



**Commitment to
cooperation and
communication - Police
Commission meeting**
Pages 4-6

RUNNING FUN

Hundreds come for the
annual Cherokee Harvest
Half Marathon & 5K
Pages 8-9



GWY ᏥᎃᏍᏔᏅ ᏌᏍᏏᏅᏍᏔᏅ

CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER * TSALAGI SOQUO UGIDAHLI

DULIISDI 22-28

2021

Serving up fun...and wins

VOLLEYBALL

**Lady Braves seeing
success through
positive attitudes**

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Staff

For the first time in many years, the Cherokee Lady Braves varsity volleyball team is having a winning season, and players and coaches are attributing much of that success to positive attitudes and a can-do work environment. Following a 3-1 victory (25-23, 28-26, 22-25, 25-13) over Highlands at home on the evening of Thursday, Sept. 16, the Lady Braves sit at 7-4 overall (2nd in the Smoky Mountain Conference) and are riding a five-game winning streak.



Donna Thompson, Cherokee Lady Braves senior libero, passes the ball during a volleyball match against the Highlands Lady Highlanders on the evening of Thursday, Sept. 16 at the Charles George Memorial Arena. The Lady Braves won the match 3-1 (25-23, 28-26, 22-25, 25-13) (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

see **VOLLEYBALL** next page



Search thousands of One Feather photos:

Cherokeepics.com

GWY ᄒᄒᄒ ᄒᄒᄒ
CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER • TSALAGI SOQUO UGIDAHLI

P.O. Box 501, Cherokee, N.C., 28719
Located in Ginger Lynn Welch Complex
theonefeather.com, (828) 359-6261

The Editorial Board of the Cherokee One Feather consists of: Robert Jumper, chairman; Scott M. Brings Plenty, vice-chairman; Jonah Lossiah; Sally Davis; Angela Lewis, and Breanna Lucas.

One Feather staff

Editor - Robert Jumper
robejump@ebci-nsn.gov, 359-6482

Reporter - Scott M. Brings Plenty
scotmcki@ebci-nsn.gov, 359-6263

Reporter - Jonah Lossiah
jonaloss@ebci-nsn.gov, 359-6264

Subscription Clerk - Sally Davis
salldavi@ebci-nsn.gov, 359-6262

Letters Policy

The Cherokee One Feather is available as a forum for opinion or comment concerning issues of interest to the community and readership. Letters, including any submitted photos, should be exclusive to and will become the property of the One Feather. Letters must be signed and include contact information (name, address, email, or phone number). Letters should not exceed 250 words and may be rejected if those exceed the word limit. Submissions of more than 250 words may be considered for commentaries at the discretion of the Editor. The name and township of the writer will be printed. Letters must conform to the ethics policy of the Cherokee One Feather and the paper reserves the right to refuse publication of any material. The Editorial Board is the final arbiter on all decisions involving content.

Disclaimer: The views and opinions expressed by the editor and commentators are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the Cherokee One Feather and Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

CONTENTS (c) 2021 CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER
Cherokee's award-winning newspaper since 1965.

**Winner of 23 NCPA awards in 2020 including
1st Place - Community Coverage, Sports Coverage**



Follow the One
Feather on our
social media.



Aria Foerst, Lady Braves senior middle hitter, makes her hitting approach during a match against Highlands.

VOLLEYBALL: Lady Braves having a good year, from front page

Pam Bryant, second-year Lady Braves head coach, noted, "The biggest piece is they are just competitors. They just do not quit. Their overall feel right now is they have a mentality of 'let's just go out, let's get the job done and then go on about our business'. They're very focused even for them to be so young because we're 10 players and we have three freshman, four sophomores, and three seniors. So, they just don't quit. They just keep going. It's probably one of the neatest team settings I've ever been a part of because they are just in it to win it and they don't quit."

She said the team has been responding well to practice and training. "I think it's the matter of these girls needed to believe in themselves. I feel like they're believing in themselves and they're believing in what they can do. They're just wanting to be better and better every day. It goes in practice...they come out every day. They don't slack, they just go."

And, that work ethic is paying off.

Following a loss to undefeated Murphy, who sits atop the SMC at the moment, on Aug. 31, the Lady Braves have been on a tear with five wins in a row including a win over Andrews on Sept. 7 which represented their first SMC victory in a decade. During that span, Cherokee's wins included: 3-0 over Erwin, 3-1

over Andrews, 3-2 over Hayesville, 3-0 over Swain Co., and 3-1 over Highlands.

"They trust each other, and that's a huge piece when it comes to volleyball," said Coach Bryant. "They're starting to learn how to communicate - especially when they're young, they're learning how to do that. But, they have a trust for each other. They're disciplined. They're disciplined to know that person should be there, this person should be there. It comes down, literally, to just trusting each other and trusting what their responsibility is and then what the team responsibility is."

She said that the team's fundamental strength is defense. "We're scrappy. I tell the girls all the time that we're the smallest team we're probably ever going to come up against. But, they've got some fight

in them. So, defense-wise that was one of the focuses coming into this season. We knew, as a coaching staff, we were going to have to get the defense piece because we were going to have people who are going to hit over us."

Donna Thompson, senior

"They're smart players. They put the ball where they need to."

- Pam Bryant, Lady Braves varsity volleyball head coach

labero, is elated to be a part of this year's team. "Our coach has really made a big difference and we have to do a lot more at practice than before. Hustling, if a dropped ball happens then we do burpees. Serves were a big thing - if we missed a serve, we had to do a consequence. It's a lot of self-punish-

ment. Very big difference on that."

She has also noticed one big difference this season. "Our attitudes - that's a big change, too. Before, our past teams had bad attitudes and would get mad at teammates during the game which would just affect how we played."

Thompson said she has worked hard to improve her defensive skills including passing the ball on hard-driven spikes and serve-receive.

She is happy to see everyone's hard work paying off, "It feels good, it really does. Senior year, you know. I haven't really won any games in volleyball, we haven't won anything since I played since 8th grade. So, it's been a really good senior year and really good to get the experience of winning and all the good memories."

Coach Bryant said the Lady Braves are a very coachable team. "They're smart players. They put the ball where they need to. And the cool thing that's happening now is they're learning the volleyball IQ. They're learning about the game. It's more than just a pass, set, and hit. They're starting to learn volleyball IQ of how to strategize against other teams."

Aria Foerst, senior middle hitter, said, "Being on this team is honestly an honor. I haven't ever been on a team that's so close and so tight. We're just a family now. I've also never had this kind of bond with people before on a team. That's probably one of the main reasons we're winning all the time is because we never give up. And, those girls never quit.

Those girls play their hearts out on the court. Off the court, they are amazing athletes and students. They always bring positive attitudes. They're always on their best behavior."

She was excited about her senior year but noted, "I think, we didn't know what we were going into this season. We didn't know the outcome. We didn't know what was going to happen. We just sort of started winging it and hoped for the best and it got us somewhere! We started playing actual volleyball and not just going out thinking 'oh we're already going to lose'. We actually have that momentum of wanting to win all the time. I love this team to death. I wouldn't trade it for anything. I'm just glad I got to experience this my senior year."

It's that teamwork that is the largest difference Foerst noted. "We've come a long way from where we were just at summer workouts to now. We play a lot better together. We get our passes down, we get our feet set, we move quicker to the ball. We move more quickly as a team too. We've never really just dove after the ball. We wouldn't do that years before but now we do that. So, we have that part on our side as well. I think that's awesome."

One aspect not lost on this team is appreciation, and Foerst commented, "Our fans are absolutely the biggest support system we've ever had for volleyball."

Prior to Thursday's home game against Highlands, Foerst said, "We could go out in this game and lose, we could go out in this game and win, but no matter what we still have our fans and Cherokee supporting us the entire time."

Well, they won.



8th ANNUAL MONSTER PHOTO CONTEST
SPONSORED BY PRINCIPAL CHIEF RICHARD G. SNEED

\$100 FOR FIRST PLACE IN EACH CATEGORY

ADULT DIVISION (15-UP)
YOUTH DIVISION (4-14)
BABY/TODDLER (0-3)
PET DIVISION (ALL PETS)
GROUP (2 OR MORE PEOPLE)

Winners will be announced on Sunday, Oct. 31 at 12 p.m.

Send photos to Scott at scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov or message them to us on our Facebook page.
Please include name, age, and community or town/city with each entry. For pet entries, please include breed of animal.
Entries will be posted as soon as we receive them. So, enter now!

GWV TV OYLC
CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER TSALAGI SOQUO UGIDAHLI

A stated commitment to cooperation and communication - Police Commission meeting report

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

One Feather Editor

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Police Commission met for its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Sept. 16 in a conference room of the Ginger Lynn Welch complex. The meeting convened at approximately noon and lasted three and a half hours, including what amounted to a closed session (Chairman Tunney Crowe asked the One Feather to step out of the meeting room for a period that lasted 35 minutes). No formal motions for closing the meeting were made, the topic of discussion was not revealed, and no report was offered at the conclusion of the closed session.

The meeting content may be characterized as a discussion of past miscommunication or lack of communication between the different areas of leadership within law enforcement. The discussion included the Police Commission, the Chief of Police, Probation Officers, the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor, the Attorney General's office and Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed. Commissioners in attendance were Chairperson Tunney Crowe, Vice Chairperson Buddy Johnson, Secretary Anita Lossiah, Lisa Taylor, Solomon "Slick" Saunooke, Hillary Norville, and Frank Dunn. According to the Secretary, Commissioner Kym Parker was attempting to connect via electronic media, but there was no interaction during the meeting. Secretary Lossiah acknowledged that the Commission had a quorum so that the meeting could pro-

ceed. Also, in attendance for the full meeting, including the closed session, were Police Chief Josh Taylor, Tribal Prosecutor Cody White, Tribal Prosecutor Shelli Buckner, and Chris Siewers Jr. from the Attorney General's office.

As the meeting began, Buddy Johnson had questions regarding the current police department policies and procedures. Police Chief Taylor made a distinction between personnel policy and operational procedure. He said that he is committed to the police department adhering to the Tribal Human Resources personnel policy to which every tribal employee is accountable. Regarding operational policies and procedures, Taylor said that he is reviewing and updating existing policies based on expert input from multiple sources, including neighboring county sheriffs. He also said that he is also getting support from the Tribal Prosecutor's office, who he said was an invaluable resource. He said that a good working relationship with that office had been beneficial in his transition to assuming the Police Chief role. He welcomed input from the Commission regarding the operations manual.

Principal Chief Sneed indicated that he was responding to a request to be more involved in the Police Commission meetings and mentioned his intent to be more available for the sessions. "We want to keep the lines of communication open between Executive and the Commission, and the Police Department and Commission," he said. "We want this to be a cooperative relationship and

not a contentious one. I am really just here to observe, to offer my input or insight as needed. I'll just let you know that I intend to make this a regular part of my schedule so we can talk directly."

There was a lengthy discussion on the use of an extensive network of hiking and four-wheeler trails by people for drug activity. Police Chief Taylor stated that drug arrests are made regularly by EBCI Natural Resource Enforcement (NRE) and these routes are particularly difficult to monitor due to staffing issues. He referred to NRE as his "top tier woodland operations team". He indicated that his most recent reporting between EBCI and Swain County (two-week report) was that there were 33 criminal citations, including seven arrests, issued just off the trail system.

The Police Chief also talked about creating new teams within his department to improve community outreach and he said that it is already showing results. "I have built things called Community Action teams or Criminal Interdiction Teams. I've done that with two enrolled members. So, with that Criminal Interdiction team from Aug. 29 for Sept. 10, they conducted seven license checks in Cherokee and Graham County. They issued 31 citations, served 17 warrants, and got 8.2 grams of drugs off the streets (methamphetamines or heroin). They did multiple community services; community policing; knocking on doors; speaking to the community; having lunch with the elders down there. The big thing is that they were contacted by the 30th Court

District."

He added, "Two Council members were contacted in the past from out there and a lieutenant was contacted in the past about a fugitive that was wanted on Federal Marshall warrants. There was a guy that was hidden in Indian country down there. Everybody knew where he was. We picked him up and then we got two more fugitive warrants out of the same house in Cherokee County from a woman for an armed robbery associate. U.S. 30th Court District's actually writing us a letter of appreciation. The two gentlemen (on the Criminal Interdiction team) are building something that maybe we can add to later on. Because it's when you guys call me or when the Chief calls me and says 'Hey we've got a spot down here that's getting pretty much held hostage', that's when we send them in there doing traffic stops; doing license checks; doing saturated police work and that's what our community needs right now."

Commissioner Saunooke asked about any disparities in pay, to which Police Chief Taylor deferred to EBCI Human Resources, stating that the police department was included in the recent compensation analysis to ensure that pay was in-line with the positions. Principal Chief Sneed added that all tribal employees would be receiving a 5 percent increase in pay as a result of the analysis, which will include the police department. He stated further that, if the analysis showed that a position was not being paid at market value based on the compensation analysis, it would be brought up to the market

standard. During the discussion, Chairman Crowe requested a copy of the compensation analysis as it pertains to the law enforcement positions and the Chief committed to providing it to the Commission, caveating that names would be redacted from the report.

Well into the meeting, Commissioner Dunn asked that it become a practice to pray prior to the meeting beginning. He said that many big decisions were under consideration and that it would be beneficial to ask for divine guidance in these sessions. He then asked Principal Chief Sneed to lead in prayer and the Chief gave a prayer over the offices represented and the Commission.

Both Chairperson Crowe and Police Chief Taylor emphasized the desire to work together to support law enforcement and ensure better community outreach and service. Both leaders agreed that communication had not been what it should be in the past. The Commissioners and other entities said they could already see a positive difference in the level of communication from the Police Department.

Police Chief Taylor thanked the Commission, Principal Chief, Attorney General's office, and particularly the Tribal Prosecutor's Office for helping him as he transitioned into the Police Chief position.

In response to Taylor's comment about both his office and that of the Prosecutor's office going through some growing pains together, Commissioner Lossiah commented, "It is really good to hear your statement about the Prosecutor's Office. They are the top law enforcement program of this Tribe and to have them as the final link, everything up the chain has to be strong and so I appreci-

ate hearing that from you."

Taylor responded, "I know it sounds weird, but we really changed the whole train of thought of how it goes between Law Enforcement and the Prosecutor's Office. There used to be corrections, jail, patrol, investigation, prosecution-everything right? It's all one. We all work for the same cause. Cody (White) and Shelli (Buckner) have been very good to me. All of you have, but they have helped me and they changed in the ways they think just because of the past; the ways they have been treated. They gave me an opportunity to come in and be a teammate and that's fine. I need that because if not, I know I'm not going to be successful. I need their brains. I need their help." He went on to say that the Prosecutors, along with Fire and EMS, are already going into trainings with law enforcement. "It is the way we have to be."

Police Chief Taylor gave a brief update on progress with other divisions (ALE, Animal Control, NRE), reported on primary staff outages, and operations were moving along smoothly, and paperwork was being submitted. He did share an interesting anecdote concerning canine officer Vader who located a hidden gun in a spare tire. The tire was in a car in the control of a felon and drug dealer.

