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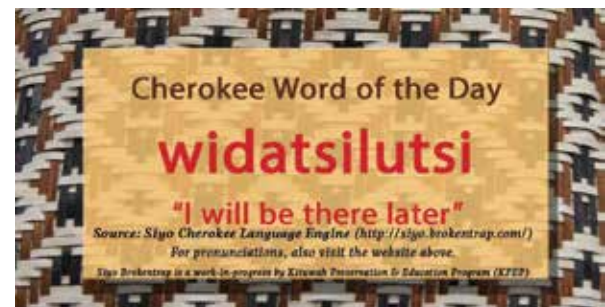
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GROUNDBREAKING: Tribal and gaming officials of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians break ground on the new Convention Center project at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort on the morning of Tuesday, June 26. Shown (left-right) are: Tommy Lambert, TCGE; Richard Sneed, TCGE vice chairman; Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed; John Houser, TCGE; Tribal Council Vice Chairman David Wolfe; Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha; Cherokee County – Snowbird Rep. Bucky Brown; Jim Owle, TCGE chairman; Big Cove Rep. Richard French; Birdtown Rep. Boyd Owle; Norma Moss, TCGE; Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose; Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke; Brooks Robinson, Harrah's Cherokee senior vice president and general manager; Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley; Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahnetah; and Wofftown Rep. Jeremy Wilson.

LOOKING FORWARD

Tribal, gaming officials break ground on new Convention Center

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The previous expansion at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort in 2013 was dubbed a "masterpiece", and now tribal and gaming officials of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are expanding the canvas and adding more amenities to the

property. Ground was broken on the morning of Tuesday, June 26 on a new Convention Center that will include 83,000 square feet of conference space and a fourth hotel tower. The project is expected to take 30 months to complete.

"The groundbreaking of this convention space and this project really just represents the first phase of economic diversification and many projects to come," said Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed who noted that the property has a convention center area now, but it is very small in comparison. "This is an industry that literally generates hundreds of billions of dollars a year, and we have something so unique, here in Cherokee, to offer. We have our culture. We have

"...the decisions we make today are going to impact our people for generations to come."

- Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed

our story. We have these beautiful mountains that surround us, and I believe this is going to be a destination of choice for many conventions for years to come.”

He added, “We, as tribal leadership, must continue to look toward the future, and we must understand that the decisions we make today are going to impact our people for generations to come. And so, I applaud the decision-making from the Tribal Council in support of this project.”

Tribal Council approved Ord. No. 567 (2016) last August that gave TCGE (Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise) authority to enter into the Fifth Amended and Restated Loan Agreement with Wells Fargo Bank for the funding of the project including a \$250,000,000 delayed draw term loan facility for the construction of the expansion.

“The impact of the revenue generated from this project, and similar projects such as the Adventure Theme Park, will ensure that our Tribe will have the ability to continue to provide privileges, the opportunities, the services, and most importantly, the employment opportunities for our people that exist today and will be here for generations to come,” said Chief Sneed. “Projects such as this, and the revenue generated, provide services for our people – housing, health care, higher education, orthodontics for our children; all of these programs and services that we are so blessed to be partakers of. We, as leadership, both on the political side and on the commercial side, have to continue to look toward the future and understand that we have a responsibility to future generations.”

The 83,000 square foot Convention Center will include a



GENERATIONS: Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed speaks during Tuesday’s groundbreaking ceremony in which he said, “We, as tribal leadership, must continue to look toward the future, and we must understand that the decisions we make today are going to impact our people for generations to come.”

32,000 square foot ballroom with 22 meeting spaces; a 900 square foot board room; a 33,000 square foot exhibition hall; terrace pool; fitness center; parking garage with over 2,600 parking spaces; a three-meal restaurant and bar; and the fourth hotel tower will include 725 room with 70 suites.

“It is very exciting to know that we are about to build a fourth hotel tower, convention center, exhibition hall, and additional parking spaces that are badly needed,” said Brooks Robinson, Harrah’s Cherokee senior vice president and general manager, who thanked tribal leaders and officials for helping with the project. “Without your help and your support, we could not make this project happen. So, thank you very much on behalf of all 3,600 employees with the TCGE.”

Robinson spoke of the need for the Convention Center saying that they turn away hundreds of



FUTURE: Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha speaks during Tuesday’s event which he called a great day for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

requests for convention space annually. “With the additional space, we will be able to host concerts, convention groups, trade shows, events; all of these at the same time. We will now have the ability to have multiple things going on at the property, but not just on property, but in our community.”

He said the convention sales team from Caesar’s Entertainment, consisting of 130 regional and national sales managers in every major market in the country, will aid in booking events and conventions at the new center. “We are going to take a very aggressive approach with this...this team will be dedicated to helping us sell every square foot of space that we have available.”

New job opportunities will also be available once the center is open. “It’s going to take a lot of people,” said Robinson. “We plan to hire between 300 to 400 employees, and when we open, we will be pushing close to 4,000 employees that work at this property and at Valley River in Murphy.”

Tribal Council Chairman Adam Wachacha said the idea for a convention center has been around since the late 1990s. “It’s taken awhile to get here, but it’s here, and we’re glad it’s here. I appreciate the previous Tribal Councils, the TCGE, Harrah’s Casino, and all of the hard work that has been put into this project. Today is truly a great day for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.”

He added, “When we look at projects, one of the sayings is, ‘we look at seven generations ahead’, so, my grandkids and their grandkids hopefully will have something truly to work toward and look forward to and look to the future.”

Jim Owle, TCGE chairman, noted, “I just want to say thank you to Tribal Council. I’d like to give you guys a hand again because without any of this, none of these projects would ever go.”

Greg Hnedak is the founder of Dreamcatcher Hotels, the firm chosen to head the development of the convention center project. The firm, based in Memphis, Tenn., has worked on various projects throughout the region including the Seven Clans Hotel for the Coushatta Tribe in Kinder, La.

“On behalf of the Dreamcatchers Hotels, I would like to thank the Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise for their confidence and, most importantly, their trust in selecting us to lead this development – a very milestone project,” said Hnedak. “I say milestone because this resort, with all of its continued success, will now add regional convention as a new attraction to a relatively new and larger customer base.”

The expansion will also include retail shopping space, but the exact nature of that has not been determined yet.

Not giving up...

Drug issues, solutions discussed at Emergency Town Hall meeting

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ONE FEATHER STAFF

Most communities in the United States are facing issues related to substance abuse and drugs. Tribal leaders and officials of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians joined with tribal members at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center on the night of Thursday, June 28 at an Emergency Town Hall Meeting to discuss the issue, but more importantly to discuss solutions.

"Communities all across the country are dealing with this and very few have any solutions at all," said Chris McCoy, EBCI Communications manager, who moderated Thursday's event which was called by Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley.

"I wanted to call this town hall meeting to address the drug issue," Vice Chief Ensley said at the beginning of the meeting. After the last per cap check, we had 11 individuals OD (overdose) in one day. The following Monday, I started getting phone calls, and I told my staff I don't know if there's anything I can do, but I wanted to get everybody in the same room to talk about the issues."

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed commented after Vice Chief Ensley, "We recognize that this is



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SOLUTIONS: Freida Saylor (left), Analenisgi director, speaks at an Emergency Town Hall meeting held on the night of Thursday, June 28 at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center to discuss solutions to the current drug issues affecting the Cherokee community. She is shown with Tribal Council Vice Chairman David Wolfe (center) and Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed.

not just a Cherokee problem, this is a nationwide epidemic. We always get questions from visitors, 'what is the drug problem like in Cherokee?' It's the same as it is in your neighborhood. This is not just a Cherokee problem. This is everywhere... this is a community-wide problem, and we need to all work together and put forth a community-wide effort to help solve this."

He went on to state, "There's no easy fix for this problem. There's no silver bullet because if there was, we would have fired already. It's going to take a lot of love for these people in recovery."

Chief Sneed said early childhood prevention and preventative efforts in general are the key. That,

plus compassion. "We have to have a mindset that we will reintegrate these people back into our community."

Freida Saylor, Analenisgi director, noted, "People who struggle with substance abuse often also struggle with mental health issues."

She said many have endured severe trauma in their lives from various forms of abuse and begin to self-medicate. Saylor commented that people in the throes of substance addiction often make irrational and poor decisions regarding family and other aspects of their lives. "Their brains are hijacked."

Anthony Sequoyah, Chief of Cherokee Tribal EMS, told the crowd that from Jan. 1 of this year

to Thursday night, his program has received 171 substance abuse calls and over 100 Narcan kits have been left at homes to help prevent overdose deaths. He noted that in 2017 there were a total of 285 calls.

"We're dedicated to our community and we're all in to help deal with this problem," said Sequoyah.

McCoy told the crowd that all ideas are welcome. "There isn't a single answer that's going to solve this."

Vickie Bradley, EBCI Secretary of Public Health and Human Services, spoke about the Tribe's recent harm reduction program involving a needle exchange initiative. She said there are currently 812 diagnoses in the community of HepC with 414 being deemed "infectious".

The harm reduction program is designed to curb that rate, and she noted it is the only proven system to do so. "It has proven its effectiveness in many studies from the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control, the American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association; I could go on and on. There has been a lot of controversy about the syringe services program."

