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FORT WORTH, Texas - The future of a law designed to help ensure the survival of tribal cultures and place Native American child custody decisions in the hands of tribes is in jeopardy. The federal Northern District Court of Texas ruled Thursday, Oct. 4 that the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) is unconstitutional. Judge Reed O’Conner, an appointee of President George W. Bush (R), stated that the law is a race-based statute and that the law requires state courts to enforce a federal law.

The law placed issues of Native American child custody under the jurisdiction of tribes, and its intent was to protect the integrity of Native American families and culture. The law gave preference to tribes and the children’s families when it came to placement of native children.

In his order for the case of Brackeen v. Zinke, O’Conner wrote, “Plaintiffs argue that the ICWA and the Final Rule implement a system that mandates racial and ethnic preferences, in direct violation of state and federal law.”

He also argues that the law places tribes and states in the position of enforcing a federal law, particularly relating to determining whether a child is a native child (usually it’s if the child qualifies for enrollment). O’Conner wrote that congress in passing the act lacked the authority, despite the Interstate Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution. “The court declares that (federal code related to native child custody proceedings, record keeping and availability and portions relating to the interactions between tribes and states) are unconstitutional.”

Federal Code, in relation to placement of Native American children states: “Congress has declared that it is the policy of this nation to protect the best interests of Indian children and to promote the stability and security of Indian tribes and Indian families by the establishment of minimum federal standards to prevent the arbitrary removal of Indian children from their families and tribes and to ensure that measures which prevent the breakup of Indian families are followed in child custody proceedings.”

Plaintiffs in Brackeen v. Zinke argue that ICWA amounts to racial discrimination in that preference in adoptions and child placement is given to families and relatives who are members of a child’s tribe. The Goldwater Institute, an organization that advocates for limited government, economic freedom, and individual liberty, intervened on behalf of the plaintiffs. It argued that Native American children are being denied equal protection under the law through ICWA. “Today’s decision is a great victory for the rights of Native American children throughout the United States, who deserve the same strong protections against abuse and neglect as their peers of other races,” said Timothy Sandefur, Vice President for Litigation at the Goldwater Institute, which litigates ICWA cases. “ICWA denies them that protection and prioritizes their race over all other considerations. That’s immoral, and today’s decision rightly holds that it’s also unconstitutional.”

United South and Eastern Tribes (USET), of which the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is a member, called the ruling cruel in a statement. USET President Kirk Francis, who is also Chief of the Penobscot Indian Nation, “Because of this decision, many of our children, who should be raised in their native culture, are going to be raised in non-Indian homes. This is deeply distressing and a total violation of all the promises the Federal government has made to protect our communities.”

USET maintains because Congress has authority on Indian affairs that no federal Indian law has ever been struck down because of equal protection concerns. USET also says the ruling rejects well settled case law that establishes tribes as a political rather than racial status.

“This decision is wildly outside the mainstream of Federal Indian law,” said Francis. “It will not only harm Native children and Native families, but it literally could call into question many other Federal actions taken to help Tribal Nations and Native peoples. It feels like a final betrayal. “There is literally nothing we value more than our children. This inhumane decision cannot stand.”

The National Congress of American Indians, Native American Rights Fund, Association on American Indian Affairs and National Indian Child Welfare Association issued a joint statement condemning the ruling. “This egregious decision ignores the direct federal government-to-government relationship and decades upon decades of precedent that have upheld tribal sovereignty and the rights of Indian children and families. Through 40 years of implementation, ICWA’s goal is to promote family stability and integrity. It continues to be the gold standard in child welfare policy. While this disturbing ruling is a pivotal moment for Indian Country, we vehemently reject any opinion that separates Native children from their families and will continue to fight to uphold ICWA and tribal sovereignty.”

Tara Sweeney, assistant secretary for the Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), said in a statement that her agency, which once assisted in removing native children from their families, would continue to support ICWA. “The Department of the Interior strongly opposes any diminishment of ICWA’s protections for Indian children, families, and
tribes. The Department will continue to work with tribes and states to implement ICWA moving forward. We reiterate our support for ICWA's goals of ensuring the safety of Indian children, maintaining Indian families, and promoting tribal sovereignty.”

The Goldwater institute challenges the political classification based on the law’s application to children who aren’t members by eligible for membership, which brings ancestry into play. The institute also argues that the act overrules the “best interest of the child” requirement. “It’s illegal to delay or deny an adoption based on a person’s race, with a single exception: Indian children,” said Sandefur. “That’s wrong. It’s time that these kids got the same strong protections all other kids receive.”

However, the history of the act is rooted in the boarding schools and other efforts to force assimilation, some run by the federal government and some by religious missions, whose intentions were to remove any elements of native culture from Native American children. Children were forcibly removed from their parents and placed in environments where their languages and traditions were prohibited, and harsh punishments awaited those who disobeyed. It caused a disconnect between the children and their families. It caused a decline in the use of native languages and a decline in the practice of native traditions. It also caused a lifetime of trauma and psychological damage for the parents and their children. This practice ended in the 1960s.

Boarding schools weren’t the only institutions to play a role in stripping natives of their cultures. From 1958 – 1967 the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) worked with the BIA to place native children with white families through the bureau’s Indian Adoption Project, an action for which the child welfare league would apologize in 2001. The league in 2016 issued a statement that they would work with ICWA. “CWLA will redouble its work to ensure that service providers fully implement ICWA and the CWLA standards of excellence in child welfare.”

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed was appalled by the ruling and O’Connor’s statements. “ICWA was established to protect tribal members from a government and general population that were, at best patronizing, and at worst, hostile towards native people. Native people have long seen the importance of our children growing up surrounded by their families, with the opportunity to learn their culture from extended family members and the broader tribal community. ICWA is at its heart a nation-based program, recognizing the trust responsibilities of the federal government to federally-recognized tribes. It is my hope that this judge and all those presented with ICWA cases take the opportunity to learn about the history of treaty obligations granted to native peoples.”

The issue isn’t over. A joint statement from Bill John Baker, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation (whose ICWA battles made national news), Morongo Band of Mission Indians Chairman Robert Martin, Oneida Nation Chairman Tehassi Hill, and Quinault Indian Nation President Fawn Sharp said they will work state to state to ensure ICWA protections for native children and defend the law. “We remain steadfast in our commitment to defend the constitutionality of ICWA by all available means for one simple reason: If ICWA is struck down in whole or in part, the victims will be our children and our families, Native children and Native families.”

The joint statement alleges that opponents of ICWA have one extreme goal in mind, separating native children from their parents. “Before ICWA, as many as one-third of all tribal children were forcibly removed from their families and their communities by state governments. Thorough and objective analysis of the systematic removal of Indian children from Indian homes found many removals were wholly unjustified. These policies devastated tribal communities, and we refuse to go back to those darker days.”

These tribes vowed to continue the fight. “We are in consultation with our legal counsel and exploring all available options. Rest assured, we consider the trial level decision today as one part of a long process. In the interim, we will seek a stay of the decision until higher courts have an opportunity to review it. We will continue to work in state courts throughout the country to ensure the protections of ICWA for native children, families, and tribes. We strongly believe that, in the end, our rights protected by the Indian Child Welfare Act will be affirmed and reinforced.”
Actor Hasan Davis to portray York of the Lewis and Clark Expedition

CULLOWHEE – Hasan Davis, an author, actor and youth advocate, will visit Western Carolina University as part of the its 2018-19 interdisciplinary learning theme “Defining America,” with two public presentations scheduled.

On Wednesday, Oct. 24, Davis will tell his life story of a troubled youth who overcame obstacles to become commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice in a 6 p.m. presentation Blue Ridge conference room. The program is part of WCU’s Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity Education conversation sessions.

“I grew up dealing with a lot of intersecting challenges,” said Davis, who was first arrested at 11 and later expelled from high school. “Being dyslexic and having attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder made school a challenge. When my parents divorced, my mother, my siblings and I moved often. I attended five different elementary schools. I lived in probably 13 different homes before the age of 13. This became the backdrop of my childhood - first experiences with poverty and then, eventually, delinquency.”

On Thursday, Oct. 25, Davis will portray York, a slave who was part of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, in a one-man play at 7:30 p.m. in the A.K. Hinds University Center theater. Often referred to by Clark as his “man servant,” York proved himself a valued member of the explorers on the 1804 to 1806 expedition into the west.

“Like many African-Americans, then and now, gaining recognition for their works and deeds is often overlooked.” Davis said. “My presentation of York will be a first-person reflection, and the period correct costume and storytelling will draw the audience into ‘a journey of discovery’ like they have never experienced. The triumph and the tragedy, the pride and the pain of being a part of, but separate from what some would argue was the greatest American expedition ever mounted.”

Following the performance, Davis will hold a question-and-answer session, first answering questions in character as York and then taking questions as himself.

“The message that I want to send to the Western Carolina University students is one of courage and persistence,” he said. “We are absolutely in the middle of defining moments as a nation, and it is going to take courage and, more importantly, hope - a genuine belief that tomorrow can be better and a commitment to actions today that will move us toward that better tomorrow. I see my story as a story of transformation through tragedy and triumph. Challenges overcome, failures redeemed and sometimes just surviving until your efforts bring you to that place of thriving.”

“Mr. Davis has the amazing ability to bring history to life,” said Dana Murray Patterson, director of WCU’s Department of Intercultural Affairs. “Using his gift for storytelling and an amazing knack for history, he will share stories of two American men who society had counted out. Silenced as insignificant, discarded as irrelevant and relegated to secondary citizens, he brings both perspectives squarely into focus and places them well within the ongoing conversation that we at WCU are embarking on to ‘Define America.’ I believe that each of these events will bring opportunities to explore the value of individual stories in the culmination of our theme.”

