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**“For me, the sooner we get them back in the better.”**

- Tara Reed-Cooper, Cherokee Central Schools Board member



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# Cherokee Central Schools scheduled to reopen in January

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The Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Board of Education has voted 5-1 to reopen its schools to students starting Jan. 5, 2021.

The Board met on Monday, Dec. 7 to discuss a plan for reentry. After a lengthy discussion, a motion to open the school using 'Plan B' was voted upon. This means the school will operated on a hybrid schedule, with students being split into two groups and will attend school two days a week. The other three will be used for remote learning. Under this plan parents and guardians will have the option of remaining fully remote.

Big Cove Rep Karen French-Browning was the only Board member to vote against.

"I saw that the numbers went up again today. The holidays are coming. To bring them back in January, I just don't think that's the right thing to do. All the people I have talked with and have talked to me do not want to do that. They said they've been having a rough time but that their kids are learning. It's not what they want, it's not what I want either," said French-Browning. "But you don't really understand how this virus is until it hits close to home. And for the first time since this virus has been out there, it has come to my family."

French-Browning has consistently been opposed to opening the schools for the majority of the COVID-19 pandemic. She has cited safety for the kids and teachers as the upmost importance, saying that she understood the difficulties of at-home learning, but that health of the community was more important.

French-Browning was also extremely concerned by the spike in COVID-19 numbers following the

Thanksgiving holiday and pointed to the idea that a bigger spike could be coming for Christmas. With Christmas landing just 11 days before the planned start for school, a spike would land right around the start of the semester.

An aspect that was presented as a reason for opening was to ensure the retention of students at CCS. Chairperson and Yellowhill Rep. Jennifer Thompson said that CCS had lost multiple students to other school systems because of the extended closure.

"I know that we've lost several kids to other schools because we're not in school. We've lost 33 or 34 since August. We've also worked very hard to get these children back to Cherokee," said Thompson.

Big Y Rep. Tara Reed-Cooper was one of the five votes for reopening and has been heavily motivated to bring back school for some time.

"I see both sides. I see what Karen's saying, I see what everyone here is saying. But at the same time, we're going to continue to lose kids if we don't come back regular time in January. I've had at least five parents call me, and they have multiple children," said Reed-Cooper.

"The cases are going to rise, whether it's the first or whether it's the eighteenth. We could get to the eighteenth or the seventeenth and it snow for two weeks and us not come back for another two weeks, that's a whole 'nother two weeks. We might get back on the fifth and us talk about it and there might be 21 more cases, because we're going to expect that. The cases are going to rise regardless of where they're at. You can get it going to the grocery store, you can get it going to the skate park, you can get it when you go to Tennessee and play basketball. You can get it going to your Grandma's house. You

can get it going to your mom and dad's house. For me, the sooner we get them back in the better."

Another issue that French-Browning brought to the Board was the idea that sports had begun for CCS. Cherokee has hosted multiple events, including volleyball and cross country, despite the school still operating remotely.

"A lot of people have asked me, 'our kids, they're not coming to school and we understand that, but yet you're letting the athletics go on. Why should we have athletics when you can't even let the kids come to school?' And I didn't know how to answer that," said French-Browning while repeating that she felt it was unwise to bring kids back to school in January.

The Board asked what Superintendent Michael Murray had heard from the neighboring schools that have been open since the fall.

"When I've talked to the different superintendents, they've had outbreaks just like we've had and they've had to mitigate those and isolate those. But they've been able to carry on school. I mean, they're having school. Is it what it should be? No. They don't have near the numbers. But it's given groups of parents that don't have a choice, a choice. And I think that's where they're meeting the needs that Cherokee Central's not meeting right now," said Murray.

The Board did agree that it would be good to come up with a decision as soon as possible for the teachers attempting to prepare for another unorthodox semester. This led to the motion to approve starting school under 'Plan B' starting on Jan. 5.

The Board said that they will need to closely evaluate the situation over the next month and could reverse their decision as necessary. That exact thing happened at the

start of the school year when the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians tribal government decided to shut down just days after CCS voted to open school.

It was also decided that it was important to offer families the opportunity to stay with remote learning if they were not yet comfortable coming back to school.

The Board quickly handled their other business before and after the reopening discussion.

The consent agenda passed with no amendments, setting forth the following:

- Darren Buchanan is approved to upgrade to a full-time custodian position for Cherokee Central School.
- Johnathan Lambert is approved to fill a full-time custodian position for Cherokee Central School.
- Nellie "Ahlisha" Stephens be approved as the Varsity Cross Country Head Coach for the 2020/2021 season.
- Taylor Brooks be approved as the Middle School Cross Country Head Coach for the 2020/2021 season.

The Monday, Dec. 7 meeting of the CCS Board of Education was called to order at 4:45 p.m. with Chairperson Jennifer Thompson; Vice Chair Ike Long; Secretary Tara Reed-Cooper; Board members Gloria Griffin, Karen French-Browning, and Regina Ledford Rosario; School Board Assistant Sunnie Clapsaddle; HR Director Heather Driver; Superintendent Michael Murray; Assistant Superintendent Beverly Payne; and Wolfstown Tribal Council representative Chelsea Saunooke present.

The Board agreed not to meet in-person for their second meeting of December unless a significant issue arises that requires discussion. They will hold that meeting via email poll.



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***Christ Born of Mary***

And it came to pass in those days *that* a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city.

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this *will* be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen *Him*, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard *it* marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

Holy Bible-Gospel of Luke-NKJV



# Tribe not enacting curfew order

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Due to the continued rising amount of COVID-19 cases, the State of North Carolina had a curfew order that took effect on Friday, Dec. 11; however, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has decided not to follow suit. The N.C. Dept. of Health and Human Services reported its highest single-day COVID-19 case count to date on Dec. 11 with 7,540 new positive cases.

“After considerable research and consideration, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will not be adopting the measures included in the newest Executive Order issued by Governor Roy Cooper,”

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed said in a statement on the afternoon of Dec. 11. “As Principal Chief of the EBCI, I have worked with EBCI public health officials to enact social distancing measures that protect our tribal citizens and guests while balancing the financial position of our community. I will continue to monitor the impact of COVID-19 in our community and will update our community if further measures are warranted.”

Chief Sneed’s decision applies to the lands governed by the EBCI.

Gov. Cooper said in a statement on Dec. 8, “We already have strong safety protocols and capacity limitations in place – including a statewide mask requirement.

With this additional action beginning Friday, we hope to get these numbers down. Our new modified Stay At Home order aims to limit gatherings and get people home where they are safer, especially during the holidays. It’s also a reminder that we must be vigilant the rest of the day – wearing a face mask when we are with people we don’t live with, keeping a safe distance from others and washing our hands a lot.”


Information from Gov. Cooper’s office states, “The Order requires restaurants, bars, entertainment venues, personal care businesses and more to close at 10 p.m. Travel to and from work; to obtain food, medical care, fuel or social services; or to take care of a family member is exempted.”

There are some other business

exemptions to the Governor’s order as well. Information from his office states, “Retail businesses that sell groceries, medication, health care supplies, and fuel may remain open between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Service at restaurants, breweries, distilleries, and wineries may continue for take-out and delivery after 10 p.m.”

NCDHHS Secretary Mandy K. Cohen, M.D. said in a statement, “Your actions can keep people from getting sick, save lives, and make sure our hospitals can care for people whether it’s for a heart attack or a car accident or COVID-19. Protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community now.”

Gov. Cooper’s order is in effect from Dec. 11 at 5 p.m. until Jan. 8, 2021 at 5 p.m.



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It is time to start registering to vote if you have turned 18 since the last election. If you have moved communities, you need to update your card to be registered in that community.

**Registration will close on Friday, May 7, 2021 and will reopen on June, 7, 2021.**

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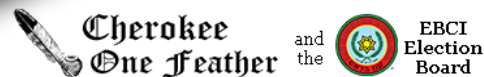
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## NPS seeks information related to Aggravated Sexual Assault case

The National Park Service Investigative Services Branch (ISB) continues to seek information related to sexual assaults that may have occurred within Great Smoky Mountains National Park. On Monday, Dec. 7, 2020, Richard L. Graham and Dusty William Oliver were sentenced for aggravated sexual abuse arising out of incidents occurring in 2012 and 2015 within the Park. Investigators are seeking information related to additional incidents, if any, that would have occurred prior to their arrest on Sept. 9, 2019.

"I want to express my thanks to ISB investigators, park rangers, and the Blount County Sheriff's Office for their perseverance and hard work that led to the conviction and sentencing of these two men responsible for heinous crimes within the Park," said Superintendent Cassius Cash. "To ensure that we've heard the voices of all victims, investigators continue to welcome any information about additional assaults that may be associated with Graham and Oliver."

Graham and Oliver were convicted of enticing homeless men into their vehicle from the Knoxville area and then taking them into remote areas of the park where they were raped. Graham and Oliver plead guilty to Aggravated Sexual Abuse occurring in 2012 near the Appalachian Trail and another sexual assault occurring in 2015 at Look Rock. Blount County Sheriff's Office and Great Smoky Mountains National Park

Rangers assisted ISB in the investigation.

