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“If you ain’t first, you’re last”

CHS class of 2021 graduates 76

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**
One Feather Staff

With a class motto (“If you ain’t first, you’re last”) taken from a popular Will Ferrell movie, the Cherokee High School (CHS) Class of 2021 tackled many obstacles with tenacity and humor. A total of 76 students walked across the stage during the annual commencement exercise held at Ray Kinsland Stadium on the morning of Saturday, May 29.

“The goals set by this class, individually and collectively, and the work ethic they exhibit, convey they live their motto,” Dr. Debora Foerst, CHS principal, said during opening remarks. “But, I want us to consider this quote through a

different lens this morning. Be first, but be first in things that matter...so, be the first to forgive. Be the first to give up your seat. Be the first to do the right thing. Be the first to stand up for justice. Be the first to protect those who cannot protect themselves. Be the first to talk to the lonely. Be the first to encourage others. Be the first to serve your elders. Be the first to conserve and protect our natural resources. Be first.”

She spoke to the strengths of the Class of 2021, both academically and otherwise. “We have many who struggled. They struggled because they lost a loved one during this time. They lost their normalcy, or they lost themselves. But, they are still here preparing to walk across this stage in spite of those struggles, maybe because of those struggles.”

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Dustin Pheasant waves to family and friends during the processional at the start of Cherokee High School’s commencement exercises on the morning of Saturday, May 29 at Ray Kinsland Stadium. Pheasant is set to enter Project Search at Southwestern Community College. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



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Jonathan Frady, a multi-sport athlete who graduated with high honors and as a member of the National Honor Society, gives remarks in his position as class vice president.

GRADUATION: 76 students graduate from Cherokee High School, from front page

Dr. Foerst told the crowd gathered that the Class of 2021 ties for the largest in school history and had the highest number of students graduating with honors ever (27) and the most National Honor Society members (29).

Jonathan Frady, a multi-sport athlete who graduated with high honors and as a member of the National Honor Society, gave remarks in his position as class vice president. "In my opinion, as a whole, you guys are the best parent group Cherokee High School has ever seen. Even though we may all act like we're grown and like we know it all, we need you now more than ever. To all the kids here in the stands today – listen to your parents. At times, they may seem clueless on the subject at hand, but they are right 90 percent of the time."

He went on to praise his fellow students whom he called "so diversely talented" and noted, "...even a pandemic couldn't stop us."

Shalyn Barker, Class of 2021 valedictorian, said in her address, "All good things must come to end. I am immensely proud of our class. Not only have we survived senioritis but also a global pandemic. I believe that our class has truly defined the word resilient. We went months learning virtually and having to stay home without seeing each other."

Of her fellow students, Barker, who will attend N.C. State University in the fall as a Park Scholar, said, "Talent abounds in these seats behind me. No doubt we have a future Chief, doctor, lawyer, skilled worker, nurse, entrepreneur, artist, musician, and teacher all within our class. So, I challenge each of you to follow the path that God has laid before you and strive for greatness."

Maya Cruz, Class of 2021 salutatorian, will attend Stanford University this fall. She said in her address, "I will be a first-generation college student and the first in my family to attend a university. What they say about high school is true – it does go by fast. But, something

they don't tell you is how much it will shape you into the person you are."

She added, "We can all look back on the person we were when we started high school. We were just kids – kids who did not know how beautiful and scary the world could be. In high school, I have experienced many things – love, heartbreak, death, and life. We'll all probably change greatly within these next few years no matter what path we go on."

The movie "Shrek" was a favorite of Cruz's growing up as it was one of a few that she owned. "One of my favorite quotes from that movie is when Shrek and Donkey are arguing. Shrek says, 'Ogres have layers. Onions have layers. Do you get it? We both have layers.' Then Donkey says, 'You know, not everyone likes onions.' In life, you will constantly change and get new layers. Many people will only know you by your old layers or just your new ones and not you as a whole. Some people may not like you for your layers at all, and there is nothing you can do about it. At the end of the day, we're all onions – stinky and someone's going to cry."

Several awards were presented during Saturday's event including the following:

- NAIWA Award, presented by Loretta Bolden, to Shalyn Barker and Maya Cruz
- American Legion Outstanding Student Award, presented by Commander Lew Harding, to Shalyn Barker and Destiny Mills
- Dr. Jerry Wolfe Gadugi Award, presented by Vangie Stephens and Sky Sampson of the WCU Cherokee Center, to Jonathan Frady and Rosa Reyes

The CHS of 2021 includes the following:
Shalyn Juanita Barker

Maya Rose Cruz
Anthony James Allison
Desiree Maria Amos
Braylon Alexander Arch
Ethan Robert Armachain
Cassandra Louise Bennett
Darius Isaiah Bigwitch
Dawsin Edward Bradley
Judson Tallamon Gregory Bradley
Emma Grace Broom
David Alexander Bushyhead
Alexandra Ruth Carlisle
Eeyannah Danna Martha Virginia
Catolster-Sexton
Samantha Kaitlyne Cole
John Davidian Crowe
James Lee Davis
Ayden Issac Evans
Jonathan David Frady
Marcela Reylene Reyes Garcia
Devy Rae George
Rhyann Janeese Girty
Jarius Jaylin Ray Gloyne
Leona Elizabeth Goodson
Jacob Logan Hill
Siah Kenyon Holiday
Ryann Braeleigh Junaluska
Michael Zane Kalonaheskie
Hayley Danielle Kever
Aiyana Faith Lambert
Ayla Elizabeth Landers
Kayla Rain Larch
Teja Ann Littlejohn
Dreyton Long
Kalista Amelia Luther
David Isaiah Maney
Mattie Elizabeth Maney
Jordyn Blake Martin
Richard Stillwell Mata
Serbando Reyna Mata
Destiny Dawn Mills
Michael Henry Otter
Shashoni Cheyenne Panther
Rocky James Mason Peebles
Caden Douglas Pheasant
Dustin D. Pheasant
Thomas Eugene Pheasant
Lorenzo Antonio Ramirez
Adam Benjamin Reed
Elizabeth Jasmine Reyes
Maria Guadalupe Reyes
Rosa Antonia Reyes



Shaylyn Barker, right, Class of 2021 valedictorian, shares an embrace with her father, Craig Barker, CHS assistant principal, after he presents her with a diploma.



Dr. Debora Foerst, CHS principal, left, presents a diploma to Maya Cruz who was the Class of 2021 salutatorian.

Christina Bell Saunooke
Isaac Dalton Saunooke
Tamika Nicole Shell
Dakota James Siweumptewa
Naomi Lucille Smith
Keelie Brooke Smoker
Abigail Rose Space
Hunter Bryant Swayney
Braden Trent Taylor
Zayne Omar Taylor-Hernandez
Derek Marshall Thomas
Daniel Earnest Thompson

Jensen Danielle Thompson
Deante Toineeta
Tariq Shaheed Conseen Underwood
Zoey Cierra Walkingstick
Felicity Amber Watty
John Anderson Watty
Syrena Ladelle West
Calista Collette Wolfe
Emma Rae Wolfe
Rashonda Lakita Wolfe
Trent Luis Nelson Wolfe

HONORING GRADS

Cherokee High School held its Graduation Parade in Cherokee on Friday, May 28

Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather





Top of the class

CHS names valedictorian, salutatorian

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

Cherokee High School (CHS) officials have announced that Shalyn Barker and Maya Cruz are the Class of 2021's valedictorian and salutatorian respectively. In addition to excelling in academics, both young ladies were active during their years at CHS in various clubs and sports.

"I feel like it is a great honor and something that I've worked hard for throughout high school," said Barker. "I'm very excited to be at this point in my life and to have had the opportunity to go to the greatest high school on Earth."

Barker will further her education at N.C. State University this fall where she will attend as a coveted Park Scholar. She will major in biology at N.C. State, and she then plans to attend medical school with the goal of becoming a pediatric oncologist.

"I feel extremely proud of my school and that I'm able to represent it," said Cruz. "I'm just grateful that I had the opportunity to do it and to showcase my full potential here."

Cruz will attend Stanford University this fall where she will major in biology or something in the science field and later go to dental school to become a dentist.

While at CHS, Barker played softball and volleyball all four years and golf for three years. She participated in HOSA and the



Cherokee High School (CHS) officials have announced that Shalyn Barker, right, and Maya Cruz are the Class of 2021's valedictorian and salutatorian respectively. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

student government for four years each. Cruz played golf for four years and participated in HOSA for three years. Both young ladies were also in the Math Club together and were named to the National Honor Society for four years.

When asked what advice they would give to the incoming freshman class, Barker replied, "I would definitely tell them to soak it all in because it goes by fast and to really give it their all and pay attention and focus. This is really what molds your future and shapes the path that you will go on later in life. So, you'll really need to try to excel and give it your best."

Cruz noted, "I would say don't

sweat too much over the small stuff and think about the big picture and the long run. Know the difference between enjoying your youth and ruining your future."

Both are very grateful for the support they've received over the years. Barker commented, "I would like to thank my parents, my sister Paytyn, my grandpa and grandma, and God for all of my successes in life."

Cruz said, "I'd like to thank my family and all of my teachers who have taught me here."

Barker is the daughter of Craig and Melissa Barker and Cruz is the daughter of Tina Whitfield and Carlos Cruz.

"I'm very excited to be at this point in my life and to have had the opportunity to go to the greatest high school on Earth."

Shalyn Barker, CHS Class of 2021 valedictorian

"I'm just grateful that I had the opportunity to do it and to showcase my full potential here."

- **Maya Cruz**, CHS Class of 2021 salutatorian

Constitution vs. Charter: Article V (conclusion)

Know the difference!

Proposed Constitution

Article V – Executive Branch

Section 6. Powers and Duties. There shall be an Executive Committee, which shall consist of the Principal Chief and Vice-Chief. The Committee shall execute and carry out tribal legislation.

Clause 1. Legislation. The Principal Chief, or in his/her absence, the Vice-Chief shall ratify or veto any legislation passed by Tribal Council. Ratification or veto must take place within thirty (30) days of passage of legislation.

Clause 2. Budgets. The Executive Committee shall present a proposed budget based on projected annual revenues to Tribal Council no later than July 1 of each year.

Section 7. Fiscal Duty. No money shall be paid out except upon direction of the Principal Chief as authorized by an act of the Tribal Council.

Current Charter

Section 4. There shall be an Executive Committee, which shall consist of the Principal Chief and Vice-Chief. The committee shall execute and carry out tribal laws and administer the daily operations of the Tribe.

Section 13. The Principal Chief shall have the power to veto all acts of Council but his veto shall not prevail against a two-thirds vote of Council. All acts neither ratified nor vetoed by the Principal Chief within thirty (30) days shall be deemed valid legislation.

Section 20. No money shall be paid out except upon warrant of the Principal Chief as authorized by an act of the Council.

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What is an executive committee?

In the case of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, the Executive Committee is the two elected heads of the Executive Branch. They are the only two elected officials in the Executive Branch. In decisions not requiring emergency action, where the Principal Chief, or in his/her absence, the Vice Chief, would have to make the sole decisions for the Tribe, the Tribe wishes there to be consensus between these two elected heads of the Executive Branch for day-to-day operational decisions. For example, the Executive Committee meets regularly to review budgetary items like personnel and some financial decisions. It is the Executive Committee who is charged with the responsibility for enforcing law created by Tribal Council and executing actions initiated by Tribal Council.

Where does the buck stop and who holds the purse-strings?

The Tribal government operates on a budget of hundreds of millions of dollars each year. The Tribal Council, through laws they created, direct the Executive Committee to present a detailed plan as to how they will use the money generated by the Tribe's investments, sales income, and grants. This is done every year at a specific time. Every year, the Executive Branch assesses program income and spending, formulates a plan for the next fiscal year's spending, and presents it to the Legislative Branch. The Tribal annual budget is then reviewed and voted in or out just like any other legislation. Tribal Council, through approval of the budget presented by the Executive Branch, is where Tribal dollars or bucks stop. The Principal Chief takes the Tribal Council approved budget and then conducts the business of the Tribe as he executes the wishes of the Tribal Council in the spending of funds.



