April 13 at the Painttown Recreation Center. Please accept my appreciation and gratitude. Above all, thank you to everyone who continues to remember her in prayers.

The Fundraiser was sponsored by my awesome family who has been supportive, loving, and caring since we learned of her illness.

A very special “thank you” to the cosponsors and contributors: Carla “Birdie” Pheasant, Bo and Anita Lossiah, Fred and Sally Penick, Zimmerman’s friend Esther, Zhana and Waylon Long, The Tire Shop in Governors Island, Painttown Rec. Center Staff, children of Joe and Thelma Johnson, Pat Hill, and Ann Arneach.

God bless you all and please keep me and my family in your prayers.

Myrtle Driver

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We are plugged in to our community and our social media engagement proves it. Over 23,000 readers like us enough to “like” us on Facebook. Last year, our weekly engagement was between 40K and 50K. A few things went viral, being viewed by as many as 350,000 folks! Our social media presence leads people to thenofeather.com.

We can get your product message in front of the Cherokee community. Call or email us and let us show you how to grow your business through print and web promotion affordably. Rodejum@nc-cherokee.com or 828-359-6480. Scotenchie@nc-cherokee.com or 828-359-6263. Really, all you need is One Feather.

Thanks for help with benefit
A Cherokee Gardener’s Journal

Be present

JODY BRADLEY

I took a meditation class many years ago to learn how to center myself and be present. It was a great class. I remember falling asleep a couple of times during training, but I still practice and use it more now that I’ve gotten older.

Meditation is a powerful relaxation technique. It’s about focusing on what you are feeling, seeing, hearing, and smelling. You’re not supposed to think about the future, what’s next, or what you’ve got to do next, just be present.

I’ve practiced traditional meditation and walking meditation. What’s next? I think “gardening meditation”.

Gardening is one activity that requires you to be present. It helps you center yourself and focus only on the task at hand. It requires focus and breathing, planning and prioritizing. It’s hard for your mind to wander when you’re up to your elbows in potting soil and compost. I think weeding and clearing your garden is like clearing your mind. It helps get rid of the muck and crab grass that works its way into your mind.

The cool thing about “gardening meditation” is you can do it on a morning walk or an evening work session and both yield results that you will enjoy. One of the best parts of gardening meditation is relaxing at the end of the day and enjoying the fruits of your labor. That, in itself, is a great exercise and one that I highly recommend. I also recommend meditation. It’s a great way to practice being present, which we all could do a lot more of.

PEACEFUL: Jody Bradley, whose garden is shown in this photo, says, “Gardening is one activity that requires you to be present. It helps you center yourself and focus only on the task at hand.”
OBITUARIES

Carla Francine Lossiah
Carla Francine Lossiah, 48, of the Big Cove Community in Cherokee, passed away on Saturday, May 12, 2018 unexpectedly while in her Mother’s arms.

Carla is the daughter of Jack and Ruth (Tooni) Lossiah of the Big Cove Community of Cherokee and was a member of the Straight Fork Baptist Church. She was loved by so many in the community, and although she was stricken by Cerebral Palsy she was a fighter and center of a loving family. She leaves behind many broken hearts. She will be missed.

Carla was preceded in death by a brother, John Russell Lossiah.

Carla will be taken to the Straight Fork Baptist Church for a one-day service with a visitation being held on Tuesday, May 15 from 10am – 2pm with the funeral service starting at 2pm. An immediate burial will follow in the Lossiah Cemetery next to the home near 175 Galamore Rd., Cherokee, NC. The Rev. Charles Ray Ball will officiate and the pall bearers will be Terry Holt, Albert Martin Jr., Eddie Bird, Jerry Taylor, and friends among the Big Cove Free Labor and Tribal Construction groups.

Long House Funeral Home assisted in the final arrangements.

Ronald Eugene Long
Ronald Eugene Long passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, May 15 at his residence.

He was preceded in death by his parents Robert “Bob” and Nancy Long and a brother Eddie Long.