Investigators are seeking additional information from anyone who may have been a victim of sexual assault crimes during this general time period. Respondents are asked to contact investigators through any of the following means:

- CALL or TEXT the ISB Tip Line at 888-653-0009
- ONLINE at [www.nps.gov/isb](http://www.nps.gov/isb) and click "Submit a Tip"
- EMAIL [nps\\_isb@nps.gov](mailto:nps_isb@nps.gov)
- MESSAGE on Facebook @InvestigativeServicesNPS or Twitter @SpecialAgentNPS

- National Park Service release

### CIPD Arrest Report for Nov. 29 to Dec. 6, 2020

*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. Mugshots can be viewed online at [theonefeather.com](http://theonefeather.com).*

Towles, Lucas Brian – age 22  
Arrested: Nov. 29  
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Charges: Driving While Impaired

Colangelo, Kerrilyn Ford – age 51  
Arrested: Nov. 30  
Released: Nov. 30  
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive, Disorderly Conduct

Eplin, Steven Dale – age 40

Arrested: Nov. 30  
Released: Nov. 30  
Charges: Breaking or Entering

Whitecotton, Raymond Dakota – age 28  
Arrested: Dec. 1  
Released: Dec. 1  
Charges: Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property, Criminal Conspiracy, Larceny, Obtain Property False Pretense

Bradley, Albert James – age 32  
Arrested: Dec. 2  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance (two counts); Possession with intent to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule I Controlled Substance; Possession with intent to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance

Bradley, Nichole Dominique – age 28  
Arrested: Dec. 2  
Released: Dec. 4  
Charges: Contraband, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Simple Possession Schedule III Controlled Substance, Trafficking in Opium or Heroin

Brady Smith Jr., Billy Joe – age 26  
Arrested: Dec. 2  
Released: Dec. 4  
Charges: Possession Schedule III Controlled Substance (two counts), Trafficking in Opium or Heroin

Greene Jr., Gary Albert – age 32  
Arrested: Dec. 3  
Released: Not released as of report

date  
Charges: Child Support Purge

Toineeta, Dion Steven – age 43  
Arrested: Dec. 3  
Released: Dec. 6  
Charges: Violate DV Order

Smith, Kenneth Tyrell – age 23  
Arrested: Dec. 4  
Released: Dec. 5  
Charges: Public Intoxication

Armachain, Keith Little Wolfe – age 27  
Arrested: Dec. 5  
Released: Dec. 5  
Charges: Public Intoxication

Crowe, Billy Jack – age 36  
Arrested: Dec. 5  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Intoxicated and Disruptive

Wolfe, Terrance Russell – age 22  
Arrested: Dec. 5  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Kidnapping, False Imprisonment, Simple Assault

Long, Robert Michael – age 40  
Arrested: Dec. 6  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Violate DV Protection Order

Santoyo, Ana Maria – age 31  
Arrested: Dec. 6  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree

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## WCU to require negative COVID-19 results for on-campus residents prior to spring semester

**CULLOWHEE** – Western Carolina University students living in residence halls will be asked to submit documentation of a negative COVID-19 test result taken three to five days before they leave their permanent residence and prior to their return to campus for the start of the 2021 spring semester.

Any student who fails to comply will be denied access to residence halls and meal plans until successfully submitting negative test results, university officials announced this week.

“Residential Living is implementing the entrance testing requirement for the residence halls to help conserve the limited on-campus quarantine and isolation facilities at the start of the term,” said Sam Miller, vice chancellor for student affairs.

“During the 2020 fall semester, students living on campus who tested positive were encouraged to quarantine or isolate at their permanent residence, and offered an on-campus option if returning

home wasn’t possible. When commuting students tested positive, they were directed to quarantine and/or isolate at their off-campus residence,” Miller said.

As in the 2020 fall semester, WCU Health Services will offer no-cost surveillance testing to all students who make an appointment at the start of spring 2021 classes, he said. Free testing will be available by appointment throughout the semester.

“As part of our commitment to keeping our campus community healthy and well, we strongly encourage all students and employees to test in their local area before returning to campus in the spring,” he said. “Local public health departments, pharmacies, primary care medical providers and individual insurance companies can provide specific information.”

University officials also are encouraging all students, faculty and staff to continue practicing the Catamounts Care strategies designed to help prevent the spread of the virus – including wearing a mask or face covering, maintaining a physical distance of at least 6 feet away from other people, and

practicing proper hand hygiene – and to follow government restrictions related to the pandemic.

“The university is continuously monitoring the COVID-19 situation and is prepared for many possible scenarios that could come into play as we move forward that may result in a change of operations for spring semester,” Miller

said.

Visit [www.wcu.edu/coronavirus](http://www.wcu.edu/coronavirus) for updates and additional information. A website with information focused on operations for spring 2021 will be posted in the coming weeks.

- Western Carolina University  
release

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CROSS COUNTRY

Cherokee hosts middle school, high school meets

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Cherokee Middle School and High School played host to three other squads – Murphy, Swain Co., and Robbinsville – for meets on the sunny, but chilly, afternoon of Wednesday, Dec. 9. The middle school team events were won by Murphy (boys) and Swain Co. (girls) with the high school events going the same – Murphy (boys) and Swain Co. (girls). Following are the results, per NC.milesplit, for the top finishers in each race plus each Cherokee finisher:

Middle School Girls

- 1 – Arizona Blankenship, Swain Co., 12:10.75
- 2 – Dvdaya Swimmer, Cherokee, 12:53.75
- 3 – Corinne Cotton, Murphy, 14:55.81
- 4 – Angelina Lomelli, Swain Co., 14:58.18
- 5 – Audrey Monteith, Swain Co., 15:08.18
- 6 – Kennedy White, Murphy, 15:17.31
- 7 – Annie Lewis, Swain Co., 15:28.41
- 10 – Livie Crowe, Cherokee, 15:51.62
- 14 – Josclyn Stamper, Cherokee, 16:02.81
- 16 – Aaliyah Reed, Cherokee, 16:36.59
- 17 – Yvonne Saunooke, Cherokee, 16:38.47

Middle School Boys

- 1 – AJ Rice, Murphy, 11:46.31
- 2 – Robert Turner, Murphy, 11:48.59
- 3 – Tyce Hogner, Cherokee, 12:11.56
- 4 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 12:22.18
- 5 – Ryan Payne, Murphy, 12:43.38
- 6 – Cole Miller, Murphy, 13:14.18
- 7 – Tyler Payne, Murphy, 13:23.31
- 8 – Samuel Hernandez, Cherokee, 13:50.81

High School Girls

- 1 – Gracie Monteith, Swain Co., 21:26.22
- 2 – Jaylynne Esquivel, Cherokee, 22:18.21
- 3 – Emily Ulaner, Swain Co., 23:49.91
- 4 – Ava Barlow, Robbinsville, 24:11.94
- 5 – Amelia Rogers, Swain Co., 24:30.59
- 6 – Lily Bjerkness, Swain Co., 24:53.72
- 7 – Ashlyn Stroupe, Murphy, 26:48.20



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Jaylynne Esquivel, a member of the Cherokee High School cross country team, took second place in the high school girls race with a time of 22:18.21.

High School Boys

- 1 – Caleb Jones, Murphy, 17:12.34
- 2 – Chase Pierce, Murphy, 17:46.34
- 3 – Austin SanSouci, Swain Co., 18:16.66
- 4 – Connor Lambert, Swain Co., 18:33.18
- 5 – Caleb Rice, Murphy, 19:23.78
- 6 – Connor Brown, Swain Co., 19:31.00

- 7 – Clayton Laney, Murphy, 19:42.59
- 12 – Rocky Peebles, Cherokee, 20:31.09
- 13 – Jaylen Bark-McCoy, Cherokee, 20:46.25
- 19 – Ayden Thompson, Cherokee, 21:55.56
- 20 – Oztin Swayney, Cherokee, 22:30.44
- 21 – Cavan Reed, Cherokee, 23:12.75





**Tyce Hogner, a member of the Cherokee Middle School cross country team,** runs during a four-team meet at Cherokee Central Schools on the afternoon of Wednesday, Dec. 9. He took third place in the middle school boys race with a time of 12:11.56.



## Swain co. sweeps Cherokee 2-0



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**Cherokee's Lolo Hogner** serves as the Cherokee Middle School Lady Braves hosted the Swain County Middle School Lady Maroon Devils at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 10. FINAL SCORE: Swain County 2 Cherokee 0 (25-23, 25-20).



**Julia Layno** sets a ball during the match.

## JV Lady Braves defeat Swain Co.



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**Cherokee's Triniti Littlejohn (#8) and Awee Walkingstick (#4)** go up for a block as the Cherokee JV Lady Braves hosted the Swain County JV Lady Maroon Devils at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 10. FINAL SCORE: Cherokee 2 Swain County 1 (25-17, 22-25, 15-12).