Flags and flowers decorated the graves of heroes buried in the Yellowhill Veterans Cemetery on Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day, formerly Decoration Day) as the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 held its annual event there on that morning. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

“Never forget what they did”

Cherokee honors fallen on Memorial Day

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**
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Flags and flowers decorated the graves of heroes buried in the Yellowhill Veterans Cemetery on Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day, formerly Decoration Day) as the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 held its annual event there on that morning.

Lew Harding, Post 143 commander, welcomed everyone to the event, “We are happy you are here to honor, in your hearts, those whom we honor today – not just this day, but

every day.”

Col. Robert Blankenship (Ret.) read a list of names of members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) who were killed in action in defense of the nation as Legionnaire Phyllis Shell rang a bell in their honor and memory. Prior to reading those names, he commented, “The men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice are buried in family cemeteries, church cemeteries, military cemeteries, and veterans cemeteries such as ours here at Yellowhill. Some of the bravest and proudest soldiers who ever served our country are the Cherokee soldiers who rest here in Yellowhill – resting in peace knowing they gave their best to their people and their country.”

Those EBCI tribal members killed in action include:

World War I: Steve Youngdeer (U.S. Army), Joe Kolanaheskie (U.S. Army)



Lew Harding, Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 commander, gives remarks during Monday’s event.

World War II: Boyd Catt (U.S. Army), Jacob Cornsilk (U.S. Army), Adam West Driver (U.S. Marine Corps), James R. Lambert (U.S. Army), Samuel William Otter (U.S. Navy), Blaine Queen (U.S. Army), Mark Rattler (U.S. Marine Corps), Isaac Ross (U.S. Army), Joshua Shell (U.S. Army), Sheridan Smith (U.S. Marine Corps), Vernon George Sneed (U.S. Army), William Taylor (U.S. Navy), Enos Thompson (U.S. Army), Jeremiah Toineeta (U.S. Army), Robert Austin Wahneeta (U.S. Marine Corps), Clarence Murphy (U.S. Army)

Korea: Charles Arch (U.S. Marine Corps), Charles George (U.S. Army, Medal of Honor recipient)

Vietnam: John Burgess (U.S. Army), John Edward Oocumma (U.S. Army)

“Never forget what they did,” Lew Harding, Post 143 commander, said in his remarks. “We owe them the promise that we will tell future generations about what they did and that they paid the price for our freedom and our liberty. Our children must never forget that freedom is bought with the lives and the blood, sweat, and tears of those patriots whom we honor today. Sacrifice is a pre-condition of a free people. Its neglect comes at the cost of us all.”

Commander Harding added, “Serve your family. Serve your neighbor. Serve your tribe. Serve your country. Mindless adherence to an ancient dogma of us versus them will destroy us all. We are them. Our religious, economic, political, and social systems must reflect the scriptural mandate ‘love one another’. Embrace the rapid change that we see around us every day. Be part of the healing rather than the hurt.”

During Monday’s ceremony, Warren Dupree, Post 143 service officer, spoke of PFC Clarence



Warren Dupree, Post 143 service officer, salutes as the Post 143 color guard fires a salute honoring the memory of fallen veterans.

Albert Murphy whose name was added recently to the memorial marker at the Cherokee Veterans Park as well as to the list above. His story was unbeknownst to the Post until it was recently told to Post officials.

PFC Murphy was assigned to U.S. Army Battery A, Coast Artillery Corps and died on April 18, 1945 from wounds suffered 12 days earlier during an attack on the U.S.S. North Carolina during the Battle of Okinawa. He was subsequently buried at sea.

The U.S.S. North Carolina came under attack from over 350 Japanese kamikazes. “At 1:05 p.m., the U.S.S. North Carolina BB-55 was accidentally struck by

friendly fire,” Dupree noted. “One five inch 38 caliber anti-aircraft common projectile impacted the base of the port...killing three men and wounding 44 in nearby areas and disabling the gun director.”

He continued, “PFC Clarence Albert Murphy was in the area of impact and suffered severe wounds during this action. PFC Murphy passed away as a result of his wounds on April 18, 1945. His body was sewn into a canvas shroud that was weighted at the foot with two five-inch projectiles weighing 60 pounds each, and then buried at sea with the U.S. Navy’s traditional, solemn military honors service. The burial location was 100 miles east of Okina-

wa.”


For his service, PFC Murphy received the following: Purple Heart Medal, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic/Pacific Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. Legionnaire Shell, U.S. Army, offered two musical selections during the event including “In Honor of Those Who Served” and “God Bless America”.

SFC Norma Adona, U.S. Army, played “Taps” at the end of the ceremony and Big Cove Rep. and Legionnaire Perry Shell gave opening and closing prayers. The Post 143 Color Guard fired a salute to the fallen as well.





Pvt. Enis Thompson, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, was killed in action during World War II on Jan. 20, 1945 and is buried in Luxembourg American Cemetery in Luxembourg City, Luxembourg. His family unveiled a cemetery marker in the Birdtown Community in his memory on Saturday, May 22, 2021. For his service, Pvt. Thompson, who was with Company L, 134th Infantry Regiment, 35th Infantry Division, was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Europe-Africa-Middle East Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge. During Saturday's (May 22) event, the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143 gave full military rites at his grave marker and Warren Dupree, Post 143 service officer, noted, "The people of this nation are deeply grateful to this soldier who died on the battlefield for his country. He gave his life so that the people of this nation may live in peace and freedom. We pray to God his soul is saved in Heaven." (Photo courtesy of Rita Driver)



Begonia Diadema

This showy perennial is a favorite for shady porches and patios, as it likes growing in pots and hanging baskets, and it needs only indirect light. Water and fertilize carefully, and apply them directly to the soil; the leaves and stems may appear discolored if splashed upon, and the plant will decline overall if the soil is soggy or too much fertilizer is applied.

- Brenda Weaver

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Chief's Corner: American Rescue Plan

Transcribed by Robert Jumper

Principal Chief Richard Sneed is presenting video chats with key guest speakers who work in different areas of tribal government and life. These videos are available via Chief Sneed's Facebook page. The following transcribed edition is being made available to our readers with permission.

Chief Sneed: I'm joined again today by Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Cory Blankenship. Today, Cory, we're going to talk about the American Rescue Plan. Cory, can you tell us what that is?

Secretary Blankenship: The American Rescue Plan or ARP is the second round of covid relief funds that were approved by United States Congress and then signed into law by this administration. Similar to the CARES Act, the American Rescue Plan will provide direct allocation of funding to tribal nations as well as providing, based on funding formulas, assistance through federal agencies with which tribes have a relationship. When we think about the American Rescue Plan really the priority areas for ARP are really

funds for tribes, Native American health systems, tribal housing programs, tribal education programs, native language assistance, assisting native families, and native core government services. That's stated in the legislation. I think what you will see is greater flexibility in the use of these funds and we also know that the time frame has been extended. Whereas with CARES we had a very short window in which to expend the funds, ARP funds going to be available to us until 2024.

Chief Sneed: What are some major differences between CARES Act and the American Rescue Plan?

Secretary Blankenship: CARES Act was rolled out very quickly right to tribes and we were asked to prove presents some certification data to United States Department of Treasury and that included our total enrolled population, total number of employees from the government, and for the entities our government, and entity prior year expenditures, and our total land base. In the Treasury formula they use some of that data and some of it they excluded. As an example, they didn't use our enrollment data in the first round of CARES funding. They actual-

ly used HUD data which for the Eastern Band understated or population and reduced the amount of funding that we would have otherwise been eligible. Tribes have been speaking with one voice to Treasury and to this administration to say use tribal enrollment data when it's presented to you. The other key differences that the ARP funding allows the Treasury Department to consider loss of revenue as part of their funding formula. We've already begun the work of calculating what the loss revenue impact was to EBCI as a direct result of COVID-19 so that when the time comes, we're able to present that information to United States Department of Treasury. At this point we don't know how much funding is going to come to the tribe under the ARP program. What we do know is that under the bill \$32 million has been allocated to tribes. We know that \$1 billion will be split equally among 574 federally recognized tribes which totals about \$1.7 million per tribe and the \$19 billion will be split by a formula. We don't know what the details of that formula are just yet and that \$12 billion will be available through agencies like the Department of Health and Human Services, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Justice,

Housing and Urban development all of which will have formula allocations to tribes based on existing relationships.

Chief Sneed: It seems like with the American Rescue Plan that the Biden administration is taking a lot more time to understand what tribes' needs are. There's again misinformation. Has the money come down yet?

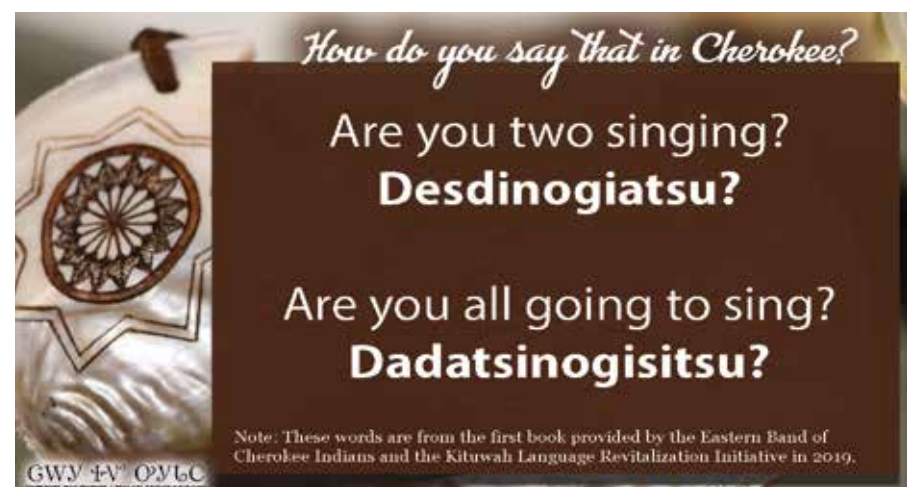
Secretary Blankenship: No. For the most part the direct allocation right the direct allocation has not come down. What we are seeing is that HUD for example has released their ARP allocation. You're seeing renters and mortgage assistance programs come down. Some of these agencies are quicker at releasing their funding because Treasury has access to essentially \$20 billion to divide among tribes. They have not released their are plans for a formula or even what additional data they may require from us.

Chief Sneed: Whenever those funds are released, we'll do another Chief's Corner. Cory, I'll have you back and we will update our tribal citizens on what the status of the American Rescue Plan is.



John Edward Oocumma served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict. PFC Oocumma can be found at the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C. (pictured). He served with Company A, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division. PFC Oocumma was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Silver Star, Purple Heart, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal for service. He was killed in action on Feb. 16, 1967, at the age of 25, in Yen Bai, Vietnam. He is buried at the Yellowhill Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Source: One Feather Staff Report by Jonah Lossiah



Chief's announcement concerning the American Rescue Plan (May 27, 2021)

Transcribed by Robert Jumper

I wanted to take just a moment to bring some information to you about the American Rescue Plan funding that has been awarded to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Previously, myself and Secretary of Treasury Corey Blankenship shot a video (May 19, 2021) on (American Rescue Plan) funding and we told you then that we would bring more information once it was available as to how much funding would be provided to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. I have in my hand the guidelines provided by the Treasury Department. It's 158 pages long that gives guidance and direction for how tribes may expand the funds.

The Eastern Band of Indians has been awarded \$117,260,243.51. In the coming weeks, the Executive Branch, the Treasury, Finance and Tribal Council will work on a plan to determine how the funds will be best dispensed to the community. I ask for your patience as we develop the plan.

We're very grateful that this round of funding comes with a much longer time period in order to expand the funds of three years as opposed to the six months that we had for CARES Act funding. I'll share some insight for eligible uses for the funding that are included in the guidelines. Funds may be used to support public health expenditures, address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, replace lost public sector revenue, provide premium pay for essential workers, invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure as well as many other areas. Once again, I ask for your patience as we work on a plan in concert with Tribal Council and the Treasury Department and as soon as that plan is ready we will bring that information to you.

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Whittier man sentenced to prison for firearm offense

Chief U.S. District Judge Martin Reidinger sentenced Michael James George, 46, of Whittier, on Thursday, May 27 to 30 months in prison followed by two years of supervised release for a firearm offense, announced William T. Stetzer, Acting U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina.

