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Next Regular Monthly Meeting

Bear Canyon Senior Center
4645 Pitt Street NE
Albuquerque, NM
11:30 am to 2:30 pm
February 11th, 2017

CSWT Council Meeting
February 2nd 9:00 – 11:00 at
Bear Canyon Senior Center
4645 Pitt Street
Albuquerque, NM 87111

The Cherokee Compass

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February

ᏊᏚᏰᏍᏉ-Ka-ga-li

Stationary Moon

A-ga-ya-lu-di-sgi

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This month known in English as February is ᏊᏚᏰ in Cherokee syllabary (Ka-ga'-li rendered in western script). During this month the Cherokees believed the moon, brother of the Sun, did not move from his place of power and control of the night beings. From this seat of power he governed, while the rest of the year he fled from his sister. Those born under the Stationary Moon are stubborn and willful. But they are also great leaders and path killers. The Full moon is February 22nd. The New moon is February 8th.

This time of the season is a time for personal and ritual observance, fasting and personal purification. During this season, families prepare for the coming of the new seasons, starting in Windy Moon Anvyi or March. Personal items and tools for planting are repaired, and new ones made. Stories about ancestors and the family are imparted to the younger ones by the elders. A mid-Winter or "Cold Moon Dance" is usually held in the community as well, marking the passing or ending of one cycle of seasons and welcoming the beginning of the new cycle. Hearth fires are put out and new ones made. The putting out of Fires and lighting of new ones anciently is the duty of certain holy men of certain clans, and coincides with the first new-arrival of the morning star in the east.

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CSWT Elections

The CSWT Council election is scheduled for June 2017. There are three council positions to be filled. One position must be a CSWT member who is a registered Cherokee Nation Citizen and of voting age. The remaining two are CSWT members of voting age.

The sequence of events prior to the election are:

1. An election committee must be selected by the council from CSWT volunteers at least ninety (90) days before the election (by March 11).
2. Candidates must declare their candidacy no later than sixty (60) days in advance of the election (by April 15).
3. Secret balloting shall be conducted by mail and/or ballot at the CSWT town meeting. Each CSWT-Member and CSWT Registered household shall receive ballots for each household member over 18 listed in the CSWT database. Ballots shall be sent out at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the election (May 6). Marked ballots must be received by the Election Committee by the day prior to the election in order to be valid (by June 8).
4. The ballots shall be opened and counted at the general meeting (June 10) in which the election takes place. One Election Committee member shall open the