Secretary Bradley said there is a misconception that all the program does is hand out needles. "That is not what we do at all. The purpose of the syringe services program is to reduce the transmission rates of HIV and other diseases such as Hepatitis C as well as connecting people to treatment and other

important needs such as housing, food assistance, and social services...syringe exchange programs are shown to lead to a 66 percent reduction in needle stick to law enforcement."

General Grant, an EBCI tribal elder from the Yellowhill Community, said he has been sober from alcohol and drugs for decades and noted that he found his sobriety through connecting to traditional ceremonies and practices. "I belong to this community. I belong to this Tribe. I belong to the families that live in this community. I've been working with people with substance abuse, alcohol abuse for the past 37 years."

He added, "This spirituality is a gift for the people. You can't pur-

chase it. It is given to you. Once you accept it, it no longer belongs to you. It belongs to the next person who comes through the door."

Shantelle Smith, an EBCI tribal member from the Yellowhill Community, has been sober for 23 years. She found help with her substance issues through a support group. "I didn't have anybody in my life who didn't party. I started partying when I was 12."

She told the crowd she'd like to dispel a myth about the possibility of recovery in the community. "You can get clean in Cherokee, North Carolina. You can get clean in Cherokee, North Carolina."

Jatanna Feather, an EBCI tribal member who also has Navajo and Sioux heritage, became addicted to

narcotics she was prescribed following a lupus diagnosis. She found help in a safe house program on the Navajo Nation in New Mexico that helped with job placement and other life services.

Feather thinks that type of program would work in Cherokee. "My suggestion would be having a place that is 24-hours a day where someone can go and be sober...have a place where they can go and be calm and people can help them."

Lea Wolf, an EBCI tribal member, suggested a return to a more traditional style of community. "We need to remember who we are. The system that we had until 1492 worked for us. I'm not saying Drug Court is bad, but we need to hold ourselves to a higher standard."

Frank Dunn, an EBCI tribal member from the Wolfstown Community, noted that to gain employment with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians or Harrah's Cherokee a person has to pass a drug screening. "To get a per capita check, you should have to be drug-tested."

He also inquired about forming a drug task force. Chief Sneed related that a resolution will be coming before Tribal Council in the July regular session calling for the formation of such a task force.

Jody Taylor, an EBCI tribal elder from the Birdtown Community, said it will take a community-wide effort to solve the issues. "We're all in this together. We're all Cherokee. We take care of our own people."

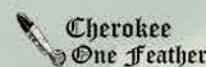


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Chief Sneed hosts meeting with business owners

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The tribal government of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians wants to have better engagement with the business community of Cherokee. That message rang through at an event, called “Breakfast with the Chief”, which was held at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort Locust Room on the morning of Thursday, June 28.

“I used to tell my students all the time that every American should own their own business at least once, for at least one year,” Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, a former small business owner and teacher, told the business owners gathered for Thursday’s event. “It will change your entire perspective of how the world works. And, it really does because the idea that someone else, somewhere else, owes you something does not exist in the world of the small business owner. In my mind, entrepreneurship is empowerment.”

He added, “I have tremendous respect for anyone who is a risk-taker and who steps into the unknown and the world without a safety net of being a small business owner. Thank you, and I applaud your efforts. I’ve been there, and I know it’s tough. When you’re the owner, you’re everything. You’re the complaint department. You’re the HR department; you’re everything.”

Chief Sneed said discussions have been had as to having quarterly meetings of the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce, possibly in a location such as the Cherokee Phoenix Theater, due to the fact



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BUSINESS: Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed speaks at the opening of an event, “Breakfast with the Chief”, which was a meeting hosted for business owners in Cherokee at the Harrah’s Cherokee Casino Resort Locust Room on the morning of Thursday, June 28.

that the Chamber does not currently have a physical location. “I certainly want to hear from you and what your needs are and how we can help support your efforts and what you’re doing. We want to work with you and not against you. As long as I am in office, you will have my full support.”

EBCI Secretary of Commerce Paula Wojtkowski gave a presentation on the Tribe’s latest CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) and commented, “Our cultural uniqueness is the cornerstone of our destination

marketing strategy.”

She noted that some future projects might take more out-of-the-box thinking. “We’ve got to begin to think about the property that sits just off of the Boundary.”

Wojtkowski spoke of the Division of Commerce’s goals and objectives, “As a collective, not only are we charged with vetting a lot of different economic opportunities that come forward on behalf of the Tribe...but, we also have to understand and keep mindful that we are the stewards for 16,000 people with the budgets that we spend and

the actions that we take, and we are very serious about that. We want to make sure that the things that we bring forth are things that the business community and our local community can be very proud of.”

She went on to state, “Our concern is you guys. Our concern is the economy of this community and that will be our focus.”

General Grant, an EBCI tribal elder and owner of Traditional Hands Jewelry & Art, spoke of the need for full family involvement in tourism. “Instead of bringing in adults for the golf course or instead of bringing in adult to the casino, there’s nothing here in Cherokee for the families. We have something very unique – that’s called Cherokee; it’s called culture.”

Mike Parker, EBCI Destination Marketing director, agreed and commented, “There has to be a balance between the stuff for the adults and the stuff for children.”

Wojtkowski said future attractions being looked at for Cherokee, such as the proposed Adventure Park, are family-friendly. She also spoke of an idea for a cultural corridor featuring Cherokee art, history, culture, and more. “The cultural district should be the heartbeat of the community. It should be as much for the local tribal member as for the visiting public.”

The issue of pedestrian traffic in the downtown area and current cultural district was discussed. Grant said jokingly, “I’ve been all over the world, big cities, small cities, and Cherokee is unique. It’s unique because it only has one sidewalk.”

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LYNNE HARLAN/EBCI Public Relations

HOUSING: This week, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed (center) formally approved the purchase of nearly 200 acres of land located off Camp Creek Road in Jackson County. He is shown with EBCI Secretary of Housing Travis Smith (left) and Jay Galling, a tribal attorney. The property, once in tribal hands, will be analyzed to create a master plan for development and was purchased for \$9,000 per acre. Currently, the Tribe expects to increase housing units which can alleviate some of the demand in the area. The Tribe would work to enhance the adjacent properties with public water and sewer systems as the project develops. With the sale completed, a master plan and timeline will be developed immediately. Chief Sneed said, "I hope the plans for potential housing projects can progress at a rapid pace. Our enrolled members are our first and highest priority and they are in need of affordable housing. We must also look to develop affordable workforce housing for employees during an expected surge in economic growth both on the reservation and in the region." Sneed continued, "The Eastern Band is working to bring a major convention center to the area and the opportunities will increase dramatically both during construction and after the operations begin."

MEETING: Chief Sneed hosts business meeting, *from page 7*

Several business owners commented on the lack of pedestrian walkways downtown, and Wojtkowski noted, "It is dangerous to cross the street there."

She added that preliminary ideas have been discussed to possibly add more greenspace to the downtown area and more pedestrian walkways by removing two of the four traffic lanes.

During the event, presentations were made by Element Advertising, an Asheville-based firm that handles advertising and marketing for the Tribe's Destination Marketing program, and LB Media Group, an Asheville-based firm that handles the social media aspect of the marketing strategy.

"Our goal is to really drive overnight destination," said Rob Young, Element Advertising media and research director. "While we certainly don't want to turn away day-trippers, we want to get people to come over and stay two to three nights. Because, as we all know, the longer they stay, the more experience they'll have and the more money they'll spend. We also want to promote the many great events that take place in Cherokee throughout the year as well as the opening of the cultural attractions and fishing season."

Young noted that, according to 2017 numbers, a total of 87 percent of people visiting Cherokee last year stayed overnight. He said the average group coming to Cherokee spent \$773 per stay including \$189 in lodging.

"Our website (www.visitCherokeeNC.com) is

our most powerful community tool," Young said. "So, we place a lot of advertising with the goal of driving people to the website where they can find information on restaurants, lodging facilities, the cultural attractions, events, fishing tournaments; just about anything anyone would want to know about Cherokee."

He further noted, "We don't want Cherokee to be an add-on trip from Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge. We want Cherokee to be the ultimate destination."

At the end of the morning's event, Wojtkowski told the business owners that she and others in tribal government are looking forward to working on the relationship. "We want to hear your concerns. We want to be a good partner."

CIPD Arrest Report for June 18-25

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.

