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# New housing for Cherokee

# Phase II of Road to Soco Apartments opens officially

**By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

## One Feather Staff

**T**ribal officials of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) cut the ribbon to open Phase II of the Road to Soco Apartments officially on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 28. A total of 24 new units were added with the Phase II expansion which included the opening of buildings F and G.

Units are available in various sizes including:

- Two-Bedroom (988 square feet), \$825/month
- Three-Bedroom (1,167 square feet), \$925/month

- Three-Bedroom (1,225 square feet), \$1,025/month
- Four-Bedroom (1,406 square feet), \$1,125/month

A security deposit equal to one month's rent is required, and DirecTV is included in the monthly rent. The complex is pet-friendly and requires a pet application plus a \$250 non-refundable deposit.

"I'm really excited about this Phase II opening up and then the Acquoni Road project happening next," Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed said during Wednesday's event. "I do want to tip my hat to Housing...the team that works up there in the administrative offices doing loans, doing rate buy-downs, doing down-payment assistance, getting folks into homes – we're putting a lot of people into homes."

He added, “This is going to open up a lot of opportunities for more of our families. We’ll get



Phase II of the Road to Soco Apartments opened officially on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 28. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

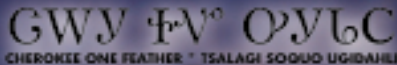


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Tamara Jackson, Road to Soco Apartments site manager, cuts the ribbon to open Phase II officially on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 28. Shown, left to right, are – Garanco Co-Owner Gary Stanley, Tribal Council Vice Chairman David Wolfe, Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke, Birdtown Rep. Albert Rose, Jackson, Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell, Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley, Yellowhill Rep. Tom Wahnetah, and Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed.

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rolling on Acquoni Road and get rolling on Camp Creek. We'll just keep putting our Cherokee families into homes. I appreciate everybody's hard work. Let's hear it for Housing."

Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley commented, "We really do appreciate all of the hard work that all the Housing employees do on a daily basis. We call on you every day. I know Bunsey (Crowe) has really put a lot of time and effort into this and all the projects."

He continued, "There's a lot of hard work that goes into all of these projects. Our enrolled members, and people from the surrounding counties, all get to benefit from these projects we're doing now. We really appreciate it."

Edwin Taylor, Secretary of Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD), noted that the program now has 162 market rate units. He told the One Feather, "Within the market rate units, we provide work-force housing on an as-needed basis based on availability. CIHD also manages 21 Housing Improvement Program (HIP) units that serves elders and disabled members of the EBCI and has an inventory of 147 affordable housing rental units funded through our Indian Housing Block Grant. These units are for low-income members of the EBCI

and members of other federally recognized tribes."

Taylor noted that projects CIHD has in development will add from 350 to 400 additional units in the next three years.

Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell, chairperson of the Housing Committee for Tribal Council, spoke during the ribbon-cutting event noting, "I come from a time where I don't know if anybody ever pictured things like this happening around here... there was some opposition in Housing. They said our people wouldn't live like this. They wouldn't live in an apartment-type complex. I always knew we would because of experiencing this in other places. I think the people that are there now in the other buildings are, overall, happy with what they've got."

Rep. Shell is retiring from public office later this year and said, "So, when I leave this year, I think it will be in good hands. I think we'll continue to work forward with this initiative to provide what we can for our people. And, I'm glad that we have the resources right now to do this and that it will generate revenue to keep doing these things for our people. We can look out for the next generation and the next generations to come. Thank you to all that had anything to do with this."

For more information on renting in the Road to Soco Apartment complex, call 359-6940.

# Election case of Amy Anders heard at Cherokee Supreme Court

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**

One Feather Staff

Amy Anders' case to run for the Wolftown seat of the Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) School Board has been denied by the Cherokee Supreme Court in a decision delivered on Thursday, April 29.

According to discussion in open court, there was an appeal made to the Election Board and a hearing held that did not favor Ms. Anders. The Election Board ruled in favor of itself, and Ms. Anders appealed to the Cherokee Court for remedy.

The Court heard this case on the morning of Thursday, April 29. Anders was contesting a decision delivered by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Board of Elections that deemed her unable to run due to the location of her residency. She has lived and voted in the Wolftown community for nearly two decades, but the Election Board is saying that her property resides in the Big Y community and not the greater Wolftown area.

The CCS School Board is made up of six seats. Unlike Tribal Council, Wolftown and Big Y have separate representation on the

School Board. The Election Board is stating that Anders may only run for the Big Y seat, which is not up for vote this year. The School Board has four-year, staggered terms. Tara Reed-Cooper was elected to represent Big Y in 2019. Anders was represented by attorney Robert Saunooke on Thursday. Mr. Saunooke says the true question that needs answering is not whether Anders lives in Big Y, but whether living in Big Y restricts her from running for the Wolftown seat.

Saunooke said nowhere in the governing documents does it state that Big Y was fully exclusive from Wolftown, only that Big Y is a part of Wolftown. Further, he stated that the Election Board does not have the authority to decide that exclusion, but that the Tribal Council is the only body who has the power to do so. Saunooke's argument was that if the Tribal Council wished to make Big Y fully exclusive, it could have done so at any point over the last several decades.

Another situation that led to significant discussion was that Anders was denied the ability to vote at a Big Y election due to her being registered in Wolftown alone. Wolftown and Big Y have separate

polling locations, with all these votes being counted as 'Wolftown' except for that of the School Board vote. Anders was attempting to vote at the Big Y location the year the Big Y School Board seat was open, and that is why she was denied.

EBCI Attorney General Michael McConnell represented the Tribe in this case. He said that instance should have triggered the process of reviewing Anders' community registration, but that it did not. McConnell said that he could not speak as to why that is.

McConnell also spoke to the odd structure of the School Board, demonstrating that it was 'a creature of the Tribal ordinance.' He inferred that the School Board is never mentioned in the Charter, and instead has been adapted throughout several decades of ordinances. This is similar to the makeup of the Tribal Court, itself. Mr. Saunooke finished by saying that he felt aspects of the discussion got away from his argument. He said that his client was not arguing against the official community in which she resides, simply that the Election Board does not have the authority to exclude in this situation. He said that it doesn't matter where in Wolftown you live, it is still the overarching community Wolftown. He said that unless the Tribal Council states otherwise, that should be the case for those that wish to run for a seat on School Board.

The decision was filed at 3:38 p.m., hours after the hearing. It read as follows:

'After reviewing the record and hearing arguments of counsel, this Court hereby affirms the decision of the Cherokee Board of Elections. The Court issues this

decision with an opinion to follow as soon as practicable due to the time restriction of the forthcoming 2021 primary elections.'

## Good Housekeeping

### Gingered Pear and Dried Fruit Crisp

Dessert doesn't get much easier than this! Canned pears are mixed with chunks of dried fruit and a sprinkling of cinnamon, then topped with crumbled gingersnap cookies.

- 2 cans (28 to 29 ounces each) pear halves in light syrup
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 cup mixed dried fruit, cut into large pieces
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 1/2 cups gingersnap cookies (about 20 cookies)
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- Fresh mint sprigs for garnish

1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Drain pears, reserving 1 cup syrup. With wire whisk, mix cornstarch into reserved pear syrup until blended. In shallow 2 1/2-quart glass or ceramic baking dish, toss pears with reserved syrup mixture, dried fruit and cinnamon until evenly mixed. Bake filling, covered, 15 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, in food processor with knife blade attached, blend gingersnap cookies, butter and sugar until finely ground and evenly mixed. With fingertips, press cookie mixture into small chunks and scatter over pear filling.

3. Bake crisp, uncovered, 10 to 12 minutes longer or until filling is hot and bubbling and cookie topping is crisp. Spoon into dessert bowls; garnish with mint sprigs. Serves 8.

• Each serving: About 270 calories, 6g total fat (1g saturated), 2g protein, 54g carbohydrate, 4g fiber, 0mg cholesterol, 185mg sodium.

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In his memoirs, writing about the early 1980's, Former Principal Chief Robert Youngdeer said, "The Cherokee Boys Club is a prime example of what can be accomplished by teamwork and having rules to follow. Everyone working for the Cherokee Boys Club knew that if they violated the rules, they would be out of a job. No so within the framework of tribal operations. Supervisors found it impossible to fire anyone. No matter what the charge, a committee sanctioned by tribal council would hold a hearing and make a political decision. Truthfully speaking, if the tribal operations were turned over today to the Cherokee Boys Club to operate in the manner they have operated successfully for sixty some odd years, there would be no need for tribal elections and discontent among tribal membership.

Source: "The Memoirs of Robert Youngdeer: Marine, Chief, and Proud American", By Robert S. Youngdeer (Chief, Beloved Man of the EBCI)



# Cherokee to make history with electric school bus

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

Cherokee will be getting an electric school bus soon thanks to a grant from the N.C. Phase I Volkswagen (VW) Mitigation Program. The Cherokee Boys Club (CBC) operates the school bus system for Cherokee Central Schools on the Qualla Boundary. The EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Air Quality Office collaborated with the Cherokee Boys Club in receiving this grant for the Tribe.

Greg Owle, CBC general manager, and Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed signed a Commitment to Purchase agreement with Carolina Thomas, who will build the bus, at the Cherokee Boys Club conference room on the morning of Wednesday, April 28.

“We’re going to have the first electric school bus given to an organization in the State of North Carolina,” said Owle. “We’re setting precedent. It all is wonderful.”

He said that the Cherokee Boys Club wishes to add more electric school buses in the future. “This is round one. We’ll be getting a couple more electric buses as time goes along. We were selected because of our demographic.”

At Wednesday’s signing, Chief Sneed commented, “It’s a very exciting time. As we see the shift across both the automotive truck-



Greg Owle, center, Cherokee Boys Club general manager, signs a Commitment to Purchase agreement to get an electric school bus from Carolina Thomas using grant funds from the N.C. Phase I Volkswagen (VW) Mitigation Program. The signing took place at the Cherokee Boys Club conference room on the morning of Wednesday, April 28. Shown with Owle are Roy Parks, left, Carolina Thomas western regional sales manager; and Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

ing and bus industries away from internal combustion engines and toward more eco-friendly electric platforms, it’s very exciting that the Eastern Band is going to be the first in the State of North Carolina with an electric school bus. We’re very excited to be the front-runner in this and once again set the standard, not only for western North Carolina but for the entire state.”

The bus coming to Cherokee will come with a two-stage charging station – a fast charge

and a slow charge. The bus will have about a 150-mile range when fully charged.

Information from EBCI Natural Resources states, “This project, ‘Native Electric’, will test a new clean transportation technology that will reduce nitrogen oxides (NOx) and other harmful diesel emissions to help protect natural resources and viewsheds on EBCI lands. The primary contributor of NOx on EBCI lands are mobile sources (93 percent). Diesel

engines contribute to this problem by emitting NOx and SOx, which transform into secondary particles in the atmosphere. Emission of NOx contribute to the formation of ground level ozone, which irritates the respiratory system. Ground level ozone pollution, formed when nitrogen oxides and hydrocarbon emissions combine in the presence of sunlight, presents a hazard for both healthy adults and individuals suffering from respiratory problems like asthma.”



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# Pre-trial of Cody Long continued to July

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**

One Feather Staff

The pre-trial for the case of Benjamin Cody Long has been continued once again, with what seems like the final pre-trial date being set for July 14.

Judge Monty Beck finalized this decision at a hearing on Wednesday, April 28. The date had been previously set by Judge Jerry Waddell on March 3. This session in July will only be heard if defending attorney Brent Smith has anything to file. If not, the case will move directly to trial, most likely in August.

Long faces seven charges of misuse of Tribal property or money (In violation of Section 14-70.42 (c)(1)). In February, Tribal prosecutors dropped the two felony charges that were posed against Long.

“After investigation and speaking with the experts for the Tribe, the Tribe is in a position that it must take a voluntary dismissal of these two charges at this time after an investigation,” said Cody White of the EBCI Tribal prosecutor’s office on Feb. 17.

Another decision from this hearing was for Long to be granted release on an unsecured bond of \$25,000.

The primary topic of discussion for the hearing on April 28 regarding a previous order to return seized property from the defendant. Brent Smith said they have had to make two orders to return property, one with state court through Swain County and the other with Tribal Court. There are reportedly three phones that had been taken for evidence. Two have been returned, but there is still a Google Pixel that is said to be held by Tribal detectives.

Smith said they have ordered a subpoena for Roger Nadeau of the Cherokee Indian Police Department on two occasions, with the last being Monday, April 26. Smith says that detective Nadeau has not appeared to court on either order.

Judge Beck asked Tribal prosecutors to engage in conversation with Tribal detectives to get this process moving. If the property is not returned soon, Smith will make another official order for the July 14 hearing.

The July pre-trial date could be the last before the official trial date. Tribal Chief Justice Kirk Saunooke said the Court is working with Tribal IT and their other partners in the state to get their jury selection system back online soon. That system has not been working since the Tribal-wide cyberattack that occurred in December of 2019, which prompted the charges in the Long case.

Saunooke says that they hope to have everything sorted out in the coming months, and that the Court is expecting to resume jury trials in August of this year. The case for Benjamin Cody Long will most likely be one of the first cases among these trials.

Bill Travitz, director of the Tribal Office of Information Technology, said there was good news on that front on Thursday, April 29.

“Officially, as of the time that we’re speaking, that problem has been resolved to my knowledge,” said Bill Travitz,

Travitz said that there have been multiple issues with getting this jury selector system back to being operational.

“I know that Doug Chase had been going back and forth between the Court and the vendor. It’s a really old app. It’s not even an installable app, it’s a .exe file that you load in on a machine, which doesn’t jive with our modern security architecture. It’s one of those things, they hadn’t made a whole lot of noise to us about it. And because where we’ve been the past year with reconstructing the network, if you’re not making noise a lot of the times you don’t get the grease,” said Travitz.

He said that the Court had not pressed IT to make this a priority item, so it was placed in the longer queue of restructuring the entire Tribal network. Given the type of dated software it is, it was deemed a ‘more problematic’ project. It is also a service that is used by a limited number of people at Tribal Court. Travitz said that IT had been addressing the issues by priority, level of difficulty, and the user base it was directly affecting. Because of the reasons listed, the jury system was not made a priority until the last two or three months.

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# Cherokee Police Commission pushing for more communication

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**

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For the last several months, the reorganized Cherokee Police Commission has been requesting more consistent information from the entities they oversee. This was again the primary topic of discussion on Thursday, April 22.

The Commission discussed questions and concerns for the first 40 minutes of the meeting before bringing in the first guests to present.

Frank Dunn had a list of questions that he wished to have answered by the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD). He was concerned that he had not seen much of anything in terms of CIPD financials. Dunn said he had been collecting many of these questions from the community.

Another problem that was discussed in-length were the complaints reported to the Police Department.

“Complaints, we need to see those so that we know that they’re dealing with them. There’s been complaints made, and we haven’t received a copy of them from the PD like we should have. I don’t know why,” said Chairperson Gene “Tunney” Crowe.

The transparency was one issue, and Buddy Johnson said the process of filing a complaint was another. He said that the current complaint form is too much of a filter for those that might want to fill out a complaint. Johnson brought out an example of a CIPD complaint form, demonstrating how complicated and intimidating it was for someone outside of the department.

Kym Parker suggested that the Police Commission work together

to draft a new form for the CIPD and send it there way for use.

The first guest of the afternoon was Zach Stutts of Tribal EMS. He was there to discuss the department’s experience working with the Overdose Map technology they implemented in 2019, as well as a new grant that is allowing them to extend this work.

“It serves as a software that allows us to enter in all the overdoses that we respond to. So, EMS has been housing that and entering that data. We went in and we backdated all of our data from our patient care reports back until 2017,” said Stutts.

“It’s pretty neat. It lets us take

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- Cherokee Police Commission Chairperson Gene “Tunney” Crowe

the information from our patient care reports and put it into a database that has no patient information in it whatsoever. It’s been approved by the Attorney General’s office, both here and National-ly. Every state there is. There’s no HIPAA violations.”

Buddy Johnson was excited by what he saw, and he moved to have the OD map report offered to the Police Commission monthly. This motion was passed unanimously.

The next guests were the CIPD, who provided the monthly report from the department.

Alica Wildcatt, public information officer for the CIPD, said they have finished their five-year strategic plan. She said that the main thing she is being tasked with is to create public outreach programs. The hope is to get the Police Chief or an officer at every community

club meeting, as well as other local meetings for public engagement. Chairperson Crowe requested copies of this five-year plan, stating that any major policy changes need to come through the Commission. He said he was not made aware of this plan.

Gene Owl, interim police chief, said there are other ways that the department is looking to increase accessibility to the public.

“The people that have our record management system, they have a new program on there that’s called Citizen Connect. It would be real easy for them to set up for us, and that way citizens could get on that website and

they’re able to pull their accident reports and they could even file a report on that system. That’s just something I’m looking at right now,” said Owl.

