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Native rights advocacy

EBCI hosts Association
on American Indian
Affairs' 99th meeting

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.
One Feather Staff

An advocacy organization
dedicated to Native Amer-
ican rights and sovereignty
held its 99th Annual Members
Meeting at the Museum of the
Cherokee Indian on the afternoon
of Saturday, Dec. 4. The Associ-
ation on American Indian Affairs
held its meeting, hosted by the
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
(EBCI), virtually from the Muse-
um's Ken Blankenship Education
and Research Center.

Having started in 1922, the
Association is the oldest running

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Miss Cherokee 2021-22 Tyra Maney, left, and EBCI Beloved Woman Carmaleta Monteith discuss Cherokee women's roles during the virtual Association on American Indian Affairs 99th Annual Members Meeting in the Ken Blankenship Education and Research Center at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian on the afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 4. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)



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Nola Teesatuskie, an Atsila Anotasgi cultural specialist at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, discusses the Cherokee art of fingerweaving during the event.

MEETING: Association on American Indian Affairs meets at Museum, from front page

non-profit organization in Indian Country with the mission “to lead the grassroots fight to protect Native American cultural sovereignty”.

“We were founded in 1922 to change the destructive federal policy of assimilation and allotment and boarding schools towards self-sufficiency, self-determination, and sovereignty and work at a grassroots level to raise those voices to a national level and change policy and law,” said Shannon O’Loughlin, Association on American Indian Affairs chief executive officer, a member of the Choctaw Nation (Okla.).

She praised the efforts of the EBCI for this year’s meeting. “The Eastern Band has been such a gracious host. This was our first time together in person, as a team, because of the pandemic. This is the first time we’ve been able to come together in person and really strategize about how our next 100 years are going to go and what they’re going to focus on.”

O’Loughlin added, “We tend to look

at our programs as ones that support cultural sovereignty – the things that make us who we are as Native people. Those include issues of repatriation, the return of cultural heritage items that have been stolen – not just from museums or federal agencies, but they’re around the world and also in private collections such as auction houses around the world. We work on protecting other items that may not be necessarily thought of as items that are given back under repatriation like language tapes, recordings, documents, and other things that are our primary information that has been removed from us so that we are separated from the narratives that have been defining us.”

Other issues the Association is working on include protection of sacred Native sites, intergenerational and community healing, continued work on the Indian Child Welfare Act which was started by work done by the organization, as well as running the oldest college scholarship program for Native students.

O’Loughlin said the Association has over 1,000 members, both Native and non-Native. “That gives us a voice that

goes beyond just the tribal voice. It's the general public supporting our mission, vision, and goals."

Kimberly Smith, an EBCI tribal member, serves as the Association's public affairs and outreach coordinator. "I am fully honored to be a part of the host for the celebration of a national organization that has been the backbone of Indian Country for 100 years. To be able to work with them is truly an honor to have the ability to weave my story and my people's story into the Association's 100 years. It's an opportunity that I want to make sure I give enough time and energy and effort to because this is a piece of a ripple effect that is not just a skipping stone. This is a boulder. This is an opportunity for representation from Cherokee people to have a national impact in Indian Country."

Several local Cherokee people were involved in giving presentations during the virtual event. Miss Cherokee 2021-22 Tyra Maney and EBCI Beloved Woman Carmaleta Monteith discussed women's roles within Cherokee society.

"We are a matriarchal, matrilineal society," Beloved Woman Monteith told the audience. She spoke about the history and responsibilities of a Beloved Woman. "It is the highest honor that



Caleb Hickman, a Cherokee Nation citizen originally from Oklahoma who is the supervisory fish and wildlife biologist for EBCI Natural Resources, is a member of the local Hummingbirds stickball team. Here, he is shown discussing the game of stickball and its history.

can be bestowed upon a Cherokee woman. It can be for various reasons and for whatever is going on within a woman's life. Traditionally, it was awarded to those women who were warriors that became too old to go to battle."

Maney noted, "Our women were awesome back in the day, and we held a lot of status. The clanships that our Tribe goes by come through your mother's line, and everything got kind of flipped after contact. But, whenever a couple got married the husband would actually marry into the wife's family and she would own the property, the kids were consid-

ered hers, and he would actually take on her clan after their marriage. There were a lot of things to which our women were held to a high status during that time." She added, "Oftentimes, when it came to debates or council the women were the ones who had the final say."

Other presenters included Nola Teesatuskie, an EBCI tribal member and Atsila Anotasgi cultural specialist at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, who spoke about traditional Cherokee fingerweaving; Caleb Hickman, a Cherokee Nation citizen originally from Oklahoma who is the super-

visory fish and wildlife biologist for EBCI Natural Resources, who is a member of the Hummingbirds stickball team and spoke about the game of stickball; Lucille Wolfe, an EBCI tribal elder, who spoke about traditional Cherokee foods; and Jarrett Wildcatt, an EBCI tribal member and Atsila Anotasgi cultural specialist at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, who served as emcee for the event.

For more information on the Association on American Indian Affairs, visit: www.Indian-Affairs.org or call (240) 314-7155.



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BalsamWest to operate Cherokee Cablevision; ending data overage fees

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

Cherokee Cablevision is now under new operating management, and it's making strides to improve services to customers. "BalsamWest, which is owned by the Tribe, has been selected to operate (Cherokee) Cablevision," said Jason Maples, BalsamWest vice president of sales and marketing. "Cablevision is kind of a multi-pronged project, but the tribal assets of Cablevision will always remain tribal assets. BalsamWest is just basically the manager of those assets."