Officers from the Probation enforcement were next on the agenda. They had been asked at a previous meeting to bring the home passive restraints (referred to as "ankle bracelets") for examination by the Commission. Officers first presented a GPS tracking bracelet, which they said used global satellite tracking to locate the bracelet and wearer. Probation officers are able to monitor people on probation through a computer

or an application on their phones. The application allows the officers to use geo-fencing technology to be alerted when a person leaves their designated safe space (that space they are allowed by court order to be in) and also to alert an officer if the person enters a space that they are not permitted to go, as in the case of a domestic violence restraining order. The unit will also alert officers if the bracelet is removed or is not being properly charged by the person wearing it. The information from the bracelet is captured at intervals of a few minutes and stored, so that if there is ever a question of where someone was located at a specific time, it will be on record. The officers then presented an alcohol "sniffing" ankle bracelet that monitored the alcohol level of anyone wearing it. The example given for use of this bracelet was in the case of child custody where sobriety is a determining factor of custody.

Commissioner Dunn asked that it be emphasized that the bracelets are used for more than house arrest. He said just because someone is in Food Lion, for example, with an ankle bracelet on, doesn't necessarily mean that they are violating their probation. Some common areas, like grocery stores, may have been approved by court order. The Probation officers added that not all bracelets that might be seen on the Qualla Boundary are issued by the Cherokee Court. It may belong to the state or some other entity.

The Probation officers and Police Chief Taylor spent several minutes discussing ways that the Police Department might support and assist the Probation department with probation enforcement. One of the Probation officers indicated that he had already seen

a marked improvement in the level of assistance provided by the police.

There was a long discussion to address a complaint from a tribal member. She lives in an area she describes as a "checkerboard pattern" of tribal and state land. She has been having issues with people who are on drugs being in her yard, and in the road. One of these individuals frequenting her yard was banished, but is still showing up. She has reported this individual multiple times for being on tribal land (her property), but she is running into jurisdictional issues with both the police departments and governments over who should legally take action, and how she gets off-Boundary law enforcement and courts to enforce banishment and/or trespassing since the individual moves from tribal to state land when law enforcement is called out.

After several minutes of discussion, attorney Chris Siewers Jr. committed to assist the tribal member in preparing a document to submit to the assistant district attorney for her county, so that better cooperation might be provided from the outside government to address the trespassing and reduce the security concern that this banished individual presents to the tribal member and her family. The Commission indicated the issue of civil versus criminal authority in our court system has long been an issue that needs to be resolved to the benefit of all tribal land holders.

Cody White, senior prosecutor, gave a report on a "complete system overhaul for our record-keeping." He stated that all the database systems (of the various tribal legal systems) would talk to

see **POLICE** next page

POLICE: Commission holds meeting, from page 5

each other. He indicated that the police, court system, and prosecutors would be able to access certain interconnected data that would make their work more efficient and productive. He stated that even off-Boundary defense attorneys would be able to access certain information that would benefit the process in allowing tribal defendants more access to

attorneys and make the interaction between defense attorneys and the tribal court system easier. He addressed an ongoing perception of an overabundance of dismissals in the Tribal Court. He gave an example of someone getting four charges on a drug-related arrest. He must prosecute on one of the four offenses. He is prohibited from prosecuting all. Regardless of the outcome of the case, because of double jeopardy, the law will not allow the other three to

be prosecuted. But, if he gets the conviction on the charge, and the other charges are automatically, by law, dismissed, it may sometimes be perceived that the Prosecutor's office or another agency didn't do their jobs when it is just how the law is written. He clarified that in the case of a conviction, the other charges are related and "merge" into the conviction. White said that the Prosecutor's Office, working with the charging officers, is looking at a way that individuals

can be charged with one offense at a time, so that the perception of more dismissals than convictions is resolved. "We are trying to paint a clearer, more accurate picture." White also reported that they had prosecuted 2,100 criminal cases in fiscal year 2021.

The next Cherokee Police Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 14 at noon.

Cherokee Indian Housing Division Emergency Rental Assistance

The Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) application portal will open on Friday, Sept. 17 for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to apply for assistance. If you have applied and received assistance, contact Stefany Hicks at 359-8096 to update your current application if additional assistance is needed. Assistance can be provided up to 15 months.

If you have been denied and the household income has declined, submit a new application. If you live outside of the service area, your application will be activated to determine if you qualify for assistance. If you live outside of the service area or the state of North Carolina, applications will be accepted. To submit an application, log onto ebci.com to access the rental assistance portal.

- Cherokee Indian Housing Division

MISSING PERSON

Megan Sorrel Sylvia Female

Missing Age: 38 Current Age: 38 years

American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 5' 7" - 5' 8" Weight: 320-330 lbs

Hair: brown Eyes: brown

Date of last contact: June 1, 2021

Case created: September 16, 2021

Location: Bethany, Oklahoma
(Oklahoma County)

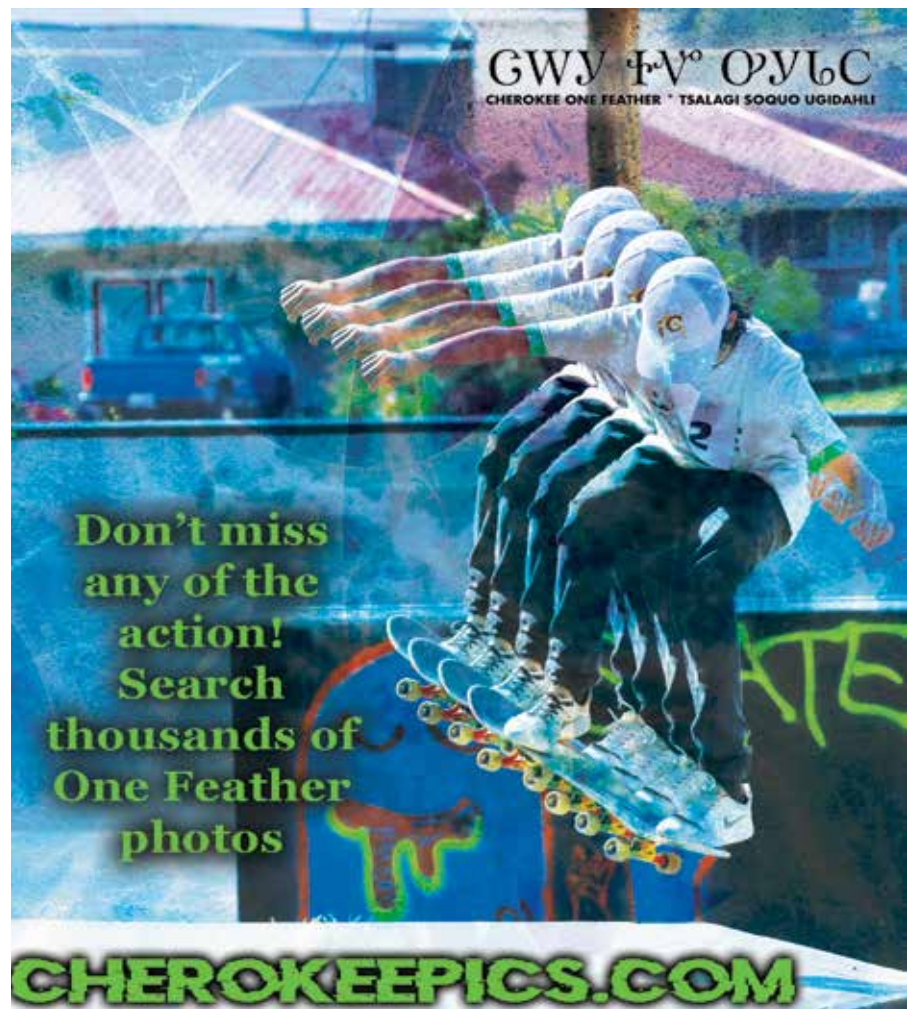
Circumstances of Disappearance: Last seen on 6/1/2021 at approximately 1:35 am. Megan was last seen wearing a black Cobra Kai t-shirt, black and yellow shorts and camo sliders. Megan was last wearing camo sliders.

If you have seen Megan, contact Bethany Police Department, Brady Schmiedeberg, L Lieutenant-Investigations, awton Police Department (405) 789-2323.

Source: Namus.gov

NO PHOTO AVAILABLE

GWY 𐏓𐏐𐏐𐏐𐏐𐏐
CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER * TSALAGI SOQUO UGIDAHLI



**CIPD Arrest Report for
Sept. 5-12**

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

Wolfe, Anna – age 41
Arrested: Sept. 6
Released: Sept. 6
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public, Communicating Threats, Assault on Emergency Personnel

Saunooke, Brittany Cheyenne – age 27
Arrested: Sept. 7
Released: Not released as of press time
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree, Trafficking

Teesateskie, Brian Elliot – age 45
Arrested: Sept. 7
Released: Sept. 8
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Arch, Cheslie – age 31
Arrested: Sept. 8
Released: Not released as of press time
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Cisneros, Angela Lista – age 33
Arrested: Sept. 8
Released: Sept. 8
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Rickman, Patrick Lynn – age 45

Arrested: Sept. 8
Released: Sept. 8
Charges: DWI

Rodriguez, Otono Milan – age 29
Arrested: Sept. 8
Released: Not released as of press time
Charges: Failure to Appear, Possession of a Controlled Substance

Sherrill, John Charles – age 34
Arrested: Sept. 8
Released: Sept. 12
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Conseen, Carrie Louise – age 22
Arrested: Sept. 9
Released: Not released as of press time
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Martinez, Benjamin Scott – age 45
Arrested: Sept. 9
Released: Not released as of press time
Charges: Robbery with Dangerous Weapon

Ramirez, Hugo Gardo – age 36
Arrested: Sept. 9
Released: Sept. 11
Charges: Obstructing Governmental Functions, Failure to Appear on Felony

Cucumber-Bradley, Ronda Lynn – age 56
Arrested: Sept. 10
Released: Not released as of press time
Charges: Probation Violation

Owl, Joshua Ryan – age 30
Arrested: Sept. 10
Released: Sept. 10
Charges: Failure to Appear

Rose, James Victor – age 32

Arrested: Sept. 10
Released: Not released as of press time
Charges: Domestic Violence (three counts)

Smith, Jacob Colby – age 21
Arrested: Sept. 10
Released: Not released as of press time
Charges: Resisting, Delaying, or Obstructing Officers; Criminal Mischief to Property (two counts); Obstructing Governmental Functions; Resisting Lawful Arrest; Providing or Possessing Contraband; Injuring Real Property; Obstructing Justice

Smith, Kathy Sussan – age 46
Arrested: Sept. 10
Released: Not released as of press time
Charges: Aggravated Weapons Offense, Assault With a Deadly Weapon, Second Degree Trespass

Bird, Martine – age 30
Arrested: Sept. 11
Released: Not released as of press time
Charges: Criminal Conspiracy

Clouse, Marilyn Catherine – age 46
Arrested: Sept. 11
Released: Sept. 11
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Crowe, Joel Daniel – age 40
Arrested: Sept. 11
Released: Not released as of press time
Charges: Assault Inflict Serious Injury, Kidnapping, Criminal Conspiracy

Cruz, Yona Awigadh – age 35
Arrested: Sept. 11
Released: Sept. 11
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Kolonahekie, Cassidy Lee – age 33
Arrested: Sept. 11
Released: Not released as of press time
Charges: Domestic Violence

Poncho, Nicholas Taylor – age 30
Arrested: Sept. 11
Released: Not released as of press time
Charges: Criminal Conspiracy

Reed, Melvin Leroy – age 56
Arrested: Sept. 11
Released: Not released as of press time
Charges: Failure to Appear on Felony

Bradley, Alfred Donald – age 45
Arrested: Sept. 12
Released: Sept. 12
Charges: Failure to Appear on Felony

Crowe, Kristin Sanders – age 34
Arrested: Sept. 12
Released: Not released as of press time
Charges: Providing or Possessing Contraband, Possession of a Controlled Substance – Schedule IV, Second Degree Trespass

Dardeen, Bianca Jean – age 30
Arrested: Sept. 12
Released: Not released as of press time
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Messerly, Lauren Shade – age 22
Arrested: Sept. 12
Released: Sept. 12
Charges: Providing Alcoholic Beverages to, Possession of, Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages by Persons under 21 years old

Cherokee Harvest Half Marathon draws hundreds of runners

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

The 2021 Cherokee Harvest Half Marathon & 5K was held through the streets of Cherokee on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 18. A total of 191 runners participated in the half marathon and another 208 ran the 5K race.

The top 10 finishers overall in the half-marathon and 5K were:

Half-Marathon

- 1 – Donnie Doward, Winston-Salem, 1:05.19
- 2 – James Quattlebaum, Greenville, S.C., 1:05.36
- 3 – Kallup McCoy II, Cherokee, 1:18.25
- 4 – Paula Pridgen, Charlotte, 1:22.33
- 5 – Franklin Keathley, Charlotte, 1:23.15
- 6 – Joy Miller, West Columbia, S.C., 1:24.18
- 7 – Luis Cortinas, Candler, 1:26.34
- 8 – Diana Mitchen, Brookhaven, Ga., 1:29.25
- 9 – Stuart Maxwell, Cary, 1:29.05
- 10 – Kimberly Jakushev, Franklin, 1:30.14

5K

- 1 – Wesley Gurley, Marion, 20:03
- 2 – Samuel McGuire, Sylva, 20:28
- 3 – Alesea Caldwell, Waynesville, 20:38
- 4 – Anthony Krause, Sylva, 21:01
- 5 – Bo Bowers, Clyde, 21:25
- 6 – Chad Cooper, Cherokee, 22:04
- 7 – Tom Truitt, Clyde, 22:13
- 8 – Derrick Murphy, Horse Shoe, 22:35
- 9 – Joshua Schick, Waynesville, 22:38
- 10 – Roy Stiles, Almond, 23:22

The following won their respective age divisions in the half marathon:

Masters Males: Franklin Keathley, Charlotte, 1:23.15

Masters Females: Jennifer Love, Hendersonville, 1:32.46

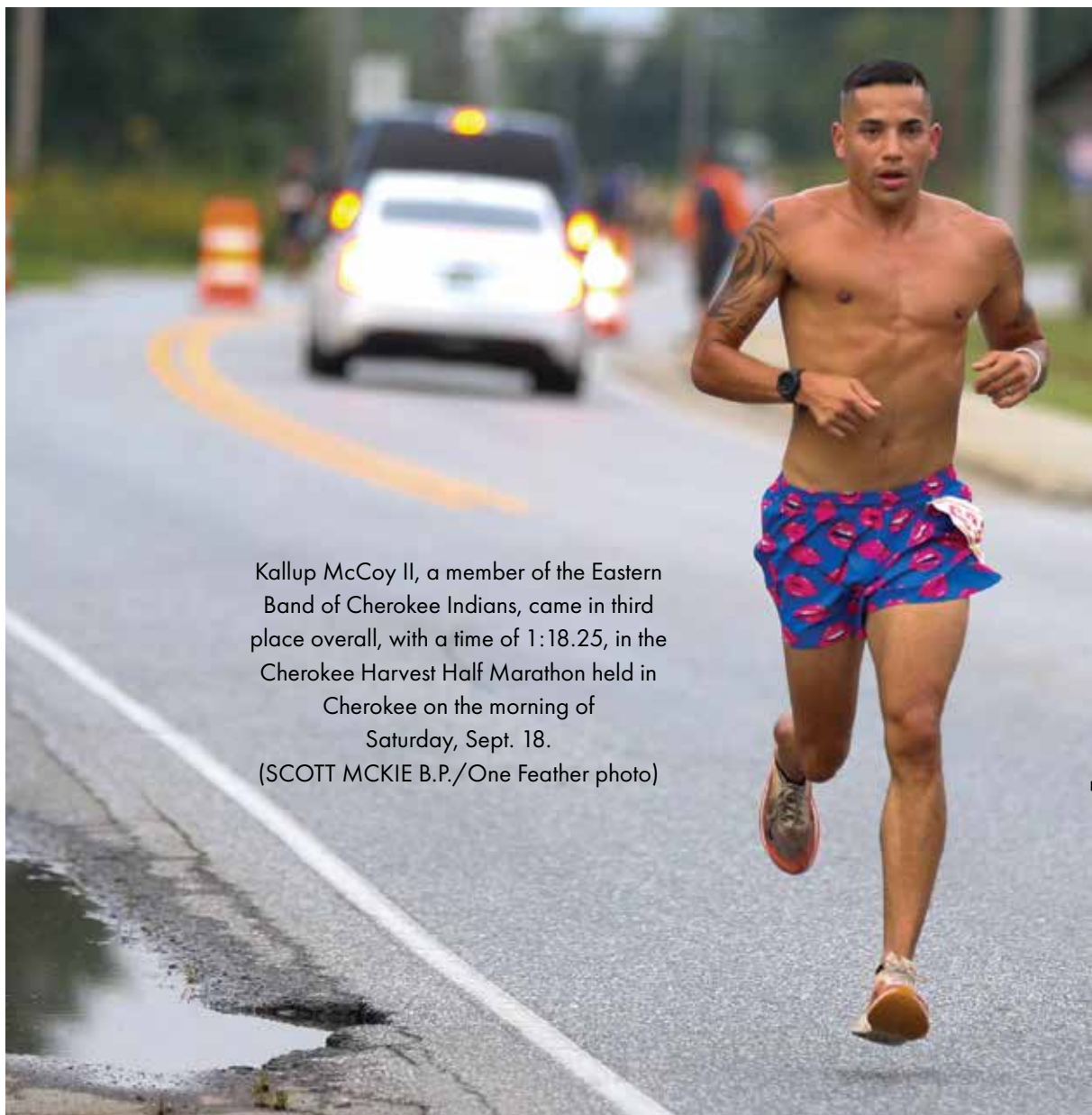
Female 16-19: Disha Anand Kumar, Cumming, Ga., 2:45.27

Male 20-24: Malcolm Skinner, Huntersville, 1:38.03

Female 20-24: Jamie Connelly, Greenville, S.C., 1:34.44

Male 25-29 : Boone Marois, Asheville, 1:31.22

Female 25-29 : Michelle Provost, Sylva, 1:45.45



Kallup McCoy II, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, came in third place overall, with a time of 1:18.25, in the Cherokee Harvest Half Marathon held in Cherokee on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 18.

(SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Male 30-34: Todd Davidson, Sylva, 1:30.30

Female 30-34 : Kimberly Jakushev, Franklin, 1:30.14

Male 35-39 : Luis Cortinas, Candler, 1:26.34

Female 35-39 : Katie Rose, 1:57.46

Male 40-44: Chris Maslin, Black Mountain, 1:47.45

Female 40-44: Leah Johnson, Durham, 1:47.38

Male 45-49: Markus Reiter, Columbia, S.C., 1:38.00

Female 45-49: Dara Steele-Belkin, Atlanta, Ga., 1:35.36

Male 50-54: David Williamson, St. Augustine, Fla., 1:36.59

Female 50-54: Lori Daniell, Charlotte, 2:25.12

Male 55-59: Charlie Gay, Etowah, 1:41.56

Female 55-59: Ann Kurtis, Weaverville, 1:53.18

Male 60-64: Tom Walsh, Whittier, 1:53.08

Female 60-64: Brooke Nelson, Munford, Ala., 2:04.21

Male 65-69: Doug Kurtis, Weaverville, 1:44.47

Female 65-69: Barbara Taylor, Athens, Conn., 2:55.15

Male 70-98: Stuart Maxwell, Cary, 1:29.05

Female 70-98: Kathy Stahly, Asheville, 2:20.15

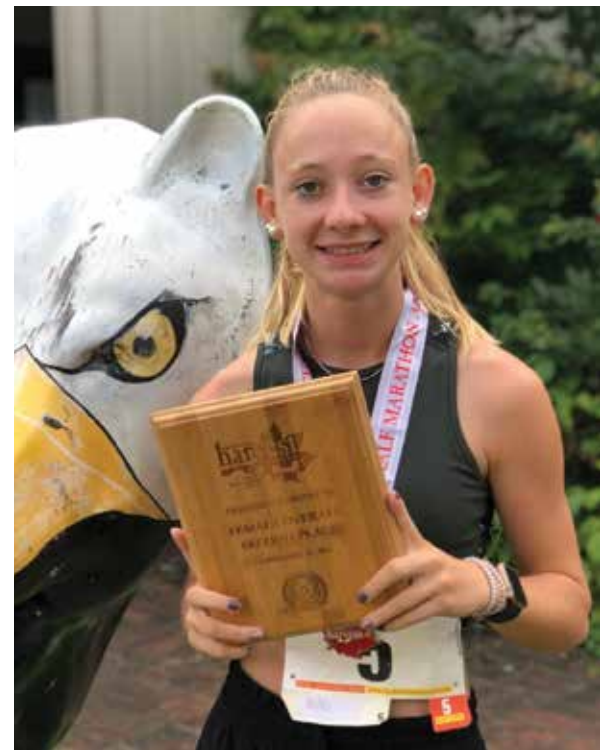
The following won their respective age divisions in the 5K:

see **RUNNING** next page

RUNNING: Annual Cherokee Harvest Half Marthon and 5K results, from page 8

Masters Males: Chad Cooper, Cherokee, 22:04
Masters Females: Sylvia Paszta, Sylva, 26:26
Male 1-12: Ransom Ledford, Pisgah Forest, 54:19
Female 1-12: Gwyneth Schick, Waynesville, 26:58
Male 13-15: Kaden Phillips, Statesville, 38:01
Female 13-15: Summer Lynn, Clyde, 25:20
Male 16-19: Bo Bowers, Clyde, 21:25
Female 16-19: Santanna Buchanan, Cherokee, 49:39
Male 20-24: Eduardo Zavala, Whittier, 31:27
Female 20-24: Kalie Reep, Statesville, 31:24
Male 25-29: Jacob Siri, Asheville, 34:19
Female 25-29: Danielle Driscoll, Asheville, 28:37
Male 30-34: Harrison Randazzo, Sylva, 23:45
Female 30-34: Rachel Thebeau, Mars Hill, 25:16
Male 35-39: Roy Stiles, Almond, 23:22
Female 35-39: Jessica Carter, Deep Gap, 27:47
Male 40-44: Joshua Schick, Waynesville, 22:38

Female 40-44: Jennifer Parker, Asheville, 26:56
Male 45-49: Virgilijus Paukste, Clyde, 26:42
Female 45-49: Kristen Flesher, Blairsville, Ga., 28:42
Male 50-54: Raymond Randall, Winter Park, Fla., 28:42
Female 50-54: Sharon Arnold, Blairsville, Ga., 26:21
Male 55-59: Tom Truitt, Clyde, 22:13
Female 55-59: Cindy Ryals, Young Harris, Ga., 30:17
Male 60-64: Joel McKenzie, Sylva, 24:40
Female 60-64: Debbie Green, Asheboro, 32:44
Male 65-69: Patrick Johnson, Waynesville, 31:01
Female 65-59: Debra Taylor, Deland, Fla., 35:21
Male 70-74: Gary Mauldin, Cullowhee, 45:14
Female 70-74: Linda Tessneer, Marion, 58:43
Male 75-98: Robert Wood, Canton, 43:43
Female 75-98: Martha Marshall, Asheville, 43:22
Female 99: Oakley Gurley, Marion, 29:29



Skylar Ball, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, was the female second overall finisher in the 5K with a time of 23:29. She is a freshman at Tuscola High School and lives in Waynesville. (Photo contributed)

CROSS COUNTRY

Cherokee teams participate at Swain-hosted meet at Kituwah

One Feather Staff Report

KITUWAH - Swain High School hosted a cross country meet at Kituwah on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 18, and the teams from Cherokee High School and Middle School participated. Other teams attending the late summer meet included: Andrews Middle, Carolina Mountain XC, Hayesville Middle, Highlands, Martins Creek Middle, Mountain Discovery Charter School, Murphy, Murphy Middle, Robbinsville, Robbinsville Middle, Swain County, Swain Middle, and Tri-County Early College.

Following are the top seven finishers in each race plus all Cherokee finishers per [nc.milesplit.com](https://www.nc.milesplit.com):

Middle School Girls

- 1 - Annie Lewis, Swain, 13:17.20
- 2 - Fern Crayton, Martins Creek, 13:41.60
- 3 - Livia Crowe, Cherokee, 14:07.30
- 4 - Abby Wehr, Robbinsville, 14:09.30
- 5 - Halie Hill, Murphy, 14:13.90
- 6 - Carden Oetting, Mountain Discovery, 14:18.90
- 7 - Marden Harvey, Mountain Discovery, 14:25.00
- 9 - Yvonne Saunooke, Cherokee, 14:55.00
- 13 - Lily Lossiah, Cherokee, 15:42.80
- 18 - Emilee Brady, Cherokee, 16:21.00
- 26 - Kiara Sneed, Cherokee, 17:25.00

Middle School Boys

- 1 - Salinas O'Malley, Andrews, 10:58
- 2 - Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 11:33
- 3 - Robert Turner, Murphy, 12:11
- 4 - Ryan Payne, Murphy, 12:20
- 5 - Samuel Hernandez, Cherokee, 12:22
- 6 - Myca Mustin, Andrews, 12:42
- 7 - Ross Clapsaddle, Swain, 13:06
- 20 - Isiah Ledford, Cherokee, 15:20
- 26 - Zandler Bell, Cherokee, 17:08
- 30 - Kaden Stephens, Cherokee, 17:31
- 37 - Levi Oocumma, Cherokee, 19:38

- 38 - Drake Cruz, Cherokee, 19:43

Varsity Girls

- 1 - Arizona Blankenship, Swain, 18:51.80
- 2 - Emily Ulaner, Swain, 21:41.50
- 3 - Gracie Monteith, Swain, 22:41.50
- 4 - Lily Bjerkness, Swain, 22:49.00
- 5 - Corrine Cotton, Murphy, 23:24.30
- 6 - Ashlyn Stroupe, Muprhy, 23:32.60
- 7 - Sienna Hackshaw, Swain, 23:54.00
- 15 - Betty Lossiah, Cherokee, 27:57.60
- 16 - Tsuli Lossiah, Cherokee, 28:25.40
- 18 - Janna Girty, Cherokee, 30:42.40
- 19 - Boie Crowe, Cherokee, 30:45.80

Varsity Boys

- 1 - Connor Brown, Swain, 17:37.30
- 2 - Clayton Laney, Murphy, 17:45.10
- 3 - Kane Jones, Swain, 17:56.00
- 4 - Caleb Rice, Murphy, 18:10.00
- 5 - Liam Cook, Murphy, 18:12.00
- 6 - Jaylen Bark, Cherokee, 18:15.60
- 7 - Tyce Hogner, Cherokee, 18:43.00
- 11 - Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 19:08.80
- 13 - Oztin Swayney, Cherokee, 19:37.60
- 14 - Ayden Thompson, Cherokee, 19:44.50
- 32 - Gideon Freeman, Cherokee, 30:12.00

Warriors score 28 in second half to top Braves



Don Bradley (#2), Cherokee Braves senior quarterback, runs the ball during a game at East Gaston in Mt. Holly on the evening of Friday, Sept. 17. E. Gaston scored 28 points in the second half to edge the Braves 35-26. Bradley completed 7 of 16 passes for 68 yards and 2 TDs, and he rushed the ball 26 times for 120 yards and 2 TDs. (Photos by Jennifer Rider Hall)



Cherokee's Elijah Watty (#25) puts a big hit on an East Gaston runner. Watty had six tackles on the night (two solo, four assist).

**104.9 FM
WFSC
1050 AM**

**The Smokies
classic hits
station**

Tell It & Sell It
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Weekdays



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians TRIBAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION

P. O. Box 1123, Cherokee, NC 28719
(828) 359-9751

food.ebci-nsn.gov



CERTIFICATION PERIODS:

- * ZERO INCOME (LITTLE CHANCE OF CHANGE) - Every 3 months to 6 months
- * ZERO INCOME (FREQUENT CHANGES IN INCOME (Every month to 2 months)
- * STABLE (NON-CHANGING INCOME - 12 months)
- * ELDERLY/DISABLED (FIXED INCOME) - Up to 24 months. Must be contacted every 12 months to make sure they want to continue services.
- * SELF-EMPLOYED - Recertification should fall when they receive the majority of their income.

GROSS INCOME (20% EIC DEDUCTION):

- * PAID WEEKLY - Gross amount of check x 4.3 = Gross monthly income before 20% deduction
- * PAID BI-WEEKLY - Gross amount of check x 2.15 = gross monthly income before 20% deduction

DEDUCTIONS:

- * 20% - (0.20 x gross income)
- * Utility Deductions - \$350
- * Medical Deductions - Medical costs >\$35
- * Child Support - Paid
- * Dependent Care Expenses
- * Home Care Meal-Related Deduction - \$250

Household Size (FDPir Net Monthly Income Standards)

1-	\$1,251
2-	\$1,629
3-	\$2,007
4-	\$2,393
5-	\$2,802
6-	\$3,211
7-	\$3,590
8-	\$3,968

**Each additional
member \$379**

EBCI Per Capita and Per Capita Loans are NOT considered as income at this time. Please, feel free to contact the Tribal Foods Office (828-359-9751) for detailed eligibility requirements and to schedule an appointment. Thanks from the TFDP Staff.

Blues Traveler is heading to Cherokee

By JONAH LOSSIAH

One Feather Staff

Famed blues rock outfit Blues Traveler will be making their way to Cherokee on Sept. 24 for a concert at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort.

This show is coming towards the end of their first tour since the pandemic break, as well as to showcase their 14th studio album "Traveler's Blues". Chan Kinchla, the band's guitarist, said that this album is a return to their roots.

"We had been talking about doing a blues record in some form for well over a decade. As it became more and more clear we weren't working last year. Like everyone, we thought it'd be a month, then three months, then six months, and then surely, we'll be out in the fall. We knew we had the space and time to go, 'well we should do something, anything.' Right at that time, we were talking with Round Hill Records, which has a really big blues catalog," said Kinchla.

"That's when the idea came back to do a blues record. The band's original name was Blues Band. When we were actually in high school, we were much more of a blues band. I mean, that's the music we kind of started on. I think what we loved about it, is blues music is a very in-the-moment, improvisational type of music. The forms are all very similar, it's how you play them in that moment. The intensity of it, the speed of it. You change a lot of those variables around; it really changes how a song feels. That's what we always loved about the blues. Being a bunch of white kids from the suburbs, I think at the time we were



Blues Traveler will be playing at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort on Friday, Sept. 24. The show is scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. Tickets are being sold online through ticketmaster.com. (Photo by Graham Fielder)

kind of just playing at it. So, I like to say this is the blues album we always wanted to make back then but couldn't."

Kinchla said that it has been a joy to be back on the road. While he says that you can expect to hear the band's hits at the shows, the new material has been well-received.

"It's great in the shows...In our sets, it adds a whole new dimension. Because we'd gotten pretty far away from that because we love all kinds of music. We just add, add, add influences. To bring it back and play some of these songs off the record live, they go over great. It also makes some of the other stuff sound fresh and cool because you have something to juxtapose it against," said Kinchla.