He is survived by his beloved partner, Connie Cooper of the Yellowhill Community; daughters Faith and Hope: sons Jacob and Uriah; granddaughter, Maleigha; granddog Aquilla and Tom Cat; and brothers Robert (Joann), Pete (Vickie), Donald (Bernadine), and Kenneth (Rhonda). Ronnie also leaves behind many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Ronnie resided in the Yellowhill community with his beloved partner Connie. He was loved by many and will be dearly missed. He was a stranger to no one and always willing to lend a hand if able. He loved to cook and share his specialties with his many friends and family. He was an avid fisherman and loved to spend time in the beautiful mountain streams. He was also a motorcycle enthusiast who loved to tour our wonderful mountain scenery.

He attended the Cherokee School System and participated in football and wrestling where he excelled. He went on to work at the Cherokee Boys Club in their Printing department for almost 28 years.

Ronnie enjoyed family and friend get-togethers where he could be found cooking fish, barbecuing, or finding other ways to make the time enjoyable for all who attended. He loved to laugh and hear his friends laugh.

The family celebrated his life with a memorial service at the Big Y Community Club on Thursday, May 17.

Sharon Darlene Wolfe
Sharon Darlene Wolfe, 62, of the Big Cove Community in Cherokee, passed away Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital.

She is survived by her mother, Inez Wolfe; three sons, Victor Wolfe (Evannia), Jonah Watty, and Stan Watty; one daughter, Mary Wolfe (husband Richard); grandchildren, Taylor Wolfe, Jodi Wolfe, Nick Wolfe, Christian Driver, Brittany Wolfe, Jason Wolfe, Jainen Welch, Salley Wolfe, Trevor Wolfe, Yoni Beckman, Letitia Driver, Courtney Driver, Jake Driver, and Levi Driver; one brother, Darrell Wolfe; two sisters, Vickie Driver and Janet Wolfe; and several nieces and nephews also survive.

Sharon was preceded in death by her father, Ned Wolfe; one son, Ned “Duke” Wolfe; two brothers, Eric and Leonard Wolfe; and one sister, Edith Wolfe Santiago.

Funeral services were held on Friday, May 18 at Long House Funeral Home. Pastor Charles Ray Ball officiated. Burial followed at the Soggy Hill Cemetery in the Big Cove Community. Pallbearers were Taylor Wolfe, Jodi Wolfe, Kevin Watty, Richard Driver, Daniel Reed, and JR Mahsetky.

Elizabeth Ann Owle Crowe
Elizabeth Ann Owle Crowe, 77, of the Birdtown Community, went home to be with our Heavenly Father on Friday, May 18, 2018.

A native of Cherokee in Swain County, she was the daughter of the late Rev. Dewitt Owle and Eva McCoy Owle.

She was married to the late Gene Crowe Sr. for 40 years. She was a loving housewife, mother, and grandmother. She was a member of Bethabara Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Sharon Crowe; one granddaughter, Amy Crowe; sisters, Bessie Long, Esther Waldroup; and brothers, Grady “Mac” Owle, and Mike Owle.

She is survived by her sister, Frances O. Arneach; brother, William Paul Owle; children of Liz and Gene are Jeanne Crowe Lira (Carlos), Albert D. Crowe Sr. (Lisa), Gene “Tunney” Crowe Jr. (Sarah), Rhonda Crowe Long (Kenny); grandchildren include Summer, Tyler, Albert Jr., Paige, Travis, Gina, Nikki, Jake, Becca, Lucy; and great grandchildren Marley, Bailey, Cher, Laila, Izzy, Gia, Saphira, Eldon, Aurora.

The pall bearers will be nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 21 at Bethabara Baptist Church. Revs. Richard Duke Pickup, Denny Crowe, and James (Bo) Parris officiated with burial in the Birdtown Cemetery.

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ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

According to one website, over 42 million people serving in the American military have died during wartime since the Revolutionary War. Many more deceased veterans served in time of peace. On Decoration Day, or Memorial Day, we have a day of remembrance for those who served. The pages of Facebook are filling with videos and pictures of families gathering at the cemeteries to place flowers and flags at the graves of beloved brothers, sisters, and friends who gave in service to their people and communities.