The police department also announced that as the Tribe continues to ease COVID-19 protocols, the police department would be resuming detention center video visitation. Times for visitation are between 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Inmates will be visited on particular days by last name, as follows:

- A-F Monday
- G-K Tuesday
- L-P Wednesday
- Q-U Thursday
- V-Z Friday

There was also discussion on the camera systems for the CIPD. Interim Chief Owl said that things are looking good with their hopes to implement Getac systems across

the department. This move would include body cams for all officers, and two car cameras in each vehicle.

The Commission also asked about the surveillance cameras across the Boundary, and Owl confirmed that they are still active, though there has been discussion about shifting where they are situated.

Cody White made an appearance representing the Tribal prosecutor’s office. He addressed concerns with dismissal of charges, stating that the conviction rate is higher than it may seem. White stated that often there are significantly more charges than they can pursue in a case, and this is something that they have discussed with officers. He said that the conviction rate per incident is better than what some understand.

The final guest was Josh Taylor, who gave a report on his ALE staff. He also spoke at length in support of White and the prosecutor’s office. He also spoke about body cams, as his staff were being equipped with a different system, Axon, bought separately from the CIPD’s planned purchase.

The April 22 meeting of the EBCI Police Commission was called to order at 12 p.m. with Chairperson Tooney Crowe; Vice Chair Buddy Johnson; Secretary Anita Lossiah; and Commissioners Frank Dunn, Frank Herron, Lisa Taylor, and Kym Parker all present. Solomon Saunooke was excused from this meeting due to a family emergency.

The next meeting for the EBCI Police Commission is set for Thursday, May 13 at 12 p.m.



# Constitution vs. Charter: Article IV (continued)

## Know the difference!

### Proposed Constitution

#### Article IV – Legislative Branch (continued)

**Section 11. Veto.** Any legislation of Tribal Council may be vetoed by the Executive branch. A veto shall not prevail against a two-thirds (2/3) unweighted vote of Tribal Council.

### Current Charter

**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.

#### What does unweighted vote mean?

In this Constitutional proposal, an unweighted vote gives each voting member of Tribal Council the same value as any other member of Council. One person, one vote.

#### Why have an unweighted vote?

Currently, the Charter empowers Tribal Council's use of the weighted vote system which gives the members variable voting strength with some having more than others. This means that it can take as few as five Council members to ratify legislation. If four of the Council members from the two largest communities vote together, controlling 48% of the weighted vote it would only take one other Tribal Council member to pass legislation. If the Chief vetoes legislation, it would only take two more Council members to override the veto for a total of seven.

On the other hand, it would take all eight members of Council that are not representing the two large communities just to pass legislation (52%). And if the Chief vetoes the legislation, it would require two more to override it or 10 members of Council.

With the unweighted vote, it will give each member of Tribal Council equal voting strength and would require any eight of the twelve Tribal Council members to reach the 2/3 majority vote to override a Chief's veto.



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# Lumbee Bill introduced into House again

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

Certain lawmakers are attempting yet again to garner federal recognition for the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. Congressmen G.K. Butterfield (D-N.C.), Dan Bishop (R-N.C.), and David Price (D-N.C.) submitted H.R. 2758 (Lumbee Acknowledge Act) on Thursday, April 22.

"I am proud to reintroduce this bill to right a historic wrong by finally extending the Lumbee Tribe the full federal recognition they deserve," Rep. Butterfield said in a statement. "In the case of the Lumbee, it is well past time for Congress to exercise its authority. Now is the time for this Congress

to stand on the right side of history and fully recognize the Lumbee."

Rep. Bishop, Congressman from North Carolina's 9th District which includes Robeson County where a majority of people who identify as Lumbee live and vote, noted Lumbee recognition has been one of his "top priorities". He said in a statement, "It is a tragedy the federal government has denied members of the Lumbee Tribe their rightful Native American heritage, and I am hopeful Congress will address this obvious injustice."

For years, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) have opposed federal recognition for the Lumbees. Multiple Principal Chiefs have testified in Washing-

ton, D.C. against their acknowledgement including Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed. With this latest bill introduction though, Chief Sneed declined to comment. EBCI officials have questioned the heritage of the Lumbee who have formerly been called the Croatan Indians, the Indians of Robeson County, and the Cherokee Indians of Robeson County.

The current bill is an identical piece of legislation that was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on Nov. 16, 2020 and went on to die in the U.S. Senate. As with that legislation, if passed, H.R. 2758 would set the Lumbee tribal service area for those tribal members residing in Robeson, Cumberland, Hoke, and Scotland

counties in eastern North Carolina. The State of North Carolina would have jurisdiction over "all criminal offenses that are committed; and all civil actions that arise" within the tribal land base. The legislation states that the Lumbee Tribe could petition to take some jurisdiction over their lands after two years of the passage of the Act.

The EBCI isn't the only tribe in opposition. In a joint letter with Chief Sneed in November 2020, Cyrus Ben, Chief of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, addressed concerns, "For over a century, the Lumbees have claimed to be Cherokee, Croatan, Siouan, Cheraw, Tuscorora, and other unrelated tribes but have never been able to demonstrate any historical or genealogical tie to any historic tribe. Instead of demonstrating credible ties to historic tribes, they abandon one claim for another when challenges to their identity are asserted."

For years, the Lumbees were unable to go through the federal acknowledgment process due to an interpretation of the 1956 Lumbee Act. That changed with a 2016 memorandum from the Interior Department's Office of the Solicitor that paved the way for them to pursue federal acknowledgment through the Department petition process.

To date, the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina has not submitted a petition for acknowledgment to go through that process.

**EBCI Early Voting** for the Primary Election started Monday, May 3. It will run May 3-7, May 10-14, May 17-22 with the last day being May 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



## June 2021 Per Capita Distribution Amount

\* **\$6,583 (before taxes)**

\* **\$6,553 (after mandatory tax withholding)**

\* **\$987 (voluntary tax withholding)**

\* **\$5,596 (after voluntary tax withholding)**

**This represents an increase of \$724 from June 2020.**

- Source: Rep. Tommye Saunooke announcement during Budget Council on Tuesday, May 4.



## Body found while searching for missing person

While conducting a grid search for missing person James Pepion, a search team located a camp site and human remains, in close proximity to his residence.

No identification has been done at this time.

The remains will be sent to Wake Medical Center for DNA and dental record comparison.

“Please keep the James Pepion family in your thoughts and prayers, this is a situation that no family should ever have to go through,” stated Cherokee Indian Police Dept. Interim Chief of Police Gene Owl. “I would like to thank the Spartanburg County Search and Rescue team, the SC Foothills Search and Rescue Team, Dan Moseley and his K-9 Bo, Cherokee Fire Department, Tribal EMS, Emergency Management, Animal Control, Natural Resource Enforcement, and Officers from CIPD for an outstanding effort.”

- Cherokee Indian Police Dept.  
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## CIPD Arrest Report for April 18-25

*The following people were arrested by the Cherokee Indian Police Department and booked into the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center. It should be noted that the following defendants have only been charged with the crimes listed and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Mugshots can be viewed online at theonfeather.com.*

Queen, Justin – age 19  
Arrested: April 18  
Released: April 19  
Charges: Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property (four counts),

Injuring Real Property, Reckless Endangerment, Assault Government Official/Employee

Wilnoty, Laranzo Daniel – age 34  
Arrested: April 18  
Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Possession Drug Paraphernalia; Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance; Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance

Hobbs, Edith Mareena – age 48  
Arrested: April 19  
Released: April 19  
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree (two counts)

Bird, Isaac William – age 25  
Arrested: April 20  
Released: April 20  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Locust, Kaley – age 21  
Arrested: April 20  
Released: April 20  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

McMillan, James – age 45  
Arrested: April 20  
Released: April 20  
Charges: Assault on a Female

Santiago, Amanda Rae – age 44  
Arrested: April 20  
Released: April 21  
Charges: Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders

Shults, Adriana Esmer – age 36  
Arrested: April 21  
Released: April 21  
Charges: Drunk and Disruptive

Ward, Delbert Carlyle – age 30

Arrested: April 21  
Released: April 21  
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

Ward, Rhiannon Tancy – age 26  
Arrested: April 21  
Released: April 21  
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

French, Kelly Sharaine (Long) – age 35  
Arrested: April 22  
Released: April 22  
Charges: Failure to Appear

Reed, Moses – age 42  
Arrested: April 22  
Released: April 22  
Charges: Driving While License Revoked

Young, Kevyn Addison – age 24  
Arrested: April 22  
Released: April 25  
Charges: Assault on a Female, Domestic Violence, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Watty, Ariella Jo – age 36  
Arrested: April 25  
Released: April 26  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance – Schedules I-V (four counts); Possession Drug Paraphernalia; Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Sell or Deliver a Controlled Substance – Scheduled I-V

Williams, Savetta Rowena – age 32  
Arrested: April 25  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Possessions of a Controlled Substance – Schedules I-V (two counts), Drug Paraphernalia (Using Possessing), Larceny



## Flea Baths Offer Cats Only Temporary Relief

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** After my mother passed away last year, I brought her two cats to live with me. They're sweet and have settled in nicely, but they also have fleas. These came with them from my mom's house. Giving them a bath removes the fleas temporarily, but after a couple of weeks both cats are covered again. How can I get rid of these pests once and for all? — *Jeremy in Knoxville*

**DEAR JEREMY:** My condolences on your mother's passing, and thank you for caring for her pets.

While it may be impossible to completely get rid of fleas, you can drastically reduce the level of infestation on your cats. Here's how:

— Continue regular treatment of the cats through flea baths, collars or topical treatments.

— Comb through the cats' fur daily using your fingers or a brush: Tiny dark specks indicate that fleas are still present.

— Don't let cats outdoors: Fleas and ticks will hitch a ride on their fur.

— Two to four times a year, treat your entire home for fleas. These pests can lay hundreds or thousands of tiny eggs in your cats' hair, in carpets and rugs, and in dusty corners. Close your cats in a safe room and sprinkle flea powder across the carpet and into the corners, let sit for as many hours as the instructions say, then vacuum up. Wash rugs, if possible.

— Dust and vacuum your home once a week. Vacuum twice per week in peak flea season, during the warmer months. This helps remove unhatched flea eggs.

Vigilance and a proactive cleaning and treatment routine will keep those fleas at bay.

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

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The Cherokee High School varsity wrestling team is shown, left to right, back row – Jaylynn Esquivel, Chase Calhoun, Kaden Trantham, Lloyd Teesateskie, and Zachary O’Kelly; front row – Dakota Siweumtewa, Ian Crowe, Alitama Perkins, Braden Taylor, Caden Pheasant, and Masih Catolster. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

## ‘Make weight, make state’

### WRESTLING

## Cherokee wrestlers are gunning for state tournament

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

After having several wrestlers qualify for the NCHSAA 1A State Tournament last season, this year’s Cherokee High School (CHS) varsity team is looking to bring home some hardware this year.

“Keep on grinding and keep on going,” Masih Catolster, a junior who won the Smoky Mountain Conference (SMC) title in the 285lb. division in February 2020, said when asked his thoughts on the upcoming season. “I just hope everybody is supportive of each other. We need to keep a good environment, keep our heads straight, keep the mentality, and keep on



Braden Taylor, right, Cherokee senior, wrestles Kyle Jamerson, of Madison, in a match at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Friday, April 30. Taylor won the match by a pin.



going.”

When asked about his goals for this season, he noted, “I want to stay healthy, win state, stay motivated, and keep my head clear.”

Caden Pheasant, a senior who won the SMC title in 2020 in the 170lb. division, said of his thoughts coming into the season, “I just need to keep on the road to state and keep grinding. Keep going hard. It’s a little weird because it’s COVID, but at the end of the day you’re still on the mat with another person and going at it as hard as she can. You’ve just got to want it more than they do.”

Braden Taylor, a senior, took second place in the SMC tournament in 2020 in the 160lb. division noted, “The past couple of years, we really haven’t had a full team. This year, quite a few people showed up and we have a pretty good team. I feel like we can make a run for the team conference this year.”

Catolster said the team mentality is strong and very supportive. “It makes us better too. Once you lose, just don’t give up. Stay with the team and just keep going and just get better. There’s always going to be someone over you. You’re going to always have to surpass something. It’s just another object to get over.”

Pheasant added, “It’s kind of different, as an individual sport. But, either way, it’s like a big brotherhood and sisterhood now as we have some good girl wrestlers coming in. It’s really supportive when you need it to be.”

This year’s team has two girl wrestlers including Alitama Perkins and Jaylynne Esquivel.

Perkins, a freshman who will wrestle in the 138lb. division, commented, “Growing up, I was always a lot closer to the guys. I was always just around them more and



Ian Crowe, top, Cherokee senior, wrestles James Calloway, of Madison, in a match at the Charles George Memorial Arena on the evening of Friday, April 30. Crowe won the match on points.

then split up during sports seasons. I missed having my family, it felt like, because these boys are more than teammates – they’re my family. When I saw everyone going to wrestling, I thought, ‘I want to try that, that looks pretty cool’. And, I’ve always been more into guy sports anyways so I decided to try it.”

In her second season as a wrestler, having competed last season in middle school, Perkins said she is coming into her own in the sport. “These boys make me work as hard as I can. Even though I get tired, they keep pushing me and pushing me. My coach is probably one of the best people we have around here. When I’m ready to give up, he’s the one that tells me ‘you got it, keep going.’”

She hopes to win many of her matches this season with the goal of qualifying for the state tournament. “I don’t see a lot of girls in the sport. It’s really a male-dominated sport. I know how hard it is on my body trying to drop the weight, and our bodies function differently as women. I know how

hard it is to wrestle against guys that don’t want to wrestle you or are just mean because you’re a girl and they don’t think you’re supposed to be in this sport. It’s really tough, and I have mad respect for the girls that do this sport. It really shows who’s family and who’s not.”

Off-season preparation has been vital to this team. Pheasant noted, “All summer long, I’d get up at 4:30 a.m. every morning, work out, go to the MMA gym in Sylva, come back, work out and go to practice, work out after and roll around with our old coach, Tavi Rivera – it’s non-stop really.”

Taylor added, “In the off-season, I wake up early and get to the gym and work out for about an hour-and-a-half or so. I go home, rest, and continue that for the rest of the day.”

Mike Winchester, CHS head wrestling coach, said of his team, “We have a couple of kids that are very inexperienced. We have a couple that are very experienced, and that’s a good thing. Our older guys are really doing a great job

of teaching and helping me coach – helping the other kids learn. As seniors, Braden and Caden are phenomenal kids. I couldn’t ask for anything better than those guys.”

He added, “We’ve got a couple who are struggling to make weight. As soon as we make weight, we’ll have a pretty good team.”

Coach Winchester said his goal is for at least three CHS wrestlers to qualify for the state tournament. “It’ll be hard this year. The brackets are cut down. They’ll be 16-man brackets instead of the big, traditional brackets. Regionals will be a one-loss and you’re out event. It’s never been like that before. So, they’ll be no chance to wrestle back through the bracket and finish third or fourth.”

Ian Crowe, a senior who will wrestle this season at 195lb., said that wrestling in a COVID environment has been odd but that he and his teammates are focused on the work at hand. He summed up the team’s commitment stating that he wants to simply “make weight, make state.”

## TRACK and FIELD

# Cherokee hosts first meet of season

**One Feather Staff Report**

**Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather**

The Cherokee High School varsity track and field team hosted a three-team meet with Rosman and Tri-County Early College on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 28. Following are meet results, per CHS, showing the top three finishers in each event plus all CHS finishes:

### Boys

#### Team Scores

- 1 - Cherokee 102
- 2 - Rosman 51
- 3 - Tri-County Early College 17

#### 100M Dash

- 1 - Chase Calhoun (Cherokee) 11.87
- 2 - Michael Driver (Cherokee) 12.11
- 3 - Tso Smith (Cherokee) 12.17
- 2 - Cameron Lane (Cherokee) 12.41

#### 200M Dash

- 1 - Jonathan Frady (Cherokee) 23.21
- 2 - Cameron Lane (Cherokee) 24.93
- 3 - Chase Calhoun (Cherokee) 25.02
- 5 - Mike Driver (Cherokee) 25.60

#### 400M Dash

- 1 - Malakai Fourkiller-Raby (Cherokee) 58.93
- 2 - Dylan McCall (Rosman) 1:01.51
- 3 - Ethan Ennis (Tri-County Early College) 1:01.96
- 4 - Anthony Lossiah (Cherokee) 1:03.37
- 7 - Jaylen Bark (Cherokee) 1:04.08

#### 800M Run

- 1 - Tanin Esquivel (Cherokee) 2:27.47
- 2 - Carson Abram (Rosman) 2:29.62
- 3 - Will Crayton (Tri-County Early College) 2:30.56
- 6 - Richard Mata (Cherokee) 2:45.56
- 8 - Darrin Brown (Cherokee) 3:04.12

#### 1600M Run

- 1 - Will Crayton (Tri-County Early College) 5:30.66
- 2 - Jaylen Bark (Cherokee) 5:37.47
- 3 - Carson Abram (Rosman) 5:41.72
- 5 - Oztin Swayney (Cherokee) 6:12.38
- 6 - Tanin Esquivel (Cherokee) 6:53.19
- 7 - Eli Bird (Cherokee) 7:00.85



Cherokee's Dakota Siweumtewa soars over the bar in the boys pole vault competition which he won with a jump of 8-06.

