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**Kituwah placed in
 trust for Tribe**

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
 One Feather Staff

KITUWAH - Kituwah, the Mother Town of the Cherokee, located just outside of Cherokee near Bryson City, has been placed into trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), U.S. Dept. of the Interior. The property was purchased by the Tribe in 1996 and includes an ancient mound.

Following an official determination by the BIA last month, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed signed an official document designating it as so on the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 18. According to the

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Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed signs a document on the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 18 that officially takes the Kituwah site into trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



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EBCI Tribal Royalty was also in attendance at the event. Shown, left to right, are Little Miss Cherokee Trinnity Jackson; Teen Miss Cherokee Tsini McCoy; Principal Chief Sneed; Libby Ensley, wife of Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley who was unable to attend due to medical reasons; and Junior Miss Cherokee Makaula Lambert.

KITUWAH: Mother Town put into trust for Tribe, from front page

Public Notice to Acquire Land into Trust, the site totals 307.03 acres.

"This is an historic day for all Cherokee," Chief Sneed said just prior to signing the document on Monday. "Today, this land, Kituwah, the birthplace of the Anikituwah, the Principal People, today known as the Cherokee, will now belong to our people and to our posterity forever. For thousands of years, prior to European contact, our people lived, worked, hunted, fished, and raised families on land that now makes up seven states in the southern United States."

He added, "Kituwah, the Mother Town of the Cherokee, over 300 acres, was redeemed in 1996 under the leadership of the first female Principal Chief of the Eastern Band of Cherokees, Joyce Dugan. All Cherokees, whether Eastern Band, Cherokee Nation, or United Keetoowah Band, each owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Chief Dugan for her vision and leadership in initiating the purchase of this sacred land."

Chief Sneed said getting Kituwah put

into trust for the Tribe has been a priority of his administration since day one, and he thanked Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley and Tribal Council for their support in the effort.

"So, with the signing of this document, I invite all Cherokees to come and take in the beauty, solitude, and sacredness of this place. It is yours. It is mine. It is ours forever."

Former Principal Chief Joyce Dugan was instrumental in the Tribe purchasing the property in 1996. She told the One Feather, "I will always believe that the purchase of the Kituwah site which returned our Mother Town to our Tribe was the most significant accomplishment of my term as Principal Chief."

She went on to say, "As tribal officials, we can build many structures that improve the lives of our people, but the most important gift we can give to this generation and all that follow is the preservation of our history and culture. I truly feel that the purchase of Kituwah brought about a revival of the arts, cultural traditions and historical knowledge, which our people are still embracing today."



The three EBCI Beloved Women were in attendance including, left to right, Myrtle Driver, Ella Bird, and Carmaleta Monteith.



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Long found guilty of misusing Tribal property

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**

One Feather Staff

After 22 months of hearings and eight dismissed charges, a jury found Benjamin Cody Long guilty of ‘misusing Tribal property’ on the afternoon of Thursday, Oct. 14.

Following the verdict, Long was sentenced to no additional prison time than what he had already served from December of 2019 until he was removed from house arrest. The official ruling from Chief Judge Monty Beck was for Long to serve 454 days, but that included the 454 days that he had previously served.

The lone charge, 20 CR 0465 (In violation of Cherokee Code Section 14-70.42 (c)(1)) was applied in March of 2020 and is a felony charge. Long had initially been detained on two felony charges (19 CR 4505 Felony Tampering with Public Records and 19 CR 4606 Felony Obstructing Government Functions) in connection with the Tribal-wide cyberattack that occurred on Dec. 7, 2019. In March of 2020, a second arraignment hearing was held and brought forth seven counts of ‘misusing Tribal property’.

Leading up to the week’s trial, seven of those nine charges had been dismissed by Tribal prosecutors. Tribal Court did not dismiss these charges with prejudice, however, so the Tribe has the ability to bring them back if needed. On the first day of trial, Oct. 11, one of the two remaining charges was also dismissed. That left Long facing one.

This charge stems from a situation on Dec. 5, 2019. On that day, Long had been suspended with

pay by Office of Information Technology (OIT) Director Bill Travitz. Long was placed on investigative leave for ‘unauthorized entry into security cameras, gross negligence for not doing backups, and insubordination’. Prosecutors alleged that Long then proceeded to log into his account remotely and without authorization following his suspension.

The trial lasted four days and saw nine witnesses come to the stand to testify. The defense was led by attorneys Robert Saunooke and Brent Smith. The Tribe was represented by prosecutors Cody White and Shelli Buckner. To satisfy the charge 20 CR 0465, Tribal prosecutors needed to convince the jury of three things.

First, that the Microsoft Azure account was considered Tribal property. Next, that Long was ‘a person in possession of or charged with the safekeeping, transfer or use of Tribal property’. Finally, that beyond a reasonable doubt Long logged into his account at 8:26 a.m. on Dec. 5, 2019.

Tribal prosecutors brought up Agnes Reed to testify to the ownership of the Tribal Microsoft Azure account. They pointed to a receipt of nearly half a million dollars that the Tribe had paid to use Microsoft Office services. The defense pushed back saying that the Tribe did not own Microsoft, and therefore did not own the logs provided by Microsoft Azure. Lead prosecutor Cody White also used the testimonies of Travitz and OIT infrastructure services manager Anthony Brown to strengthen his point. He said that the Azure account was like having an apartment in a larger apartment complex. That you would need proper

authorization to enter that specific apartment, and using this analogy stated that the Tribe’s license was Tribal property.

Saunooke argued that the defendant was not ‘the safekeeper’ of the Tribal Azure logs. He said that the Tribe’s Azure logs were recorded automatically and that no one on staff consistently checked those logs until after the cyberattack of 2019. He said that the Azure logs were primarily controlled and recorded by Microsoft, and because of that Long couldn’t be the safekeeper of the property.

The Tribe argued that as the Systems Administrator of OIT at the time of the event, the logs would be under Long’s list of responsibilities. Because he had access to the ‘servadmin account’ and had ‘global domain’ privileges, that he was clearly someone who was ‘charged with the safekeeping, transfer or use’ of the Tribal Microsoft account and the Azure logs.

The largest point of debate came with the third piece needed – tying Long to the incident itself. The Tribe presented Exhibit 3B, which was a piece of the Azure logs from Dec. 5, 2019. They brought Doug Chase, OIT information security officer, to the stand as a witness to explain these logs.

Chase’s interpretation was the user codylong@nc-choke.com triggered a Microsoft Azure login at 8:26 a.m. on Dec. 5. That he did so using the Tribal network’s IP local address, a multi-factor authentication method using SMS text, and with a ‘Hello Sign-in’. A Hello Sign-in is a multi-factor authentication method that can use facial recognition or a fingerprint. This is something that was against the Tribal ‘group policy’ at the time,

and therefore was not possible to be done using Tribal devices. He said that because of this, Long must have used a personal device to log in.

The prosecution and defense used the testimonies of Travitz, Chase, Anthony Brown, and current OIT systems administrator Josh Oliver to piece together the happenings of Dec. 5, 2019.

Each of the witnesses said that Travitz and Brown held a meeting with Long around 8 a.m. in the director’s office. After about 15 minutes, the three of them walked to Long’s office, which he shared with Josh Oliver. Long turned in his keycard and badge, and his laptops remained in the office. At this point, the testimonies said that Long claimed he did not have his work cell phone with him, and that he would need to go home to retrieve it. The timeline is unclear, but Long then departed from the office around 8:20 a.m.

Before the meeting occurred, Doug Chase testified that he had changed the password to Long’s account on the local servers. He said that he had spoken with Travitz the night before and was awaiting a call to disable Long’s account. Chase said that he had changed the password before 8 a.m. because he was concerned by the sensitivity of the situation. The defense pointed to this as a reason the successful login at 8:26 couldn’t have been Long, as his original password was changed by that time. Prosecutors said that the password was changed locally, but there was still a chance that it was not changed off-site. Therefore, Long could’ve still had access with his personal devices.

Josh Oliver said that follow-

ing Long's departure, he went to Chase to retrieve access to Long's account. Chase gave him the new password, and Oliver went to log into Long's desktop. He said that he did so to disable 'TeamViewer' from Long's computers. TeamViewer is a program that can be used to remotely control other desktops, and he knew that Long had this enabled on several devices. He did this as a way to secure the Tribal network at the request of Travitz.

Long returned to the office later that morning. Anthony Brown said that Long lived at least 30 minutes away from the office. Saunooke said that this would mean that Long was gone from the office from about 8:20 until 9:30 at the earliest. Brown said that the last thing he told Long after he was leaving for a second time was to stay off of the Tribal network.

The defense also drew into question the credibility of a username. Saunooke pointed out that there was no testimony that stated they saw Long sign in at 8:26 on Dec. 5, 2019. No witness said that they saw Long with his cell phone at that time either. Multiple witnesses said that they always remembered Long having his phone, however. This is something the prosecutors spoke of consistently.

Saunooke also brought up the 'servadmin' account, which Travitz called a 'god account' in his testimony. Long was one of the members of OIT with access to this account, which gave him 'the keys to the kingdom' according to Travitz. However, Saunooke questioned Travitz and Doug Chase about who had access to this account. It turned out, that account had the same password for a minimum of six to seven years. Chase said that it hadn't changed during his time with OIT, which created that time

frame. That means that potentially dozens of former employees knew the servadmin password, and Saunooke pointed to this as evidence that you could not trust log in information on the Tribal network at the time of the event.

The final witness called was Clark Walton, the principal forensics and cybersecurity expert for Reliance Forensics. Reliance is a company based out of Charlotte that specializes in digital forensics. Walton was accepted as a digital forensic expert witness by the Court. His résumé also showed that he has previously worked with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and as an attorney for many years. Walton was hired by the defense for this case.

Walton disagreed with Chase's interpretation of the Azure log from Dec. 5, 2019. He said that

the Application ID that Chase identified as a Hello Sign-in is not specific to that type of login. Walton said that he uses a Hello Sign-in with facial recognition, and after reviewing his own Azure logs the specific code highlighted by Chase was nowhere to be found. He also pointed to the word 'token' in the logs. He said that a token is a device that can be memorized for multi-factor authorization, such as a phone. He said that with a token, logins can be automatic and not require another step for multi-factor authorization.

Finally, he said that logging into a desktop that had Microsoft systems running could trigger an Azure login. He said that given the testimonies presented throughout the trial, he would conclude that the login recorded at 8:26 am on Dec. 5, 2019 was triggered by Josh

Oliver signing into Cody Long's desktop computer. He said that that login could've triggered an Azure log, and that the timing of the events lined up with Oliver's testimony.

Following final arguments presented by Saunooke and White, the jury was sent to the jury room for deliberation at 2:35 p.m. on this fourth day of trial. The jury's foreperson handed in the verdict sheet 90 minutes later, and clerk Denise Hallauer-Fox read the decision of 'guilty' to the courtroom. Judge Beck confirmed the decision with each of the six members of the jury, and then excused them of their duty.

All parties agreed that sentencing would be a quick process, and they decided to handle it immediately following the verdict.



CCS School Board discusses remote learning and vaccine mandates

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**

One Feather Staff

The Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Board of Education held its first meeting in the conference room of the new administrative building on Monday, Oct. 18.

Before getting into the scheduled agenda, the Board had an extended conversation on the status of the remote and virtual learning situations with CCS students. Superintendent Murray said that it has been a struggle to stay in constant communication with the families in the 'remote' program, and because of this a standard has been difficult to place. He said that basic aspects of school like grading and attendance must be modified for this situation.

"I've worked with the principals in saying do your very best to hold high expectations and continue. I cannot tell you that everybody is doing exactly what they should be doing. There are some, just like last year, that are taking advantage. If we were completely out of a pandemic, then I would look at you and say 'let's hold them accountable. Let's go ahead and fail them and do what we have to do.' In my opinion, with the quarantines and the variants you're facing, it's worse now than it was last year," said Murray.

Tara Reed-Cooper vocalized her concern for this group of students and questioned how CCS was going to handle these varying situations.

"Are we going to test these



The CCS Board of Education held its first meeting in the conference room at the new administration building on campus on Monday, Oct. 18. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo)

What you need to know...

The EBCI Cherokee Indians Division of Housing (CIDH) is continuing to take Housing Assistance Fund applications.

Must be a resident of the following counties:

- Cherokee
- Clay
- Graham
- Haywood
- Jackson
- Macon
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• Must have experienced a financial hardship after January 21, 2020.

• Income must be Equal or Less than 150% of the US median income.

All applicants must submit a paper application. If you submitted your name online, please contact Tina Larch-Rivera at 359-6912 or Misty Millsaps at 359-6919 for applications. Or you may come by the Housing Administration Bldg at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC. 28719.



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individuals at the end of each quarter? Because we still have a responsibility to them. They have opted out and chosen to become virtual, but there's still an expectation from me, as a Board member, that they're still getting everything that they need to be getting. We can't make them do it. However, that responsibility is, I feel, on my shoulders as a Board member to make sure they're getting what they need," said Reed-Cooper.

Murray and Assistant Superintendent Beverly Payne said that these kids would have 'integrated testing', but the day-to-day scoring of traditional schooling was altered. Murray said that failure to turn in assignments would not be given a zero.

"They'll have grades and they'll be marked down. What I'm saying is they won't get zeros. What they'll get is a 50," said Murray.

Reed-Cooper was adamant that they communicate with the families of these students to ensure they are getting what they need. She said that if CCS doesn't work to maintain a standard for the kids than the community will blame the school, not the families.

"Our responsibility extends further than just saying we're allowing you to be virtual and allowing you to do it at home ... If we can't hold them responsible, or

if we're not going to take attendance, or see where they're at, at the end of the year we're failing them if we continue to pass them," said Reed-Cooper.

Murray said that they will continue to seek updates and reports of the status of the students, and the Board will monitor the situation moving forward.

New Board member Melanie Lambert was also curious about the status of vaccinations at CCS. Murray reported that the staff was up to an 84 percent vaccination rate. Lambert still was curious if the Board was interested in mandating the vaccine.

"We can mandate, but why if you're getting 84 percent or better and your Tribe hasn't done it yet? ...again, that wasn't my decision that was the Board's discussion," said Murray.

No vote was made on Monday, but Lambert suggested that the Board should look back into the topic of mandating.

"I'm in support of mandating it. I wonder if that may bring more kids back...we are in a pandemic, so I think everybody should do their part," said Lambert

The first decision made in the meeting was to settle the tiebreaker from the Board's last session regarding a new Vice Chair. Traditionally, the Tribal Council

Rep. would offer the tiebreaking vote. However, Wolfstown Rep. Bo Crowe insisted that it would be best to come to a conclusion together. He had several suggestions but said he would decide via the flip of a coin if necessary.

Board member Berdie Toineeta asked if Reed-Cooper and Lambert could share the role of Vice Chair, and the Board ran with this suggestion. They voted unanimously that the role of Vice Chair would alternate every meeting between the two, starting with Tara Reed-Cooper.