Patterson said whether people view one or both presentations, it will prompt contemplation and some crucial questions about society. “Who decides what stories are worthy of voice and which stories will be neglected and left on the cutting room floor? In an intellectual community, critical thinking, or the art of dismantling truth just to reconstruct it again, is critical to the development of global citizens in an increasingly diverse and interconnected world.”

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North Carolina governor proclaims Indigenous Peoples Day

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RALEIGH – Gov. Roy Cooper (D) proclaimed the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day, the day that the federal government has designated as Columbus Day. While the move, whether it’s done by states or cities, such as Asheville, is intended to commemorate the contributions and sacrifices of Native Americans, it does draw some controversy among those who feel that it should still be about the Italian explorer.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D), an Italian-American, marched in Manhattan’s Columbus Day parade and defended the statue of Columbus to the Wall Street Journal. “The Columbus Monument is a powerful symbol of the Italian-American community and a testament to New York’s role in assimilating immigrants from all over the world in our state,” he said.

Native Americans have always disputed Columbus’ accomplishments, and have argued that to celebrate them is commemorating his documented cruelty and exploitation. Columbus’ landing in the Caribbean marked the beginning of decline among Native American tribes and the beginning of the Transatlantic slave trade. Cooper’s proclamation states “American Indians, who have inhabited this land since long before their first contact with English settlers, share their knowledge of the land and its resources, and have continued to play a vital role in the development of our local communities, the state of North Carolina and the nation.”

“I applaud Gov. Roy Cooper for his proclamation,” said Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed. “I appreciate the governor’s sentiments that the state of North Carolina shares a positive relationship with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, while recognizing that more work needs to be done to educate North Carolina citizens regarding Native issues.”

The governor further states, “Our state has enjoyed a positive relationship with the indigenous people of North Carolina and continues to grow in our shared progress. We honor and respect the heritage and the many cultural and economic contributions of our American Indian tribes and people. The state of North Carolina encourages all people to acknowledge the historic sacrifices of indigenous peoples and recognize their contributions to the emergence and development of our state, the nation, the free world and the global economy.”

The move is joined by one of tribes’ oldest advocacy organizations, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). While they acknowledge that many still recognize and celebrate Columbus Day, they joined a growing number of states and localities that are choosing to acknowledge Native Americans on this day. “Long before Christopher Columbus stumbled upon what he thought was ‘India,’ the first Americans sustained thriving societies across this country,” said NCAI President Jefferson Keel. “As we bring more awareness to this holiday, it is equally important to congratulate those who have risen to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day by acknowledging the rich histories, vibrant cultures, and resilience of contemporary tribal nations and peoples. Today is a day in which we all come together to respect our histories and unique heritage.”

NCAI passed a resolution in 2011 calling for the second Monday in October to be renamed. That resolution stated, “A true and accurate account of the residence and occupation of the Americas by Indigenous people since time immemorial, and long before Christopher Columbus sailed, is necessary to set the historical record straight and to respect the culture, language and traditional life ways of our Indigenous ancestors as Indigenous Peoples Day.”

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LGBTQ group hopes to make a difference for acceptance

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For many years among the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, being gay, lesbian or transgender was something that was either hidden or something that wasn’t discussed. There was a stigma attached to it, and many just don’t want to discuss it. One organization on the Boundary hopes to change that.

The group We Belong is a support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) residents of the Qualla Boundary and Haywood, Jackson, Swain and Macon counties. The group on its Facebook page says it provides LGBTQ people with a sober and safe environment where they’ll be heard, understood and respected.

One of the leaders of the group Jose Guerrero, said it started with just a couple of people meeting and talking. Guerrero, a recovering addict, laughed, “I need something here to keep me busy.”

The LGBTQ community also deals with a mentality that mirrors the existing homophobia in society in general, and the group regularly has to monitor their page for hateful remarks. The Reservation’s acceptance of LGBTQ people isn’t different from the rest of the country. Some accept it. Some don’t, and there are those who will harass and antagonize.

Some oppose the lifestyle based upon Biblical beliefs. The Rev. Ben Reed was one of four preachers who submitted the prohibition on same-sex marriage in 2014 that is now part of tribal code. With one abstention, and two absent, the ordinance passed with one vote opposed.

Reed said, “I hope that people will attempt to understand, there’s no hatred in my heart. It’s not about people. To me it’s about what God said is right and wrong.” Reed, along with the Revs. Denny Crowe, Bo Parris and Gilbert Breedlove, references Romans 1:26 in that ordinance: “And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.”

Reed said his position on this issue doesn’t mean he hates the LGBTQ community. “All of us sin and come up short. I love folks. I love everybody.” He said, however, that doesn’t make it right. “Not everyone believes this way, but I do. I believe it.” Reed also said he’s willing to meet with the We Belong group. “If they want me to share this in person, I’d be glad to. I love each and every one of you. We can’t pick and choose what we say is right and wrong. God’s the judge.”

Guerrero attends services at Yellowhill Baptist Church and Christ Fellowship. He says those who cite the Bible as justification for refusing to accept LGBTQ community members are overlooking parts of scripture that call for love and to reject judgment. “There’s no reason to hide for me. We’re all sinners. It also says love thy neighbor. Christians are taught to love one another.” He said not everyone is accepting. “To them, I don’t throw it up in their faces.”

We Belong seeks to be the support for tribal members and community members who struggle with the LGBTQ identity. It’s one that Guerrero understands. “I didn’t come out (disclosing LGBTQ identity) until my freshman year of high school.” And Guerrero said his mother wasn’t initially accepting when he did. Ultimately it was his grandmother who stepped in and help the acceptance along. “She’s always been my biggest supporter.”

While Guerrero describes himself as quiet and shy, with only a few of his friends knowing before he came out. He said, “I wanted to be known for something. I want to make a difference here on the reservation.”

The group maintains a sober environment, which was part of the attraction for Guerrero. He, for a time, gravitated towards gay-friendly clubs in Asheville and found himself coping through the use of drugs and alcohol. He said of We Belong. “There’s always been a need for it,” but he said for many years that need was pushed into the closet (a term meant to keep an LGBTQ identity secret).

Guerrero urges LGBTQ people and their supporters to attend meetings at the Analenisgi building 375 Sequoyah Trail, Wednesdays at 5 p.m. The group said they are anonymous. “We’re not looking to make people gay. We just want people to be o.k. with it. I’m just tired of hiding. I want people to see us as regular, normal folk.”
ROOTED: Western Carolina University’s Rooted in the Mountains: Valuing our Common Ground symposium met Sept. 27 and 28 to explore the connection between local and traditional knowledge with health and environmental issues. This interdisciplinary forum was where literature, art, music, native and western science converged. In this photo Dr. Jeff Proulx (Mohawk) is a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Neurology at the Oregon Health and Science University. Growing up, Proulx was affected by stress-related outcomes he witnessed in Native American and African American communities. The strengths of these communities guided his research into the positive features of underserved communities to address health disparities.
CIPD Arrest Report for Oct. 1-8

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.

Evans, Brandon – age 38
Arrested: Oct. 2
Released: Oct. 5
Charges: Assault on a Female

Reed, John Alex – age 37
Arrested: Oct. 2
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Possession Schedule IV Controlled Substance, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Youngdeer, Jarrett Cody – age 33
Arrested: Oct. 2
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree, Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Communicating Threats, Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Locust, Brittany Nicole – age 26
Arrested: Oct. 3
Released: Oct. 4
Charges: Burglary

Oocumma, Anthony Murray – age 26
Arrested: Oct. 3
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Sanchez, Maricela – age 27
Arrested: Oct. 3
Released: Not released as of report date

Cherokee Indian Police Dept. statistics for September 2018

This report was posted on the Cherokee Indian Police Department Facebook page on Monday, Oct. 8:
• Calls for Service: 1,478 (avg. 49/day)
• Arrests: 102
• Accidents: 33
• Citations: 152
• Drugs seized: Methamphetamine: $731,880, Heroin: $600
• Firearms seized: 61
• Total street value of drugs seized for the year: $1,990,018
CERTIFICATION PERIODS:
- ZERO INCOME (LITTLE CHANCE OF CHANGE) – Every 3 months
- ZERO INCOME (FREQUENT CHANGES IN INCOME) – Every month to 2 months
- STABLE (NON-CHANGING INCOME) – 12 months
- ELDERLY/DISABLED (FIXED INCOME) – Up to 24 months. Must be contacted every 12 months to make sure they want to continue services.
- SELF-EMPLOYED – Recertification should fall when they receive the majority of their income.

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- PAID WEEKLY – Gross amount of check x 4.3 = Gross monthly income (before 20% deduction)
- PAID BI-WEEKLY – Gross amount of check x 2.15 = Gross monthly income (before 20% deduction)

DEDUCTIONS:
- 20% - (0.20 x Gross Income)
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- Medical Deductions – Medical costs >$35.00
- Child Support - Paid
- Dependent Care Expenses

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Braves defense leads way in shutout of Andrews

CHEROKEE'S defense held Andrews to 128 total yards and shut them out in a game on the chilly, fall evening of Friday, Oct. 12 at Ray Kinsland Stadium. The Braves (5-3) scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to lift them over the Wildcats (2-7) by a score of 21-0. The game was carried live on My40, and the Braves hoisted the Friday Night Rivals trophy at the end.

"I thought, defensively, we played well from the start to the finish and got some big stops when we needed to," said Kent Briggs, Braves head coach. "They did some nice things on their defense and kept us a little off-balance on offense. We were close at times, but just couldn’t get it into the end zone like we usually do. We’ve got to do a better job next week against Robbinsville.”