Bird, Marcelena Leona – age 28
Arrested: June 18
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance (three counts), Possession Marijuana up to ½ oz., Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance, Possession Contraband, Trafficking in Methamphetamine (two counts)

Brady, Cody Shay – age 39
Arrested: June 18
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Probation Violation

Edwards, David Green – age 28
Arrested: June 18
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Ellwood, William Stanley – age 31
Arrested: June 18
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Possession Schedule III Controlled Substance; Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance

Oocumma, Eugene Murray – age

28
Arrested: June 18
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Oocumma, Sara Murray –age 27
Arrested: June 18
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Sherrill, Stevie Ray – age 23
Arrested: June 18
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Probation Violation

Walkingstick, Ardina Bobbie – age 24
Arrested: June 18
Released: June 19
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Bradley, Nichole Dominique – age 25
Arrested: June 19
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Larceny, Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Taylor Sr., John Phillip – age 52
Arrested: June 19
Released: June 20
Charges: Driving While License Revoked

Bradley, Marshall Alvin – age 47
Arrested: June 20
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Cabrera, Delores Amelia – age 45
Arrested: June 20

Released: June 21
Charges: Driving While License Revoked

Lespier, April Lee – age 36
Arrested: June 20
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Probation Violation

Locust, Shaundelle Nicole – age 21
Arrested: June 20
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance (four counts); Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance; Trafficking in Methamphetamine; Possession Drug Paraphernalia; Possession with Intent to Sell or Deliver Methaqualone/Quaalude

Lossiah, Brent James – age 26
Arrested: June 20
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance; Possession Drug Paraphernalia; Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver Schedule I Controlled Substance; Possession with Intent Drug Paraphernalia

Rivera, Alex Livorio – age 25
Arrested: June 20
Released: June 20
Charges: Breaking or Entering

Taylor, Shaina Marie – age 27
Arrested: June 20
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Possession Contraband; Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance (three counts)

Watty, Sara Elise – age 32

Arrested: June 20
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Driver, Rachael Christine – age 22
Arrested: June 22
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Non-Compliance with Drug Court

Ensley, Brooke Lea – age 27
Arrested: June 22
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Larceny (two counts); Fraudulent Use of Credit, Debit, or Bank Card; Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Lossiah, Jessica T. – age 30
Arrested: June 22
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Thompson, William Thomas – age 42
Arrested: June 22
Released: June 22
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Crowe, Gadusi Tate Win – age 23
Arrested: June 24
Released: June 24
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Evans, Jaylen Dean – age 20
Arrested: June 24
Released: June 24
Charges: Larceny

Elijah Littlejohn – age 22
Arrested: June 24
Released: June 24

Charges: Driving While Impaired

Mata, Felisa Benita – age 29

Arrested: June 24

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Aggravated Reckless Endangerment

Panther, James Marlon – age 37

Arrested: June 24

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Assault Inflict Serious Injury

Smith, Miranda Adine Rae – age 22

Arrested: June 24

Released: June 24

Charges: DWI Commercial Vehicle, Failure to Report an Accident

Taylor, Edward Dwayne – age 30

Arrested: June 24

Released: June 24

Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Armachain Jr., Larry Douglas – age 36

Arrested: June 25

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Resisting Lawful Arrest, Aggravated Weapons Offense

Lossie, Timothy Marc – age 34

Arrested: June 25

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

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Tribal program emphasizing car seat safety

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According to the most recent statistics from the CDC, “In the United States, 663 children ages 12 years and younger died as occupants in motor vehicle crashes during 2015.” Thirty-five (35) percent of those children were not restrained in a car seat or with a seat belt.

One tribal program of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is working to make sure that Cherokee children are safe when riding in a vehicle.

“We hope to prevent accidents because it’s getting bad the way that some parents do not put their kids in a seat anymore,” said Savannah Farmer, CNA, EBCI Car Seat Program coordinator.

The program has set up a car seat check station at the EBCI Beloved Women’s and Children’s Center where families can have their car seats inspected for proper installation and maximum safety. The program has car seats available for purchase at \$20 each with high-back booster seats being \$10. “We do make accommodations for those who might be financially struggling.”

There are a total of 18 new car



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SAFETY: Savannah Farmer, EBCI Car Seat Program coordinator, poses beside the program’s Car Seat Check Station located at the EBCI Beloved Women’s and Children’s Center.

seat technicians trained all over the Qualla Boundary, and the Car Seat Program can put families in touch with one. And, their services are not limited to EBCI families. “With this checking station, we are allowed to check anyone that comes to us,” Farmer noted. “If you come to me, I will help you.”

Seats are checked at the station for proper installation, but they’re also checked for structural integrity. Those seats deemed unsafe are taken to the Cherokee Fire Department for disposal and recycling.

“Our seats are good for five years. Come to us whenever you need a seat. We are here.”

A car seat check event will be held at Cherokee Fire Department Station 1 on Wednesday, July 11 from 2 – 6:30pm.

The program is currently contracted through Safe Kids Worldwide and soon the program will be known as Cherokee Indian Reservation Safe Kids Coalition. According to the organization’s website, “Safe Kids Worldwide is a global organization dedicated to

protecting kids from unintentional injuries, the number one cause of death to children in the United States. Throughout the world, almost 1 million children die of injuries each year.”

The Tribe defers to North Carolina state law on the subject of seat belts and child seat restraints. According to N.C. General Statute 20-137.1, driver can be fined up to \$25 for not having passengers age 15 and under “properly secured in a child passenger restraint system or seat belt”.

The CDC recommends the following for child seat restraint usage:

- Rear-facing car seat for birth to age 2 or when they reach the upper limits (weight, height) of their seat
- Forward-facing car seat for ages 2-5 or when they reach the upper limits of their seat
- Booster seat for ages 5 until seat belts fit properly
- Seat Belt usage when they fit properly; Information from the CDC states, “Seat belts fit properly when the lap belt lays across the upper thighs, not the stomach, and the shoulder belt lays across the chest, not the neck.”

The Car Seat Program is open Monday – Friday 8am – 4pm and can be reached at 359-6216.



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Remember the Removal riders finish journey

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. – Cyclists from the 2018 Remember the Removal Bike Ride arrived in Tahlequah Thursday, June 21 finishing their three-week trek that retraced the northern route of the Trail of Tears.

The ride started on June 3 in New Echota, Ga., the former capital of the Cherokee Nation prior to forced removal to present-day Oklahoma. Cyclists from the Cherokee Nation and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians rode nearly 1,000 miles through portions of seven states.

The Cherokee Nation held a return ceremony at the tribe's new Cherokee National Peace Pavilion in downtown Tahlequah on Thursday, where tribal leaders, friends and family gathered to greet the returning cyclists.

"These Cherokee men and women have honored our ancestors by riding hundreds and hundreds of miles from New Echota, Georgia, to the Cherokee Nation capital in Tahlequah, Oklahoma," said Principal Chief Bill John Baker. "Along the way they have formed new bonds with fellow Cherokees, gained a deeper understanding of what their ancestors endured, and faced their own personal adversities only to defeat them, because that's what Cherokees do. I am so proud of the 2018 Remember the Removal cyclists and what they have accomplished."

The original Remember the Removal Bike Ride was held in 1984, and in 2009 the leadership program resumed. Each year cyclists learn about Cherokee history, language and culture while gaining a deeper understanding of the



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PRIDE: Darius Lambert, an EBCI tribal member, hugs younger cousin, Lily Lossiah, after completing the Remember the Removal bike ride.

hardships faced by their ancestors who walked the Trail of Tears. "I participated in the bike ride because I wanted to know where I come from," said Cherokee Nation citizen and 2018 Remember the Removal cyclist Lily Drywater, of Tahlequah. "Being Cherokee is a huge part of my identity, and the removal is a huge part of our histo-

ry. I wanted to learn how resilient my ancestors were and to further realize how strong I am."

During the journey from Georgia to Oklahoma, Remember the Removal Bike Ride participants visited historical landmarks that were important to Cherokee people, including Blythe Ferry in Tennessee, which was the last part

of the Cherokee homeland walked by the ancestors before beginning their journey into Indian Territory. They also visited Mantle Rock in Kentucky, which provided shelter to many Cherokees as they waited for safe passage across the frozen Ohio River.

This year, Cherokee Nation Businesses Executive Vice President Chuck Garrett, an avid cyclist, also joined the Remember the Removal cyclists during a portion of the ride. "This ride personifies the experience of pain and self-doubt, but this team rallied around each other and pushed forward," Garrett said. "That is something to be proud of not just today, but for a lifetime." Of the estimated 16,000 Cherokees forced to make the Trail of Tears journey to Indian Territory 180 years ago, around 4,000 died due to exposure to the elements, starvation and disease.

The 2018 Remember the Removal Bike Ride cyclists include: Eastern Band of Cherokee riders – Nolan Arkansas, Brooke Coggins, Darius Lambert, Seth Ledford, Lori Owle, Jan Smith, Ahli-sha Stephens, and Bo Taylor; Cherokee Nation riders – Emilee Chavez, Daulton Cochran, Courtney Cowan, Lily Drywater, Dale Eagle, Jennifer Johnson (mentor rider), Autumn Lawless, Amari McCoy, Parker Weavel, and Sky Wildcat.

The 2018 Remember the Removal Bike Ride is chronicled on Facebook at www.facebook.com/removal.ride and on Twitter and Instagram with the hashtags #RTR2018, #RememberTheRemoval and #WeRemember.

- Anadisgoi, Cherokee Nation news

POW WOW!

Tribe hosts
43rd annual pow wow

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One Feather

FANCY: Tyler Thurman, a member of the Sac and Fox Nation from Oklahoma, competes in the Teen Men's Fancy Dance contest during the Friday, June 29 night session of the 43rd Annual Eastern Cherokee Nation Pow Wow at the Acquoni Expo Center.



GRASS: Wesley Bird, an EBCI tribal member, dances in the Friday night grand entry.



JINGLE: Tooter Owens, an EBCI tribal member, dances in Friday night grand entry.



ROYALTY: Teen Miss Cherokee Raylen Bark speaks to the crowd prior to Saturday night's grand entry as Little Miss Cherokee Araceli Martinez-Arch waits her turn.