Serving in the military is a great and weighty calling. The defense of nations takes brave women and men who will be called upon to stand ready to give blood, sweat, and even life if necessary, so that you and I may have the life and freedom that we all cherish. We, who benefit from the dedication of these people, cannot really know the great sacrifices of those who serve. Many service persons endure long separations from the life and love they have at home. Home becomes a word with temporary meaning, a place of residence until the orders come for the next deployment or assignment. Letters, emails, voice and video chats make separations easier, but they are no substitute for the warmth, touch, and presence of family.

Training for military duty is grueling. Soldiers must be in top condition always, to be ready for conflict and to engage in war when necessary. Soldiers must be proficient in the use of equipment and weapons that they will need to do their duty. So, constant drills and classes are added to their daily routine along with the physical fitness training. Families suffer along with their enlisted personnel, deprived of integral parts of their families, having to fill in the gaps that are left in lives when loved ones are not physically there to lean on.
For those who are required to engage in conflict, to confront an enemy, there is added anguish. Taking human life, even under orders and conditions of war, is a traumatic experience. Our minds are not geared to deal with the concept of killing. Even for good of country and safety of our loved ones and community, the desire of every sane person is to preserve life if possible. Men and women during wartime see and engage in terrible things; things that follow them home in their minds and cause them and their families problems. Post-traumatic stress disorder is a term that was born out from those terrifying experiences and the effect they had on returning soldiers.

Not everyone appreciates the sacrifice of the soldier. Like many front-line workers, soldiers get the blame for decisions that are not their own. When a segment of the community was and is against a war or conflict, for whatever reason, inevitably, the ones on the front lines of war will get the criticism for those deciding they will engage in it.

Examples are how many of our soldiers from the Vietnam and Gulf Wars were treated when they returned home to be greeted by angry protesters who screamed obscenities and spat at them.

Many of our military service persons are so disconnected from civilian life after serving that they have a very difficult time finding their way back home, literally.

According to the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV), “America’s homeless veterans have served in World War II, the Korean War, Cold War, Vietnam War, Grenada, Panama, Lebanon, Persian Gulf War, Afghanistan and Iraq (OEF/OIF), and the military’s anti-drug cultivation efforts in South America. Nearly half of homeless veterans served during the Vietnam era. Two-thirds served our country for at least three years, and one-third were stationed in a war zone. About 1.4 million other veterans, meanwhile, are considered at risk of homelessness due to poverty, lack of support networks, and dismal living conditions in overcrowded or substandard housing. Although flawless counts are impossible to come by – the transient nature of homeless populations presents a major difficulty – the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) estimates that 39,471 veterans are homeless on any given night. Approximately 12,700 veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation New Dawn (OND) were homeless in 2010. The number of young homeless veterans is increasing, but only constitutes 8.8 percent of the overall homeless veteran population.” (www.nchv.org)

Many of us look at Memorial Day as just an extension of our weekend activities; another vacation day. I urge you to remember the sacrifices made. Think about how your life would be different if it were not for the sacrifices of the men and women who hold the line in our defense, and the ones who have done it for centuries. Many of these warriors are probably in your own ancestry.

As I mentioned last week, visiting a cemetery is a humbling and meaningful journey. I have not visited a single graveyard that did not include members from branches of military service. Remember your loved ones, friends, and other important people in your life who served and now have passed on. Take a flag or flower to their grave in remembrance. And, after you do that, seek out a veteran who hasn’t made that final journey yet and show him or her how much you appreciate the sacrifice he or she made for you. Buy a meal, donate time or money to a homeless veteran program or provide care for someone in a rest home. Use this extra day, not for yourself, but in remembrance and honor to those who served and are serving. That is how you really honor the dead; by serving the living. If you do, you will truly have a “Happy Memorial Day”.

CHEROKEE VETERANS: We want to share your stories.