**Destiny Siweumtewa** serves during the match.



## Swain Co. tops Lady Braves 3-1

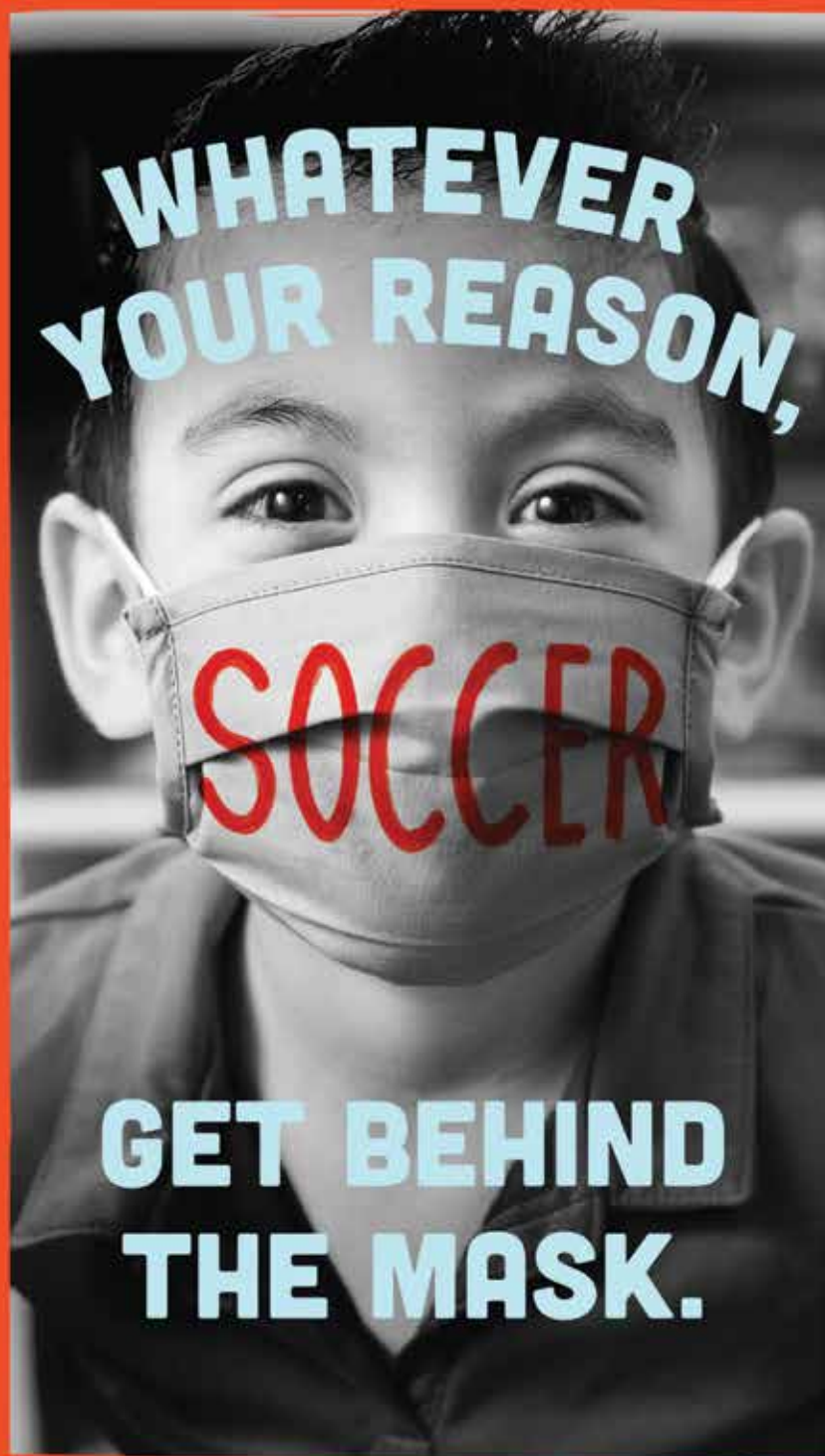


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**Cherokee's Aria Foerst (#7) and Donna Thompson (#6)** go for a block as the Cherokee Varsity Lady Braves hosted the Swain County Varsity Lady Maroon Devils at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 10. FINAL SCORE: Swain County 3 Cherokee 1 (25-14, 22-25, 27-25, 25-12).



**Vivian Ross** serves during the match.



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## Tribal member graduates U.S.M.C. basic training

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**K**i Ree French, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from the Big Cove Community, has followed in the proud tradition of Native Americans serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. He graduated, with Platoon 1088, from U.S. Marine Corps basic training at Parris Island, S.C. on Friday, Dec. 11. The graduation itself was live-streamed for families due to COVID-19 restrictions.

French graduated as a private and earned the Rifle Expert marksmanship badge. He is now at Fort Lejeune in Jacksonville, N.C. for a five-week course known as Marine Combat Training.

Of his graduation day, he noted, "It was a mix of feelings. I was proud of myself for making it, but then I was also upset that my family couldn't be there. I was more so just proud of my brothers and I earning the title."

Prior to even arriving at Parris Island, he and the other trainees went to Atlanta, Ga. to quarantine for 14 days. Upon arrival at basic



USMC photo

**Ki Ree French**, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from the Big Cove Community, graduated from U.S. Marine Corps basic training at Parris Island, S.C. on Friday, Dec. 11.

training, French said it was a "culture shock".

He tried to sleep as much as possible on the bus ride from Atlanta to Parris Island. "The next thing I knew a drill instructor came onto the bus yelling at us to

get off the bus."

During the training, he particularly enjoyed the marksmanship training and thanked Sgt. Ramsey who was his instructor as well as his recruiter Sgt. Pond.

While there wasn't much

contact with anyone during basic training, French said he was able to write letters home, and he did earn a few phone calls from various challenges.

He appreciates all of the support. "I'd like to thank my family and my family friends. No matter how hard it is here or how hard training is, they help me to just push through it."

During the graduation, Lt. Col. Robyn E. Mestemacher, 4th Recruit Training Battalion commanding officer, said, "Three months ago, these young men and women set foot on our historic yellow footprints, and they've been challenged mentally, morally, and physically every day since. More importantly, they've had to demonstrate our core values of honor, courage, and commitment in their actions in order to earn the title United States Marine."

French recommends for other young people to join the military and said, "Make sure to do your research so you know what you're getting yourself into. It isn't just a job when you join. It becomes your life."

## Post 143 seeking contact info for EBCI service men/women

The Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 is seeking contact information for active duty EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) troops currently deployed overseas.

All information will be held in the strictest confidence. The Post and Ladies Auxiliary wants to send care packages and notes of encouragement to the troops.

**Info: Warren Dupree 508-2657  
or David McQueen 736-9572**





## Cherokee Natural Resources seeking bear harvest info

The bear season is now open and will run through Dec. 31. Hunters play an essential role in collecting management information for sustainable bear populations. However, Cherokee Natural Resources averages about three harvest submissions per year. Last year, only a single submission easily won the draw and the numbers are not sufficient to inform the management.

Please report your take to Cherokee Natural Resources along with the first premolar tooth (or allow staff to extract it) to determine age. Freeze or keep other samples on ice that could decompose. If possible, keep an eraser sized (or bigger) piece of meat frozen.

The program also wishes to collect weight, location, sex and the effort it took to harvest (num-

ber of hunters in party and hours put in). This data will help the program understand how important hunting is to bears and how it keeps damage issues in check. There will be a \$500 draw from those that submit samples and information.

Submit samples and information to the Cherokee Natural Resources office at 1840 Painttown Road, next to Cherokee Tribal Bingo. Call or email us if you have questions: ebcifw@gmail.com, 359-6110

- Cherokee Natural Resources

**Life Recovery Bible-Based 12-step Zoom meeting.** Started Nov. 10 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Info: Deb Conseen-Bradley kellideb@gmail.com

**Life Recovery Zoom meeting.** Started Nov. 10 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Info: Deb Conseen-Bradley

kellideb@gmail.com

**Turkey Shoot at Jesse Welch's Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community.** Dec. 19 at 3 p.m. for young Jeremiah Locust's medical procedure. Virus prevention measures will be followed. Good fun, good prizes, good benefits.

**Life Choice Pregnancy Center Christmas Shop.** Dec. 18, and 19 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day at the office located on One River Street, Suite 7, in Bryson City. This new non-profit states, "We desire to help new moms and dads and young families." Info: 556-0115

**Swain County Democratic Party Whittier/Cherokee Precinct meeting.** Jan. 12 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda will include discussing new officers and plans for 2021. For more information or to

request the Zoom link, call 497-9498

## THANK YOU LETTER Thank you to the people

Siyo nigada, I just want to say a heartfelt thank you to our people. This past Saturday, Dec. 5 we held a benefit tamale sale for my son, Lakai Martinez. The money we raised will go toward travel and expenses for his heart surgery scheduled for Dec. 11. Thanks to everyone who bought and donated food, came out to volunteer, cook, organize, and donated money. I cannot tell you how much your generous donations to help support my son during this time means to me, it fills my heart with warmth and appreciation. We are just now starting and undoubtedly will need your love and prayers in the days to come, so if you can please remember us in prayer we appreciate and accept your prayers as well. Again thank you all for your loving support - Chief Richard Sneed, Vice Chief B. Ensley and wife Libby, Vice Chief Secretary Chavella Taylor, Lea Wolf, Loretta Bolden, Whitney Hornbuckle, and Danita Gibson.

From the Calangan family

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# WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL

## WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

DECEMBER 14-20, 2020

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
<b>Tuckasegee River</b>	No December stocking.	All Day.	Rainbow, Brook, Brown.	BWO and Grey Midges	Mop Flies, Egg Patterns, Hare's Ear, Red Copper John, Wolley Bugger, Girdle Bugs.
<b>Chattooga &amp; Whitewater Rivers</b>	Hatchery Supported Waters are open	All day.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	BWO, Spotted Sedge Caddis	Hare's Ear, Frenchies, Wooly Buggers, Pink San Juan Worm, Prince Nymph
<b>Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River &amp; Small Streams</b>	Hatchery Supported Waters are open	All Day.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, and Brook Trout	Midges and some Caddis, BWO.	Orange Stimulators, Soft Hackle Hare's Ear, BH Pheasant Tail, BWO

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### BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, DEC. 14	TUESDAY, DEC. 15	WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16	THURSDAY, DEC. 17	FRIDAY, DEC. 18	SATURDAY, DEC. 19	SUNDAY, DEC. 20
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## OBITUARIES

### Ollie Littlejohn Bigwitch

The family of Ollie Littlejohn Bigwitch are grieved to announce her passing on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020. Ollie Littlejohn Bigwitch, 85, was from the Wofltown Community of Cherokee. She is preceded in death by her parents, Isaac and Eliza Jane Littlejohn; as well as her sons, Phillip Mitchell, Freeman and Andrew Littlejohn. She is also preceded by her grandkids, Leshea and Matthew Littlejohn; and her great grandson, Collin Tramper.