GRAND ENTRY: Lonnie Street, a member of the Mesquaki Nation of Iowa, dances in Saturday night's grand entry.



COLORS: Micah Swimmer, an EBCI tribal member, dances in his grass dance outfit in Friday night's grand entry.



TRADITIONAL: Rick Bottchenbaugh, an EBCI tribal member, dances during Friday night's grand entry.



NORTHERN GUY: Keith Sharthead, Plains Cree and Nakoda Sioux, competes in the Senior Men's Prairie Chicken Dance contest.



SOUTHERN GUY: Marty Thurman, a member of the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma, competes in the Senior Men's Prairie Chicken Dance contest.



HEAD DANCER: Will Tushka, an EBCI tribal member, competes in the Senior Men's Northern Traditional Dance contest. He served as Head Man Dancer for the evening session on Saturday.



TRADITIONAL: Anthony Lett, an EBCI tribal member, competes in the Senior Men's Northern Traditional Dance contest.

Junior pageant application

Those interested in being a contestant for the 2018 Little Miss, Junior Miss, or Teen Miss Cherokee pageants can download an application online at: <https://theonefeather.com/2018/06/download-an-application-for-ebci-junior-pageants/>

Spots available at Mountainside Art Market

- The Mountainside Theater will have an Art Market set up underneath the rain shelter during the 2018 season of “Unto These Hills”. Local artists can reserve space on Friday and Saturday nights throughout the season. Info: Laura Blythe 497-1126 for more details and a vendor agreement.
- There will be 10 spaces available for rent; potential to have 1,500 or more people per weekend coming through the Art Market
 - Each artist is responsible for the set-up and break-down of their booth; one table and two chairs can be provided
 - Vendor must provide handcrafted art for sale, and it cannot duplicate what is offered in the Mountainside retail area.
 - Cost is \$50 per night, extended contracts can be signed.
 - Spaces are first-come, first serve
 - Set-up will begin at 6:30pm, break-down will start at 10am. Vendors must stay the entire time.
 - Vendors will be responsible for their belongings.
 - Two people per space maximum; no children
 - “Unto These Hills” staff will not be available for set-up, tear-down, or to help watch personal items
 - The following dates are available: July 13 and 14; July 20 and 21; July 27 and 28; Aug. 3 and 4; Aug. 10 and 11; and Aug. 17 and 18.
- Cherokee Historical Association

Cherokee High School Honor Rolls – 4th Quarter

9th Grade

Principal’s Honor Roll: Anthony Allison, Braylon Arch, Shalyn Barker, Maya Cruz, Rhyan Girty, Kalista Luther, Destiny Mills, Rocky Peebles, Caden Pheasant, Daniel Thompson, Deante Toineeta, Rashonda Wolfe, Trent Wolfe

Alpha Honor Roll: Sullivan Beckman, Darius Bigwitch, Ayden Evans, Jonathan Frady, Hayley Kever, Dreyton Long, Mattie Maney, Zoey Walkingstick, Emma Wolfe

Beta Honor Roll: Desiree Amos, Justus Armachain, David Bushyhead, Eeyannah Catolster, Samantha Cole, John Crowe, James Davis, RYanne Junaluska, David Maney, Jordyn Martin, Serbando Mata, Shania Mathis, Shashoni Panther, Lorenzo Ramirez, Adam Reed, Elizabeth Reyes, Maria Reyes, Rosa Reyes, Christina Saunooke, Silas Sequoyah, Abbigail Space, Braden Taylor, Zayne Taylor, Derek Thomas, Felicity Watty, Calistia Wolfe, Kayleigh Wolfe

10th Grade

Principal’s Honor Roll: Raylen Bark, Tierney Bradley, David Hartbarger, Brandon Wolfe

Alpha Honor Roll: Shalina Little, Breanna Mangold, Cade Mintz, Cameron Nelson, Jacob Norton, Macy Swayney

Beta Honor Roll: Destiny Bernhisel, Taylin Bowman, Jeffery Bradley, Aiyana Cruz, Hawk Ensley, Christopher Gammon, Kimberly Hendrix, Toby Johns, Destyni Johnson, Alexa Ledford, Austin Ledford, Brian Littlejohn-Bigmeat, McKenzie Locust, Lauren Luther, Jalee

THANK YOU LETTER

Thanks Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund

I am writing to express my gratitude to the Richard (Yogi) Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund for awarding me funding for this summer. Upon completing this semester, I will be entering my final year as PhD Student in Sport Management at the University of Tennessee. I have had a great experience with the program and look forward to continuing my research and contribute to our Native

American community. I have been lucky enough to conduct research in Cherokee on the game of stickball and look forward to sharing my work with the community in the form of a documentary that we started last fall.

This summer I was also honored to present my work on stickball and women’s involvement in the game at the International Conference for Qualitative Research in Sport and Exercise in Vancouver, BC. I received great feedback and learned a lot more about indigenous re-

search from various scholars at the conference. I would not have been able to make this trip were it not for the help of the fund.

I look forward to making the fund proud and sharing my experiences with others who are considering continuing their education. I encourage anyone to reach out if they have any questions about my research or want advice about higher education.

Sgi,
Natalie Welch
Wolfetown

Panther, Shiah Pheasant, William Pheasant, Cameron Reed, Dorian Reed, Samantha Salazar, Sterling Santa Maria, Staci Spicer, Bessie Swayney

11th Grade

Principal’s Honor Roll: Danicka Huskey, Joaquin Layno, Jamie Lossiah, Jarron Lossiah, Juanita Paz-Chalacha, Blake Smith, Tori Teesateskie, Malakai Tooni

Alpha Honor Roll: Annie Durant, Marianna Hornbuckle, Lori Meuse, Bekah Panther, Dustin Pheasant, Emma Stamper, Derek Torres, Amaris Watty, James Wolfe

Beta Honor Roll: Michael Bernhisel, Averii Cotton, Safiya Daggs, Syllas Davis, Isaiah Evans, Joshua French, Joshua Girty, Kyler Hill, Jerod Honwytewa, William Hornbuckle, Terence Ledford, Lucina Lira, Josiah Lossiah, Tihjah Lossiah, Brianna Murphy, Shirley Peebles, Niobie Redus, Jacee Smith, Seth Smith, Lataya Taylor, Alyssa Tramper

12th Grade

Principal’s Honor Roll: Nolan Arkansas, Simone Blake, Josilynn Driver, Rickey Evans, Scarlett Guy, Kaley Locust, Robin Reed, Jerome Thompson, Shelby Wolfe

Alpha Honor Roll: Shannon Albert, Chace Andrews, Isaiah Bowman, Matthew Climbingbear, Jesse Crowe, Brennen Foerst, Shane Holbrook, Ashley Schaal, Gavin Squirrel

Beta Honor Roll: Jonah Bernhisel, Oshaunacee Brady, Timiyah Brown, Carrie Conseen, Ayla Cruz, Jordan Grant, Shawn Larch, Jami Lossie, Tye Mintz, Cherith Owle, Courtney Owle, Lidia Ramirez, Breece Saunooke, CeAnna Saunooke, Kyra Sneed, Anya Walsh, John Watty, Tsali Welch, Clarissa Wilnoty, Shanenon Wolfe

OBITUARIES



Jillian Monike Swimmer

Jillian Monike Swimmer, 31, of Cherokee, went home to be with the Lord Monday, June 25, 2018. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of Melvena Swimmer of Cherokee.

She is preceded in death by an uncle, Jamison "Bear" French; grandpa, Elliott "Dump" French; and uncles, Mac Swimmer and Herbert Swimmer.

In addition to her mother, she is also survived by her daughters, Mulisha (Mae) Swimmer and Niketa (Kitty) Swimmer; a brother, Rain Swimmer-Jackson; grandmother, Marilyn Swimmer; great grandmother, Amanda Swimmer; "her pops", Larry Blythe; uncles Elliott (Seymour) and wife Stephanie French, George French, Randy French; best friend in the world, Chelsea Martinez; favorite aunts and cousins, Juanita, Eddie, Stephan and Kyle Swimmer who accepted unconditionally, and never judged.

Jillian was member of Acquoni

Baptist Chapel and a friend to all that knew her. She was full of life and a very beautiful young lady with a contagious laugh.

Funeral Services were held on Thursday, June 28 at Acquoni Baptist Chapel. Revs. Ed Kilgore and Jim Parks officiated with burial in the Sequoyah Family Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Manuel Watty Jr., Randy French, Tavi Rivera, John Cameron, Julius Taylor, Sam Blythe, and Mario Esquivel.

Steven Queen

Steven Queen, 57, of Whittier, passed away on June 24, 2018.

Steve was fun loving and very supportive of his family. He had a huge heart. He loved hard and lived his life to the fullest. He will be greatly missed.

He leaves behind his parents, Cecil and Julia Queen; son, Keaton Ford Queen; siblings Cecil Ray Queen, Timothy Queen, and Julia Queen; and nieces and nephews, Jennifer Queen, Kelly Clark, Atreyu Queen, Trevor Queen, Cecil Ryan Queen, Jillian Queen, Tiffany Queen, Gracyn Clark, Brendan Clark and Alleighya Melton.

Steve Queen held many jobs throughout his life, most recent being a salesman at Ken Wilson Ford.