In a press release, BalsamWest

officials noted, "BalsamWest will support the vision of Chief Sneed and Tribal Council to consolidate the leverage operational efficiencies of EBCI investments with the dual goal of improving services provided and accelerating broadband deployments. BalsamWest will extend our operations, call center, engineering, and service staff to maximize support of the existing Cablevision system and future EBCI fiber builds."

One major announcement is the elimination of data cap overage fees. "The Data Cap 'power package' will be a \$50 additional charge to the subscriber's current Gold, Silver, or Bronze plans," said

Maples. "It will eliminate overage charges. For those who rarely go over their allotted data cap, the package may not make sense. For those who regularly go over and want a stable monthly fee, this package will save people money."

He added, "We do have a plan now for data caps that has been approved by the Board. This will be our first step in multiple steps at making improvements to Cablevision."

Maples said BalsamWest is currently looking at ways to improve the overall system. "Our role is twofold – one is to take a look at the existing system, come up with plans and options and oppor-

tunities to improve the service of the current infrastructure as well as help manage the Vantage Point which is the Tribe's engineering looking at building fiber throughout the Boundary. We're being an arm of the Tribe – a support and logistics arm – as we begin to look at these short-term and long-term goals. The short-term goal is to get broadband wherever we can."

He said the current system is in need of upgrades. "It's kind of like inheriting a car from your grandmother. Yes, she may not have driven it much, but did she take care of it? This is a very old system, and the changes we'll make will, in some cases, be so incremental

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that they're not going to be felt nor noticed. Some of them are operational, and then obviously we have some hiring to do."

Maples noted, "It's a new BalsamWest, and we plan to serve our owners and our community. We're not your father's BalsamWest."

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians became 100 percent owners of Cherokee Cablevision in November 2020. A feasibility study on the issue was completed by R TECH GROUP, from Cumming, Ga., in June 2018. According to the feasibility study, "There would be a very compelling benefit for the EBCI Fiber cable plant to be combined with the Cablevision Fiber routes and develop a larger-scale fiber cable network and establish opportunity to pass 6,400 member's homes, providing services to a large percentage of EBCI

members."

With the increased services, the feasibility study projects net sales will go from \$1.5 million in 2019 to \$2.8 million in 2026 with a net income of \$559,803 with the bulk of the revenue being made in increased internet to residences (projected from \$561,192 in 2019 to \$1,020,857 in 2026).

Jeremy Brown, EBCI IT Project Management supervisor, told Tribal Council during the March 2019 Budget Council session, "We have fiber optics going up most of our main roads – fibers in the ground on the main roads. We need a way to distribute it up and down each of the little coves. And, as you know, the cost of doing that is the same cost we've incurred to get up to all of these areas so far. So, you're going to pay \$50,000 to \$60,000 a mile no matter whether you're

going up someone's driveway or you're running a 96-strand up to a cell tower."

He said Cherokee Cablevision has lots of existing poles. "So, with this acquisition, we would be gaining access to the poles that they already have. The cable that's on it is kind of irrelevant. We would continue to use to distribute TV ini-

tially, but our goal would be to use the poles, the backbone infrastructure, our fiber along with their fiber to run additional fibers over their poles into the people's houses."

For more information on BalsamWest's operation of Cherokee Cablevision, visit: <https://www.balsamwest.net/cablevisionproject>

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'Don't panic, get vaccinated': EBCI PHHS addresses Omicron variant

By JONAH LOSSIAH

One Feather Staff

The Omicron variant of COVID-19 is quickly ascending to the top of conversations worldwide and EBCI Public Health and Human Services (PHHS) is patiently preparing for the next step. As of the publishing of this article, there have been cases of the Omicron variant detected in 16 states. There have been no identified cases in North Carolina at this time. Vickie Bradley, secretary of EBCI PHHS, said that spread is inevitable but that the community needs to stay calm.

"Don't panic. Do the same things. The thing they can do is get vaccinated ... it is the single most effective way to protect our community," said Bradley.

A lot has changed even since the Cherokee One Feather's conversation with Bradley on Nov. 30. At that time, there were no cases of Omicron in the United States. Currently, the variant is spreading much faster than understanding.

"Omicron has rapidly replaced the Delta variant across South Africa, suggesting that it's more transmissible. That's all, of course, sort of speculation at this point," said Bradley.

"What we do know, as of the most recent sequencing data, over 99 percent of the sequenced specimens in North Carolina and the US are the Delta variant. So, that kind of shows you how quickly the Delta variant spread."

Bradley said that the difficulty right now is there is so little information to go on.

"There is no actual data yet on immune escape, vaccine effectiveness, transmissibility, or illness severity. South Africa is sharing a lot of information with the national institutes of health ... but we're just waiting on the science and the research to come in. I think probably within a few weeks we will know much, much more. We just don't know those answers yet."

Bradley said there are some early signs suggesting mutations with the Omicron variant could lead to issues with vaccine effectiveness. This, too, is up in the air. Bradley said at this time she doesn't know if the spread of Omicron could cause a need for another booster shot, but that is a possibility.

Following the wave of cases detected, the CDC changed their language on the COVID-19 booster shots to suggest that all adults 'should' be getting a booster shot as soon as possible. This is something Bradley endorsed, stating that the majority of hospitalizations they are seeing are individuals who have not received a vaccine.