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

Thank you for your service and love for your community.
Benefits/Fundraisers

Benefit for Lewana Otter. May 24 from 11 am – 1 pm at Painttown Recreation Center. All proceeds will go to assist her with her needs she may have as she undergoes surgery due to battling cancer stage 4. Menu: Hamburger/cheeseburger plate with potato salad, baked beans, and drink - $8. Deliver will be available only to people who have four or more orders. Info: Candy Martin 736-6060 or Michelle “Biddy” Bradley 788-0606

Indian Taco Fundraiser Benefit for Marvel Welch. May 24 at 10:30 am at Yellowhill Community Building. This is for expenses associated with her lung transplant. Indian Taco and drink - $8; Frybread with Chili and drink - $7; Frybread with honey or powdered sugar and drink - $5. Delivery is available for orders over $20. Call (828) 551-5203 for deliveries. There will also be a dessert raffle and a 50/50 drawing.

50/50 Raffle to help Walker family. Junior has an upcoming appointment with a heart specialist in Charlotte, and the money raised will help defray travel expenses. To purchase a ticket, contact Noahnrdia (828) 226-3194

General Events

Courtyard of the Cherokee grand opening reception. May 24 at 3 pm at Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts Center at 121 Schoolhouse Road in Stecoah. This is an outdoor Cherokee arts and culture exhibit. RSVP to (828) 735-9966 by May 20.

Bark Basket Workshop. May 24 from 6 – 9 pm at Hunter Library on the Western Carolina University campus in Cullowhee. Taught by biologist Jeff Gottlieb, the workshop will engage participants in all phases of bark basket-making, from peeling poplar bark to constructing and finishing the basket. Each participant will complete a basket during the workshop. Hosted by Western Carolina University’s Mountain Heritage Center, the workshop fee is $35 which includes all materials. The class is limited to 10 participants, pre-registration is required, and the reservation deadline is Monday, May 21. Info: Mountain Heritage Center (828) 227-7219 or lstiles@wcu.edu

Strawberry Festival. May 26 from 9 am – 2 pm at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Admission is free to this event sponsored by the NAIWA Cherokee Chapter. Concession stand open until 1 pm featuring strawberry pancakes and strawberry shortcake. Vendor space available for $5/table. Tables are free to fundraising groups and children’s activities. Schedule: 9 am – opening ceremony; 10 am – conversations with Jinks the Robot; 11 am – children’s activities; 1 pm – adult and youth food preparation contests; 2 pm – priz-
Yellowhill Community Dance. May 26 from 7 – 10pm at Yellowhill Activity Center. Featuring the Will Hayes Dance Band. $15/couple or $8/single. Refreshments are available.


Book Signing by author Brad Wagnon. May 29 from 1 – 5pm at Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore, Tenn. Wagnon, a Cherokee Nation citizen, will be signing copies of his book “The Land of the Great Turtles”. Info: (423) 884-6246, seqmus@tds.net

Indivisible Swain County NC meeting. May 29 at 6pm at Swain County Senior Center at 125 Brendle Street in Bryson City. All are welcome. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118

Remember the Removal Riders send-off ceremony. June 1 at 5pm at Kituwah Mound. Food catered by Granny’s Kitchen.

Cherokee Recreation Summer Day Camp. June 4 – Aug. 17 from 7am – 5pm at Painttown and Birdtown gyms. Applications are available at both gyms, and participants must be between 5-11 years old as of June 1. Camp fee is $300 ($50 deposit to hold a spot with remainder due by June 1). Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Info: Birdtown Gym 359-6890 or Painttown Gym 359-3345

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

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

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.

Teen Awareness Seminar. May 24 from 5:30 – 8:30pm at Big Y Community Club. Presented by the Big Y and Wolftown Communities, this event is open to everyone. Teen-led discussions on opioid addiction and harm reduction. Movie. “If Only” by the Mark Wahlberg Production. Speakers include Frieda Saylor on client services, Ginger Southard on SEP (Syringe Exchange Program), and SCC interns with question and answer session. HIV and HepC testing is also available. Info: 497-6515

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 May 24-28

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.