Friends and family are welcome to celebrate Steve's life at his memorial service on Sunday, July 8 from 1 - 3pm at the Qualla Wesleyan Chapel, US-441, Whittier.

An online registry is available at: www.appalachianfuneralservices.com

Appalachian Funeral Services of Sylva is assisting the family.

During their June 22 Housing Fair,

EBCI HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION RAISED A TOTAL OF \$1,520 FOR QUALLA BOUNDARY SPECIAL OLYMPICS AND SENIOR GAMES. CONGRATULATIONS TO CHARLIE WALKER AND BRANDI DAVIS, WHO WON THE UTILITY BUILDINGS IN THE RAFFLE!

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS WERE...

Duck Lossiah - Cooler

Sarah Beck - Aflac Duck Pillow & \$50 Gift Certificate

Zach Stutts - Food Lion Gift Card

Selena Taylor - Food Lion Gift Card

Kaitlyn Parker - Carolina Panthers Cooler

Sharri Pheasant - Cherokee Home Center Gift Certificate

Heather Locust - First Citizens Bank Towel

Manuel Hernandez - Beach Towel

Rae Queen - Fish Cooker

Gil Jackson - Area Rug

Madison Crowe - Surveillance System

Mike Stamper - Food Lion Gift Card

Stan Crowe - Food Lion Gift Card

William Lequire - Food Lion Gift Card

Frances Maney - Wagon

Teena Watty - Garden Hose

Beth Wolfe - First Citizens Bank Umbrella

Dylan Brady - Cup Set

Deino Panther - Yeti Cup

JR Panther - Garden Hose Hanger

AJ Crowe - Grill Utensil Set

Robin Wolfe - Outdoor Table & Chair Set

Mingo Hornbuckle - Pergola

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE 2018 HOUSING FAIR! THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT NEXT YEAR'S FAIR!

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Qualla Boundary Head Start and Early Head Start Book Club participants

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50 Book Club: Kylie Kling, Karolina Sikorska, CC Rowland, Khloie Cagle; not pictured - Melodeigh Catolster



100 Book Club: Beauford Smith, Axe Milholen, Kaylee Smith, Kaeson Reed, Alex Worley, Theodore Squirrel, Osley Blankenship, Maddix Post oak, Alex Mata, Braedyn Miller, Ahnewake Streets; not pictured - Adacynne Arch, Herbert Johnson, Julian Santos, Aliceiah Wolfe



200 Book Club: Camden Standingdeer, Tucker Blankenship, Tehya Lincoln, Hihan- ni Redbird, Persephone Lincoln, KlaraJane Hernandez, Sangelina Hernandez, Zayla Wildcatt, Breylon BB Ramirez; not pictured - Nylah Teesatuskie, Makenzie Bark, Mitchell Johnson, Macayla Greene, Jessilyn Lambert



300 Book Club: Leighton Myers, Vaelyn Owl



400 Book Club: KayeLee Tate, Kylex- andra Pheasant



700 Book Club: Warner Jones, Max Jones



800 Book Club: Xander Long



900 Book Club: Olivia Sampson; not pictured - Jaden Shelton



1,000 Book Club: Nathaniel Solis; not pictured - Connor Thompson



2000 Book Club: Emalynn Stout, Carter Maney; not pictured - Tristan Armachain

WCU new graduates, dean's/chancellor's list for spring semester

CULLOWHEE – Western Carolina University has announced its roster of new graduates and released its dean's/chancellor's list for spring semester 2018.

The university conferred degrees on 1,607 students who completed their studies during the spring semester. A total of 497 undergraduate students received academic honors, with 135 graduating summa cum laude (with highest honors), 195 graduating magna cum laude (with high honors), and 167 graduating cum laude (with honors).

Students from Cherokee who graduated include: Sabrina Sue Arch, Master of Entrepreneurship; Marcie Leigh Blythe, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Jacob Connor Crowe, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice; Debora Kinsland Foerst, Doctor of Education – Educational Leadership; Angela Lorraine Graves, Bachelor of Science in Education (Special Education Inclusive Ed); Kayleen Cree Rockwood, Bachelor of Arts in Anthro-

pology; and Taran Jade Swimmer, Bachelor of Fine Arts.

A total of 2,562 WCU students have been named to the dean's list for spring semester, and 1,423 of those students also were named to the chancellor's list, an additional designation of high academic achievement at the university.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must achieve at least a 3.5 GPA out of a possible 4.0 on a regular semester's work of not less than 12 hours, excluding remedial courses, with no grade of D or F. Students named to the chancellor's list met those specifications while also achieving a GPA of 3.8 or higher.

Students from Cherokee named to the chancellor's list include: Marcie L. Blythe, Angela L. Graves, Alyssa L. Robinson, and Taran J. Swimmer. Students from Cherokee named to the dean's list include: Jacob C. Crowe, Kristan N. Cucumber, Sandra P. Kirkland, Kayleen C. Rockwood, and Tait E. Smith.

- WCU



USDA Forest Service/Job Corps photo

GRAD: Simone Blake (center), shown with Craig Barker (left), Cherokee High School assistant principal) and Dr. Debora Foerst, CHS principal, is one of the first two students to graduate from the school under a recent co-enrollment agreement with the Oconaluftee Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center.

Job Corps students graduate from Cherokee High School

The Oconaluftee Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center (OJCCCC) and Cherokee High School have an agreement for students whom live on campus at the Center to attend Cherokee High School during the school day to finish credits so they can receive their high school diploma.

Simone Blake and Rickey Evans III are the first two students to successfully earn their high school diploma from Cherokee High School under this new program.

"I am extremely proud of Rickey and Simone for achieving their short-term goal of earning a high school diploma, for their hard work and determination, and for being the first co-enrolled students from the Job Corps to graduate from Cherokee High School," said Dr. Debora Foerst, CHS principal. "They have certainly paved the way for students in the future. I want to encourage them to continue working hard and exhibiting that same level of determination in the future."

Blake entered into the Job Corps program on Aug. 22, 2017.

Both of her parents were in Job Corps and encouraged her to join. She has currently been working at Harrah's Cherokee Casino and Resort and volunteered at the Dora Reed Center while enrolled at CHS. "It hasn't really hit me yet, that I've graduated. I struggled a lot through my senior year, but I know that you have more opportunities in life when you have your high school diploma."

Evans III is a wildland firefighter and has been providing emergency services to a fire in Texas.

Jim Copeland, OJCCCC director, noted, "We are really excited about these students' accomplishments, and we truly value the support they have received from Cherokee Schools. The staff and students at Cherokee really have made a positive impact in these young people's lives. The best is yet to come as

The USDA Forest Service operates 25 Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers across 16 states with a capacity to serve over 4,000 students.

Info: <https://www.jobcorps.gov/>
- USDA Forest Service



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No one stands alone

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ONE FEATHER EDITOR

We are a strong nation of Cherokee people. Our Chiefs and Tribal Council members are the custodians of the people, controlling the purse strings and the function of our government and communities. From Cherokee to Snowbird, we consider ourselves sovereign, even though we are a nation within a nation, a "domestically-dependent nation" within the boundaries and exist as wards of the United States. We do have our government and, for the most part, operate free from the control of any other jurisdiction.

We are not required to gain approval for our elections or election process from any other entity, and our Tribal Council makes law as it sees fit about the way we operate as a government. They are the duly elected legislators of our community. They, along with the Executive Office swear to uphold the following vow: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of (Tribal Council member or Executive Branch member) of the Eastern Band of Cherokees and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the charter and governing document and laws confirmed and ratified by the enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not obtained my election or appointment to Tribal office by bribery or any undue or unlawful means or fraud, and that in all measures which may come before me I will so conduct myself as in my judgment shall appear most conducive to the interest and prosperity of the Eastern Band of Cherokees."

Our community, along with other communities across the nation and world, is battling a foe greater than drugs, disease, and corruption. This foe facilitates all three of those challenges to the welfare of our people and more. The foe we face as a people is apathy. Apathy is defined as "lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern". While apathy in modern cultures is not an unusual thing, it is much more impactful in relatively small communities like ours.

When, for example, a referendum comes up in the state of North Carolina, there are currently 6,955,135 registered voters in the state, eligible to cast votes (total population of the state is approximately 10,390,000). The minimum percentage of voters needed to qualify our referendum was 30. If those numbers were applied to North Carolina, the voter turnout would have to be 2,086,540. And, while that would only be a representation of less than 25 percent of the total population and it would show a spirit of apathy among the constituency, it would be challenging for a particular interest or politician to sway the vote in any direction.

But, the Qualla Boundary does not have voter registration in the millions. Our voter rolls are in the thousands; 6,779, according to the latest Election Board tally. And, out of 6,779, 1,733, or just 24.71 percent, came to decide on if a tribal ABC/package store would be permitted on the Qualla Boundary. The final vote count was 912 voters against the package store and 821 in favor.

So, the "nays" won by a 91-vote advantage. But, that didn't matter. Because, in our law, we prescribe that at least 30 percent, or 2,034 voters, would have to turn out and vote, so the measure suffered death due to lack of interest.

It will stay dead based on the language of the Code for another two years.