He added, “At the same time, we had that long drive when we needed to, and we stood up at the right time.”

Coach Briggs said the Braves defense was tuned into what the Wildcats were doing in the game. “We worked hard all week, and we just did a good job of stopping what they were trying to do.”

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CRUNCH: Cherokee’s Damian Blanton (#36) puts a hard hit on Andrews’ quarterback, Zack Sheppard. On the night, Blanton had 10 tackles. Kyler Hill (#23), who led Cherokee with 15 tackles, and Joaquin Layno (#55), 12 tackles on the night, assist on the tackle.

CHEROKEE'S defense both had interceptions and Smith had 1 sack.

Andrews had more offensive plays (57 to 49) than Cherokee, but the Braves had 240 total yards, almost double the Wildcats’ output on the night. Bobby Crowe, Braves junior quarterback, completed 7 of 13 passes for 111 yards. His favorite target on the night was Mintz with 5 receptions for 92 yards. Terence Ledford, senior running back, carried the ball 22 times for 89 yards and 1 touchdown.

The first half was a series of defensive stops and punts by both teams. Cherokee got on the board just before the half as Mintz took a wildcat formation snap and ran in from 3 yards out for the first score of the game. Rocky Peebles, Braves sophomore kicker, kicked the extra point to give Cherokee a 7-0 lead at the half.
Following a fumble on a punt return late in the third quarter, Andrews set up shop in the red zone at the Cherokee 10-yard line. The Braves defense held tightly though and stopped the Wildcats on a 4th and 1 from the 1-yard line.

Taking over on their own 1, Cherokee started a 15-play, 99-yard drive that would eat up 6:12 off the clock. That drive culminated with a 1-yard touchdown run by Ledford. Peebles, perfect on the night, added the point-after kick and Cherokee led 14-0 with 6:44 left in the game.

The Braves would get into the end zone once more as Mintz intercepted a pass and returned it 65 yards to the house. Peebles added the point-after, and Cherokee led 21-0 which is how the game would end.

Cherokee travels to Robbinsville on Friday, Oct. 19. When asked what the keys to that game will be, Coach Briggs noted, “We’ve got to do a better job on offense and taking advantage of opportunities when we get into the red zone. When we get those opportunities, we can’t let them go by. We’ve struggled a little bit with that this year. Our defense is going to have to play great next week.”

TOUGH: Cherokee's Terence Ledford (#22) runs hard through the Andrews defense. On the night, he had 22 carries for 89 yards and 1 touchdown.

CHEERY: Cherokee's student section and cheerleaders were not phased by the chilly weather during Friday's game. The varsity cheerleaders used pink pom-poms in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

CELEBRATE: Cherokee's Michael Bernhisel (#2) and Cade Mintz (#10) celebrate after a 3-yard touchdown run by Mintz just before the half. Both had interceptions on defense and Mintz caught 5 passes for 92 yards.
ON THE SIDELINES

Fan behavior depends on the sport

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Next week, Cherokee High School will host the Smoky Mountain Conference cross country championship and I’m very much looking forward to seeing the fans – oh, and the runners too.

I find fans attending cross country and track and field events very interesting. They are supportive, sometimes way too supportive in my humble opinion.

While on the sidelines of football or basketball games, I’ve heard some terrible things screamed at the young players. At the very least, every game someone yells something such as “catch the (expletive deleted) ball” or “come on, make your layups”.

I’ve never heard any such thing at a cross country or track and field meet. Ever.

I do hear things such as “come on (insert runner’s name here), you’re doing great”, “run your race”, or “you can catch him, you’re awesome”. Many times, to me, those come off as fake.

As a former runner, who sometimes had a great race and other times performed awfully, I wouldn’t have liked being told I was doing great if I was in the bottom 20 percent on a day.

Each time I cover a cross country or track and field event, I’m reminded of how different the fans are. It’s especially apparent in cross country as it is held in the fall – the same season as football. So, on a Friday night I hear all sorts of things screamed at the kids, and then on Wednesday, at a cross country meet, I hear all sorts of incredibly nice (almost too nice) words of encouragement.

I am puzzled. What is the difference?

I know football is king in the south and basketball is king on every Indian reservation so I get that the level of fervor over both is much higher than it is for cross country. You just have to look at Ray Kinsland Stadium on a Friday night or the Charles George Memorial Arena on game nights to see that there is a ton more interest in those sports than the running sports.

But, that still doesn’t explain the individual fans.

Now, please don’t get me wrong. I’m not saying that running sports fans should scream at the runners. And, I’m not saying that football and basketball fans should tone their comments down to the point of saying things like “great tackle, you’re so inspirational”. I think both would be too odd to handle.

But, there has to be some sort of middle ground.

It’s a wild ride to go from football coverage to cross country coverage. I highly recommend it to anyone interested in the human psyche. The website runwashington.com gives advice to parents and fans new to the sport in an article entitled “When parents are the cross country rookies”. In it, reporter Mollie Zapata writes, “As a supporter, you are there to tell them they feel great and will be awesome. If anything, remind them before the race to trust in their training and to have fun. Afterwards, if they had a good race, celebrate with them! And if they had a rough day, celebrate with them! As long as they tried their best, it counts as a win.”

That sounds like great advice. I just don’t see it happening in sports like football and basketball no matter the level – high school, college, or pro. Can you imagine the reporters in the post-game interview asking Aaron Rodgers if he had a good time after Sunday’s loss to the Lions?

I’ll end this with a quote from the GOAT, the real GOAT, his airness Michael Jordan, who once said, “Just play. Have fun. Enjoy the game.”

We should all listen to him. And, as an aside, come out and cheer on (in whichever fashion you wish), your favorite runner at the SMC meet on Wednesday. Eddie Swimmer, Cherokee Central Schools cross country head coach, and staff put on a fabulous event each time. Go Braves and Lady Braves!
Three Lady Braves qualify for Regional Meet

Three members of the Cherokee Lady Braves golf team have qualified for the 1A/2A West Regional competition starting Monday, Oct. 15 at Cedar Rock Golf and Country Club in Lenoir. A total of 58 young ladies will compete for the 26 spots to qualify for the state meet on Oct. 22-23 at the Foxfire Resort and Golf Club in Foxfire Village.

Sharon Bradley, Lady Braves golf head coach, commented, “We do not have enough teams for conference play; however, Murphy and Hayesville do have teams. We have played Franklin, North Buncombe, TC Roberson, and Rabun Gap (Ga.) – all of whom have really good golfers.”

She noted that to qualify for the regional competition, ladies have to score a 55 or better average on their five best matches. “On Tuesday morning, the last day to qualify, Danicka Huskey had a 55.8, Awee Sequoyah had a 55.6, and Kalista Luther had a 56. We traveled to Weaverville to play North Buncombe at Reems Creek Golf Resort for our last match.”

Bradley noted that Luther and Huskey both shot a 53 and Sequoyah shot a 54. “All three girls scored low enough to bring their averages down to qualifying status. Kalista, on her last hole, last putt, scoring a 52 at that point, sunk a three-foot putt to put her score under enough to qualify.”

The ladies will begin regional competition with a practice round on Sunday, Oct. 14 followed by tee times starting at 8am on Monday.

- One Feather staff report

REGIONAL-BOUND: Cherokee Lady Braves golf team members Kalista Luther, Danicka Huskey, and Awee Sequoyah have qualified for the 1A/2A West Regional golf competition at Cedar Rock Golf and Country Club in Lenoir starting on Monday, Oct. 15.
ROBBINSVILLE – The Cherokee High School cross country teams traveled to Robinsville on the afternoon of Wednesday, Oct. 10 to compete in the Huckleberry Hustle. Following are results (top 15 plus all Cherokee runners) per ncmilesplit.com:

**High School Girls**
1 – Aynsley Fink, Robbinsville, 24:06.20
2 – Sydney Bolyard, Tri-County Early College, 24:08.30
3 – Anna Riddle, Robbinsville, 27:18.20
4 – Lucy Crayton, Tri-County Early College, 27:34.60
5 – Abigail Knight, Robbinsville, 27:39.30
6 – Cailey Dockery, Carolina Mountain XC, 27:53.90
7 – Phynley Meyers, Swain County, 27:54.20
8 – Allison Thomas, Hayesville, 28:23.70
9 – Rosa Reyes, Cherokee, 29:43.70
10 – Emily Ulaner, Swain County, 29:44.70
11 – Morgan Dudley, Hayesville, 29:45.90
12 – Betty Lossiah, Cherokee, 29:46.10
13 – Dalericka King, Cherokee, 29:50.00
14 – Averii Cotton, Cherokee, 30:20.10
15 – Abigail Taylor, Cherokee, 30:20.10

**High School Boys**
1 – Ryan Jenkins, Swain County, 18:56.50
2 – Justice Race, Hayesville, 19:41.90
3 – Ethan Barnett, Robbinsville, 21:06.80
4 – Jackson Burch, Hayesville, 21:19.70
5 – Sage Sorensen, Tri-County Early College, 21:33.30
6 – Jared Dills, Hiwassee Dam, 21:33.60
7 – Bradley Vestal, Swain County, 22:06.80
8 – Rylean Snowden, Hayesville, 22:13.50
9 – Dylan DiCicco, Tri-County Early College, 22:26.10
10 – Keith Amman, Swain County, 22:32.10
11 – Eli Roberts, Hayesville, 22:32.40
12 – Emmanuel R. (full last name not given), Swain County, 22:37.20
13 – Dillon McLean, Nantahala, 22:44.40
14 – Jose Constantino, Hayesville, 22:49.70
15 – Tommy Urbaniuk, Hayesville, 22:50.70
22 – Nathaniel Crowe, Cherokee, 23:40.40
47 – Timothy Woodard, Cherokee, 23:58.40