Kinchla said that the pandemic made him hit the brakes, and that he did his best to take advantage of that time off. For a man who has been consistently touring for over 30 years, a lot of that was family time.

"I spent a lot of time with my 17-year-old son in the man cave and practiced a lot of guitar like I

hadn't in a long time. When you're doing albums or you're doing touring, you're practicing for that. You're not really working so much on getting rid of some bad habits or getting some new vocabulary or figuring out some cool solos from Jimmy Page. So, I got the chance to kind of woodshed, and I think we all did."

He said that he wasn't sure what to expect when they started their tour in July. One of the added anxieties was questioning if any dates would be canceled out of the blue, but he said it's been relatively smooth sailing.

"I'll be honest, the only thing that was different was that we were so excited to play after a year off. We hadn't had a year off since we started. To be honest, the crowds have been packed and everyone's been so excited to get out ... We joke it took a pandemic to get us off the road for a year."

The main moment of terrified excitement came with a bus crash in Indiana. Kinchla said they were driving down the interstate when he heard the rumble strip, and the

next thing he knew they were down in the median gully and smacking into the gravel turnaround area. There were some bumps and bruises, but it didn't slow them down much.

"We're at the end of our run. We've battled through a pandemic, a bus crash, and a hurricane, but we managed to hit all our shows," said Kinchla.

He said that he's looking forward to playing in Cherokee. While Casino shows can vary quite a bit, Kinchla said that they don't have any kind of expectations. He said that you are often surprised on the road, and that the focus is to have a good time.

"We try to approach every show the same. Trying to be creative with the set, switch the set around a little bit. Honestly, you never know what night's going to really pop off."

Kinchla said that this tour has been a special one for the band, and that he is just so happy to be back out at shows. He also said that Blues Traveler don't plan on stopping any time soon.

"It was good to recharge, I think. But I think it made us all appreciate what we get to do for a living and how grateful we are that we've been able to keep doing this for as long as we have ... The time away makes you appreciate it that much more. So, I think it's been a good little reset to go into the next decade of rocking out."

Blues Traveler will be playing at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort on Friday, Sept. 24. The show is scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. Tickets are being sold online through ticketmaster.com.

THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you Birdtown Community

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Birdtown Community for electing me to represent our community on the Cherokee Central School Board. I will be forever indebted to you for believing in me and allowing me to serve you.

With Gratitude,
Melanie Lambert

Thanks to programs for help following fire

I would like to send a special thank you to all tribal programs that helped me with the clean-up and removal of my residence that was burnt down in Birdtown in June of this year. Tribal Fire Dept. and First Responders, and EMT'S,

Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley Thank you Mollie Grant, Sarah Crowe, Tommye Saunooke, Sarah Toineeta, Boyd Owle - thank you all. Tom Simmons, Charles Bryson, Detective Ramirez, thank you for all your help. Tribal Construction Paul Sneed, Robbie Craig, Ben Wright and all the ones I can't remember their names, thank you all for the clean-up and removal. I really appreciate all you all did again, thank you.

Thank you,
Dee Dee Lambert Huff

Thank you Yogi Crowe Scholarship

Yogi Crowe Scholarship Fund,
I cannot begin to express how grateful I am to have been considered for and selected to receive this scholarship. After graduating from Clemson in 2020, I took a

gap year before coming to Ole Miss for law school earlier this year. Since coming to law school, I have been faced with many unforeseen expenses which were beyond my control and ability to finance as I am unable to work in my first year, adding unnecessary stressors to an already overwhelming circumstance in a new state and a new school experience.

Because of this scholarship, I am able to focus on my studies without feeling overwhelmed by life outside of law school and it has alleviated so much stress that would have otherwise been incredibly debilitating. This has been one of the greatest challenges I have ever faced in my life and I cannot thank the scholarship board enough for selecting me to receive this scholarship, helping me to continue my postgraduate studies,

and to represent the EBCI all the way in Mississippi. I am eternally grateful for the opportunities provided for me daily, not only by this scholarship but by my heritage, and for the unique opportunity to represent such a strong and enduring class of people-- Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

My greatest aspiration in life is to make my family and community proud and thanks to the Yogi Crowe Scholarship, I can focus more on my studies in order to reach this goal, and less on life's trivial challenges.

Sgi,
Caitlyn Dills



Circle of Support Groups

Analenisgi is offering groups, for friends and family of our adult clients, focused on providing education and support to our community.

There are two groups that will be offered:

Mondays @ 12pm - 1pm

Support group focused on Substance Abuse

Thursdays @ 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Support Group focused on Mental Health

- Both groups will be located in the Rivercane room located across from the Analenisgi lobby and front desk.
- Masks are required and we will be social distancing during the group.
- You can enter through the Analenisgi entrance before 4:30pm, or the main hospital entrance, before 4:30pm.

**For more information, please contact
Jennifer Holling at 828.497.9163 ext. 7528**

Good Housekeeping

Chinese Steamed Clams

Serve this Asian-inspired dish with steamed white rice so all of the flavorful broth can be enjoyed.

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 green onions, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon minced and peeled fresh ginger
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 24 cherrystone or littleneck clams, scrubbed
- 24 mussels may be substituted for clams, scrubbed and debearded
- 1/2 cup water
- 3 tablespoons dry sherry
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

1. In 8-quart saucepot, heat oil over high heat. Add green onions, ginger and garlic; cook until green onions are tender, about 1 minute. Add clams, water, sherry and soy sauce; heat to boiling.

2. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 5 to 10 minutes, transferring clams to large platter as they open. Discard any clams that have not opened. Pour broth over clams on platter and sprinkle with cilantro. Makes 4 first-course servings.

• Each serving: About 131 calories, 4g total fat (1g saturated), 36mg cholesterol, 5g total carbohydrate, 14g protein.

For thousands of triple-tested recipes, visit our website at www.good-housekeeping.com/food-recipes/.

© 2021 Hearst Communications, Inc.
All rights reserved

OBITUARIES ᏊᏏᏁᏂ

Desiree Joyce George

Desiree Joyce "Desi" George, age 62, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021 at Cherokee Indian Hospital following a brief illness.

Desi is survived by her parents, John W. Smith Sr. and Joy A. Smith; children, Amanda Lynn George (Lewis Sequoyah) of Cherokee, Albert "Doober" George of the home, and John C. George (Rachel Taylor) of Cherokee; nine grandchildren, Destini Paugh (Kenny Griffin), Megan Paugh, Shawn George, Gabby George, Laila George, Me-Li George, Edna George, Braydon George, and Braylin "Tater" George; three great grandchildren, Kolin "Bubba" Griffin, Kyrie Griffin, and Kaius Blanton; brother, John W. Smith Jr.; and sisters, Angela Smith and Pam Smith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert "Dinker" George.

A formal funeral service was held on Thursday, Sept. 16 at The Old Antioch Baptist Church.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Barbara T. Owle

Barbara T. Owle, age 68, of Murphy, passed away Monday,

Aug. 30, 2021, at her home. Mrs. Owle was born Oct. 14, 1952, in Cherokee to the late Tom Teesateskie and the late Jeanette Rattler Teesateskie.

She was a member of Jehovah's Witness, Kingdom Hall. Barbara enjoyed NASCAR, yard work, and cooking. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lex Owle; and brothers, Patrick Teesateskie and Steve Teesateskie.

Survivors include her daughter, Krystal Lequire; brother, Ronnie Teesateskie; sisters, Christine McCoy, Donna Teesateskie, Blanche Teesateskie, and Norma Teesateskie; and grandchildren, Tasha Lequire, Jada Lequire, and Isaac Lequire.

Arrangements entrusted to the Cochran Funeral Home of Murphy. You may send condolences to the family and sign the guest register at www.cochranfuneralhomes.com.

Evelyn Legassey

Evelyn O. Legassey, age 89, of Sylva, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021 at Harried Regional Hospital, after a brief illness.

She is the daughter of the late George Owl Sr. and Winifred Clark Owl.

She was a member of Webster United Methodist Church and also

a member of the American Legion Post 143. She had owned a restaurant called Evelyn's Luncheonette in Waterbury, Conn.

Evelyn is survived by her children, Cathy May Hurt, Bonny Lee Legassey, and Everett Frank Legassey Sr.; 14 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Frank Legassey Sr.; sons, Tracy Adam Legassey and Ernest Frank Legassey Jr.; daughter, Wendy Lynn Legassey; brothers, Everett George Owl, Hilary Osborne, and George Owl Jr.; and sister, Rebecca Boyum.

A formal funeral service was held on Saturday, Sept. 18 at The Webster United Methodist Church with Pastor Christine Murphy officiating.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Family with final arrangements.

Nellie Rita Littlejohn

Nellie Rita Littlejohn, age 62, passed away peacefully at her home on Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021 after an extended illness. She is the daughter of the late Jim Littlejohn and Mollie Littlejohn.

She is survived by her daughter, Dahne (Sam) Lopez of the home and son, Jim Driver (Jonna

Bird) of Cherokee; brother, David (Smurf) Taylor; sisters, Maryjane (Alan) Smith and Charlotte Littlejohn; grandchildren, Taylor Wachacha, Miranda Lopez, Brandon Santiago, Dre Santiago, Jimiqua Driver (Darren Buchanan), and Jimya Driver; great grandchildren, Carter Norris and Natalie Crow; and special friends, Barbara Toineeta and Rom Bryant.

In addition to her parents, Nellie was preceded in death by her daughter, Melissa Littlejohn; brothers, Mike Littlejohn, Leonard Littlejohn, Jim Littlejohn, and Burton Littlejohn; sisters, Elsie Wolfe and Mollie Littlejohn; and grandson, Dezman Crow.

Nellie was full of life. She loved to eat, laugh, and have a great time. She liked to joke around and play pranks on people. She loved her grandbabies more than life itself.

A formal funeral service was held on Wednesday, Sept. 15 at the Acquoni Baptist Chapel with Brother Joe Wolfe officiating. Burial was in the Piney Grove Cemetery. Pall bearers were Cory Wilnoty, Coty Sampson, Fred George, Butch Teesateskie, Taylor Wachacha, Brandon Santiago, and Dre Santiago.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the Family with final arrangements.

Post 143 seeking contact info for EBCI service men/women

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

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

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



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Costa Rica youth cultural exchange applications being taken

The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute is currently taking applications for a youth cultural exchange program to Costa Rica in July of 2022. Applications and more information can be found at <http://www.rkli.org/2021/09/01/2022-youth-cultural-exchange-program/>.

Applications are open to regional youth attending Cherokee Central, Swain, Jackson, Graham, Cherokee, and Macon County schools currently in 10th-12th grade. This is an application and interview selection process.

Selected participants are required to be fully vaccinated and willing to take a COVID-19 booster

shot if recommended by the CDC or local health experts, purchase their own passport by December 2021, participate in mandatory meetings about twice a month starting in November 2021, and help with volunteer and fundraising efforts.

The trip includes learning about Cherokee culture and language to share with the indigenous peoples of Costa Rica. The itinerary includes tours of coffee and chocolate plantations, rafting, ziplining, service-learning projects, cultural exchanges, and visiting Earth University.

Levi West, Cherokee Youth Council leadership specialist, is the main contact for any questions or requests for more information. Please reach out to him at 359-5543 or levi.west@cherokeeboysclub.com. It is the responsibility

of the applicant to confirm receipt once an application is submitted.

The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute is a department of the Cherokee Boys Club and is funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

- Submitted by the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute

TABCC to being accepting permit applications

The Tribal Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission will be accepting applications for alcohol permits once the official general election results have been certified. For questions, please call Amanda Younce or Aisha Owle 788-4261.

Cherokee Bear Harvest

The bear season is now open and will run through Dec. 31.

The following is a message from Cherokee Natural Resources, "Hunters play an essential role in collecting management information for sustainable bear populations. However, we average about three harvest submissions per year and the numbers are not sufficient to inform our management. Please report your take to Cherokee Natural Resources along with the first premolar tooth (or allow us to extract it) to determine age. Please freeze or keep other samples on ice that could decompose. If possible, keep an eraser sized (or bigger) piece of meat frozen for us. We will also wish to collect weight, location, sex, and the effort it took to harvest (number of hunters in party and hours put in). These data will help us understand how important hunting is to bears and how it keeps damage issues in check. There will be a \$500 draw from those that submit samples and information."

Submit samples and infor-

mation to their office at 1840 Painttown Road, next to Cherokee Bingo. Info: 359-6110 or email ebcifw@gmail.com

- Cherokee Natural Resources release

Senior Citizens Heating Assistance applications

Applications for the 2022 heating season will be available at Tsali Manor on Monday, Sept. 13 via drive-thru. Applications will be available Monday through Friday after 1 p.m. each day.

Fuel applications will be handed out at the drive-thru. Please stay in your car, and the applications will be brought out to you. They can be returned Monday through Friday after 1 p.m.

The deadline for applications is March 31, 2022. If you will be 59 1/2 by March 31, 2022, you are eligible for services upon turning 59 1/2. If you are applying for electric heating assistance, please attach a current billing statement. The heating season ends on April 30, 2022.

If you have further question, call 359-6860.

- Tsali Manor release

"Dracula" to sink his teeth into Mountainside Theatre

On Friday, Oct. 1, Mountainside Theatre will host the world premiere of "Dracula: The Failings of Men," written by debut playwright Benedetto Robinson. The production is an original work by Havoc Movement Company that will be joining the Cherokee Historical Association for the fall season.

Directed by Havoc's co-founder Jake Guinn, a long-time veteran of outdoor drama, the show features a cast packed with live-stunt powerhouses as well as aerial effects that have been designed



to bring the vampires to (supernatural) life. The story begins as a ghost ship washes ashore near London in 1897 and an ancient evil goes searching for blood. "Dracula" is an action-horror reimagining of the classic Bram Stoker novel as an immersive show. The audience will literally walk alongside Ada Van Helsing as she battles against the darkness in this high-action adaptation. Masks will be required for all attendees.

Performances will run from Oct 1-31. Tickets are \$30 or \$20 for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. VIP Experiences are available for an extra \$20.

Started in 2018 by Jake Guinn, Jake Scott-Hodes, and Kristen Noonan, Havoc Movement Company offers theatre poised to enrich the Southeast community with adventurous art! Havoc works with movement artists, local and abroad, to create compelling and unique performances, drawing from multiple movement disciplines to devise refreshing theatrical experiences for all audiences.

Purchase tickets here: <https://www.cherokeehistorical.org/dracula/>

- Cherokee Historical Association
release

NATIONAL PARK NEWS

Virtual Town Hall events explore African American History in the Smokies

Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials invite the public to town hall events this fall hosted by Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, University of North Carolina Asheville, and Western Carolina University concerning the history of African Americans within and around the park.

"In the heart of these mountains, you can find an African American doctor who served his community for 40 years, Job Corpsmen who continued the legacy of the CCC by building roads and trails that we enjoy today, and sacred burial grounds that date back to the 1860s," said Science Communicator Antoine Fletcher. "Better understanding this unique African American experience helps us better share the full history of the Appalachian mountains."

Participants will have the opportunity to learn about the history of African Americans in the park by attending a 30-minute program. Facilitators will then lead an open discussion about current research and upcoming projects. While African Americans have been in the Great Smoky Mountains region since at least the early 16th century, knowledge of their presence is relatively low. The park is conducting this research effort to better understand the untold history of the African American experience in southern Appalachia.