The outcome of the referendum is more telling than just if tribal members are for or against the retail availability of alcohol. The fact that we, as a community, did not feel it necessary enough to go to the polls on this issue speaks to the more significant aspect of how we think about our role in decision making for the Tribe. How can we claim to love our community and care about the future of our children if we sit idle during the one process that gives us a true voice on those two issues? Voting is what affords us the power of our sovereignty.

It is foolishness to think that our vote doesn't count or it doesn't matter, especially in a relatively small community like ours. Some of our elections have been decided by 10 votes or less. One, in recent memory, was decided by a single vote. Yes, there are still large voting blocks of special inter

ests, but the younger generations of Cherokees who vote are showing more interest in who has the qualifications and are researching instead of going with the flow, voting more on substance than on popularity.

Apathy allows the opioid epidemic to grow. By not taking substantial and dramatic steps to change the societal obstacles that isolate individuals who seek a place in our society, we drive them to those in the drug culture, who welcome them with open arms. Apathy allows us to ignore critical needs and upgrades to our health care system, allowing disease and pain to grow in our community.

And, apathy is the playground of the corrupt, giving those who would harm for personal gain the opening to take advantage of a sheep-like society.

Edmund Burke, an 18th-century political theorist, uttered a famous quote that still rings true today. He said, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

Another election cycle is approaching. We will soon be in the throes of political debate and the selection of candidates for office. Good men and women who currently sit in positions of authority and others will be attempting to convince you to vote their way. I

don't know what your criteria are for determining who and what values you think should lead the Tribe. I imagine my thoughts on that may vary significantly from yours. Your thoughts on a candidate or issue may even be opposite of mine. I would much rather see your candidate or position upheld by a majority vote of a fair representation of the people than to have my candidate or position win by default. That is the way it was with our ancestors. Things were done for the good of all, not the one.

We would do good to read and heed the oath that our leaders take. The promise is contained in the charter of our people, the govern-

ing document that binds us. All the laws of the Tribe were established either by the people or the leaders that the people elected; at least those who took the time and effort to cast votes.

We have a choice. We may allow apathy to be the rule of the day and it will eventually destroy us, or we can make the decision to take control of our destiny. But, one member of the Tribe cannot do that for us. We must decide for ourselves, as a community, what we will be. Let us not be whatever the wind blows in our direction or a minority of our population decides. The life and existence of the Tribe depend on what we do.

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Benefits/Fundraisers

Turkey Shoots at Jesse Welch's residence in the Big Cove Community. July 7 at 5pm, benefit for Eric and Sandra Auch family. Good prizes, good fun, good benefits. All are welcome.

Church Events

Cherokee Wesleyan Church Vacation Bible School. July 9-13 from 6:30 – 8pm nightly at the church. Children of all ages are invited for a week of Bible stories, crafts, games, skits, songs, and snacks as you learn about being on "God's Team". Info: Pastor Patricia Crockett 586-5453

Shoal Creek Baptist Church Vacation Bible School. July 13 at 5pm and **July 14** from 10am – 2:30pm at the church located across from the Qualla Fire Dept. The theme is "Polar Blast: Where Jesus' Love is Cool". Hot Dog/BBQ dinner and special music on Friday.

Cultural Events

Cherokee Heritage Day. July 14 from 10am – 4pm at Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Primitive skills, hunters camp/arbor, Chunky game demo, cordage/twining, Cherokee masks, learn about a fish weir, and more. Info: 497-3481 or www.cherokeemuseum.org

General Events

Presentation entitled "Excerpts of the Civil War". July 5 at 6:30pm at Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center at 45 East Ridge Drive in Bryson City. As part of the Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society meeting, Rusty McLean will make the presentation which will include varied information about the events and impact of the War in western North Carolina. Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. This event is free and open to the public. Info: <http://www.swaingenealogy.com>

Guardian ad Litem Program training.

Fridays from July 6 – Aug. 10 from 11:30am – 3pm at the Macon County Library. The GAL Program is part of the North Carolina Guardian ad Litem Program, a division of the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts, which recruits, trains, and supervises volunteer advocates in every county across the state to represent and promote the best interests of abused, neglected, and dependent children in the state court system. Volunteer advocates work with an attorney to form a plan that ensures these children are placed in a safe, permanent home. Info: Brad Renegar (828) 454-6395, or apply online at www.volunteerforgal.org

Summer Reading Adventures Camp at WCU.

July 9-13 from 8:30am - 4:30pm. This event is hosted by Western Carolina University's Office of Professional Growth and Enrichment and is held in order to help children retain the reading skills

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JULY 2-8, 2018

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckaseigee River	Stocked May 2	All day	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout, Smallmouth Bass	Yellow Sallies, Sulphur Mayflies, Light Cahills, Craneflies, Tan Caddis, Midges, Terrestrials	Stoneflies, Pheasant Tail Nymph, Elk Hair Caddis, Parachute Adams, Inch Worms, Ants, Beetles
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	N/A	Morning and Evening	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	Yellow Sallies, Sulphur Mayflies, Light Cahills, Craneflies, Tan Caddis, Midges, Terrestrials	Stoneflies, Pheasant Tail Nymph, Elk Hair Caddis, Parachute Adams, Inch Worms, Ants, Beetles
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Follow posted regulations-wild trout	Morning & Evening	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Brook Trout	Yellow Sallies, Sulphur Mayflies, Light Cahills, Craneflies, Tan Caddis, Midges, Terrestrials	Stoneflies, Pheasant Tail Nymph, Elk Hair Caddis, Parachute Adams, Inch Worms, Ants, Beetles

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BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, JULY 2	TUESDAY, JULY 3	WEDNESDAY, JULY 4	THURSDAY, JULY 5	FRIDAY, JULY 6	SATURDAY, JULY 7	SUNDAY, JULY 8
AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE+	AVERAGE	AVERAGE	AVERAGE+
4:46 AM-6:46 AM 5:08 PM-7:08 PM	5:31 AM-7:31 AM 5:53 PM-7:53 PM	6:14 AM-8:14 AM 6:36 PM-8:36 PM	6:58 AM-8:58 AM 7:21 PM-9:21 PM	7:43 AM-9:43 AM 8:06 PM-10:06 PM	8:30 AM-10:30 AM 8:54 PM-10:54 PM	9:19 AM-11:19 AM 9:45 PM-11:45 PM

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Libitaria in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In Galatians 5:1, "Stand fast therefore in the ... wherewith Christ hath made us free"? *Light, Liberty, Redemption, Resurrection*
3. From John 8:32, "And ye shall know the ..., and 'it' shall make you free"? *Word, Truth, Love, Forgiveness*
4. In which book's 6:7 does it say, "For he that is dead is freed from sin"? *Isaiah, Daniel, Mark, Romans*
5. How many times is the word "independence" mentioned in the Bible (KJV)? *0, 2, 11, 17*
6. In Acts 22:28, who said, "But I was free born"? *Paul, Bernice, Nicodemus, Phoebe*

ANSWERS: (1) Neither; (2) Liberty; (3) Truth; (4) Romans; (5) 0; (6) Paul

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learned during the school year. Each day, direct instruction and practice will be provided for rising first and second graders. Early registration has been extended to Thursday, July 5. Registration is \$139 per child and lunch and snacks will be provided. Info: (828) 227-7397, www.camps.wcu.edu

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

Family Reunion for descendants of Solomon and Nettie Owl. July 14 at 11:30am at Birdtown Community Building. Bring potluck dishes to share. Drinks and paper products will be furnished.

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society Book Day. July 21 from 10am – 4pm at Riverfront Park in Bryson City. This will be an opportunity for people to meet writers, authors, and researchers of various books as well as purchase autographed copies and hear writers and authors speak. No admission charge. If you're interested in being a featured author at this event, contact Verna at the Genealogy Library 488-2932.

'Thinking about Starting a Business' pre-venture orientation. Aug. 1 from 8:30 – 10am in Ginger Lynn Welch Complex conference room. Register at: <http://bit.ly/Pre-Venture-Orientation-Aug2018>. Info: Sabrina Arch 359-6708

Health and Sports Events

Archery at Big Y Gym. Each Tuesday at 6pm. All shooters are welcome. Deino and Allen, both

certified instructors, will be assisting.