Ollie is survived by her husband, Jim Bigwitch; her daughters, Joyce (Bob) Taylor and Mary (Jonah) Wolfe. In addition, she leaves behind her grandkids that she loved very much: Curt, Blaine,

Shannon, Ginger, Sharron, Phillip, Kenny, and Bimbo. She was also the proud grandmother of 21 great grandkids, and 12 great-great grandkids. Ollie also is survived by her special friends: Terri and Pam, and Mary Smith.

Ollie grew up making baskets. In her younger days, she made white oak baskets but as she got older and throughout her adult years she was a renowned honeysuckle basket maker. She was a fluent speaker of the Cherokee Language and was valued for all her knowledge. Every spring, Ollie would go up on the mountains with family and pick greens, ramps and harvest what she could. Ollie will be remembered for how she loved to feed people and would open her kitchen up to anyone. She didn't want to see anyone go hungry and would feed people as

often as they was hungry. Ollie enjoyed watching the squirrels in her yard along with the hummingbirds that flew about. She loved to go ride around and loaf. Ollie believed Saturdays were meant for hitting up yard sales. She was always on the go, she'd do whatever she could, whenever she could. Even after working a long shift as a housekeeper, when she got home you would often see her and Jim driving on down the road. Ollie loved her family most of all. She took part in raising most of her grandbabies and made sure to tell her family that she loved them every time she saw them. Ollie Bigwitch will be greatly missed by her family, her friends and her community.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Dec. 11 with Pastor Tim Melton officiating.

Ollie was interred beside her sons at the Bigwitch Cemetery on Dave Cucumber Rd. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

### Donovan Rickell Underwood

Donovan Rickell Underwood, 48 of Sylva, passed away Friday, Dec. 11, 2020 at Mission Hospital in Asheville.

A native of Graham County, he was the son of the late Ronnie Underwood, of Robbinsville, and Martha Brown, of Murphy.

He is survived by his companion Brandy Brewer of Sylva; daughter, Triniti Underwood of Sylva; daughter, Jacey Underwood of Robbinsville; sister, Laurie Underwood of Murphy; niece, Kiara Taylor of Murphy; nephew, Austin Rattler of Sylva; brothers, Ronnie Underwood Jr. and Billy Underwood, both of Robbinsville, and brother Corey Underwood of Andrews.

Donovan was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan and was a friend to many throughout his life. He loved his family very much and was always someone willing to help a friend in need.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 133 Cornsilk Branch Rd, Robbinsville with the Reverend Henry Ethridge Jr. officiating. Pallbearers were Charlie Garland, Jordan Garland, Chris Blount, Bo Brewer, Corey Underwood, and Micah Boughman.

Townson-Smith Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Underwood family.

## Good Housekeeping

### Hot White Chocolate

A touch of almond extract gives this comforting winter-warmer a deliciously nutty aroma.

- 1 quart milk
- 3 ounces white chocolate, finely chopped\*
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract

1. In 2-quart saucepan, heat milk to simmering over medium heat.

2. With wire whisk, stir in white chocolate, sugar, and vanilla and almond extracts. Heat mixture 3 minutes or until chocolate melts, stirring occasionally. Pour into warm mugs to serve. Serves 4.

\*Or use one 3-ounce Swiss confectionery bar, or one-half 6-ounce package white baking bar.

• Each serving: About 290 calories, 15g total fat (10g saturated), 37mg cholesterol, 140mg sodium, 27g total carbohydrate, 10g protein.

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## WCU to offer online facilitation workshop

**CULLOWHEE** – Western Carolina University's Office of Professional Growth and Enrichment will be offering an online workshop entitled, "Facilitation: An Essential Leadership Skill," from 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21 with live, interactive instruction.

Kimerly Hinkelman of Hinkelman & Associates and Kathleen Osta of Vital Clarity will serve as instructors for the workshop and John Bourke of Bourke Associates, content expert on the ToP® Facilitation Methods, and other business topics, will serve as tech-

nology assistant.

"The need for leaders to communicate effectively is the most pressing skill-gap identified in an August 2020 Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) survey," said Osta. "84 percent of respondents say poorly trained 'people managers' create unnecessary work and stress. Employing communication skills that convey a foundational regard for others distinguishes respected and successful leaders from those who are not."

This highly interactive, one-day online workshop focuses on facilitation skills as a key component for developing an effective

leadership style. No matter what your job requires, adopting a facilitative approach will enhance any professional's effectiveness.

Participants will learn leadership skills for facilitating a focused conversation that invites and honors all perspectives; and experience a consensus-building brainstorm approach that elicits and organizes a diverse range of ideas in a way that reveals areas of alignment.

Interactive aspects of the workshop include method demonstrations, practice in breakout groups, and participants will also gain a solid introduction to practical facilitation skills.

The registration fee for the course is \$149 and SHRM credits are available at the completion of the workshop.

For more information and to register, visit [pdp.wcu.edu](http://pdp.wcu.edu) and click on "For-profit and Nonprofit Professional Development Workshops."

WCU's Office of Professional Growth and Enrichment, as part of the Division of Educational Outreach, provides opportunities for individuals to further their careers through education and training.

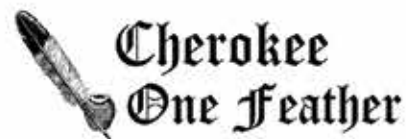
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## Cherokee Veterans: We want to share your stories.

The Cherokee One Feather would like to share your stories in a column we call "Veteran's Corner". Send your written stories to Robert Jumper, editor, at [robejump@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:robejump@nc-chokeee.com). Or, if you prefer to sit down for an interview with one of our reporters, call 359-6482 (Robert), 359-6263 (Scott), or 359-6264 (Jonah).

Thank you for your service, and we look forward to hearing from you so we can share your stories of service with the entire community.







# NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY SPECIAL SECTION

Photo by Elnora Thompson/Cherokee, N.C.

The ears of an elk are frosted over on the chilly morning of Thursday, Dec. 3.





SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo  
**Cherokee woke up to this amazing sunrise** on  
 the morning of Friday, Oct. 9.



Photo by Dawn Arneach/Cherokee, N.C.  
**The Great Smoky Mountains** were captured in this photo on the morning of Oct.  
 8.



Photo by Vita Nations/Cherokee, N.C.  
**This rainbow and mountain landscape** photo was captured from an overlook on  
 the Blue Ridge Parkway overlooking the Big Cove Community.





Photo by Amber Allen

**Fall morning** spiderweb in Waynesville



SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo

**The moon shines brightly over Cherokee** on the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 30. The moon was at 98 percent illumination that night.



Photo by Dawn Arneach/Cherokee, N.C.

**This photo of an acorn** was taken on Sept. 21.



Photo by April Shuler/Cherokee, N.C.

**This photo was taken just past Newfound Gap on US 441** in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on Saturday, Sept. 26.





Photo by Sharon Braswell-Zern

**Honeybee on asters**



Photo by Dave Norris

**This photo was taken in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park** on Wednesday, Sept. 30.

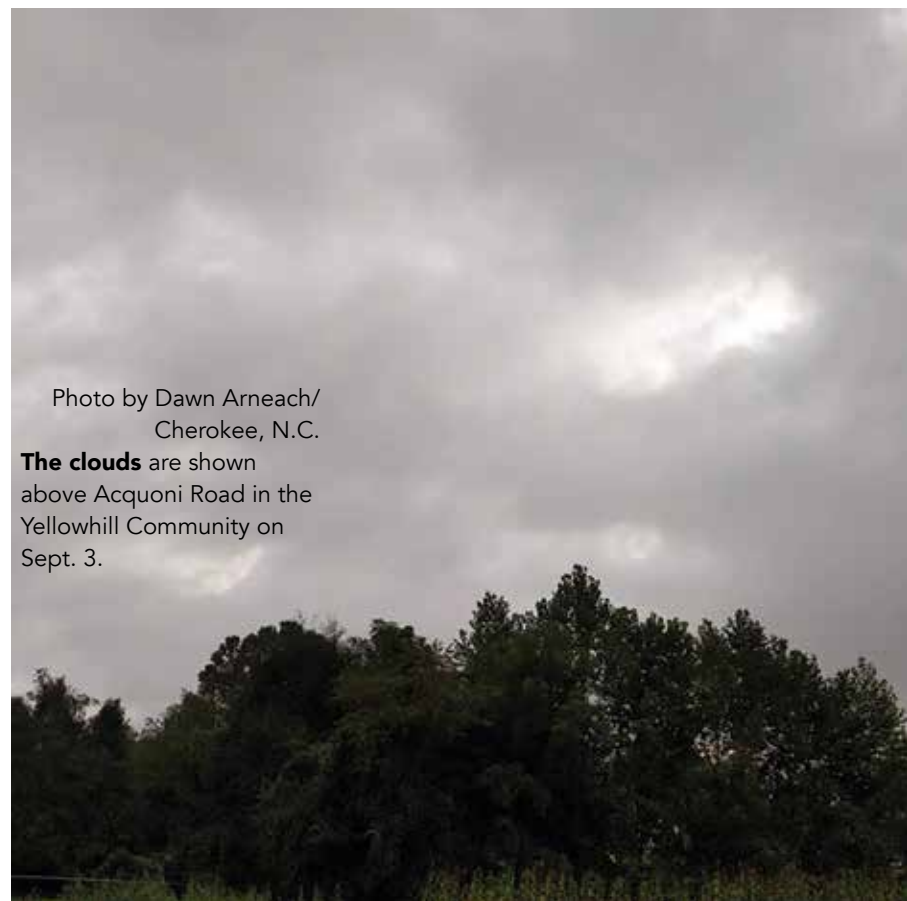


Photo by Dawn Arneach/  
Cherokee, N.C.