The Board then moved forward to the consent agenda. They approved the following positions at CCS:

- Miranda Stamper – MS Girls Basketball Assistant Coach
- Samantha Buchanan – Custodian
- Seth Ledford – Varsity Assistant Wrestling Coach
- Pam Bryant – Varsity Girls Basketball Assistant Coach.

There were also three walk-in items that needed approval. Each were read into record and approved by the Board:

- Positions description, Pre-k teacher assistant.
- Dwayne Lossiah – Boys' basketball volunteer.
- Paige Stamper - Girls' basketball volunteer.

The final piece of business

covered in open session was Payne walking the Board through an update on the school's upcoming accreditation process. She said that they are working with everyone at CCS to prepare them for the virtual visit. This will take place March 27 through April 1, 2022. The Board then finished the meeting in a closed session to discuss specific personnel. No decisions were voted on in this closed session.

The Monday, Oct.18 meeting of the CCS Board of Education was called to order at 4:45 p.m. with Chairperson Jennifer Thompson; Co-Vice Chairs Tara Reed-Cooper and Melanie Lambert; Secretary Kristina Hyatt; Board members Regina Ledford Rosario and Berdie Toineeta; Tribal Council Rep. Bo Crowe; Superintendent Michael Murray; Assistant Superintendent Beverly Payne; HR Director Heather Driver; and Administrative Assistant Terri Bradley all in attendance.

The next meeting of the School Board is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 2 at 4:45 p.m. Meetings are being held in the conference of the new administrative building on the CCS campus. These sessions are considered public meetings and are open to public attendance except for closed sessions.

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**



Traffic stop leads to multiple drug trafficking arrests

At approximately 6:05 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 18, the Cherokee Indian Police Department's (CIPD) Criminal Interdiction Team, with the assistance of the CIPD Narcotics and CIPD Patrol Officers, arrested three individuals on felony drug charges arising from a traffic stop on Old Gap Road in the Painttown Community of the Qualla Boundary.

Approximately 27 grams of suspected Methamphetamine and over 29 grams of suspected Fentanyl were seized by officers on scene. These drugs have a street value of approximately \$11,200. In addition to the drugs, \$3,200 in assorted US currency was seized.

Floyd Arnold Bradley, a 43-year-old male of Cherokee, and Shalina Lynn Little, a 19-year-old female of Cherokee, were both charged with drug trafficking.

Ayena Jane French, a 30-year-old female of Cherokee, was charged as an accessory in connection with both drug trafficking charges.

At this time, the above defendants have only been charged with these crimes and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

"This evening's efforts once again demonstrate the commitment of our Cherokee Indian Police Department officers to make our streets and our communities safer. We have absolutely no tolerance for narcotics or those who traffic them here in Cherokee," stated Chief of Police Josh Taylor.

- CIPD release

CIPD arrests two for trafficking controlled substances

The joint efforts of the Cherokee Indian Police Department

(CIPD) SWAT team, the CIPD Narcotics Division, Tribal ALE, and Tribal ALE K9 Agent Vader resulted in the arrests of two men - both with trafficking amounts of controlled substances - in the early morning hours of Friday, Oct. 22.

The arrests occurred in the Yellowhill Community near the intersection of Tsali Boulevard and US Highway 19.

Approximately 238 grams of suspected Methamphetamine, 111 grams of suspected Fentanyl, and 19 grams of suspected Heroin were seized by officers on scene. These drugs have an estimated street value of approximately \$73,600. In addition to the drugs, \$2,983.00 in assorted US currency, and a firearm was seized.

Stephen Andrew Shiebler, Jr., a 53-year-old male of Hayesville, and Randall Trent Russell, a 32-year-old male of Whittier, were both charged in Swain County in connection with this incident.

At this time, both defendants have only been charged with these crimes and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Cherokee Chief of Police, Josh Taylor stated, "K9 Agent Vader and his handler, Tribal ALE Agent Logan Woodard, are phenomenal assets to our team on the Qualla Boundary. The commitment and courage of all law enforcement involved, goes to show that those who traffic drugs are not welcome here, day or night. We will continue working around the clock to keep our community members and visitors safe."

- Cherokee Indian Police Dept. release

CIPD Arrest Report for Oct. 10-17

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.

Brady, Ashton Kade - age 18

Arrested: Oct. 11

Released: Oct. 11

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Burton, Joseph Daniel - age 43

Arrested: Oct. 11

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor; Domestic Violence; Injuring Telephone Wires, Wires, or other Communication Equip-

ment; Interfering with Emergency Communication; Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Jackson, Rain Edwind-Swimmer - age 27

Arrested: Oct. 11

Released: Oct. 13

Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree, Simple Possession Schedule IV Controlled Substance

Martinez, Benjamin Scott - age 45

Arrested: Oct. 11

Released: Oct. 13

Charges: Disorderly Conduct

Powell, Daymion Tenaycious - age 23

Arrested: Oct. 11

Released: Not released as of report date

Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree

MISSING PERSON

Josephine Charley Female

Missing Age: 53

Current Age: 53-54 years

American Indian/Alaska Native

Height: 5' 1" Weight: 135 lbs

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: August 19, 2021

Case created: October 13, 2021

Location: Gallup, New Mexico

Circumstances of Disappearance: Josephine was last seen in Gallup, New Mexico on 8/29/2021.

If you have seen Josephine, contact Gallup Police Department (505) 863-9365.

Case #21-36034

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Arch, Logan Quade – age 25
 Arrested: Oct. 12
 Released: Oct. 12
 Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Bradley, Amber Carol-Leigh – age 31
 Arrested: Oct. 12
 Released: Oct. 13
 Charges: Obstructing Justice

Bradley, David Alvin – age 32
 Arrested: Oct. 12
 Released: Oct. 13
 Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Garcia, Alexander Martinez – age 25
 Arrested: Oct. 12
 Released: Oct. 12
 Charges: Misdemeanor Larceny

Panther, Jordan Phillip – age 32
 Arrested: Oct. 12
 Released: Not released as of report date
 Charges: Grand Larceny, Misdemeanor Larceny (two counts),

Breaking and Entering (two counts)

Standingdeer, Sadie Ann – age 32
 Arrested: Oct. 12
 Released: Oct. 13
 Charges: Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors

Sutton Jr., John Theodore – age 25
 Arrested: Oct. 12
 Released: Not released as of report date
 Charges: Domestic Violence

Crowe, Amber Sherience – age 34
 Arrested: Oct. 13
 Released: Oct. 14
 Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Rattler, Cornelia Iona – age 23
 Arrested: Oct. 13
 Released: Oct. 13
 Charges: Obstructing Governmental Functions, Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property

Reed, John Alex – age 40

Arrested: Oct. 13
 Released: Oct. 15
 Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Welch, Juliann Renea – age 22
 Arrested: Oct. 13
 Released: Not released as of report date
 Charges: Simple Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Trafficking

Jumper Jr., Glenn David – age 34
 Arrested: Oct. 14
 Released: Oct. 15
 Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Littlejohn, Justin Tyronne – age 34
 Arrested: Oct. 14
 Released: Oct. 14
 Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Locust, Andrew – age 39
 Arrested: Oct. 14
 Released: Oct. 14
 Charges: Simple Assault, Assault and Battery, Simple Affray

Arrested: Oct. 16
 Released: Not released as of report date
 Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Legal Aid of North Carolina opens office in Murphy

MURPHY - Legal Aid of North Carolina announced that it has opened an office in Murphy.

According to Managing Attorney Suzanne Saucier, “Legal Aid has represented clients from Murphy to Manteo for decades. We’re excited to say that we now have a brick-and-mortar location in Murphy. This location will help us to improve service to Cherokee, Clay, and Graham Counties.”

Legal Aid’s new office in Murphy is in a building on the grounds of St. William Catholic Church, at the corner of Hatchett Street and Andrews Road. Legal Aid will share the space with Catholic Charities, although the two entities are unrelated.

The Murphy office is a relocation of Legal Aid’s branch office in Hayesville, which it recently closed after 20 years in operation.

“We want to emphasize that we will continue to advocate strongly for our current and future clients in the Clay County community,” said Joseph Chilton, Supervising Attorney. “We are also excited to now be in a location that is more central for the entire Tri-County area.”

Legal Aid of North Carolina is a statewide, nonprofit law firm that provides free legal services in civil matters to low-income people in order to ensure equal access to justice and to remove legal barriers to economic opportunity. To apply for assistance, call 1-866-219-LANC or visit legallaidnc.org.

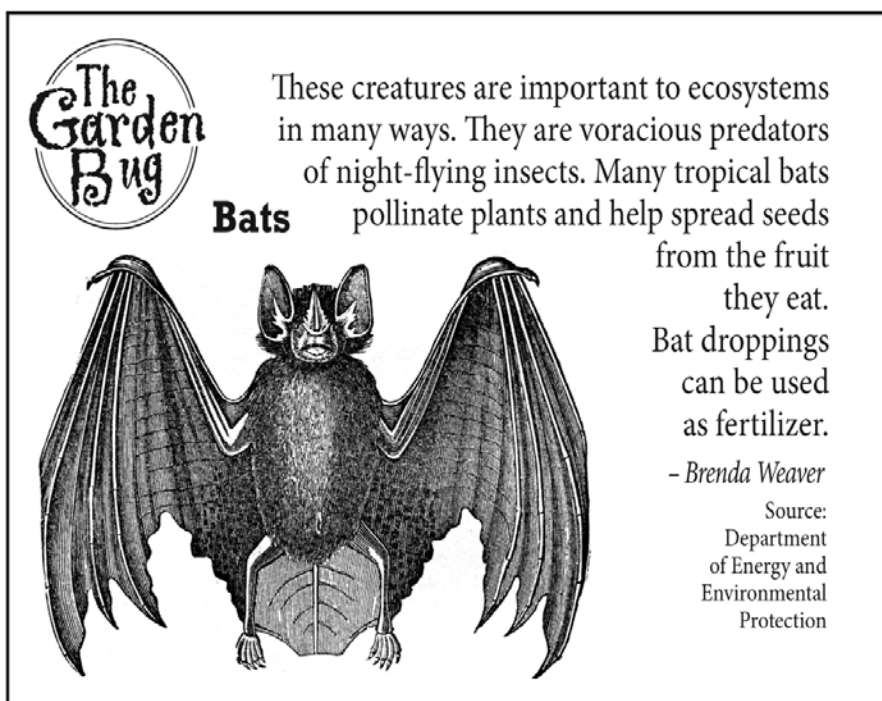
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Squirrel, Joshua Brent – age 34
 Arrested: Oct. 14
 Released: Not released as of report date
 Charges: Larceny

Driver, Derek Wilson – age 29
 Arrested: Oct. 15
 Released: Not released as of report date
 Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Long Jr., Ned – age 59
 Arrested: Oct. 15
 Released: Oct. 15
 Charges: DWI, Possession of a Controlled Substance

Queen Jr., Hugh Nolan – age 31



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Braves win Smoky Mountain Conference title

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

KITUWAH – On a beautiful fall day, the Cherokee Braves varsity cross country team won some hardware. With a score of 37, they edged the Swain Co. Maroon Devils (44) to win the high school boys Smoky Mountain Conference (SMC) title at the conference meet held at Kituwah on the afternoon of Wednesday, Oct. 20.

“We knew today would be a good race,” said Ahli-sha Stephens, Cherokee head cross country coach. “Swains men’s team is a really good team. We always go head-to-head.”

Cherokee’s top five runners were scored for the event including: Jaylan Bark, second place, 17:36.89; Tyce Hogner, third place, 17:40.42; Aizen Bell, sixth place, 18:05.94; Oz-tin Swayney, 10th place, 18:43.90; and Ayden Thompson, 16th place, 19:20.18.

She praised the members of the team. “Our men have put in many miles and hours of running. Speed work, distance, mountain sprints - they took each challenge and worked hard. Running is a mental sport and as Eddie Swimmer (former Cherokee head cross country coach) would say, ‘it’s about who can hurt the longest and who can hurt the most’. I’m proud of all our runners. They run in the heat and cold and deserve to rest on the satisfaction of new personal records and a conference championship.”

Stephens was named SMC Boys Cross Country Coach of the Year. “All the credit goes to my assistants. The title is shared among them. I’m a firm believer in surrounding yourself with the best people and couldn’t ask for a better support team. Jim Oocumma and Ty Andrews ran mile for mile with our teams pushing them and coaching them. Taylor Brooks helped us keep everything in order; a lot goes into running in a meet behind the scenes.”

She added, “I simply think and write up a running plan. These kids run, hurt, and push through to the finish. They deserve all the



Cherokee’s Jaylan Bark, center, and Tyce Hogner, second from left, took second place (17:36.89) and third place (17:40.42) respectively in the high school boys’ race at the Smoky Mountain Conference championship held at Kituwah on the afternoon of Wednesday, Oct. 20. They led Cherokee to a conference team title. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

credit. I am blessed I get to coach them.”

The following people were named All-Conference:

High School Girls: Arizona Blankenship (Swain), Amaya Hicks (Swain), Jaylynn Blankenship (Cherokee), Gracie Monteith (Swain), Lily Bjerkness (Swain), Emily Ulaner (Swain), and Liberty Hartley (Robbinsville)

High School Boys: Connor Brown (Swain), Jaylan Bark (Cherokee), Tyce Hogner (Cherokee), Clayton Laney (Murphy), Kane Jones (Swain), Aizen Bell (Cherokee), Connor Lambert (Swain)

Middle School Girls: Annie Lewis (Swain), Livia Crowe (Cherokee), Fern Crayton (Martins Creek), Halie Hill (Murphy), Savannah Burch (Hayesville), Emma Ashe (Hayesville), Claire Worely (Highlands)

Middle School Boys: O’Malley Salinas (Andrews), Robert Turner (Murphy), Ogana Swimmer (Cherokee), Ryan Payne (Murphy), Myca Mustin (Andrews), Samuel Hernandez (Cherokee), Ross Clapsaddle (Swain)

Following are results, per nc.milesplit, showing the top 10 finishers in each race plus all CMS and CHS finishers and full team results:

High School Girls

- 1 – Arizona Blankenship, Swain, 18:56.54
- 2 – Amaya Hicks, Swain, 20:52.00
- 3 – Jaylynn Esquivel, Cherokee, 21:00.06
- 4 – Gracie Monteith, Swain, 21:17.45
- 5 – Lily Bjerkness, Swin, 21:21.36
- 6 – Emily Ulaner, Swain, 21:44.18
- 7 – Liberty Hartley, Robbinsville, 23:13.03
- 8 – Corrine Cotton, Murphy, 23:20.47

- 9 – Leilaya McMillan, Cherokee, 23:26.06
- 10 – Lila Roberts, Hayesville, 23:29.52
- 16 – Betty Lossiah, Cherokee, 26:58.17
- 17 – Janna Girty, Cherokee, 28:39.37
- 18 – Boie Crowe, Cherokee, 28:51.40
- 19 – Julie Lossiah, Cherokee, 30:10.55