The virtual town hall events will be hosted by the following universities:

- Oct. 14 (time to be determined) - Western North Carolina University
- Oct. 22 (time to be determined) - The University of North Carolina-Asheville

For more information and registration, please visit www.nps.gov/grsm/learn/historyculture/town-hall-events.htm. This research is supported by Friends of the Smokies and Great Smoky Mountains Association. For more information on how you can be involved, please contact Science Communicator Antoine Fletcher at Antoine_Fletcher@nps.gov.

- National Park Service release



Medicaid in NC has Changed



NC MEDICAID
OMBUDSMAN

The NC Medicaid Ombudsman can help you:

- Know your rights
- Solve problems
- Refer you to legal aid if you aren't getting the care that you need

Call 877-201-3750 or visit
ncmedicaidombudsman.org



This message is
brought to you by
Pisgah Legal Services

Masks, masks, and more masks....

By WILLIAM LEDFORD

Many states have dropped or passed laws against mask mandates because “the pandemic is over”! Woo-hoo! Well, actually no, it’s not over, the Delta Variant is out there hospitalizing and killing people in those particular states so it’s not even close but, hey, we’ve got a midterm election next year and many governors are betting on...who knows what they’re betting on...but they’re betting on something. The truth? As a famous philosopher once said, it ain’t over ‘til it’s over. Especially

not while there are still so many people out there who get their medical information from one or more of the many social media pages they subscribe to. You know, the ones that tell you that the federal government is implanting a tracking chip in the shot or, it'll alter your DNA, or the vaccines are unproven or...something else just as weird. As for the masks, I'm not stopping my wearing of my mask because anti-vaxxers ain't getting me.

OK, I'm only slightly confused these days. First, we had a POTUS musing about ingesting disinfectants and people did, then musing about inserting ultra-violet lights into the...and...I don't wanna know. Now people are now taking a medication originally designed to de-worm hooved animals, specif-

ically cows and horses, to combat COVID-19 because they consider the FDA approved COVID vaccines to be experimental and unproven and refuse to get the vaccine? But they'll ingest a drug designed to rid large animals of internal parasites, worms, because they heard it from a reliable source who saw it on an obscure website that some other like-minded people know about and that's not experimental? Huh! Well, I'm sold. And, bonus, I won't have worms!

In the news and very related, President Biden recently ordered most Federal employees and employers with 100 employees or more to be vaccinated or subject to frequent testing. Naturally Republican governors in states that require other vaccinations are pledging to fight this COVID-19 vaccination mandate. As a person who now views the circular scar on my upper left arm, people my age have them, as a badge of honor in the past fight against polio, I agree with President Biden. But go ahead on.

In related news recently some conservative radio hosts who vehemently ranted against the vaccine and/or questioned its value have contracted and passed away from COVID complications. While I don't celebrate these people passing away, I do worry about the people that accept their opinions as fact and refuse to take protective measures because not only are they at risk, but they compromise everyone around them. To me there's a big difference in their version of patriotism and mine.

A question was asked in a past One Feather poll. What should be done with the area where the old elementary school used to be? I put some thought into it and came up with an idea. My idea involves

a large multi-phase operation that could be put into effect in stages. First, construct a large complex with an indoor rock climbing and a zip line experience, next add perhaps an indoor water park with a wave pool, then add another room with a full buffet, a game room with both video and hands-on games like Ski-Ball and others plus a small theater room with short, animated films for children, the complex should also offer rooms to host social events like birthday celebrations and such. This concept will give visitors who have smaller children and want something fun to do a great time without the “casino experience” which is basically all we have now for visitors. But and this is important, maximum effort has to be put into this, it can't be a half fast job or it won't work. Gotta be full fast.

It seemed that America had forgotten or hoped people had forgotten that this country also had a fun boarding school experience, just like Canada had. Until... someone found the burial sites. In these “Days of Remembrance” let’s not ever forget the extreme effort America put into the extermination of all Native people. The burial sites now being uncovered are full of children whose only crime was being Native to this land. And these colonizers called our people “savages”.

So, before I go, I hear there's a study regarding legal weed on the Rez and I selflessly volunteer my aged body for this study. Someone please send me an invite. Retirement now sounds very good.

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

GWY ʔV° ʔYLC

CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER * Tsalagi Soquo Ugidahli



Writing stories for
the Cherokee One Feather
can be...

SPOOKY

Why don't you give it a try?

\$50 for best youth (ages 5 to 11) story
(500 word limit)

\$100 for best young adult (ages 12 to 16) age story
(500 word limit)

\$150 for best adult (ages 18+) story (1000 word limit)

Original stories only.

Deadline for entries is midnight on September 30, 2021

Cherokee One Feather Spooky Story Writing Contest 2021

Author's Name _____ Title of Entry _____

Age Category: _____ Date Entered: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

If under 18, Name of parent or guardian: _____ Phone: _____

The Cherokee One Feather Editorial Board will judge the entries for each category and determine the winners. The decision of the Editorial Board will be final. Disqualification may occur for poor grammar, misspelling, inappropriate language, or plagiarism. Winners or their guardians must provide a completed W-9 form as prize checks will be awarded via tribal check. To submit your entry, email it to robejump@nc-chokeee.com or mail to Editor at Cherokee One Feather, PO Box 501, Cherokee, NC 28719. Deadline for entries is midnight, September 30, 2021.



Cherokee Veterans: We want to share your stories.

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

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

ፀ ᑭᑦᑦᑦ ፋᑦᑦ ᑭᑦᑦᑦ
CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER * NA TSALAGI SOQUO UGIDAHLI



COVID-19 CASES ARE RISING FAST.

You can protect
yourself.

Don't wait to vaccinate. You risk getting COVID-19 and suffering from severe illness, hospitalization or death. COVID-19 vaccines have been proven to be safe and effective. They are free to everyone age 12 and over. If you don't get vaccinated, wear a mask. Get vaccinated today.

Find a vaccine location
near you at [MySpot.nc.gov](https://www.myspot.nc.gov)
or call 888-675-4567.



One Feather Question of the Week:
How well do you feel that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is dealing with substance use issues on the Qualla Boundary? Do you have suggestions of ways that could help with the various issues?

Will Roberts: It's substance abuse, not use. And yeah, stop enabling them with that ridiculous 'give them everything they need but the drug program' we have!

Driver Blythe: Personally, I believe those who are dealing/selling substances such as meth, heroin, fentanyl, pills and so on should have harsh punishments. It really goes with a three-strike policy for me. We are extremely lenient on those that are caught with intentions to deal. As for those battling addiction, I think Cherokee can benefit from listening to former substance users and find a cultural or therapeutic approach in terms of groups or activities within the Tribe.

Tabitha Smith Brown: They're not dealing with it. They are definitely enabling the addict! Even by giving them the drug! Suboxone and methadone are just a replacement for opioids and are just as hard, if not harder, to come off of! Not only that, Suboxone strips get sold or traded everyday by the one's that have a prescription just so they can get another pill or more heroin. And, why do we put so much emphasis on opioids? Have we forgotten about the huge meth problem here in the reservation? Why do we continue to coddle the addict? Why are they only held in detox for seven days; then let go with a prescription for a mood stabilizer and an appointment?

And why isn't anything being done about the children that are caught in the middle of their parent's addiction? These children are suffering while their parents are given a slap on the wrist! Start taking away the problem! Take away their per capita! Make it a mandatory one-year sentence with loss of per capita in their first conviction and so forth and so on! Why not start making them accountable?

Travis Smith: Put guidelines to the per cap loans.

Kathy Burgess: It takes long-term treatment and sometimes that doesn't even work cause they can't find a job cause of past addiction. They can't get into a program when they want it so they go back into addiction.

Sheena Brings Plenty: I feel like the Tribe is doing as well as they can under the current system...the problem, as I see it, is that there hasn't been any cohesive decision made about whether substance use/abuse is a disease or a crime. Right now, it's being treated as both, which is why it's not working. So, make a decision about what it is and go in that direction. Or, continue sitting on the fence and not making any progress at all.

Keith Wachacha: Create a controlled environment. Teach them how to cope without drugs. Bring back DARE in the school.

Mike Craig: (It) has to be their choice. Thirty days in treatment, minimum; still has to be their choice. Educate young and give them hope.

Tim Haggett: There are more pressing issues that need to be

addressed.

John A. Chastain: This is not a disease. It's a choice, and if they keep choosing this route it's time to banish them from the Tribe. Three strikes and you're off the reservation and off the roll. This will eventually get the point across. Cancer is a disease. Ask anybody with cancer if they chose to be sick.

Michelle Beanyo: Undercover agents – I hate this is happening in such a beautiful and historical place. Undercover surveillance which you may already have in place. It's costly and difficult, but it must stop. Rewards for information.

Dee Queen: One thing that needs to be done is no more just a slap on the wrist when they appear in court. Most all are repeat offenders and keep doing things over, over, and over. And, they know nothing will be done and that's why they do it. And yes, it is a choice. They choose to make, but they also have the choice to seek help if they really want it and not just go to a 30-day rehab just to keep from doing jail time. Stiffer penalties need to be enforced!

John Reed: If the Tribe was handling substance abuse well, would we even be talking about it right now? We can't keep sweeping issues under the carpet and expect them to go away. It takes a head-on approach. Start charging dealers with maximum sentences, start taking away per capita payments to those found in possession of illegal substances, and actually treat the addict instead of just handing them more substances.

Roger Rednour: I agree with John

Reed, but they need God in their life to where they're broken and hurt of their past or how they were raised. They need someone to show that they care for them and love them like Jesus would do.

James Buchanan: Conduct annual urinalysis for every per cap recipient. If they don't submit to a urinalysis, they lose per cap until they do. If they test positive, stop payments and rehab must be done. If rehab is not done, they lose per cap. If done, they do a monthly urinalysis for a year, then reinstate per cap if they stay clean. If they fail after that, take it for two years - third time, they lose per cap in its entirety.

Amy Anders: The per cap loans were a huge mistake and helps fuel addiction. There needs to be a better process for people who truly need the monthly disbursement. I feel the Tribe is doing everything it can. Parents and families need to take some responsibility and stop enabling users. Stop giving them money, stop clothing them, and giving a free place to stay while using. In my personal experience, as a parent you also have to make their life hard. If they steal, take them to court and actually show up. Tell the prosecutors the situation and try to get them into a rehab every chance you can. The prosecutors will help those families who ask. Have them committed. Do everything you can't to lock them up or keep them in rehab. The longer they spend in a sober state the better. This whole "they have to do it for themselves" bugs me. A lot of people can hit rock bottom and keep on going. There was recently an overdose/suicide attempt at CCS and no community outcry! It's like we've set the bar so low for ourselves and

our children that's just what we expect. The new normal. We have a couple of local recovering substance users who are telling their stories across the U.S. in an effort to educate and warn the youth about drug use and we can't even invite them into our own schools. We choose politics over our own children. Let's ask ourselves what we're doing to combat drug use before blaming everything on the Tribe.

Johnny Walker: Stop their per cap.

Elizabeth A. Bible: I would just like to point out that the families we work with everyday hate our Tribe's approach to helping them get clean. We have many non-native and non-enrolled members who are therapists and who are trying to help our community. There is no connection with them. Our youth and our families battling drug addiction don't feel safe going to our own hospital because they are judged and are told it's all on them. As a community, we need to understand and talk about how historical trauma impacts us today. We haven't healed from the past genocides, so how can we move on? There's so much education that needs to be taught.

Maryanne Thompson Canales: Oh, I didn't know they were actually dealing with it.

Jacob Bryant: I've said it before I'll say it a million times - you give the youth both but access to drugs and circumstance where they will be surrounded by such then it's inevitable that a high percentage become addicts. You're talking about a youth that is already in pain from loss of culture. They are literally lost trying to find a place and for the right person a drug can be

that perfect blanket from a harsh reality they don't wanna face. This community needs a youth program that will build character and bonds that last - programs that truly restructure and reintroduce Native culture to some young lives. I am not a native. I have lived here my entire life renting and everyone I've grown up with has been native. I can't say I know what it feels like I can only say what I see. I've seen dozens of friends die because they were simply lost and hurt, with no real guidance. This isn't about more policing or banishing addicts from the reservation. That doesn't solve the core problem. Besides all that, having a proper rehab facility on the Boundary, run by Natives who actually wanna see people clean, would probably help a bit.

Lacie Johnson: Well, the drug problem is strong yes, but in the end they are hurting themselves and only they can help themselves. (The only thing we can do is hope and give them the right support.

Elizabeth Owl-Myers: Make the charges stick instead of dismissed every time.

Frank & Phyllis Herron: Stop the per cap loans for anyone below the age of 55.

Barbara Ann Armstrong: I may not be an enrolled member of the Tribe, but my three adult children are and I, as their mother, left them with their father and his family to be raised because I was self-absorbed and was a meth user for over 20 years and that was what was important to me, nothing and no one else. Getting clean is a choice. A person either wants it or not. When I was finally cut off from everyone and everything

is when I realized I better change, but I promise you things like jail and institutions only slowed my using. It's all about choices. When you have had enough you will have had enough. Support in ways of not a hand-out or any kind of coddling is what changed my life. Someone has to want a different life and want it bad enough. Educated and like-minded people who had been where I had been and were living a different way and were happy in their lives was a great way to start me on my path to staying off meth. I now have over three years clean off meth and life is beyond amazing. I pray and hope people that are members of the tribe and are survivors of drug use and addiction will help be a part of helping those still struggling. There is nothing more helpful then seeing people like themselves be able to turn their own lives around. And as far as the impact on the innocent people involved (like my children) they need help too. It was never their fault and showing children and others affected that will help in the future too!

Courtney McNabb: 1. Stiffer penalties for charged drug dealers. 2. Automatic 1-year parole and follow up for anyone charged with possession of drugs and stiff fines. \$1000 for first offense. 3. Requirement to be gainfully employed to receive per capita unless college student or retirement age. 4. Tribal government needs to spend more money on drug education and prevention programs for children, teenagers and young adults. 5. Build a Christ-centered Drug Rehab center and staff with professionals.

Martha Ledford: If you have counseling people who use alcohol

or drugs such as marijuana that defeats the purpose of sobriety. The people your advising view it as hypocritical. At one time when they had the CDU unit, staff were to stay abstinent too. Also, treatment is not an overnight answer. You need to offer longer programs as well as programs for recovery people to stay so they don't go back into same environment.

Tiff Panther: I've read many of the posts above, and I believe that all the options should continue to be offered. Because there is not one right way to help people in addiction and recovery. One program may work for some but not others. Sometimes it may take multiple programs to help one get into recovery. And it could possibly take a different program to stay in recovery. Whether it be jail, court ordered rehab, counseling, pharmaceuticals, group therapy (NA), long term rehabs, cultural reconnection, societal reintegration programs, or religious based programs. It shouldn't be an umbrella treatment plan, but a more individualized plan. It will be expensive, and will require additional employees, resources and contacts.

Another good question to ask is "how can we curve initial drug use to decrease future addiction?" Otherwise we will always be chasing our tails.

-Decrease drugs on the street.

-Harsher sentencing for drug related charges.

-Recognizing at-risk youth.

-Early counseling for those who are already caught in the cycle.

-More youth programs to avoid idle hands.

-Continued availability of all substance use programs.

see **QUESTION** next page

QUESTION: Substance use issues in Cherokee, from page 19

The substance abuse issue is not just in Cherokee. It is not just in Indian country. It is everywhere, and in all surrounding counties. We don't have to carry this burden alone, maybe it would be more beneficial to be a collective effort for our whole community, not just within the Qualla Boundary. Our lives go beyond the QB and we should be working with our neighbors.