**The clouds** are shown  
above Acquoni Road in the  
Yellowhill Community on  
Sept. 3.





SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo  
**An elk stands in the Oconaluftee River** in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, a few hundred yards from Cherokee, on the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 17.



Photo by Sheri Cornelius  
**Mountain sunset**



Photo by Dawn Arneach/Cherokee, N.C.  
**This photo of a bull nettle** was taken on July 3.





**Deep Creek Trail**

Photo by Sheri Cornelius



**Mushrooms in forest**

Photo by Nichole Taylor/Cherokee, N.C.



Photo by Vita Nations/Cherokee, N.C.

**This fall display** was put together by the photographer, Vita Nations, at her mother's house in the Big Cove Community.



Photo by Dawn Arneach/Cherokee, N.C.

**This elk** was spotted in the Yellowhill Community on Aug. 29.





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## COMMENTARY

# Why I'll be taking the COVID-19 vaccine

**JONAH LOSSIAH**

ONE FEATHER STAFF

I understand the trepidation. I really do.

If you asked me a few weeks ago whether I'd take the vaccine, I would probably say 'yes, but not right now'. Well, we sit maybe just a few weeks away from our first public vaccinations, and I've had a bit of an epiphany.

I'll admit I've had the benefit of thinking this through for a little longer than some. I am a member of the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Joint Information Center, the committee formed solely for the dissemination of information regarding COVID-19. With that, a major part of my job is having a feel for the community. The Cherokee One Feather prides itself for its connection to the people of our Boundary. We also wish to offer the voice of the people. Doing so allows for a level of empathy for each reader.

By talking with members of the public as well as polling many of our readers, I have started to see a significant trend. The majority of folks do not trust this vaccine right now. Plenty of people have said they want to step up to the plate and get our lives back to normal as soon as possible. Others have been vehemently against any sort of vaccine. There is also a large contingent that sits where I did not too long ago; those who wish to wait and see.

As of Friday, Dec. 11, the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine received FDA approval for emergency use, moving past the final major hurdle before nationwide distribution. That is the vaccine that the EBCI will be receiving.

The worry that has rushed to the forefront of my mind is that we simply will not have enough volunteers to make a difference. For the vaccine to offer legitimate change in COVID-19 numbers a significant percentage of us on the Boundary need to take it. That is true for every community. The longer the process of mass vaccination takes, the longer the virus will continue to ravage this country.

For me, I wish to volunteer to take the vaccine as a measure to help my community.

I can't pretend to know a tremendous amount about the Pfizer vaccine. But calculating the value of the vaccine allows for many of those unknowns to be calmed in my mind.

Pfizer is currently stating that the vaccine has a two-dose 95 percent efficacy rate. Do I wish for a miracle cure with no side effects? Well sure. However, we must be realistic. 95 percent is significantly better than the current state of affairs. North Carolina has consistently had 4,000+ new daily cases since we reached December, and daily highs coming seemingly every other day. We are slipping and have been for some time. This vaccine will help us get things under control.

The Pfizer vaccine is the same that has been administered in England, starting from the University of Coventry. It was made in collaboration with the German drug maker BioNTech. We are collecting data each day. The situation will continue to adapt, but progress is being made at a rapid pace.

Part of the uproar I've already seen is that there have been at least two allergic

reactions with the vaccinations in England. I understand that immediately seems to be a red flag, but it wasn't that much of a surprise to those administering the vaccines or the people that had the reactions. As reported by the Associated Press, 'The two people who reported reactions were NHS staff members who had a history of significant allergies and carried adrenaline shots. Both had serious reactions but recovered after treatment, the NHS said.'

This is a risk for anyone who has had major issues with allergies, and that's true for any vaccine. There are very similar warnings for each year's flu shot and other vaccines that are given to the public. It is something that deserves heavy monitoring but should not be the greatest concern to those that do not have significant allergies.

I believe one of the more demoralizing aspects of the vaccine is that many of us thought it would be the true end to the pandemic, and that we could rush back to our pack restaurants and concerts. Regardless of how many people get the shot early, we will all need to wear masks, distance, and look after our community. This is something I was emotionally prepared for, but it is not doubt disappointing.

At the end of the day, none of these actions of prevention are about the individual. That has been the most aggravating facet of this pandemic for me – the selfish attitude of so many. The idea that 'I don't have to wear a mask or stay put because it's my own health I'm risking'.

That's just objectively a lie.

I was taught as a child to care for my family, friends, and neighbors. A virus is not something that affects one person. If one individ-

ual contracts the virus and upholds a cavalier mentality they are putting everyone they see and each of their families at risk.

The thing that has me petrified since March is the fragility of our culture. I'm a young man. In all likelihood if I were to contract COVID-19 I would be fine. But I work in Cherokee. My father is one of our people that is responsible for keeping our language alive. That means he has contact with many elders and speakers. If a death were to occur in my family or to one of my elders because of my irresponsible action I would never forgive myself.

Cherokee is one of the most connected communities there is. We also protect our elders at all costs. Why is the pandemic different? It's not something I can answer, but it is something I have kept in my mind at every step.

This is why I wish to take the vaccine. The same reason I never enter a public space without my mask and have been scared to see even my closest friends. I just want to take care of my community.

I'm not saying it is wrong to be skeptical. After all, our people have not had a pristine history with the United States government. But this isn't about that, is it? It's not about politics either. It never was, and frankly it's disgusting that it was almost immediately made so.

I am scared. You are scared. We are living through an unprecedented time, and more than anything we want to get back to a sense of normalcy. The only thing I ask is that each one of us takes a deep breath and do what we think is best for our community.

Sgi.

## *Thank you from The Cherokee One Feather Staff*



No one is an island. There are many, many people who make The Cherokee One Feather happen. We want to take this opportunity to thank the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Executive Office, Tribal Council, Tribal Court, the programs, entities, businesses, and non-profit organizations who support us. We thank the printer who we partner with to produce the print edition. We thank the many people who provide leads, stories, photos and opinion pieces to us. Most of all, we thank those of you who read The Cherokee One Feather in its various formats. All of you have played a vital role in making the paper what it is today. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2021!

*Jonah*

*Scott*

*Robert*

*Sally*



# Thanks to election volunteers

With the most contentious Presidential election in modern American history coming to a close, there is enough finger-pointing going on to satisfy even the most cynical. Sadly, that means that a great deal of good work is going unnoticed. Now is the time to thank the many election volunteers, paid and unpaid, who gave so much of their time and energy to help make the voting process work as it should in Swain County.

Inside the polls, there were dozens of people assigned to tasks such as verifying voters' names and registrations; explaining authorization forms voters must sign; wiping voting booths clean after each use in this time of COVID-19; providing curbside service, if needed; and redirecting "lost" voters to their proper polling places. The inside workers are recruited from each party, trained by county election staff, and required to keep their own political preferences private.

Outside the polls, the rules are very different. Dozens of partisan volunteers spent their time welcoming voters to the polls, and offering opinions, voting recommendations, candidates' campaign literature and sample ballots to anyone who was interested. At the Whittier-Cherokee precinct under the leadership of Lisa Montelongo and Mary "Missy" Crowe during early voting and on Election Day, seven young Cherokee people handed out information, provided free tee shirts and literature, and made sure Cherokee people voted. Special thanks is given to Gadusi Crowe, Amy Lincoln, P'takatu Lincoln, Simon Montelongo, Quedi Sampson, Mikayla Shell and Rose Shell for all of their efforts. Some of these young people also helped with voter registration prior to early voting.

There were other volunteers, both inside and outside the polls, who were required to sit silently as they monitored their locations for problems or voting irregularities.

Clearly, the volunteers, along with paid election staff, got the job done well. When all of the votes were counted during the official canvass on Nov. 13, the numbers showed that 4,675 people voted during early voting, 1,658 voted in person on Election Day and

760 voted by mail-in or absentee ballots. 14 of 58 provisional ballots were accepted; those rejected were cast by out-of-county voters. The final total showed that 7,107 out of 10,088 registered Swain County voters cast their ballots. That's a turnout rate of 70.34 percent – the highest in recent memory.

The process did not end there. There was a recount on Nov. 20 to reexamine votes cast in the race for chief justice of the N.C. Supreme Court. Under the watch of the Board of Elections and observers from both parties, the final totals were substantially the same as those reported in the prior canvass. There will be a more detailed, "hand-eye" recount soon because the margin between the two candidates is razor thin, statewide.

No matter which candidates you were backing and who won or lost, we owe a debt of gratitude to the dozens of Swain County volunteers whose efforts and enthusiasm make the voting system work, year after year, election after election. Thanks, volunteers! It could not have been done without you.