Team Scores

- 1 – Swain Co. 18
- 2 – Cherokee 43

High School Boys

- 1 – Connor Brown, Swain, 17:28.91
- 2 – Jaylan Bark, Cherokee, 17:36.89
- 3 – Tyce Hogner, Cherokee, 17:40.42
- 4 – Clayton Laney, Murphy, 17:49.54
- 5 – Kane Jones, Swain, 18:00.06
- 6 – Aizen Bell, Cherokee, 18:05.94
- 7 – Connor Lambert, Swain, 18:15.73
- 8 – Hayden Stewart, Robbinsville, 18:18.60
- 9 – Liam Cook, Murphy, 18:40.86
- 10 – Oztin Swayney, Cherokee, 18:43.90
- 16 – Ayden Thompson, Cherokee, 19:20.18
- 44 – Eli Bird, Cherokee, 25:10.91
- 48 – Gideon Freeman, Cherokee, 30:55.25

Team Scores:

- 1 – Cherokee 37
- 2 – Swain Co. 44
- 3 – Murphy 89
- 4 – Hiwassee Dam 107
- 5 – Robbinsville 109
- 6 – Hayesville 111
- 7 – Tri-County Early College 173

Middle School Girls

- 1 – Annie Lewis, Swain, 12:44.33
- 2 – Livia Crowe, Cherokee, 13:04.10
- 3 – Fern Crayton, Martins Creek, 13:14.02
- 4 – Halie Hill, Murphy, 13:36.27
- 5 – Savannah Burch, Hayesville, 13:52.42
- 6 – Emma Ashe, Hayesville, 13:54.43
- 7 – Claire Worely, Highlands, 13:59.20
- 8 – Abby Wehr, Robbinsville, 14:15.24
- 9 – Charlie Stalcup, Murphy, 14:18.15
- 10 – Angelina Lomeli, Swain, 14:18.42
- 13 – Yvonne Saunooke, Cherokee, 14:32.21
- 22 – Lilly Lossiah, Cherokee, 14:35.79
- 25 – Emilee Brady, Cherokee, 16:09.55
- 35 – Kiara Sneed, Cherokee, 19:13.83

Team Scores

- 1 – Swain Middle 45
- 2 – Hayesville Middle 48
- 3 – Cherokee Middle 89
- 4 – Murphy Middle 90
- 5 – Robbinsville Middle 93



Swain County's Amaya Hicks, third from left, took second place (20:52.0) and Cherokee's Jaylynn Esquivel, fourth from left, took third place (21:00.06) in the high school girls' race at the Smoky Mountain Conference championship held at Kituwah on the afternoon of Wednesday, Oct. 20. Both girls are members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Middle School Boys

- 1 – O'Malley Salinas, Andrews, 10:58.94
- 2 – Robert Turner, Murphy, 11:12.22
- 3 – Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee, 11:20.75
- 4 – Ryan Payne, Murphy, 11:56.19
- 5 – Myca Mustin, Andrews, 11:58.27
- 6 – Samuel Hernandez, Cherokee, 12:07.32
- 7 – Ross Clapsaddle, Swain, 12:40.41
- 8 – Jackson Dye, Hayesville, 12:45.07
- 9 – Micah Moss, Hayesville, 12:47.31
- 10 – Timothy McDowell, Highlands, 12:52.38
- 30 – Isiah Ledford, Cherokee, 14:11.84
- 36 – Zandler Bell, Cherokee, 14:46.93
- 44 – Kaden Stephens, Cherokee, 16:29.35
- 46 – Levi Oocumma, Cherokee, 16:55.30
- 50 – Drake Cruz, Cherokee, 18:03.80

Team Scores

- 1 – Hayesville Middle 54
- 2 – Murphy Middle 62
- 3 – Robbinsville Middle 99
- 4 – Cherokee Middle 108
- 5 – Swain Middle 114
- 6 – Andrews Middle 130
- 7 – Hiwassee Dam/Ranger Middle 141



With a time of 13:04.10, Livia Crowe, Cherokee Middle School, took second place in the middle school girls race.



With a time of 11:20.75, Ogana Swimmer, Cherokee Middle School, took third place in the middle school boys race.

It's past time to look at high school officiating

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

Referee jokes have been around for as long as sports have been, and many fans would swear that some refs are blinder than I am without my glasses. But all jokes aside, strides need to be made here in the state of North Carolina when it comes to officiating for high school sports.

I wrote a commentary in 2019 discussing the problems that the NCHSAA (North Carolina High School Athletic Association) was having with referee (officials) retention. Que Tucker, NCHSAA commissioner, gave a statement at that time, "...research shows that 80 percent of all young officials quit after just two years on the job because of the verbal beating they get. Much of that abuse is not coming from high school coaches or athletes, but from overly-competitive, overly-ambitious parents who have unrealistic visions of their sons' and daughters' future as a collegiate or professional athlete."

Ok, fair enough, that does happen – no doubt about it. I hear things like that at every single

sporting event I cover. But there's another side to this discussion. It simply isn't only hot-headed parents screaming needlessly at officials. Many times, those officials are making mistakes during these games – sometimes making numerous mistakes throughout.

Let's look at the first sentence of Commissioner Tucker's statement where she talks about 80 percent of young officials leaving after a short stint of officiating. That combined with the NCHSAA talking about a referee shortage leads me to believe that many of the current officials are quite new to the job.

I witnessed one of the worst officiated games in my life – not just my career – this past Friday at Hayesville. There were several egregious calls that ended up affecting the outcome of the game. One official blew a call dead as a Cherokee player was running in the open field. The call...face-mask...a defensive penalty! You don't blow a play dead on a defensive penalty.

To be fair, they missed the spot of the ball, on both sides. several times. There was an interception overturned on a pass interference

call and several others including several plays being run with no running clock.

Rather than thinking the officials were "cheating" for one team over the other, I think they just aren't properly trained, and the system isn't set up to give them help. There must be oversight, and it has to be on site. Schools may wage protests or complaints, but those are always after the fact and don't affect the outcome of the contest unless players are deemed ineligible which isn't what we're discussing.

There must be a system in place at the field. Now, I am not about to propose instant replay or booth reviews which are used at the collegiate and professional levels for several sports. That is incredibly impractical especially at smaller, more rural schools.

I will reiterate an idea I proposed in that 2019 commentary. Maybe it is time for each team to provide a "referee-watcher" for lack of a better term. This person's sole responsibility would be to keep an eye on officiating and any challenges or questions from coaches would be vetted to the head official through this per-

son. That might cut down on the number of technical fouls or other penalties teams get when coaches approach referees.

When there is a controversial call, such as the ones I discussed above, the referee watchers could get together to discuss. There would have to be another referee watcher, maybe assigned randomly by the NCHSAA, to act as a tiebreaker if those two disagreed. This wouldn't be a perfect system, but it could act as a sort of "booth review" that might cut down on mistakes.

I understand that officiating is a hard job, and I fully understand that it is basically a volunteer job as they're paid peanuts and they're just humans at the end of the day. They'll make mistakes. I get that, but I also see how much time and effort the student-athletes and coaches put into their sporting endeavors. Those players deserve the best possible system.

Something must be done, and wouldn't it be better to start trying some solutions than to sit back and just allow the same to continue happening?



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THE GOOD STUFF: Suri Watty, right, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, was a part of a team that won the 2021 USA Tennessee Halloween Havoc State Championship softball tournament in Johnson City, Tenn. on Oct. 16-17. The team went undefeated in the 14U Gold Bracket and also won Best Team Dressed Dugout. Watty threw two shut-out games in bracket play and went 8-for-9 at the plate. She was named MVP and received another medal from the main umpire for her impressive performance on the mound. (Photo contributed)

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Hayesville tops Braves 36-30

at Hayesville High School
Friday, Oct. 22

1st Quarter

9:01 – Cherokee: Michael Driver 4-yard run
(Don Bradley two-point run). Cherokee 8
Hayesville 0

2nd Quarter

7:18 – Hayesville: Logan Caldwell 19-yard
pass to Kyle Lundsford (Isaac Chandler kick)
Cherokee 8 Hayesville 7

8:3 – Hayesville: Caldwell 14-yard run (two-
point good) Hayesville 15 Cherokee 8

Third Quarter

6:39 – Hayesville: Jake McTaggart 2-yard run
(Chandler kick) Hayesville 22 Cherokee 8

5:31 – Cherokee: Bradley 33-yard run (two-
point good) Hayesville 22 Cherokee 16

4:12 – Cherokee: Driver 6-yard run (Bradley
two-point run) Cherokee 24 Hayesville 22

3:58 – Cherokee: Bradley 14-yard pass to
Cameron Lane-Sampson (two-point failed)
Cherokee 30 Hayesville 22

4th Quarter

1:23 – Hayesville: Caldwell 18-yard pass to
McTaggart (two-point failed) Cherokee 30
Hayesville 28

19:7 – Hayesville: McTaggart 3-yard run
(two-point good) Hayesville 36 Cherokee 30

Cherokee's Cameron Lane-Sampson
(#22) intercepts a pass in front of
Hayesville's Jake McTaggart during a
game at Hayesville on the evening of
Friday, Oct. 22. Lane-Sampson
had 2 catches for 36 yards and a 1
TD. McTaggart had 10 catches for
123 yards and 1 TD. He also rushed
for two scores.



Cherokee's Mike Driver carries the ball in the second half. On the night, he carried
the ball 10 times for 80 yards and 2 TDs.



Cherokee's captains on the night were, left to right, Don Bradley (#2), James Reed
(#58), Kenton Tsigwa Hill (#56), Kensen Davis (#61), and Tso Smith (#12). On
the night, Bradley completed 4 of 7 passes for 63 yards, 1 TD, and 1 INT, and he
rushed 13 times for 98 yards and 1 TD. Cherokee was led defensively by Luke
Climbingbear with 18 tackles (15 assists, 3 solo) followed by Smith and Elijah
Watty with 11 each.



Saving the chestnut

Photos by Jonah Lossiah/One Feather

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has partnered with the American Chestnut Foundation (ACF) to plant American chestnut trees in a new orchard located on Jenkins Creek. Thursday, Oct. 21 marked the first step of getting trees in the ground. This is part of a revitalization effort to save a species that is 'functionally extinct'. Will Tushka plants the first donated tree at the new Tribal conservation orchard.



ABOVE: Thursday morning started with an empty plot that had recently been bushwhacked. Owle is seen here tilling a row for seven trees and Tushka is checking for rocks and other obstructions. LEFT: The group that took part in the project on Thursday. From left to right, back row: Tommy Cabe, Joseph Toineeta, David Anderson, Jamie Van Clief (ACF Southern Regional Science Coordinator), Michael LaVoie, and Will Tushka. Front row: Joey Owle (EBCI Secretary of the department of agriculture and natural resource) and Dr. Jared Westbrook (ACF Director of Science).



Anderson uses an auger to set the plant spots for the sapling chestnuts.



Larger equipment was used to speed up the process. Around forty trees were donated, and the team selected 35 to be planted on Thursday.



Van Clief created a record of all the trees planted and where in the orchard they reside. She also made notes of the genetics and history of each sapling while doing so. The team managed to complete the tilling and planting in around two hours.



This is one of two openings on this plot of land. Donated and controlled trees will go in this one-acre area, and there is a second, adjacent plot that will be used to grow local American chestnuts that are found and nurtured.



Adam Blythe, an EBCI tribal member, is shown with the beaded sculpture of the University of Alabama football field which won first place and "Best in Fair" at the recent Alabama National Fair. (Photo contributed)

EBCI member recognized at Alabama National Fair

Special to the One Feather

Earlier this month, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians was recognized for his artistic skills at the Alabama National Fair in Montgomery, Alabama. Adam Blythe won first place and "Best of Fair" for his detailed beaded rendition of the University of Alabama football field. Measuring over six feet long and nearly three feet wide, the field weighs over 70 lbs and consists of over

35,000 faceted beads. The sculpture took four years for him to complete by stringing each bead one at a time with only a picture of the actual field as a guide. No glue was used. The entire sculpture, from each end zone to the interior supporting layer, the centerpiece logo, and the two field goals, are entirely held together by five miles of 50 lb fish line. Blythe acquired his skill for beading from his grandmother, the late Margaret Owl, who started him out by creating beaded earrings with the image of the Indian on the horse at the end of the Trail

of Tears. He considers the skill, creation, and recognition of the field to be a lasting testament to her spirit and influence not only on his life but also for passing on to him the creative artistry that has become synonymous with Native Americans. He says his grandmother never knew that the skills she was imparting on her 8-year-old grandson would one day escalate into creations of unique and immense scale that would bring recognition to the talents of not only the Cherokee people but to all Native Americans.

In addition, Blythe is a novice photographer and his candid photo of his aunt with her cat Homer won two first place prizes. He is a 1998 graduate of Swain County High School and graduated from the University of Alabama with his second master's degree in 2019 for human environmental sciences with an emphasis on Safety in the Workplace. He currently works for the city of Montgomery and in his spare time continues to work on his novels as well as other beaded sculptures.

Harrah's Cherokee Casinos announces leadership promotions



Adam West (Harrah's Cherokee photo); photo unavailable for Ferguson

Harrah's Cherokee Casinos announce two promotions within its regional leadership team on Monday, Oct. 18. Adam West has accepted the position of assistant general manager of Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort and Enoch Ferguson has accepted the position of regional vice president of finance. West, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, joined Harrah's Cherokee in 1997 as a member of the Hard Count team. He has since held many roles with increasing levels of responsibility in diverse areas including Cashiering, Planning & Analysis,

and Casino Operations. Adam also completed the Accelerated Career Enhancement program, a three-year managerial development internship within the Cherokee Development Program offered at Harrah's Cherokee to enrolled members. Since 2014, he had held the position of vice president of operations where he had oversight of the property's Slot Operations, Table Games, Beverage, Security and Surveillance departments. In addition to these areas, the Engineering/ Facilities departments will report to Adam in his new role. Adam holds a bachelor's of science degree in business admin-

istration and a master's degree in business administration from Western Carolina University. Regional Vice President of Finance Enoch Ferguson started his career at Harrah's Cherokee in October 1997 as an accountant and has since served as accounting manager, regional financial controller, and regional director of finance. Enoch is a Certified Public Accountant and holds a bachelor's of science degree in accounting from Western Carolina University.

- Harrah's Cherokee Casinos release



Turkey Shoot Winners

The Jesse Welch Annual Turkey Shoot was held at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community on Saturday, Oct. 16. The big winners were Norman Walkingstick (top photo) and Dennis Watty (bottom photo) – each pictured with Junior Welch (left in each photo). Organizers stated, “We appreciate everyone who participated or supported this special event!” (Photos courtesy of Perry Shell)



Breast Cancer Facts

There Are Multiple Environmental and Hereditary Risk Factors

Invasive Ductal Carcinoma Is the Most Common Type of Breast Cancer



Type, Size, Stage of Cancer, Age and General Health Determine Survival Rate

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5,000 YEARS



Surgery Is the Most Common Type of Treatment



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Mammograms Can Reduce the Number of Deaths by 30 to 40%



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Cherokee One Feather Spooky Story Contest winners

Adult Division

“Legends Don’t Lie”

By **Gadusi Crowe**

Cherokee, N.C.

Sarah and her little brother Connor stood side by side as Jordan, Sarah’s boyfriend, pulled up to their driveway in his silver 2008 Mitsubishi Endeavor.