**Middle School Girls**
1 – Arizona Blankenship, Swain County, 14:59.40
2 – Kaysen Krieger, Hayesville, 15:53.40
3 – Emma Beasley, Robbinsville, 16:15.60
4 – Gracie Monteith, Swain County, 16:24.20
5 – Montana Adams, Robbinsville, 16:27.30
6 – Jaylyne Esquivel, Cherokee, 16:51.20
7 – Dvdaya Swimmer, Cherokee, 16:54.20
8 – Lila Roberts, Hayesville, 16:58.20
9 – Aaliyah Reed, Cherokee, 17:40.90
10 – Mya Burrows-Kurr, Swain County, 17:47.70
11 – Amelia Rogers, Swain County, 17:54.60
12 – Phoebe Pietila, Hayesville, 18:07.20
13 – Meadow Rose, Hayesville, 18:12.70

**Middle School Boys**
1 – Austin San Souci, Swain County, 13:14.20
2 – Dalmon King, Cherokee, 14:11.90
3 – Connor Brown, Swain County, 14:17.90
4 – Andy Ledford, Swain County, 15:01.20
5 – Connor Lambert, Swain County, 15:03.50
6 – Owen Craig, Swain County, 15:04.50
7 – Oz Swayney, Cherokee, 15:11.00
8 – Landon Matz, Swain County, 15:17.00
9 – Rider Mattix, Swain County, 15:24.00
10 – Ethan Russell, Hiwassee Dam/Ranger, 15:27.00
11 – Evin Fields, Hayesville, 15:31.70
12 – Cameron Gray, Hayesville, 15:41.10
13 – Xander Wachacha, Robbinsville, 15:47.60
14 – Matthew Grey, Swain County, 15:48.10
15 – Corbin Alt, Carolina Mountain XC, 15:59.50
25 – Cavan Reed, Cherokee, 17:12.10
36 – Jaylen Bark, Cherokee, 18:30.10
41 – Ayden Thompson, Cherokee, 19:15.50
51 – Anthony Lossiah, Cherokee, 20:34.70
My name is Mystikal Spirit “Walela” Armachain and I am the new Miss Cherokee of 2018-19. I wanted to take this time to say sgi! This is going to be one amazing year that is ahead of me, but I couldn’t have done it without my support system.

To my Tribal Council representatives, Richard French and Perry Shell, thank you for helping me with the parade and for helping me throughout my journey. To Gilbert Crowe, I wanted to thank you for helping me out in the past years you was always there when I needed help or just needed someone to talk to when I needed to calm down my nerves before the pageant started. To the Museum of the Cherokee Indians staff Bo Taylor, Sonny Ledford, Jarrett Wildcatt, Richard Saunooke, Mike Crowe, and Dawn Arneach, a big sgi to all of you for always telling me I need to practice, I need to keep learning. You all don’t know how much I’ve learned just by being able to work with all of you. Ya’ll have become more of a family to me rather than just coworkers and I am very thankful for all of you. I’m looking forward to having ya’ll tag along with me on my trips. To my platform helpers, Kaleb McCoy and Katelynn Ledford, thank you for letting me tag along with RezHOPE.

Last, but not least, I want to thank my family and friends for always believing in me when it comes to achieving one of my biggest dreams. Michael Armachain, Ashley Brady, Justus Armachain, Krenton Armachain, Tristan and Journie Armachain, thank you for always pushing me to do my very best not just for a pageant but in life. I couldn’t thank ya’ll enough.

Donna Welch, James Welch, Lou pheasant, Ice, Pippa, Harper and Spenser Welch and Jorge Welch, thank you for allowing me to be a part of the family. I was always making sure I had everything down packed and ready to go! To Pippa, thank you for always making me practice my princess wave for the parade even hours before the parade started. I love you all for being able to help me and I can’t wait for all of you to tag along with me on my journey as the new Miss Cherokee.

Sheena Brings Plenty, and to her husband Scotty, thank for capturing all the wonderful moments and to Sheena for always helping me when it came to a sewing project. I love you girl.

I know this year is going to be a roller coaster but it’s going to be one amazing year with my family. I am your new 2018-19 Miss Cherokee Mystikal Armachain and I am looking forward to representing my family and Tribe throughout my year as Miss Cherokee.

Sgi. Mystikal Spirit Walela Armachain
THANK YOU LETTER

Little Miss Cherokee Morgan Hernandez thanks supporters

Shiyo! My name is Morgan Katherine Hernandez and I’m your newly crowned Little Miss Cherokee 2018. I would like to take this time to thank everyone who has helped me along my journey to this title.

I will start with my sponsors for this year’s pageant. TGCE and their sponsorship helped purchase my attire for the pageant festivities. A&A Designs made a donation toward my parade candy and created my shirt for my Outfit of Choice. Councilman Jeremy Wilson donated parade candy and took some amazing pictures for my family and I to cherish for years to come. Councilman Bo Crowe and his family made a donation to my finger-woven belt and garters made by Karen George. Vice Chief B. Ensley and his family made a donation toward pageant needs. Qualla Java Café made a donation toward my pageant attire. Marisa Cabe, thank you for organizing my first Litter Pickup, provided food for our volunteers, and made a donation toward pageant needs.

I have the best support system, hands down! I’ll start with my Nana Candy and Papa Sam Crowe. They helped purchase items for the pageant, provided my car for the parade, and always helped in any way they can. My Nana also helped with the Litter Pickup. My brothers are two of my biggest supporters. Koga, you’re the best big brother. Thank you for always stepping up to help me with my talent and encouraging me. Kaiser, thank you for encouraging me to and from school as I said my speeches over and over. Mama, thank you for making me practice hard and pushing me to do my best. Thank you for making my belt for the parade and for checking on me during the pageant. Daddy, thank you for telling me to listen to mama and for encouraging me to do my best. I love you both so much. Uncle Carr and Kasey, thank you for your support. Granny Rosie McCoy, you helped so much in the days leading up to the pageant. To my cousin Tsini McCoy, thank you for helping me with my walk and for being right with me on the day of the pageant. You made sure everything was just right the night of the pageant. Auntie Michelle Long, you’ve always been there for me and you’re my go to for my pucker toe mocassins. Auntie Kelly Murphy, thank you for my beautiful basket and for always being there for me. Micah Swimmer, thank you for singing the Bear Dance song for me and for including me in Aniywiyahi. Papaw Roland, thank you for helping purchase parade candy and for being so supportive. I want to thank the ladies at Sew Tsalagi for the beautiful outfits. They were perfect and I’ve received so many compliments on them.

Averii, thank you for fixing my hair for the parade! It was perfect. Viv, thank you for fixing my hair for the pageant. You did a great job and I felt great! Stephanie Maney, thank you for teaching my mom how to put the silver on my wrap skirt and leggings. Amanda Wolfe Moore, thank you for your time and dedication to the pageant. You are appreciated and your hard word doesn’t go unnoticed. Thank you to the stage crew for making sure my speaking parts were able to go smoothly. To my family and friends, you all sure know how to make a girl feel loved. Thank you for being there to cheer me on. Seeing your faces helped keep me calm and helped boost my confidence. Last but not least, I want to thank the teachers at New Kituwah Academy. It’s because of you that I was able to translate my speeches myself. Thank you for teaching me our beautiful language.

I am looking forward to this year and hope to make you all proud!

Sgi,
Little Miss Cherokee 2018
Morgan Katherine Hernandez
GONE: Tribal Construction workers demolish the old EBCI Budget & Finance building located behind the Tribal Council House on the morning of Wednesday, Oct. 10. Years ago, the Cherokee One Feather was housed in this building.

COLOR: It may be late, but it appears hints of leaf color changes are starting. This tree shows signs of change near the Oconaluftee Visitors Center in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on Wednesday, Oct. 10.

COURT: Kendall Toineeta, an EBCI tribal member and a junior at Lenoir-Rhyne University, was on the school’s Homecoming Court for the festivities held on Saturday, Oct. 13. Toineeta, the Cherokee High School 2015 valedictorian, is also a member of the LRU Lady Bears basketball team.
Senior Citizens Heating Assistance applications

The EBCI Senior Citizens Program is now accepting Heating Assistance Applications. Applications will be available at Tsali Manor. If you are applying, bring a current bill and the last four digits of the Social Security number of the individual whose name is on the bill. Also, bring your EBCI enrollment card. Info: Krisna Ashe, Tsali Manor social services supervisor, 359-6294

- EBCI Senior Citizens Program

H.E.L.P. Fuel and Emergency assistance

Family Support Services, located at 73 Kaiser Wilnoty Road in the Beloved Women’s and Children’s Building, is taking all applications for individuals who desire and qualify for assistance through the H.E.L.P. program.

Also, all heating applications are now being accepted. Applicant must be a disabled EBCI tribal member under the age of 59 ½ or the parent to a permanently disabled minor child who is an EBCI tribal member and resides in the home. Applicant must bring their disability statement or Social Security statement as well as EBCI enrollment and Social Security cards for everyone in the household.

Info: Family Support Services 359-6092

- Family Support Services

Higher Education deadline

The final day for new students to submit paperwork to EBCI Higher Education for the spring semester 2019 is Monday, Oct. 15. Info: 359-6650, www.tsalagied.com

- EBCI Higher Education

4-H Public Speaking prog.