On an international level, travel restrictions are once again being considered. Just this weekend the United Kingdom tightened their travel protocols. The United States attempted to get ahead of the variant and tighten restrictions from a number of countries. Shortly after, however, the first cases were detected in America.

Bradley said that as difficult as it may seem, people will need to be patient as the situation develops.

"Do we know anything at the local perspective? Will this affect business operations, will this affect masking laws, will it affect stay-at-home orders? We don't have enough information at all to know that right now."

MISSING PERSON

Aaron Donrick Curtis Male

Age: 50 years

Height: 5' 6" Weight: 220 lbs

Hair: Brown Eyes: Blue

Date of last contact: September 28, 2021

Location: Cherokee, North Carolina

Circumstances of Disappearance:

Aaron Curtis is from Woodfin, N.C. He has a full beard (brown/grey). He was last seen in Cherokee on September 28. Birth date is August 28, 1971.

If you have seen Aaron Donrick Curtis contact Sergeant Detective Jason Cable, Cherokee Police Department (828) 359-6619.

Source: CIPD



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Tribal Council Results – Thursday, Nov. 4

Following are the official results, per the TOP Office, of the Tribal Council session on Thursday, Nov. 4:

Ord. No. 28: An ordinance establishing a tax to be imposed on persons who are not members of the Tribe who trespass on tribal lands. TABLED, Work Session requested

Res. No. 26: Resolution requesting that Tribal Council transfer the following line items into Tribal Council's budget – contract services, professional fees, professional fees – lobbying. TABLED, Work Session requested

Res. No. 29: Resolution requesting that Patsy Everhart Ledford be recognized as an honorary member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 30: A resolution requesting that the sum of \$15,000,000 is hereby appropriated and allocated to Kituwah, LLC to be booked as an equity investment by the Tribe. AMENDED/PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Item No. 6: Resolution requesting that Kituwah, LLC is authorized, with consent of the Principal Chief, to use the guaranteed buy to add an additional model to model the center. Hold for December Council

Res. No. 31: Budget Amendment – FY22 Enterprise Development. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 32: A resolution granting right-of-way and utilities right-of-way across Wolftown Parcel No. 120-G to Wolftown Parcel 1006. AMENDED/TABLED, sent to Lands Committee

Res. No. 33: Recognition of heirs of Jeremy Justin Raby (d). PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 34: Recognition of heirs of Christopher Terron Queen (d). PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 35: Last Will and Testament of Alan Dean Thompson (d). PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 36: Recognition of heirs of Jerry Brandon Parker (d). PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 37: Last Will and Testament of George Hornbuckle Sr. (d). PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 38: Last Will and Testament of James Timothy Beck Jr. (d). PASSED (For – French, Owle, Brown, TW Saunooke, Wolfe, Wachacha, Crowe, Taylor, Rose, Sneed, T. Saunooke = 93; Abstain – McCoy = 7)

Res. No. 39: Recognition of heirs of Sandra Gail Roland (d). PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 40: Last Will and Testament of Daniel Lambert (d). PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 41: Last Will and Testament of Sarah Wayne Catolster (d). PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 42: A resolution to approve the purchase of property located at 2219 US 441N in Jackson County for \$800,000. AMENDED/PASSED (For – French, Owle, Brown, TW Saunooke, Wachacha, Crowe, Taylor, Rose, Sneed, T. Saunooke = 86; Abstain – Wolfe = 7; Absent – McCoy = 7)

Res. No. 43: A resolution authorizing the Tribe to purchase the remaining portion of the lease for Mingo Falls Campground held by Jonah Wolfe, lessee. PASSED (For – French, McCoy, Owle, Brown, TW Saunooke, Wachacha, Crowe, Taylor, Rose, Sneed, T. Saunooke = 93; Abstain – Wolfe = 7)

Res. No. 44: Donation resolution for November – Swain Varsity Girls Basketball (\$300), Swain JV Girls Basketball (\$600). PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 45: Transit Program

is hereby authorized to apply and accept funds from CTP 5311 grant application for federal funding in the amount of \$69,286 for FY22. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 46: Transit Program is hereby authorized to apply and accept funds from the Federal Transit Administration and receive up to \$625,726 for FY22. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 47: Preparedness Program of the EBCI PHHS Division is hereby authorized to apply and accept funds from NACHHO in the amount of \$20,000 for FY22. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 48: DOJ Office of Violence Against Women grant to utilize funding to implement Phase II of the Prosecutor's software. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 49: 7th Re-Stated Management Agreement. PASSED (For – French, McCoy, Owle, Brown, TW Saunooke, Wolfe, Wachacha, Sneed, T. Saunooke = 64; Against – Crowe, Taylor, Rose = 36)

Res. No. 50: Banishment of April Nation. PASSED (Unanimous = 93; Absent – TW Saunooke = 7)

Res. No. 51: Banishment of Dustin James Kirkland. PASSED (Unanimous = 93; Absent – TW Saunooke = 7)

Res. No. 52: Banishment of Joseph Daniel Burton. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 53: Banishment of Eugene Murray Oocumma. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 54: Banishment of Seth Emerson Tapp. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 55: Banishment of Robert Cody Gaddis. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 56: Haley Lauren Jarvis. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 57: Jessica Gail Conway. PASSED (Unanimous = 100)



Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On **Dec. 25, 1776**, Gen. George Washington crosses the Delaware River with 5,400 Patriot troops, hoping to surprise a Hessian force celebrating Christmas at their winter quarters in Trenton, New Jersey. Washington's men quickly overwhelmed the German defenders, who were groggy from the previous evening's festivities, and by morning the town was surrounded.