“Whuddup, nerds?! Ready to see some ghosts?” Jordan chirped as they climbed into his car.

“Yeah, as soon as we pick Jessie up,” Sarah replied. Jessie’s house was only ten minutes away from Sarah’s and was, luckily, on the way. Sarah was beginning to worry that Jessie had fallen asleep when she saw the front door open as Jessie came bouncing down the steps.

“I didn’t think my mom was gonna let me come. I had to convince her that we’d be fine,” Jessie stated dismissively.

“Again?! It’s Halloween! And we’re almost legally adults. Well, except for doofus back there,” Sarah sighed.

“I’m 14, you’re only three years older,” Connor mumbled, annoyed.

They rode in silence around curve after curve towards The Road to Nowhere. Jessie broke the silence,

“I heard all kinds of creepy stuff happens up here on Halloween. Like, cult gatherings,” she said to Connor, trying to keep a straight face.

“Me too,” Jordan agreed while glancing in the rearview mirror.

“Whatever,” Connor tried to say nonchalantly.

“Guys, knock it off. I don’t

want to get blamed if he freaks out,” Sarah scolded.

They arrived at the parking lot just as it began to rain. They jogged to the tunnel and slowed to a walk as they were enveloped by darkness, the only light coming from the flashlights that Jordan and Jessie carried. Jordan and Jessie led, Sarah and Connor tucked between them. It was so quiet, they could barely even hear the vicious thunderstorm outside, despite seeing the flashes of lightning in the distance.

“Stop breathing in my ear!” Jessie hissed at Connor as he took three steps backwards, putting himself at the back of the group.

“I wasn’t breathing in y-ahh!” Connor’s scream echoed through the tunnel as they all turned around to see what happened.

Connor had disappeared completely. They began frantically calling his name and as Sarah walked toward the entrance, she disappeared, too!

“Sarah!” Jessie screamed.

Jordan swatted the air where she disappeared, foolishly hoping to find a trap, as if this were some kind of joke. He then knelt down and started to pat the ground but jerked his hand back when he realized it was not pavement, but water. Jordan became overwhelmed and fainted as Jessie remembered her phone and immediately called 911. Meanwhile, Sarah and Connor had fallen through this.... Portal? Connor was terrified to open his eyes but Sarah didn’t hesitate. What she saw was beautiful: green trees, green grass, a flowing river, but, something was off. Sarah could sense danger and she realized there were no animals in this magical place. Suddenly, thunder

boomed so loud that it vibrated her bones, followed by an eerie cackling.

“Come on,” Sarah whispered in her brother’s ear as she pulled him toward the noise.

“Are you crazy?!” You never go towards the scary noise!” He whisper-yelled back.

“I just wanna see what it is... Besides, I don’t even think this is real.” She said as she gestured for him to look at the forrest that surrounded them.

Connor was mesmerized but quickly realized that his sister was leaving him behind. Sarah began to climb a large hill and Connor barely caught up to her as they reached the top. Thunder roared again as the teens saw at the same time where the cackling was coming from. They could not believe their eyes! Spearfinger stood in front of them, jumping up and down, clapping her hands, and laughing maniacally.

Their hearts sank at the sight of her, until they saw what she was looking at. Uktena, the horned serpent, and Judacula, the slant-eyed giant, were fighting. Each time one bested the other, Thunder would boom and Spearfinger would throw her head back and laugh.

“I don’t like this dream,” Connor whispered in Sarah’s ear as he began to back away, stepping on a twig. Spearfinger spun around to see them, instantly drooling.

“Ahh, children! My favorite!” She exclaimed as she slithered closer.

“Are you lost? You know, it’s been soooo long since I had liver,” She pouted. Suddenly, as if remembering her death, she straightened her body and stopped.

“You aren’t supposed to be here,” she hissed,

“Myths and legends only.”

“Where is ‘here’ exactly?”

Sarah asked as she tucked Connor behind her back.

“The Other Side. Where legends go when we’ve served our purpose to the People,” She said, gesturing to the fight. Thunder roared as Judacula slammed Uktena into the ground.

“We need to get home... Can you help us?” Connor whimpered.

“I can,” Spearfinger replied confidently.

“But! You must do me a favor too. When you return home, you must tell them who helped you, so that I can rest in glory like Judacula,” she said with longing in her eyes.

“We will,” the teens agreed.

Spearfinger took them up the mountain to Gihli, the dog who created the Milky Way, and explained their situation to him. Gihli gave them cornmeal and told them to sprinkle it as they ran off the cliff in front of his house. Sarah began to cry, afraid it wouldn’t work. Connor believed Gihli and was not afraid, so he ran full speed towards the cliff. The stars carried him into the sky until he shot out of the air and landed on hard ground.

“I made it!” He exclaimed, waking Jordan up. Just then, Sarah came bursting out of the water and he fainted once again.

“Where did you go?!” Jessie asked.

“You wouldn’t BELIEVE what-” Connor was interrupted by a siren.

“We have to tell them,” Connor urged his sister.

“We need proof,” she replied

as she patted the solid ground beside her.

“We don’t need proof!” Connor snorted,

“Legends don’t lie.”

Age 12-16 Division

“Skinwalker”

By Lexcy Ortiz

Cherokee, N.C.

Friday, Oct. 13, 2012. Dao and Theismann were sitting in a truck smoking cigarettes when all of a sudden the dogs started barking and running into the distance. Dao wanted to check it out and Theismann agreed. They followed the dogs and they saw something standing in the distance, and when they got closer, they saw a person wearing deerskin with a painted face and long hair. They started chasing it, but after a while, it disappeared.

They swerved in the road and almost ran into the ditch along the side of the road but kept driving to look for it. After having no luck, they finally started driving back to their house. The dirt road was surrounded by dead bushes and nothing else. There were no lights anywhere because nobody lived within miles. The sky was dark without stars. They saw a tall, old hitchhiker with long white hair up ahead. They kept driving when they saw his thumb.

After a few minutes they saw something running after them in the dark. It kept getting faster with each step. It started knocking on the car door, and they sped off. After a while they reached their house, and they ran inside. Dao almost fell, and Theismann was running out of breath and was trying to tell everyone what they saw and heard.

Everyone was confused and their sister Khristyne ran into the kitchen and got them both water. She went back into the living room and asked, “What’s going on? Why are you so out of breath?”

Dao had a worried look on his face. He replied, “The dogs started barking and so we followed them over there and saw a Skinwalker!”

Theismann’s mom knew it was serious because she had seen one when she was ten years old.

“We need to go to the medicine man, or they will keep haunting and cursing us,” she said.

But it was in the middle of the night, and she knew she couldn’t wake him up, so they blessed themselves by smudging with sage, and they felt safe at home. They both went to the living room and sat on the couch and were gonna watch movies to get their minds off of it.

At 12 p.m., they were finally getting tired when Dao heard scratching on the window. He got up to look outside and saw nothing but the dogs barking. Theismann was getting ready to go to bed, and Dao decided to head back home. But then Theismann heard scratching on the window, and he asked Dao if he heard it too.

Dao paused for a second and realized he wasn’t just hearing things. They brought a Skinwalker home with them! The scratching got louder and louder, until it sounded like a screeching and woke Theismann’s sister and mom up. They came running out of their rooms. The screeching was hurting their ears.

The scratching went away but then they started to hear footsteps above them.

“It’s on the roof!” said Dao.

Theismann grabbed the gun and started shooting at the roof right through the ceiling. The

dogs started to whine and then Theismann stopped shooting. The Skinwalker was choking the dogs and killing them. The dogs grew quiet after a while. A large hand slammed the window and there was a big bloody handprint on the window. The Skinwalker ran off and then their hearts were still racing from what they heard and saw. They felt like it was all a nightmare.

Age 5-11 Division

“The Creature”

By Wakinyan Raines

Cherokee, N.C.

A group of friends wanted to have a party at a haunted lake. The friends’ names were Jimmy, Tom, Mark, and Cody.

Tom invited his friends Scott, Isebel, and Peg. Scott said, “No, but Isabelle and Peg said yes.”

All of the group of friends started to head there. Jimmy, Mark, and Cody took the same car there but, on the way, an old man came up to the car and told the friends not to head up there. Then the old man died right there, and the friends drove off. Tom, Isebel, and Peg made it but there were blood stains on the car. They just thought it was deer blood and just thought nothing of it.

Then they set up their tents with Jimmy, Mark, and Cody. Then came the afternoon. It was just a little sunny but then Jimmy and Cody saw trees fall and heard people scream. They tried to tell their other friends what they just witnessed but they just laughed at them. Then Jimmy and Cody headed home.

Nightfall came Tom and Isabelle hopped in the lake, but Mark and Peg sat down by a fire they

built, still shocked at what Jimmy and Cody told them. Then Tom felt a sudden pull on his leg, so Tom grabbed a stick and jabbed at the thing that grabbed him. They hurried out of the lake and dried off, then sat back down. They started to talk about what was going on.

But, then a giant hand reached out from the darkness and grabbed Tom. Isabelle ran off but a giant tree crushed her. Mark and Peg drove off screaming and yelling at what they just saw. To this day Tom and Isabelle are still missing, and Mark and Peg are still shocked.

Good Housekeeping

Sausage and Pumpkin Pasta

There’s no getting around pumpkins this fall! Paired with spicy sausage, convenient canned pumpkin livens up the usual dinner pasta.

- 1 pound rigatoni
- 8 ounces spicy Italian sausage, casings removed
- 5 fresh sage leaves, finely chopped
- 1 can (15-ounce) pure pumpkin
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1. Cook rigatoni as label directs, reserving 1 cup cooking water.

2. In 12-inch nonstick skillet, cook sausage on medium 6 minutes, breaking up sausage. Add fresh sage leaves; cook 1 minute, stirring. Add pumpkin and reserved pasta water; mix well.

3. Drain pasta; return to pot. Add sausage mixture; heat through. Stir in Parmesan. Serves 4.

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OBITUARIES Jh8fR

Virginia Rosebud Sneed Dixon

Virginia Rosebud Sneed Dixon, age 101, died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021 at the N.C. State Veterans Home in Black Mountain. She was a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the daughter of the late Cam and Minda Sneed of Cherokee.

“Boss”, as she was called by family and friends, was born and raised in Cherokee and attended the Cherokee Boarding School through 6th grade. She graduated from Cherokee High School in 1938 and went to nursing school in Knoxville, Tenn. In 1942, she joined the Army Nurse Corps and was stationed at Camp Lee, Va., then assigned to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. during World War II. She was later assigned to a field hospital on the Burma Road in China.

After three years of civilian life, she rejoined the Army Nurse Corps and was assigned to the 171 Evac Hospital during the Korean War. She returned to the States in 1952 and was married in Fort Benning, Ga. in 1954.

Virginia is survived by her son, Earle C. Dixon of Cherokee, his wife, Rosamond Dixon of Albuquerque, N.M.; daughter, Pegge M. Dixon of Leicester; and grandson, Matthew D. Hollifield of Asheville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Col. David. W. Dixon, and also by all of her siblings: Carrie, Ernest, Pokie, Patrick, Claudie, Marie, Sonny, Hooter, and Priscilla.

The family would like to sincerely thank the staff of the N.C. State Veterans Home, Pruitt Health Care and Four Seasons Hospice. Long House Funeral Home in Cherokee is in charge of

the arrangements.

Burial will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Four Seasons Hospice of Hendersonville, the American Red Cross or The American Cancer Society.

Barbara Jane Owle

Barbara Jane (Garrett) Owle, 73 of Cherokee, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021.

She was born Nov. 3, 1947 to the late Ruth Melinda Garrett and Jasper Thomas Garrett. Barbara attended Swain County High School before completing her bachelor's of science degree in business administration and then her master's degree in business leadership. She worked for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and Harrah's Cherokee. Family, friends, and colleagues were her love and joy!

Throughout her career she had many achievements and made many lifelong friends. Barbara was an extremely caring and considerate lady. She was professional and loved the work she did serving the people of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Barbara was a member of the United Methodist Church of Cherokee.

Barbara is survived by her sons, Joey Thomas Owle and his wife Cheryl Owle, and Brian Daniel Owle and his partner Gerardo Reyes; three granddaughters, Heather Owle, Joi Owle, and Tashina Parker; two great grandchildren, Natalie Bradley and Triston Bradley; one brother, Jasper Thomas Garrett Jr.; and her uncle, Harold Rogers who was raised with her as a brother. She also leaves behind a lot of caring relatives, friends, and colleagues.

In addition to her parents, Barbara was preceded in death by

sister Patricia Ann Garrett Jones.

Family will receive friends, colleges, and visitors on Sunday, Oct. 24 at 2 p.m. Her funeral will immediately follow at 3 p.m. with John Ferree officiating. The burial and graveside service will be at The Owle Family Cemetery at 149 Keener Road, Whittier, NC 28789. Pallbearers will be among family and friends.

Martine Bird

Martine “Mondo” Bird, age 30, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Oct. 18, 2021 at his residence. He is the son of the late Rachel Bird.

Mondo is survived by his daughters, Ledaina Shaye French-Bird and Kymani Reed; father, Miguel Rivera; and sister, Marcy Bird. Also surviving are Stacey Rogers, Thelma Bird, and Rebecca Paz-Chalacha.

Mondo was also preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, William and Leona Bird.

Funeral services were held on Friday, Oct. 22 at the Cherokee Pentecostal Church with Pastor Greg Morgan officiating. Burial was in the Long Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were Kerry Reed, M.J. Stover, Gavin Kalonaheskie, Jorge Lomas, Jaime Garcia, Star Pheasant, as well as special friends and members of the Wolfetown Stickball Team. Honorary Pallbearer was Miguel Rivera.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Retha Cook Orr

Retha Cook Orr, age 75, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021 at her residence following an extended illness.

She is the daughter of the late Roy Cook and Mamie Hutchins Cook. Retha leaves behind her lov-

ing husband, James Orr; children, Tammy Stephenson Orr (Teddy), Ricky Stephenson (Dawn), Pamela Stephenson Laughlin, and Travis Stephenson (Carla), all of Bryson City; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; brothers, Sam Cook (Carol) of Myrtle Beach S.C., John Cook (Carol) of Whittier; sisters, Barbara Cook Holden of Charleston, S.C. and Patricia Cook of Jacksonville, Fla.

In addition to her parents, Retha was preceded in death by her brothers, Leroy Cook, Floyd Cook, Joe Cook, Tommy Cook, and Wade Cook; and sisters, Blanche Cook Estep and Vera Cook Cogdill.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Oct. 13 at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor David Watkins officiating. Pallbearers were Dawson Cook, Robert Slagle, Kobe Stephenson, Jon Stephenson, Jeff Shular, Logan Orr, and Adam Orr. Honorary Pallbearer was Ace Stephenson.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Sam Tiger Sr.

Sam Tiger, Sr., 71, of Cherokee and formerly of Oklahoma City, Okla., passed away following an extended illness while resting in his home in Cherokee. Sam was born to Tom and Hannah (Mitchelle) Tiger and raised in Oklahoma City and was member of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.