According to filed court documents and Thursday's sentencing hearing, on Jan. 17, 2020, a Cherokee Indian Police Dept. (CIPD) officer arrested George in Jackson County on an outstanding tribal warrant, after the officer observed George driving in a vehicle with false tags. At the time of the arrest, the CIPD officer searched the vehicle and recovered a pistol in the floorboard under the driver's seat and 19 rounds of ammunition. George has a prior felony conviction and is prohibited from possessing a firearm or ammunition. On Oct. 23, 2020, George pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by a felon.

In making Thursday's announcement, Acting U.S. Attorney Stetzer thanked the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Cherokee Indian Police Department for their investigation of the case. Assistant United States Attorney John Pritchard, of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Asheville, prosecuted the case.

- U.S. Dept. of Justice release

Bryson City woman sentenced to 21 years for distribution of a controlled substance resulting in death

Shannon White, 44, of Bryson City, was sentenced to 21 years in prison on Thursday, May 27 for distribution of a controlled substance resulting in death, an-

nounced William T. Stetzer, Acting U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina.

In addition to the prison term imposed, Chief U.S. District Judge Martin Reidinger ordered White to serve three under court supervision after she is released from prison. Sheriff Curtis A. Cochran of the Swain County Sheriff's Office and Robert J. Murphy, Special Agent in Charge of the Atlanta Field Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), which oversees the Asheville Post of Duty, join Acting U.S. Attorney Stetzer in making Thursday's announcement.

According to evidence presented at Shannon's trial, witness testimony and documents filed in the case, White was involved in the distribution of narcotics in an around Jackson and Swain Counties. Trial evidence established that on Jan. 27, 2019, a victim, identified in court documents as J.F., ordered heroin from White. White agreed to supply the heroin to J.F. and supplied him with a substance that White believed to be heroin, but turned out to be fentanyl.

According to trial testimony, J.F.'s use of the fentanyl resulted in J.F.'s overdose death. According to trial evidence, White continued to sell narcotics even after she became aware of the J.F.'s death, and falsely accused two other individuals of committing the crime.

"White peddled fentanyl, a highly toxic drug that resulted in a fatal overdose, and brazenly continued to distribute the lethal opioid even after she learned of the victim's death," said Acting U.S. Attorney Stetzer. "White's 21-year sentence imposed by the Court reflects the severity of her conduct and the detrimental role drug dealers play in spreading

deadly substances that plague communities and cause tragic deaths. The U.S. Attorney's Office will continue to work closely with our law enforcement and community partners to combat the opioid epidemic."

Special Agent in Charge Murphy said, "The death involved in this investigation underscores the seriousness of our country's dependence on prescription opioids. In this case, the victim's life was cut short, after consuming what turned out to be a deadly dose of fentanyl. Consequently, White will spend well-deserved time in federal prison. DEA and our law enforcement partners will continue to expend our time, energy and resources in an effort to stem the tide against the opioid epidemic."

Sheriff Cochran said, "The Swain County Sheriff's Office is pleased to be a part of this investigation to bring this person to justice. We hope this brings some closure to the family of the victim in this case. We will continue to fight the drug problem in Swain County and will aggressively pursue anyone who sells or gives drugs to anyone that causes their death."

White is currently in custody. She will be transferred to the custody of the federal Bureau of Prisons upon designation of a federal facility. In making today's announcement Acting U.S. Attorney Stetzer commended the Swain County Sheriff's Office and the DEA in Asheville for their investigation of this case and thanked the FBI and the Cherokee Indian Police Department for their invaluable assistance. Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas Kent, of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Asheville, prosecuted the case.

- U.S. Dept. of Justice release

CIPD Arrest Report for May 16-23

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.

Cline, Gregory Lee – age 45
Arrested: May 16
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Possession of Firearm by Felon

Crowe, Cassandra Lynn – age 28
Arrested: May 17
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Probation Violation

Maney, Ryan – age 19
Arrested: May 17
Released: May 19
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Maney, Tina – age 42
Arrested: May 17
Released: May 19
Charges: Simple Assault, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Oocumma, Eugene Murray – age 30
Arrested: May 17
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Shuler, Dennis Brandon – age 47
Arrested: May 17
Released: May 19
Charges: Temporary Hold for Georgia

Locust Jr., Jeremiah – age 44
Arrested: May 18
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Aggravated Weapons Offense, Domestic Violence, Criminal Mischief, Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Martin Jr., George David – age 39
Arrested: May 19
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear

Walkingstick Jr., Mike Daniel – age 28
Arrested: May 19
Released: May 19
Charges: Simple Possession Schedule IV Controlled Substance, Possession Heroin

Bradley, Crystal – age 44

Arrested: May 20
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Probation Violation

Buchanan, Amanda Angienete Pearl – age 25
Arrested: May 20
Released: May 20
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Mahan, Christopher Allen – age 31
Arrested: May 20
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance (two counts)

Tomas, Kelby Weldon – age 20
Arrested: May 20
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Providing Alcoholic

Beverages to, Possession of, Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons under 21 years old; Failure to Obey Lawful Order of the Court (two counts); Probation Violation

Watty, Jason Adam – age 43
Arrested: May 20
Released: May 23
Charges: Assault on a Female

Doney, Jacinda Jean – age 24
Arrested: May 21
Released: May 22
Charges: Providing Alcoholic Beverages to, Possession of, Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons under 21 years old

Locust III, William Russell – age 30
Arrested: May 22
Released: May 24

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Radford, Jake – age 22
Arrested: May 22
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Obstructing Governmental Functions

Burton, Joseph Daniel – age 43
Arrested: May 23
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Reckless Endangerment, Domestic Violence, Kidnapping

McCoy, William Tyler -Tackett – age 26
Arrested: May 23
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree, Domestic Violence

Re-elect

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Tribal Council



EBCI 2021

Certified Candidate List

Primary Election - Thursday, June 3



The following list shows the candidates certified for the 2021 Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians tribal elections as given to the One Feather by the EBCI Election Board on Thursday, April 15.

*There will not be Primary Elections held for Big Cove, Painttown, and Cherokee County - Snowbird Tribal Council representatives.
Incumbents are designated with an "I" after their name.*

Birdtown Tribal Council

Albert Rose (I)
Boyd Owle (I)
Gilbert Crowe Jr.
Gloria "Punkin" Griffin
Robin Lambert
Jacob George
Cyndi Lambert

Wolftown Tribal Council

Jess Sneed
Bo Crowe (I)
Bill Taylor
Chelsea Taylor Saunooke (I)
Sam "Frell" Reed

Yellowhill Tribal Council

Tom Wahnetah (I)
T.W.(Price)Saunooke
Dave Wolfe (I)
Stephanie Saunooke French
Christopher Reed
Shannon Ross
(Write-In) Elvia Walkingstick

Big Cove Tribal Council

Patrick Hill
Richard French (I)
Teresa McCoy

Painttown Tribal Council

Tommye Saunooke (I)
Dike Sneed (I)
Bentley Tahquette

Cherokee Co. - Snowbird Tribal Council

Adam Wachacha (I)
Bucky Brown (I)
William A. "Billy" Brown
Janell Rattler

Big Cove School Board

Kristina Hyatt
Lavita Hill
Karen French-Browning (I)
Lori Taylor
Damian Solis

Birdtown School Board

Melanie Lambert
Ashford Smith
Bree Stamper
Ray Long

Wolftown School Board

Isaac "Ike" Long (I)
Berdie Toineeta
Bucky Squirrel

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TRACK & FIELD

Cherokee travels to Andrews

One Feather Staff Report

ANDREWS - The Cherokee High School (CHS) track and field team traveled to Andrews High School on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 26. Following are the results, per nc.milesplit.com, showing the top three finishers, plus all CHS finishers, in each event:

Girls

Team Scores

- 1 – Andrews 51.5
2 – Cherokee 34.5

4x800M Relay

- 1 – Cherokee A (Jaylynne Esquivel, Leilaya McMillan, Rosa Reyes, Betty Lossiah) 12:26

Shot Put

- 1 – Lindy Garrett (And) 30-01
2 – Jaelyn Lossiah (CHS) 25-05.50
3 – Aria Foerst (CHS) 23-10.25
7 – Sateva Youngdeer (CHS) 19-08

Discus Throw

- 1 – Lindy Garrett (And) 76-04
2 – Jaelyn Lossiah (CHS) 71-07
3 – Sateva Youngdeer (CHS) 48-09

Long Jump

- 1 – Macekenzie Stalcup (And) 13-05
2 – Rylie McDonald (And) 12-01.50
3 – Aria Foerst (CHS) 12-01.50

Triple Jump

- 1 – Mackenzie Stalcup (And) 30-04.50
2 – Rylie McDonald (And) 27-02

High Jump

- 1 – Mackenzie Stalcup (And) 4-06
2 – Maranda Pendergrass (And) 4-04

100M Hurdles

- 1 – Kaylin Ellis (And) 17.20

- 2 – Maranda Pendergrass (And) 18.90

- 3 – Shelby Solis (CHS) 21.60

100M Dash

- 1 – Ravin Wright (And) 13.60
2 – Leilaya McMillan (CHS) 13.90
3 – Trinita Littlejohn (CHS) 13.90
6 – Niya Mora (CHS) 15.90
7 – Awee Walkingstick (CHS) 16.00

4x200M Relay

- 1 – Andrews A 2:03.90
2 – Cherokee 2:16.40

1600M Run

- 1 – Leilaya McMillan (CHS) 7:27.40

4x100M Relay

- 1 – Andrews A (Kaylin Ellis, Brooke Phillips, Mackenzie Stalcup, Ravin Wright) 59.0
2 – Cherokee A (Aria Foerst, Betty Lossiah, Trinita Littlejohn, Awee Walkingstick) 1:03.40

300M Hurdles

- 1 – Kaylin Ellis (And) 56.80
2 – Maranda Pendergrass (And) 1:00.30
3 – Shelby Solis (CHS) 1:04.60

800M Run

- 1 – Rosa Reyes (CHS) 2:47.30
2 – Janna Girty (CHS) 3:48.30

200M Dash

- 1 – Trinita Littlejohn (CHS) 29.30
2 – Brooke Phillips (And) 29.50

Boys

Team Scores

- 1 – Cherokee 70
2 – Andrews 19

4x800M Relay

- 1 – Cherokee A (Richard Mata, Ayden Thompson, Jaylen Bark, Tanin Esquivel) 9:48.20

Shot Put

- 1 – Kensen Davis (CHS) 40-04
2 – Luke Climbingbear (CHS) 32-09
3 – Derek Reynolds (CHS) 30-03

Discus Throw

- 1 – Kensen Davis (CHS) 118-04
2 – Derek Reynolds (CHS) 96-02
3 – Luke Climbingbear (CHS)

89-07

Long Jump

- 1 – Kabe Ellis (And) 20-00
2 – Tso Smith (CHS) 19-02
3 – Samuel Preston (And) 18-02

Triple Jump

- 1 – Kabe Ellis (And) 41-03
2 – Anthony Lossiah (CHS) 33-07
3 – William Hartbarger (CHS) 31-08.50

High Jump

- 1 – William Hartbarger (CHS) 5-02

100M Dash

- 1 – Samuel Preston (And) 11.90
2 – Cameron Lane (CHS) 12.00
3 – Hayden White (And) 14.00

4x200M Relay

- 1 – Cherokee A (Tanis Esquivel, Jonathan Frady, Cameron Lane, Mike Driver) 1:46.90

1600M Run

- 1 – Jaylen Bark (CHS) 5:32.90
2 – Eli Bird (CHS) 6:27.40
3 – Tanis Esquivel (CHS) 6:39.00

4x100M Relay

- 1 – Cherokee A (Chase Calhoun, Cameron Lane, Tso Smith, Kade Trantham) 51.00

400M Dash

- 1 – Jonathan Frady (CHS) 53.20
2 – Tanis Esquivel (CHS) 1:01.20
3 – Anthony Lossiah (CHS) 1:01.50

- 4 – Jaylen Bark (CHS) 1:03.00

800M Run

- 1 – Rocky Peebles (CHS) 2:13.40
2 – Tanin Esquivel (CHS) 2:22.20
3 – Darrin Brown (CHS) 3:09.30

200M Dash

- 1 – Samuel Preston (And) 24.80
2 – Cameron Lane (CHS) 25.90
3 – Hayden White (And) 29.20

3200M Run

- 1 – Ayden Thompson (CHS) 12:08.80
2 – Richard Mata (CHS) 12:47.20

4x400M Relay

- 1 – Cherokee A (Tanin Esquivel, Tanis Esquivel, Rocky Peebles, Jonathan Frady) 4:30.70

Good Housekeeping

Steak Sandwich With Grilled Onions

All modesty aside, this is the ultimate steak sandwich — marinated grilled flank steak mingles with hefty slices of grilled onion, ripe tomato and peppery arugula leaves.