- On **Dec. 21, 1891**, James Naismith introduces the game of basketball as an activity for bored and unruly students during difficult New England winters. Based on rules he created, the game was tested by 18 students at the International Young Men's Christian Association Training School in Massachusetts.

- On **Dec. 22, 1956**, a baby gorilla enters the world at the Columbus Zoo in Ohio, becoming the first gorilla born in captivity. Colo went on to become a mother, grandmother and a great-grandmother to Timu, the first surviving infant gorilla conceived by artificial insemination. Colo died in 2017 at the age of 60.

- On **Dec. 26, 1966**, Jimi Hendrix writes the lyrics to "Purple Haze," the song that would give him his breakthrough hit. Rolling Stone magazine would later name "Purple Haze" one of the 100 Greatest Guitar Songs of All Time.

- On **Dec. 23, 1982**, the Missouri Department of Health informs residents of Times Beach that their town was contaminated when the chemical dioxin was sprayed on its unpaved roads. The entire town was evacuated and demolished.

- On **Dec. 20, 1995**, the United Nations peacekeeping force formally transfers military authority in Bosnia to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, clearing the way for deployment of some 60,000 NATO troops.

- On **Dec. 24, 1979**, the Soviet Union invades Afghanistan under the pretext of upholding the Soviet-Afghan Friendship Treaty of 1978. Despite fierce resistance from the Afghan army, it took the Soviets only a few days to secure the capital of Kabul.

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Drug arrests made following traffic stop

Two people were arrested on Wednesday, Dec. 1 after a traffic stop near the intersection of HWY 441 South and Tee Pee Drive in Cherokee. Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) Narcotics Detectives, CIPD Patrol Officers, and Tribal ALE Agents seized 251 grams of methamphetamine, 38.7 grams of heroin, and 100 Xanax bars, along with other prescription drugs. These drugs have an estimated street value of over \$58,440.

Miguel Angel Cortez, is charged with:

- Trafficking schedule I, II, III, V
- Possession of schedule I, II, III, V

Cortez is being held at the Jackson County Detention Center on a \$500,000 secured bond.

Amanda Lynn Collins, is charged with:

- Trafficking schedule I, II, III, V
 - Possession of schedule I, II, III, V
- Collins is being held at the Jackson County Detention Center on a \$150,000 secured bond.

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.

- CIPD release

CIPD makes drug bust on Old Soco Rd.

On the evening of Friday, Dec. 3, Cherokee Indian Police Department Officers (CIPD) served a search warrant at 1280 Old Soco Road in Cherokee. During the execution of the search warrant, officers seized the following: 7.7 grams of heroin, 2.2 grams of methamphetamine, and 92 (30mg) OxyCodone.

Travis Calhoun, has been

charged with:

- Trafficking in opiates (two counts)
- Possession with intent to manufacture sell and deliver methamphetamine

Tansi Young, has been charged with:

- Trafficking in opiates (two counts)
- Possession with intent to manufacture sell and deliver methamphetamine

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.

- CIPD release

Statement from Cherokee Chief of Police Josh Taylor on Sunday, Dec. 5:

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the officers

of the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) for their hard work. They were given a mission to set the standard of policing and they are absolutely blowing that standard out of the water. I'm so impressed watching them operate every day as law enforcement officers and members of the EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) community.

Nobody really understands how heavy it can be on your heart and soul being a law enforcement officer in a community you care about. The officers of CIPD are working hard, being the protectors of our community and our people. For that, I want to thank them from the bottom of my heart!"

- COP Josh Taylor #701

Graham Co. Sheriff's deputy cleared in fatal shooting

A Graham County sheriff's deputy who fatally shot a Tennessee man on June 20 has been cleared of any wrongdoing, District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch said on Thursday, Dec. 2.

Deputy Courtney Heaton shot and killed Mickey Ray Rice, 31, of Dickson, Tenn., after he brandished what she reasonably believed to be a real gun, later identified as a fake gun.

"Heaton was justified in the use of deadly force as it was her actual and reasonable belief that the application of such force was necessary to defend herself and others from imminent harm," said Welch, citing portions of N.C. General Statute 15A-401(d)(1)(a) and (d)(2).

During a traffic stop in Robbinsville for a minor traffic infraction, Rice fled from law enforcement. A chase ensued, with the suspect driving at excessive rates of speed and crossing double-yellow lines.

PUBLIC NOTICE ON EBCI CANNABIS CONTROL BOARD CONFIRMATIONS

A confirmation hearing for appointees to the EBCI Cannabis Control Board will be held, pursuant to Cherokee Code Chapter 117 Article III-A.

The following hearing will take place on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021 beginning at 9 a.m. in the Tribal Council Chambers, Cherokee, N.C.

This hearing is open to the public. Tribal Council invites public testimony, **only in accordance with Cherokee Code Chapter 117, Article III-A**. Anonymous comments will not be accepted.

Members of the General Public who wish to participate in the hearing shall submit written testimony to the Tribal Council Chairman, in care of the Tribal Operations Program, **ATTN: Kelly Sampson, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, N.C. 28719**.

Written testimony shall be submitted to the Tribal Operations Program not less than five working days from the hearing date. The final date for public comment will be Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021.