The EBCI Cooperative Extension Program is offering a 4-H Public Speaking program for ages 10-18. There are 32 categories in the state competition and unlimited topics. The local meeting dates for the program in 2019 are: Jan. 24, Feb. 21, March 28, April 25, and May 23 (each meeting is 5 – 8 pm). The District Competition is set for June 15, 2019 (location to be announced), and the State Competition is set for July 20, 2019 at N.C. State University in Raleigh. 4-H enrollment forms must be completed to register. Info: Sally Dixon, 4-H agent, srdixon@ncsu.edu

- EBCI Cooperative Extension 4-H Program

Heating applications for Family Support Services

EBCI Family Support Services is now taking heating applications for the following programs:
• LIHEAP & Tribal Housing (indigent or low income) – Please note that Tribal Heating (indigent) takes heating application the whole month of October. No applications are taken the months of November, December, and January, and then reopen February through March 30, 2019.

Required:
1. Completed application
2. Enrollment card for all household members
3. Social Security card for all household members
4. An affidavit from enrollment will also be accepted
5. Account number from heating company
6. Custody/Guardianship paper (if applicable)
7. Income verification for all household members
8. Help Heating

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5. Account number from heating company

- EBCI Cooperative Extension 4-H Program

CLEAN: Little Miss Cherokee 2018-19 Morgan Hernandez (third from right) held a litter pick-up event on Jenkins Creek Road recently. Shown (left-right) are Candy Crowe, Marisa Cabe, Kaiser Hernandez, Manuel Hernandez, Morgan, Samuel Hernandez, and Carr Crowe.
Deadline for Yogi Crowe Scholarship approaching

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

The Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund has announced that the University of Tennessee Graduate School will notify them of available funds for a 2019-20 fellowship in November 2018. UT will provide a fellowship to a graduate or doctoral student recommended by the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund. To apply for the 2019-20 University of Tennessee fellowship, students must apply to the Scholarship Fund by making a request in writing to the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund Board of Directors, P. O. Box 892, Cherokee, NC 28719 by Feb. 1, 2019 to be considered for this fellowship. If more than one application is received, the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund Board of Directors will make a recommendation to UT Graduate School as to who should receive the fellowship based upon need.

Info: Scholarship Fund board members: Dr. Reva Ballew, president, 631-1350; Dr. Jennifer Thompson, vice president, 507-5997; Mary Herr, secretary, 497-9498; Tamitha Fourkiller, treasurer, 497-7034; Dr. Carmaleta Monteith 497-2717; Sunshine Parker 506-1952; Jan Smith 507-1519; or Shannon Swimmer 736-3191.
- Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund

Pick-up of Fair entries

The EBCI Cooperative Extension Center has enacted a new policy on Cherokee Indian Fair entries. All entries that were not picked up on Monday, Oct. 8 will be at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Center from 8am – 4:30pm. The final deadline for picking up all items will be Friday, Nov. before 4pm. Any items not picked up by this date will become the property of the EBCI Cooperative Extension Center. Info: 359-6939
- EBCI Cooperative Extension Center

Wolftown Community Club news

The Wolftown Community Club held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 9 and selected officers for the coming 2018-19 year including: Chairman, Tuff Jackson 788-4088; Vice-Chairman, Frank Dunn 736-4800; Treasurer, Mary Long 497-6515; and Secretary, Tammy Jackson 788-4098. We had a very good turnout and delicious potluck dinner! We would like to give a shout-out to the Big Y Community Club for their gift for our new building! Bunsie and Trudy Crowe delivered a portable white board for use during our meetings and it is well-needed. Thank you all!

Guest Speakers for the evening were Superior Court Judge candidate Brad Letts, Judge Kristina Earwood, N.C. Senate candidate Bobby Kuppers, and a representative from the EBCI Domestic Violence Program. A lot of good information was shared throughout the meeting. One area of concern for the Domestic Violence Program is not being able to serve women with teenage sons or male victims, because they don’t have room. They must be housed separately.

The Club would like to thank everyone again who helped with the Fair float, booth and/or donated candy for the parade. We are very grateful for all our volunteers who come out and help with our activities! A special thank you to Robbie Panther for allowing us the use of his truck and trailer once again and to Perry Arkansas for driving. Robbie has helped the club out the past few years with the float and we appreciate all he does! Also, thank you to George Burgess for the use of his hay over the years. We greatly appreciate both of you!

The Community Club is asking for your help for candy donation for Halloween. Contact Tuff Jackson if you would like to donate, thanks. If you would like to volunteer or help out with club events, contact one of the officers or attend one of the meetings to see what we are planning. We will be happy to have you join us!

The next regularly scheduled community meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 5:30 p.m. We will also be hosting the November Community Club Council meeting on Monday, Nov. 5. Dinner starts at 5:30pm and the meeting will follow. Everyone is invited to attend and bring a side dish/dessert. Come out, get involved and help our community club grow! Hope to see you at one or both of the meetings next month!
- Tammy Jackson, Secretary, Wolftown Community Club

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- Tammy Jackson, Secretary, Wolftown Community Club
Shiyo everyone!

I am Janna Amelie Girty, 2018 Jr. Miss Cherokee Contestant #2. I won Miss Photogenic! This was such a great experience. I want to wish all the Cherokee Royalty safe travels and a successful reign! I had a lot of help with my first time running! I would like to thank everyone that assisted with my pageant journey this year! Thank you Leslie “Sissy” Lossiah for making my entire Cherokee traditional clothing! Thank you Martha Ledford for translating my speech into Cherokee and assisting me with saying everything correctly. Thank you Mike Crowe for teaching my mom how to make moccasins. Karyl Frankiewicz, thank you for letting me borrow your belts and earrings. Also, I appreciate all the support and wisdom you bestowed on me for my pageant journey. JR Wolfe, thank you for all the custom made copper jewelry. Thank you Gabe Crow for my helping me with my talent and spending hours to ensure I learned everything! Thank you Garfield Long and EP with translating words for my slideshow and JL Wolfe making sure it was on point! Thank you to my besties Loshi Ward, Boie Crowe, Danasia Toineeta and Jaelyn Lossiah for throwing tons of candy for the big parade crowd! Last but not least, I want to thank my mom for helping me with everything! I love you and I am very blessed and grateful to have you as my mother! Thank you to all of my sponsors. I hope I made you all proud: Lambert Wilson, Museum of the Cherokee Indian, American Legion Post 143, Kasha Lossiah, Frank Lossiah and family, Tribal Gaming Commission, Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, Rancho Viejo, BJ’s Diner, A&A Designs, Indian Ink, Tseshani Art, Ken Wilson Ford, Food Lion, Freida Saylor and family, Ashley Sessions, Jaidan Wolfe, Amelia Owle, Trina Owle, Josephine Teesateskie, Mary A. Crowe, Betty Tahquett, Wolf-town Council Member Bo Crowe, the Offices of Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed and Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, and friends and family. To my Speech-Language Pathologist, Alison Reece, thank you so much for helping me accomplish speech therapy and helping me with my introduction speech. I hope this helped and touched anyone who has endured anytime of difference. Virginia Wolfe thank you so much for fixing my hair the entire pageant. You are awesome! I am working on everything for next year’s pageant and I hope to have all of your support! I truly love all of you!

Love,

Janna Amelie Girty

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**OBITUARIES**

**Gwyndolyn Cline Ayers**

Gwyndolyn Cline Ayers, 88, of Bryson City, passed away peacefully at Cherokee Indian Hospital on Monday, Oct. 8, 2018. A native of Swain County and an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, she was the daughter of the late Luzene and Fred Cline.

She was preceded in death by her husband Harold Boyd Ayers.

She is survived by her daughter, Vicky Jenkins and husband Richard of Cherokee; grandson, John Ayers and wife Nikki of Cherokee; granddaughter, Nashley Jenkins of Cherokee; great grandchildren, Novalee and Harold Ayers; sister, Melba Haigler and husband Larry of Cherokee; and brother, Marcel Cline and wife Barbara of Cherokee; and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held Friday, Oct. 12 at Crisp Funeral Home in Bryson City. Burial immediately follow at the Birdtown Cemetery.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to her nieces, Nita Roy and Sonja McCoy, for spending many days and overnights with her during her stay in the hospital.

Pallbearers were Charles Lawson, Stan Robertson, Trent Winchester, Heath Robertson, Jacob Reed, and Colt Carroll. The Reverend J. Gilbert officiated the funeral services.

**Raymond “Chucky” Owle III**

Raymond “Chucky” Owle III, 47, of Cherokee, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, Oct. 12, 2018 at the Cherokee Indian Hospital. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines.

Chucky is survived by his parents, Raymond Owle Jr. and Madge Lambert Owle; his children, Tank Rattler of Robbinsville and Tai-Lee Owle of Robbinsville; grandmother, Margaret Owle; brothers, Dean Owle, Earl Owle, Manuel Watty and Stephen Watty; sisters, Alicia Lambert and Monica “Tigger” Lambert; several aunts and uncles, close cousins; and many friends also survive.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Dock and Helen Lambert; grandfather, Raymond Owle Sr.; brother, Ray Owle; uncles, Mike Lambert and George Owle; and aunt, June Nephew.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, Oct. 14 at Long House Funeral Home. Pastor Ben Reed and Bear Lambert officiated. Burial followed at the Tow String Cemetery with military honors provided by the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143.

**William P. Standingdeer**

William P. Standingdeer, 57, of Cherokee, went home to be with the Lord Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Joseph and Beatrice Davis Standingdeer.

He is survived by his wife, Bernice Taylor Standingdeer; foster parents, Ray and Jerri Kinsland of Cherokee; brothers, Robert Standingdeer of Cherokee and Jess Standingdeer of Sylva; sisters, Cynthia Standingdeer of Cherokee, Debora Foerst of Cherokee, and Dora Robinson of Sylva. He was known as dad to Trudy Taylor, Anna Bigwitch, and Christopher Martinez and Papaw to Zayden, Anali, Jolden, Newton, Alicia, Sammy, Timothy, Nyla, and Keiffer. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 16 at Acquoni Baptist Chapel. Revs. Ned Pressley, Jim Parks and James (Bo) Parris officiated with burial in the Davis Family Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cherokee Children’s Home, PO Box 507, Cherokee, NC 28719.