Smoky Mountain Youth Competition Cheer Team has open spots. The Smoky Mountain Youth Competition Team still has open spots available for the 2018-19 season for any boys or girls from 6-18 years of age. The team is a competitive cheer team that competes throughout North Carolina, Tennessee, and South Carolina throughout the fall and winter. The routine consists of a crowd-involvement cheer, dance, stunting, jumps, and tumbling. Practices start this summer and are held at the Cullowhee Rec Center. No previous experience is required, but recommended. Anyone from Jackson County and all surrounding counties are invited to join. This past season, the team won National Champions at the Cheer Ltd Canam Cheer Nationals held at Myrtle Beach, SC. Info: 506-1419, 507-1604, or 269-8439

Seminar – Do you Trust Your Gut? July 7 and 14 from 5-7pm each night at Stecoah Valley Center at 121 Schoolhouse Road in Robbinsville. This event is free and is a beginner's guide to gut health and diet featuring Jessi Bassett, registered dietician. Info: (828) 479-3364

Baby Shower honoring CIHA Prenatal Expecting Mothers. July 10 from 12 – 3pm in the Cherokee Indian Hospital cafeteria. Food, games, free gifts, and informative speakers on: Cherokee Peds, Cherokee W.I.C., car seats, and more. Info: CIHA Prenatal Provider 497-9163

Georgia Swarm Cherokee Lacrosse Camp. July 24 from 5-7 at Wolfstown Soccer Fields, July 25 from 10am – 12pm at Snowbird Recreation, and July 25 from 5-7pm at Wolfstown Soccer Fields. Featuring Lyle, Miles, and Jerome Thompson. The deadline to register is Friday, June 29. Applications can be filled out in person at the Birdtown Gym (359-6890). Info: Peaches Squirrell 359-6896

Cherokee Rally for Recovery. July 26 from 3 – 7pm at Cherokee Central Schools. The tentative theme is "Healing through Healthy Communities". There will be speakers, games, educational information, food, and music to

honor those in recovery and help those working on recovery. Info: Billie Jo Rich or Lara Conner 497-6892

Upcoming Pow Wows for July 4-8

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

146th Annual Quapaw Pow Wow. July 4-7 at Quapaw Tribal Pow Wow Grounds in Quapaw, Okla. MC: Mike Burgess. Head Southern Singer: Berky Monoessy. Info: Mike Shawnee (918) 724-6403

Veterans Pow Wow celebrating St. Kateri Tekakwitha. July 6-8 at Schoharie Crossing Historic Site in Fort Hunter, NY. Info: Bob Ross (607) 776-6776

35th Annual Biigtigong Nishnaabeg Traditional Pow Wow. July 6-8 at Pic River Pow Wow Grounds in Heron Bay, Ontario, Canada. MC: Todd Genno. Host Drum: HBO Singers. Info: Julie Michano (807) 228-1703, julie.michano@picriver.com

40th Anniversary Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Pow Wow. July 6-8 at Red Cliff Pow Wow Grounds in Red Cliff, Wisc. MC: Mike Sullivan. Host Drum: Young Spirit. Info: Marvin Defoe or Joseph Montano Sr. (715) 779-3700

97th Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Pow Wow. July 6-8 at Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Government Center in Mashpee, Mass. Info: Brian Weeden (774) 413-0520, powwow@mwtribe-nsn.gov

Northern Cheyenne Chiefs Pow Wow. July 6-8 at Kenneth Bearstusk Memorial Pow Wow Grounds in Lame Deer, Mont. Emcees: Don Pork Chops Shoulderblade, Eugene Bladebear II, Tito Ybarra, Shawn Old Mouse. Invited Drums: Southern Style, Wild Horse, Buffalo Hill, Black-foot Confederacy, Indian Hill, Showtime. Info:

Benji Head Swift (406) 477-6289,
Ruben Little Head Sr. (406) 876-
2124

**Red Lake Nation Independence
Day Celebration. July 6-8** in
Red Lake, Minn. Info: Ron Lussier
(218) 407-1261, rlussier@redlake-nation.org

Monroe Pow Wow. July 7-8 at
Hannibal Locks, State Route 7,
in Hannibal, Ohio. MC: Aaron
Stevens. Host Drum: Thunder
Nation. Info: Jennifer Babb (740)
934-9353

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

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

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

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

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

Wolftown Community Club
meets the first Tuesday of each
month at 7pm at the Wolftown
Community Club Building. Info:
Tuff Jackson, chairman, 788-4088

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

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

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

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

**AA and NA meetings in
Cherokee.** Alcoholics Anony-
mous (AA): Tuesdays at 7pm at
Cherokee Indian Hospital (CIH),
Saturdays at 10am at CIH confer-
ence 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**
*NOTE: All classes/groups are open
to all Analenisgi clients. Support
groups marked with ** are open to the
community.*

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

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

Wednesdays
Safety WRAP: 9-10am
Strong Hearts Women's Group:
11am – 12pm
Healthy Boundaries: 1-2:30pm


Creative Writing: 2-3pm
**Family Support: 5-6pm
**Agape LGBT Group: 5:45-
6:45pm
**HIV/AIDS/Hep C Support Group:
(second and fourth Wednesdays
5:45-6:45pm)

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

Fridays
Creative Recovery: 9:30 am - 12pm
Cherokee Language and Culture:
1-2:30pm
Popcorn and a Movie: 2:30-4pm
Info: Analenisgi Recovery Center
497-6892. Times and dates may
be subject to change.

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

**Cherokee Cancer Support
Group** meets the first Thursday
of each month at Betty's Place at
40 Goose Creek Road. A pot luck
is held at 5:30pm, and the meet-
ing 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

A person with long dark hair is lying on a rough, brown stone floor. Their right arm is extended upwards, and their left arm is bent with the hand resting near their head. A white outline of a handgun is painted on the stone floor near the person's head. The text is centered over the image.

Opioids kill the **PAIN**...
and the **JOY**
and the **HOPE**
and the **BODY**
And the **BRAIN**
And finally the **SOUL**.

**HELP STOP OPIOID USE ON THE
QUALLA BOUNDARY
CALL 497-9163 FOR HELP**

SPEAK TO YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

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TRADING POST

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FOR SALE

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legal-decisions.com, Facebook@legaldecisions 8/2pd

FREE

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

YARD SALES

Three-family yard sale – July 14 from 8am – 2pm at Geraldine Thompson's residence on Old Gap Road.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your persistence pays off as the information you demanded starts to come through. The pace is slow at first, but it begins to speed up as the week draws to a close.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An unwelcome bit of news jolts the Bovine, who would prefer that things proceed smoothly. But it's at most a momentary setback. A Leo brings more welcome tidings.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You need to pay close attention to the details before making a commitment. Don't accept anything that seems questionable, unless you get an answer that can be backed up.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Congratulations on getting that project up and running. But as exciting as it is, don't let it carry you away. Make sure you set aside time to spend with family and friends.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Be sure you are part of the discussion involving your suggestions. Your presence ensures that you can defend your work, if necessary. It also helps gain your colleagues' support.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A misunderstanding needs to be dealt with, or it can grow and cause more problems later on. Be the bigger person and take the first step to clear the air.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Set some strict guidelines for yourself so your heavier-than-usual work schedule doesn't overwhelm the time you need to spend relaxing with loved ones.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might feel a little uncomfortable being among people you hardly know. But remember that today's strangers can become tomorrow's valuable contacts.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Reward yourself for all that you've accomplished despite some annoying situations that got in your way. Enjoy a well-earned getaway with someone special.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Realizing that someone else is taking credit for what you did is bound to get anyone's goat, but especially yours. Be patient. The truth soon comes out.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Forget about opposites attracting. What you need is to find someone who thinks like you and will support your ideas, even if others say they're too radical.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Workplace problems can affect your financial plans. Be prudent and avoid running up bills or making commitments until things begin to ease up by the 27th.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your intuition helps you communicate easily with people and understand their needs.

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Cherokee Central Schools Position Openings

- **6 Hour Food Service (Full-Time)** - Must have a high school diploma or GED.
- **Special Education Teacher Facilitator** - Must have valid NC Teaching License; Master's Degree in Special Education; at least 5 years experience in the special education classroom.
- **High School History Teacher** - Must have valid NC Teaching license.
- **JROTC Instructor** - Must have an Associate's Degree. Must be retired from the Army; must have an excellent record of military performance.
- **Cherokee Language Instructor (Multiple Positions)** - Must have an Associate's Degree.
- **Cherokee Language Teacher Assistant** - Must have 48 semester hours completed.
- **Full Time Custodian** - Must have high school diploma/GED.
- **4 Hour Food Service Worker (Multiple positions)** - Must have high school diploma/GED.
- **IT System Administrator** - Must have Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems or equivalent related field. Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP) certification preferred. With three or more years in experience in Windows Server systems administration, including one year of supervisory experience and knowledge of education environments.
- **Cultural Program Coordinator** - Master's degree preferred; Bachelor's degree required in Business or office related field. Work experience in business office management organization and related technical skill areas. Must have experience with budgets and grant writing. Must be sociable when dealing with the community. Experience with Cherokee Language and Culture preferred.
- **Middle/High School Special Education Teacher (Pathseekers)** - Must have valid NC Teaching license.
- **Middle School Special Education Teacher (Dreamcatchers-Autism Class)** - Must have valid NC Teaching license.

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

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



Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements



**Service Technician/-
Mechanic**
 Shop Department
Part-Time Laborer
 Mowing and Trimming
 Department
Part-Time Bus Driver
 Bus Department

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


Opening Date: June 27, 2018
Closing Date: July 11, 2018

Application and job description can be picked up from the Receptionist at the Boys Club Information window between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (828-497-9101).

The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory. Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates or readvertise positions without notice.

Today
9:30 AM Pretend to arrive on time
10:00 AM Coffee break
11:30 AM Figure out a lunch spot
12:00 PM Lunch
1:30 PM File something
2:00 PM Staple something
3:30 PM Second lunch
4:30 PM Remove staples
5:00 PM File something else

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EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS



For deadlines and applications call 359-6388. Indian Preference does apply. A current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a Tribal application.