He graduated high school from Central High School before going onto Haskell College in Kansas where he met and married Iva Reed, the mother of their two children Tracy and Sam Jr. (Renee). He loved OU Football and watched televised games or listened on the radio while cooking-out or having frybread and chili. He was a very good cook. He'd fry a turkey at

Thanksgiving for his family. He was known for making a great "HOT" jalapeno Mexican cornbread and other great dishes. He attended all these engagements regularly until his health declined.

Sam was a member of the Central Baptist Church of Oklahoma City. He loved the company of his sister-in-law who visited and bring "homemade" goodies. He always spoke well of the Tsali Manor Senior Retirement with love. He enjoyed the company and all the activities the center had to offer, especially the trips to such places as Niagara Falls, Seminole Reservation of Florida, and a cruise to Alaska. He looked forward to visits from his sisters so they could catch up on family and friends back Home. He would show family a great time much as a tour guide when visited. Sam was respected and dearly loved.

He will be deeply missed by all the family and numerous nieces, nephews and those that knew him. Along with his children, Sam is

survived by brothers, David Tiger and Timothy Tiger of Oklahoma City, Joseph Tiger of Cherokee; sisters, Hattie L. Tiger of Oklahoma City, Lucy Tiger of Choctaw, Okla., Betty M. Wharton, Delores A. Gonzales (William Sr.) and Ruth A. Tiger, all of Oklahoma City; grandchildren, Megan Wynn, Samantha Tiger, Seth Tiger, Braden Rhodes, Elijah Gouge, Shavella Tiger (Dylan Murphy), Shonae Whiteman, Sgt. James Thomas French (Nicy) US Army, Landon French (Lucy), Dusty French, Jerico French, and Ki Ree French; great-grandchildren, Madison, Sade, Ja'Kiaz and Shadow; seven great-grandchildren.

Sam was preceded in death by brothers, James Tiger (US Army) in Germany and Thomas Tiger of Oklahoma City.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Oct. 5 at Pentecostal Holiness Church of Cherokee with Pastor Tim Melton officiating. A burial followed in the Tiger Family Cemetery established along Old

Soco Road.

Pallbearers were among James "Bones" Toineeta, Seth Tiger, Dylan Murphy and other Family and Friends. Honorary Pall Bearers will be SPC Bradon Rhodes (US Army), PFC Ki French (US Marines), William "Will" Gonzales, Joseph Tiger, David Tiger and Timothy Tiger. A thanks is given to all the Churches, Prayer Chains, phone calls and individual prayers, support through this change in life. God Bless.

Frances Queen Toineeta

Frances Queen Toineeta, age 86, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021 at Tsali Care Center after an extended illness.

She is the daughter of the late Abraham Queen and Nannie Calonaheksie. Frances is survived by her children, Donna Toineeta Lossiah, Berdie Toineeta, and Rose Toineeta Mills, all of Cherokee; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; special friends, Phyllis Cabe Toineeta, B.

Ensley, and Bill Taylor.

In addition to her parents, Frances was preceded in death by her husband, Joshua Toineeta; brothers, Phillip Calonaheksie, Howard (Cub) Calonaheksie, Bascome Queen, and Jacob Queen; sisters, Geneva Owle and Naomi Queen.

Funeral services were held in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home on Tuesday, Oct. 12 with Charles Griffen and Johnny Cox officiating. Burial was in The Church of God cemetery, and pallbearers were Kobe Toineeta, David Long Jr., Dwayne (Duck) Lossiah, Toad Arch, A.J. Allison, and Cowboy Brady.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Andrea Denise Swayney

Andrea Denise Swayney, age 57, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, Oct. 22, 2021 at Mission Hospital.

She is survived by her loving husband, Clyde Alan Dull; children, Ashleigh Meghan Stephens (Cory) and Jessica Brooke Dull (Charlie Ensley); brother, Nick Swayney; and two grandchildren, Hayes and Lincoln Stephens. Andrea also leaves behind numerous family and friends.

Andrea was preceded in death by her parents, John Wesley Swayney and Sybil Lynette Swayney; and son, Christopher Stephen Brown.

Andrea loved traveling, reading, and spending time with her grandsons.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Oct. 25 at Straight Fork Baptist Church with Aaron Langston officiating. Burial was in the Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

STOLEN DOG

**(828)
736-5640**



Pooch, a Blue Brindle Pit, was taken off the porch of a home in Cherokee in the Goose Creek/Fisher Branch area of Cherokee on Oct. 20 sometime between 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The family found his leash and collar on the side of the road below their home. If anyone has information, please call or text (828) 736-5640. A cash award is being offered.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Deadline for Yogi Crowe Scholarship approaching

The Board of Directors of the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund reminds graduate and post-graduate students that Monday, Nov. 1 is the deadline for requesting financial assistance from the Fund for spring semester. Applications and eligibility guidelines are available from any of the board members, from Tribal Education or from the Website www.yogicrowescholarship.org. Applications must be postmarked by the deadline date and mailed on or before the deadline. Applications not postmarked or received electronically by the deadline will not be considered.

For more information, contact any of the Scholarship Fund board members: Dr. Jennifer Thompson, president (507-5997); Dr. Reva Ballew, vice president (631-1350); Mary Herr, secretary (497-9498); Tamitha Fourkiller, treasurer (497-7034); Dr. Carmaleta Monteith (497-2717); Sunshine Parker (506-1952), Jan Smith (507-1519) or Shannon Swimmer (736-3191).

- Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund

Cherokee Boys Club accepting Frell Owl Award nominations

2021 marks the 34th year that the Cherokee Boys Club Board of Directors will publicly recognize a person or persons with the Frell Owl Award. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a recipient was not selected in 2020.

The Frell Owl Award is given to those who best exemplify the character and accomplishments of the late Mr. Frell Owl, Cherokee educator and civic leader, and to those who have significantly contributed to the welfare of Cherokee children

and families.

Past recipients of this award are: John Crowe, Stella Kanott, the Crowe Family, Ray Kinsland, Pearl and John Reagan, Betty Crisp, Jerri Kinsland, Mary Chiltoskey, Dora Reed, Marie Junaluska, Sharon and David Crowe, Ernestine Walkingstick, Jody Adams, Gary Maney, Mary Sneed, Mary Mantooth, David McCoy, Glenda Crowe, Denise Ballard, David McQueen, Skooter McCoy, Johnson "Booger" Arch, Kathy Wolfe, Carmaleta Monteith, Roy Lambert, Sandi Owle, Lana Lambert, Catherine Blythe Sanders, Will Poolaw, Lou Johnson, Wilbur Paul, Isaac "Ike" Long, and Michael Yannette.

Anyone may submit a nomination. Any person or persons may be nominated with the exception of current Cherokee Boys Club Board Members.

The closing date for receiving nominations is Wednesday, Nov. 10. You may pick up a nomination form from the receptionist at the Boys Club's Information Window. Please return the nomination form and any support documents (Marked Confidential) to Benny Graves, Cherokee Boys Club, P. O. Box 507, Cherokee, NC 28719 or deliver to the Cherokee Boys Club at 52 Cherokee Boys Club Loop, Cherokee, NC 28719. If you have any questions, please call 359-5508.

- Cherokee Boys Club

Cherokee Indian Housing Division taking Homeownership Applications

Qualla Housing Services is taking applications for homeownership on tribal lands in Graham County, Cherokee County, 3200 Acre Tract, and the Qualla Boundary. The first 25 applications that meet program eligibility guidelines will be accepted. The head of the household or

spouse must be an Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians tribal citizen. Applicants must meet income guidelines established by HUD for the NAHASDA funding. This program is funded through Housing & Urban Development's Indian Housing Block Grant.

The waiting list will opened on Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021, and will remain open until 25 applications are accepted. You may apply at the Cherokee Indian Housing Division located at the old Qualla Housing Authority office on Acquoni Road.

Applicants should bring the following items to be submitted with the application: EBCI enrollment card, Social Security card for each person in the household 18 years of age or older, a copy of a driver's license or state issued identification for each person 18 years of age or older, copies of marriage license/divorce decree, proof of income for all people who will be listed as living in the household, any award letter to verify SSA, SSI, or VA letters must be dated within 120 days, and a copy of parcel map with possessory assignment. Proof of income can include two recent check stubs or previous year's tax returns.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted or held for completion. A copy of the application and check list for all documents can be picked up at the CIHD main office. For further information, please contact QHS at the CIHD Acquoni Road office at 359-6320.

- Cherokee Indian Housing Div.

Handicapped/Disabled Christmas Check Program

All applications for the Handicapped/Disabled Christmas Check program for the Eastern Band Cherokee Indians (EBCI) can be picked up from the Tribal Council House and must be submitted by Dec. 3 at 4 p.m. To be eligible:

must be an EBCI tribal member, must be handicapped and/or disabled, must be under the age of 60 with a statement from Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability (SSD). Tribal members who are 60 and over by Dec. 31 are automatically enrolled in the Christmas check program, and no application is needed. Info: Kelsey Jackson 359-7002 or kelsey-jackson@ebci.nsn.gov, or Celia Smith 359-7008 or cecsmith@ebci.nsn.gov

- Office of the Principal Chief

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 Div.

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 information to their office at 1840 Paint-town 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 are now available at Tsali Manor. 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.



A full array of fall colors decorate the slopes up Jenkins Creek on Thursday, Oct. 21 (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather Photo).

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

EBCI Economic and planning survey

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is asking for your assistance in completing an important economic and planning survey for the community. The information gathered from this survey will assist in planning efforts for the development and diversification of the Cherokee economy.

A number of potential concepts will be presented at the end of the survey for review and comment. Your responses and feedback are greatly appreciated.

Go to the Following Link for the Survey: [https://selfserve.decipherinc.com/survey/self-](https://selfserve.decipherinc.com/survey/self-serve/5d1/210905?list=2)

[serve/5d1/210905?list=2](https://selfserve.decipherinc.com/survey/self-serve/5d1/210905?list=2).

EBCI Vax for Cash winners list

Following are the winners in the Vax for Cash lottery held on Oct. 12 and hosted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. This list is provided to the One Feather by the EBCI Public Health and Human Service Division.

\$50,000 Winner

Barbara Stone

\$10,000 Winners

1. Katrina Cook
2. Freda Maya
3. Timiyah Wachacha
4. Glenda Junaluska
5. Cassidy Galaviz
6. Katie Cooper
7. Jessie Lopez
8. Sherri Sanchez
9. Joel Harris
10. John Biddix
11. Buford Smith
12. Tamatha Beck
13. Samantha Williams
14. William George
15. James Wiggins
16. Natalie Tate
17. Besta McCoy
18. Joseph Lopez
19. Dennis Curry

20. Logan Woodard
21. Cory Nelson
22. Kyndra Wiggins
23. Christopher McConnell
24. Mark Littlejohn
25. Kristy Herron
26. Angie Hull
27. Kelly Edwards
28. Yancey Jones
29. Roxie Davis
30. Vicki Reed
31. Sharon O'neal
32. Isaya Bigmeat
33. Sarah Rowlan
34. Charissa Newman
35. Annie Young
36. Dustin Price
37. Perry Owle
38. John Gurtler
39. Morgan Lunsford
40. Shawnenna Roland
41. Rhuel Hughes
42. McKinley Bradley
43. Lauren Adams
44. Joshua West
45. Carmen Jones
46. Grady Thompson
47. Dennis Rogers
48. Lawrence Murphy
49. Israel Sanabria
50. Demetra Poag

COMMENTARY

What are we going to do?

By **ROBERT JUMPER**
One Feather Editor

As we conclude Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we want to talk about a subject that most folks are either repulsed by or don't want to think about at all - the abusers, the perpetrators of domestic violence. After all, over this past month, we have talked about the heartache and physical pain these people inflict on others. Some of the stories of domestic violence are painful and horrifying. The quick answer we may give is "lock 'em up". And there is certainly cause to think that way. For families, it is hard to get past the thoughts of wanting vengeance for the wronged. For all of us, it is a matter of public safety and justice. I have had this discussion with coworkers and family members. It is truly beyond comprehension that a relationship like that of spouses, or parent/child, or other beloved family members would at any point turn into hate and abuse. It particularly troubles me with spouses.

You can't choose your blood kin, but you make a choice; you fall in love; you "woo" your soul-mate into a relationship. Partnering with a significant other takes emotional investment and commitment. And yet, through time (and in some instances, a very short time), a decision is made to not only do away with the

POWER AND CONTROL WHEEL

Physical and sexual assaults, or threats to commit them, are the most apparent forms of domestic violence and are usually the actions that allow others to become aware of the problem. However, regular use of other abusive behaviors by the batterer, when reinforced by one or more acts of physical violence, make up a larger system of abuse. Although physical assaults may occur only once or occasionally, they instill threat of future violent attacks and allow the abuser to take control of the woman's life and circumstances.

The Power & Control diagram is a particularly helpful tool in understanding the overall pattern of abusive and violent behaviors, which are used by a batterer to establish and maintain control over his partner. Very often, one or more violent incidents are accompanied by an array of these other types of abuse. They are less easily identified, yet firmly establish a pattern of intimidation and control in the relationship.



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relationship, but to destroy it. In some statistics that you will find in this week's One Feather, compiled by the U.S. Department of Justice, 84.3 percent of American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime (and 81.6 percent of the men). From psychological aggression to physical violence to sexual violence to stalking, our people, particularly our family members are hurting each other. According to their study, we are more likely to have that abuse in our home than other ethnic groups.

With drug use issues and other recurring negative behaviors, society has gone through a learning process. Early on, the solution was incarceration. Lock them up and if you lock them up often and long enough, it will change their behavior. But that wasn't working, and the problem didn't go away. It escalated. Leaders finally realized that, while penalties and sentences produced some short-term effects, incarceration was not helping educate and correct mindsets. It is like treating the symptoms instead of locating the source and finding the cure for a disease. In the case of drug use, we know that treatment must be included in the recovery process to curtail users falling back into the behavior that damages them and others.

Helping perpetrators of domestic violence to understand and reform from their behavior has great benefit for their families and the community. Should the family survive an initial episode of abuse, it is likely the abused and abuser will stay together. And if an abuser moves on to a new relationship, they are likely to repeat abusive behavior. And communities suffer when there are abusive relationships in it. Domestic violence breeds fear, depression, and pain

in a community. The hurt goes beyond the immediate family, and, unfortunately, continual exposure to abusive relationships may propagate that behavior.

There is a growing realization that treatment is needed for perpetrators of domestic violence. Communities across the nation are finding ways to address the identification and treatment of abusers. One way that the community is trying to address the issue is the Batterer's Treatment Program.

The Cherokee Indian Hospital Analenisgi (Behavioral health) operates a Batterers Treatment program and other comprehensive services designed to help those who perpetuate domestic violence with how to recognize sources of the violence, as well as identify trigger points, and develop alternative coping mechanisms, according to Freida Saylor, MSW LCSW, LCAS, behavioral health director at Analenisgi.

The Batterers Treatment program is available to those who would like to get help voluntarily; however, most participants have historically been court-ordered to attend after an incident has been brought to the attention of the court.

The importance of being able to offer this treatment to the community voluntarily was noted and a shift was made to accommodate those seeking treatment voluntarily. There is no cost to individuals who voluntarily submit themselves to the program.