Lucy French: I believe that in order to help those who are battling with substance abuse, you have to get to the root of why there is an issue in the first place. I know doing drugs is, in most cases, a choice, but if we figure out why people are making those choices it always comes back to trauma. More specific it's generational trauma. The only way to heal is to educate Indigenous communities about emotional intelligence and balanced mental health! It all starts with us, and if we aren't emotionally and mentally strong choices will be made and sometimes they aren't the best. If the Tribe cares, they should support and create more programs to help the community learn about ways to heal the generational trauma people here carry!

Dennis Watty: They're not doing anything yet. They should be sending them to rehab, but the Tribe's money is land buying.

Kay Allison: Patience, understanding, lending a helping hand – love. A guiding hand showing the road out, not in. Good luck.

Richard Matheny: Better mental health help.

Henryetta Gloyne: Probation officers need to hold their client's feet to the fire making sure they are doing everything they're supposed to be doing!

Chad Adams: Early outreach

Jell Campers: No! So much can be done, and it starts with accountability. Hold people accountable. If it's a crime, handle as such. Enough with the coddling.

Ruby Wachacha: Rehabilitation program should hire people that have truly cleaned up from their addictions. If you had gotten addicted to one of drugs or alcoholism you really don't know how to help the person that was abusing whatever. I got some family members that has used everything, honestly, I wouldn't know how to help them cause I haven't gone through what there are going through or what they were through. All I can let them know is how it hurts to see them doing with their lives.

Robert Griffin: As in alcohol and drug addiction? It's always been horrible!

Cassie Bowman: It's not being dealt with at all. I've seen the police drop a highly intoxicated person off at their house and it wasn't even an hour and I had to call them to come and have them told not to be on my property for the millionth time and even they aren't scared enough to stay away. We need harsher penalties for one thing no more slaps on the wrist in our court system.

Charles Welch: Dealing with substance abuse is a long, drawn-out process. The patient understands

this and also knows it going to hurt like hell. Most are scared of the pain they will go through to get better. If we could help in that part, I feel there would be more participation in healing.

James Buchanan: Never throw money at the problem. Take it away. That will fix the problem – especially in kids.

Jordyn Newton: I think people turn to bad medicine because good medicine within an appropriate cultural context isn't available. What would it take to start a branch of the Native American Church on the Qualla boundary?

Laurel Cooper: We need sober living. There is no follow up to their release from rehab. We need to give them a fighting chance. At least a year of sober living. Getting clean is relatively simple keeping them clean is the hardest. What good does it do to spend resources to achieve clean status then throw them right back into the situation that they came from. It's like taking a bath and jumping right back into the puddle that got you dirty. Ideally if it's a couple you can send them both off but when it's a living situation what's the answer? Sober living. A job. Increase self-esteem. Healthier body. The only fighting chance they have. Plus we must all keep in mind 6-8 relapses is the norm before achieving true sobriety. I know that sounds daunting but facts are facts. I wish someone had told us that years ago. A safe place to land. Our people are suffering from a lack of affordable housing. We must demand our leaders put their efforts into this problem. All the money in the world doesn't matter if our people have no homes. Affordable homes. We need to raise the

Tribe's minimum wage. It's far too low. It's not a living wage. Some of our most important jobs are day care for our children. We are grateful for the care all three of our children received. But if you talk to the employees about their pay it's a travesty. The tribe's mantra of elders and children first falls short in the area of wages for those taking these vital jobs. We have a lot of work to do.

Francine Parker Watty: Parents should be good role models and make sure their children are accountable and then the programs should be more helpful!

Quet Sampson: It's about breaking the repetition. It all starts from home - starts with the family unit. I often observed my family and see a difference from when I was a child to adulthood. We have come a long way. I can say, my family is one of my support groups and should be. I'll say we have two family members out there, who I love tremendously, and they know that they can come to me when they need to. They will always have a bed, food, hugs, laughter, or whatever. No judgment - unconditional love and support. So, in my opinion, try to get to the root and go from there. Honestly, EBCI has the best programs for anything. With the right leadership, this would not even need to be a question.

Debi Fisher Dyer: Hmm...hire more mental health people. Build a facility that can house people – also a facility that can house emergency drug and alcohol patients.

Phillip Ellington: Suggestions... yes, yes, and yes...but, no one really wants to listen!



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In an emergency, call 911

Tribal Dispatch
497-4131

**Cherokee Indian Police
Dept.**
359-6600

Tribal Fire and Rescue
359-6584

Tribal EMS
359-6450 or 497-6402

Cherokee Indian Hospital
497-9163

EBCI TRANSIT NUMBERS

**Transit Main Line
Dispatch**
359-6300

Tsali Manor funds passes for
Tsali Manor residents and
communal lunch attendees.
This pass provides unlimited
trips within the service area
and on shopping trips.
Out-of-town shopping trips
are currently on hold due to
COVID-19.

Phone Numbers for Cherokee elders

Cherokee Indian Hospital main line
497-9163

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

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

HIP (Home Improvement Program) -
contact is Cindi Squirrel
359-5520 or 507-7748

**Congregate, Homebound Meals,
Supplement** - contact is Sherry Welch
359-6290

**Heat Assistance/Emergency
Assistance** - contact is Krisna Ashe
359-6294 or 421-7364

EBCI Home Health/Home Care
497-9163 (ask for nurse on call)

EBCI Domestic Violence
359-6830

EBCI Emergency Fuel Assistance
507-7825

Cherokee Immediate Care Clinic
554-5555

DaVita Cherokee Dialysis Center
497-6866

Snowbird Senior Center main line
479-9145

Tsali Manor main line
359-6860

John Welch Senior Center main line
835-9741

**Cherokee Boy's Club Elder Fuel
Delivery and Elder Mowing** -
contact is Donnie Owle 736-7612

GWY ᏫᏍᏉ ᏅᏙᏛᏍᏉ
CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER * TSALAGI SOQUO UGIDAHLI



SPEAKING OF FAITH

The unsearchable riches of God can be yours right now!

By **TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR**

(Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate)

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

Read Ephesians 3:8-13; Matthew 25:31-34; Romans 8:15-17.

How many know these verses show us the way we are to be living our lives while here on Earth? We could be even teaching the angels all about the manifold Wisdom of God through how we are living the Christian life? Ask yourself if you're living your life the way it's supposed to be lived right now.

The Church is to be the most powerful entity on planet Earth! We are to be the lifelong teachers of others because we have already inherited the Kingdom of God while alive here on Earth—as we have assuredly become His. This is to be each and everyone's true and right purpose for what has been given to them and the way to honor and cherish our Lord.

It is what Jesus desires for each one of us, and is why He, Perfection, died taking our place for us on the cross. His will and goal is that none should perish. Rise up while you can and take hold of your Inheritance. At least show others around you how much it means to you now. Be bold. His healing and deliverance power is available for those who truly believe.

The federal and state governments actually got many churches to close their doors during the battle with the pandemic. Why? They still allowed many bars, and all the grocery and department stores, and even abortion clinics to remain open, while they attacked churches mostly on the basis of their praising, worship and singing. It was the lacking of the comforting togetherness of whole church families and prayers when that was really what was needed and necessary and was not being allowed. Let's not even mention weddings or funerals, soup kitchens, many handled child care for working parents, supporting the elderly, and those who had needs for personal care or attention even in better times. (The Church has always before

been considered as a crucial duty and essential to each community and necessary to be handled by people of compassion and caring. The "personal touch" cannot nor would be handled as such, by any governmental office.)

The persecuted Church always ends up becoming the strong church, especially in perilous times. Even in olden times, a rich man could choose to adopt someone to inherit from him and take over what had been amassed. We have been adopted by God to become joint heirs with Jesus, joint heirs with Him. He chose us to be a joint heir. It changes our lives. If we are now in His will, we will say, "This is where I'm supposed to be," and we are to stay in His Glory.

Sin no longer controls us as He causes us to walk with Him. It is not in choosing our way, it is in what we have inherited, and is a part of our inheritance which is because of the Grace of God and the Holy Spirit. So do great and mighty things. Walk with a smile on your face, for it brings what can make you happy as you get to know Him better as Lord in your life. Walk and stay in His Glory until Glory is able

to spill over from you to others. Change as you live with His help!

Sinning is now only because you want to, and will lead only to a temporary "fix" at best. It is best to pray for a 'crop failure,' when you could have actually changed a life, had a full sense of joy, but in not having chosen a relationship wisely there are now problems.

Jesus has told us, "I Am the Way, (the Gate into the Temple) the Truth, (The Laver washes us clean) and through the (Life Gate) into the Holy of Holies." He is the High Priest of me as I become One with Him! Do your job. As in Ephesians 3:10-11, the Purpose of you and your inheritance is so you can be healed, set free, take up the bed and walk. God didn't send the angels to do your job, and the majority of the Church tries to live like the world.

Know the Power in you that gives you the desires of your heart and will change you! Is your desire to see Cherokee healed? Help me change! Fall on me, my church, my house, my children. Let me remember always that what I value they will soon value.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



Detail of "Ruth Goes with Naomi to Bethlehem"
by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld, 1860.

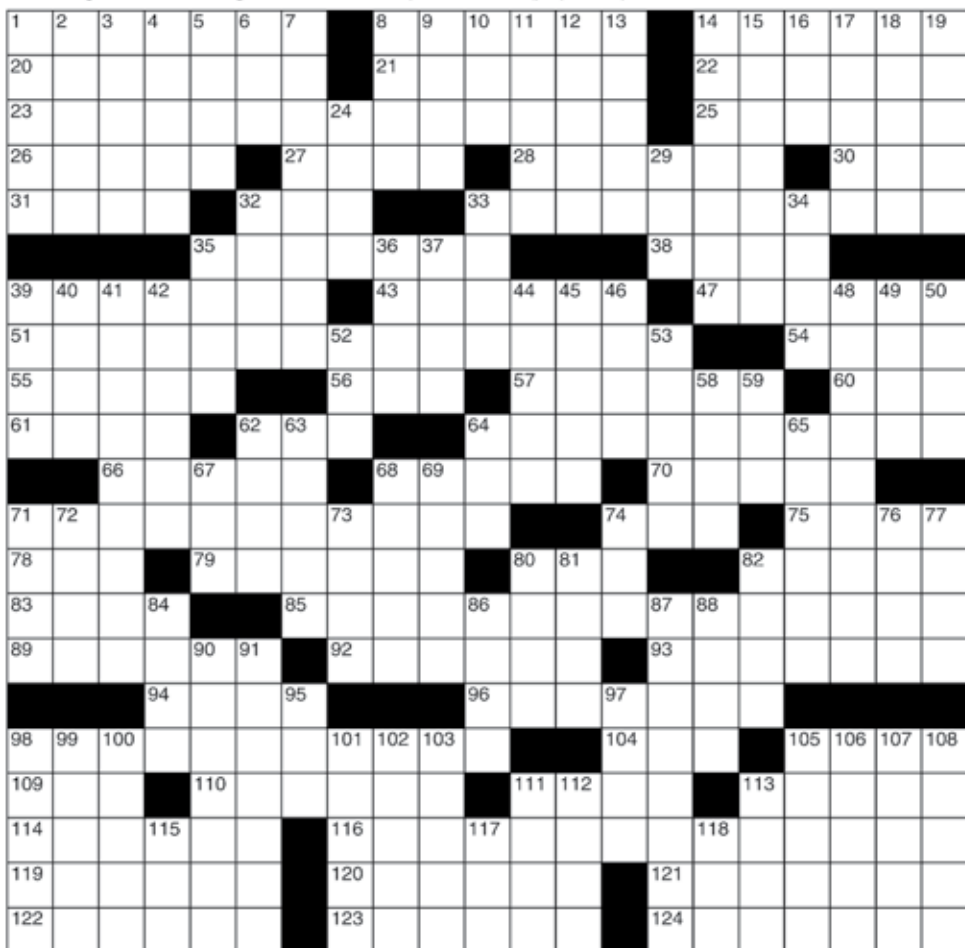
*But Ruth said:
"Entreat me not to leave you,
or to turn back from following
after you;
for wherever you go, I will go;
and wherever you lodge,
I will lodge;
Your people shall be my people,
And your God, my God.*

 RUTH 1:16 

© 2021 by King Features Syndicate, Inc. World rights reserved.

ACROSS

- 1 Gallery display
8 Bits of fabric, e.g.
14 "Quit that!"
20 Low-cost and inferior, informally
21 Apple ad catchphrase
22 For a short period
23 Actress Freeman who lived in a European gambling mecca?
25 Cello relative
26 Classic Ford
27 Animated one, in brief
28 Like some radio shows
30 Cereal grass
31 Palmist, e.g.
32 General —'s chicken
33 Two-masted sailboat painted bright red?
35 Oahu beach
38 IV flow
39 Land of ska
43 King or czar
47 Fluctuate
51 Really hurt the feelings of?
- 54 Aquatint, e.g.
55 Quaint newspaper sections
56 Very little
57 Enter gently
60 Actor Ron
61 Golf club
62 Saints' org.
64 Like someone who has moved to America again?
66 Coup group
68 Like a black chimney
70 Nothing, in Latin
71 Parasite on a passenger flight?
74 Mil. rank
75 Sonar sound
78 Groom's vow
79 Hound breed
80 Laugh loudly
82 Cut off with scissors
83 T-man Eliot
85 Be too busy for a health-resort visit?
89 Stun guns
92 Go to bed
93 Acclimated
94 Essence
96 Making a snug home
- 98 "Alice" waitress who specialized in serving Dad's soft drinks?
104 Styled after
105 Peat source
109 Indisposed
110 Sporty Chevy
111 Clay lump
113 Vixen's boss
114 Sight-related
116 Apt getaway spelled by this puzzle's missing pairs of last two letters
119 Get even for
120 Follows
121 Discharge an egg
122 Usurer, e.g.
123 Typists in trials
124 Rode a bike
- DOWN
- 1 Zeniths
2 — Island (part of New England)
3 Edgy
4 Ocean filler
5 German car
6 Ocasek of the Cars
7 Of the "Ode on a Grecian Urn" poet
8 Fodder storer
9 "Move it!"
10 Bighorn male
11 BP gas brand
12 Carrier founded in 1927
13 La — (opera house)
14 Rescuers
15 Hostess classic
16 "So that's your game!"
17 Stove light
18 Of a pelvic bone
19 Extra inning
24 Chess piece
29 Classic Ford
32 Burrito's kin
33 Very little
34 Sword sort
35 Nintendo game consoles
36 Not engaged
37 Petty of NASCAR
39 Actress Ryan of "Boston Public"
40 God of love
41 Bikers' competition on a dirt trail
42 In no key, musically
44 Take — (plop down)
45 Actor Keach of "Man With a Plan"
46 Errand, e.g.
48 Most hard and cold
49 Rights gp.
50 Reasons
52 Poking tool
53 Essence
58 Monogram letter: Abbr.
59 Final degree
62 Papa's ma
63 Edible fruit part
64 — choy
65 Rap genre
67 Chest protector, of sorts
68 Holey utensil
69 Musical piece for eight
71 "— life grand?"
72 Brain flash
73 Old autocrat
74 Slalom, say
76 Neck area
77 Alum
80 Bygone days
81 Former foes of Navajos
82 Forest buck
84 Labor Day mo.
86 Madre's boy
87 Postal slot
88 Actress Best of "The Man Who Knew Too Much"
90 Chest protector, of sorts
91 Thieving type
95 Dress border
97 Southwest art mecca
98 Foe
99 Antipasto bit
100 Cindy Brady player Susan
101 Goes very quickly
102 Facade
103 Mature nit
105 "The Practice" actress Sokoloff
106 "Barry Lyndon" star Ryan
107 Situation
108 Filled fully
111 Singer Laine
112 A smaller amount of
113 Valuable sire
115 Conjunction in Cologne
117 Wordplay bit
118 Actress Best of "Nurse Jackie"



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

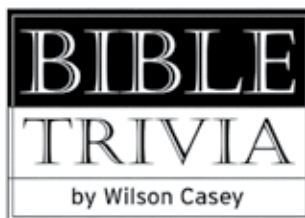
	6			1	8		5	
		7	4					8
3				9		6		
	4				3	9		
		5		2			4	
9		2	7					1
8			1					2
	1			3		5	7	
		3			4			6

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

© 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.