- 1/4 cup soy sauce*
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
1 tablespoon brown sugar
1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
1 (1¼-pound) beef flank steak
1 medium (8-ounce) red onion, cut into 4 thick slices
8 slices sourdough bread, toasted on grill if you like
2 medium ripe tomatoes, sliced
1 bunch arugula, tough stems discarded

1. In large self-sealing plastic bag, mix soy sauce, vinegar, sugar, thyme and pepper. Add steak to marinade, turning to coat. Seal bag, pressing out excess air. Place bag on plate; let stand 15 minutes at room temperature or 1 hour in refrigerator, turning over several times.

2. Meanwhile, for easier handling, insert 1 long metal skewer horizontally through onion slices; set aside. Prepare charcoal fire or preheat gas grill for covered direct grilling over medium heat.

3. Remove steak from marinade; pour marinade into 1-quart saucepan. Heat marinade over high heat to boiling; boil 2 minutes.

4. Place steak and onion slices on hot grill rack. Cover grill and cook steak and onion 12 to 15 minutes or until onions are browned and tender and meat is medium-rare, brushing both with marinade occasionally and turning both over once. Transfer steak to cutting board; separate onion into rings.

5. Thinly slice steak diagonally across the grain. Arrange onion rings and steak on 4 slices of bread; spoon any meat juices from board over onion and steak. Top with tomatoes, arugula and remaining 4 slices of bread. Serves 4.

• Each serving: About 210 calories, 3g total fat (1g saturated), 5mg cholesterol, 815mg sodium, 38g total carbohydrate, 4g dietary fiber, 9g protein.

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Fire Mountain Inferno returns for third year

By JONAH LOSSIAH

One Feather Staff

May 22 marked the beginning of the Third Annual Fire Mountain Inferno, drawing in mountain bikers from all of the region to participate in the two-day event held in Cherokee.

The Inferno holds a different style of race on each day and riders are split in skill groups to compete. The four levels of riders are expert, sport, beginner, and junior. On Saturday, riders participated in Enduro races, which are speed runs that are all downhill. Sunday was for cross country riding, which sees each skill level following different routes all over the Fire Mountain Trails. The experts completed a 16-mile race.

Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle has ridden in all three Infernos and has been mountain biking since the Fire Mountain Trails opened in 2017.

“Last weekend was great. I think it was a real testament to how many people, especially in our community, have embraced mountain biking and Fire Mountain Trails and just came out to celebrate that community that’s been building. It’s the first time since COVID that we’ve been able to do something like that,” said Clapsaddle.

She raced the first two events at the beginner level, and this year she stepped up to sport. She finished third in the Enduro race and



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fourth in cross country.

“It’s fun to see how everybody has grown in the sport. We’re all such big fans of each other too. That’s a really positive aspect of the sport. It doesn’t really matter what level of rider you are, everybody wants to see you continue to be successful however you define it.”

Clapsaddle said that one the

best things to see as the event has grown is the influx of Cherokee riders each year. One of those new riders this year was Laura Blythe, who participated in the Inferno for her first time.

“I have been riding a mountain bike since late 2019, and I’ve always seen the Inferno going on with mountain bikers up there. My goal was really just to be able

to participate. I’ve found a passion for mountain biking, I’ve met some really great people. It’s an entire fun community, I don’t think people understand the stuff behind it is what makes it so great,” said Blythe.

Blythe was volunteering for the event on Saturday, but on Sunday she placed first amongst the beginners in the cross country race. She

says that she has developed a serious passion for the sport, and that it was special to be able to compete for the first time.

“The buzz for everyone was so high. That excited energy. I met so many cool people this weekend. Made some friends, they’re wanting to come back into town and we’re going to go riding. Really, that’s kind of what the whole community is about,” said Blythe.

“Sometimes us being local, we kind of take our local areas for granted. I mean, we have people from Florida that come to these trails and are like, ‘oh my god, these are the best trails I’ve ever ridden on.’ They’ll specifically come up here because they’ve heard from their friends of friends talk about how great these trails are.”

Jeremy Hyatt, Secretary of

Operations for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, is the primary organizer for this event. He said that they still had to make a few changes to this year’s event because of the pandemic. Many of the regional companies that come to the event were unable to do so because of production backlogs.

With about 230 riders participating over the weekend, he said that he is excited to see how the event continues to grow despite all that has shifted over the last year.

“To see the success that we had with that first event [since COVID-19], it’s pretty awesome. I think we are one of two events that the Tribe doesn’t subsidize. We don’t get money from the Tribe for this. I’m not saying we don’t have advantages by being with the Tribe. Because we have the Fairgrounds we don’t have to pay for...

we also have Fire and EMS that we don’t have to pay for. But there’s no infusion of cash,” said Hyatt.

He said that he and his staff pride themselves in offering this service to the community while maintaining self-sufficiency through sponsorships and entry fees. Hyatt said the Inferno brought in nearly \$11,000 this year, not including \$4,200 in merchandise sales from the weekend.

Hyatt said that he loves the Inferno and the Harvest Half Marathon that his team holds in September, but the growth in popularity is making him review the future of these events. He said that they take a tremendous amount of effort to put on, and it probably shouldn’t be something done through his office.

“My thought is to have someone who can handle the outdoor

assets. The disc golf course, the trails, even the Island Park for that matter. But also handle the events, handle the social media aspect of it, handle the marketing of it, and handle the community outreach for it.”

He said that is thrilled with the community support and is hopeful people continue to push for more events such as these. Many positions and budgets are still frozen due to the budget crisis caused by the pandemic, and Hyatt said this is something he will continue to work on as the Tribe progresses to normalcy.

When it comes to Fire Mountain, Laura Blythe says that she is calling upon her friends and neighbors in Cherokee to hit the trails. She said that she’s just a call away and she’ll take anyone mountain biking.

What should the school’s report card look like for 2021-22?

REPORT CARD FOR: Cherokee Central School ACADEMIC YEAR: 2021-22

SUBJECT	GRADE
Health Is the school system supporting all aspects of a student’s health? Such as Physical, mental, emotional, and social health?	A ssess all aspects of a student’s wellbeing. Allocate funding to programs such as (SEL- Social and Emotional Learning) that will develop healthy individuals who can manage their emotions so that they can achieve their goals.
Safety Is the school system providing a safe environment for our students to thrive? One that is free from bullying, harassment, abuse, and neglect.	A ggressively approach bullying in our school system with evidence-based policies that create a culture that prevents bullying. Address the underlying issues that result in bullying.
Engagement Does the school system promote engagement? Specifically, project-based programs that captures those who may not be responsive to traditional teaching methods?	A mplify our programs that promote “hands-on” experiences such as CTE (Career & Technical education) and STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Math).
Support Is the school system able to offer adequate support to our students regardless of background, aspirations, or special needs?	A ssure that all staff of the school system are qualified and properly credentialed to support each student. Also ensure that staff have access to a robust Professional development program.
Challenge Is the school system challenging and pushing our students to achieve their full potential?	A nalyze the curriculum to ensure that it is incorporating evidence-based strategies that instill permanent skills such as critical thinking, creativity, and adapt-

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

EBCI Program/Entity Announcements

Right Path Adult Leadership Program accepting noms

The Right Path Adult Leadership Program (RP) is accepting nominations for participation in the 2021-22 program. This program is for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). Participants will learn Cherokee history and culture and develop leadership competencies. Participants will meet two days per month, for 12 months, and will engage in case study work, classroom lectures, and experiential learning.

Candidates must be age 18 and over, have a high school diploma or GED. Knowledge of Cherokee culture and/or experience in a

professional environment is a plus.

Nomination forms can be found on their website at Right Path – Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute (rkli.org) or by contacting Tara McCoy 359-5542 or tara.mccoy@cherokeeboysclub.com.

Deadline for submission: Letters of nomination will be accepted by mail, email, or in-person delivery, by 5 p.m., Wednesday, June 30 to the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute located at the Cherokee Boys Club on, Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC, Attention, Tara McCoy, Right Path:

- Mail: Attention: Tara McCoy P.O. Box 507 Cherokee, NC 28719. Must be postmarked on or before June 30.
- Email: tara.mccoy@cherokee-boysclub.com
- In-person delivery: Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute at Cherokee

Boys Club at 171 Boys Club Loop off of Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719 (two-story building behind Cherokee Boys Club)

It is the responsibility of the nominator to ensure receipt of his/her nomination form(s) on or before the deadline. Nominations are not a guarantee of acceptance into the program. The Right Path Adult Leadership Program is a culturally-based leadership program under the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute. The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute is a department of the Cherokee Boys Club and is funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

Info: Tara McCoy, Right Path Leadership specialist, 359-5542 or tara.mccoy@cherokeeboysclub.com.

- Right Path Adult Leadership Program

Fish Cherokee 2021 schedule

The Catch & Keep Enterprise Waters will be closed to everyone from March 13-26. The Catch & Release Enterprise Waters are open all year for trophy water fly fishing only. Following is a list of tournaments sponsored by Fish Cherokee, a program of the EBCI Natural Resource Program (a two-day Tribal Fish Permit {\$17} and tournament registration {\$15} is required for all):



Tim Hill Memorial Tournament: July 24-25

- \$10,000 cash prizes; Registration deadline is Friday, July 23

Qualla Country Tournament: Sept. 4-5

- \$20,000 cash prizes; Registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 3

Tag turn-in for all tournaments is 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the EBCI Natural Resources Enforce-



CANDIDATE DEBATES

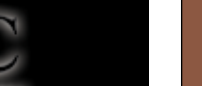


Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center

Each night will start at 6 p.m. with the first group listed.

- **Tuesday, June 22 ***
Big Cove Tribal Council, Birdtown Tribal Council
- **Thursday, June 24 ***
Cherokee County - Snowbird Tribal Council, Painttown Tribal Council
- **Tuesday, June 29 ***
Wolfstown Tribal Council, Yellowhill Tribal Council
- **Thursday, July 1 ***
School Board candidates (all communities)

These debates are being hosted by the Cherokee One Feather and will be moderated by Robert Jumper, editor. Due to COVID precautions at Cherokee Central Schools, no spectators will be allowed. These events will be live-streamed by EBCI Communications and replayed online.

Write-in candidates will be allowed to participate in these debates.
(Write-ins, please contact Robert Jumper to confirm participation.)



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**National Park
Announcements**

**Park Superintendent Cash
takes home top award
for leadership at national
Public Lands Alliance awards
ceremony**

GATLINBURG, Tenn. — On Monday, May 24, the Public Lands Alliance awarded Great Smoky Mountains National Park Superintendent Cassius Cash with an Agency Leadership Award at the 2021 Public Lands Alliance Partnership Awards.

The Agency Leadership Award recognizes a public land management agency employee for outstanding accomplishments in championing, cultivating, and leading partnerships. Superintendent Cash was nominated by Great Smoky Mountains Association

based on his steadfast commitment to leading the Smokies throughout the last six years, as well as for demonstrating outstanding guidance through a difficult year wrought with fear, isolation, and social unrest.

Superintendent Cash was presented the award during Monday's virtual celebration, held live over Facebook. The ceremony can be viewed on the Public Lands Alliance's Facebook page at facebook.com/publiclandsalliance.

In 2015, Cash became the first-ever African American superintendent of Great Smoky Mountains National Park and has since led the park through situations as diverse as the 100th birthday of the National Park Service, the devastating Chimney Tops 2 Fire in November 2016, and the immense visitation numbers during 2017's

Total Solar Eclipse—all while demonstrating an authentic, honest approach to relationship-building in the park.