For those that have been court-ordered, a cost is assessed of \$600 per person for 24 sessions or approximately 6 months). This is payable by the person to Analenisgi sentenced by the court. There is no cost for the initial assessment needed before the referral to the Batters Treatment Program or other

current services offered through Analenisgi.

Since we know that other life events like substance abuse and trauma can be attributed to increased incidents of domestic violence, treatment may look like stopping use of drugs or alcohol or therapy, in addition to the Batters Treatment Program, we encourage those needing help to come into the Analenisgi outpatient clinic where we do a comprehensive clinic assessment looking at all aspects of the person and their environment, while ensuring they get the necessary services.

Analenisgi's encourages those who maybe struggling with domestic violence in their home that help is available through the walk-in clinic Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (828) 497-9163 extension 7550. To learn more "like" Analenisgi on Facebook.

Analenisgi has provided a graphic titled "Power and Control Wheel". It contains valuable information to us about domestic violence and may help our community better understand the many different manifestations of abuse.

If you are not part of the Cherokee community, seek out the local hospital and community health services in your area for treatment options. Since 2002, the North Carolina Council for Women has been building a network of abuser treatment programs to "re-educate offenders on their behavior and help them to develop new methods of interacting with intimate partners and family members." Find detailed information about domestic violence intervention programs in N.C. at <https://ncadmin.nc.gov/advocacy/women/domestic-violence-intervention-program>.



Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On Nov. 14, 1851, Herman Melville publishes "Moby-Dick." Initially the book about Captain Ahab and his quest to catch a giant white whale was a flop, but it would eventually become a staple of high-school reading lists across the U.S.

• On Nov. 12, 1892, William "Pudge" Heffelfinger becomes the first professional football player when Pittsburgh's Allegheny Athletic Association pays him \$500 to play as a ringer in a game. Before then, players had traded their services for expense money or trinkets, not cash.

• On Nov. 8, 1900, Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone with the Wind" (1936), is born in Atlanta. Mitchell quit working as a journalist after an ankle injury limited her mobility, and she devoted herself to her novel about the South during and after the Civil War. The book sold 1 million copies in its first six months.

• On Nov. 9, 1938, in an event that would foreshadow the Holocaust, German Nazis launch a campaign of terror against Jewish people and their homes and businesses. "Kristallnacht," or "Night of Broken Glass," left some 100 Jews dead and 7,500 Jewish businesses damaged.

• On Nov. 10, 1969, "Sesame Street," a pioneering TV show that would teach generations of young children the alphabet and how to count, makes its broadcast debut, on PBS.

• On Nov. 11, 1978, a stuntman on the Georgia set of "The Dukes of Hazard" launches the show's iconic 1969 Dodge Charger, nicknamed the General Lee, off a 16-foot-high dirt ramp and over a police car. Several hundred Chargers were used during the show's six-year run due to damage from jumps and other stunts.

• On Nov. 13, 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C. The simple V-shaped black-granite wall is inscribed with the names of the 57,939 Americans who died in the conflict, arranged in order of death, not rank.

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE FIVE THINGS

ABOUT VIOLENCE AGAINST AMERICAN INDIAN AND
ALASKA NATIVE WOMEN AND MEN



1. Most American Indian and Alaska Native adults are victims of violence.

More than four in five American Indian and Alaska Native adults (83 percent) have experienced some form of violence in their lifetime. That's almost 3 million people who have experienced psychological aggression or physical violence by intimate partners, stalking, or sexual violence.

2. Men and women are victimized at similar rates but in different ways.

American Indian and Alaska Native women and men have been victimized at similar rates (84.3 percent for women and 81.6 percent for men). They have experienced similar levels of psychological aggression and physical violence by intimate partners. But women have experienced significantly higher levels of sexual violence (56.1 percent versus 27.5 percent for men) and stalking (48.8 percent versus 18.6 percent for men).

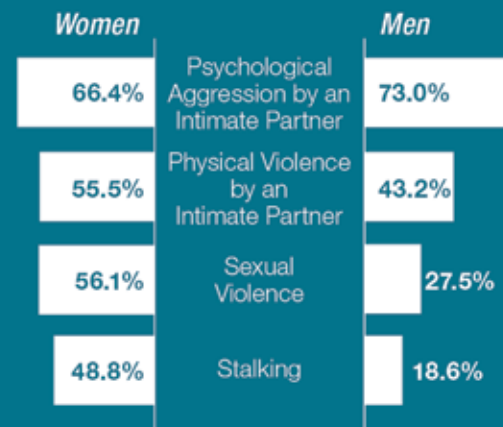
3. Victimization rates are higher for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The lifetime victimization rate is 1.2 times as high for American Indian and Alaska Native women as for White women; for men, it is 1.3 times as high.

Percentages of American Indian and Alaska Native women and men who have experienced violence in their lifetime



Types of Victimization



4. American Indian and Alaska Native female victims are more likely to need services, but they are less likely to have access to those services.

More than two in five American Indian and Alaska Native female victims reported being physically injured, and almost half reported needing services. The services most commonly needed were medical care and legal services. Unfortunately, more than a third (38 percent) were unable to receive necessary services.

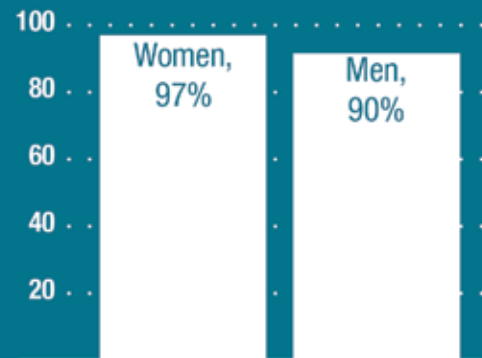
Research continues to highlight the disparities in health outcomes and access to health care for American Indians and Alaska Natives. These results highlight the need for additional services for American Indian and Alaska Native victims of crime — a need that was also documented in the Office for Victims of Crime's *Vision 21: Transforming Victim Services — Final Report*.

5. For American Indians and Alaska Natives, interracial violence is more prevalent than *intraracial* violence.

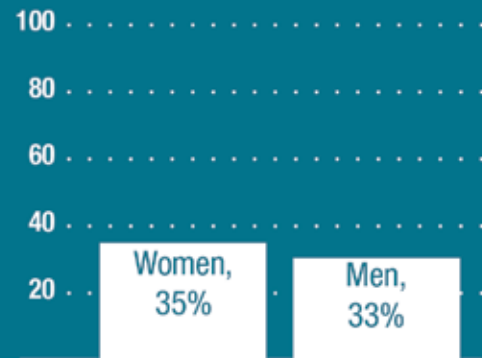
Although the exact number of victimizations per person is unknown, it is clear that most American Indian and Alaska Native victims have experienced at least one act of violence committed by an interracial perpetrator (97 percent of women and 90 percent of men). Fewer victims (35 percent of women and 33 percent of men) have experienced one or more acts of violence by an American Indian or Alaska Native perpetrator.

This finding offers strong support for the sovereign right of federally recognized tribes to criminally prosecute non-Indian perpetrators. Until recently, federally recognized tribes did not have this authority, even for crimes committed on tribal lands. This gap in jurisdictional authority provided immunity to non-Indian perpetrators and compromised the safety of tribal communities. The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 partially corrected this problem by providing special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction to federally recognized tribes. But more progress can be made to provide justice for American Indian and Alaska Native victims.

Percentages of victims experiencing violence by non-Indian perpetrators



Percentages of victims experiencing violence by American Indian or Alaska Native perpetrators



Learn more

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NIJ.gov's Tribal Crime and Justice page
Keywords: NIJ tribal

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TRICK OR TREAT WITH US...IF YOU DARE

OCTOBER 30, 2021

5:30 TO 8:30 PM

OLD HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

**CHILDREN MUST
BE IN COSTUME
TO PARTICIPATE.
MASKS MUST BE
WORN AT ALL
TIMES. IF NOT IN
A HALLOWEEN
MASK, A MASK
COVERING NOSE
AND MOUTH
MUST BE WORN.
THIS IS A FREE
EVENT!**

**BAGS WILL BE
PROVIDED.
WE WILL KEEP THIS
EVENT AS SAFE AS
POSSIBLE.
ADULTS MUST
WEAR A MASK
COVERING NOSE
AND MOUTH WHILE
WALKING WITH
CHILD THROUGH
ENCLOSED SPACES.**

Safety Tips: Halloween 2021

Halloween is around the corner! The CDC recommends that all adults and children aged 12 and older get a COVID-19 vaccine, but many trick-or-treaters aren't eligible to get vaccinated yet. To help you enjoy a sweet and safe Halloween, remember to: track local transmission rates, take precautions like wearing a mask and washing your hands, and avoid activities that put you and the children around you at increased risk for COVID-19.

SAFE

Take these precautions, and have fun!



Incorporate a cloth or surgical mask into your costume



Trick-or-treating in small groups outdoors, or enjoying other outdoor activities



Wash hands before eating candy



Track local virus transmission rates, and take extra precautions where rates are high



Get the COVID-19 vaccine (age 12+) and your flu shot

SCARY

Beware of...



Indoor parties and gatherings



Inviting trick-or-treaters inside



Using a costume mask as a substitute for a cloth/surgical mask



Crowded doorsteps



Trick-or-treating if you feel sick

Follow community guidelines from your local health department, and stay at home and away from others if you are sick or have been in contact with someone who is sick or has COVID-19 symptoms.

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More information: cdc.gov/coronavirus

Track local COVID-19 rates: covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker



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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

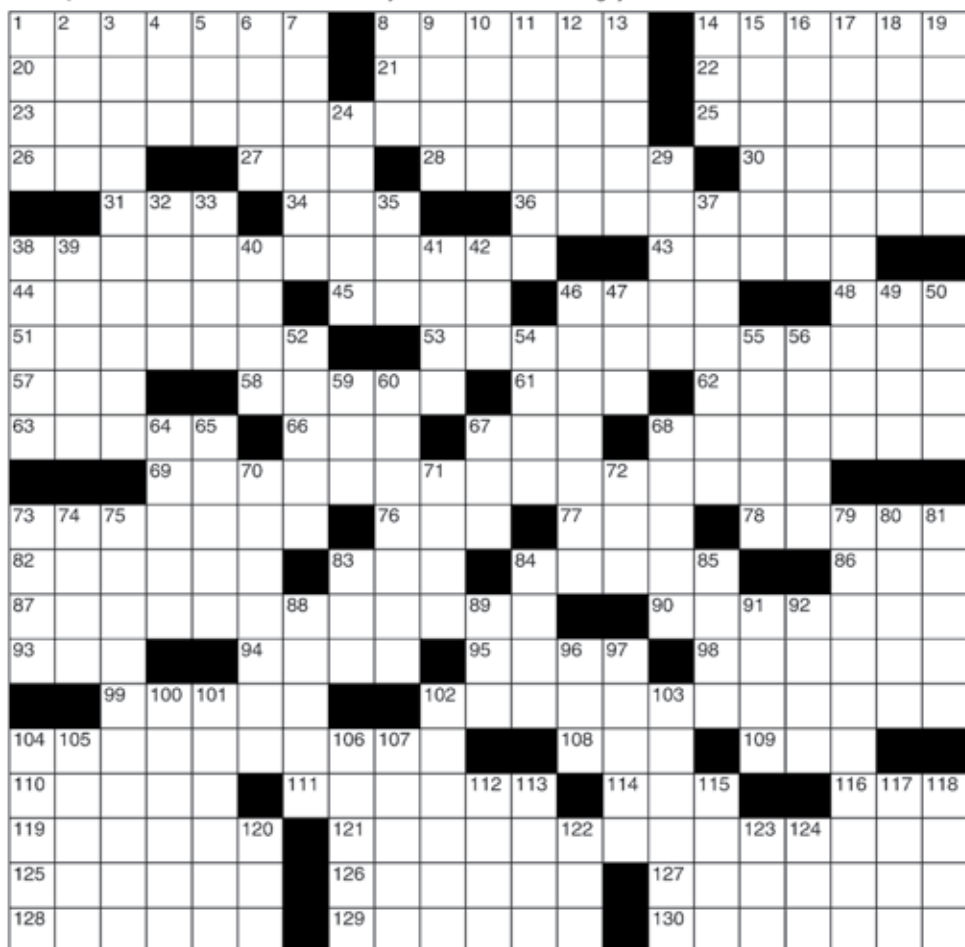
Each additional member \$379

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.

Super Crossword

WAY TO GO

- ACROSS**
- 1 Abu Dhabi, for one
8 Old name for a hippo
14 Top banana
20 Like many rec room walls
21 Democratic diplomat Harriman
22 Take off of a spool
23 Cat's-eye, steele and aggie
25 Skimpy
26 Moral wrong
27 "High School High" actress Carrere
28 Wife of TV's Frasier
30 "Take — out of crime!"
31 Nine-digit ID, for short
34 Big Apple inits.
36 Tsunamis are big ones
38 They make pins fall
43 Fashion figure Oscar de la —
44 Colored ring of the iris
45 Falco who portrayed a Soprano
- 46 Alan who portrayed Hawkeye
48 Mai — (cocktail)
51 Has in one's sights
53 They list a film's cast
57 Diamond great Mel
58 Midwest air hub
61 CPR specialist
62 Conductor André
63 Corp. shake-up
66 Gold, to Jorge
67 Zip
68 1995-2016 NBAer Kevin
69 Radials, e.g.
73 Zoo
76 Chi-Town team
77 "— Na Na" (TV oldie)
78 French painter Edgar
82 Concert extra
83 And so on: Abbr.
84 For — (really cheaply)
86 Avail
87 Resounding storm noises
90 Harmful ant
- 93 Good cholesterol, for short
94 "If only — known!"
95 Suffix with kitchen
98 More in order
99 Maine university town
102 Diner and sleeper
104 Casino cubes
108 — laude
109 'Neath's opposite
110 Deer family member
111 State of societal breakdown
114 Amigo
116 Orlando-to-Miami dir.
119 More highfalutin
121 What eight answers in this puzzle are
125 2017 biopic about skater Harding
126 Attacked energetically
127 Acid neutralizers
128 Big pizzas, say
- 129 Like some post-meal bad breath
130 Principe's partner island
- DOWN**
- 1 Actor Omar
2 African land
3 As a response for
4 Playa del —
5 Old ring king
6 Camp shelter
7 Border fringe
8 Facial offerer
9 British noble
10 Both: Prefix
11 Violins' kin
12 — acid (fat compound)
13 Squander
14 Tour vehicle
15 Hocked
16 Reach for rudely
17 Using other sources
18 Opposite of east, in Mexico
19 Choral clubs
24 Possibly
29 Sound in "cant" but not "cent"
32 Walk heavily
33 River close to the Sphinx
35 Loutish guy
37 Close to its face value, as a bond
38 Ulan —, Mongolia
39 Elocute
40 Defense gp.
41 Sour fruit
42 MGM lion
46 Without purpose
47 Allow to
49 Feuding, say
50 "Who —?"
52 Jarred
54 Disguise
55 Muffed up
56 Thick
59 Elbow locale
60 Sat on a perch
64 Hit with the knuckles
65 Close watch
67 Vote down
68 Immense
70 Trapping in branches
71 — Raton
72 E'en if
73 One of the "Little Women"
74 With a sharp image, for short
75 Like nerves acting on eye muscles
79 Part of many a heavy-metal track
80 Fall bloom
81 Soothsayers
83 Ecol.
monitor
84 Fizzy wine, for short
85 Rowlands of "Gloria"
88 1970s spinoff sitcom
89 Grassland
91 Make over
92 Eggnog spice
96 Dr. Mom's attention
97 Spew forth
100 Skyrocketing
101 Odd feature of a cyclops
102 Actress Leah
103 Nebraska natives
104 AOL rival
105 Vital conduit
106 Halved
107 Actor Sacha Baron —
112 Liking a lot
113 Novelist Jennifer
115 Follower of "ooh" or "tra"
117 Thin
118 "Who —?"
120 Dorm heads, for short
122 Pig's home
123 Boxing win, in brief
124 Scoundrel