1. Is the book of Ephesians in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
 2. Which disciple did Jesus call Cephas, which is Aramaic for "rock"? *Peter, Paul, Thomas, Judas*
 3. From 2 Kings 14, who built Elath (town) and restored it to Judah? *Solomon, Nimrod, Azariah, Hiel*
 4. Which tribe of Israel was set apart to serve in the Holy Temple? *Dan, Gad, Levi, Simeon*
 5. In Genesis 41-42, what crisis did Joseph's family face? *Flood, Famine, Disease, Exile*
 6. Whose ear did Peter cut off? *His own, Malchus, Baasha, Azariah*
- Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the full name of the famous Barbie doll?
2. MOVIE: Which movie features a family home on Cherry Tree Lane?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital city of Bermuda?
4. AWARDS: For what achievement is the Folio Prize awarded?
5. MUSIC: What was the only U.S. Top 40 song that guitarist/singer Jimi Hendrix had?
6. ANATOMY: What connects muscles to bones?
7. TELEVISION: What is the name of the van in the animated series "Scooby-Doo, Where Are You?"
8. MEASUREMENTS: What does a candela measure?
9. FOOD & DRINK: Which spirit is sometimes described as the "green fairy"?
10. LITERATURE: Owen Meany is a character invented by which author?

© 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

EVENTS

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Hospice Promise Foundation Charity Golf Tournament. Sept. 25 at Sequoyah National Golf Club. Registration at 7:30 a.m.; Shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Registration is \$90/player or \$360/foursome and includes range balls, green fees, golf cart, drink ticket (non-alcoholic drink), and beverage cart on course. This is a benefit for Hospice Promise Foundation. Info: Angela Toomey 356-4985, angela.toomey@lhcgroupp.com

Turkey Shoots at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community. Oct. 16 at 3 p.m., 1st Annual Jesse Welch Memorial Turkey Shoot, special prizes, old-fashioned turkey shoot. Oct. 23 at 3 p.m., benefit for Jackson Wolfe and family. Dinners will be sold. Good fun, great prizes, great benefits.

CULTURAL EVENTS

Indian Ball Schedule. All games will be played at Unity Field
Monday, Oct. 4 - youth games will be same team only scrimmages,
5 p.m. - Big Cove Youth Team
6 p.m. - Wolfstown Youth Team
Tuesday, Oct. 5
5 p.m. - Hummingbirds vs Wolfstown
6 p.m. - Big Cove vs Birdtown
Wednesday, Oct. 6

5 p.m. - Hummingbirds vs Big Cove
6 p.m. - Wolfstown vs Birdtown
Thursday, Oct. 7
5 p.m. - Wolfstown vs Big Cove
6 p.m. - Hummingbirds vs Birdtown

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Indivisible Swain County NC meeting via Zoom. Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. Garrett Lagan will be discussing police reform. All are welcome to join and share your concerns and ideas. If you're interested in attending, email maryherr2017@gmail.com for a link or call 497-9498

Spectacular Shopping Bash. Oct. 7 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Lots of shopping, food, and fun. Lunch by Melitia. Info: Denise Walkingstick 508-2211

SPORTS EVENTS

Smoky Streak Fun Walk, 5K/10K. Oct. 23 at Smoky Mountain High School. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., races begin at 9 a.m. A fun walk will be around the track at the high school. Halloween costumes are welcome and encouraged. This event is being hosted by Harris Regional Hospital and Swain Community Hospital. Registration is free for all participants. T-shirts will be provided to all who register and attend the event. Register for the race at, runsignup.com/Race/NC/Sylva/SmokyStreak-

toHealth

SUPPORT GROUPS

Cherokee Cancer Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month at Betty's Place at 40 Goose Creek Road in the Birdtown Community. A potluck is held at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting is open to all. Betty's Place is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They provide counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals. Info: 497-0788

Life Recovery Meetings hosted by Grace Community Church. Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Acquoni Baptist Chapel. Life Recovery is a 12-Step addiction recovery program where all 12 steps are rooted in scripture and taught

from a Biblical perspective. The meetings are open to anyone, and all materials will be provided. A light lunch will be provided. Info: Pastor Scott Hill 508-7836

Analenisgi class schedule

Mondays

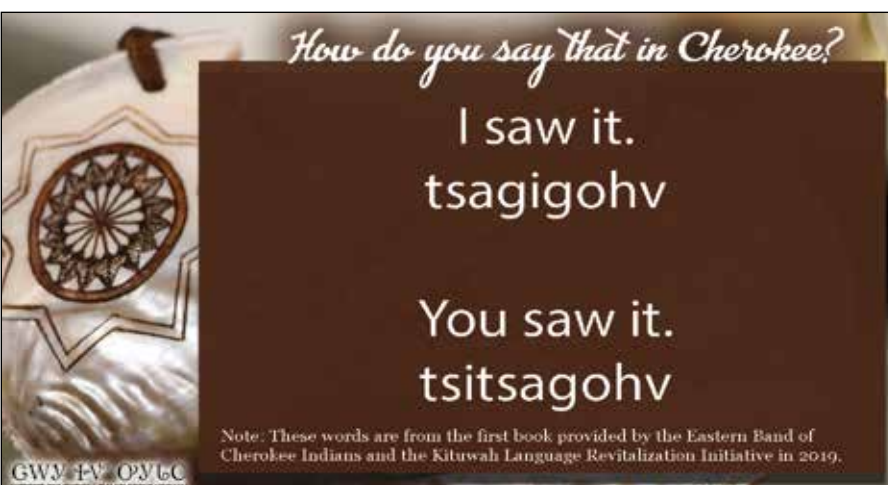
MAT

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

Tuesdays

MAT

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



Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers														
ARTWORK	SCRAPS	STOPIT	CHEAPIE	IMAMAC	AWHILE	MONTECARLO	MONA	VIOLIN	EDSEL	TOON	CALLIN	OAT	SEER	TSO
WAIKIKI	DRIP	JAMAICA	DYNAST	SEESAW	EMOTIONAL	LYSTAB	ETCH	ROTOR	WEE	EASEIN	ELY	IRON	NFL	BACKIN
CABAL	SOOTY	NHIL	AIRLINETICK	SGT	PING	IDO	BASSET	YUK	SHEAR	NESS	HAVENOT	IMETOSPA	TASERS	RETIRE
PITH	NESTING	ROOTBEER	FLO	ALA	MOSS	ILL	CAMARO	CLOD	SANTA	VISUAL	COUPLES	RETRREAT	AVENGE	ENSUES
LENDER	STENOS	PEDALED												

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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



ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Peter; 3) Azariah; 4) Levi; 5) Famine; 6) Malchus



Answers

1. Barbara Millicent Roberts
2. "Mary Poppins"
3. Hamilton
4. Literature written in English and published in the United Kingdom
5. "All Along the Watchtower"
6. Tendons
7. The Mystery Machine
8. Luminous intensity
9. Absinthe
10. John Irving

© 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

- SAT Group Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Wednesdays

MAT

- Transitions Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

- Recovery Transitions Virtual, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Peer Support

- Healthy Boundaries Live, 8:30 p.m.

Thursdays

MAT

- Long Term Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

- Long Term Live, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- Long Term Virtual, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Peer Support

- MAT Peer Support Group, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

2 p.m.

Substance Abuse Therapy

- SAT Group Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Fridays

MAT

- MAT Support Group Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

- MAT Support Group Virtual, 1 p.m.

to 2 p.m.

Peer Support

- Radical Acceptance Live, 1:30 p.m.

to 2:30 p.m.

Substance Abuse Therapy

- SAT Group Virtual, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Analenisgi Circle of Support

Groups. Mondays 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.,

group focused on Substance Abuse.

Thursdays 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.,

group focused on Mental Health. Both

groups will be located in the River-

cane room located across from the

Analenisgi lobby and front desk. Ana-

lenisgi is offering groups for friends

and family of adult clients. These

groups are focused on providing edu-

cation and support to our community.

Info: Jennifer Holling 497-9163 ext.

7528

Indian Ball Schedule

All games will be played at Unity Field

Monday, Oct. 4 - youth games will be same team only scrimmages

5 p.m. - Big Cove Youth Team

6 p.m. - Wolfstown Youth Team

Tuesday, Oct. 5

5 p.m. - Hummingbirds vs Wolfstown

6 p.m. - Big Cove vs Birdtown

Wednesday, Oct. 6

5 p.m. - Hummingbirds vs Big Cove

6 p.m. - Wolfstown vs Birdtown

Thursday, Oct. 7

5 p.m. - Wolfstown vs Big Cove

6 p.m. - Hummingbirds vs Birdtown

Information from
Wolfstown Stickball team;
Flyer by

GWY ƆV ƆYLC
CHEROKEE ONE FEATHER * TSALAGI SOQUO UGIDAHLI



VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

VA Thieves Never Learn

Criminals just can't seem to help themselves when it comes to stealing from the Department of Veterans Affairs. What they haven't figured out is that they will eventually get caught.

In a despicable scheme, a New Jersey man has admitted to helping steal and then sell \$8.2 million in HIV drugs. One of his theft partners worked in a VA hospital pharmacy and was discovered via surveillance footage. The thefts happened over the course of 27 months. How, we would like to know, could someone be allowed to walk out with \$8.2 million in drugs in her bag without being stopped by security?

In Georgia, a VA employee pleaded guilty to stealing \$1.9 million in medical equipment and then reselling it. Using his VA credit card, he bought hundreds of items and sold them to a company in another state for eight years.

The U.S. Attorney had a big day in arresting 16 people in a massive kick-back-and-bribery scheme that included vendors and employees at two Florida VA hospitals. The \$20 million in thefts started in 2009 and wasn't discovered in audits. Their methods of theft and the charges were numerous and varied: inflating the cost of goods sold or shorting the orders, paying kickbacks, making purchases with VA credit cards, receiving bribes, healthcare fraud and ordering from companies that didn't exist. The last of the band of thieves was recently sentenced.

In a smaller but equally important scheme, a Washington landlord admitted to scamming \$16,000 for HUD-VA housing for a homeless veteran. Not only was he billing the government for the monthly rent, but he was collecting from the veteran as well, a clear violation of the HUD-VASH program. For this he will get nailed for three times the amount he stole. The formerly homeless veteran will share in this and get a settlement of \$4,000.

The one big beef I have is that none of these criminals ever go to jail for very long.

© 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.



Why Risk Buying a Pet Overseas?

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I'm writing in response to your recent article about pet imports from overseas being banned. Potential pet owners may be frustrated by this rule, but what is their reason for going outside the country? Most likely, they want to purchase a purebred dog at a lower price.

Buying a dog overseas is very risky. The countries mentioned in the temporary ban are listed for a reason. Often the breeding is poor, and standards are low. A country's culture can play a role. They learn what is wanted, they produce, and you buy.

The old saying, "You get what you pay for," applies here. Many owners end up spending more in vet bills than they saved on an overseas dog. The risk is yours.

There are many good breeders in the U.S., but they're not always easy to find. The U.S. is not perfect and has poor breeders too. But certain standards must be met, and it will show in a so-so breeder. Three things to look for are:

1. Sanitary conditions. If the place you visit smells at all, go no further.

2. Do puppies live in the house and not in a kennel? The best of breeders will not replace human contact from birth.

3. Selling too soon. Baby animals need their mothers. A good pup has stayed with its mother ideally for 11 or 12 weeks. Anyone willing to sell under 8 weeks should raise your eyebrow.

The American Kennel Club has good representatives taking calls. They are often breeders themselves and can guide you to your choice of breed. Why not get the best and safest dog? It's important to trust your breeder. Be safe — buy American! — Colleen R., via email

DEAR COLLEEN: You told them, and I thank you.

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

© 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.



FOR SALE

Polaris Tires 26X9X14, 26X11X14 : 226-2205

4 Barbie Dolls from 1980 (Gone with the Wind Characters), 200 piece gone with the wind puzzle, 2 acres of land for sale in Whittier : 352-942-9968

Johnson Transom \$200 (free tripod) : 421-6589

1993 Whaler boat with 40HP engine, 1993 Ford Ranger, 1981 F250 dully, white pine beams : 476-7458

14' aluminum Jon boat with 2015 Mercury 20hp motor, and trailer \$3200 : 506-1289



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You'll soon have a chance to take a big step up from where you are to where you want to be. Check it out first. Remember: Even the Mountain Sheep looks before it leaps.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This week brings a challenge that could determine the future direction of your life. If you're ready for a change, accept it with confidence. A loved one supports your decision.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A disruption creates a delay in completing your projects. Use this time to pursue a personal matter you were too busy to deal with before. You'll find it will be time well spent.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You still need to be on the alert for any signs of problems that could create serious misunderstandings. A more positive aspect begins to emerge toward the week's end. Be patient.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) With things slowing down a bit this week, it would be a good time for luxury-loving Leonines to go somewhere for some well-earned pampering. Things liven up around Friday.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Single Virgos looking for partners are finally getting a break from Venus, who has moved in to make things happen. Attached Virgos see their relationships blossom.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You've been working hard to get things done. Now take a breather and recheck your next step. You might want to make some changes in view of the news that comes your way.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The watchword for savvy Scorpions this week is "preparation." Consider sharpening your skills to make the most of the new opportunity you're about to take on.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) There might still be some loose ends that need tucking up if you hope to get that important relationship repaired. A new spurt of activity starts soon.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's a good idea to keep the positive momentum going by finding and getting rid of anything that could cause you to stumble. Keep the path ahead clear and open.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A period of contemplation is advised before you make your next move. Be sure that where you decide to go is the right place for you. A health matter needs attention.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) That new energy surge that hit you last week continues to send out good vibrations. Try investing a part of it in creating something noteworthy on the job.

BORN THIS WEEK: You like to balance your personal universe, and in doing so, you help bring harmony into the lives of the rest of us.

© 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.



Employment Opportunities

Position: Massage Therapist

Full-Time* - Part-Time* -
SIGNING BONUS UP TO \$2500*

Job Description: The Massage Therapist role is to provide and maintain the highest standards of massage therapy and recommendations for home care. The massage therapist must provide excellent guest care and create a feeling of rest and relaxation for spa guests, resulting in high retention and increased treatment and retail sales.