**Mary A. Herr**  
Cherokee, N.C.



## Small Holiday Gathering Can Still Stress Pets

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** This year, we are only going to have a few family members over on Christmas Day. In past years, I've put our dog, cat and rabbit in the back of the house with plenty of water and beds to sleep in, so the noise and lights and strange people don't stress them out. I feel like we can safely keep the pets in their usual spots this year because there will only be eight people here for dinner and presents. What do you think? — *Cheryl in Lake City, Florida*

**DEAR CHERYL:** That's your call. You know your pets.

In addition to the size of the gathering, you should consider the personalities of your guests: Are any of them timid or afraid around pets, and would anyone be upset if your dog starts barking?

The big question here is how many strangers each of your pets can handle. Rabbits, for example, are very susceptible to stress and should be kept in a quiet spot and not handled too much by visitors. A calm, well-socialized dog may be able to handle the influx of people. Same with your cat, who will simply disappear to a hiding spot if things get a little overwhelming.

Even though it's a smaller crowd this year, make a plan and share it. How much time should the pets spend with visitors around? When should they be placed in a separate area? (During dinner or when presents are opened, for example.) If a pet shows signs of stress, such as barking, yelping, meowing, hissing or growling, who will grab them and take them to the quiet spot to calm down?

When everyone knows the strategy, they can act quickly to keep the party calm and pets healthy and safe.

Send your tips, comments and questions to [ask@pawscorner.com](mailto:ask@pawscorner.com).

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*How do you say that in Cherokee?*

I see it - tsigowatiha  
 You see it - higowatiha  
 He/She sees it - agowatiha  
 They see it - anigowatiha  
 I do not see it -  
 gesdi yitsigowatiha

Note: These words are from the first book provided by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Kituwah Language Revitalization Initiative in 2019.

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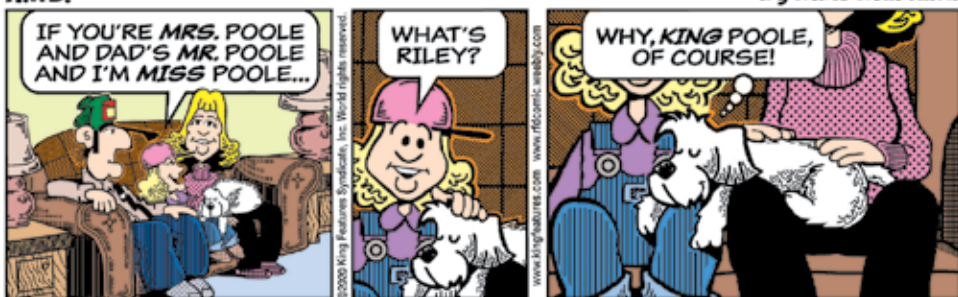


# Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

## R.F.D.



by Mike Marland

## The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**  
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Mom's hair is different. 2. Doll on left has been moved. 3. "Sale" sign is added. 4. Girl's skirt has ruffle. 5. Doll ad is different. 6. Girl has hair bow.

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# King Crossword

### ACROSS

1 Porter's burdens  
5 Before  
8 Dull sound of impact  
12 Enticement  
13 Blend  
14 Abundant  
15 Opera show-stopper  
16 U.K. broadcaster  
17 Black, in verse  
18 Fight  
20 Like a lot  
22 Solid ground  
26 Entire  
29 Smack  
30 Zilch  
31 Bees' home  
32 Parsons or Gaffigan  
33 Slangy negative  
34 — out a living  
35 One of the Brady Bunch  
36 Grown-up bug  
37 Brownish orange  
40 Warmonger  
41 Barbershop tools  
45 First victim  
47 Luau bowlful  
49 "American —"  
50 Ring out

### DOWN

1 Spill the beans  
2 Emanation  
3 Determination  
4 Birthplace of Starbucks  
5 Fireplace bit  
6 Cage component  
7 Cry out  
8 Italian fountain site  
9 Ireland  
10 Venusian vessel?  
11 Lair  
19 Appomattox surrenderer  
21 Frequently  
23 Serengeti beast  
24 Chinese dynasty  
25 Choir member  
26 Sharpen  
27 Raise  
28 Above  
32 Lotto win  
33 Incredible  
35 Mandible  
36 Call — day  
38 Make a comeback  
39 Warble  
42 Bloodhound's clue  
43 Quarterback Tony  
44 Dispatched  
45 Mimic  
46 Foundation  
48 Didn't pay yet

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MEASUREMENTS: How many tablespoons are in 1 fluid ounce?
2. LITERATURE: Which famous gothic novel features the beginning sentence, "Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again"?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of New Zealand?
4. BUSINESS: When was the first iPhone released?
5. TELEVISION: What was the name of Norm Peterson's unseen wife in the sitcom "Cheers"?
6. PERSONALITIES: Which former pro football player earned the nickname "Broadway Joe"?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a female donkey called?
8. MEDICAL: A deficiency of vitamin A causes what condition?
9. MUSIC: Which 1980s pop hit starts with the line, "Dearly beloved, we have gathered here today to get through this thing called life"?
10. MOVIES: What was the name of Charles Foster Kane's estate in "Citizen Kane"?



## SPEAKING OF FAITH

# Fighting ‘Giants’ and winning

**REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR**  
CHEROKEE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS  
CHURCH

Read 1 Samuel 17:1-58 for the whole story of the battle David fought with Goliath. Memorize David’s fighting words, a 17-year-old, to his ‘giant’ in verses 45-48a (and it came to pass.) Overcome each attacking ‘devil’ you have encountered. Everyone has some, in this life, and there are no exceptions. Learn how to fight them.

“No matter if you are in a battle to win over a health situation, an addiction, a work situation, or any private struggle, know Who your God is, and know Whose you are and belong to today. As a young person, with a health issue, or as a young man working in a fire department when a house caved in and collapsed down on us, we each must learn how to fight and win each private battle for ourselves or for our families. We must learn how to be a successful Warrior. If we are still here, we are ‘somebody’ and we have been made to come through some things for ourselves and for others.

“David’s father, Jesse, sent David, the youngest of eight brothers to the encampment of his older brothers to give them bread and cheeses to supplement the army fare.

“Giants were sent in as Philistine ‘champions’ to take on the army of Israel. David arrived just as one of the largest giants began his daily taunting of the Israeli army. It had been a war of words with their enemies up until then. David heard what they were saying and their words served only to make him mad. Showing no fear, David knew and had spent much time worshipping and singing, making music to His God after years of taking care of his father’s sheep. In verse 23, we see that the commands of the devils made a mistake in issuing a bullying challenge to someone so unafraid of them. David, who had spent much of his time protecting his father’s sheep, had learned not to fear even the lions or bears looking for a lamb to eat, but had honed his skills with much practice with stones and a slingshot,” explained

Rev. Melton.

(The Israeli army was always considered to be the human contingent, and still a also a part of the angel armies of the Lord. The Church of today should also consider themselves now as the praising and praying arm of the Lord’s army, against devils, demons, while casting down strongholds, principalities and powers. Many American soldiers are believers after reading the accounts of the Israelis who fought in the ‘Six-Day’ War in the Middle East. Professing to believe what is written in the Holy Scriptures, Old Testament, makes all of it undeniable. Never will you meet a soldier who hasn’t prayed to God while forced to hunker down in a foxhole on some battlefield.—Myra Colgate.)

“There were to be the rewards of the spoils, family taxes paid, great riches, even a royal marriage to the king’s daughter, for anyone who would fight the giant Philistine of Gath and win. David had already proven the faithfulness of the Word of God and what He would do, many times before this.

“Although rejecting the sword and armaments offered to him by King Saul, David gath-

ered five smooth stones from a brook. One for Goliath and four others for his four brothers. He planned to take care of all the giants. He knew the fear of the other men for the giants in the land, so he thought to end their reign of terror and fear. The devil rules by fear. (There has been the same kind of fear as that of this virus we must face today.) His practice in all those years, wasn’t arrogance, as he knew with the Lord’s help, he would not miss the mark with any of them. The Peace of the Lord shall rule in our hearts, and ends in victory,” added Pastor Melton. “God sets us up to be able to fight and says, “Stand still, therefore, and see the Salvation of the Lord.”

“Imagine David, with the responsibility of the sheep, looking for a leaf in a tree over there, working the stone to aim it true and hit that leaf, or that broken branch above it. ‘Praise the Lord! A giant with a head this big.’ ‘Look,’ he adds, ‘I can’t miss!’”

“Spend time in the Presence of the Lord and your enemy will fall. Keep running your enemies out of Cherokee. God grants us the power to take down our ‘giants’. We’re still here!”



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*Therefore the Lord Himself  
will give you a sign:  
Behold, the virgin shall conceive  
and bear a Son, and  
shall call His name Immanuel.*

– ISAIAH 7:14

*“Heilige Nacht” (15th-century woodcut)*



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# MARKETPLACE

## FOR RENT

8 Rm Lodge for sale near Bryson City. Income Producing and Big Views. Price \$745,000. Jack A. Calloway, Broker 828-421-3939. jaccallo-wayre@gmail.com

## FOR SALE

### ITEMS FOR BID

Harrah's Cherokee Casino is requesting bids for the following items:  
2007 Chevy Suburban – 328,000 miles; needs engine work or replacement  
2005 Plymouth PT Cruiser – 82,000 miles; needs engine work or replacement  
Used 4-sided metal picnic table  
Used golf cart – does not work  
Email cmyers1@harrahs.com or call 828-497-8315 for a bid packet or for more information.  
Bids must be received by 4:30 PM, Friday, December 18, 2020.  
Serious inquiries only, please.