POSITIONS OPEN

Closing Monday July 09, 2018

1. **Community Dispute Resolution Caseworker** - Tribal Court - Judicial Branch (L10 \$41,082 - \$51,353)
2. **Patrol Officer** - CIPD - Public Safety (L8 \$34,112 - \$42,640)
3. **Ground Maintenance** - Public Works - Support Services (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
4. **Carpenter Helper** - Facilities - Support Services (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
5. **Maintenance Utility** - Facilities - Support Services (L4 \$23,616 - \$29,520)
6. **Director of Information Technology** - I.T. (L15 \$64,206 - \$80,258)

Open

1. **Senior Auditor** - Office of Internal Audit and Ethics (L14 \$58,794 - \$73,493)
2. **Web Application Developer** - GIS - Realty - (L12 \$49,200 - \$61,500)
3. **Medical Social Worker** - Tribal In Home Care Services - PHHS (L10 \$41,082 - \$51,353)

Please attach all required documents
eg: Driver's license, Enrollment, Diplomas, Certificates

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EMPLOYMENT

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Optometrist
RN – Tsali Care Center (2 Positions)
Dental Assistant II
Dentist – Satellite Clinics Cherokee
County & Snowbird
Certified Nursing Assistant – Tsali
Care (8 Positions)
CNA Medication Aide – Tsali Care
Center
FNP/PA – Ortho
Tribal MCO Director
RN Supervisor – Tsali Care Center
Physician – Primary Care
RN Supervisor – 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.

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Targeted Case Manager – Juvenile
Services
Master Level Therapist – Adult
Pharmacy Technician I
Physician – Primary Care
To apply, visit careers.cherokee-hospital.org.

hospital.org. If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR department at 828-497-9163. These positions will close July 6, 2018 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **7/5pd**

VOC has an opening for a PT Enclave Supervisor and/or PT Program Services Assistant.

Will be working directly with Individuals with Developmental Disabilities. Pick up Application/Job Description at VOC located behind Tribal Bingo. For questions, call 828-497-9827. Deadline is July 13, 2018 at 4:00pm. **7/5pd**

TERO Job Bank Coordinator.

Resumes will be accepted in lieu of applications. Job descriptions are available at the TERO Office, Monday – Friday from 7:45am – 4:30pm. For more information, please call (828) 359-6521. Resumes will be accepted till July 13 at 4pm. Indian preference does apply. **7/12pd**

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VOC has an opening for an Operations Manager. Bachelor's Degree in Accounting is required with at least 5 years in the accounting field and 1 year progressive supervisory experience is needed to qualify for the position. Pick up Application/Job Description at VOC located behind Tribal Bingo. For questions, call 828-497-9827. Deadline is July 13, 2018 at 4:00pm. **7/5pd**

CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY has the following jobs available:

Assistant Network/VOIP Administrator
RN Nights – In Patient
Contracting Officer
Emergency Hire Maintenance Technician (90 Days Only)

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 July 12, 2018 at 4:00pm. Indian preference does apply. **7/12pd**

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-045

In the Matter of the Estate of Maude Elizabeth French Paul

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

Wilbur Paul, P.O. Box 1597, Lambert Br. Rd., Cherokee, NC 28719. **7/12pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-041
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Lee Virgil Ledford**

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

Melissa Ledford, P.O. Box 789, Cherokee, NC 28719, (828) 736-9972 or Autumn Leigh-Anne Ledford, 120 Indian Valley Dr., P.O. Box 1048, Cherokee, NC 28719, (828) 736-3672. **7/12pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. EST 18-012

In the Matter of the Estate of Sallie L. Reed

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



**TRI-COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**Tri-County Community College is currently
accepting applications for the following positions:**

**Controller (Full-time)
Instructor - Culinary Arts (Full-time)**

Complete position announcements can be viewed on the college website: www.tricountycc.edu. For information on the application process and application deadline contact the Human Resources Office at Tri-County Community College, 21 Campus Circle, Murphy, NC 28906. Phone: (828) 835-4201 or e mail: humanresources@tricountycc.edu.

Equal Opportunity Employer

Polly Castorena, 1694 Washington Creek, P.O. Box 987, Cherokee, NC 28719. **7/19pd**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
The Cherokee Court
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File Nos.: EST 13-081;
EST 13-065; EST 13-062;
EST 13-053

In the Matter of the Estates of:
Lisa Paulette Jackson,
(d. 10-18-2013);
Angela Morris, (d. 7-14-2013);
Anita Elaine Driver Ellwood,
(d. 6-18-2013);
James Marcus George,
(d. 5-10-2013)

All persons, firms, or corporations having outstanding claims or interest in these estates are hereby notified of a hearing to settle the above named estates at the following date and time or be barred from making any further claims against the estate.

EBCI Justice Center
July 30, 2018 at 1:30 PM
7/26pd

BIDS, RFPs, etc.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PRE-QUALIFICATION

The Harper Corporation has been selected as the Construction Manager @ Risk by Watauga County and is seeking to pre-qualify construction trade and specialty contractors to submit bids for furnishing labor, materials, equipment and tools for the Watauga County Recreation Center project in Boone, NC.

Bid Packages
2a Demolition
2b Asbestos Abatement
3a Building Concrete
4a Unit Masonry
5a Structural & Miscellaneous Steel

13a Pools & Pool Features
31a Earthwork, Storm Drainage, Utilities, Erosion Control, Dewatering
31b Termite Control
31c Deep foundations
32a Asphalt, Markings, Signage
32b Curb & Gutter
32c Site Concrete
32d Modular Retaining Wall
32f Fencing

Additional packages may be added and/or deleted at the discretion of the Construction Manager. Historically underutilized business participation is highly encouraged. If a "minority business" firm requests assistance with cash flow needs, The Harper Corporation will work with that Subcontractor, or Vendor to arrange payment on a bi-weekly basis through a joint check arrangement.

Interested contractors should submit their completed prequalification submittals by July 13, 2018, to Aaron Evans at The Harper Corporation, aevans@harpergc.com. Copies can be mailed if necessary to 35 West Court Street, Suite 400, Greenville, SC, 29601.

Prequalification forms can be obtained from our online plan room by visiting our site, www.harpercorp.com/isqft/, or by contacting Aaron Evans, aevans@harpergc.com or call 864-527-2500.

Please note: Plans will not be issued to any contractor until pre-qualification form is submitted and approved by The Harper Corporation. Target bid date: July 2018.
7/12pd

Requests for Proposals
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Department of
Transportation
680 Acquoni Road

Cherokee, North Carolina 28719
Phone: (828) 359-6530
Roadway Paving Projects:
"CDOT RB2- 2018"

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting sealed proposals (NCDOT Qualified Contractors only) for paving of multiple roadways located upon the Qualla Boundary. Bid Proposal Deadline is July 11, 2018 at 10am.

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

You may request the full Request for Proposal through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact CDOT at (828)-554-6530. **7/5pd**

Request for Proposals

Project Title: Anthony J. Lossiah
Justice Center Sidewalk Repair

This is a "Request for Proposals" from Contractors with experience in cleaning and repairing existing scaling sidewalk

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Project Management Program, is soliciting proposals from contractors for cleaning and repairing scaling sidewalk at the Anthony J. Lossiah Justice Center in Cherokee, North Carolina.

The full project description and "RFP" will be provided to any

interested party upon request. All questions, comments or requests should be addressed to Chris Greene, Program Manager at 828-359-6703 or by email at chrigrree@nc-cherokee.com. The deadline for submitting proposals is 2:00 p.m. on 7/11/2018.

Indian Preference (as defined by the Tribal Employment Rights Office, TERO) applies for this RFQ.
7/5pd

Requests for Proposals

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Project Management/Water Dept.
801 Acquoni Road, Suite 118
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719

Phone: (828) 359-6120
Hydraulic Analysis 2018
The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' Water Department is requesting sealed proposals from qualified engineering firms to map and analyze the water system on the Qualla Boundary.

Please be advised that TERO regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules and regulations shall apply to the procurement and performance of any work awarded pursuant to this advertisement. Proposal Submission Deadline is July 18, 2018 at 11am.

You may request the full Request for Proposal through the EBCI's Project Management Office: 828-359-6120/ 828-359-6703.
7/12pd



Do you need help with...

end of life planning;

family safety parent representation;

a domestic violence-related civil law case;

or community education, self-help resources,
and brief legal advice?

EBCI

Legal Assistance Office

Ginger Lynn Welch Complex

810 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719

828-359-7400

legalhelp@nc-cherokee.com

EBCI Legal Assistance also handles child custody representations under certain conditions.
Please call to determine if you qualify and if the program can represent you.

Substance Abuse Service Guide

Courtesy of the Cherokee One Feather

Support Groups and Meetings

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

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

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

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

Fridays

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

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

EBCI Program Services

Analenisgi Recovery Center

375 Sequoyah Trail, Cherokee
(828) 497-9163, ext. 7550

Monday - Friday, 7:45am - 4:30pm

Walk-in Clinic available Monday - Friday, 1-3pm

Syringe Service Program

174 John Crowe Hill Drive, Cherokee
(828) 359-6879

Mondays 11am - 5:30pm

Thursdays 11am - 5:30pm

Fridays 11am - 5:30pm

Cherokee Family Safety

117 John Crowe Hill Drive, Cherokee
(828) 359-1520

Monday - Friday, 7:45am - 4:30pm

In the event of an emergency, call Cherokee Dispatch 497-4131 and ask to page the Family Services social worker on call

Cherokee Indian Hospital Emergency Room

Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

(828) 497-9163

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