#### 3200M Run

- 1 -Ayden Thompson Cherokee 13:48.88
- 2 -Richard Mata Cherokee 14:37.66
- 3 - Carson Abram Rosman 15:15.38

#### 110M Hurdles

- 1 - Dacian Tafoya (Cherokee) 19.59
- 2 - Aaron Eubanks (Rosman) 20.18
- 3 - Samuel McCall (Rosman) 22.36

#### 300M Hurdles

- 1 - Hayden Stewart (Rosman) 50.09

#### 4x100M Relay

- 1 - Cherokee A 48.90
- 2 - Rosman A 50.08
- 3 - Tri-County Early College A 55.58

#### 4x200M Relay

- 1 - Cherokee A 1:42.34
- 2 - Rosman A 1:51.87

#### 4x400M Relay

- 1 - Rosman A 4:06.28
- 2 - Cherokee A 4:11.34
- 3 - Tri-County Early College A 4:15.00

#### 4x800M Relay

- 1 - Rosman A 9:34.54
- 2 - Cherokee A 9:43.07

#### Discus Throw

- 1 - Kensen Davis (Cherokee) 118-02.25
- 2 - Derek Reynolds (Cherokee) 92-00

- 3 - Luke Climbingbear (Cherokee) 79-05

#### Shot Put

- 1 - Kenson Davis (Cherokee) 38-04
- 2 - Josh Norton (Rosman) 34-01
- 3 - Luke Climbingbear (Cherokee) 30-00
- 5 - Derick Reynolds (Cherokee) 28-06

#### Long Jump

- 1 - Tso Smith (Cherokee) 17-07
- 2 - Ethan Ennis (Rosman) 16-02
- 3 - Alex Jenkins (Rosman) 15-01

#### Triple Jump

- 1 - Anthony Lossiah (Cherokee) 36-02
- 2 - William Hartbarger (Cherokee) 35-03
- 3 - Cole Combs (Rosman) 35-00

#### High Jump

- 1 - William Hartbarger (Cherokee) 5-02
- 2 - Kade Trantham (Cherokee) 5-00
- 3 - Zack O'Kelly (Cherokee) 5-00

#### Pole Vault

- 1 - Dakota Siweumtewa (Cherokee) 8-06
- 2 - Tanin Esquivel (Cherokee) 8-00

### Girls

#### Team Scores

- 1 - Rosman 61
- 2 - Cherokee 54
- 3 - Tri-County Early College 18



### 100M Dash

- 1 - Jaida Ansari (Rosman) 13.55
- 2 - Triniti Littlejohn (Cherokee) 14.21
- 3 - Mackenzie Grove (Tri-County Early College) 14.61
- 6 - Awee Walkingstick (Cherokee) 15.81
- 9 - Niya Mora Cherokee (17.24)

### 200M Dash

- 1 - Jaida Ansari (Rosman) 28.54
- 2 - Triniti Littlejohn (Cherokee) 31.14
- 3 - Avery Batson (Rosman) 34.30
- 5 - Awee Walkingstick (Cherokee) 35.30

### 400M Dash

- 1 - Jaylynne Esquivel (Cherokee) 1:10.58
- 2 - Ever Joy Templeton (Tri-County Early College) 1:15.11
- 3 - Leilaya McMillian (Cherokee) 1:19.18

### 800M Run

- 1 - Rosa Reyes (Cherokee) 2:52.38
- 2 - Jaylynne Esquivel (Cherokee) 3:01.53
- 3 - Chantelle Moll (Rosman) 3:29.06
- 4 - Janna Girty (Cherokee) 3:59.78

### 1600M Run

- 1 - Leilaya McMillian (Cherokee) 6:53.94
- 2 - Emma Abram (Rosman) 6:55.00
- 3 - Betty Lossiah (Cherokee) 9:29.94

### 3200M Run

- 1 - Emma Abram (Rosman) 16:04.47

### 100M Hurdles

- 1 - Laikyn Buchanan (Rosman) 25.28

### 300M Hurdles

- 1 - Emma Abram (Rosman) 1:03.62

### 4x100M Relay

- 1 - Cherokee A 1:00.46
- 2 - Rosman A 1:02.61
- 3 - Tri-County Early College A 1:03.87

### 4x400M Relay

- 1 - Cherokee A 5:04.91
- 2 - Rosman A 7:01.25

### 4x800M Relay

- 1 - Cherokee A 12:55.72

### Discus Throw

- 1 - Chayla Snyder (Rosman) 80-09
- 2 - Elexia Bird (Cherokee) 70-05
- 3 - Marla Panther (Cherokee) 64-04
- 5 - Jaelyn Lossiah (Cherokee) 54-07
- 6 - Praire Toineeta (Cherokee) 46-08

### Shot Put

- 1 - Chayla Snyder (Rosman) 26-11
- 2 - Elexia Bird (Cherokee) 25-02
- 3 - Danielle Norton (Rosman) 22-11
- 5 - Marla Panther (Cherokee) 20-10



Cherokee's Aria Foerst shows good form in the girls long jump event in which she took second place with a jump of 13-02.

- 6 - Praire Toineeta (Cherokee) 19-10
- 8 - Jaylen Lossiah (Cherokee) 18-08

### Long Jump

- 1 - Mackenzie Grove (Tri-County Early College) 14-01

- 2 - Aria Foerst (Cherokee) 13-02
- 3 - Laikyn Buchanan (Rosman) 12-05

### Triple Jump

- 1 - Avery Baston (Rosman) 25-11

## TRACK and FIELD

# Cherokee Middle opens season at Hayesville

### One Feather Staff Report

The Cherokee Middle School (CMS) track and field team opened its season at Hayesville on the afternoon of Monday, April 26 in a meet with Hayesville Middle School and Murphy Middle School. Luke Smith was named Cherokee Male Athlete of the meet and Dvdaya Swimmer was named Cherokee Female Athlete of the meet by Cherokee coaches.

Smith took first place in both the shot put and the discus throw events – beating the second place finisher in the discus by 55 feet. Swimmer took first places as part of the 4x100M and 4x400M relay teams. She also took first place in the 400M Run and second place in the long jump.

Following are results of the meet per CMS:

### Girls

**Team Scores:** 1 – Hayesville 70.5; 2 – Cherokee 54; 3 – Murphy 30.5

**4x100M Relay:** 1 – Cherokee (Dvdaya Swimmer, Lolo Hogner, Livia Crowe, Julia Layno) 58:48; 2 – Hayesville (Kaydence Wood, Breanna Abrams, Briley Clappitt, Kaydence Morrow) 59:37; 3 – Murphy (WyndSOR Caldwell, Allison Hernandez, Lauren Hyde, Leah Beebe) 1:06.71

**4x400M Relay:** 1 – Cherokee (Dvdaya Swimmer, Madison Rogers, Aaliyah Reed, Livia Crowe) 4:56.98; 2 – Hayesville (Breanna Abrams, Raelynn Wood, Savannah Burch, Emma Ashe) 5:16.36; 3 – Murphy (Breeze Hinton, Rylee Tabor, Allison Hernandez, Morgan Laney) 5:45.96

**4x800M Relay:** 1 – Hayesville (Breanna Abrams, Jasmine Brooks, Raelynn Wood, Savannah Burch) 12:15.86; 2 – Cherokee (Selu Swayney, Izzy Raby, Yvonne Saunooke, Alaina Hooser) 13:09.38; 3 – Murphy (Morgan Laney, Rylee Tabor, Kaitlyn Chastain, Corinne Cotton) 13:22.84

**100M Dash:** 1 – Kaydence Morrow (Hayes) 14.59; 2 – Lean Beebe (MMS) 14.90; 3 – Kaydence Wood (Hayes) 14.94; 5 – Naomi Taylor (CMS) 15.03; 7 – Lolo Hogner (CMS) 15.26

**200M Dash:** 1 – Ava Shook (Hayes) 28.83; 2 – Kaydence Morrow (Hayes) 30.71; 3 – Livia Crowe (CMS) 31.65; 4 – Lolo Hogner (CMS) 32.00; 8 – Naomi Taylor (CMS) 34.85

**400M Dash:** 1 – Dvdaya Swimmer (CMS) 1:05.38; 2 – Madison Rogers (CMS) 1:12.01; 3 – Leena Lape (MMS) 1:14.44; 7 – Aaliyah Reed (CMS) 1:20.78

**800M Run:** 1 – Emma Ashe (Hayes) 2:56.38; 2 – Selu Swayney (CMS) 3:07.36; 3 – Jasmine Brooks (Hayes) 3:18.11; 8 – Izzy Raby (CMS) 3:39.40; 11 – Jamee McMillan (CMS) 3:45.65

**1600M Run:** 1 – Savannah Burch (Hayes) 6:28.62; 2 – Selu Swayney (CMS) 6:57.41; 3 – Raelynn Wood (Hayes) 7:06.02; 6 – Izzy Raby (CMS) 7:52.43; 7 – Alaina Hooser (CMS) 8:02.38

**100M Hurdles:** 1 – Briley Clappitt (Hayes) 20.20; 2 – Jasmine Brooks (Hayes) 21.69; 3 – Joscelyn Stamper (CMS) 22.82

**Discus Throw:** 1 – Julia Layno (CMS) 76-11; 2 – Shyla Serrano (MMS) 70-05; 3 – Joscelyn Stamper (CMS) 62-02; 5 – Emilee Brady (CMS) 54-08

**Shot Put:** 1 – Gabby Lloyd (MMS) 26-04; 2 – Madison Rogers (CMS) 23-03.50; 3 – Hailey Mathis (MMS) 21-11.50; 4 – Julia

Layno (CMS) 22-10; 6 – Joscelyn Stamper (CMS) 21-09.50; 8 – Emilee Brady (CMS) 19-10.50

**Long Jump:** 1 – Julia Layno (CMS) 13-10; 2 – Dvdaya Swimmer (CMS) 12-09; 3 – WyndSOR Caldwell (MMS) 12-01; 8 – Naomi Taylor (CMS) 10-00

**Triple Jump:** 1 – Ava Shook (Hayes) 30-10.25; 2 – Emma Ashe (Hayes) 28-00; 3 – WyndSOR Caldwell (MMS) 25-07

**High Jump:** 1 – Ava Shook (Hayes) 4-08; 2 – Breze Hinton (MMS) 4-06; 3 – Bronte Bigham (Hayes) 4-06

**4x200M Relay:** 1 – Hayesville (Emma Ashe, Ava Shook, Breanna Abrams, Kaydence Morrow); 2 – Cherokee (Aaliyah Reed, Naomi Taylor, Madison Rogers, fourth runner not listed); Murphy (Anna Leatherwood, Allison Hernandez, Lauren Hyde, Leah Beebe)

### Boys

**Team Scores:** 1 – Hayesville 78; 2 – Murphy 43; Cherokee 22

**4x100M Relay:** 1 – Hayesville (Daniel Allen, Michael Mauney, Kenyon Rogers, Tate Roberts) 50.93; 2 – Murphy (Cameron Clem, Brady Grant, Grant Copeman, Dathan Hartness) 59.64

**4x400M Relay:** 1 – Hayesville (Kendall Boyer, Nicholas Wilson, Kyle Shaheen, Jackson Dye) 4:55.43; 2 – Murphy (Cole Miller, Colton Morgan, John Durgahm, Dathan Hartness) 5:55.15

**4x800M Relay:** 1 – Hayesville (Cannon Brewer, Jackson Dye, Tyler Fuller, Parker Hughes) 12:09.67; 2 – Murphy (John Durham, Kamdyn Koop, Dathan Hartness, Lastat Godekke) 13:00.98

**100M Dash:** 1 – Michael Mauney (Hayes) 12.22; 2 – Daniel Allen (Hayes) 12.39; 3 – Brady Grant (MMS) 12.89; 6 – Jonathan Saylor (CMS) 14.01

**200M Dash:** 1 – Daniel Allen (Hayes) 26.20; 2 – Michael Mauney (Hayes) 26.41; 3 – Ryan Payne (MMS) 26.73; 5 – Jonathan Saylor (CMS) 28.50

**400M Dash:** 1 – Ryan Payne (MMS) 56.85; 2 – Kyle Shaheen (Hayes) 1:02.08; Ogana Swimmer (CMS) 1:06.92

**800M Run:** 1 – Ogana Swimmer (CMS) 2:38.80; 2 – Cannon Brewer (MMS) 2:46.13; 3 – Cole Miller (MMS) 2:46.13

**1600M Run:** 1 – Cole Miller (MMS) 6:10.22; 2 – Jackson Dye (Hayes) 6:13.23; 3 – Cannon Brewer (Hayes) 6:14.65

**110M Hurdles:** 1 – Kyle Shaheen (Hayes) 18.62; 2 – Camden Breazeale (MMS) 20.19; 3 – Dawson DeVane (Hayes) 22.28

**Discus Throw:** 1 – Luke Smith (CMS) 135-07; 2 – Evan Butcher (MMS) 80-07; 3 – Eli Chandler (Hayes) 78-11; 9 – Zaynon Taylor (CMS) 63-01; 12 – Brandon Blankenship (CMS) 46-09

**Shot Put:** 1 – Luke Smith (CMS) 39-09; 2 – Dawson DeVane (Hayes) 32-03; 3 – Landon Trout (Hayes) 31-08; 10 – Zaynon Taylor (CMS) 25-11.50; 11 – Jayden Tramper (CMS) 25-04; 12 – Jonathan Rivera (CMS) 24-00.50

**Long Jump:** 1 – Ryan Payne (MMS) 15-04; 2 – Jonathan Saylor (CMS) 13-01.75; Ogana Swimmer (CMS) 12-10.25

**Triple Jump:** 1 – Kyle Shaheen (Hayes) 32-03; 2 – Johan Webb (Hayes) 29-07.25

**High Jump:** 1 – Johan Webb (Hayes) 5-00

**4x200M Relay:** 1 – Hayes (Chance Hughes, Tate Roberts, Kenyon Rogers, Daniel Allen) 1:45.62; 2 – Murphy (Brady Grant, Ryan Payne, Cameron Clem, Camden Breazeale) 1:52.34



## Harrah's Cherokee, Tribe extend sponsorship of Swarm

The Georgia Swarm have announced that Harrah's Cherokee Casinos and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians have extended their co-presenting sponsorship of the Swarm for the next five seasons. The five-year deal with the casino ensures the Swarm continue to play on Harrah's Cherokee Casino Field during home games at Infinite Energy Arena through the 2025-26 NLL season.

"We are looking forward to continuing our relationship with the Georgia Swarm who, over the last five years, have proven to be a great partner for our business, as well as the Cherokee community," said Brooks Robinson, regional senior vice president and general manager of Harrah's Cherokee Casinos.

"The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is honored to once again partner with the Georgia Swarm," Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed said. "This is more than a corporate partnership; it is a bond of friendship centered around a game that has defined the strength, honor, and courage of our people from time immemorial."

The Swarm will keep their patented Harrah's Cherokee Casinos branding on both their home and away uniforms, and Harrah's Cherokee Casinos and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will continue to be the game-presenting sponsor for the Swarm's annual Native Heritage Night, a celebration of the roots of lacrosse and the Swarm's largest partner.

The Swarm will continue to

host their annual youth lacrosse camp on the Cherokee Reservation in North Carolina. The multi-day camp features instruction from Thompson Brothers Lacrosse (Jeremy, Jerome, Miles, and Lyle) and is free to Indigenous youth.

"I first want to thank Harrah's Cherokee Casinos and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for their incredible partnership over the past five years," Swarm Co-Owner and President Andy Arlotta said. "We've greatly enjoyed being a part of their community and growing the sport of lacrosse in the South with their help. We are grateful for this continued partnership over the next five years and look forward to continuing building upon the strong and special bond of friendship that exists between us."