Meeting Agenda for Dec. 16

- 9 a.m. – Call to order by Tribal Council Chairman Richard French Prayer followed by roll call
- 9 a.m. – **Dr. Michael Kayser**; introduction, questions, and public comments
- 9:30 a.m. – **Charles Juan Owle**; introduction, questions, and public comments
- 10 a.m. – **Robert Saunooke**; introduction, questions, and public comments
- 10:30 a.m. – **David Wijewickrama**; introduction, questions, and public comments
- 11 a.m. – **William Boyum**; introduction, questions, and public comments

His reckless driving placed others in possible danger. The chase ended at the end of Anderson Creek Road. Once the suspect finally came to a stop, he refused to obey repeated law-enforcement commands to step out of the vehicle and put his hands up.

“After careful review of the SBI investigative file, the relevant statutes and case law, I have determined that there is no evidence of criminal misconduct by Officer Heaton and that the use of force was lawful and justified,” the district attorney said.

Prior to reaching her decision, Welch reviewed witness statements, interviews, photographs, surveillance video, use-of-force policies, CAD report, Officer Heaton’s law-enforcement records, relevant criminal-and-driving his-

tories, crime-scene investigation report, body camera, dash camera and supporting handwritten notes, emails and text messages.

Earlier this month, Welch met with the family and explained her decision. She allowed members of the family to watch dash-cam video of the pursuit and fatal confrontation.

“I sincerely offer my condolences to the family of Mr. Rice,” she said. “I know they are grieving the loss of a loved one.”

- District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch Office release

CIPD Arrest Report for Nov. 21-28

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.

Morgan, Trevor Dillion – age 24
Arrested: Nov. 22
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Obstructing Justice, No Operator’s License, Displaying Fictitious Registration Plate

Myers, Daniel Robert Estes – age 47
Arrested: Nov. 22
Released: Nov. 23
Charges: Communicating Threats, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Price, Dustin Lee – age 32
Arrested: Nov. 22
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor; Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule IV Controlled Substance

George, Brittane Lynne – age 36
Arrested: Nov. 23
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree, Assault on a Child Under 12

Larch, Frederick Rocky – age 41
Arrested: Nov. 23
Released: Nov. 24
Charges: Possession Schedule IV Controlled Substance, Drug Trafficking

Moore, Michael Noah – age 29
Arrested: Nov. 23
Released: Nov. 23

Charges: Temporary Hold

Rogers, Rachel Nicole – age 33
Arrested: Nov. 23
Released: Nov. 23
Charges: Temporary Hold

Scales, Destiney Marie – age 37
Arrested: Nov. 23
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Larceny

Smith, James David – age 31
Arrested: Nov. 23
Released: Nov. 23
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Johnson, Christopher Lee – age 25
Arrested: Nov. 24
Released: Nov. 24
Charges: Temporary Hold for Swain Co.

Lossiah, Jaime Elizabeth – age 34
Arrested: Nov. 24
Released: Nov. 24
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Ward, Tiffany Marie – age 32
Arrested: Nov. 24
Released: Nov. 24
Charges: Temporary Hold for Swain Co.

Bird, Stephen Isaiah – age 22
Arrested: Nov. 25
Released: Nov. 26
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public, Simple Assault and Battery, Simple Affray

Wildcatt, Carrie Irene – age 30
Arrested: Nov. 26
Released: Not released as of report date
Charges: Probation Violation (two counts)

COLD CASE



The body of Marie Walkingstick Pheasant was found in a burned vehicle on Old Rock Crusher Rd., in the Big Cove Community, on Dec. 29, 2013.

The Cherokee Indian Police Dept. reported at the time that “foul play” was suspected. No arrests have been made in this case. A **\$15,000** reward is offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

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Seven members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) have been selected to participate in the 2022 Remember the Removal Ride which will retrace the northern route of the Trail of Tears from New Echota, Ga. to Tahlequah, Okla. They are shown, left to right, in the Cherokee Choices office on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 2 including – former Vice Chief Larry Blythe, Ethan Ledford, Laura Blythe, Levi West, Emra Arkansas, Bubba Aguilera, and Justin Lambert. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

Riding, retracing history

EBCI selects Remember the Removal Riders for 2022 journey

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

Seven members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) have been selected to participate in the 2022 Remember the Removal Ride which will retrace the

northern route of the Trail of Tears from New Echota, Ga. to Tahlequah, Okla. Justin Lambert, Bubba Aguilera, Emra Arkansas, Laura Blythe, Levi West, Ethan Ledford, and former EBCI Vice Chief Larry Blythe will represent the EBCI during the ride in June.

Lambert, age 34 from the Birdtown Community, commented, “I’m hoping to gain a lot of knowledge from what our ancestors went through so I can show our young people what to do. What inspired me was my sister, Ahli-sha Stephens, and my brother-in-law, Jake

Stephens. They inspired me and said, ‘You need to do it!’ So, I was like, ‘Alright, let’s try it.’ Those two really inspired me to do this.”

Lambert was one of four riders selected in 2020, along with Ledford, Laura Blythe, and Arkansas, that were affected when the ride was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Lambert said he is getting himself ready for this year’s ride. “I’ve been training year-round. I’ve been ready. I need to get my stamina built up more. That’s what’s most important to me right now is my stamina. But, what I take from

the classes and what we're going to go through so I can take back to my kids and show them so they know more when they go back to school."

Aguilera, age 32 originally from the Big Y Community and currently living in the Painttown Community, said, "I signed up for several reasons - I was wanting a challenge mentally and physically, and I'm just really looking forward to absorbing all of the knowledge throughout all the stops along the way, just to gain more about my culture, my traditions, and my family during that time of the Removal."