14th Annual Seven Clans Casino Pow Wow.
May 25-27  in Thief River Falls, Minn. Emcees: Wallace Coffey, Keveon Kingbird. Info: Ron Lussier (218) 407-1261, rlussier@redlake-nation.org

54th Annual Delaware Pow Wow. May 25-27 at Fred Fall Leaf Memorial Campgrounds in Copan, Okla. Info: No contact information given.


Memorial Day Pow Wow. May 26-28 at Andrew Hawks Pow Wow Grounds in Black River Falls, Wisc. Info: Sheena Decorah, shaynad612@gmail.com

Yellowfish Pow Wow. May 26 at Comanche Nation Complex – Watchetaker Hall in Lawton, Okla. Info: Cara or Edward Yellowfish (580) 917-8982 or (405) 203-4741

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

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

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

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

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

Closing Announcement

The Family Care Center will be permanently closing effective May 31st, 2018

The Family Care Center has been happy to provide quality medical care to the community for the last 3 years. Our dedicated staff hope you have been satisfied with our service!

- All currently scheduled appointments will be honored through the date of May 31st, 2018.
- Dr. Larson will be transitioning to Cherokee Indian Hospital after the effective date.
- If you are selecting a new physician, you will need to complete an authorization to release your medical records so that we can forward a copy of your records to your new physician.
- For any questions, please contact one of our staff members at (828) 554-5565.
- For any questions after the closing date please call the Cherokee Indian Hospital medical records office at (828) 497-9163 ext. 6355.

Thank you for having chosen the Family Care Center to take care of your health needs. It has been our pleasure and honor to serve you.
**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. Instructions 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

**Analenisgi Recovery Center weekly schedule**

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

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

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

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

**Thursdays**
**Life Recovery: 8:30-9:30am

**CIHA Bariatric Support Groups** meet every second Tuesday of the month at Snowbird Clinic from 11 am – 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 potluck 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

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) An apparent act of injustice might turn out to be either an error in judgment or just plain stupidity. So calm down and cool off, and let the explanations roll out.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) It's upsetting when someone you trusted might have failed you. But with new opportunities ahead, you'll soon be too busy to feel even a wee bit sorry for yourself.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A sense of uncertainty could be a good reason to change your position on an important matter. Someone close might try to talk you out of it, but it’s your decision to make.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Being too zealous in pursuing your goal could create some resistance. Try to be more mindful of what you ask people to do, and they'll be more likely to do it.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Things change as you go from being ignored to being Lionized once again. This is a good time to reintroduce those previously rejected ideas to a more receptive audience.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Someone new in your life creates both anticipation as well as anxiety. Avoid the potential for misunderstandings by watching what you say and how you say it.
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. 5/24pd

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

We will be taking field bids on 2003 Mazda Truck, two-wheel drive, 6 cylinder, good condition, runs good, good tires, AM/FM CD player, nice truck. Bids start at $2,500. See truck at Bradley Campground. Mail bids to: John McCoy, P.O. Box 1244, Cherokee, NC 28719. Bids will be opened June 1. Highest bidder wins. 5/31

FREE
Christians, do you hunger and thirst for more of God, your Heavenly Father? There is more for you. Send to – Free Gospel Books, P.O. Box 1894, Beaufort, SC 29901. UFN

Free Empire Gas Heater 4000 BTU, Portable dishwasher $150.00, Tan colored kitchen table/with benches $150. Call (919)482-9391. 5/31

YARD SALES
HUGE RUMMAGE SALE - Two weekends: Friday/Saturday – May 25-26 and June 1-2 from 8:30am – 5pm at Cherokee Outpost, Hwy 441, Cherokee, by Big Bear Exxon. Furniture, linens, clothes, appliances, mattress sets, treadmill, elliptical, also store fixtures galore and lots more. (828) 226-0994 (828-497-9427. 5/31
Children discounted. Long-term references available. Call 828-736-1089 and leave message. A call will be returned to you.