## WANTED

Small Track Hoe in good working condition with hydraulic thumb and reasonably priced. Please call 828-736-0313.

Classified listings are FREE of charge. Send them to Scott at scotmcki@nc-chokeee.com or message them to us on Facebook.



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Although taking advice isn't always easy for the headstrong Sheep, you might want to consider what someone you respect says about an upcoming decision.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A new offer is tempting, but don't be bullied into a quick decision. Rely on your keen Bovine business sense to alert you to anything that might be questionable.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your Gemini Twin nature rallies to help you deal with this week's hectic schedules, both in your personal and professional lives. One caution: Watch your diet.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Avoid rushing to make up for time lost on a stalled workplace operation. Best to set up a schedule and pace yourself. Welcome the help of colleagues.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Despite those glittering holiday distractions you love so well, be sure to keep your feline senses set on high to alert you to anything that might require fast action.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Making an effort to restore fraying relationships proves to be more successful than you dared hope. The holidays also bring new friends into your life.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Private and professional matters compete for your attention. Be honest in your assessment of which should get more of it, and for how long.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A seemingly endless list of must-do tasks is best handled by tackling them one by one, and taking energy-restoring timeouts between each job.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A vexing relationship seems destined to deteriorate no matter what each side tries to do. A third party's advice just might prove helpful.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Reach out to ease any tensions caused by home or workplace pressures before they threaten the relationship-building progress you've made.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You often go out of your way to show kindness to others. So, don't be surprised if other people want to do something nice for you this week.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) People in your life respect your Piscean wisdom, so don't hesitate to speak up about a matter that you feel isn't being handled quite the way it should be.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your personal warmth helps you make friendships, and your sense of fair play helps you keep them.

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## Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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.

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

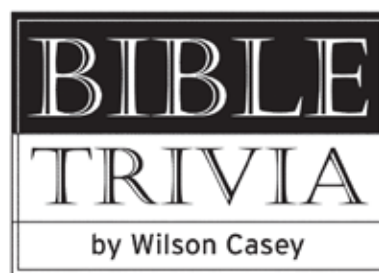
**Open Until Filled:**

**Children's Home**  
PT Residential Counselor - two positions

**Agelink Childcare Center**  
Full Time - Lead Teacher  
Full Time - Teacher Assistant  
Full Time - Kitchen Aide  
Full Time - School Age Group Leader  
Full Time - Custodian  
Part Time Contract Position - Tutor/School Age Virtual Program

**Snowbird Childcare Center**  
Full Time - Teacher Assistant - 2 Positions

## Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Shepherds; 3) No mention of animals; 4) Jerusalem (Mat 2:1-2); 5) Silver; 6) Isaiah



1. 2 tablespoons
2. "Rebecca"
3. Wellington
4. 2007
5. Vera
6. Joe Namath
7. A jenny
8. Night blindness
9. "Let's Go Crazy" by Prince
10. Xanadu

### — King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

B	A	G	S	E	R	E	T	H	U	D
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### — Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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2	9	6	3	5	4	7	1	8
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Assault can  
happen to  
anyone.

**You are  
not alone.**



**Call 828-456-7898**



**CHEROKEE INDIAN  
HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Closing, Thursday, December 17, 2020**

Billing Tech II

EVS Technician (Multiple)

Inpatient /Outpatient Psychiatrist

Mid - Level (Psychiatry Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner)

Patient Registration Clerk (Grant Funded)

Patient Registration Clerk

**Closing, Thursday December 24, 2020**

Supply Warehouse Technician

Certified Nursing Assistant – (Tsali Care) (Starting Pay \$14.36/Hr. + Retention Bonus Eligible)

Dentist

Medical Social Worker

Open Until Filled

Analenisgi Inpatient Technician

Billing Technician II

Business Analyst

Certified Medical Assistant (Grant Funded)

Clinical Dietitian

CNA/Medical Clerk - Inpatient

Data Analyst

Dental Assistant II (Multiple)

Dentist – Satellite Clinics

Dietary Services Supervisor – Patient Side

EVS Technician (Multiple)

Licensed practical Nurse – Immediate Care Center

Masters Level Therapist - Adult/Analenisgi

Masters Level Therapist – Integrated Classroom

Medical Lab Technician (Emergency Hire)

Nursing/Medical Administrative Assistant

Pedodontist

PTI Analenisgi Inpatient Technician (Multiple)

PTI Registered Nurse – Analenisgi Inpatient (Multiple)

PTI Registered Nurse – Inpatient

PTR Clinical Dietitian

Registered Nurse Lead – Primary Care (Grant Funded)

Residential Technician – Women's Home (Multiple)

Targeted Case Manager - Analenisgi

Targeted Case Manager – Family Safety

Targeted Case Manager – Integrated Classroom

**Tsali Care Center**

**Open Until Filled**

Certified Nursing Assistant – (Multiple) (Starting Pay \$14.36/Hr. + Retention Bonus Eligible)

Cook Aid

Registered Nurse (Multiple)

PTI Registered Nurse– (Multiple)

License Practical Nurse (2 Positions)

PTI Certified Nursing Assistant (Multiple) (Starting Pay \$14.36/Hr.)

**To apply, visit [careers.cherokeehospital.org](https://careers.cherokeehospital.org)**

**If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR Dept. at  
(828) 497-9163 ext. 6343.**





## DIRECTOR, ACADEMIC RESOURCES & BUSINESS OPERATIONS

This position will report directly to the Provost and will be the Provost's designee for academic budgeting and staffing initiatives. Responsibilities include: \* Oversight, coordination, development and evaluation of multiple business operations for the division, including staffing (*EHRA Faculty*) and budgeting. Analysis, evaluation, and creation of policies/procedures to improve management functions throughout the division. \* Signature authority for the Provost for academic budget and staffing initiatives. \* Oversight, guidance and support to deans and other academic leadership regarding staffing (*hiring of EHRA faculty positions*) and budgeting. Please view our job posting for the full position description.

## VISIT [JOBS.WCU.EDU](https://jobs.wcu.edu) FOR DETAILS AND TO APPLY

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Have an eye for detail? Easy to get along with? You could be perfect for casino security. Just don't expect nonstop Hollywood action—only hiring bonuses up to \$500 on select positions. Apply at [HarrahsCherokeeJobs.com](https://harrahscherokeejobs.com).



Select positions eligible for hiring bonus. Restrictions apply. Please see Talent Acquisition department for details. Applicants must be 21 years of age or older and have a valid photo ID. An Enterprise of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Harrah's Cherokee Casinos value diversity and inclusion, and are equal opportunity employers. ©2020, Caesars License Company, LLC.



## Tribal Employment Rights Office

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs

7:45am-4:30pm

The TERO Office is pleased to provide the following jobs listing for the Cherokee area. We ask that when applying for any of these jobs, to please reach out to us to enroll in our Job Bank. We moved to the Aquoni Building at 756 Aquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC.

Per Chief Sneed's modified work schedule, we are teleworking and are not at the office. If you have any questions or need more information about a specific opening, please contact Hillary Norville or Douglas McCoy at the email or telephone numbers below. If you need a Job Bank application, please email Hillary or Douglas.

Hillary Norville – TERO Job Bank Coordinator  
828.359.6422  
[hillnorv@nc-cherokee.com](mailto:hillnorv@nc-cherokee.com)

Douglas McCoy – TERO Job Bank Coordinator  
828.359.6478  
[dougmc@nc-cherokee.com](mailto:dougmc@nc-cherokee.com)

## Local Job Openings for December 2020:

**Alan's Jewelry & Pawn:** always accepting applications. You can apply at Alan's Jewelry & Pawn. The phone number is 828.554.0431

**Arby's:** shift manager, general manager, assistant manager, team member, crew member. The phone number is 828.497.9613

**Baymont Inn:** front desk clerk. The phone number is 828.330.4001

**Brio Italian Grille:** prep cook, assistant server, host, server, cook, dishwasher, bartender. For more information on how to apply, please visit <https://www.brioitalian.com/careers/> and click "apply now."

**Burger King:** openings available. Apply at Burger King. They ask that you please bring an affidavit with you if you are an enrolled member of the EBCI. The phone number is 828.497.6120

**Cherokee Central Schools:** alternative school teacher assistant, elementary teacher assistant, special education teacher, special education teacher assistant. For more information, please visit <https://www.ccs-nc.org/> and click on "job opportunities."

**Cherokee Indian Hospital:** job openings available at the hospital, Tsali Care Center, and Analeisgi. For the complete list of job openings and for information on how to apply, please visit <https://cherokeehospital.org/careers/> and click on "view open positions."

**Cherokee Police Department:** patrol officers (multiple). For more information on how to apply, please visit <https://ebci.com/jobs/>

**Domino's:** delivery driver, other positions available. You can apply online at <https://jobs.dominos.com/dominos-careers/>

**Forest Service:** forestry technician (recreation), forestry technician (resources). You can apply online via the "Glassdoor" website.