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey



1. Is the book of Bethany in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
2. Which woman was chosen to be queen through a beauty pageant, destined to reign for the rest of her life? *Bathsheba, Tahpenes, Jezebel, Esther*
3. From Romans 16, Paul described what devout woman as "our sister"? *Rachel, Deborah, Martha, Phoebe*
4. Where was the longest epistle of Paul sent? *Rome, Joppa, Gibeon, Nazareth*
5. In Genesis 3:4, who/what told the first lie? *Adam, Eve, Serpent, Cain*
6. From Acts 8, Candace was Queen of the ...? *Israelites, Ethiopians, Gadites, Ephesians*

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

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1. TELEVISION: What was the name of Jay's dog in "Modern Family"?
2. MEASUREMENTS: How many pecks are in a bushel?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which continent has regions in all four hemispheres of Earth — north, south, east and west?
4. MUSIC: Which singer is known as the Queen of Disco?
5. U.S. STATES: Which state has the only royal palace in the United States?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many federal holidays are recognized by the United States?
7. ASTRONOMY: How many moons does Mars have?
8. MOVIES: Which iconic movie has the tagline, "A man went looking for America, and he couldn't find it anywhere"?
9. FOOD & DRINK: Which minerals are found abundantly in dairy products?
10. COMICS: Which long-running comic strip developed from a weekly panel titled "L'il Folks"?

see **PUZZLE ANSWERS** page 32

EVENTS

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Envelope Fundraiser for New Kituwah Academy Elementary and Early Childhood. Fundraiser will run through Nov. 19 or until all envelopes are gone. All proceeds will go to the Christmas Fund, and any extra will be used for classroom purposes. Envelopes are displayed in the NKA dining room. Choose any envelope and donate the amount written on the envelope. Cash or money orders only – no personal checks. First-come, first-serve basis.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Halloween Drive-Thru Event. Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. This event is being hosted by the Yellowhill Community Club. Info: Virginia Johnson 788-8659

Big Cove Community events:

- Trunk or Treat event, Oct. 30 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Stickball Field. Rain or shine. Costume contest, Jack-O-Lantern Contest (pre-carved), food, games, and more.
- Big Cove Community meeting, Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. at the Big Cove Community Club. Potluck

Wolftown Trick-or-Treat event.

Oct. 30 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Wolftown Soccer Field. Community volunteers are welcome. Tables

and chairs will be provided for those handing out candy. Info: Chairman Jesse Sneed 736-8040 or message the Wolftown Community Club Facebook page.

Pumpkin Patch Market. Nov. 4 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Food, fun, and shopping. Lunch by Melitia. Info: Denise Walkingstick 508-2211

SCGHS meeting cancellation. The Nov. 4 meeting of the Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society has been cancelled. The group will re-evaluate in mid-November regarding the December meeting. The Society's genealogical research center is back open after a brief closure with hours Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Masks are required in the research center which is located at 91 Brendle Street, between the Senior Center and the Detention Center in Bryson City.

SPORTS EVENTS

MTS Diamond Elite try-outs. Nov. 7 and 14 at John Crowe Complex Field 1. 8U (2013 and 2014 birth years), Nov. 7 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Nov. 14 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; 10U (2011 and 2012 birth years), Nov. 7 from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; 12U (2010 and 2009 birth years), Nov. 7 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Nov. 14 from 1

p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Bring face mask, softball glove, cleats, and a bat. Arrive 15 minutes early to sign in. Info: Nikki Toineeta 508-0428, Lauren Crowe (631) 405-0063 or email MTSdiamondelitesoftball@gmail.com

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.

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers

EMIRATE	SEACOW	BIGDOG
PANELED	PAMELA	UNREEL
PLAYING	MARBLE	SPARSE
SIN	TIA	LILITH
SSN	NYC	OCEANWAVES
BOWLING	BALLS	RENTA
AREOLA	EDIE	ALDA
TARGETS	MOVIE	CREDITS
OTT	OHARE	EMT
REORG	ORO	NIL
AUTOMOBILE	TIRES	
BIOPARK	SOX	SHA
ENCORE	ETC	ASONG
THUNDER	PEALS	TERMITE
HDL	IHAD	ETTE
ORONO	RAILROAD	CARS
GAMING	DICE	CUM
MOOSE	ANOMIE	PAL
ARTIER	THING	STHAT
ITONYA	WENTAT	ALKALIS
LARGES	ONION	SAOTOME

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

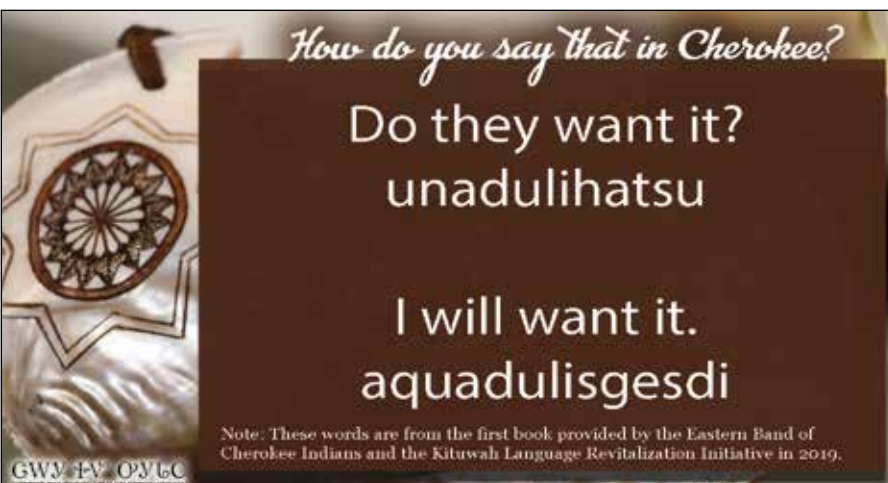
ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Esther (2:2-18); 3) Phoebe; 4) Rome; 5) Serpent; 6) Ethiopians

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriquez
Answers

1. Stella
2. Four
3. Africa
4. Donna Summer
5. Hawaii, Iolani Palace
6. 11 annually, with Juneteenth as the most recent addition, and 12 every four years, with Inauguration Day as the additional holiday in Washington, D.C. only.
7. Two, Phobos and Deimos
8. "Easy Rider"
9. Calcium, phosphorus and magnesium
10. "Peanuts"

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How do you say that in Cherokee?

Do they want it?
unadulihatsu

I will want it.
aquadulisgesdi

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

Tuesdays

MAT

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

Wednesdays

MAT

- Transitions Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Recovery Transitions Virtual, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Peer Support

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

Thursdays

MAT

- Long Term Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Long Term Live, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Long Term Virtual, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Peer Support

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

Substance Abuse Therapy

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

Fridays

MAT

- MAT Support Group Live, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- MAT Support Group Virtual, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Peer Support

- Radical Acceptance Live, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Substance Abuse Therapy

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

Analenisgi Circle of Support

Groups. Mondays 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., group focused on Substance Abuse.

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

group focused on Mental Health. Both

groups will be located in the Rivercane

room located across from the Ana-

lenisgi lobby and front desk. Analenis-

gi is offering groups for friends and

family of adult clients. These groups

are focused on providing education

and support to our community. Info:

Jennifer Holling 497-9163 ext. 7528

VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Cybercriminals Have Vets in Their Sights

Veterans are victims of cybercrimes at a much higher rate than civilians. And it's not just veterans, included are military spouses, survivors, active-duty personnel and our families. This is no doubt because of our benefits and the goodies to be had after stealing from us.

To tackle the problem, the Department of Veterans Affairs is stepping in and partnering with outside groups like the Cybercrime Support Network (cybercrimesupport.org), whose motto is Recognize, Report and Recover. It's about time ... over the past five years, veterans have reported cybercrime losses of more than \$420 million.

The CSN's mix of initiatives includes ScamSpotter (ScamSpotter.org), with practical consumer advice about how to spot and avoid fraud and scams.

Especially for us is Fight Cybercrime (fightcybercrime.org/military). Its crime-fighting partners are pretty impressive, and include the Disabled American Veterans and Army Emergency Relief. Look over the site for a resource library for us, law enforcement and businesses. Interesting topics include how to reduce your risk of ransomware, determining if a text message is fake or real, being safe in online gaming and even a pre-vacation checklist.

A recent Fight Cybercrime webinar touched home for many of us: How to keep your business information safe when you're working from home and sharing your online connection with children. Past webinars are worth watching as well: staying safe on social media, avoiding a scam from a government tax imposter, and COVID scams, which seem to be everywhere.

So, we have the tools. The information and resources are out there. But we need to take advantage of all that's offered to avoid becoming another cybercrime statistic.

One of the biggest problems with cybercrime is that we don't always report it. We're embarrassed because we thought we couldn't be fooled ... until we are. Do your part. If you get scammed, report it.

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Keep Halloween Candy Away From Pets

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Halloween is upon us again, and while the tricks and treats are fun for kids, they can be dangerous for our pets. Please remind your readers that the candies and chocolates in a trick-or-treat bag or sitting by the door are hazardous because many of the ingredients are toxic to dogs and cats. — Cheryl T., Lansing, Michigan

DEAR CHERYL: You're absolutely right! Dogs especially are at risk from ingesting Halloween candy, but any pet in the house can be at risk from not just these foods but some popular decorations as well.

Chocolate is toxic to dogs. Sugar-free candies can be toxic as well, especially if they contain xylitol. Keep all candy, chocolate and gum out of pets' reach during the festivities. Afterward, store leftover candy up out of their reach. Make sure children don't hide bags of candy where a pet can get at them, such as under the bed. Help them find a location that they can access but the dog can't.

Decorations may be a hazard as well, not just to your pets but to wildlife. That stretchy material used to create fake spiderwebs outdoors can trap birds and insects. Cats may ingest the strands if they are fascinated with the texture. Avoid burning real candles as they may get knocked over by a pet.

If your pet does get into the candy bowl or eats a decoration, contact the veterinarian right away. They'll advise you whether to bring your pet in right away for treatment, or to watch for signs of illness (such as constant drooling, vomiting, lethargy or changes in personality).

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

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EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS
KITUWAH PRESERVATION & EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Kituwah Preservation & Education Program has been recently awarded a large, multi-year grant from the Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance - Esther Martinez Immersion.

The goal of this project is to increase the Cherokee language proficiency of adult language learners who are working with or who are seeking future employment in early childhood classrooms that serve members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and with a focus on Cherokee language immersion classrooms.

For more information about this grant and job opportunities, please visit us on the web at Esther Martinez Grant - KPEP (ebcikpep.com) or scan this QR Code.

Deadline for job postings:
October 29th, 2021
4:30 p.m.

Questions?
Call:
828.359.6414



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1997 Ford Explorer 2WD (High Mileage) \$5000 OBO,(for sale OR trade) : 828-371-8262

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2BR 2bath mobile home for rent in Whittier, Marx classic toy train set : 352-942-9594

bass boat & trailer with Mercury motor \$350 : 507-2062

beginner drum set \$100, collector barbies \$100 : 226-1439



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The pitter-patter of all those Sheep feet means that you're out and about, rushing to get more done. That's fine, but slow down by the weekend so you can heed some important advice.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're in charge of your own destiny these days, and, no doubt, you'll have that Bull's-eye of yours right on target. But don't forget to make time for family events.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be prepared for a power struggle that you don't want. Look to the helpful folks around you for advice on how to avoid it without losing the important gains you've made.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Congratulations! You're about to claim your hard-earned reward for your patience and persistence. Now, go out and enjoy some fun and games with friends and family.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat might find it difficult to shake off that listless feeling. But be patient. By week's end, your spirits will perk up and you'll be your perfectly purring self again.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A problem with a co-worker could prove to be a blessing in disguise when a superior steps in to investigate and discovers a situation that could prove helpful to you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This is a favorable time to move ahead with your plans. Some setbacks are expected, but they're only temporary. Pick up the pace again and stay with it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your creativity is recognized and rewarded. So go ahead and claim what you've earned. Meanwhile, that irksome and mysterious situation soon will be resolved.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new associate brings ideas that the wise Sagittarian quickly will realize can benefit both of you. Meanwhile, someone from the workplace makes an emotional request.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It might be a good idea to ease up on that hectic pace and spend more time studying things you'll need to know when more opportunities come later in November.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A relatively quiet time is now giving way to a period of high activity. Face it with the anticipation that it will bring you some well-deserved boons and benefits.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Go with the flow, or make waves? It's up to you. Either way, you'll get noticed. However, make up your own mind. Don't let anyone tell you what choices to make.

BORN THIS WEEK: You like to examine everything before you agree to accept what you're told. Your need for truth keeps all those around you honest.

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Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

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

Cherokee Central School is currently taking applications for employment for the following job opportunities, all jobs are open until filled unless otherwise indicated:

1. High School Social Studies Teacher
2. Special Education STARS Teacher Assistant
3. Special Education Teacher (Multiple)
4. Maintenance Worker I
5. Cherokee Language Instructor
6. Elementary Teacher
7. Pre-K Teacher
8. Child Nutrition Assistant - Menu Planner
9. Food Service Worker
10. High School Science Teacher
11. Math/Reading Interventionist (Multiple, ARPA Funded)
12. Middle School Girls Basketball Coach
13. Middle School Baseball Assistant Coach
14. Middle School Baseball Head Coach
15. Middle School Wrestling Assistant Coach
16. Substitute Teachers



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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Cherokee, NC 28719
828-359-6388

Closing Sunday, October 31, 2021

1. Real Estate Associate Attorney – Tribal Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$68,704 - \$85,886)

Open Until Filled

1. Evidence Technician I – Cherokee Police Department – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
2. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
3. Detention Officer (Multiple) – Detention Services – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
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)
10. Cook – Cherokee County Senior Citizens – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)

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.