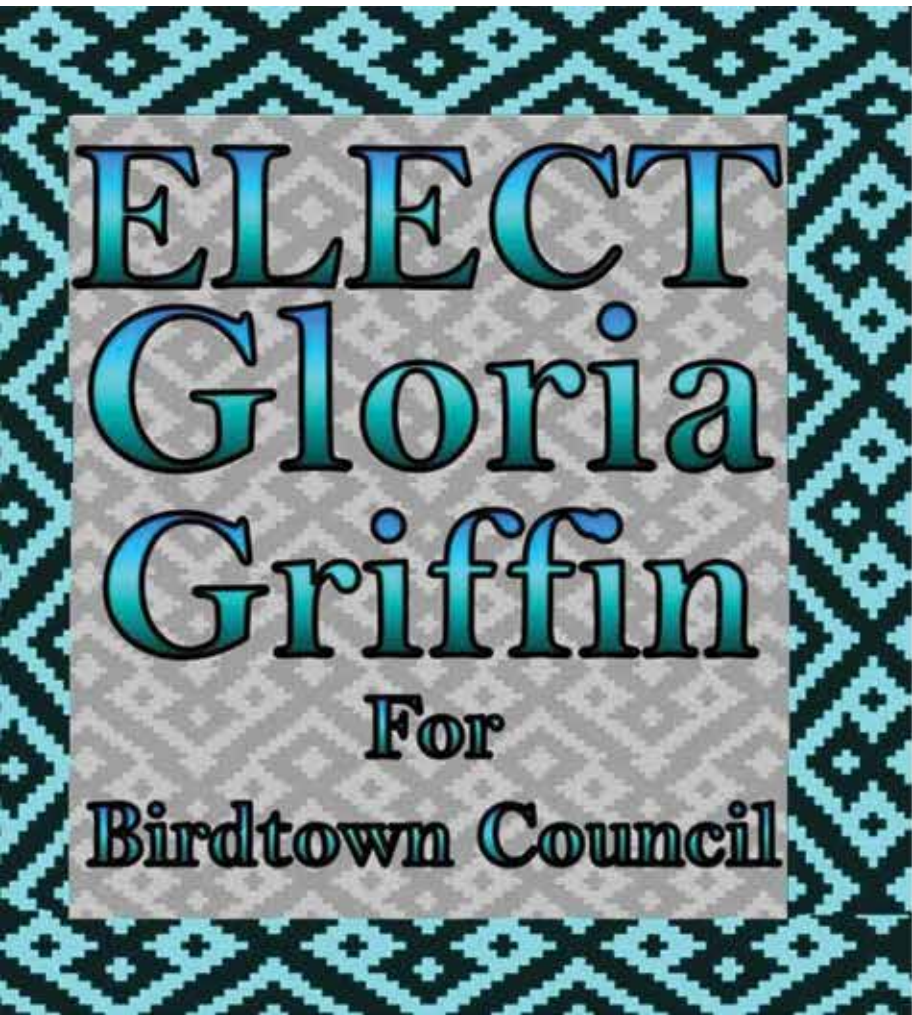
"Superintendent Cash is changing the park's culture by tackling important issues and having difficult conversations," said Smokies Education Branch Coordinator Susan Sachs.

Last year, shepherding the most-visited national park through a pandemic, Cash led the development and implementation of a COVID-SAFE operations plan in collaboration with Great Smoky Mountains Association, which runs the bookstores in park visitor centers. At the same time, he used his partnership prowess to address two major issues in groundbreaking ways.

First, like many other busy national parks, the Smokies is

experiencing unsustainable levels of visitation, and Cash has made it a priority to involve local people in finding solutions through Visitor Experience Stewardship discussions—holding Zoom meetings with gateway community members to make them aware of the issues, gather their input, and seek solutions together.

Second, Cash created an initiative that extends beyond the park's boundary to make a positive impact throughout the southeast region, gaining national media attention. In response to the deaths of unarmed African Americans and the nationwide social justice movement that followed, Superintendent Cash boldly created Smokies Hikes for Healing, an initiative that utilized the park for eight guided hikes that would each allow ten individuals from the



Editor's Note: The following is an excerpt from an article first printed in the Smoky Mountain News. It is being reprinted here at the request of the candidate and with permission from the reporter who wrote the piece. This appears with one modification at the request of the candidate, otherwise it is exactly as received by the Cherokee One Feather. The candidate is running for a Birdtown Tribal Council seat.

**Gloria "Punkin" Griffin
"Voice for the People not Self"**

Birdtown School Board Representative for Cherokee Central Schools.

- Associate Administrative Office Technology, Southwestern Community College.
- Bachelor of Business Administration, Montreat College.
- Masters of Business Administration, Montreat College.

Experience: 32 years of employment with the EBCI allow me gain knowledge of Fiscal Policies, Finance, Reporting, Budgets, Contracts, Management and Leadership.

Our Tribe has made tremendous growth but, needs to focus on business diversification other than focusing on Casinos related purchases. We need to focus on our youth and build family orientated businesses for them as well as our visitors that are not attached to the Casino. We have spent so much time and money on planning for different family orientated businesses that never get approved in the final stage, which are scraped and told to move on to something else. This creates wasteful spending and when we build something there are too many change orders, which creates having to do a budget amendment that goes to Council for approval to add more money to be spent on the project. Homes are not being built in a timely manner for our families. We have a beautiful Hospital and we still need to work patient care for our people. We have been working on saving our Cherokee Language and I would hope to see our Arts and Crafts being kept alive as well.

My top priority is to see if we can contract a specialty firm to come in and help our Reality Office become up to date. Our land records need to be updated and organized as soon as possible. Our Reality Office being out of date creates problems for our people to get their homes built in a timely manner. Our Reality Office has been behind a long time this is not something that just happened over night. Family homes need to be built at a more affordable price, we need homes that do not cost our members a \$1000.00 dollars a month. We need more child-care for children under the age of 5 years of age. We must add on to our current child care centers or build new bigger facility to meet our needs. Continue to work on Cherokee Language while adding Cherokee Arts and Crafts we need to put more emphasis on these items for future generations to carry on.

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region to participate. He selected highly trained facilitators to join each hike and lead groups in thought-provoking private discussions to recognize and confront the long-standing ills associated with racism.

In a Fall 2020 interview with Smokies Life magazine editor Frances Figart, Cash said: "I like to say, if I have left it better than when I found it, then I have done my job. But that doesn't just apply to my workplace. It's also about my community. Addressing these issues and looking at how our communities can make changes or be a part of change, I think that is the job I'm here to do."

Laurel Rematore, CEO of Great Smoky Mountains Association and the organization's primary liaison with park leadership, explained that "the Smokies

provide superintendents with nonstop challenges that play out on a national stage under the constant, relentless scrutiny of the media and area business leaders. Superintendent Cash faces the challenges and pushes his park staff and partner organizations toward embracing the opportunity that lies within each challenge.

"Cash pays attention to the concerns partners express, then works for all involved to have a shared understanding of those concerns, examine the stakes, and arrive at solutions by consensus," Rematore continued. "Consensus-building takes a lot of time, trust, and work to achieve, but Cash does not settle for anything less."

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Patricia Tootie Kanott Lambert

Patricia Tootie Kanott Lambert, age 71, of Cherokee, passed away at her residence in the Wolfstown Community on Friday, May 14, 2021 after an extended illness. A lifelong resident of Cherokee and member of Acquoni Baptist Church, she is the daughter of the late William H. Kanott and Naomi Jackson. Making the trip by herself to Cleveland, Ohio, she attended and graduated from Cleveland Academy of Professional Secretaries and then worked as a secretary for The Job Corps until she retired.

Patricia leaves behind son, Timmy Ray Smith (Kissi) of Cherokee; daughter, Kathy Smith of the home; six grandchildren, Kayla Smith (Langston), Raymarius Smith (Avery), Jacee Smith, Naomi Smith, Jabrien Smith, and Megan Wilnoty; five great-grandchildren, Carter Rae Smith, Tyrus T. Swimmer, William Jace Smith, Omea Haize Wood, and A'kayla Mae Smith.

Also surviving are brothers, Moe Kanott (Chris) and Denny Kanott; sisters, Rock Burgess, Nancy Wahnetah (Rob), and Brenda Mestas (Anthony); great uncle, Simpson Queen; aunts, Barbara Robie (Barry) and Mary Jackson;

special friend, Mollie Littlejohn; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Patricia was also preceded in death by her brother, Eddie Kanott; sister, Cookie Wolfe; sister-in-law, Frances Kanott; and nephews, Kevin Long and John Burgess.

Funeral services were held on May 18 at Acquoni Baptist Chapel with Harley Maney and Joe Wolfe officiating. Burial was in the Jackson Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were Mark Littlejohn, Mark Kanott, Ben Stamper, Jeremy Wolfe, Buford Smith, George Burgess, Chad George, and James Kanott. Honorary Pallbearers were Jason George, Blaine Wolfe, John Marman, and Cade Mintz. Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Daniel Dean Walkingstick Sr.

Daniel Dean Walkingstick Sr., age 70, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at his residence. He is the son of the late John Walkingstick and Emma Walkingstick.

Surviving Daniel are his children, William Walkingstick, Carla Walkingstick, and Shane Walkingstick; brother, John Ed Walkingstick; sisters, Emily West and Maybelle Dunn; aunt, Joy Smith; and special friend, Kina Swimmer. Daniel was also preceded in death by his wife, Donna Roberta Walkingstick; sons, Daniel Jr., Johnny Walkingstick, and Nicky Jack Walkingstick; and daughter, Ongequay Walkingstick.

Funeral services were held on May 19 with Harley Maney officiating. Burial was at the home. Pallbearers were among friends and family.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final ar-

rangements.

Robert Thomas "Tommy" Reed

Robert Thomas "Tommy" Reed, 67, of Sevierville, Tenn. and formerly of Cherokee, passed away unexpectedly of a stroke on Friday, May 7, 2021 at the University of Tennessee Medical Hospital in Knoxville, Tenn.

Tommy was the son of the late Wilson H. Reed and Dale (Owenby) Reed. He was a basket maker by trade and is survived by his spouse Marie Green of the home. Tommy is survived by his children, Rebecca L. Reed, Robert D. Reed, Robin F. Reed, Randall T. Reed, Chris Buckner, April Rayfield (Joe) and Ben Carper; brother, Fredrick Reed (Janice); sisters, Bonnie Reed Woodby and Florence "Babe" Reed; special friend Sam Thompson' and many nieces and nephews.

Tommy is preceded in death by brothers Charlie Reed, Mike Reed and Allen Reed.

Funeral services were held on May 11. Pastor Ben Reed officiated the service and Michael Reed, David Reed, and other family were pallbearers. An immediate burial took place in the Reed Family Cemetery by the home.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family in the final arrangements.

Sally Catolster Sampson

Sally Catolster Sampson, age 61, passed away on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at Tsali Care Center, after an extended illness. A member of Old Antioch Baptist Church and the Yellowhill Community, Sally is the daughter of the late Codeskie "Spade" Catolster and Lucinda Crowe Catolster. Sally was a kind-hearted lady and never knew a stranger. She always had a smile on her face and enjoyed

video games, rides in the parkway, and especially trips with Tamara to wherever.

Also preceded in death are Sally's husband, Leon "Duffy" Sampson; brothers, Richard "Yogi" Crowe, Tim Catolster, and Samuel Spade Catolster; and sister, Phyllis C. Martinez.

Surviving Sally are her children, Tamara L. Sampson of the home, Alan Rocky Sampson, Penny Johnson, and Reba L. Sampson; and special friend, Nancy West.

Funeral services were held on May 22 at the Old Antioch Baptist Church with Bear Lambert officiating. Burial was in the Sampson Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were among family and friends. Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Laura Beth Shuttle

Laura Beth Shuttle unexpectedly died Saturday morning, May 22, 2021, at the age of 63. Preceded by her mother, Mary Lambert, and her brother, Wesley Lambert. She is survived by her husband, John Shuttle; her son, Travis Shuttle and his girlfriend Hillary Barrows along with their son Hunter Shuttle; daughter, Jackie Shuttle and her two children Jennifer McCarthy and Ashley Therrien; stepdaughter, Koren Steventon; and Laura's father, Clyde Morris Lambert.