**Greene Painting:** experienced painters. For more information, please contact Hillary Norville.

**Hampton Inn:** night auditor. The phone number is 828.497.3115  
**Harrah's Cherokee Casino:** security officer, drop and count staff, laundry attendant, room attendant, cook, senior cook, food court cashier, steward, beverage supervisor, SCC agent, engineering tech, poker supervisor, steward, bartender, table games service supervisor, cleaning specialist, security officer, security supervisor, technician, groundskeeper, food court dining attendant. For a complete list of job openings and information on how to apply, please visit <https://harrahscherokeejobs.com/cherokee-careers/>

**Mandara Spa at Harrah's Cherokee Casino:** cosmetologist, massage therapist, spa attendant, spa supervisor. The phone number is 828.497.8550.

**Pizza Hut:** server, shift leader, cook, general manager, delivery driver, assistant general manager. The phone number is 828.497.5600

**Quality Inn:** front desk clerk. The phone number is 828.497.4702

**Qualla Security, Inc.:** one part-time temporary position. The qualifications are—at least 21 years old, able to pass a drug screen and criminal background check, have transportation and a valid driver's license. For more information, the phone number is 828.497.4568.

**Ruth's Chris Steak House:** steward, server, side cook, prep cook, pantry cook, host/hostess, food runner, broiler, bartender, busser. For information on how to apply, please visit <https://www.ruthschris.com/> and click "careers," located at the bottom of the website.

**Shell:** assistant manager, customer service representative. You can apply online at <https://www.snagajob.com/>

**Subway:** openings available. You can apply at Subway or online at [www.mysubwaycareer.com](https://www.mysubwaycareer.com). The phone number is 828.497.1268.

**Taco Bell:** openings available. You can apply at [www.midsouthtacobell.com](https://www.midsouthtacobell.com) and the store # is 027317. The phone number is 828.497.1440

**Tribal Construction Operations:** construction manager. You have until Sunday, December 13th to apply for this position. For more information on how to apply, please visit <https://ebci.com/jobs/>

**Tribal Realty Services:** realty leasing compliance officer, realty leasing specialist (multiple). You have until Sunday, December 13th to apply for these positions. For more information on how to apply, please visit <https://ebci.com/jobs/>

**UltraStar Multi-tainment Center:** server. You can apply online via the "Glassdoor" website.  
**Wendy's:** shift supervisor, general manager, breakfast crew member, breakfast shift manager, team member, crew member. The phone number is 828.497.1277



## LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 20-089

### **In the Matter of the Estate of George David Martin**

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 PUBLI-  
CATION

Lilian Plummer Martin  
P.O. Box 147  
Cherokee, NC 28719

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 20-098

### **In the Matter of the Estate of George Hornbuckle Sr.**

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 PUBLI-  
CATION

Rachel Sneed  
P.O. Box 998  
Cherokee, NC 28719

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## BIDS, RFPs, etc.

### **Request for Proposals**

The Cherokee Tribal Court seeks competitive proposals for a Public Guardian of the Estate. This service will be paid on a contractual basis from the Cherokee Tribal Court. Interested individuals should submit a brief letter proposal including the following:

- Name and Contact Information
- Copies of Certificates and Licenses
- Relevant Work Experience

Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before December 31, 2020 will receive priority over later submissions. Please mail or email proposals to:

Amber Shuler, Court Administrator

Cherokee Tribal Court

PO Box 1629  
Cherokee, NC 28719

ambeshul@nc-chokeee.com

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The Cherokee Tribal Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **12/16**

### **Seeking proposals**

Kituwah, LLC is seeking proposals from a qualified and appropriately experienced software consultant for a fully integrated modular home inventory/costing software solution. Consultant will assist in providing a needs assessment and developing an RFP for the recommended software. Consultant should have extensive experience in providing software solutions in the manufacturing industry ideally having worked in the modular manufacturing space.



**Cherokee Central  
Schools Job Openings**

Apply online at <https://phl.applitrack.com/chokeeecentral/onlineapp/> or visit: [www.ccs-nc.org](http://www.ccs-nc.org) for more information.

**(Open until Filled unless otherwise indicated):**

**Cherokee Language Instructor** - Must have an Associate's degree or minimum 48 completed semester hours.

**Athletic Trainer** - Must possess at least a bachelor's degree in a health related field. Must be a National Athletic Trainers' Association BOC certified and possess or be in the process of acquiring a licensure, certification or registration from the state of North Carolina.

**Alternative School Teacher Assistant** - Must have an Associate's degree or minimum 48 completed semester hours.

**Elementary Teacher Assistant** - Must have an Associate's Degree or 48 completed semester hours.

**Special Education Teacher** - Must have a valid NC Teaching license or eligible to receive licensure based on bachelor's degree in related field.

**Special Education Teacher Assistant** - Must have an Associate's degree or minimum 48 completed semester hours.

## **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**

**\*Please attach all required documents\***

**\*eg: Driver's license, Enrollment, Diplomas, Certificates\***

#### **Closing Sunday, December 20, 2020**

- Housing/HELP/Building Maintenance Manager - Snowbird/Cherokee County HELP - Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
  - Housekeeper I Light Duty - Housekeeping - Operations (L3 \$22,990 - \$28,732)
  - Grounds Maintenance - Public Works - Support Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
  - Electrician Helper - Facility Management - Support Services (L5 \$27,642 - \$34,541)
  - Financial Skills Educator - Cooperative Extension - Agriculture and Natural Resources (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
  - Detective (Multiple) - Cherokee Indian Police Department - Public Safety (L11 \$48,162 - \$60,202)
  - Sergeant Detective - Cherokee Indian Police Department - Public Safety (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
  - Family Safety Social Worker - Family Safety - Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$43,956 - \$54,950)
  - Construction Manager - Tribal Construction - Operations (L14 \$62,918 - \$78,630)
- Open Until Filled**
- Patrol Officer (Multiple) - Cherokee Police Department - Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)

Notice: At this time, due to the tribal State of Emergency causes by the coronavirus, only job openings for existing positions that are classified as essential or critical positions will be advertised for hiring. All other open positions will be addressed at a later date. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Download Applications and Job Descriptions and Apply Online at:

[www.ebci.com/jobs](http://www.ebci.com/jobs)



A full RFP may be requested or picked up from Cameron Cooper Kituwah, LLC 1158 Seven Clans Lane, Whittier, North Carolina 28789. Please call (828)-477-4536 or e-mail ccooper@kituwahllc.com with any questions or requests. Proposals must be received by December 18th, 2020, 11:00 a.m. at the above address. **12/16**

**Kituwah, LLC (Kituwah) is seeking to contract with an experienced and qualified Roofing/General contractor** to provide construction services for the replacement of a deteriorated rubber membrane roof system and substructure repairs. The property is located in Shelby, NC and is composed of 6 apartment units and an apartment office. A full RFP may be requested or picked up from Cameron Cooper

Kituwah, LLC 1158 Seven Clans Lane, Whittier, North Carolina 28789. Please call (828)-477-4536 or e-mail ccooper@kituwahllc.com with any questions or requests. Proposals must be received by December 28th, 2020, 11:00 a.m. at the above address. **12/16**

#### **EBCI Trust Lands Invasive Plant Removal Project**

EBCI Natural Resources is requesting bids for the services of a licensed pesticide applicator with experience in invasive plant removal projects for the purpose of treating three forested tracts in Cherokee, North Carolina. Proposals are due on December 23. For more information, contact Maria Dunlavey at maridunl@nc-choke.com or (828) 788-3628. **12/16**

#### **ADVERTISEMENT FOR RFQ**

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Project Title: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

The EBCI Planning and Project Management Office is soliciting proposals from qualified consultants and/or firms that may lead to a contract to perform work in partnership with the EBCI on programs, tasks and activities that aim to foster recovery, and to develop resiliency practices for, the EBCI which has been negatively affected by COVID-19. The end product will be a new or revised Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). This project is funded by a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA).

#### **RFQ Packet**

To receive a copy of the RFQ please contact Chris Greene (828) 359-6703 chrigree@nc-choke.com

#### **Submissions**

All electronic submissions must be sent to chrigree@nc-choke.com. All submissions are due by Thursday, February 04, 2021 by 2:00 PM at which time submittals will be opened in accordance with TERO procedures. Any submittals received after the time and date specified shall not be considered.

Please be advised that Indian Preference (TERO) applies to the award and completion of this contract. **1/13**

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Bidders must be properly licensed and insured under applicable laws. The deadline for bids is December 28, 2020 at 4pm. **12/16**

## **Good Housekeeping**

### **Holiday Egnog**

Rich, creamy — and safe, because it starts with cooked eggs.

- 12 large eggs
- 1¼ cups sugar
- 1½ teaspoon salt
- 2 quarts whole milk
- 1 cup dark rum (optional)
- 2 tablespoons vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg plus additional for sprinkling
- 1 cup heavy or whipping cream

1. In heavy 4-quart saucepan, with wire whisk, beat eggs, sugar and salt until blended. Gradually stir in 1 quart milk and cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until custard thickens and coats the back of a spoon well, about 25 minutes (mixture should be about 160 F, but do not boil or it will curdle).

2. Pour custard into large bowl; stir in rum, if using, vanilla extract, 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg and remaining 1 quart milk. Cover and refrigerate until well chilled, at least 3 hours.

3. In small bowl, with mixer at medium speed, beat heavy or whipping cream until soft peaks form. With wire whisk, gently fold whipped cream into custard mixture.

4. To serve, pour eggnog into chilled 5-quart punch bowl; sprinkle with nutmeg for garnish. Makes about 16 cups or 32 servings.

• Each serving: About 125 calories, 5g protein, 11g carbohydrate, 7g total fat (4g saturated), 0g fiber, 98mg cholesterol, 90mg sodium.

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