- Georgia Swarm release



The Carolina Xplosion 8U softball team went undefeated in the Gold Bracket to claim the championship at the Top Gun USA softball tournament in Morganton on Saturday, May 1. Eleanor Smith, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians from the Wolfetown Community, is a member of the team and had 1 home run, 2 triples, and 3 doubles on the day. A total of 11 teams were in their division. (Photo contributed)

Hello Wolfetown Community! My name is Isaac (Ike) Long. I am the son of Isaac (Buttons) Long and Mary Long of the Wolfetown Community. I am a 1985 graduate of Cherokee High School. I am a Marine Corps veteran. I have two daughters who are also graduates of Cherokee High School, and I have a son who is currently in the 9th grade at Cherokee High School. I have been employed by the Tribe for 13+ years, and I'm an avid volunteer for the Cherokee Central Schools for the past 18 years. If I am re-elected as the Wolfetown School Board member, I plan to continue working together to fulfill a vision for Cherokee Central Schools. I understand our people have a choice in terms of where they send their kids, but the Tribe only has one school, and I believe the Tribe, community, parents, and school system need to work together to make CCS the best option to educate our youth and make our communities better. As a board member, I will take my role very seriously as we make decisions about the direction of the school system. I will help maintain and support the organizational structure so that the superintendent, principals, and directors can lead and manage, the teachers can teach, and most importantly, the students can learn. It will be my job to evaluate and adopt policies that affect all three schools and monitor the budget in order to provide the best possible environment for our students to be the best that they can be. I understand that board members are asked to hear appeals for staff and student disciplinary actions and when conflicts go unresolved, and I will do so with a fair and open mind, ultimately basing my decision on the facts at hand. I already have a good relationship with many of the teachers, coaches, staff, administrators, and other board members, which is crucial when all of us need to work together to help our students succeed. As a board member, every decision I make will ALWAYS have students at the center, and I will promote the well-being of Cherokee Central Schools and the Tribe. I am a team player who understands board members should not be involved in the day-to-day operations of the school. I have the desire to do what I can as a board member to serve the needs of all students, regardless of their ability or background. I am very approachable and am both respectful and respectable. I am committed to the time and energy it takes for meetings, phone calls, conversations, training, special events, and games. I support more hands-on learning and service projects. We want the students who graduate from Cherokee Central Schools to be independent thinkers,

hard workers, and problem solvers. Hands-on learning helps in these areas. We also want our students – upon graduation – to help make their Tribe and community a better place. In order to do this, the school can arrange service opportunities on campus, in area facilities, and in the Tribal community as a whole. The more active students are through both hands-on learning and service opportunities, the less likely they are to make poor choices that lead to misbehaviors, including bullying. I also support a community-wide effort to get students to school and keep them there. They must be present in order to learn. Poor attendance can lead to poor grades, not graduating on time, or dropping out altogether. Again, establishing a strong partnership between the school, Tribe, community, and parents, we can get students to improve their attendance. Ultimately, I believe in the value of a Cherokee Central Schools education, and I am dedicated to serving and educating all students. I know my role and how it aligns with the best interest of the entire school community and not with a personal agenda. I would love to speak with any of you regarding these issues, and I would very much appreciate your vote in the June primary. "A Better School for a Better Tomorrow"



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# Creating a love of reading

Cherokee Youth Council encouraging youth to read through video series

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

Members of the Cherokee Youth Council (CYC) engaged in a project recently with the goal of encouraging youth to read more. As the result of a partnership with Raven's Eye Media, CYC members read various stories which were videoed and posted to YouTube.

The following CYC members participated in the project: Lucian Davis, Alexis Smith, Brayden Taylor, Anna Bigwitch, Emma Taylor, Abigail Taylor, Kaelin Jones, and CYC alumna Faith Long.

Davis read "We Are in a Book", written and illustrated by Mo Willems, and "Pete the Cat: Rockin' in My School Shoes!", written by Eric Litwin and illustrated by James Dean.

"I love that we are able to help younger children to become more interested in reading because I think it is very important to read," said Davis. "Not only does it help you in the long run, it helps you better yourself as a young person. It is time that we encourage our children to read because it will help them learn and become a better person and reader. And, they can be ready for their future."

Jones read "There's a Nightmare in My Closet", written and illustrated by Mercer Mayer, and the Caldecott Medal winning classic "Where the Wild Things Are", written and illustrated by Maurice Sendak.



Abigail Taylor, seated, a member of the Cherokee Youth Council (CYC), reads "If You Ever Want to Bring an Alligator to School, Don't!" while being filmed as part of a project whereby CYC members read stories that were filmed and uploaded to YouTube. (Photo courtesy of Cherokee Youth Council)

"I feel that this program will help Cherokee youth become interested in reading by exposing them to different genres of literature," said Jones. "Also, it will show them that others enjoy reading and maybe that will push them to see if reading is something they enjoy as well."

Abigail Taylor read "If You Ever Want to Bring an Alligator to School, Don't!", written and illustrated by Elise Parsley, and "We are Water Protectors", a Caldecott Medal and Golden Kite Award for Picture Book Text winner written by Carole Lindstrom and illustrated by Michaela Goade.

"It's important because it's a fun way to get kids involved in reading," she said. "Hopefully, the kids will gain a positive experience with reading through books that are entertaining and books that cause them to think. This could be the beginning of the journey to becoming life-long readers for these kids."

Emma Taylor read "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?", written by Bill Martin Jr. and illustrated by Eric Carle; and "Ten Little Rabbits", written by Virginia Grossman and illustrated by Sylvia Long.

"I think it will interest them in

reading because they see us older kids enjoying the books, and they look up to us," she commented. "Hopefully, it will encourage them to read and to be more confident when they read."

Other books and stories in the video series include: "The Eagle Feather" as read by Smith; "Gifts from Raven" as read by Smith; "Grumpy Monkey" as read by Brayden Taylor; "Mama, Do You Love Me?" as read by Faith Long; "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" as read by Bigwitch; and "Goodnight Moon" as read by Brayden Taylor.

Ethan Clapsaddle, Cherokee Youth Council leadership specialist, said that the idea for the project arose out of members wishing to serve the community but still staying safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. "We tried to come up with some different projects where they could reach out into the community but still adhere to COVID restrictions."

He added, "We partnered with Raven's Eye Media, and Bear Allison came out and set up a mini-studio. The kids really enjoyed it. We simulated like they were reading to a class, but it was in front of a camera and it worked out really, really well."

Clapsaddle said the CYC plans to continue this project, just changing to an in-person reading experience. "Hopefully, when this COVID thing is done we can get out in the classrooms."

The Cherokee Youth Council, funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation, is a program under the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute which is a department of the Cherokee Boys Club.



# Cherokee Heritage Center prepares for 50th annual Trail of Tears Art Show and Sale

**TAHLEQUAH, Okla.** — Artwork is now being accepted for the 50th annual Trail of Tears Art Show and Sale, hosted by the Cherokee Heritage Center.

The longest-running Native American art show and competition in Oklahoma will be presented July 2-31, both virtually and in person.

“The Trail of Tears Art Show and Sale has a longstanding reputation for excellence that artists, collectors and fans have come to expect throughout the years,” said Callie Chunestudy, cultur-

al tourism coordinator. “While CHC remains closed to the public, we’ve worked hard to expand and enhance our virtual platform from last year, and we’re excited to also safely welcome back visitors who prefer to see the art in person. With so much going on in the world, there’s certainly no lack of inspiration, and we’re looking forward to seeing what stories these artists will share with us this year.”

Through the juried show, artists compete for more than \$15,000 in the following categories: painting, sculpture, pottery, basketry, graphics, jewelry, miniatures, diverse art forms and photography/digital art.

There is no entry fee associated with this year’s show and sale. Individuals looking to enter artwork must be a citizen of a fed-

erally recognized Native American tribe or nation and complete all submission requirements, available at [visitcherokeenation.com/trail-of-tears-art-show](http://visitcherokeenation.com/trail-of-tears-art-show), no later than 5 p.m. CST on May 14.

Winning work will be announced July 1 at 6 p.m. on the website, followed by the in-person, public opening on July 2 at the Cherokee National Research Center, located in Cherokee Springs Plaza.

“This show is a great opportunity to introduce the public to the new space CHC will be utilizing for the safekeeping of its historic cultural collections and the operation of its genealogy services,” said Travis Owens, director of cultural tourism for Cherokee Nation. “By offering both in-person and virtual participation, we hope to further

expand our audience and increase the visibility of these talented Native artists.”

The Trail of Tears Art Show began in 1972 with the intent to create a venue where diverse art forms can be used to exhibit Native American heritage. Initiated before the completion of the museum, the art show was held in the rain shelter of the Tsa-La-Gi amphitheater. In 1975, it became the first major exhibition in the museum.

For additional information on the 50th annual Trail of Tears Art Show and Sale, please visit [visitcherokeenation.com/trail-of-tears-art-show](http://visitcherokeenation.com/trail-of-tears-art-show).

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## Lavita Hill for School Board



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I would like to ask for your support and your vote to be the next KoLaNvYi/ToLeDvYi School Board Representative.

I would love to discuss the future of Cherokee Central Schools with you. Please contact me at (828) 736-3126 or [Lavitahill2021@gmail.com](mailto:Lavitahill2021@gmail.com).

**EDUCATED**

- ✓ Cherokee High School Graduate (1997)
- ✓ Western Carolina University, B.A. in Business Administration (2002)

**LEADER**

- ✓ Right Path Leadership Graduate
- ✓ Former Big Cove Community Club Secretary
- ✓ EBCI Minors Trust Fund Administrator

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- ✓ Patient & Family Advisory Council Representative, Cherokee Indian Hospital
- ✓ EBCI Investment Committee Liaison

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**Candace Denice Parker**

Candace Denice Parker, age 29, of Bryson City, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

She is survived by her loving husband, Damian Parker; children, Wyatt Johan Parker, Daniel VanRay Parker, and Little Mason; mother, Denise Rattler; sisters, Lita Ralyne Calhoun, Samantha Bowen, Desenia Sanchez Lester, and Donaciano Sanchez, and grandmothers, Theresa Smoker and Linda Ensley Parker.

Candace was preceded in death by her father, Shawn David Calhoun; brothers, Shawn D. Calhoun Jr., and David Ray Calhoun; and uncle, Owen Joseph Smoker.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 27 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home with Pastor Scott Chekelelee officiating.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

**Aria Reign Savage-Sneed**

Aria Reign Savage-Sneed, of Cherokee, was born sleeping on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. She is the daughter of Alex Thigpen and Richard Sneed.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, April 29 at 6 p.m. in the chapel at Appalachian Funeral Services in Sylva with Richard Read officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Aria will be remembered by her father and mother and also by her three sisters, Alice, Luna, and Rose.

An online registry is available at: [www.appalachianfuneralservices.com](http://www.appalachianfuneralservices.com)

Appalachian Funeral Services of Sylva served the family.

**Alvin (Al) G. Rogers**

Alvin (Al) G. Rogers, 88, of Cherokee, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at Care Partners Health Services in Asheville.

He is survived by his wife of more than 65 years, Mary Jo Rogers of Cherokee where they were married. He is also survived by his son, Glenn Rogers; daughter Myra Rogers-Bruneel; son-in-law, Kevin Bruneel; six grandchildren, Rachel Bruneel, Matthew Bruneel, Sarah Bruneel, Tiffanie Bruneel, Jessica Bruneel, and Jennifer Patterson; and six great-grandchildren, Austin, Sam, Maddie, Henry, Charlie, and Raeleigh. He also has three living sisters, Violet Perry, Naomi King, Francis Fisher, also nieces and nephews. Al was preceded in death by his siblings, David, Vivian, Kenneth, and Edward.

Al was born April 7, 1933 in Knoxville, Tenn. He was the seventh of eight children of Francis and Cora Rogers. After graduating high school, Al attended the University of Tennessee for one semester. He left the university to attend Carson Newman University where he met Mary Jo, the love of his life. He is a graduate alumnus of Carson Newman University class of 1955 where he pursued his teaching degree and received his bachelors.

Al was an American veteran who served in the U.S. Army from June 1956 until June 1958 at Ft. Dix in New Jersey. After completion of his active service, he and Mary Jo pursued their teaching careers starting in Knoxville until they secured teaching positions in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. in 1960. Al later attended Appalachian State University where he furthered his education for his master and specialist degrees.

He taught school at Rogers

Middle School in Fort Lauderdale. He was an English and Spanish teacher for the majority of his teaching career. Al also taught English to Spanish speaking individuals at night school. During the latter part of his career, he was the librarian at the school. He completed his entire career and retired from the Broward County School System after 33 years of excellent service.

He and Mary Jo were able to spend many years traveling. They joined many Christian travel groups as they were able to visit all 50 states. He enjoyed traveling by bus across the country as he could see the United States. They also were able to travel to Europe, they also visited Israel twice. Al was baptized in the Jordan river during one of his trips to Israel.

Al was a very religious man and became a member of First Baptist Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Al was a long-time member of First Baptist Church, he served many years as a Deacon, later he was appointed an Emirate Deacon. He belonged to and enjoyed the Truth-seekers Bible class. He also taught Evangelism Explosion at First Baptist Church. He also became a member of Cherokee Baptist Church in Cherokee, North Carolina. Cherokee Baptist Church is where he and Mary Jo were married back on Dec. 26, 1955. They spent almost 70 years together. He was also very active at the Cherokee Senior Center, Tsali Manor, where they had lunch five days a week. He enjoyed the many senior trips provided by the senior center. He also enjoyed visiting and communicating daily with everyone at the center. He spent most days of the week at the Cherokee life Center (gym) exercising and swimming in the pool.

He was loved by many and will

be truly missed by all.

Memorial service will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 12 at the Cherokee Baptist Church, 812 Tsalagi Rd., Cherokee.

Afterwards, food and fellowship will follow at the Birdtown Community Center, 1146 Birdtown Road, Cherokee.

**James Pepion**

James Pepion, 40, of Cherokee, went to his eternal home. He was the loving son of Julia and Kirk Lossiah; father of, Bitiste, Julius, Isabelle, and Duncan Pepion, and brother of Kassandra Lossie, Kelly Arch (Troy), Kaycee Lossiah (Taylor); brothers, Martin Pepion, and Kirk Jr.; a special nephew, Tyler Pepion (Raven); many nieces and nephews; aunts, Mary Grauman of Ball Club, Minn., Matilda Calhoun (Pat), Linda Swimmer (Virgil); uncle, Bruce Reed; and his paternal father, Willard Pepion of Browning, Mont.

James was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Sam Reed and Lucinda Reed; one uncle, Bill Reed; aunts, Bessie Welch, Ollie Reed, Iva Gentry, Sharon Faye Reed; and his paternal grandparents, Woodrow Lossiah and Velma Lossiah.

James attended the Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church. He was an electrician who was employed by Cherokee Electrical. He was also a member of Wa Yo Hi Indian Stick Ball team for many years as a player, driver, and coach.

A memorial service was held Monday, May 3 at Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church. Pastor Tim Melton officiated. Pallbearers were the Wa Yo Hi Indian Stick Ball Team.

Burial was at the Reed Family Cemetery.



# Call for justice is answered by new MMIW Unit

## By StrongHearts Native Helpline

For far too long, Indian country has pleaded for ways to address the critical issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. StrongHearts Native Helpline understands that MMIW is often intertwined with domestic, dating, sexual violence. When an Indigenous woman goes missing or is found murdered, her story rarely gets the full attention of law enforcement, media or the public. As a result, those cases are not fully investigated and remain unsolved. Cases of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls are also further complicated by system barriers, such as improper data

collection, confusion over jurisdiction, scarcity of resources and a lack of protocol for responding to such cases. Our relatives deserve better.

Missing and Murdered Unit Deb Haaland, a citizen of Laguna Pueblo, was sworn in as Secretary of the Interior on March 16, 2021. She is the first Native American cabinet secretary in U.S. history.

On April 1, Secretary Haaland identified violence against Indigenous peoples as a crisis that has been underfunded for decades. Recognizing that far too often murders and missing persons cases go unsolved and unaddressed, she announced the formation of a new Missing & Murdered Unit (MMU) within the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services (BIA-OJS).

According to Secretary Haa-

land, the new MMU will provide the resources and leadership to prioritize these cases and coordinate resources to hold people accountable, keep our communities safe and provide closure for families whose loved ones have either gone missing or murder cases gone cold.

The Unit is responsible for:

- Gathering intelligence on active missing and murdered cases
- Reviewing and prioritizing cases for assignment to investigative teams
- Developing investigative plans to guide investigators
- Identify any outside resources that could benefit their investigative efforts and coordinating those resources with their investigative team
- Management of the tips submitted to Tip411, the Cold Case email and 1-800 line
- Assigning and investigating cases
- Coordinating with other stakeholders
- Preparing investigative reports
- Analyzing current missing-person protocols and
- Developing missing-person response guidelines.

Current Missing & Murdered Unit offices established by Indian Affairs through BIA OJS are at the

following locations:

Bloomington, Minn. (BIA OJS Office)  
Billings, Mont. (BIA OJS Office)  
Nashville, Tenn. (BIA OJS Office)  
Rapid City, S.D. (BIA OJS Office)  
Albuquerque, N.M. (BIA OJS Office)  
Phoenix, Ariz. (co-located with the Gila River Tribal Police)  
Anchorage, Alaska (BIA Regional Office)

OJS Missing & Murdered Unit Oversees the Following:

Tip 411

Missing & Murdered Unit Email  
1-800 Missing & Murdered Unit Line

Do you have information that could help investigators? Submit an anonymous tip via Tip411. Text keyword BIACCU and your tip to 847411. Request help from OJS MMU by sending an email to OJS\_ColdCase@bia.gov (link sends e-mail) or call 1-833-560-2065.

*StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7 culturally-appropriate domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans, available by calling or texting 1-844-762-8483 or clicking on the chat icon on Strongheartshelpline.org.*



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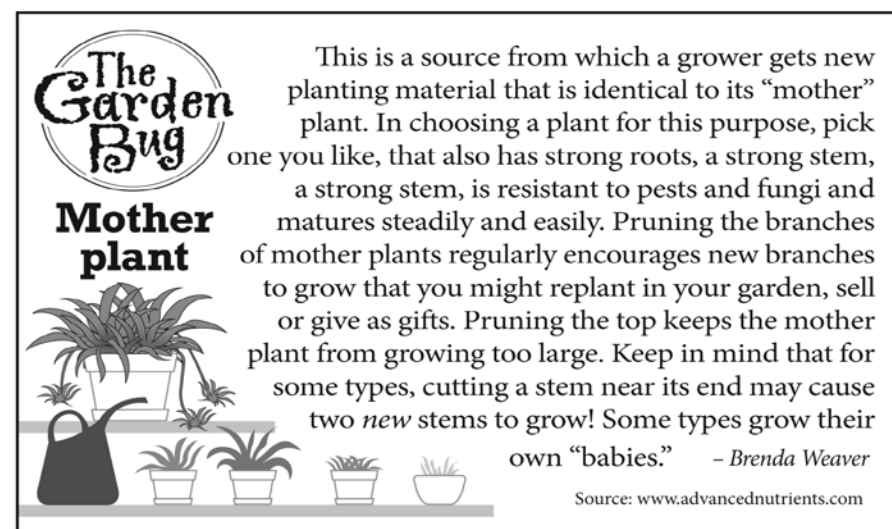
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— Brenda Weaver

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# The business of per cap

Dear Dr. Per Cap

When will we know how much June Per Cap will be? I'd like to know so I can make a budget.

- Planning Ahead

Dear Planning Ahead

I think a lot of EBCI folks would love to know the amount of upcoming per capita sooner rather than later; however, the process of paying per cap is detailed and complex.

I recently had the privilege of chatting with Cory Blankenship, Secretary of Treasury for the EBCI, who explained how it all works. Semi-annual per cap payments are based on distribution periods or timeframes. June per cap comes from casino revenues earned between October of the previous year and March of the current year. December per cap reflects revenues between April and September of the current year.

Therefore the amount of gaming profits used to calculate per cap is not earned until two months before payments are made. Per cap is then based on a 50/50 split between tribal government and EBCI citizens. Cherokee Indian Hospital, Cherokee Central Schools, Police, Fire, Emergency Services, Day Care, the EBCI General Fund, Public Health and Human Services, Sanitation, and Higher Education are funded



Infographic by Luke Swimmer

either partially or wholly from casino revenue. Moreover, these revenues are sent monthly to the tribe to provide a continuous funding stream for programs and services.

The 50 percent of profits that are deposited into the EBCI Per Capita Fund earn interest that increases the amount of per cap net profits. This means the per capita calculation is not just the 50 percent of casino profits. It also includes the amount of interest earned on the per capita account prior to distribution - a little added bonus!

But there's more. Budget and Finance must also request updated tribal enrollment figures which account for deaths, births, and any new enrolled members since the previous distribution period. This provides an accurate head count so everyone gets their fair share. Kind of like divvying up one of grandma's fresh baked apple pies - no drama if everyone's slice is the same size!

Here's another interesting factoid - members who pass away prior to a per capita distribution are often still eligible for a share. The share will be issued to their estate when filed for the number of months they were alive during the

distribution period. So the enrollment number isn't just a head count, it reflects the number of shares eligible to receive per cap. The Enrollment Office has processes to determine the number of shares, figures which are typically released about six weeks before distribution. Final numbers from casino operations follow a similar timeline.

Next, Per Capita Fund expenses must be paid because there's no free lunch when managing large institutional investments. As well as determining how much money needs to be placed into the EBCI Minors Trust Fund along with an updated accounting of Minors Trust beneficiaries.

At this point Budget and Finance has the data to calculate per cap payments. This process takes about another two weeks before an announcement is made in the regular session of tribal council the month prior to distribution.

After the announcement it takes another two weeks to build payment files which include member information, shares, amounts, garnishments, tax deductions, and payment preferences. Then there is a final two week period for processing along with reconciliations, double checks, and audits before

checks are mailed and direct deposits are posted.

Yep, it's a whole lot of work and time to make sure folks gets their per cap payments every six months. Moreover the per capita loan program, which is active again, adds another layer of processing, reconciliation, and audit.

Also remember that per cap is not a guaranteed source of income for tribal members. While the Eastern Band has been fortunate to see per capita distributions grow over the years there are many factors that can impact the amount of per cap, such as last year's casino closure due to COVID-19.

For more information about EBCI per cap check out a recording of my conversation with Cory Blankenship at <https://youtu.be/dasfQWPJOug> And visit <https://www.sequoyahfund.org/dr-per-cap/> for cool budgeting tips and tools to better manage your per capita distributions.

*Ask Dr. Per Cap - EBCI Money Smart is brought to you by Sequoyah Fund and Shawn Spruce Consulting. For more information, visit [www.sequoyahfund.org](http://www.sequoyahfund.org). To send a question to Dr. Per Cap, email [agoyopi@gmail.com](mailto:agoyopi@gmail.com).*



# THE GOOD STUFF

## Tribal member wins WCU Dean's Scholar Award

Aaliyah Swimmer, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, was awarded the Dean's Scholar Award on Monday, April 26, as selected by the Cherokee Studies faculty at Western Carolina University (WCU). She is the president of Digali'i, the Native American student organization at WCU, and she will graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in English with an emphasis in professional writing and a minor in Cherokee studies. (Photo contributed)



## Catt-Oxtal wedding

Elizabeth Catt, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, married Joseph Oxtal on Saturday, May 1 in Reidsville. She wore a ribbon skirt, an off-white trade shirt, and moccasins from her late great-grandmother Lillian Thompson; and he wore a traditional Irish kilt. (Photo contributed)



This year's Remember the Removal Ride, a retracing of the northern route of the Trail of Tears on bicycle, will begin on Monday, May 31 at New Echota, Ga. Three riders will represent the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians including, left to right, Andrew Johnson, Raylen Bark, and Bear Allison. Cherokee Nation will be taking six riders: Melanie Giang, Kaylee Smith, Whitney Roach, Shace Duncan, Tracie Asbill, and Ronnie Duncan. According to information from the Cherokee Nation, "Cyclists and staff who will accompany the cyclists throughout the journey have all received COVID-19 vaccinations. Participants will be following COVID-19 safety guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Cherokee health care experts during the bike ride, and will be accompanied by trained medical staff." (Photo courtesy of Corlee Thomas-Hill)

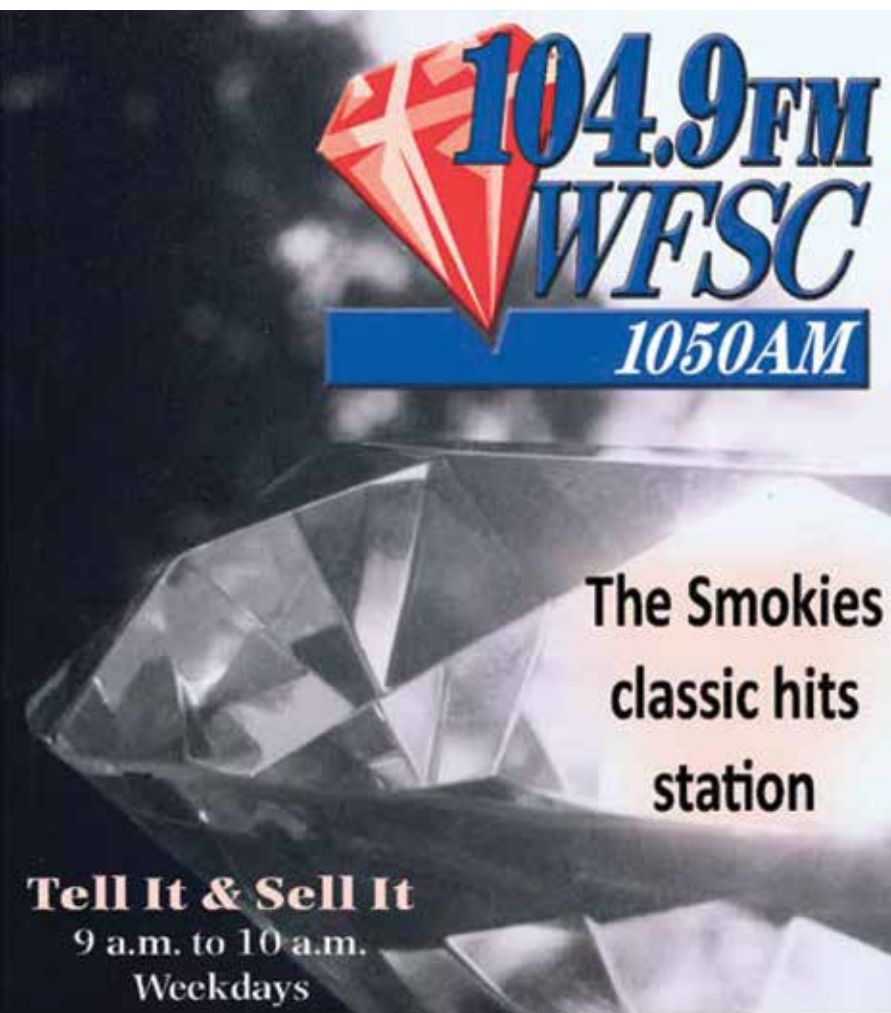
## THANK YOU LETTER

### Note of thanks from Darlene French Defoe Family

family of Darlene French Defoe expresses thanks to all who made Darlene's health care and home going a comfortable experience. Special thanks to Ms. Suzette Sanchez and Ms. Kina Swimmer for their special support of Darlene in her home during her last few weeks of life on this earth. A special thanks to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Health Care Delivery System - Quana Winstead team, Tribal Emergency Medical Services team, Harris Regional Hospital (HRH) Emergency Room staff, HRH Intensive Care Unit team and Four Seasons Palliative and Hospice Care teams.

A very special thank you to the EBCI Office of Chief and Vice Chief, Tribal Construction Program and the Yellow Hill Community Club for their support during the funeral portion. Very special thank you to the pastors and singers who were a part of the home going services program, Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church Pastor and Singers, Straight Fork Baptist Church Singers, Yellow Hill Baptist Church Pastor and Singers, Mrs. Laura Hill Pinnix, and the Crisp Funeral Home Staff. Thank you to the pallbearers Dale Morgan French, Jr., Eugene Morgan French, Jacob Eugene French, Jeff Girty, Butch Hill, and Joe Ward. Thank you to the Bryson City Police Department and EBCI Police Department.

Thank you to those who gave support in all forms of love and support through prayers, telephone calls, texts, cards and visits. Darlene is missed from her earthly home but is enjoying her heavenly home forever and ever. May God bless all very richly and abundantly in HIS love.



## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### EBCI Program/Entity Announcements

#### Cherokee Detention Center visitation resumes

The Cherokee Detention Center has resumed inmate video visitation, by appointment only. To promote social distancing only two spots per half hour will be available and will be scheduled on a first come first serve basis.

The visitation schedule will be 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for inmates with last names beginning with:

- \* A-F Monday
- \* G-K Tuesday
- \* L-P Wednesday
- \* Q-U Thursday
- \* V-Z Friday

To make an appointment, call 359-6680. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled visitation time and check in with the receptionist in the lobby downstairs.

- Cherokee Indian Police Dept.

#### Right Path Adult Leadership Program accepting nominations

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 deadlines is Friday, Sept. 3

Tag turn-in for all tournaments is 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the EBCI Natural Resources Enforcement Office at 517 Sequoyah Trail.

Participants may purchase a Tribal Fish Permit online at [www.fishcherokee.com](http://www.fishcherokee.com) or from a local permit vendor. Children ages 11 and under may participate in tournaments under a supervising adult's registration and fish permit. Legal fishing methods apply to everyone. Report fishing violations to 497-4131 (10-fish limit per day per permit holder which includes catch of children, catch must be kept separate, fly-fishing in ponds is allowed, re-releasing caught fish into ponds prohibited). Fishing hours are one hour prior to sunrise until one hour after sunset. Discarding fish remains anywhere other than trash bins is prohibited.

Info: [www.fishcherokee.com](http://www.fishcherokee.com) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/fishcherokee](https://facebook.com/fishcherokee)

- EBCI Natural Resources

#### HELP Program Lawn Maintenance and Garden Plowing applications available

Applications for the HELP (Handicapped and Elderly Living Program) Lawn Maintenance and Garden Plowing are now available during Tsali Manor lunch drive-thru and/or over the phone. The deadline for applications is June 30.

Eligibility requirements:

- \* Must be a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
- \* Individuals applying for assistance must be living in the home.
- \* Applicants must be 59 1/2 years old or older.
- \* Applicants under 59 1/2 years old must not be physically capable of mowing. Proof of disability (Social Security Disability Statement) is required.
- \* For 2021, a doctor's note stating applicant is not physically capable will be required from each applicant (disabled and 59 1/2 or older). Attach statement to the application or request that it be faxed to (828) 497-3519.

Mowing information:

- \* Client/family is responsible for getting yard clear of any trash and/or debris.
- \* The residence must be within the three-county service area of Jackson, Swain, and Haywood.
- \* Mowing will occur between April 1 and Sept. 28.
- \* Mowing and weed eating include a 50-foot perimeter around the home including carports.
- \* Lawns mowed outside the 50-foot perimeter will be the homeowner's responsibility.

Plowing information:

- \* Available up to a 100 foot by 100 foot area.
- \* One garden per household
- \* Plowing will occur between March 1 and May 31.

Info: 359-6638

- HELP release

#### The Cherokee/Clay/Graham



**County Service Center** is now open to limited visitors by appointment only. The staff also continue to work with agricultural producers via phone, email, and other digital tools. Info: 837-2721, ext. 2 to make an in-person or phone appointment.

## **National Park Announcements**

### **Park announces Synchronous Firefly Viewing Dates**

Great Smoky Mountains National Park will host the annual synchronous firefly viewing opportunity at Elkmont beginning Tuesday, June 1 through Tuesday, June 8. The public may apply for the limited viewing opportunity by entering a lottery for a vehicle pass through [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov). The lottery opens for vehicle pass applications on Friday, April 30 at 10:00 a.m. through Monday, May 3 at 11:59 p.m.

Every year in late May to early June, thousands of visitors gather near the popular Elkmont Campground to observe the naturally occurring phenomenon of *Photinus carolinus*, a firefly species that flashes synchronously. Since 2006, access to the Elkmont area has been limited during the eight days of predicted peak activity in order to reduce traffic congestion and provide a safe viewing experience for visitors that minimizes disturbance to these unique fireflies during the peak mating period.

"I'm pleased that we're able to once again offer an opportunity for visitors to experience synchronous fireflies at Elkmont in a safe manner," said Superintendent Cassius Cash. "Last year, we canceled the viewing opportunity due to concerns about using shuttle operations during the pandemic. Our staff worked hard to develop a new

operational plan that allows limited parking for passenger vehicles directly at the site for 2021."

A total of 800 vehicle passes, 100 passes per night, will be issued through the lottery process. Results of the lottery will be available by Friday, May 7. Each vehicle pass provides admission for parking directly at the Elkmont viewing location for one passenger vehicle with a maximum of seven occupants. During the application process, lottery applicants may enter two possible dates to participate in the viewing opportunity over the eight-day period.

The number of passes issued each day is based on parking capacity and the ability to safely accommodate a large number of viewers on site, while minimizing resource impacts. The lottery system uses a randomized computer drawing to select applications. All lottery applicants will be charged a \$1.00 application fee. Successful applicants will automatically be awarded parking passes and a \$24.00 reservation fee will be charged to the same credit or debit card used for the application fee. The \$24.00 reservation fee covers the cost of awarding the passes, on-site portable restrooms, supplies, and nightly personnel costs for managing the viewing opportunity at Elkmont.

Parking passes are non-refundable, non-transferable, and good only for the date issued. There is a limit of one lottery application per household per season. All lottery applicants will be notified by e-mail by May 7 that they were "successful" and awarded a parking pass or "unsuccessful" and not able to secure a parking pass.

During the viewing period, access to Elkmont is restricted after 4 p.m. to passenger vehicles with

a parking pass, registered campers staying at the Elkmont Campground, or backcountry campers with a valid permit. Visitors are not allowed to walk or ride bicycles on the Elkmont entrance road or Jakes Creek Road after 4 p.m. due to safety concerns. Overnight parking at Little River Trailhead, Jakes Creek Trailhead, or the Appalachian Clubhouse is not allowed without a valid backcountry permit for backcountry campsites associated with these trailheads.

Visitors may visit [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) and search for "Great Smoky Mountains Firefly Viewing Lottery" for more information and to enter the lottery. Visitors may also call 1-877-444-6777 to enter the lottery, but park officials encourage the use of the online process. For more information about the synchronous fireflies, please visit the park website at <http://www.nps.gov/grsm/learn/nature/fireflies.htm>.