Arkansas, age 39 from the Wolfstown Community, noted, "I still want to have a spiritual sense of what it meant in terms of when we were preparing to leave, what we went through, what we endured, the stops along the way. Historical healing - I think that's most important. I think that right now, especially on the brink of the pandemic, out of the pandemic, back in the pandemic, I think just the sense of staying healthy and having our communities come together so all of us can be together. The camaraderie, I think, is something that we didn't really get to experience once we started training before COVID cut us off."

She is ready to get the process going. "I'm excited to get back into the swing of things and have the unity and the camaraderie and the team fellowship."

West, age 32 from the Wolfstown Community, said, "I signed up, basically, to challenge myself, to push myself not just physically but also to seek the culture. It's part of my job and I think it's great that I get to work with that and learn about the culture as a job. But, I felt like this would really help expand my knowledge of the

history of what we went through as a people. So, that was why I put in for it and it's basically what I want to get out of it."

He is excited about the cultural learning as well. "I want to learn everything I can from now until then in-depth. I know it happened. I know the Removal happened and a very vague history of it. But, I want to know where things happened, if my family was there, any kind of ties I have to it. I'm just really interested in that."

Ledford, age 56 from the Birdtown Community, said his father, the late Vice Chief Bill Ledford, was a big proponent of cultural teachings. "He traveled many times out to Oklahoma and always

Laura noted, "I'm not quite sure what to expect, but it's what I've been waiting for. Just to learn the history and get deeper into the Removal, learn our family history, what connection we may have to it here and even, possibly, did some of our family make the trip out. And, if so, what happened? So, just all of it. I don't really know how to describe it. It's kind of weird that it's rolled back around again, but I think it'll be great and I'm really looking forward to it."

Larry said, "I got on a bike last summer for the first time in 40 years. Years ago, I loved to ride in college. So, I just got sort of hooked on it again. And, of course, Laura encouraged me and Emra

Both are looking forward to sharing the event.

"To be able to share it with my father is something I didn't expect," said Laura. "It's kind of mind-blowing. But, I'm looking forward to it. I think that to get to experience this with somebody I've always looked up to, he's my hero in life, he's my mentor, and he's done great things in the community so I strive to kind of help the community the way he did throughout his life. I think it'll just be great for our family in general for us to go through this - the bonding experience that we can get knowing that we can make it through. It's good to know that we have somebody there that will be there no matter what to help with any strife that we may come across or any victories that we may see along the way as well. I'm excited. I'm glad he's here with me."

Larry said, "She's the one that got me on the bike. Of course, she's always been one of my biggest supporters and sometimes one of my biggest critics. If we make it to Oklahoma without killing each other, we're going to do very well. It's really cool to think about that - a father and daughter. Certainly, 180 years ago families, fathers and daughters and mothers were together in different circumstance, but still having to rely on each other, encourage each other, pray with each other - all those things that we still have to do today as a people and families, too, to continue to be strong."

The riders will embark on their journey from New Echota, Ga. in early June and will arrive in Tahlequah, Okla. several weeks later. The One Feather will publish their full itinerary following the official send-off event from Kituwah Mound which will be held several days before they start.

“Historical healing - I think that’s most important.”

- Emra Arkansas

wanted culture and Cherokee language to continue to be taught in high school and beyond. My grandfather's name was McKinley Ross, and he actually went out to Oklahoma as part of the delegation that brought back the eternal flame...I just want to retrace their steps."

After having the 2020 ride cancelled, Ledford said he is getting motivated and is set to start training. "I'm hoping that with it impending that I'll just kick myself in the butt and get going again. I was looking forward to it this whole time. But looking forward to it and actually prepping myself for it are two totally different things."

This year's ride has a unique father-daughter aspect with Larry Blythe, age 67 from the Birdtown Community, and his daughter, Laura, age 39 from the Painttown Community.

and some of the previous riders. I ride an e-bike. That's what I started on. You can't ride the e-bike to Oklahoma. But, they're like, 'If you can do what we're doing, even on an e-bike, you can make it to Oklahoma'. So, it was sort of a thing to challenge myself."

He added, "I think getting out of it is the cultural piece for me. I'd been in tribal office a long time and you think you know a lot about a lot - you don't. So, I'm hoping to gain more knowledge and pass it on to my grandkids and my own children - some of them, I don't know if they've ever been to Oklahoma. So, to experience what those folks went through and the terrain, I think that's going to give me a good mental picture. Then, of course the stops and where they would've camped or had meetings or whatever along the way. So, it's a combination of that."



Caleb Hickman and Michael Lavoie, wildlife officials with the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians, stand alongside the Tuckasegee River. (DAN CHAPMAN/USFWS photos)

‘A New Beginning’

Cherokee, USFW Service work together to preserve the land, relationship

By DAN CHAPMAN

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Public Affairs Specialist

Seven miles outside town, in the fertile valley that runs alongside the Tuckasegee River, lies the heart of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Remnants of a ceremonial mound more than a thousand years old are all that remain of “the Mother Town,” or Kituwah.

The Cherokee, whose homeland once covered the Southern Appalachian mountains, consider Kituwah hallowed ground. Today, fittingly, it is also a conservation

centerpiece for scientists with the tribe, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), and other agencies.

Ecologists and biologists monitor sicklefin redhorse suckers in the Tuckasegee. They track migratory birds – indigo buntings, Carolina wrens, scarlet tanagers -- streaming through the valley along the Atlantic Flyway. And they plant fields of milkweed and other pollinator bushes to nurture butterflies and bees.