She loved her grandchildren very much. She loved camping, going for long rides, traveling to different states, and visiting the ocean. She also loved gaming but, most of all she loved spending time with her family, the highlight of her life was her grandchildren. She will be deeply missed and forever loved. There will be a gathering at a later date that will

be announced.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Carol Ann Finckbone

Carol Ann Finckbone, 67, of Cherokee, passed away on Monday, May 24, 2021 at her home. Carol was born in Miami, Fla. on Nov. 6, 1953 to the late Harold and Angela Finckbone. Carol graduated college with a cosmetology degree and worked at a nursing home. She loved music and buying albums. She enjoyed making jewelry and took interest in learning eight different languages. She attended Shepard of the Hills Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her partner of 19 years, Nicholas Swayney of Cherokee, and one brother, James Finckbone.

In addition to her parents,

Carol is preceded in death by a brother, Michael Finckbone.

No services are planned at this time.

Appalachian Funeral Service is serving the Finckbone family.

George L. Rosario Sr.

(One Feather note: This obituary was published in November 2020 following Mr. Rosario's death. It is being re-printed here as the family has announced a time for his memorial service.)

George L. Rosario Sr., Nickname (Karate) given to him by his mother-in-law Nellie, died peacefully at home. George who was 70 years old passed away on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020. He was a member of the Cherokee Baptist Church. He lived in the Painsville Community most of his life. George is in Heaven with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; he is not

suffering anymore.

He was an avid auto body repairman, known for his customizing work here on the Qualla Boundary.

George is preceded in death by two daughters, Bernadette Rosario and Melvonia (Melony) Rosario Wolfe; his father, Estanislao Rosario; mother, Ana Mirray; a brother, Luis Rosario from Philadelphia, Pa.; a special aunt and uncle who mentored and helped raise him, Eustaquio and Anita Rosario from Philadelphia, Pa.; and a special friend, Freddy Hernandez from Ponce, PR.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Regina Ledford Rosario; a son, George Jr.; a brother, Freddy Rosario from Philadelphia, Pa.; three sisters, Mildred Camacho and Willie from Philadelphia, Pa., Minerva, and Elsie Rosario from Philadelphia, Pa.; seven grandchil-

dren, five boys and two girls. All of these people were God sent in George's life. A son-in-law, James Wolfe (JR) who was by his side till the very end; Jorge Torres who we could depend on no matter what; sister-in-law, Renee who sent out multiple Prayer Chains for him throughout the years; Javied Hernandez, who came when we called; a nephew, Buster Bowman who came by frequently to check on him; Ismael Torres who called him frequently just to talk, and several aunts and uncles from New York who treated him well.

A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 27, 2021 at Cherokee Baptist Church. Rev. Danny Sweet will officiate. The family will receive friends from 12:30 p.m. until 1 p.m. Sunday, June 27, 2021 at the Church.

Crisp Funeral Home is assisting the family.



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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-cherokee.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.

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Phone Numbers for Cherokee elders

Cherokee Indian Hospital main line
497-9163

Tsali Manor - contact is Debbie West
359-6291 or 736-3950

**HELP (Handicapped, Elderly Living
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contact is Stephanie Welch
359-6638

HIP (Home Improvement Program) -
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359-5520 or 507-7748

**Congregate, Homebound Meals,
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359-6290

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359-6830

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Big Cove School Board



One evening while scrolling through Facebook, I was stopped by a quote, "It's the pursuit of a dream that heals you," Billy Mills. I was in a dark moment in my life, yet this quote became my motivation. It inspired me to partner with Running Strong for American Indian Youth to deliver oral health education and resources to our communities as the Native Tooth Fairy. Through my experience, I've learned that sometimes it can be challenging to find people, even in your own community, who believe in your dreams. I am grateful for the chance I was provided and will work diligently to create opportunities for our youth to thrive!

I have always been passionate about our youth and whole heartedly believe in their potential to succeed.



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2021 Events in Cherokee

The following listing of events was provided by EBCI tourism officials. More details will be provided by the One Feather as we receive them.

Eastern Band Cherokee Annual Pow Wow

July 2-4, Acquoni Expo Center

Blueberry Festival

July 24, Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds

Gourd Festival

July 29 - Aug. 1, Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds

Talking Trees Children's Trout Derby

Aug. 7, Oconaluftee Island Park

Hillbilly Rat Rods

Aug. 27-28, Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds

Seven Clans Rodeo

Sept. 4-5, old Cherokee Elem. School site

Blue Ridge Run

Sept. 10-12, Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds and old Cherokee Elem. School site

Harvest Half Marathon

Sept. 17-18, Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds

Cherokee Indian Fair

Oct. 5-9, Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds

Cherokee Fall Rod Run

Oct. 15-16, Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds

WNC Truck Show

Oct. 23-24, Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds

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COMMENTARY

The big win

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

One Feather Editor

We are moving quickly through the election year. As Primary Election season draws to a conclusion, we will very quickly be focusing on the General Election, which will, at its conclusion, tell us who and what the Tribal Council will look like for the next two years. We may be looking at another restart with many new faces and new learning curves to overcome. Or, we may see familiar faces and the direction of Tribal Council will not change much at all. Or, it may be somewhere in the middle. In any case, the General Election will answer those questions for us.

I guess the bigger question is whether we will engage. Mid-term or off Chief elections

have traditionally been poorly attended. You have heard the excuses before. "My vote won't make any difference. It is all rigged. I don't have time. My vote won't matter. Things will never change."

I have always been interested in the science of psychology, particularly when it comes to marketing. Selling has been a part of my life since I graduated college in 1983. All of my work assignments have had something to do with product development, sales, and distribution strategy. I never present myself as an expert on anything, but I do have some expertise when it comes to the psychology of what motivates us to do the things that we do. It is how marketers predict what will drive people to a particular product, service, or outcome.

By now, you have seen the motivational monies that have been offered in states and even on a reservation or two to incentivize people who have been slow to take up the idea of getting immunized against the coronavirus to get vaccinated. At least one state reported

double-digit increases in the number of people agreeing to be vaccinated, after the monetary incentive was offered. The states and tribal governments are realizing that if they want an outcome, they must find the right combination of appeal to civic responsibility and personal gain to motivate.

Publishers Clearing House spends millions of dollars to promote their publication subscription services by promoting giveaways of millions of dollars. Their motto, for decades, has been, "You can't win, if you don't enter". Their literature is not deceptive or misleading, but it does direct those reading it to draw some questionable conclusions. One example, while the rules of entry clearly state that no purchase is necessary to enter, human nature and the way the advertising is written lead you to conclude that your chances are better if you buy a magazine subscription or two.

I guess my point is that we are conditioned to believe what we see and hear on media. Those people responded when the announce-



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or by contacting Tara McCoy at (828) 359-5542 or tara.mccoy@cherokeeboysclub.com.

Deadline for submission: Letters of nomination will be accepted by mail, email, or in-person delivery, by 5 p.m., June 30th to the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute located at the Cherokee Boys Club on, Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC.

Please see nomination guidelines and form for additional requirements and information.



ments were made that they could potentially win a million dollars for taking the vaccine. Publishers Clearing House has made millions, one magazine subscription at a time, by promising that someone will win the big money. The internet and social media are some of the most influential motivators of our day and age. The running joke is "It has to be true. I saw it on the internet." We laugh at that statement and wonder who would be so gullible as to believe that what they see on the internet can be trusted as accurate and factual; that what we see there can be taken at face-value. But look at the chaos that has happened, particularly over the past four years in American society because belief in media "reporting"; the racial and ideological divides, the polarization of our society. It has come from people listening to the voices, not in their head, but on their screens.

So, repeatedly hearing and seeing that our vote doesn't matter or that elections are rigged or that

we can't affect change is partially, if not largely, impacted by what we hear from our "friends" on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and the like. And it may fit our desire to shift blame. Nobody likes to be at fault when things go wrong, or a goal is not achieved. If things don't get better or the right person didn't get into office or didn't stay in office, I can believe that it wasn't my fault if the prevailing wisdom is that my vote wouldn't matter anyway.

But the truth is that our only real voice in our community is our vote. You may complain, write letters, attend meeting sessions, you can scream in an official's face, and it may give you some personal satisfaction, but it will not substantially change your life and the lives of those in your community. The power that you hold in representative government is your ability to select leadership. I know that some of us get that, but based on voter participation numbers, most of us don't.

Did you know that it doesn't

matter where you are in the world, if you are on our tribal rolls, if you are a citizen of this tribe, then you have a right to vote? Yes, you must register and yes you must work out the logistics of off-Boundary voting, but you have a right to participate. You have a duty to participate. And if you don't vote as an off-Boundary tribal member, then you are allowing others to decide for you what decisions will be made about your part of the per capita distribution and what services will be afforded to off-Boundary citizens of the tribe, like you. You are no less Cherokee in Oregon than you would be in Birdtown, and you should be voting.

The Tribal Council and Election Board have made it super easy for on-Boundary and near-Boundary tribal members to vote. Nice, long early voting sessions have been afforded us ample opportunity to vote during the Primary election.

As they say at Publishers Clearing House, if you don't enter,

you can't win. They sell you on the fact that if you enter, you might win or might lose. But if you don't enter, you are guaranteed to lose. If you vote, things may get better, but they may not. If you do not vote, it is guaranteed that you will not make a difference in the outcome of the election and the possibility of improving your community.

I hope you have taken the time and effort to make a difference by voting in the Primary election. And I hope that you will be engaged, stay informed, and get educated on the candidates and items that will appear on the ballot for our General election. Ask the candidates questions about community investment and improvement. Ask them what they intend to do for your children, you, and the elders in your family. Ask them how they plan to secure your future. It is worth your time and effort. It is your right, your privilege, and your duty; to yourself, to your family, and to your community.



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SPEAKING OF FAITH

Real truths never change

By **REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR**

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

Read Psalm 139:13-16; Psalm 37:4; James 1:22-25

One purpose for the studying of the Bible is to understand ‘who you are?’ and even more important, ‘Who God Is and what He expects of you?’ Although it’s a simple matter to understand the words as they are written, there are many reasons why more scriptures are needed to be compared and considered. Each person must choose their own path and follow it.

All people are given many choices to make each day of their lives. Before anyone can get a whole picture of what makes God’s Word the Truth, for those searching for the better pathway, they should look into God’s Word as their needs arise and address them first. It definitely is necessary to get to know the One Who has created each person and what His plan might be for their life. He has told us He has given us even the desires we already have in our hearts. (Psalm 37:4)

What is in your heart that you hope is in your plan? He also has expressed He wrote a book concerning each of our lives before a single day of it had come to pass. Ask Him to allow you to see what is written there. Expect to see what was written or ask if He might show you personally.

For the Bible to really make a difference in our lives, we have a great need to receive the actual message we find there as a personal one, that it’s meant just for us. We also need to reflect on what we have read to see if it will mean we have to make a change in direction to make it possible. When we look at or see the things going on in our own lives, we may choose to begin to lay out a plan to change on our own. Are you willing to spend a bit of time daily in discovering the true, right path for that life journey? It does take time, but it should prove well worth the effort to arrive at a good decision or destination—one that can bring a real assurance of a happier, more productive and successful life.

Reflecting on the things we notice in God’s Word, in His sixty-six Love letters to us, the applying of it comes when we start asking, ‘now that I know what God wants or expects me to become, “How do I get there?” What is the best way to find the right path for me? What else would make me feel fulfilled and happy as well?’

A lot of us seem to be creatures of habit, so initiating any change is probably more difficult for everyone after this year of the pandemic. The decision to apply what is brought to our attention is where the ‘actual rubber’ can meet the road to help us get up and roll toward better plans. Life may seem like it’s constantly changing, but the Truths in God’s Word never change. That is something a person can rely on as God never changes His mind. God already knows each of our futures, and that’s ahead of time. No one can really afford to ignore that huge fact. He wants to help us make a good plan, the best plan for each of us. Let Him help in this process. Improvement comes in every circumstance in which a good dose of His wis-

dom has been followed.