*- National Park Service release*

### **Cades Cove Vehicle-Free Wednesdays begin May 5**

Great Smoky Mountains National Park is inviting the public to enjoy the Cades Cove Loop Road on vehicle-free Wednesdays beginning May 5 through Sept. 1. Participants are encouraged to visit in the afternoons and early evenings to spread use out throughout the day. Parking on site is limited, with parking lots often filling to capacity during the early morning hours.

"We look forward to offering this unique experience again, but we are making some modifications to better protect our roadside infrastructure and camping experience from out-of-bounds parking," said Superintendent Cash. "I heard from many people who loved having the full day to walk or ride

their bikes around the cove. The credit for the idea goes to the local field staff who brought the concept forward in an effort to allow people more time to enjoy the loop road and to reduce congestion."

This year, staff will manage on-site parking to improve visitor safety, minimize impacts to campground operations, and reduce roadside parking on non-durable surfaces. Roadside parking damages shoulders and creates unsafe conditions for visitors walking from their car to their destination. Parking at this popular destination is limited. Park staff are developing information systems to better alert visitors when parking lots are full before they enter the park. In addition, park staff are exploring shuttle opportunities to safely bring people to Cades Cove from the Townsend area. Staff plan to have some of these additional options in place later during the summer season.

Cyclists are reminded to properly prepare for a safe experience. Serious cycling accidents have occurred along the Cades Cove Loop Road. The State of Tennessee requires that children age 16 and under wear a helmet. All riders are strongly encouraged to wear helmets and to ride properly fitted and well-maintained bicycles. During summer and fall, bicycles may be rented at the campground store located near the Cades Cove Campground on a first-come, first-served basis. For information call 865-448-9034.

For more information about congestion monitoring in the park, please visit the park website at <https://www.nps.gov/grsm/learn/management/ves.htm>.

*- National Park Service release*

COMMENTARY

Dear Tourist

By ROBERT JUMPER  
One Feather Editor

I thought it might be prudent to speak to our tourists and visitors, both current and prospective. It has been a rough year of missed opportunity and stressful planning for most of the tourism organizations in our area and specifically on the Qualla Boundary. The business, particularly one with gathering as a key element in its strategic plan, had to do some significant paradigm shifting to maintain visibility while being socially responsible during the pandemic.

While there is light at the end of the COVID-19 tunnel, we are still cautious about the corona-

virus bug and still are maintaining preventative measures. Our Cherokee Indian Hospital, EBCI Public Health and Human Services Division, and the community have worked diligently to get us to an incredible benchmark. Our community, at the time of this writing, is maintaining few to no reports of infections from our reporting agencies on the Boundary.

Most of our elder population has opted to receive one of the COVID-19 vaccines and the vaccine distribution seems to have been an effective strategy for curbing infections. In other words, it looks like the vaccine works. Unfortunately, it is a bit of an education process to convince folks who have been bombarded with gossip and propaganda claiming, with no foundation, that there is somehow

either an issue with effectiveness or exaggerated side effects of the vaccines. There are certainly some exceptions to every rule and there are certainly some who have been negatively impacted by the vaccine, as there are in any mass inoculation procedure. The medical community continues to tell us that the benefits far outweigh the potential hazards, and in the case of the Boundary, it looks like their prognosis is holding true.

Our Principal Chief, Vice Chief, and Tribal Council are all advising to continue certain social mandates like mask wearing indoors and in crowds, social distancing, and avoiding “large” gatherings, however, business is showing signs of Spring, just like our beautiful outdoor foliage, a bud here and a bud there.

Many of you traveled the entire stretch of the pandemic. I was amazed at how many of you drove to the mountains in the early months of the COVID-19 outbreak, which provoked a fear response in our local communities. While the borders of our town were closed via police barricade to keep tourist traffic to a minimum, residents and essential workers were allowed in and out of the community freely. This postponed infections, but ultimately, the numbers rose to the levels seen in most of our surrounding municipalities. Naturally, there was and is a level of trepidation in our community over the comings and goings of outsiders (that would be you, the tourist).

So, please be mindful that while you are welcome and need-

MISSING PERSON


David Williamson  
Male  
American Indian/Alaska Native  
Age: 15 years  
Height: 5'7" Weight: 134 lbs  
Hair: Hazel Eyes : Hazel  
Last Known Location: Norman, Oklahoma  
Date of last contact: April 26, 2021  
Circumstances of Disappearance: Last seen on April 26, 2021 at approximately 1300 hours. Last seen wearing a white shirt, red jogging pants, black shorts under pants, and red and white in color Air Jordan shoes.  
If you have information as to the whereabouts of David Williamson, contact the Norman Police Department at 405-321-1444. Brett Willer, Detective Reference case #2021-24712.  
Source: www.namus.gov

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EBCI Enrollment at a Glance



Category	Percentage
Live off Boundary	49%
Live on Boundary	51%

Enrollment by age group (living on or off the Qualla Boundary)

0-17 years	2484	on-Boundary	2231	off-Boundary
18-39 years	2700	on-Boundary	2743	off-Boundary
40-59 years	1770	on-Boundary	1714	off-Boundary
60+ years	1231	on-Boundary	1145	off-Boundary

Information supplied by EBCI Tribal Enrollment and is current through April 15, 2021



## SPEAKING OF FAITH

# What God really wants...is to enjoy our presence

By **TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR**

(Transcribed by Myra Colgate)

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

Read 1 Kings 8:10 from last week's request again.

"We thought we knew what God wants, but no, it should be all about what He wants." emphasized Pastor Melton.

Solomon had been chosen by David to be his successor, and chosen by God to be the one to build the permanent Temple in Jerusalem. Another of David's sons, Adonijah, had decided he would be named King, and presumptuously began to make plans for himself. David who had aged and was near the end of his life, had to be brought into the plan to stop Adonijah without creating an upheaval before Solomon's coronation as Israel's new king and for Solomon's Temple completion and it's dedication.

When the day finally arrived for the Temple's dedication, the priests and King Solomon were there before all of Israel at the Temple. As the priests came out from the Holy Place, they began the ceremony and the Lord's Glory Cloud filled the Holy Place.

Now, the term theology is the study of God. What He likes and what He wants. He even likes to see us dance before Him. God has told us, "It's not up to you who I use. It is up to Me."

"One time I was included in a group that was to attend a Christian Concert held at Western Carolina University. I must say that God loved them enough to come. They'd created an atmosphere that He would enjoy. They were dressed in tin suits and one had a mohawk, which was about four-foot tall and had nose rings. I quickly found out it's not about the you whom He loves—not when you need something. Come into the presence of the Lord in reverential awe, Holy Fear. I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

It was awesome, God never told me how smart He is. He never brags. God's already there, holds all the stars in place. He's omnip-

otent, omnipresent, omniscient. He created this whole universe. So, Rejoice anyway! The chapel held 5,000 people.

A Tennessee State Trooper was there to corroborate a testimony that all heard that night. On a highway, the speed limit 55 mph, an 18-wheeler truck had just pulled out in front of the car being driven by the girl speaking to them that night. There was no time for her to stop...She just had time to say, "Jesus!" and her car passed right on through the midsection of that truck, in front of the Trooper's car, stopping on the other side... She was there to share her miracle! Call on Him. It's not all about you!

Anytime there are miracles, there must be an atmosphere of miracles to bring in healings,

deliverances! Spend time with Him! Spend time with Him and stay in the atmosphere. Devils can't touch you! Don't come only when you want something. Just come in! He's an Awesome God!

Carol Ward: "The Lord's saying, Linda and Virgil have a brand-new, a Helper Anointing. Ernie and Jordan are handmaiden of the Lord.

God has started it and it has happened. The church is to rise up and carry His Presence. It's up to us if it keeps on happening. The Heavens are opened above us. Teach your children to respect the atmosphere. Have an altar in your home to Reverence God, let them fall on their knees. Prayers and meetings. Only mankind has the capacity to know how Majestic God is. He chose us!



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



*But we were gentle among you,  
just as a nursing mother  
cherishes her own children.  
So, affectionately longing for you,  
we were well pleased to impart to  
you not only the gospel of God,  
but also our own lives, because  
you had become dear to us.*

1 THESSALONIANS 2: 7, 8

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## DUYUGODV'I RIGHT PATH ADULT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

**IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2021-2022 YEAR**

Nomination forms can be found at [www.rkli.org/right-path/](http://www.rkli.org/right-path/)

[Right Path – Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute \(rkli.org\)](http://Right Path – Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute (rkli.org))

or by contacting Tara McCoy at (828) 359-5542 or [tara.mccoy@cherokeeboysclub.com](mailto: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.\*





## COMMENTARY

# I swear it's real...

By **WILLIAM LEDFORD**

I've recently discovered something, baseball season is in full swing and...I don't care. Well, to be honest I lost interest in baseball years ago. I try to feign interest in my NY Yankees but in reality...I don't care. I was losing interest long before the Houston Astros cheated their way to a World Series title, were busted and then...nothing happened. Oh, some minor firings and suspensions but in reality...nothing. Life went on. In the days of yore players would be banned or fined and suspended for a few seasons, or even life for cheating and besmirching baseball's integrity. Now, nothing. Baseball sucks. Where's Kennesaw

Mountain Landis when you need him?

In the world of "what the heck"! A group of Republicans, yes, a Trump is also involved, are spreading a rumor, they call it an assertion, that Joe Biden's climate policies will force Americans to stop eating red meat. You know, your burgers and your steaks and so forth. 45's former economic adviser Larry Kudlow warned that we Americans will soon be forced to consume plant-based beer. My first thought was...what was I drinking all those years? Meat-based beer? I thought beer was comprised of grains also know as plants. Shows what I know, right? Oh yeah, Trump. Junior chimed in that he'd probably eaten four pounds of red meat the previous day. Geez, four pounds, give that man some ExLax...stat!

Anyway, Kudlow went on to reference a report from the UK's Daily Mail that had nothing, absolutely nothing to do with Biden or his policies and naturally it spun out of control in that zany Bizarro World some of the GOP live in. The idea is so stupid that even Georgia's Q'Anon supporter Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene and Colorado's gun nut Rep. Lauren Boebert jumped on the band wagon and dispensed a dose of their sage wisdom. And, not to be outdone, the Governor of Texas also chimed in via tweet. Fox News eagerly climbed aboard the crazy train (sorry about that Ozzy) only to issue a short retraction a little later. Yeah, I know, no one saw that since it was during the day, but they did. So, don't worry GOP folks, you can still have your cows and eat 'em too.

I hate continuing to talk about the crap that some Republicans say but these last couple of weeks have been busy and while I began writing about this particular individual others also began to pile onto this hapless yo-yo. So, without a pause let's move to former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum, who opened his big yap and these words came out, "There's not much Native American culture in American culture". Yeah, I know, it's Rick Santorum but, who is actually this ignorant? Apparently, he is. So, to capsule this, has he ever heard of cotton? Or rubber, chocolate, corn, potatoes, tomatoes, melons, or tobacco? I wonder if he knows that the style of American government with various branches was originally a Native idea. Maybe he buys into this white supremacist idea that we natives were all savages and the coming of Europeans saved this land. Or maybe the fact that Native people have long been

wiped out in Pennsylvania clouds his reasoning. Which segues into the fact that Native people once cleared whole sections of forest to make farmable land and cultivated it for hundreds of years before European boat people showed up here starving and unwashed. They killed our people with disease then "borrowed" our idea of cultivating land and in the process wiped out the forests on this continent. Yep. Those people.

OK, now on to the actual Native culture! As Kool and the Gang would sing, "It's a celebration!" Our syllabary, our written language, is two centuries old! Two hundred years ago Sequoyah invented, and not without interference from the myopic, a way for the Cherokee people to communicate both orally and on paper and with those tools we can store our wisdom on pages. Woo hooo! That's something to celebrate. I envy the youngsters who are immersed in our oral and written language forms because as a youngster our language was on the way out, our parents had been beaten down so badly that carrying on our culture wasn't looked upon as a something to be proud of. I learned a lot of slang words and most of it was mispronounced anyway. I'm now sixty-five years old and I'll depart this world knowing that my grandchildren, my nieces, and my nephews will carry on the Cherokee culture and traditions that some Republicans say we don't have.

In the words of Freewheelin' Franklin, Fat Freddy and Phineas along with Fat Freddy Scat, "Keep on truckin'!" See ya next time.

*Ledford is a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians currently residing in Albuquerque, N.M.*

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our tribe

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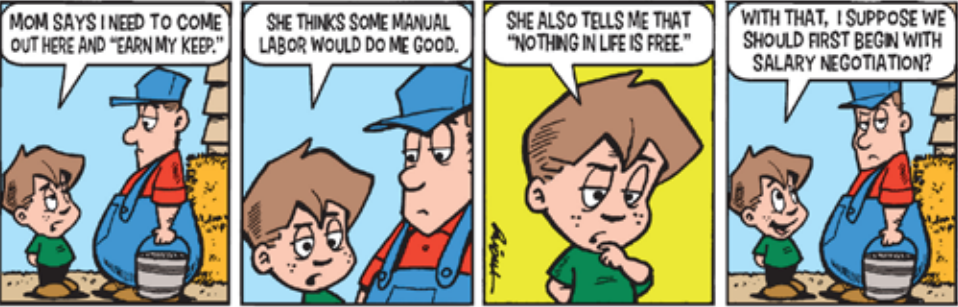
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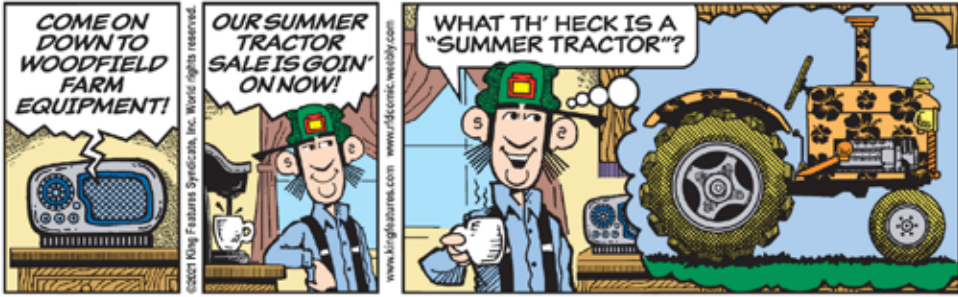
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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF

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- "The Greatest"
- Donate
- Line dance
- Wife of Jacob
- Moreover
- Like bell-bottoms
- Fragrant flower
- Ouzo flavor
- Sparkling Italian wine
- Nile biter
- Complain
- Daily trio
- Flying horse
- Soup grain
- of 1812
- Victor's cry
- Small boat
- TV clown
- Tool set
- Traditional tales
- Ms. Brockovich
- Scratch (out)
- List-ending abbr.
- Lights-out tune
- Gender
- Hill dweller
- Dallas hoopster, briefly
- Chemical suffix
- Multi-state lottery with a huge jackpot
- Blackbird
- In the style of
- "CSI" evidence
- Ocho —, Jamaica
- Isaac's eldest
- Cozy rooms
- Doorframe piece
- Cruising
- Flag feature
- Mentalist's gift
- Church seat
- Stitch
- Helium, for one
- Oxen harnesses
- Goddess of victory
- Tiny bit
- Drescher or Tarkenton
- Fedora fabric
- Wager
- Man-mouse link
- Energy
- -Mex cuisine

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**BIBLE TRIVIA**

by Wilson Casey

**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY:** Once known as the Gilbert Islands, what is the current name of the island nation?
- ADVERTISING SLOGANS:** What product's slogan is, "It gives you wings"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Who was the first president to die in office?
- MOVIES:** What was the town's name in the movie "It's a Wonderful Life"?
- ANATOMY:** In what part of the human body is the ulna located?
- TELEVISION:** Which 1960s sitcom featured the catchphrase, "Sorry about that, chief"?
- HISTORY:** In which century did England's War of the Roses take place?
- LITERATURE:** The setting of which children's book is a place called Puddleby-on-the-Marsh?
- MATH:** What Arabic number is represented by the Roman numerals DCIX?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What does a cytologist study?





## BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

**Benefit Dinner for Aniyah Sampson.** May 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cherokee Youth Center. \$10 includes hamburger and hot dog, cole slaw, potato salad, baked beans, chili, chips, lettuce, tomato, onion, cheese, and a drink. Order by May 5; delivery for five orders or more. Info: Melissa Ledford or Stephanie French 359-6113

**Reed's Frybread Benefit for Dean Hill.** May 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Yellowhill Community Building. Pick-up and delivery only. Delivery for four or more orders. \$10 per plate with a drink or water. All proceeds will go to Dean as he is out of work due to medical reasons. Info or to pre-or-

der: Nehi 226-4843, Joni 736-6503, Lena 269-6093, Reva 788-5563

## 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](http://www.cccra-nc.org)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Swain County Democratic**

**Party Whittier/Cherokee Precinct monthly meeting.** May 11 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda items include setting goals for the next two years. Info: 497-9498

**Cherokee Youth Center fall open Kindergarten orientation.** May 13 at 7:30 a.m. at the Youth Center. The Center will take the first 15 children with those after being put on a waiting list. A work verification form will need to be returned to the Center by May 20 at 4:30 p.m. The cost per child is \$20. Info: Melissa Ledford or Stephanie French 359-8113

## SPORTS EVENTS

**Cherokee Life Recreation youth sports registration information**

Registration for each of the following programs is available online at: <https://clubs.blue-sombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=891415>

**Youth Cheerleading**

Registration dates are May 1-21  
Registration fee is \$25

**Youth Football**

Registration dates are May 1-21  
Registration fee is \$60

**Youth Volleyball**

Registration dates are May 17-28  
Registration is free

Games will be played at Birdtown Gym

**Youth Flag Football**

Registration dates are May 17-28

Registration is free  
Games will be played in June at the Wolfstown Fields

**T-Ball and Machine Pitch**

Registration started on April 22  
Registration is free

T-Ball is for 5-year-olds only;  
Machine Pitch has two age groups (6-7 and 8-9)

All games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the John Crowe Complex

Practices will be announced at a later date

Masks are to be worn by participants and spectators

Volunteers coaches are needed

**Youth Soccer**

Registration started on April 22  
Registration is free

Games will be played Mondays and Tuesdays at the Wolfstown Soccer Field

Masks are to be worn by all spectators and participants

Volunteers and coaches are needed for this program

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:kellideb@gmail.com)

## Puzzle Answers



ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) 1,700; 3) Hebrews; 4) 200; 5) 5; 6) Cana of Galilee



1. Kiribati
2. Red Bull
3. William Henry Harrison
4. Bedford Falls
5. Forearm
6. "Get Smart"
7. 15th
8. "The Story of Dr. Doolittle"
9. 609
10. Cells

## — King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 22 mins.

A	D	D	E	B	B	M	A	M	A
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## — Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

6	2	9	8	1	3	5	7	4
5	3	4	9	7	6	1	8	2
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1	8	5	6	3	7	2	4	9
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7	1	8	3	6	9	4	2	5
9	5	2	7	4	1	8	6	3

## Fun Facts from the Editor:

\* Puma and Adidas were founded by two feuding brothers during WWII.

\* At its height, the British Empire ruled over 23 percent of the world's population.





## WANTED

Vendors wanted for the Baileyton Celebration at 6535 Horton Hwy. in Greeneville, Tenn. Crafts, educational, history, bands, food trucks, car show, tractor show, parade, etc. Info: (423) 963-8869

Wanted to buy, wood carving by Cherokee wood carver Going Back Chiltosky. Contact Davey. 497-7571. 5/19

## FOR SALE

Register German Shepherd puppies 4-females 3-males. Tom Cunningham (828)341-5552. 5/12



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You're the first sign in the Zodiac and like to take the lead wherever you go. But this time, you'd be wise to follow someone who has much to teach you.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Your adversary hasn't given up trying to undermine you. Continue to stay cool — someone in authority knows what's happening.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Spring brings a positive aspect for relationships. Paired Twins grow closer, while the single set finds new romance — perhaps with a Leo or Libra.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Wavering aspects this week mean weighing your words carefully to avoid misunderstandings.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You could soon be on a new career path in pursuit of those long-standing goals, but don't cut any current ties until you're sure you're ready to make the change.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A former colleague wants to re-establish an old professional connection. It would be wise to make the contact, at least until you know what he or she is planning.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A relationship that survived some

rocky moments could be facing a new challenge. Deal with the problem openly, honestly and without delay. Good luck.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A recent and much-appreciated change in the workplace inspires you to make some changes in your personal life as well. Start with a plan to travel more.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A friend needs your kind and caring advice, but you need to know what he or she is hiding from you before you agree to get involved.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your circle of friends continues to widen. Expect to hear from someone in your past who hopes to re-establish your once-close relationship.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Your aspects favor the arts. Indulge in whatever artistic expression you enjoy most. A workplace situation will, I'm pleased to say, continue to improve.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Warning! Your tendency to let things slide until the last minute could have a negative effect on a relationship that you hope can develop into something meaningful.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are both emotional and sensible. You enjoy being with people. Good career choices include teaching, performing and the clergy.

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## Tribal Employment Rights Office

Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 7:45am-4:30pm

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

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

Hillary Norville – TERO Job Bank Coordinator, (828) 359-6422, hillnorv@nc-herokee.com  
Douglas McCoy – TERO Job Bank Coordinator, (828) 359-6478, dougmc@nc-herokee.com

## Local Job Openings for May 2021:

**Alan's Jewelry & Pawn:** always accepting applications. You can apply at Alan's Jewelry & Pawn. The phone number is (828) 554-0431. Arby's: team member, assistant manager, shift manager, crew member, and general manager. You can apply online at <https://careers.arbys.com/us/en/search-results> and the phone number is (828) 497-9613.

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

**Burger King:** team member. Applications are available at Burger King and the phone number is (828) 497-6120.

**Cherokee Central Schools:** CHS/CMS band teacher, full-time athletic trainer, special education teacher assistant, six-hour food service, four-hour food service, part-time custodian, part-time security, part-time food service. For more information, please visit <https://www.wcs-nc.org/> and click on "job opportunities."

**Cherokee Cinemas & More:** janitors and floor staff. Applications are available at the Kituwah, LLC office, which is located across the road from Waffle House. For more information, please call (828) 477-4145.

**Cherokee Enterprises, Inc.:** accepting applications for heavy construction employees, including laborers, heavy equipment operators, and CDL truck drivers. Applications are available at 1371 Aquoni Road, Cherokee, NC. Pre-employment drug testing, background check, and reliable transportation required. For more information, please call (828) 497-5617.

**Cherokee Grand Hotel:** housekeeping. Applications are available at Cherokee Grand Hotel and the phone number is (828) 497-0050.

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

**Cherokee Lodge:** front desk. The phone number is (828) 497-2226.

**Cherokee Police Department:** patrol officer (multiple). Open until filled. For information on how to apply, please visit <https://ebci.com/-jobs/>.

**Chestnut Tree Inn:** housekeeping. Applications are available at Chestnut Tree Inn and the phone number is (828) 497-9181.

**Dairy Queen:** accepting applications. Applications are available at Dairy Queen and the phone number is (828) 497-4461.

**Dollar General:** store manager, full-time lead sales associate, part-time lead sales associate, assistant store manager, and sales associate. You can apply online at <https://careers.dollargeneral.com/> and the phone number is (828) 554-1305.

**Dominos:** delivery driver, general manager, customer service representative, and assistant manager. You can apply online at <https://jobs.dominos.com/dominos-careers/> and the phone number is (828) 497-5500.

**Drama Inn:** housekeeper and office person. Applications are available at the El Camino Motel in Cherokee. The phone number for Drama Inn is (828) 497-3271.

**EBCI Community Health-Snowbird/Cherokee County:** community health representative. You have until Sunday, May 2nd to apply for this position. For information on how to apply, please visit <https://ebci.com/jobs/>.

**EBCI Detention Services:** detention officer (multiple). Open until filled. For information on how to apply, please visit <https://ebci.com/-jobs/>.

**EBCI Emergency Medical Services:** part-time paramedic (multiple) and full-time paramedic (multiple). Open until filled. For information on how to apply, please visit <https://ebci.com/jobs/>.

**EBCI Family Safety:** human services director. You have until Sunday, May 2nd to apply for this position. For information on how to apply, please visit <https://ebci.com/jobs/>.

**EBCI Information Technology:** helpdesk support technician. You have until Sunday, May 2nd to apply for this position. For information on how to apply, please visit <https://ebci.com/jobs/>.

**EBCI Tribal Construction:** construction manager. You have until Sunday, May 2nd to apply for this position. For information on how to apply, please visit <https://ebci.com/jobs/>.

**EBCI Tribal Early Education Centers:** education manager. You have until Sunday, May 2nd to apply for this position. For information on how to apply, please visit <https://ebci.com/jobs/>.

**EBCI Tribal Realty Services:** realty leasing specialist. You have until Sunday, May 2nd to apply for this position. For information on how to apply, please visit <https://ebci.com/jobs/>.

**Econo Lodge:** openings available. Applications are available at Econo Lodge and the phone number is (828) 497-4575.

**El Camino Motel:** openings available. Applications are available at the El Camino Motel and the phone number is (828) 497-3600.

**Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott:** housekeeping. Applications are available at Fairfield Inn & Suites and the phone number is (828) 497-0400.

**Family Dollar:** customer service representative. You can apply online at <https://www.familydollar.com/careers> and the phone number is (828) 332-6000.

**Firehouse Subs:** openings available. You can apply through email at [CherokeeFirehouse@gmail.com](mailto:CherokeeFirehouse@gmail.com).

**Food Lion:** openings available. There are no paper applications so you must apply online at <https://www.foodlion.com/careers/> and the phone number is (828) 497-4743.

**Front Porch:** accepting applications. Applications are available at Front Porch and the phone number is (828) 497-1776.

**Granny's Kitchen:** dishwasher and bus person. You can apply at Granny's Kitchen. The phone number is (828) 497-5010.

**Great Smokies Inn:** housekeeping. Applications are available at Great Smokies Inn and the phone number is (828) 497-2020.

**Greene Painting:** experienced painters. For more information, the phone number is (828) 736-0214.

**Hampton Inn:** maintenance technician. Applications are available at Hampton Inn and the phone number is (828) 497-3115.

**Harrah's Cherokee Casino:** cleaning specialist, security officer, houseperson, casino services representative, retail ambassador, drop and count staff, regional events and promo coordinator, room attendant, part-time front service attendant, surveillance officer, valet parker, shuttle bus driver, bartender, part-time gaming host, sales associate, part-time poker dealer, part-time race and sportsbook writer, valet parking clerk, table games service supervisor, HVAC engineering tech, and other openings are available. Also, now hiring for the three new restaurants, the new hotel, and the new convention center. For the complete list of job openings and for information on how to apply, please visit <https://harrahsherokeejobs.com/cherokee-careers/>.

**Heavenly Fudge Shoppe:** chocolatier, barista, and customer service representative. The phone number is (828) 497-7367.

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites:** housekeeping, front desk, and breakfast. Applications are available at Holiday Inn Express & Suites. The phone number is (828) 497-3113.

**Indigenous Conservation Trail Crew:** summer and fall employment for young adults between the ages of 18 and 27. To apply, please call (202) 934-4599.

**Long House Funeral Home Inc:** openings available for part-time/on call work. For more information, please call (828) 497-1408.

**Mandara Spa:** front desk, concierge, spa attendant, cosmetologist, and massage therapist. The phone number is (828) 497-8550.

**McDonald's:** crew team member. The phone number is (828) 497-3535.

**Mini Donut Place:** openings available. You can apply on Facebook or the Indeed website. The phone number is (828) 795-1001.

**Mountain Credit Union:** member service representative – teller. The phone number is (828) 497-6211.

**Peter's Pancakes & Waffles:** openings available. The phone number is (828) 497-5116.

**Pizza Hut:** assistant restaurant general manager, shift leader, server, driver, restaurant general manager, and cook. Applications are available at Pizza Hut's drive-thru or you can apply online at <https://jobs.pizzahut.com/>. The phone number is (828) 497-5600.

**Pizza Inn:** accepting applications. Applications for Pizza Inn are available at Dairy Queen.

**Platinum Pro Clean:** openings available for Harrah's hotel cleaning. If interested, please call (828) 551-0411 to set up an interview.

**Quality Inn:** front desk. Applications are available at Quality Inn and the phone number is (828) 497-4702.

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

**Shoe Show:** part-time sales associate. Applications are available at Shoe Show and the phone number is (828) 497-8918.

**Smoky Mountain Inn & Suites:** housekeeping and front desk. Applications are available at Smoky Mountain Inn & Suites. The phone number is (828) 497-4858.

**Stonebrook Lodge:** housekeeping. Applications are available at Stonebrook Lodge and the phone number is (828) 497-2222.

**Subway:** openings available. You can apply at Subway or online at [www.mysubwaycareer.com](https://www.mysubwaycareer.com). The phone number is (828) 497-1268.

**Taco Bell:** team member, assistant general manager, restaurant general manager, and shift lead. You can apply at [www.midsouthtacobell.com](https://www.midsouthtacobell.com) and the store # is 027317. The phone number is (828) 497-1440.

**UltraStar Multi-Entertainment Center:** cook I, cook II, senior cook, host/hostess, dishwasher/steward, server, bartender, bowling and arcade attendant, social media specialist, bowling mechanic, EVS, and LT team member. For information on how to apply, please visit <https://ultrastarcareers.com/>.

**Wendy's:** breakfast crew member, crew member, shift manager, and general manager. You can apply online at <https://wendys-careers.com/-job-search/> and the phone number is (828) 497-1277.

**Wize Guys Grille:** hostess, dishwasher, and expeditor. You can apply through either the "Wize Guys Grille" Facebook page or contact Thomas or Mikayla at (828) 788-3073. Wize Guys Grille's phone number is (828) 497-2838.





# 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



# CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Closing Thursday, May 13, 2020**

EVS Technician  
Residential Technician – Kanvwtiyi  
Masters level Therapist – Kanvwtiyi

**Open Until Filled**

Advanced Clinical Pharmacist  
Clinical Supervisor - Kanvwtiyi  
Dental Assistant II (Multiple)  
Dietary Services Supervisor – Patient Side  
Director of Business Analytics and Revenue Cycle  
EVS Technician  
Licensed Practical Nurse – Immediate Care Center  
PTI Analenisgi Inpatient Technician  
PTI Phlebotomist  
PTI Registered Nurse – Analenisgi Inpatient  
PTI Registered Nurse – Emergency Room  
Residential Technician – (Emergency Hire) Women's Home  
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  
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Registered Nurse  
Registered Nurse (Part Time Intermittent)  
Registered Nurse Supervisor  
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**If you have questions, contact the Cherokee Indian Hospital HR Dept. at**  
**(828) 497-9163 ext. 6343.**



## EMPLOYMENT

### Construction Jobs Available

Cherokee Enterprises, Inc., an Equal Opportunity Employer, is accepting applications for heavy construction employees including laborers, heavy equipment operators and CDL truck drivers. Please contact our office at 828-497-5617 with questions or for additional information. You may also pick up an application at 1371 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC. from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Pre-employment drug testing, background check and reliable transportation required. **5/5**

**The Swain County Sheriff's Office has an immediate opening for a front desk receptionist.** Applications can be picked up at the front desk of

the Sheriff's Office at 95 Brendle Street Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. except for holidays. Salary and benefits will be discussed at time of interview. For more information contact Janet at 828-488-0159. **5/12**

### LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 20-094

#### In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph William Lomas

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed

below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Reva D. Toineeta  
P.O. Box 2052  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
**5/5**

#### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION EBCI THE CHEROKEE COURT CHEROKEE, NC

FILE NO.: \_CV-20-500  
Lucille Walkingstick Wolfe and  
Billy Edward Wolfe vs. Cynthia  
Regina Hornbuckle and Jacob  
Dewayne Wolfe

TO: Cynthia Regina Hornbuckle  
and Jacob Dewayne Wolfe

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is custody of a minor child. You are required to make defense to this pleading no later than May 31, 2021 said date being 40 days from the first date of this publication, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This is the 9th day of April 2021.

Lucille Walkingstick Wolfe and  
Billy Edward Wolfe  
(petition's name)  
\_Shira Hedgepeth  
(petitioner's attorneys' name)  
PO Box 514  
(petitioner's attorneys' address)  
Cullowhee, NC 28723\_\_\_\_\_  
(petitioner's attorneys' address)  
(828) 585-5044  
(petitioner's attorney's phone number)  
N.C.G.S.\_1A-1, Rule 4(j1). **5/5**

#### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION NORTH CAROLINA

GUILFORD COUNTY  
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF  
JUSTICE DISTRICT  
COURT DIVISION

19 CvD 9769  
TINA JONES v. SETH REED and  
SAVANNAH SHIVER

TO: SETH REED Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Child Custody. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than [40 days from date of first publication of notice], 2021, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. This the \_\_\_\_ day of April 2021. Stephen E. Robertson Attorney for Plaintiff LAW OFFICE OF STEPHEN E. ROBERTSON, PLLC 437 West Friendly Ave., Ste. 134 Greensboro, NC 27401 (634643). **5/5**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 21-036

#### In the Matter of the Estate of Mike Driver

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION  
Elizabeth Ann Driver Ensley  
PO Box 38  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
**5/12**

#### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF



**PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**  
**EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE**  
**INDIANS**  
**CHEROKEE COURT**  
**FILE NO. CV-20-406**  
**ISAAC NOAH MURPHY, PLAIN-**  
**TIFF**  
**V.**

**VICTORIA GRACE THOMPSON,**  
**and MARQUIS FORD,**  
**DEFENDANTS.**

**TO: MARQUIS FORD, PARENT**  
**OF 1 MINOR CHILD, C.T., BORN**  
**7/4/2014**

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought against you is:  
**CHILD CUSTODY**  
Filed September 1, 2020, in EBCI Tribal Court.