Kituwah represents just a portion of the collaborative conservation work between the tribe and Fish and Wildlife. The Cherokee have received nearly \$2 million in wildlife grants, and more from other programs, from the Service the last 20 years for a slew of wildlife and habitat improvement

projects. A slug of federal money could head the tribe’s way if Congress approves the Recovering America’s Wildlife Act. And the Biden administration’s push to “conserve, connect and restore” 30 percent of the nation’s lands and waters by 2030, known as the America the Beautiful initiative, offers numerous conservation opportunities for the tribe.

The Service-Cherokee relationship appears on track. That wasn’t always the case.

“There’s a new beginning, in some ways, with this administration,” says Mike Lavoie, the tribe’s natural resources manager. “We’re hopeful, in the long term, that we’ll move forward in a positive direction.”

Changing course

Congress, in 1830, passed the

Indian Removal Act which led to the expulsion of 3,500 Cherokee from western North Carolina. Several hundred Native Americans, though, evaded capture by slipping deeper into the mountains or coming to agreements with state officials. They were joined by other Cherokee and, within a decade, had bought back 50,000 acres of their own land. Today, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians count 16,093 enrolled tribal members and a thriving tourism- and casino-based economy in the shadows of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Like most Native Americans the Cherokee have had a tempestuous relationship with the federal government. A sovereign nation, with a deep love and respect for the natural world, their differenc-

es extend to conservation. They oppose construction of two Great Plains oil pipelines that cross tribal lands pushed by the Trump administration in 2017. They were outraged when the White House that same year reduced the size of the sacred Bears Ears National Monument and opened it up for oil and gas exploration. Federal edicts lessening protections for gray wolves and migratory birds further inflamed Native Americans.

The Biden administration halted one pipeline. It returned Bears Ears, and another Utah monument, to its original size. Industries will, once again, be required to more fully protect migratory birds. And, in September, the Service announced it will review whether to reinstate federal protections for the gray wolf.

There are subtler actions, and symbolic ones too, taken by the Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior. Service biologists consult more frequently with tribal counterparts on Endangered Species Act, climate change, and wildlife plans. Leopoldo Miranda-Castro, the Service's regional director in the South Atlantic, Gulf and Mississippi Basin regions, met virtually this year with the Eastern Band's Principal Chief, Richard Sneed, as well as with other Southeastern tribal officials. And nothing sent a stronger signal of cooperation and respect than the nomination of Deb Haaland, a member of the Laguna Pueblo tribe, as Interior secretary.

"For me, what's most important, is that we have been able to start building a good relationship based on trust," Miranda-Castro says. "I see our nation-to-nation relationship blossoming into a great partnership. And it all starts and ends with people."



Kituwah, or the Mother Town of the Cherokee, sits in a lush valley between Cherokee and Bryson City and along the Tuckasegee River.

Lavoie credits Miranda-Castro, and the Service overall, with a greater willingness to work with the tribe and to uphold its "trust responsibility" which requires the agency to seriously consider how its actions impact the Cherokee. He adds, "We need the Service to be more proactive and come to our lands to understand our story and our needs."

'A big success'

Lavoie and Caleb Hickman, the tribe's wildlife ecologist, stand along the banks of the Tuckasegee, at the edge of Kituwah, where the sicklefin redhorse once teemed. The suckers -- "the salmon of the South," Lavoie says -- filled Cherokee bellies and represent, today, important cultural and recreational reminders of a time gone by. Endemic to but a handful of Appalachian counties, the fish that grow up to two feet in length succumbed over the centuries to erosion, pollution, dams, and predators.

In 2005, the Service designated the redhorse (ugidatli, or

OYUŁC, in Cherokee) a candidate for the endangered species list. A decade later, the Service, the tribe and other agencies signed a Candidate Conservation Agreement, a voluntary pact to improve the fish's habitat, and prospects for survival, with hopes of avoiding the more stringent restrictions of the ESA. Scientists catch sicklefinns from the Tuckasegee, Oconaluftee and Little Tennessee rivers and squeeze eggs from their bellies. The eggs are then hatched at the Warm Springs (Ga.) National Fish Hatchery before returning as fingerlings to the region's waters. The Service and the tribe routinely electro-fish the rivers, including the Tuckasegee, to determine how their propagation efforts are faring. The ultimate goal is to return a healthy population of sicklefinns to the Oconaluftee which runs through the heart of the Cherokee nation.

"The sicklefin project is a good example of the partnership, or co-production, between the tribe

and the Service," Hickman says as a Canadian goose shoots upstream.

Bryan Thompkins, a biologist in the Service's Asheville field office, gets high marks from Hickman and others for collaboration with the tribe.

"The sicklefin was the first big project I worked on where everybody was in total agreement," he says. "So far, it's definitely been a big success. But the biggest thing, to me, has been the relationship-building, bringing all the stakeholders together and working towards a common goal."

Sicklefin weren't the first fish to benefit from the relationship. In 2003, the Cherokee received \$250,000 from the Service to fix up their rundown hatchery and buy ATVs to stock trout in hard-to-reach streams. The tribe has since won a number of tribal wildlife grants with the goal, mainly, of identifying the 57,000-acre

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CONSERVATION: Tribe, USFWS working together, from 15

reservation's natural resources and developing plans to bolster habitats for plants, fish, birds and other animals. And, with trees covering 85 percent of the Qualla Boundary, the denizens of the forest receive special consideration. "There's a big need to collect better information about what biodiversity looks like on our landscape, and what areas should be better conserved," Lavoie says.