Pastors and teachers you may have known, could be a wonderful resource to help set you on the right path to the actual scriptures needed for you to read and study. Spending time with the Lord, seeking His guidance, is worthwhile in deciding what will work for you in your situation. Whatever your age, desires for answers, His help saves time and effort. Only a true seeker will spend the necessary extra time to find the best path for what’s needed.

It also helps to understand we must be aware of how important it is to know what’s in each Scripture reference. Look at each verse in detail, definitions of words that are unfamiliar. Look up who wrote these verses. Who was being written to? Are these people like the ones in my world? Do I see any similar characteristics within myself? What would I have done in a similar situation? What is the message for us? What is God’s solution? Obedient even in attitude? People? Place? Principle? Plot? Priority? Point? Is it used today? God’s Plan?



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*...The Son of Man will come
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with His angels, and then
He will reward each
according to his works.*

MATTHEW 16:27



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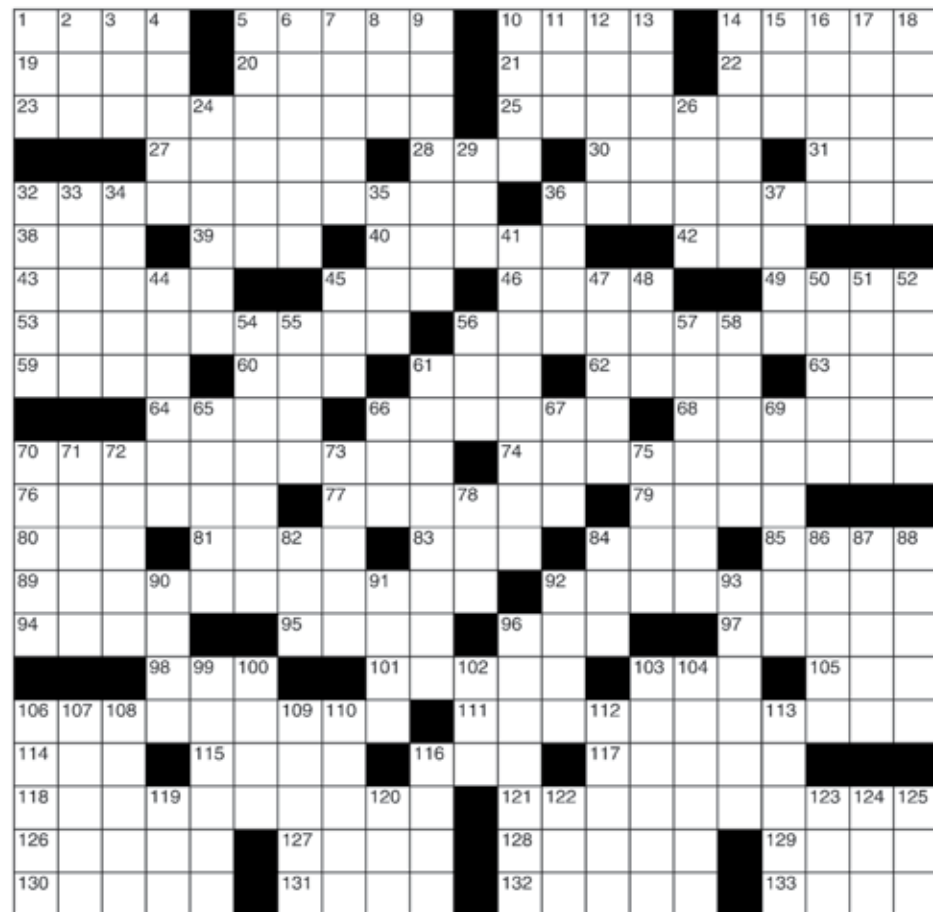
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28 Dorm VIPs
30 Otherwise
31 Six, in Roma
32 Tell the judge you did it
36 Financial aid option
38 Ordinance
39 Verizon Fios, e.g.
40 Reply to "You're a stinker!"
42 Hugs, in a love note
43 Wet expanse
45 Bygone flight inits.
46 Stack messily
49 It, in Italy
53 Air rifle
56 Waters off Qatar
59 Word div.
- 60 Refined find
61 Long-nosed swimmer
62 Year, to Livy
63 Taint
64 Research into a political foe's weaknesses, in slang
66 Silky casing
68 2015 Bryan Cranston film
70 She's a symbol for a cause
74 Window material
76 1974 hit subtitled "Touch the Wind"
77 Signaled "yes"
79 Cambodian currency
80 Slugging stat
81 Stats, e.g.
83 Hi- (some stereos)
84 Roget's entry: Abbr.
85 Aunt's sis, maybe
89 Dry white wine of Italy
92 Small, loose stones for a walkway
94 Bit of a climb
95 Adversities
96 Chop down
- 97 Singer Baker
98 U.K. mil. fliers
101 Yet to come
103 Dudes
105 Novelist Deighton
106 Acted omnipotent
111 Jail official
114 Stable grain
115 Big brawl
116 Suffix with planet
117 The planets, e.g.
118 Societal welfare
121 Film rating that's apt for this puzzle's theme
126 Babble on
127 Designer Saarinen
128 Prayer place
129 Jazz singer Fitzgerald
130 NFL gains
131 Romanov royal
132 Snaring loop
133 Result of a falling-out

DOWN

- 1 Keystone —
2 Novelist Levin
3 Always, to a bard
4 Long Russian river
5 Wearing tattered duds
6 Throws together
7 Japanese beer
8 '60s conflict site
9 Resistance to change
10 Gig gear
11 Actress Farrow
12 Cosmetician Lauder
13 Quiet
14 Narcissist's quality
15 Pt. of ETA
16 Verdi's "— Miller"
17 Page of films
18 Sparked anew
24 2009 Colin Farrell film
26 Capital in Scandinavia
29 Novelist Rand
32 Sinks heavily
33 "Cagney & —"
34 Actor Tom of "The Seven Year Itch"
35 Croquet site
36 Landing site
37 Film director Nicolas
41 Things to show a trainee



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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1. Is the book of Lot in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. How many beasts rising out of the sea did Daniel have a dream about? 4, 7, 13, 20
3. From Judges 3, who was the left-handed Benjamite that killed Eglon? Geshem, Agag, Ehud, Joram
4. In 2 Kings 4, who purified a pot of deadly stew with flour? Josiah, Elisha, Jehu, Hilkiah
5. From Judges 1:6, what king had his thumbs and toes cut off? David, Adoni-Bezek, Josiah, Herod
6. Whose biblical name means "messenger"? Aaron, Moses, Samuel, Malachi

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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1. TELEVISION: What were the names of the six children on "The Brady Bunch"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which of the Earth's oceans is the smallest?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the lowest rank in the U.S. Air Force?
4. LANGUAGE: What is the American version of the British plimsolls?
5. LITERATURE: Which one of Shakespeare's plays is the longest?
6. MEASUREMENTS: What time period is a decennial?
7. MOVIES: Which actor played himself in the movie "Zombieland"?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many eyes does a bee have?
9. ANATOMY: What are rasceta?
10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which 20th-century president's Secret Service code name was Timberwolf?

see **PUZZLE ANSWERS** page 34



HAPPENINGS

Event listings are free of charge. Send your event name, date and time, location, and contact info to scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov.

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Fundraiser for CALL (Cherokee Adult Language Learners) Group.

June 4 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Birdtown Gym. All proceeds will go to help the CALL group travel to Tahlequah, Okla. Yard Sale – tables available for rent (\$5/each), lawn care items, tools, tons of baby items and clothing, household items (pots, pans, décor), clothing and shoes (kids, men's, women's), books, CDs, movies, and electronics. Bake sale – tabled are available to rent (\$5/each), homemade pies, cakes, cookies, bean bread, chestnut bread. Indian Tacos start serving at 11 a.m. Call-ahead orders are welcome, dine-in, or take-out. Dessert and drink included (\$10 per order). Info or to reserve a table: Amy Postoak 226-2643 or Amber Ledford 736-7565

Bingo Fundraiser for CALL (Cherokee Adult Language Learners) group. June 11 at 6 p.m. at the Birdtown Gym. All proceeds will go to the group for travel to Tahlequah, Okla. Games, fun, prizes. Hot dog and hamburger dinners and other concessions. 50/50 raffle winner will be announced. Goods and crafts for auction. Info: Amy Postoak 226-2643 or Amber Ledford 736-7565

CHURCH EVENTS

Vacation Bible School. June 13-17 at Cherokee Baptist Church. Bible study, classes Pre-K to adult, recreation, crafts.

CULTURAL EVENTS

Cherokee Heritage Festival. Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at

the Cherokee Homestead Exhibit adjacent to the old Jail Museum in Hayesville. This free event is sponsored by the Clay County Communities Revitalization Association. Cherokee dancing, cultural arts demonstrations, storytelling, fry bread, singing, and flute music. Parking and shuttle bus will be available. Info: 369-6531 or www.cccra-nc.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Swain County Democratic Party Whittier/Cherokee Precinct monthly meeting. June 8 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda items include setting goals for the next two years. Info or to request a link, call 497-9498

Sweet Summertime Market. June 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the

Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Many local and area vendors including lunch by Melishia. Info: Denise Walkingstick 508-2211

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

Life Recovery Meetings hosted by Grace Community Church. Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Yellowhill Activity Center. Life Recovery is a 12-Step addiction recovery program where

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) 4; 3) Ehud; 4) Elisha; 5) Adoni-Bezek; 6) Malachi

Trivia Test Answers

1. Greg, Marcia, Peter, Jan, Bobby and Cindy;
2. Arctic;
3. Airman basic;
4. Sneakers;
5. "Hamlet";
6. 10 years;
7. Bill Murray;
8. Five;
9. Deep creases at your wrists;
10. George Herbert Walker Bush



People don't realize how much Bruce puts in time at work and the pride with what he does. The lengths and distance he will go. He is a family man and does what he can to do right by his family. As the first funeral home in Cherokee, N.C., he and his family intends to serve his community and others. What a special man. Sometimes as his wife, I feel he feels alone. No support from anyone as the work is specialized. But, family but I know God will give him his rewards for all he has done to better his life and family and most of all his community. So, to all the support for the frontline Thanks you. I ask you don't forget the ones who carry your loved ones home gracefully. I'm proud of you and no matter what we all go home and you're there to help.

Love you, your supporters.

all 12 steps are rooted in scripture and taught from a Biblical perspective. The meetings are open to anyone, and all materials will be provided. Info: Pastor Scott Hill 508-4736

Analenisgi class schedule

Mondays

- MAT
- Early Recovery Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Early Recovery Live, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Early Recovery Virtual, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- Peer Support
- WRAP Live, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Grief Group Live, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesdays

- MAT
- Foundations Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

- Foundations Virtual, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- Substance Abuse Therapy (SAT)
- SAT Group Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Wednesdays

- MAT
- Transitions Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Recovery Transitions Virtual, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- Peer Support
- Healthy Boundaries Live, 8:30 p.m.

Thursdays

- MAT
- Long Term Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Long Term Live, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Long Term Virtual, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Peer Support
- MAT Peer Support Group, 1 p.m.

- to 2 p.m.
- Substance Abuse Therapy
- SAT Group Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Fridays**
- MAT
- MAT Support Group Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- MAT Support Group Virtual, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
- Peer Support
- Radical Acceptance Live, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Substance Abuse Therapy
- SAT Group Virtual, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Analenisgi Circle of Support

Groups. Mondays 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., group focused on Substance Abuse. Thursdays 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., group focused on Mental Health. Both groups will be located in the Rivercane room located across from the Analenisgi lobby and front desk. Analenisgi is offering groups for friends and family of adult clients. These groups are focused on providing education and support to our community. Info: Jennifer Holling 497-9163 ext. 7528

Fun Facts from the Editor:

- * New Zealand is the only country that contains every type of climate in the world.
- * Light doesn't always travel at the speed of light. The speed of light is only constant in a vacuum. When it passes through matter it can be slowed down. Photons (light particles) pass through water at 3/4ths the speed of light. Light was once actually slowed down to 38 miles per hour.