Crisp Funeral Home assisted the family.
Civil discourse

ROBERT JUMPER
ONE FEATHER EDITOR

Not since the American Civil War have I read about so much hatred and disunity among the citizenry of the United States. The ugliness ranges from rhetoric to aggression to violence.

I am not sure when or how it happened, but we can no longer hold differing opinions on certain topics without forming battle lines. A dangerous mindset is developing that if people cannot conform to a certain way of thinking, then they must be eliminated, some say from the conversation, others say from the planet. What starts as a difference in philosophy escalates into physical violence. Death threats come to a person because they did, or didn’t, support a position or candidate. Government public meetings are reduced to chaotic messes with people screaming and being carried out of rooms by police. Peaceful protests are turned into arenas of death by fanatical individuals who decide that a cause is so much more valuable than human life that they jump in their vehicle and attempt to run over the opposition. And, people are trying to make a statement about their beliefs by shooting into peaceful crowds from high perches in hotel rooms or busting into to schools and churches. The tools of free speech have been perverted to mean sticks and stones, knives, bullets, and gas-powered vehicles.

No, violent civil disobedience is not new to America. After all, this country’s efforts toward independence began with an act of civil violence. As mentioned above, war upon war has been fought to push an agenda. But attacks seem to be progressively becoming more personal.

As a newspaper editor, I (along with the editorial board) concern myself with balancing the need, the right, of our people to express themselves through their opinions and comments to the news of the day and protecting the public from inappropriate expressions of hate. You would not think that in a community as progressive as the Qualla Boundary is, that you would find need of regulation of hate speech. And, you would be wrong. We, as reporters, work very hard to write with a non-partisan, unbiased tone to our articles. It is impossible to report news in a detached fashion. After all, it would not be a story and the journalist would not have selected it to bring to you if it did not have more than average interest to him or her, and therefore to you. Our reporters live in this community and have a vested interested in every local news story. They challenge themselves to make sure that all sides of a story are captured or as many as time and access will allow. A news article should not be written with the intent to sway you to a side or position. That is the job of public relations people. There are news organizations who are not as ethical in their treatment of news. Some regularly allow their reporters to inject their opinions in news stories. In those cases, the publisher leaves the readers to figure out what the actual story is versus commentary by the writer.

As you know, the One Feather journalists do provide their opinions on the issue of the day in the newspaper. They do not do it in their articles. Articles are there to document history in the making. Our reporters provide their viewpoint in a commentary. It is clearly labeled as such so that readers immediately know that these are opinions, just like their own. Our staff commentaries and your letters and commentaries to the editor are a critical function of the newspaper. We all need to have an outlet to voice our opinions to the community. We are proud of the progress we have made in the direction of providing that outlet to the Qualla Boundary and the surrounding region.

In providing that outlet, we play the role of gatekeeper. It is a difficult and thankless job because it requires us to weigh the comments of others to determine if those are appropriate and whether these comments will harm the community. The balance runs on a fine line. The Society of Professional Journalists Code of Ethics is written on four simple premises; seek truth and report it, minimize harm, act independently, and be accountable.
Civil discourse and transparent. We try to model that code in all of our writings from news articles to commentaries. We use it as a guide for our acceptance of submitted material. And we monitor and edit the website and social media newsfeeds for the newspaper with those principals in mind.

Hate speech, vulgarity, and accusations with no basis, in fact, all violate our oath (yes, we are bound by our Cherokee Code to adhere to the SPJ Code of Ethics) to minimize harm. As an editor and professional journalist, I want to make sure, to the best of my ability, that I provide, you with the opportunity to voice your opinion on any subject that you feel it is vital for the community to know. It is a crucial part of my job to keep the lines of communication open between the community.

If you have a position or statement, you wish to make to the community, the very worst thing you can do as you communicate it is to use vulgarity, use hate-filled words, or use misleading stories. It completely distracts the readers from the statement on a position that you may be trying to make. Where it is offered to us, we apply the strictest filters possible regarding foul language. If you must pepper your comments with vulgar language to supposedly get your point across, then your message is likely too weak to stand any measure of scrutiny. I speak from personal experience. The times that I have used vulgar language were the times that the foundations of my statement were shaky. Hateful words are idle words that typically have no substantive value to a position. Hate is, for the most part, a wasteful and wasted emotion. The substance usually comes out after the statement of hatred. “I hate you because…” What follows “because” is more than likely what needs to be heard. “I hate you because you live a lifestyle I don’t agree with” or “... the decision you made negatively impacted my life in this way...” By simply dropping the hate, you make statements; you provide the reader an opportunity to examine your position based on the substance of your argument. They may not be convinced or agree, but you have communicated your stance and can see feedback that may help all sides at least understand each other better.

We are a small community with a passionate, vocal membership. We just wrapped up our fall community event that we deemed “Ga Du Gi-The Heartbeat of our Tribe.” For many, Ga Du Gi speaks of a mindset of peaceful, respectful community. As we, you and I, address issues important to our community via civil discourse, let’s remember who we are and what we represent - an ancestry steeped in a tradition of unity, regardless of our differences.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Some misunderstandings resist being resolved. But your sincerity in wanting to soothe those hurt feelings wins the day. By month’s end, that relationship should begin to show signs of healing.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A hectic job schedule begins to ease just in time to blow off all that work-generated steam on Halloween. A family situation runs into an unexpected complication.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A cutting remark in the workplace needs to be handled with finesse. Remember: How you respond could determine the depth of support you gain from colleagues.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Once again, that Capricornian stubborn streak sets in and could keep you from getting much-needed advice. Fortunately, it lifts by week’s end, in time to make an informed decision.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A surprise trip early in the week could lead to other unexpected offers when you return. Word to the wise: Avoid talking too much about this until you’ve made some decisions.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Learning dominates the week for peripatetic Piscians, who are always looking to widen their range of knowledge. A series of important job-linked commitments begins late in the week.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your sense of humor generates good feelings and good will everywhere you go.
Janna Girty should be praised for bravery

SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
ONE FEATHER STAFF

While covering the Junior Miss Cherokee pageant during the 106th Cherokee Indian Fair, I witnessed a young lady display exemplary bravery and conquer a fear millions like her, including myself, have – public speaking due to stuttering. Janna Girty, a member of the Wolf Clan from the Birdtown Community, wore a jacket emblazoned with syllabary charters during her introduction. She told the crowd she wore it to honor those, including herself, who have gone through speech therapy.

“I was so embarrassed,” she noted. “I didn’t want to read out loud or talk in front of a class or pronounce my last name. After I spent two years working with my speech pathologist Allie, I strengthened and retrained my tongue.”

The Stuttering Foundation defines the condition, “Stuttering is a communication disorder in which the flow of speech is broken by repetitions, prolongations, or abnormal stoppages of sounds in syllables. There may also be unusual facial and body movements associated with the effort to speak.”

According to the Foundation, there are over 70 million people worldwide and 3 million in the United States who stutter.

Girty said she had a problem with her “R” sounds. My main issue has always been “S” sounds, but sometimes it is just all words. It takes great courage for any of the young ladies vying for royalty titles to put themselves out there on a stage like they do, but I was in awe of Girty when I found out she stuttered. I’m not sure I could do that today to be honest.

One of the most recognizable voices in the world – that of Darth Vader and the voice of CNN – stuttered as a youth. “Stuttering is painful,” actor James Earl Jones once said. “In Sunday school, I’d try to read my lessons, and the children behind me were falling on the floor with laughter.”

Most of you that know me who are reading this are probably quite surprised as my stuttering has improved dramatically in the last five years, but it was really bad at other points in my life. As a child and teen, there were times when, just like Jones, reading aloud was a nightmare. It wasn’t that I didn’t know how to pronounce the words – I was reading at a college level by the time I was in the sixth grade. I just couldn’t get the words to come out.

One thing I want to make very, very clear. Stuttering has nothing to do with intelligence. Sometimes, people think that those of us who stutter are “dumb” or “stupid”, but that is not the case at all. According to the Stuttering Foundation, actress Emily Blunt, former Vice President Joseph Biden, singer Carly Simon, King George VI, former 20/20 co-anchor John Stossel, and many others are stutterers.

The late country singer Mel Tillis is a very famous stutterer and even played it up. He wasn’t ashamed of his stutter which is awesome – there’s nothing to be ashamed of. He named his airplane Stutter One and titled his autobiography “Stutterin’ Boy” in which he wrote, “After a lot of years and more hurting than I like to remember, I can talk about it lightly – which eases things a bit. It’s a way of showing people that it hasn’t licked me, and so it doesn’t have to lick others.”

Tillis sang without a stutter.

I stutter a lot less than I used to, but even when it was at its worst and stuttering was an all-day affair, I could still sing pow wow songs with no problems at all. And, I was singing complicated songs full of Lakota words – some call them tongue-twisters – with no issues. How was that possible? I have no idea.

One person, quite rudely I might add, once asked me, “How can you sing those old songs but you can’t speak?”

I’m not sure. Mel Tillis didn’t know either.

Speaking of old songs, while I was watching the pageants at the Fair, an old song entered my head – a pow wow princess honoring song whose Lakota words translate as “when they are holding a beauty pageant, come dancing with happiness, come to the center and dance.”

Girty wasn’t dancing that night, but she certainly came with happiness. I wish her the best of luck for all of her endeavors, including overcoming stuttering, that she faces in the future. With bravery like I witnessed that night, I’m sure she will be fine.