A written answer to the complaint must be filed with the EBCI

Clerk of Court of within 40 days of the first publication of this Notice of Service of Process by Publication. You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than June 7, 2021. Your failure to do so may result in the Plaintiff, Isaac Murphy, receiving the relief he seeks.

This the 28th day of April, 2021.

Legal Aid of North Carolina, Attorneys for Plaintiff

P.O. Box 426, Sylva, NC 28779  
(828) 477-4655. **5/12**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 21-042

**In the Matter of the Estate of**  
**Darlene French Defoe**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them

to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Roberta Ann French  
PO Box 672  
Whittier, NC 28789

**5/26**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 21-041

**In the Matter of the Estate of**  
**Lynda Mae Saunooke**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Marion S Taylor  
96 Dave Taylor Road  
Cherokee, NC 28719

**5/26**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 20-108

**In the Matter of the Estate of**  
**Jackie Lee Rattler**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed

below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Elsie Rattler  
168 Elsie Rattler Road  
Cherokee, NC 28719

**5/26**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 21-040

**In the Matter of the Estate of**  
**Tracey Lee Saunooke**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Marion S Taylor  
96 Dave Taylor Road  
Cherokee, NC 28719

**5/26**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 20-095

**In the Matter of the Estate of**  
**Perry Dean Sequoyah**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Houston Hornbuckle  
PO Box 2288



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Cherokee, NC 28719

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 21-035

**In the Matter of the Estate of  
James Robert Miller**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against this estate are notified to exhibit them to the fiduciary(s) listed on or before the date listed or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS  
FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

James Robert Miller Jr.  
241 Sawyer Street  
Waynesville, NC 28786

5/26

**BIDs, RFPs, etc.**

**Requests for Qualifications**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee Department of  
Transportation  
680 Acquoni Road  
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719  
Phone: (828) 359-6530  
Bridge Design (P,S & E)  
The Eastern Band of Cherokee  
Indians CDOT Office is request-  
ing Proposals from Qualified  
Professional Engineering Firms  
to provide the following services:  
Design of Two (2) Bridges on the  
Qualla Boundary, Tsali Enola  
Bridge & Hornbuckle # 2 (Ellings-  
worth Driveway) The deadline for  
submitting Proposals of Qualifica-  
tions will be May 13, 2021 at 3:00  
PM, EST.

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procurement policies, applicable  
state and federal rules, regula-  
tions and laws shall apply to the  
performance of any work awarded  
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please contact Barak N. My-  
ers, CDOT Program Manager at  
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(cell) or via email at [HYPERLINK  
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**Requests for Qualifications**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee Department of  
Transportation  
680 Acquoni Road  
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719  
Phone: (828) 359-6530  
Roadway Design Services  
The Eastern Band of Cherokee  
Indians CDOT Office is request-  
ing Proposals from Qualified  
Professional Engineering Firms  
to provide the following services:  
On-Call Designs of roads, struc-  
tures, and associated utilities. The  
deadline for submitting Proposals  
of Qualifications will be May 13,

2021 at 3:00 PM, EST.

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**Requests for Qualifications**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee Department of  
Transportation  
680 Acquoni Road  
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719  
Phone: (828) 359-6530  
Construction Inspection Services  
The Eastern Band of Cherokee  
Indians CDOT Office is request-  
ing Proposals from Qualified  
Professional Engineering Firms  
to provide the following services:  
On-Call Inspections of repairs  
and reconstruction of various  
roadways and structures on the

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Info: Scott at [scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov)  
or 359-6263

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Cherokee Indian Reservation. The deadline for submitting Proposals of Qualifications will be May 13, 2021 at 3:00 PM, EST.

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**Requests for Qualifications**  
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee Department of  
Transportation  
680 Acquoni Road  
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719  
Phone: (828) 359-6530  
Professional Surveying (PLS)  
Services

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting Proposals from Qualified Professional Surveying Firms or Qualified Professional Engineering Firms to provide the following services: On-Call Surveying Services. The deadline for submitting Proposals of Qualifications will be May 13, 2021 at 3:00 PM, EST.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Water and Sewer O&M Program  
Tribal Utilities Bldg.

Project Title: Locust Branch Water and Sewer Improvements

The EBCI is requesting proposals from qualified engineering firms for design, permitting and bidding assistance in conjunction with the Locust Branch Water and Sewer Improvements Project. The project includes upgrading approximately 4,300' of waterline and 4,300' of new community sewer. Firms wishing to request a proposal package should contact Ken Green, at (828) 359-6120 or by email at [kengree@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:kengree@nc-chokeee.com).

Proposal packages must be submitted in accordance with the instructions included in the RFP to Ethan Arch, Water and Sewer O&M Program. Proposals must be received by 06/03/2021@11:00 AM at which time they shall be opened and evaluated in accordance with tribal procedures. Any proposal received after this time will not be considered.

Please be advised that Indian preference (TERO) regulations apply to this solicitation and award

of this contract.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ken Green at (828) 359-6120 or by email at [kengree@nc-chokeee.com](mailto:kengree@nc-chokeee.com). **5/5**

## **CHEROKEE INDIANS HOUSING DIVISION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR:**

**SITE TESTING FOR ASBESTOS  
AND OTHER CONTAMINETS  
April 30, 2021**

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL is to select a contractor for the testing of a single-family house that is being prepared to be remodeled for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Housing Division. Contracts will be awarded based on competitive pricing. Projects will be monitored by CIHD Project Monitors.

### **VENDOR CERTIFICATIONS**

The vendor who is awarded the contract must either be duly registered as a vendor authorized to conduct business with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) or if not, will need to obtain an EBCI business license. Vendors selected will also be required to carry the minimum liability and workers compensation insurance required by the EBCI.

### **CONTRACT TERM:**

The term of any resulting contract shall begin on the date of approval by the EBCI Business Committee.

CIHD shall have the right to terminate the contract at any time by giving the Contractor a thirty-(30) day written notice. All tasks will be covered by an approved scope of work and acceptance of the contractor's quote for the specific scope of work.  
**PAYMENT AND COMPENSATION:**



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(Open until Filled unless otherwise indicated):

- **Middle School Language Arts Teacher** - North Carolina State Certification as a Middle Grades Language Arts/English Teacher or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board may find acceptable. Bachelor's degree required.
- **STARS Special Education Teacher** - North Carolina State Certification as a Special Education Teacher or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board may find acceptable. Bachelor's degree required.
- **Elementary Teacher** - North Carolina State Certification as a Elementary Teacher or such alternative to the above qualifications as the Board may find acceptable. Bachelor's degree required.
- **Elementary P.E. Teacher Assistant** - Must have an AA Degree or two years (48 semester hours) of study at an institute of higher education
- **Athletic Trainer (Full-Time)** - Must possess at least a bachelor's degree in a health related field. Must be a National Athletic Trainers' Association BOC certified and possess or be in the process of acquiring a licensure, certification or registration from the state of North Carolina
- **Special Education Teacher Assistant** - Must meet the provisions of the Every Student Succeeds Act. Teacher assistants serving in Title 1 schools, in an instructional capacity, must have an Associate's Degree or two years (48 semester hours) of study at an institute of higher education
- **6 Hour Food Service** - Must have a high school diploma or GED.
- **4 Hour Food Service** - Must have a high school diploma or GED.
- **Part Time Custodian** - Evenings - Must have a high school diploma or GED.
- **Part Time Security** - Must have a high school diploma or GED.
- **Part Time Food Service** - Must have a high school diploma or GED.



Payment terms: 100% due within 30 days after satisfactory completion of work invoiced, receipt of the invoice, approval, and acceptance by the project manager. EBCI normally pays all invoices on weekly basis if received before payment cut-off.

#### SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Provide the following services:

Contractors will test all possible areas that can be considered a "HOT" area and deliver a detailed report to CIHD of all findings. All work will meet environmental standards established by the Environmental Protection Agency enforced by the EBCI Environmental Resource Department.

The contact person for technical questions concerning the bid process and general project information should be directed to Shannon Ross, Project Monitor,

via e-mail at shanross@nc-choke.com or by phone at (828)788-0549. **5/12**

### **CHEROKEE INDIANS HOUSING DIVISION REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

Asbestos Abatement Services Cherokee Indians Housing Division is releasing this RFP to solicit proposals from qualified firms to provide all services for the complete abatement and disposal of Asbestos Containing Materials in a single family dwelling located on the Qualla Boundary.

1. Proposals shall be delivered to the office of CIHD at 687 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719 or mailed to PO Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719, not later than 12:00 PM on May 7th, 2021 at which hour and date all proposals will be publicly opened. Proposals shall

be submitted in a sealed envelope, and the outside of the envelope shall be clearly marked, "ASBESTOS ABATEMENT SERVICES". It is sole responsibility of the bidder to see that the bid is received in proper time. Any proposal received after the scheduled closing time shall be rejected.

2. Any bidder may withdraw his or her bid, either personally or by written request at any time prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposal, but no bidder may withdraw his or her bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the opening thereof.

3. All proposals submitted shall include a completed "Proposal", identifying unit costs and qualifications to do the work. The work performed under this contract must conform to requirements of the specifications, which are included in the bidder package.

4. The contract will be awarded to the bidder whose work, in the opinion of the Tribe will best meet the requirements of the Tribe. It is clearly understood by all bidders that the Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposal and to waive informalities in said proposal.

5. The contact person for technical questions concerning the bid process and general project information should be directed to Shannon Ross, Project Monitor, via e-mail at shanross@nc-choke.com or by phone at (828)788-0549.

Dated: April 30, 2021

Edwin Taylor  
Secretary of Housing. **5/12**

### **CHEROKEE INDIANS HOUSING DIVISION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

FOR:  
INTERIOR DEMO AND  
REMODEL OF A

SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING  
April 30, 2021

#### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL is to select a contractor for the complete interior demo and remodel of a single-family dwelling for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Housing Division. Contracts will be awarded based on competitive pricing. Projects will be monitored by CIHD Project Monitors.

#### VENDOR CERTIFICATIONS

The vendor who is awarded the contract must either be duly registered as a vendor authorized to conduct business with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) or if not, will need to obtain an EBCI business license. Vendors selected will also be required to carry the minimum liability and workers compensation insurance required by the EBCI.

#### CONTRACT TERM:

The term of any resulting contract shall begin on the date of approval by the EBCI Business Committee.

CIHD shall have the right to terminate the contract at any time by giving the Contractor a thirty-(30) day written notice. All tasks will be covered by an approved scope of work and acceptance of the contractor's quote for the specific scope of work.

#### PAYMENT AND COMPENSATION:

Payment terms: 100% due within 30 days after satisfactory completion of work invoiced, receipt of the invoice, approval, and acceptance by the project manager. EBCI normally pays all invoices on weekly basis if received before payment cut-off.

#### SCOPE OF SERVICES:

Provide the following services:

Contractors will be performing a completer interior demo to this



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
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**osing Sunday, May 09, 2021**

1. Housekeeper I – Snowbird/Cherokee County Housekeeping – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L3 \$22,990 - \$28,732)
2. Language Specialist (Graham County Schools) – Snowbird/Cherokee County Language and Cultural Program – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
3. Language Specialist (Snowbird Cherokee Adult Language Learners) – Snowbird/Cherokee County Language and Cultural Program – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
4. Public Safety Communication Manager – Public Safety – Operations (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
5. Plumber – Facility Management – Operations (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
6. Housekeeper I (Multiple) – Housekeeping – Operations (L3 \$22,990 - \$28,732)
7. Hatchery Technician (Seasonal) – Natural Resources – Agriculture and Natural Resources (L4 \$12.14 - \$15.18 per hour)
8. Juvenile Officer – Cherokee Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
9. Family Safety Social Worker (Multiple) – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$43,956 - \$54,950)
10. Teacher Assistant (Multiple) – Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)

**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.

dwelling down to the studs and then perform a complete remodel to the entire dwelling, all work will be monitored by CIHD Monitors.

The contact person for technical questions concerning the bid process and general project information should be directed to Shannon Ross, Project Monitor, via e-mail at shanross@nc-choke.com or by phone at (828)788-0549. 5/12

### CHEROKEE INDIANS HOUSING DIVISION REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES  
The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is seeking statement of qualifications from qualified and licensed design-build teams interested in providing demolition, design and construction services

for multi-family and single-family dwellings.

The intent of this RFQ is to select a design-build team to provide design and construction services for the Cherokee Indians Housing Division.

1. Proposals can be delivered to the office of HCD at 687 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC 28719 or mailed to PO Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719, not later than 12:00 PM on May 19th, 2021. Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, and the outside of the envelope shall be clearly marked. It is sole responsibility of the bidder to see that the bid is received in proper time. Any proposal received after the scheduled closing time shall be rejected.

2. Any bidder may withdraw his or her bid, either personally or by written request at any time

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3. All proposals submitted shall include a completed "Proposal", identifying unit costs and qualifications to do the work. The work performed under this contract must conform to requirements of the specifications, which are included in the bidder package.

4. The contract will be awarded to the bidder whose work, in the opinion of the Tribe will best meet the requirements of the Tribe. It is clearly understood by all bidders that the Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposal and to waive informalities in said proposal.

5. A Bidder's Package, including bidder specifications can be

obtained from Paulette Cox, Housing Associate Director, via email at paulcox@nc-choke.com or by phone at (828) 359-6748.

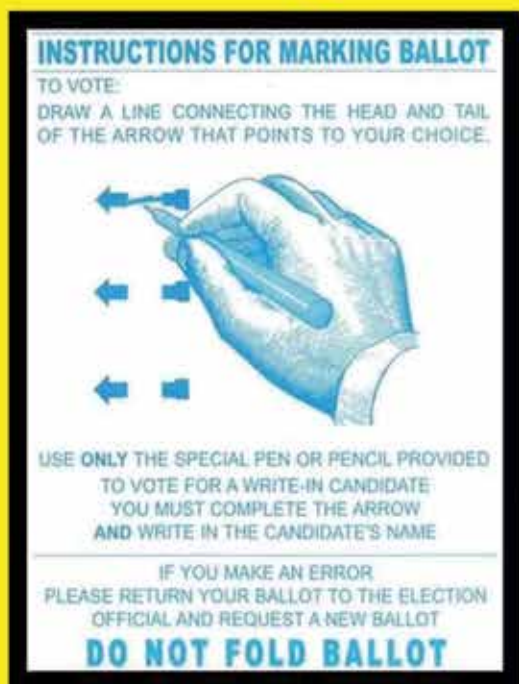
6. The contact person for technical questions concerning project specifications should be directed to Bunsey Crowe at bunscrew@nc-choke.com or by phone at (828) 359-6903.

Dated: April 30, 2021  
Edwin Taylor  
Secretary of Housing

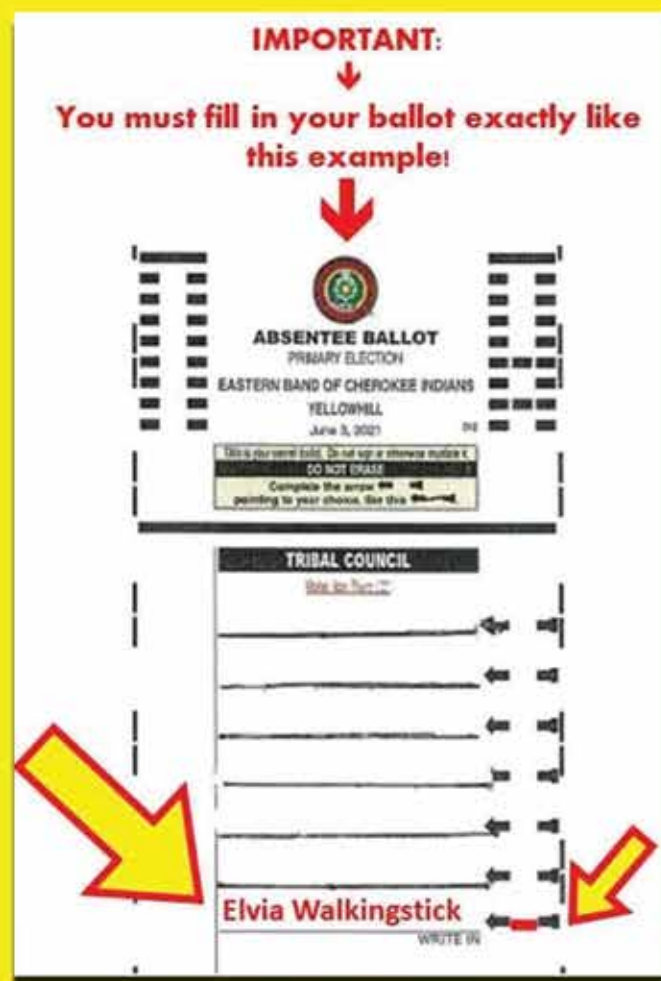
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## Elvia Walkingstick



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# CANDIDATE DEBATES



## Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center

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**\* Tuesday, June 22 \***

Big Cove Tribal Council, Birdtown Tribal Council

**\* Thursday, June 24 \***

Cherokee County - Snowbird Tribal Council,  
Painttown Tribal Council

**\* Tuesday, June 29 \***

Wolftown 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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