Remembering War Dogs

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: During Memorial Day week, I wanted to bring your readers' attention to the service and sacrifice of the thousands of dogs who went to war with their soldiers. Many did not come home, because they either died during operations or were left behind. Please take a few minutes this week to remember these four-footed warriors — Jim W., Chattanooga

DEAR JIM: Request received! Thank you for calling attention to the sacrifices of military working dogs. The U.S. armed forces has had a military dog program since World War II. These canine warriors help detect mines and improvised explosive devices (IEDs), provide security on bases and much more. Between 2001 and 2013, over 2,600 "war dogs" were deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq. In that time, at least 92 are known to have died, the majority in combat.

However, in all this time, there was no military-wide tracking system of its injured war dogs. How often were they injured or killed? What were their injuries like? How did they fare after their service? Data that would be helpful in treating other injured war dogs was being lost.

In January, funding was passed for a Military Working Dogs Trauma Registry (for details, go to www.avma.org and search for "working dogs, combat injuries"). Veterinarians will be able to consult the registry to learn more about war dog combat injuries and better ways to treat them. Injured war dogs will have a better chance of survival. Retired dogs will be able to get more effective treatment for their wounds.

This legislation is a huge, active step toward truly honoring the sacrifices of military working dogs and can help even more of them come home.

Send your questions, tips or comments to ask@pawscorner.com.

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Polls open:
Thursday 6am-6pm

**Elect
Cyndi Lambert**

It's been great getting to know you a little better over the past few months and I'm asking that you get to the poll on Thursday and take your family. Also, reach out and make some calls for our campaign. Thank you so much!

Cyndi

Political Ad



WANTED

Motivated buyer looking to purchase 3-5 bedroom home preferably in the Yellowhill community or on the Qualla Boundary in Swain County. Would also be interested in the purchase of land (at fair market value) for 5-10 acres or complete parcel(s) in the: Yellowhill Community: #211, #239, #401, #448, #450. Or with Right of way access: #565, 579, 563, 408-B. Birdtown Community (3,200 Tract): #113-B, #233-B (Walker Cove Rd.), and Tribal Reserve between BIA Rd. 548/Settaco Rd and Parcels #111, #112-D, and #233B. If interested, please call 828-736-6989 and please leave a message if I'm unable to answer. 6/9

FOR SALE

1938 Plymouth Business Coop/5 window, (828)788-5133 – Tony Cagle. 6/16

YARD SALES

Rummage sale. June 4 and 5 at Cherokee Outpost (building in front of Quality Inn Hotel) on 441N Cherokee. Two leather recliners; dresser; kitchen table with four chairs; rugs; comforters, spreads, and linen; clothes galore, all sizes; store fixtures, showcase, counters, slat wall fixtures; and sofa beds. 497-9427 or 226-0994. 6/2



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Lots of possibilities begin to open up by midweek. Some seem more appealing than others. But wait for more facts to emerge later on before you consider which to choose.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bravo to the determined Bovine. While others might give up, you continue to search for answers. Expect your Taurean tenacity to begin paying off by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might want to consider stepping back from the task at hand for a while. This could help you get a better perspective on what you've done and what still needs to be done.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your keen Cancerian insight should help you determine whether a new offer is solid or just more fluff 'n' stuff. The clues are all there, waiting for you to find them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Being ignored is difficult for any proud Leo or Leona. But pushing yourself back into the spotlight might be unwise. Instead, let things work themselves out at their own pace.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Trying to uncover a colleague's secret under the pretext of showing concern is ill-advised. Control your curiosity in order to avoid raising resentment in the workplace.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect to hear good news about a loved one. Also, be prepared for some changes in several family relationships that could develop from this lucky turn of events.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some surprises are expected to accompany a number of changes that will continue through part of next week. At least one could involve a romantic situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might be upset by some of your critics. But most of your associates continue to have faith in your ability to get the job done, and done well.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A workplace goal that suddenly seems out of reach is no problem for the sure-footed Goat, who moves steadily forward despite any obstacles placed in his or her way.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Uncertainty about who is right and who isn't might keep you from making a clear-cut decision. Wait until you know more about what you're being asked to decide.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be careful to keep your emotions in check when dealing with a demanding personal situation. You need to set an example of strength for others to follow.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have an extraordinary ability to rally people to do their best. You would be a treasure as a teacher.

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Closing Sunday, June 06, 2021

1. Driver (Multiple) – Transit – Operations (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
2. Teacher Assistant – Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
3. Telecommunicator – Public Safety Communications Center – Operations (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
4. Education and Training Manager – Education and Training – Community/Education/ Recreation Services (L13 \$57,554 - \$71,954)
5. Lead Grants and Contract Analyst – Grants Compliance – Treasury (L10 \$43,956 - \$54,950)

Open Until Filled

1. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
2. Detention Officer (Multiple) – Detention Services – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
3. FT Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
4. PT Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$17.55 - \$21.94 per hour)

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Please attach any licenses, certificates, diplomas, resumes, etc. with application. If you are unable to attach the documents, you may drop them off at our offices located at 806 Acquoni Rd. Suite 100 or email them to the Employment Specialists listed on our website. Indian Preference does apply. NOTICE: Due to the Tribal State of Emergency, we will only advertise positions that are classified as Essential or Critical to Tribal Operations. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

MISSING PERSON

Nikki Sandoval

Female

American Indian/Alaska Native

Missing Age: 16 years, Current Age: 17 years

Height: 5' 3" Weight: 174 lbs.

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Last Known Location: Cottonwood, Arizona

Date of last contact: February 9, 2020

NamUs Case Created May 21, 2021

Circumstances of Disappearance: Nikki was last seen in Cottonwood, Arizona on 2/9/2020. She may have traveled to New Mexico.

Investigating Agency: Cottonwood Police Department, 928-634-4246

Case #W200001369

Source: www.namus.gov



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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
Service Department
Seasonal Mowing Crew
Laborers

Agelink Childcare
FT – Teacher's Aide
FT – Lead Teacher
FT – Custodian
Open Until Filled

Bus & Truck Department
PT School Bus Drivers
Children's Home

PT Resident Counselors
Snowbird Childcare
Full Time Teacher Assistant (2)
Lead Teacher
FT Teacher Assistants (2)
FT Cook

Agelink Childcare
FT Receptionist/Office Manager
Open 5/28/21, Closes 6/11/21



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Closing Thursday, June 3, 2021

PTI Behavioral Health RN
PTI Radiology Technologist
Patient Registration Clerk (Grant Funded)
Closing, Thursday June 10, 2021
Residential Technician – Kanvwtiyi
Masters Level Therapist – Analenisgi Inpatient

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Dental Assistant II (Multiple)
Dietary Services Supervisor – Patient Side
EVS Technician
Finance/HR Administrative Assistant
Food Service Worker
Licensed Practical Nurse – Immediate Care Center
Masters Level Therapist – Juvenile Justice
Masters Level Therapist - Kanvwtiyi
Masters Level Therapist – (Grant Funded) Adult/Analenisgi
Peer Support Specialist – (Grant Funded) Analenisgi
PTI Registered Nurse – Analenisgi Inpatient
PTI Registered Nurse – Inpatient
Senior Accountant
Targeted Case Manager – Integrated Classroom

Tsali Care Center

Open Until Filled

Certified Nursing Assistant (Starting Pay \$14.36 – Retention Bonus Eligible)
Certified Nursing Assistant (Part Time Intermittent)
Certified Nursing Assistant (Part Time Regular) (Starting Pay \$14.36 – Retention Bonus Eligible)
Cook
Cook Aide
Director of Nursing
Licensed Practical Nurse
Personal Care Assistant/CNA
Registered Nurse
Registered Nurse Supervisor



WE'RE CALLING THAT THE "I JUST GOT A NEW CASINO JOB" FACE.

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CASINO RESORT

Select positions eligible for hiring bonus. Restrictions apply. Please see Talent Acquisition department for details. Applicants must be 18 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. ©2021, Caesars License Company, LLC.

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org
If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR Dept. at
(828) 497-9163 ext. 6343.

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21-047

In the Matter of the Estate of Lillian Crowe

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

Melvin Crowe
165 Super Crowe Road
Cherokee, NC 28719
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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21-051

In the Matter of the Estate of Phyllis Irene Ashenfelter

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

Joseph Eagleman III
69 Newberry Drive
Sylva, NC 28779
6/9

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

Project Title: In-Stream Res- toration Construction Ser- vices

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Natural Resources Department invites qualified contractors to submit a proposal for each ongoing stream restorations within the Qualla Boundary. You are invited to submit a firm, all-inclusive bid for SocoCreek and Wrights Creek separately. Contractors must have 5 years of experience, or more, constructing in-stream restoration projects, has had to complete at least one in-stream restoration project within the last 2 years and must show a 100% success rate for past projects. All bids must be submitted no later than 11:00am June 27th, 2021

Objectives

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Natural Resources Department and project partners of AECOM are working cooperatively to restore stream habitat affected by bank scouring within two separate locations. For each site location, project objectives are to increase bank stability, build in-stream structures to minimize velocity, and increase stream habitat on tributaries feeding into the Ocunuluftee including Soco Creek and Wrights Creek. Project work under this RFP includes project team meetings, materials acquisition and delivery (large wood with root-fans, boulders, spawning gravel), project construction (large wood placement, large wood structure construction, floodplain shaping, boulder and gravel placement) and site restoration (riparian revegetation). Project team

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Let's get back to the people and places we love this summer. Getting your safe, effective and free COVID-19 vaccine will protect you and others. Millions of people have already taken it—and the only lasting side effect is getting everyone back together.



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HUMAN SERVICES

meetings (project development/technical approach, project inspection, budget development) are anticipated to occur during project duration, materials acquisition and delivery is anticipated to occur in July, project construction is anticipated to occur July 12th – October 4th 2021.

Proposal packages should be addressed to Mr. Rose at the address above and must be received by 11:00 AM, June 27th, 2021 at which time bids will be opened in accordance with TERO procedures. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered. **6/16**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AUDIO/VISUAL SERVICES

Harrah's Cherokee Casino is seeking proposals from qualified

companies to provide audio/visual services for conventions at the Casino's Hotel & Convention Center, tentatively scheduled to open in October 2021. Proposals will be accepted through 5:00 PM, Wednesday, July 7. For a copy of the Request For Proposals, or for more information, please email Charlie Myers at cmyers1@harrahs.com or call 497-8315. **6/9**

Request for Proposals

The EBCI Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program (DV/SA Program) seeks competitive proposals for a Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Counselor on a contractual basis.

The DV/SA Program seeks a certified counselor with expertise in the fields of domestic violence and sexual assault to counsel its clients who are survivors of

domestic violence and/or sexual assault.

Qualifications include:

- Education: Licensed social worker or counselor in the state of North Carolina and have a minimum of a master's degree in one or more of the following fields: mental health counseling, marriage and family therapy, social work or related field.
- Experience: A minimum of Two (2) years of social services or related experience.

Interested individuals should submit a brief letter proposal including the following information:

- Name and contact information
- Copies of certifications
- Relevant work experience

Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before June 11, 2021 will receive priority over later submissions. Please email proposals to both: Marsha Jackson, marsdavi@nc-chokeee.com, Manager of the EBCI DV/SA Program
Alicia Case, allicase@nc-chokeee.com, Outreach Coordinator DV/SA Program,

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The EBCI DV/SA Program reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **6/9**

Request for Proposals

The EBCI Legal Assistance Office seeks competitive proposals for licensed attorneys to represent respondent parents in Cherokee Code Chapter 7B cases on a con-

tractual basis.

The EBCI Legal Assistance Office needs to refer clients that cannot be represented by that office due to a conflict of interest to outside counsel for representation.

Qualifications include:

1. Applicant must be admitted to practice in the Cherokee Court of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.
2. Applicant must provide diligent, professional representation to clients.
3. Applicant should have experience representing clients in custody cases before the Cherokee Court.
4. Applicant must be responsive to clients and bill accurately.

Interested individuals should submit a brief letter proposal including the following information:

- Name and contact information
- Relevant education and experience in this type of work
- Proposed contract terms, including cost to the EBCI
- Professional references

Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before June 15th will receive priority over later submissions.

Please email proposals to Hannah Smith, Senior Associate Attorney General, hannsmi@nc-chokeee.com.

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One Feather calendar

The deadline to submit your birthday for the One Feather calendar, coming this fall, is Friday, June 4 at 12 p.m. No exceptions. Email your information to Jonah at jonaloss@ebci-nsn.gov.

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