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Closing Friday, June 1, 2018

1. Senior Statistician - Finance - Treasury (L14 $58,794 - $73,493)
2. VOIP Specialist - I.T. - O.I.T (L9 $37,474 - $46,843)
3. Cook - Tsali Care Center - PHHS (L4 $23,616 - $29,520)
4. Equipment Operator - CDOT - Operations (L8 $34,112 - $42,640)
5. Civil Engineering Inspector (Multiple) - CDOT - Operations (L10 $41,082 - $51,353)
6. Aquatics Coordinator - Cherokee Life - CERS (L8 $34,112 - $42,640)
7. Travel Counselor - Destination Marketing - Commerce (L3 $21,484 - $26,855)
8. Maintenance Utility Worker - Facilities - Operations (L4 $23,616 - $29,520)
9. Administrative Assistant - Tsali Public Health - PHHS (L4 $23,616 - $29,520)
11. Outreach Worker/Need Exchange (Multiple) - Tsali Public Health - PHHS (L4 $23,616 - $29,520)
12. Enrollment Specialist - Enrollment - Office of the Attorney General (L9 $37,474 - $46,843)
16. Assistant Education Coordinator - EMS - Operations (L9 $37,474 - $46,843)
17. Detention Officer - Corrections - CIPD (L7 $31,078 - $38,848)
18. Recreation Aide (Part-Time) - Snowbird Recreation - Snowbird Cherokee County Services (L3 $10.33 - $12.91 per hour)
19. O&M Mechanic (Multiple) - Waste Water - Admin. & Public Works (L7 $31,078 - $38,848)
20. Utility Worker (Recycling) - Solid Waste - Admin. & Public Works - (L3 $21,484 - $26,855)
21. Utility Worker (Collections) - Solid Waste - Admin. & Public Works - (L3 $21,484 - $26,855)

Open Positions

3. Senior Auditor - Office of Internal Audit and Ethics (L14 $58,794 - $73,493)

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

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

- Optometrist
- PTR Registered Nurse - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center
- RN – Tsali Care Center
- LPN – Tsali Care Center
- Dental Assistant II
- Dentist – Satellite Clinics Cherokee County & Snowbird
- Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care (8 Positions)
- LPN – Behavioral Health
- LPN – Primary Care
- FNP/PA – Ortho
- Tribal MCO Director

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

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

- Tribal MCO Director
- PTR Food Service Worker
- Certified Nursing Assistant PTR – Inpatient
- Child Master Level Therapist – Analensigi

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 May 24, 2018. Indian preference does apply. 5/24pd

Oconaluftee Indian Village Mentorship Program

The Oconaluftee Indian Village will be hiring 4 candidates for the OIV Mentorship Program. Candidates must be interested and motivated in learning many aspects of Cherokee history and culture. Each participant will work with award winning Cherokee artisans and guides at the Oconaluftee Indian Village. During this time our Mentors will teach them Cherokee crafting techniques. Mentees will participate in various group activities such as Cherokee dances, help with craft classes, give lectured tours, and have involvement in various OIV programs. Mentees will have the opportunity to learn professional work skills throughout the process. Upon successful completion of the program, CHA will showcase completed work and allow the Mentee to keep finished crafts. Applications can be picked up at the CHA Main Office: 564 Tsali Blvd. (Across the street from Museum of the Cherokee Indian) Applications are due on June 1, 2018

Program Guidelines:
- Be an enrolled member of the EBCI
- Age requirements: 14-17 years old-children ages 14 & 15 must have a work permit.
- Program runs 8 weeks starting June 2018.
- Participants will work a minimum of 20 hours per week up to 40 hours per week.
- Must be willing to learn multiple Cherokee crafts
- Must be willing to do public speaking
- Must complete application process to be considered. 5/31pd

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

- Assistant Network/VOIP Administrator
- Kitchen Specialist - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center
- Targeted Case Manager – Analensigi
- Residential Technician - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center
- CNA Medication Aide – Tsali Care Center
- PTR Food Service Worker