I’ll leave you with one final thought. If you come across someone with a stutter, please, please be patient with them. They aren’t doing it on purpose, and having compassion and giving them time to get their message across will mean the world to them.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Photo ID shouldn’t be required to vote

There’s an amendment on your ballot (North Carolina state election) that would require everyone to have a photo ID in order to vote. Sound like a good idea? It’s not. If you vote for this, you’re buying “a pig in a poke.”

The proposed amendment does not say what kind of ID would be required, how often it would be renewed, what is required to get one, and how much it might cost in the future. What if you don’t have the right one? Driver’s license? Thousands of eligible voters don’t drive. Student ID? What if you’re not a student? A valid US passport? Have you got one of those? In North Carolina now, all first-time voters need proof of residence. That has worked well in our state for years. Voter fraud is practically non-existent. We do not need another level of bureaucracy churning out voter ID cards, deciding who gets one and who does not. We do not need mysterious, as-yet undefined cards with unknown requirements.

This amendment is designed to drive poor and rural people away from the polls, not let them in. Vote against this deceptive amendment and all the others, too.

Leila Tvedt Hyde, Bryson City

It’s not too late...

Younger people have a unique opportunity to change the political conversation. In 2016, 50 percent of eligible young people voted as compared with over 71 percent of those age 70 plus. Unlike stereotypes, the reasons for this cannot be simplified to being lazy or self-involved. They move a lot – college, work, the service, relationships, adventure – which can create a disconnect with local and state issues and make voting feel unimportant. Campaign issues often have greater impact on older people, such as taxes, health insurance, and Social Security. Many younger people are more liberal than some older folks on issues like abortion, gun safety, and marijuana. Most wonder why equal rights for LGBTQ individuals are even questioned. Many devalue party loyalty, are disillusioned with the power of money, and self-define as global citizens not “America first” isolationists.

At this time of political discord many have been galvanized. Coupled with gun safety activism of the high school students from Parkland, many have registered. More are needed. If you’re at least 18 (or someone close to you is) understand that although it’s too late to register by mail, it’s not too late to register and vote.

During early voting (Oct. 17 to Nov. 3) you can do what’s called One Stop, Same-Day Registration. Show up, complete an application, and show evidence of residency OR a current college photo ID paired with proof of campus residency.

Vote. In two days, the BOE will verify you and your vote will be counted. <https://www.ncsbe.gov/Voters/Registering-to-Vote>.

Younger voters, you outnumber Baby Boomers. Join your voting peers to ensure that your town, city, county, state and nation are more inclusive and progressive. With your help, this ship can be turned around.

Elaine Slocumb, Bryson City

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Cherokee Pet of the Week

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SOH I JAD RVLLA DJQAYL

Grizzly, a Wheaten Terrier mix, lives with Wilda and Ken Messer in Waynesville. A rescued pet from Sarge’s Animal Shelter, he loves laying in mom’s lap, playing with his toys, and chasing his most hated rodents. He is a good boy and loves his Aunt Virginia, Uncle Keith, and Mamaw.

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

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Benefits and Fundraisers

Turkey Shoot. Oct. 20 at 5pm. This is a benefit for Eddie Hill. Good prizes, good fun, good benefit. All are welcome.

Frybread Fundraiser. Oct. 26 at 10am at Yellowhill Activity Building. Indian tacos with drink and dessert for $7. Frybread and chili for $6. All proceeds will help the women’s group at Living Waters Lutheran Church. Deliveries will not be available. To place orders ahead of time or for info: Dorine George 788-5392 or Lisa Russell (918) 868-4373

Whittier United Methodist Church Benefit Supper. Oct. 19 at 6pm at the church. The menu is chili and frybread for $8. The proceeds will be used to benefit the many community outreach efforts to assist individuals in need and for the Grace House Food Pantry.

Cultural Events

Kananesgi Basket and Carving Festival. Nov. 3 from 10am – 4pm at Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Accepting vendors. This is open to any EBCI tribal member who makes baskets, weaponry, carvings, instruments, or wood burnings. Demonstration stipends available. To register, call Tonya 359-5545

General Events

4-H “It’s Electric” program. Oct. 17 and 25 and Nov. 7 from 5:30 – 8pm at EBCI Cooperative Extension Office. Must attend two of the three sessions. All material provided, ages 11+. Prepare an Electric Project Book, and the top two winners get a free trip to 4-H Electric Congress in July 2019. 4-H enrollment forms must be completed to participate. Info: Sally Dixon, 4-H agent, srdixon@ncsu.edu

Indivisible Swain County NC meeting. Oct. 22 at 6pm at Swain County Senior Center at 125 Brendle Street in Bryson City. Bobby Kuppers will be the guest speaker. All are welcome. Info: Brenda Donargo 488-1118

EBCI Communities Grow-Cherokee Forum. Oct. 29 (two sessions, 2-4pm and 6-8pm) at EBCI Cooperative Extension Office. Share your ideas and help build the

Presentations. Oct. 24 from 6 – 7:30pm at Yellowhill Activity Center. Learn about the CYC trip to the annual UNITY Conference in San Diego and the Cultural Exchange Trip to the Sal Ildefonso Pueblo in New Mexico. Meal provided. Info: Ethan Clapsaddle 359-5543 or ethaclap@nc-cherokee.com

Jess and John Swayney Family Reunion. Oct. 27 at 12pm at Yellowhill Activity Center. Bring a covered dish. Info: Annie Owens 497-4041

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Presents The
WNC Fly Fishing Trail
Weekly Fishing Report
October 15-21, 2018

WATERSHED STOCKING PRODUCTIVITY ACTIVE SPECIES HATCHES FLY/BAIT
Tuckasegee River Stocked Oct. 2-3 Morning/Evening Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout, Smallmouth Bass October Caddis and Stonefly Sheep Fly & Red Copper John, Eggs, Wooly Buggers, Hares Ears, Frenchies
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers N/A Morning/Evening Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout BWO & October Caddis Copper John, October Caddis, Inch worms, Beetles, Wet’s Worm
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams Follow posted regulations wild trout Morning/Evening Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Brook Trout Hare’s Ear & Orange Palmer, Terrestrials, Yellow Sallys, Little Green Stones, Sulphurs Beetles, Frenchies, Wet’s Worms, Girdle bugs

Best Fishing Times Based on the Lunar Cycle


Trivia


Test Your Bible Knowledge,” featuring 1,200 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is now available in stores and online.

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Health and Sports Events

WCU Catamount EBCI Appreciation Day. Oct. 13 at 3:30pm (kick-off) at EJ Whitmire Stadium. Food and fun available for all EBCI Western Carolina University alumni at the Gate 6 Hospitality Tent beginning at 1pm. Pre-game traditional Cherokee stickball across the river on the Intramural Field at 2pm – game by the Kolanvy Indian Ball Family. $10 tickets for the event; tribal discount tickets only available at the WCU Cherokee Center until Oct. 11 at 4pm. Info: Sky Sampson 497-7920, snsampson@wcu.edu


Straight Out of Auburn Big Time Pow Wow. Oct. 20 at The Grounds Placer County in Roseville, Calif. Info: Shonni Bear (530) 888-8767, shonnie.bear@odor.ca.gov

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

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Tsali Manor on the third Thursday of each month from 12 - 1pm. Info: Nilofer Couture, MPH, RD, LDN, CDE, 497-9163 ext. 6459 or Nilofer.Couture@cherokeehospital.org.

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

Analenisgi Recovery Center weekly schedule

Monday:
Wrap: 9:15 - 10am
Finding Tohi: 10 - 11am
Cherokee Culture: 11am - 12:30pm
Step by Step: 1:30 - 2:30pm
The 12 Steps of Yoga (located at Cherokee Choices): 2:30 - 4pm
Recovery Support: 4:30 - 6pm
Hi-De-Nv (Come with me) Recovery Support Group 5 - 6pm

Tuesday:
Emotions: 9 - 11am
Life Recovery: 3 - 4pm

Wednesday:
Wrap: 9:15 - 10am
Wild Wednesday: 10:15am - 12pm
Adulting 101: 12 - 1pm
Healthy Boundaries: 1 - 2pm
Soilfit: 2:30 - 4:30pm
Staff Meeting: 3:30 - 4:30pm
We Belong: 5 - 6pm
Peacemaking Support Circle: 5 - 6pm

Thursday:
Life Recovery: 8:30 - 9:30am
Staff Meeting: 9 - 10am
Mindfulness Crochet: 10:30am - 12pm
Creative Writing: 1 - 3pm
Employment Skills: 3 - 4pm

Friday:
Wrap: 9 - 10am
Creative Recovery: 9 - 11am
Courage to Heal: 11am - 12pm
Fit for Recovery: 12:45 - 2:15pm

Cherokee Language & Culture: 2:30 - 4pm

All classes are open to clients of Analenisgi. The only classes that are open to the public are: Life Recovery, Recovery Support, Two Spirit and Peacemaking Support Circle. Info: 497-6892.