Applicants must possess a current NC massage license. Required to have open availability, weekends, and holidays. Background Check/Drug Testing, EEOC

For questions, please contact:
Angie Hill, Spa Operations Manager 828-497-8550
angieh@mandaraspa.com



The Museum of the Cherokee Indian is growing! Join our team as we enter the next phase of fulfilling our mission of preserving and perpetuating the history, culture, and stories of the Cherokee. MCI is currently hiring the following positions:

- Director of Operations
- Director of Collections and Exhibitions
- External Affairs Manager
- Graphic Designer
- Front Line Associate
- Cultural Specialist

For full job descriptions and how to apply, please visit mci.org/employment or email employment@mci.org





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

Agelink Childcare
FT Lead Teacher
FT School Age Group Leader
FT Teacher's Aide (2)

Snowbird Childcare
FT Cook

Children's Home
FT Residential Counselor (2)
PT Residential Counselor (4)

Bus & Truck
FT Truck Drivers (2)
PT School Bus Drivers (10)

Construction & Facilities
FT Carpenter/Mason (2)

Shop & Garage
FT Service Dept. Technician Helper



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Closing Thursday, September 23, 2021

Radiology Technologist II
Operations Manager – Tribal Option
Fiscal Coordinator – Tsali Care Center
Registered Nurse - Inpatient

Closing Thursday, September 30, 2021

Dentist: Dentures & Partials
Medical Laboratory Technician- Part Time Intermittent
Senior Property Control Clerk

Open Until Filled

Administrative Assistant – PI/Engineering
Billing Technician II
Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Practical Nurse – Primary Care
CNA/Medical Clerk – Inpatient (2 Positions)
Cook
Dental Assistant II (2 Positions)
Diabetes Educator
Dietary Services Supervisor
EVS Technician (2 Positions)
Food Service Worker (2 Positions)
Physician/Hospitalist - Inpatient
PTI Physician/Hospitalist – Inpatient
Masters Level Therapist – Family Safety
Masters Level Therapist – Kanvwtiyi (Hiring Bonus)
Masters Level Therapist (Child) - Analenisgi
Masters Level Therapist – (Grant Funded) Adult/Analenisgi
Medical Social Worker – Primary Care
Peer Support Specialist – Grant Funded
Pedodontist
PTI Radiology Technologist
PTI Registered Nurse – Analenisgi Inpatient (2 Positions)
PTI Registered Nurse – Emergency Room
PTI Phlebotomist
Senior Accountant
Targeted Case Manager – Integrated Classroom
Targeted Case Manager – Residential Support

Tsali Care Center

Cook Aide
CNA PTI (2 positions)
Fiscal Coordinator
Housekeeper (2 Positions)
License Practical Nurse (2 Positions)
Personal Care Assistant/CNA - Part-Time Regular (2 positions)
Personal Care Assistant/CNA – Regular Full - Time
Recreation Coordinator – Emergency Hire
Registered Nurse - Part-Time Intermittent (2positions)
Registered Nurse Supervisor – Part-Time Regular
Retention Bonus Eligible Positions
Certified Nursing Assistant/Part-Time Intermittent/Part-Time Regular (Starting Pay \$18.00/Hr.)
Cook Aide (Starting Pay \$15.00/Hr.)



OUR KITCHENS ARE ALL MISSING A VERY IMPORTANT INGREDIENT: YOU.

Ever thought of cooking for us? If working in a fun, exciting atmosphere isn't enough, we're offering highly competitive wages and hiring bonuses up to \$3,000. Apply at HarrahsCherokeeJobs.com.

Harrah's
CHEROKEE
CASINO RESORT

Harrah's
CHEROKEE
VALLEY RIVER
CASINO & HOTEL

Select positions eligible for hiring bonus. Restrictions apply. Please see Talent Acquisition department for details. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and have a valid photo ID. An Enterprise of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Harrah's Cherokee Casinos value diversity and inclusion, and are equal opportunity employers. ©2021, Caesars License Company, LLC.

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

EMPLOYMENT

Tribal Alcohol Beverage

Control Commission has the following job available: Inventory Control Clerk

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description from Amanda Younce at the Tribal Alcohol Beverage Control Commission Office between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday -Thursday. This position will close 09/30/21 at 4pm. Indian preference does apply and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be Accepted in lieu of TABCC application. **9/22**

Cherokee Cinemas & More

Cherokee Cinemas & More has the following job opportunities:

Floor Staff – Part Time/Full Time
Janitor – Part Time (after last show)

Job Description and Applications can be picked up at the offices of the Kituwah, LLC, 1158 Seven Clans Lane, Whittier, NC 28789, Log Building across from Waffle House, if you have any questions please call Kristin Smith at 828-477-4553. Open until filled. **9/29**

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

EBCI THE CHEROKEE COURT
CHEROKEE, NC

FILE NO.: CV 21-621

John Biddix

Elsie Biddix

v.

Unknown Father

TO: Unknown Father

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 CHILD CUSTODY. You are required to make defense to this pleading not later than _____, 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 September 2021.

Jamie Arnold
Attorney for Plaintiff
EBCI Legal Assistance Office
PO Box 2280
Cherokee, NC 28719
828.359.7400
N.C.G.S._1A-1, Rule 4(j)
9/29

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21-095
**In the Matter of the Estate of
Louise Cabe**

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

Robert Saunooke
319 Big Cove Road
Cherokee, NC 28719
10/6

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
HUMAN RESOURCES

PO Box 553
Cherokee, NC 28719
828-359-6388

Closing Sunday, September 26, 2021

1. Sergeant Detective – Cherokee Indian Police Department – Public Safety (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
2. Investigations Lieutenant – Cherokee Indian Police Department – Public Safety (L13 \$57,554 - \$71,954)
3. Business Assistant – Cherokee Fitness Complex – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L3 \$22,990 - \$28,732)
4. Housekeeper I Light Duty (Multiple) – Housekeeping – Operations (L3 \$22,990 - \$28,732)
5. Internal Audit Manager – Office of Internal Audit and Ethics (L16 \$75,114 - \$93,876)
6. Facilities Maintenance Worker – Qualla Boundary Head Start and Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946)
7. Employment Specialist – Employment – Human Resources (L9 \$40,105 - \$50,121)
8. Telecommunicator – Public Safety Communications Center – Operations (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)

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. PT 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)
5. Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant (Part-time) – New Kituwah Academy – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946)
6. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
7. Certified Nursing Assistant – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
8. Project Monitor – Project Management – Operations (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
9. Homeownership/Rental Occupancy Specialist – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)

All applications and job descriptions are available at
www.ebci.com/jobs

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.



**94.1 FM
WBHN**



**Classic Country
WBHN Radio
94.1 FM and
1590 AM**

Now online at
941classiccountry
(QR code provided for convenience)

Cherokee, North Carolina

Estate File No. 21-099

In the Matter of the Estate of Dezman Tre Crow

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

Albert Jason Crowe

P.O. Box 1587

Cherokee, NC 28719 or

Caressa Mariah Jackson

P.O. Box 2166

Cherokee, NC 28719

10/13

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

Request for Proposals

The Cherokee Tribal Court

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

1. Name and Contact Information
2. Copies of Certificates and Licenses

3. Relevant Work Experience

Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before September

30, 2021, will receive priority over later submissions. Please mail or email proposals to:

Amber Shuler, Court Administrator

Cherokee Tribal Court

PO Box 1629

Cherokee, NC 28719

ambeshul@ebci-nsn.gov

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract.

The Cherokee Tribal

Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received. 9/29

Notice to Qualified Professionals Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Handicapped & Elderly Living Program (H.E.L.P.) 145 Tsali Manor St. Cherokee N.C. 28719 Phone

828-359-6638

The Handicapped and Elderly Living Program (H.E.L.P.) is seeking qualified contractors and professionals who specialize in general residential rehabilitation and repair for residential properties. Work to be performed may include:

Removal and installation of metal or shingled roofs

Removal and installation of storm doors, doors and window

Service, removal, and installation of HVAC

Service and installation of electrical generators

Service, removal, and installation of propane heater & tank/line sets

Service, removal and installation of electrical

Service, removal and installation of plumbing

Removal and installation of kitchen cabinets

Removal and installation of flooring

Rough and finish carpentry

Construction of universally acceptable ramps and decks

Sheetrock repair

Lawn maintenance services

Pest control

Locksmith

Qualified contractors and professionals will be expected to start work upon issuance of a contract. Several contractors and profes-

sionals will be selected for work. Selections will be based on qualifications. The H.E.L.P. Program reserves the right to reject any and all submissions.

The work to be performed under this RFQ is subject to TERO guidelines. TERO certified vendors will be given preference. Qualification packages should include a W-9, tribal business license, proof of insurance, and any applicable licenses or certifications. Deliver sealed proposals to the H.E.L.P. Program office. Deadline for sealed proposals is September 30, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

Contact Stephanie Welch, swelch@nc-chokeee.com with questions or comments at 828-359-6638. 9/22

Notice to All Parties in Possession of Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel \$1, \$2.50, \$5, \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1,000 and \$5,000 Chips

This is notification of the retirement of Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel \$1, \$2.50, \$5, \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1,000 and \$5,000 Chips that were in use prior to July 13, 2021. Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel will redeem all outstanding \$1, \$2.50, \$5, \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1,000 and \$5,000 Chips, used prior to July 13, 2021, from any persons/parties possessing such until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, December 10, 2021. All outstanding Harrah's Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel \$1, \$2.50, \$5, \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1,000 and \$5,000 Chips, used prior to July 13, 2021, will be deemed to be of no value, and will no longer be accepted or redeemed after midnight on December 11, 2021.

The above-mentioned chips can be redeemed for cash at the Harrah's Cherokee Valley River

Casino & Hotel Cashier Cage.

9/22

Good Housekeeping

Soba Noodles with Shrimp and Vegetables

- 1/4 cup creamy peanut butter
- 2 teaspoons peeled, grated fresh ginger
- 2 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon distilled white vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Asian sesame oil
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper sauce
- Salt
- 1 package (8 ounces) soba noodles (100% buckwheat)
- 1/2 bag (10 ounces) shredded or matchstick carrots (about 1 1/2 cups)
- 1 pound large shrimp, shelled and deveined, with tail part of shell left on if you like
- 4 ounces snow peas, strings removed
- 1/2 cup (packed) fresh cilantro leaves, chopped, plus additional sprigs for garnish

1. In small bowl, combine peanut butter, ginger, soy sauce, vinegar, sesame oil and cayenne pepper sauce; set aside.

2. Heat covered 5- to 6-quart saucepot of water and 1 teaspoon salt to boiling over high heat. Add noodles and cook 4 minutes. Add carrots and cook 1 minute. Add shrimp and snow peas and cook 2 minutes more. Reserve 1/2 cup pasta cooking water. Drain noodles, shrimp and vegetables into large colander. Transfer noodle mixture to large bowl.

3. With whisk, beat reserved cooking water into peanut-butter mixture until well blended. Add peanut sauce and chopped cilantro leaves to noodle mixture in bowl and toss until evenly coated.

4. To serve, spoon into 4 large bowls; garnish each serving with a cilantro sprig. Makes 4 (2 cups each) servings.

• Each serving: About 430 calories, 12g total fat (2g saturated), 140mg cholesterol, 960mg sodium, 53g total carbohydrate, 6g dietary fiber, 33g protein.

For thousands of triple-tested recipes, visit our website at www.good-housekeeping.com/food-recipes/.

© 2021 Hearst Communications, Inc.
All rights reserved

Constitution vs. Charter: Article X

Proposed Constitution Article X – Voter Recall

Voter recall is the process for the community to decide if an elected official needs to be removed from office for non or poor performance between elections.

Section 1. Initiation. A notice of intent to initiate a recall petition must be registered by a citizen of the Tribe with the Board of Elections to initiate a recall. The Board of Elections shall calculate the number of signatures required as sixty-seven percent (67%) of the voters who cast a ballot in the previous General Election for the specific office in question and assign a commencement date.

Section 2. Signature Collection. The petition must be signed by registered voters eligible to vote for the elected official being recalled and verified by the Board of Elections. Any petition to be valid must be submitted to the Board of Elections within thirty (30) days of the petition commencement date. If the petition is not timely submitted, the signatures obtained are invalidated.

Section 3. Referendum. If the petition for recall meets or exceeds the above requirements, then a Referendum for Recall shall be instituted by the Board of Elections.

Clause 1. Locking Voter Registration. While the Referendum for Recall is in process, no new voters shall be allowed to register within the district of recall.

Section 4. Special Election. The Board of Elections shall give notice to the affected voters of the purpose, time, and location of the special election to be held within ninety (90) days from the date of the Board's official acceptance of the validated petition.

Section 5. Results of the Election. An affirmative vote for recall of sixty-seven (67) percent or more of the votes cast in the recall election, as certified by the Board of Elections shall be required to remove an elected official from office. The elected official shall be removed from office immediately creating a vacancy. Any vacancy so created shall be filled pursuant to the appropriate provision of this Constitution.

Section 6. Consequences. Any persons removed from office by recall shall not be disqualified from holding office in the future or employment in any governmental capacity by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Know the difference!

The Charter and Cherokee Code do not have provisions for voter recall.

What is a voter recall?

When the community does not feel like it is being properly represented, they should have a way to un-elect officials from office. Rather than waiting till the end of the term, which could be years since the shortest term is four years, voter recall is a process to remove an elected official from office.

When elected officials are not doing the job the voters elected them to do but are not doing anything to get them impeached, a procedure needs to be in place to remove them from office before their term is completed. This process of voting for removal from office is called Voter Recall.

Why does a petition have to be registered?

This is how the Board of Elections is made aware of the intent to petition for a recall and put certain processes in motion like verifying the count of voters and identifying what voters are eligible to participate. Registering also gives the Board a chance to educate the petitioner on what the expectations are for a successful petition. It will also give the Board a chance to notify the official who is the subject of the petition. This is to give them a chance to campaign for their office, to change how the public perceives the job they're doing. This also starts the timer for the petition, if the target of recall is doing such a bad job, it should not take long to collect the required number of signatures.

What do the numbers mean?

The number of signatures is meant to be high enough that someone who is upset about the outcome of an election cannot use this to overturn an election by getting their supporters to call for a recall. For example, if the second-place candidate from the General Election only received 75 votes of the 300 votes cast, it would take 201 people to sign a petition to request a recall election. This means they would need an additional 126 people who voted for the other candidate in the last General Election to agree that a recall needs to be held.

If there's enough people to participate in the recall election, 201 in our example and the majority vote for recall, at least 101, then the recall is effective.

Why is the percentage so high?

Recall should not be done on a whim or bad feelings of a group of people about the results of an election. The percentage for recall needs to be more than those that supported a losing candidate, and it needs to include those that voted for the winning candidate. The number needed to be successful at any level needs to be more than family and friends of a candidate. The percentage for a successful recall needs to be enough of the community to be representative of what they want.

Why aren't there more consequences to a voter recall?

Anyone recalled has not committed any crimes or done anything wrong to be impeached. It's a matter of opinion of whether they are doing a poor job, which is not illegal. Therefore, voter recall removes them from office and does not penalize them from running for office again in the future.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TRIBAL CONSTITUTION AND PARTICIPATE IN ITS CREATION! VISIT WWW.SGADUGI.ORG OR SIGN UP FOR ACCESS TO WEEKLY MEETINGS-CONTACT LLOYD ARNEACH AT lloyd.arneach@7clantech.com

LET'S GET THE PARTY STARTED



PUT ON YOUR
PARTY HAT

Must be 21 or older to enter the casino floor and to gamble, and must present a valid state or federal photo ID upon request. Know When To Stop Before You Start.® Gambling Problem?

Call 1-800-522-4700. An Enterprise of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

©2021, Caesars License Company, LLC.

Harrah's
CHEROKEE
CASINO RESORT

www.harrahscherokee.com