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 May 31, 2018 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. 5/31pd

Mandara Spa job openings

Position: Male & Female Spa Attendants
Starting Hourly Rate: $10.00
Job Description:
- To provide and maintain the highest standards of customer service and create a feeling of comfort and relaxation for our guests that result in repeat client visits and increased treatment and retail sales for Mandara Spa at Harrah’s Cherokee. Spa Attendants are responsible for checking in guests, giving guest orientation, and ensuring all linen, towels and beverages are always clean, prepared and well stocked. Applicants must be willing to learn our operating Book 4 Time system and be proficient in basic computer knowledge and skills.
- Applicants must have an exemplary client service skills. Be able to maintain a professional appearance at all times. Have the ability to empathize with clients. Must be self-motivated with “can-do” attitude, have good communication and organizational skills Must have positive attitude and support Spa directives. Must be tactful, mature and able to get along with diverse personalities.
- For more information, contact Sherri Rogers, Spa Operations Manager at 828-497-8527. 5/24pd

LEGAL NOTICES

In the Matter of the Estate of Wesley Queen

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 Cindy Taylor, P.O. Box 1023, Cherokee, NC 28719. 5/31pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Creek, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-026
In the Matter of the Estate of Sadie Sue Jackson Green

In Memory of Lavon Hyatt

Though you are not with us physically
You are with us spiritually.
We can still see your smile
Feel your gentle touch
And hear your voice and laughter.
You are thought of daily.
We know that where you are now
There is no sorrow, pain, sickness, or death.
We know you can’t come back to us
But we can prepare to go where you are.
You may be gone, but you will Never be forgotten.

Missing you so much!!

Glo, Kristie, Jeremy, Caroline, Reggie, Felix, Eve, Nygel, and Vince
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

In the Matter of the Estate of Linda Sue Smith Raby

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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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-029

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 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

In the Matter of the Estate of Kenneth Michael George

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

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REalty

Proposed Land Transfers

Eugene Owle, Jr., to William McKinley Owle for 3200 Acre Tract Community Parcel No. 17-A (Remainder of Parcel No. 17) containing 0.978 Acre, more or less. (Undivided Interest)

Julianna Janet Marie Owle Combs to James Darion Owl for 3200 Acre Tract Community Parcel No. 227-E (Part of Parcel No. 227-A) containing 0.402 Acres, more or less.

Victor Dean Dyer to Alice Pochontas Ivey Dyer for 3200 Acre Tract Community Parcel No. 171 (Part...
of Parcel No. 37) containing 1.098 Acres, more or less.

Elizabeth Ann Owl-Myers, Frances Aileen Owl Smith, and William McKinley Owle to Eugene Owle, Jr., for 3200 Acre Tract Community Parcel No. 2-C (1st Remainder of Parcel No. 2-B) containing 0.122 Acre, more or less. (Undivided Interest)

Elizabeth Ann Owl-Myers, Frances Aileen Owl Smith, and William McKinley Owle to Eugene Owle, Jr., for 3200 Acre Tract Community Parcel No. 228-A (Remainder of Parcel No. 228) containing 0.282 Acre, more or less. (Undivided Interest)

Dorothy Rowena Lambert Rowland to David Lee Rowland for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 22-D (Part of Parcel No. 22) containing 0.721 Acres more or less.

Winona Rose Braun to Randall Wyatt Braun for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 83-J (Part of Parcel No. 83) containing 1.000 Acres, more or less.

Winona Rose Braun to Randall Wyatt Braun for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 83-X (Remainder of Parcel No. 83-L) containing 1.230 Acres, more or less.

Winona Rose Braun to Randall Wyatt Braun for Birdtown Community Lot No. 15 (Goose Creek Subdivision) containing 0.956 Acres, more or less.