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 Teacher's Aide (2)

Snowbird Childcare
FT Cook

Children's Home
FT Residential Counselor (3)
PT Residential Counselor (3)

Bus & Truck
FT Truck Drivers (1)
PT School Bus Drivers (6)

Construction & Facilities
FT Carpenter/Mason (2)



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Closing, Thursday October 28, 2021

DME Specialist
Assistant Member Services Manager
Assistant Director of Care Management
Supply Purchase Order Processor
Analenisgi Inpatient Technician
LPN – MAT Clinic (Analenisgi)
Telemetry Nursing Assistant
RN PTI – Inpatient
RN PTI Emergency Room
Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Physician Assistant or Nurse Practitioner

Closing, Thursday November 4th, 2021

Dentist
RN – Employee Health/Infection Control

Open Until Filled

Administrative Assistant – PI/Engineering
Billing Technician II (5 positions)
Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Practical Nurse – Primary Care
Cook
Dental Assistant II (2 Positions)
Dentist: Dentures & Partials
Diabetes Educator
Dietary Services Supervisor
EVS Technician (2 Positions)
Food Service Worker
Infection Control/Employee Health RN (COVID Grant)
Physician /Hospitalist - Inpatient
PTI Physician/Hospitalist – Inpatient
Masters Level Therapist – Family Safety (2 Positions)
Masters Level Therapist – Kanvwtiyi (Hiring Bonus)
Masters Level Therapist (Child) – Analenisgi (2 Positions)
Masters Level Therapist – (Grant Funded) Adult/Analenisgi
Masters Level Therapist (Child) – Juvenile Justice
Masters Level Therapist – Integrated Class-

room

Medical Social Worker – Primary Care
Medical Laboratory Technician- Part Time Intermittent
Peer Support Specialist – Grant Funded
Pharmacy Technician I
Pedodontist
PTI Radiology Technologist
PTI Registered Nurse – Analenisgi Inpatient (2 Positions)
PTI Registered Nurse – Emergency Room
Respiratory Therapist – 3 Emergency Hire PTI

Residential Technician - Kanvwtiyi
Senior Accountant
Senior Property Control Clerk
Sterile Processing Supervisor
Supply Warehouse Technician
Targeted Case Manager – Integrated Classroom
Targeted Case Manager – Residential Support
Telemetry Nursing Assistant

Tsali Care Center

Cook
Cook Aide
CNA PTI
CNA PTRWOB
License Practical Nurse
Personal Care Assistant/CNA - Part-Time
Regular Without Benefits
Personal Care Assistant/CNA – Regular Full Time
Registered Nurse - Part-Time Intermittent
Registered Nurse – Full Time
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.)
Cook (Starting Pay \$17.00/HR.)

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



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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 21-116

In the Matter of the Estate of Thomas Welch

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

Charles Smith
301 Junaluska Road
Topton, NC 28781
11/10

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

EBCI THE CHEROKEE COURT
CHEROKEE, NC
FILE NO.: CV 21-601
WALANIA SHELL
v.

DAWNINA MIA SHAE JUMP, and
DALTON RAY CLINE
TO: DAWNINA MIA SHAE JUMP
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 November 30, 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 20th day of October 2021.

Stephanie-Lyn Lepre
Attorney for Plaintiff
EBCI Legal Assistance Office
PO Box 2280
Cherokee, NC 28719
828.359.7400
N.C.G.S. 1A-1, Rule 4(j1).
11/2

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

Kituwah, LLC is seeking proposals from a qualified and appropriately licensed Certified Public Accounting firm with experience to perform the Company's audit for Fiscal Year 2021. Companies consists of Kituwah, LLC, KG3 and its subsidiaries Kituwah Services LLC, Kituwah Manufacturing and Kituwah Builders Our expectation would be that this initial audit could be conducted and completed within 90 days of engagement. **VENDORS THAT DO NOT SUBMIT PROPOSAL ON TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED NO EXCEPTIONS.** A full RFP may be requested or picked up at Kituwah, LLC 1158 Seven Clans Lane, Whittier, North Carolina 28789.

Please call Kristin Smith at (828)-477-4553 or e-mail kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com with any questions or requests. Proposals must be received by October 28th, 2021, 4:00am EST at the above address. **10/27**

Project Guard rail installation & repair on the Cherokee Indian Reservation

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT office is requesting sealed bids for Guard rail installation & repair. Date and time of bid is listed in the RFP (Request for Proposal). Please have bids submitted to the CDOT office by 11-8-2021 by 10:00 am

Be advised that all Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement.

You may request the full RFP and bid requirements for these proposals through the CDOT Office.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Darrell Brown CDOT planner at (828)-359-6534. **11/2**

Request for Proposals (RFP) 001-2020-HH

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee Indian Housing Division
The Cherokee Indian Housing

Division (CIHD) seeks to prequalify licensed General Contractors and professionals, from which to solicit bids, in connection with its administration of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Healthy Homes Grant funds.

Qualified contactors and professionals will be expected to start work upon issuance of a contract. Selections will be based on qualifications. CIHD reserves the right to reject any and all submissions. The EBCI supports Native American owned businesses and gives preference to the hiring of Native American firms or businesses, whenever possible.

Packages should include a W-9, tribal business license, proof of insurance, and any applicable licenses or certifications. Deliver sealed proposals to the CIHD office at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. Deadline for Healthy Home proposals is Friday, November 5, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

A mandatory site visit is required, if this is requirement is not met, you will not be eligible to bid. To schedule a site visit, please contact Bunsey Crowe or Shannon Ross at 828-359-6903 and 828-359-6931, respectively.

Contact Jonathan Rattler at jonaratt@ebci-nsn.gov or call 828-359-6357 with any questions or comments. **10/27**



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The moon peaks over the treetops on a mountain in the Painttown Community on the evening of Monday, Oct. 18. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

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Constitution vs. Charter: Article XII (continued)

Know the difference!

Proposed Constitution

Article XII-Public Land

Section 2. Eminent Domain. When deemed necessary by Tribal Council, lands held by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for which a possessory holding has been assigned, may be condemned only for public purposes for the benefit of the Tribe. This power of eminent domain may be exercised only after each person who has a property interest in the subject of condemnation has received proper notice, due process, and just compensation for their property interest. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will not use the power of eminent domain except for public utilities, improvements, infrastructure, or prehistoric/historic cultural sites.

Charter

Section 24. Whenever it may become necessary, in the opinion of the council to appropriate to public purposes for the benefit of the Tribe any of the lands owned by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and occupied by any individual Indian or Indians of the Tribe, the Council may condemn such land for the aforesaid purposes only by paying to the occupant of such land the value of such improvements and betterments as he may have placed or caused to be placed thereon, and the value of such improvements or betterments shall be assessed by a jury of not less than six competent persons, who are members of the Tribe, under such laws and regulations as may be prescribed by the Council. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will not use eminent domain under this section or any other Tribal or Federal laws to take an individual Tribal member's possessory holding except for bridges, roads, power lines, schools, hospitals, or sewer and water lines. Each Tribal member shall receive proper notice, proper hearings, and proper compensation for their lands.

What does it mean for property to be condemned for eminent domain?

The Tribal government has the right to take private land for public use with fair compensation. This is called eminent domain. Condemnation is the legal process in which private land is acquired for public use. The term "condemnation" does not necessarily mean that a property is unlivable, it just means that a legal process is occurring for the Tribal government to take possession of the property. So, for the Tribe to take a possessory holding it first must be condemned. The legal process of condemnation includes making the possessory holder(s) aware that the process has started, allow for court hearings if needed and reach an agreeable compensation with the landowners.

Do I have any recourse if Tribal Council condemns my property?

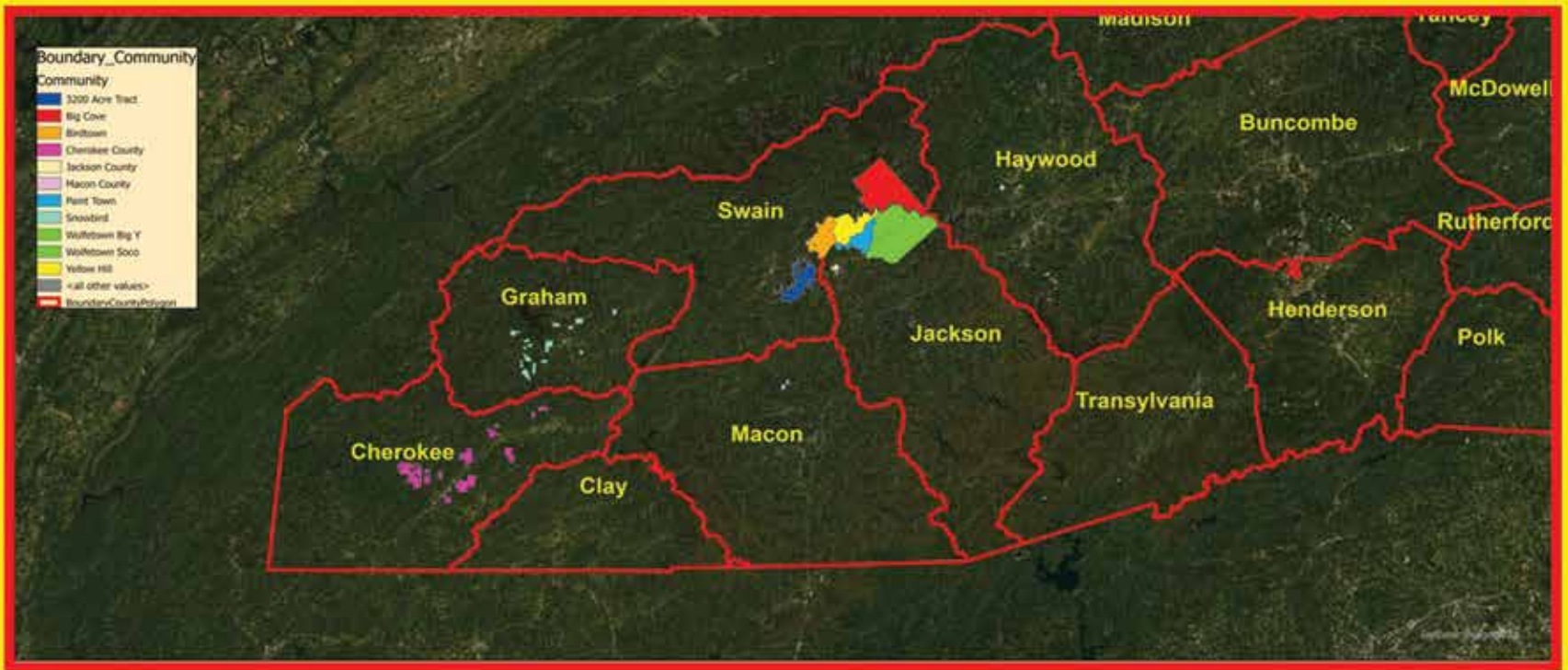
If you receive a notice of condemnation for your property from the Tribe, you have the right to fight the condemnation in Tribal Court. Due process, a fair hearing within the judicial system is a protection listed in the Constitution to prevent the Tribal government from taking possessory holdings. In a hearing, it is the job of the government to convince the court why condemning your property is in the best interest of the public and not for specific individuals. In the Constitution, beneficial reasons for public use must fit into a category like utilities, improvements, infrastructure, or a prehistoric or historic cultural site.

What are some examples of property taken for public use?

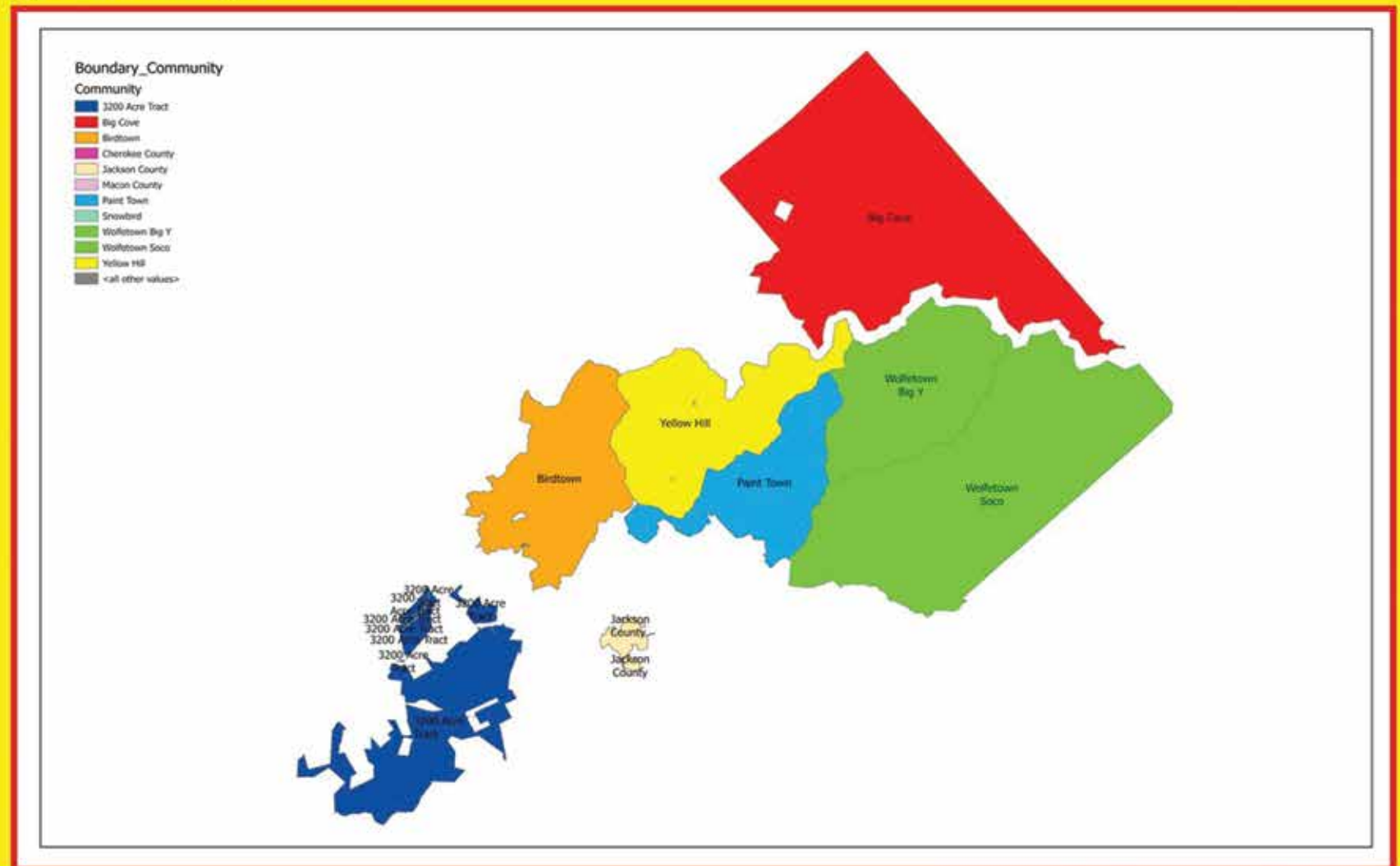
Public use could be a number of things like water, sewer and power lines. Other uses for eminent domain can include the building of access roads or widening of public roads, building bridges or community buildings, etc. In rare cases, an archaeological site of cultural significance could be taken by the Tribe through eminent domain for its protection.

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

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