CIHA Bariatric Support Groups meet every second Tuesday of the month at Snowbird Library from 11am – 12pm (Chris Frank) and every second Thursday of the month at Cherokee Indian Hospital from 12-1pm in the Soco Gap Training Room. Groups are led by registered dietitians. Info: CIHA Nutrition Dept. – Nilofer Couture 497-9163 ext. 6459, Linda Johnson ext. 6317, Chrystal Frank ext. 6806, or Jean Walborn ext. 7569

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

Cherokee Alzheimer’s Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month from 5:30 – 6:30pm at Tsali Manor. This group is presented by The Alzheimer’s Association Western Carolina Chapter. Info: 359-6860
FOR RENT
2BR, 1 bath mobile home. Quiet park in Ela, no pets. References/background check required. $450/month, $450/deposit. 488-8752. UFN

3 bedroom, 2 bath, Mobile Home. Good neighborhood. 2 miles from Casino. $700 mth. 1st & last, plus $300 damage deposit. Call (828)736-8731. 10/18

3 bedroom/2bath house with storage room. W/D, woodstove, dishwasher and covered carport. Available October 15, 2018. Call for more information or to schedule an viewing (405) 306-8396. 10/18

FOR SALE
LAND FOR SALE – BLACK ROCK 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. 11/22pd

House for Sale - 3 bedroom, 1 ½ bath, Central Heat & Air on a .388 acre lot. Located in Birdtown-Adams Creek. (828) 736-2537. 10/25pd

FREE
Would you like to know more about the supernatural works of God? Send for: Free Supernatural Gospel Books, P.O. Box 1894, Beaufort, SC 29901. UFN

SERVICES
Armstrong Carpet Care Installation, repair, cleaning, call today-free estimates, cheapest in Town, call (828) 736-8685. 11/8

YARD SALES
Garage Sale – Oct. 19, 20, 26, and 27 at 50 Bryson St, Bryson City 488-8951. Chop saw, hand tools, meat cleavers, crosscut saws, old axes, antiques, knives, oil lamps, rocking chairs, electric wheelchairs, all kinds of cookware, fishing rods and reels, heaters, pellet guns, bayonets, coat rack, and much more. Everything must go. Oct. 20 from 8am-2pm on Old Gap Road.

BUYING
NC licensed Ginseng dealer is willing to pay Top price for Top quality roots. For more information, please call (828) 341-0818. 11/15

Search Cherokee’s Sex Offender Registry at this link:
http://nc-cherokee.nsopw.gov/
STAFF OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE
Public Safety Telecommunicator
Right of Way Tree Trimmer (Groundsman & Climber)
Director of the Coulter Faculty Commons
Associate Registrar
RPCN Grant Direct - Time Limited/Grant Funded (Asheville)

FACULTY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE
Assistant Professor (Acting - Stage & Screen, Sociology, Educational
Leadership, Biology)
Instructor of Cherokee Language

VISIT JOBS.WCU.EDU FOR DETAILS AND TO APPLY
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For deadlines and applications call 339-6388. Indian Preference does apply. A current job application
must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a Tribal application.

POSITIONS OPEN
Closing Monday, October 22, 2018
1. TEMP Utility Worker - Tribal Construction - Operations (L4 $11,350 - $14,19 per hour)
2. Conservation Outreach Coordinator - Natural Resources - Agriculture & Natural Resources
   (L4 $37,474 - $46,843)
3. Financial Analyst II - Finance - Treasury (L2 $49,200 - $61,500)
5. Training Program Specialist - Education & Training - Community, Education & Recreation
   Services (L5 $25,830 - $32,298)

Open Until Filled
1. Senior Auditor - Office of Internal Audit and Ethics (L2 $58,794 - $73,491)
2. Medical Social Worker - Tribal In Home Care Services - PIIHS (L10 $41,682 - $51,353)
3. Telecommunicator (Multiple) - Public Safety Communications Center - Public Safety (L7
   $31,078 - $38,648)
4. Detention Officer - Corrections - Public Safety (L7 $31,078 - $38,648)
5. Certified Nursing Assistant - Tribal In Home Care Services - PIIHS (L4 $23,616 -
   $29,520)
6. Director of Information Technology (L11 (L5 $64,206 - $80,258)
   *Please attach all required documents*
   **A.D. in Business, Enrollent Diploma, Certificates**

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

Cherokee Central
Schools Position
Openings
(Open until filled):
- Special Education Teacher Assistant - Pathways - Must have an Associate's
  Degree or 48 completed semester hours.
- JROTC Instructor - Must have an Associate's Degree. Must be retired from the
  Army, must have an excellent record of military performance.
- Full-Time Occupational Therapy Assistant - Must have an AA Degree in related
  field from accredited institution; must have one year experience. NOA License preferred.
- 6 Hour Food Service Worker (Full-Time) - Must have high school diploma/GED.
- 4 Hour Food Service Worker (Part-Time) - Must have high school diploma/GED.
- Cultural Program Coordinator - Master's degree preferred; Bachelor's degree
  required in Business or office related field. Work experience in business office manage-
  ment organization and related technical skill areas. Must have experience with bud-
  get and grant writing. Must be sociable when dealing with the community. Experience
  with Cherokee Language and Culture preferred.
- Middle/High School Permanant Substitute Teacher - Must have a bachelor's
  degree.
- Security Gate Monitor (Weekends) - Must have high school diploma/GED.
- Part-Time Custodian - Must have high school diploma/GED.

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

APPLY ONLINE at:
https://phil.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/
or visit www.ccs-nc.org for more information.
EMPLOYMENT

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL
AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:
Optometrist
Dental Assistant II
Physician – Emergency Room
Director of Managed Care
EVS Specialist
Targeted Case Manager – Cherokee Central Schools
Computer Specialist I
Residential Clinical Supervisor - Snowbird Residential Treatment Center
Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali Care (16 Positions)
CNA Medication Aide – Tsali Care Center (2 Positions)
RN – Tsali Care Center (4 Positions)
RN Supervisor – Tsali Care Center (2 Positions)
Driver/Medication Aide – Tsali Care Center
Housekeeper I – Tsali Care Center
Cook – Tsali Care Center
Cook Aide – Tsali Care Center
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.

MANDARA SPA – JOB POSITIONS

Massage Therapist
Job Description: The Massage Therapist role is to provide and maintain the highest standards of massage therapy and recommendations for home care. A massage therapist must provide excellent guest care, and create a feeling of rest and relaxation for spa guests, resulting in high retention and increased treatment and retail sales.
Applicants must possess a current NC massage license, applicants must be self motivated and responsible. Required to have open availability, work evenings, weekends, and holidays.

Cosmetologist
Job Description: To provide high quality, professional hair and nail services to clients. Educate the guest regarding home maintenance and the benefit of additional services.
Applicants must be self motivated and responsible. Required to have open availability, work evenings, weekends, and holidays. Able to maintain a professional appearance at all times. Able to maintain work station in accordance with North Carolina State Board sanitation/sterilization procedures. Must have a current NC cosmetology license. We are currently offering a sign on bonus for this position.
For more information, contact Bruce Taylor, Spa Director 828-497-8550.

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL
AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:
PTI - Medical Laboratory Technician
Medical Technologist
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 October 18, 2018 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply.

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL
AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:
LPN – Tsali Care Center
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 October 25, 2018 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply.

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL
AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:
Targeted Case Manager – Family Safety
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 October 18, 2018 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply.

MANDARA SPA Openings
Position: Male Spa Attendant
Job Description: The Spa Attendant’s overall responsibility is provide premier quality service to the spa clientele by efficiently and properly cleaning the spa and maintaining it so that it is fully functional. Spa Attendants will perform any combination of general/industrial cleaning duties to maintain a clean and orderly environment.
For more information, contact Bruce Taylor, Spa Director 828-497-8550.

The TERO Office has the following job vacancies to post in the One Feather.
TERO Director
Job Bank Coordinator
Applications and job descriptions are available at the front office Monday – Friday from 7:45am – 4:30pm. You may contact the front office at 828-359-6421. Applications are due by 4pm on the closing date. Indian preference does apply. Deadline is October 19 @ 4:30pm.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-069
In the Matter of the Estate of
Vivian Harlan
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
Tisa Squirrel, 776 Mountain Noble Road, Cherokee, NC 28719.
10/25pd

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-071
In the Matter of the Estate of
Polly Ann Rattler
All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.
Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.
Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION
Elsie Adalene Wolfe Rattler, 180 Elsie Rattler Road, Cherokee, NC 28719.
10/25pd

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
EASTERN BAND OF
CHEROKEE INDIANS
THE CHEROKEE COURT
CV-18-212
TO: UNKNOWN FATHER OF A MALE
CHILD, BORN OCTOBER 18, 2009
TO RESPONDENT MOTHER, JILL
CHANTAI SWAYNEY
TAKE NOTICE that a pleading
seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The
nature of the relief being sought
against you is as follows: TERMINA-
TION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS
Filed May 1, 2018 in EBCI Tribal
Court
A written answer to the petition
must be filed with the Clerk of Court
within 40 days of the first publi-
cation of this Notice of Service of
Process by Publication. You are
required to make a defense to such
pleading no later than November 21, 2018. Your failure to do so may
result in the Petitioner, Patricia Se-
quoyah Tramper, receiving the relief
she seeks.
This the 10th day of October,
2018. Virginia Jordan, Attorney for
the Plaintiff, 154 N. Main St., Ste. 1
Waynesville, North Carolina 28786
828-399-1912. 10/25pd

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

Advertisement for Bids
Project Title: Architectural Design:
Cherokee Youth Center
The EBCI is requesting separate
sealed proposals from qualified
architectural/engineering firms for
design of a new multi-story Cher-
okee Youth Center to be located
adjacent to the existing Youth Center
at 1570 Acquoni Rd. Cherokee NC.
Firms wishing to request a proposal
package should contact Ken Green,
PE at (828) 359-6120 or by email at
kengree@nc-cherokee.com.

Proposal packages must be
addressed to Chris Greene, Manag-
er, Project Management Program,
810 Acquoni Rd., Suite 118, (US
Postal Service address: PO Box
455, Attn: Project Management)
Cherokee, NC 28719. An optional
pre-proposal meeting is scheduled
for 11/08/2018 at 2:00 pm. Propos-
als must be received by 11:00 AM
November 28, 2018. Any proposal
received after this time will not be
considered. TERO rules and regula-
tions will be followed in award of this
contract.
If you have any questions or
comments, please contact Ken
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