Charles Adam Welch and Patricia Ann Thompson Welch to Trejan Dylan Ledford for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 355 containing 0.930 Acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Charles Adam Welch and Patricia Ann Thompson Welch to Trejan Dylan Ledford for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 431 containing 0.101 Acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Clarence Leslie Murphy to Michelle Murphy for Birdtown Community Parcel No. 1009 (Formerly PT Parcel No. 108) containing 21.8 Acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Brandon Lee Ward to Mary Jane Hill for Big Cove Community Parcel No. 701-F (Part of Parcel No. 701) containing 1.000 Acre out of 25.114 Acres, more or less. (Undivided Interest)

John William Welch to Hazel Elizabeth Wolfe Howell for Big Cove Community Parcel No. 484 containing 1.429 Acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon. (Undivided Interest)

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Judy Darnell Huskey Bird to Tommy Vaughn Huskey for Big Cove Community Parcel No. 580-A (Part of Parcel No. 580) containing 12.484 Acres, more or less. (Undivided Interest)

Mollie Welch Herbold to Monica Lee Herbold Taylor for Big Cove Community Parcel No. 371 containing 2.716 Acres, more or less.

Catherine Owl Blythe to William Ray Blythe, Jr., for Lower Cherokee Community Parcel No. 148 (Part of Parcel No. 9) containing 0.901 Acres, more or less.

Dustin Thunder Wolfe to Tashina Lynne Martin Rodriguez and Israel Milan Rodriguez for Upper Cherokee Community Parcel No. 670-0 (Part of Parcel No. 670-I) containing 0.99 Acres, more or less.

Geoffrey Daniel Gloyne to Roberta Lynn Gloyne for Upper Cherokee Community Parcel No. 394 (Part of Parcel No. 283) containing 1.144 Acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon. (Undivided Interest)

Nathaniel Trace Lambert to Kaycee Rachelle Lossiah Lambert for Painttown Community Parcel No. 386 (Part of the Maggie Lambert Division) containing 0.990 Acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon. (1/2 Undivided Interest)

William Lawson Smith to Emre Michel Johnson for Painttown Community Parcel No. 255-A (Part of Parcel No. 255) containing 0.068 Acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Mary Bradley to Reva Bradley for Painttown Community Parcel No. 490-C (Part of Parcel No. 490) containing 2.127 Acres, more or less.

Pamela Smith to Sydney Audena Bird for Painttown Community Parcel No. 736-G (Part of Parcel No. 736-F) containing 1.000 Acres, more or less.

Pamela Smith to Sydney Audena Bird for Painttown Community Parcel No. 736-H (Remainder of Parcel No. 736-F) containing 31.025 Acres, more or less.

Regina Ledford Rosario to George Luis Rosario, Jr., for Painttown Community Parcel No. 279-A (Part of Parcel No. 279) containing 0.031 Acres, more or less.

Regina Ledford Rosario to George Luis Rosario, Jr., for Painttown Community Parcel No. 481 containing 1.007 Acres, more or less, together with all improvements located thereon.

Georanne Washington Simmons to Alicia Eve Almond Case for Wolfetown Community Parcel No. 1084-J (Part of Parcel No. 1084-C) containing 0.390 Acre, more or less.

If you are a veteran of the U.S. armed forces and your name is not listed on the granite memorial located in the Cherokee Veterans Park, or if you have a family member whose name is not listed, contact:

**Warren Dupree** 508-2657

**David McQueen** 736-9572
Voting will be held in the following locations:

Big Cove: Big Cove Recreation Center-8715 Big Cove Road
Big Y: Big Y Recreation Center-2641 Wrights Creek Road
Birtdown: Birtdown Recreation Center-1212 Birtdown Road
Cherokee County: Cherokee County Health Clinic-328 Airport Road, Marble, NC
Painttown: Painttown Recreation Center-10 Old Gap Road
Snowbird: Snowbird Recreation Center-60 Snowbird Road
Wolftown: Wolftown Recreation Center-27 Long Branch Road
Yellowhill: Yellowhill Activity Center-1416 Aquoni Road

Below is the question as it shall appear on your ballot...

“To allow ABC permits to be issued to allow retail sales of alcoholic beverage on Tribal land at a Tribally owned package store and ABC store.”

FOR ☐
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