'Focal points'

He and Hickman pull up to a salt shed perched behind a chain-link fence in the Birdtown Community. Nothing's out of the ordinary, except for a long pole affixed to the fence with an acoustic detection system that picks up the high-frequency chirps of

bats flying by. Twelve bat species have been documented within the Qualla Boundary, including federally-endangered Indiana and gray bats, and threatened northern long-eared bats. All are succumbing to the deadly white-nose syndrome, a fungal disease that has decimated bat populations across the country. The tribe has monitored bats since 2004.

"There's a lot of work around bats that's related to development on tribal lands," Lavoie says. "It's complicated and controversial on the reservation. Tribal members have a tough time building homes in areas where bats are known to roost in the summer."

Under ESA rules, trees may not be cut if threatened or endangered bats live in them, unless the Service signs off. The process can be time-consuming. The Service

and the tribe are working on a plan to allow the "incidental take" of some bats without jeopardizing their existence.

"This is one of my focal points with the tribe. It's gone on long enough and it really does cause a lot of heartache," Thompson says. "Every time they want to build a house or something they have to come to us for a consultation. But I want to work this out so that they can make most of the decisions themselves."

He expects a final resolution this winter. The dispute, though, underscores the at-times prickly relationship between the Service and the Cherokee. Major conservation actions unfolding in Washington, though, could go a long way toward ameliorating Service-Cherokee relations.

The U.S. House passed, and the Senate is considering, legislation to spend \$1.3 billion each year on the long-term health of the nation's fish, wildlife, and habitats. The Recovering America's Wildlife Act would dedicate nearly \$100 million annually to tribes. Julie

Thorstenson, executive director of the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society, says the funding will "be a game-changer in Indian Country and allow tribes to really build that capacity and focus on species of greatest concern that are culturally important."

The Biden administration is also hashing out details of its America the Beautiful initiative to conserve 30 percent of the nation's lands and waters. Ten percent of the Cherokee reservation – 6,000 acres – is already designated a "tribal reserve." Hickman says the tribe protects the land, bisected by the Blue Ridge Parkway, for hunting, fishing, ceremonies, and traditional plant harvests. Yet more can be done.

"Connectivity across the landscape is an important issue here," he says. "We want to grab the reins of 30-by-30, and wave the flag. After all, we have thousands of years of experience with conservation, fire, forest management, and more. Who better to lead the charge than the Cherokee?"

MISSING PERSON

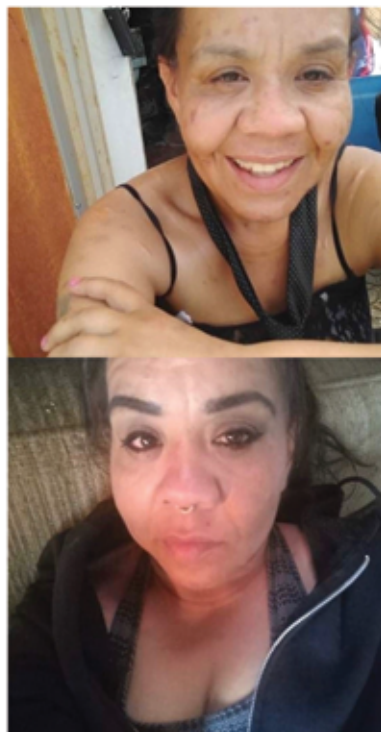
Brittaney Littledave - female

Cherokee Nation (Okla.) citizen

Height: 5'2/5'3
Weight: 130lbs
Age: 36
Eye and hair color: brown
Tattoos: left upper arm, Cherokee Nation Seal, right upper arm: flowers and butterflies, back of neck: laugh now cry later
She has a septum piercing which is the bull nose ring.

Brittaney has not been seen nor heard from since Sept. 5, 2021 at 12:39 p.m. There has been no activity on any of her social media as well since that time. Her last known place was in Fresno, Calif.

If you have any information or know of her current whereabouts, please contact Summer at (330) 432-0934 or the Fresno Police Dept. at (559) 621-7000.



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THANK YOU LETTER

Thanks to Vice Chief

My little family and I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr. B. Ensley and the Tribe for helping us. We have had a rough week due to some personal issues, but, thankfully our Tribe and our Vice Chief were able to help us so much! We are super grateful to have people like B. Ensley in a position to advocate and help people who truly need it. Thank you and our people in these other positions for everything over the Thanksgiving holiday!

Cecilia Mendoza

Fun facts from the Editor:

- * Despite common belief, your heart does not stop when you sneeze.
- * North Koreans must have one of 28 state-approved haircuts.
- * Velcro was invented by a Swiss guy who was inspired by the way burrs attached to clothing.



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In an emergency, call 911

Tribal Dispatch
497-4131

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

Tribal Fire and Rescue
359-6584

Tribal EMS
359-6450 or 497-6402

Cherokee Indian Hospital
497-9163

EBCI TRANSIT NUMBERS

**Transit Main Line
Dispatch**
359-6300

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

Phone Numbers for Cherokee elders

Cherokee Indian Hospital main line
497-9163

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

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

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

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

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

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

EBCI Domestic Violence
359-6830

EBCI Emergency Fuel Assistance
507-7825

Cherokee Immediate Care Clinic
554-5555

DaVita Cherokee Dialysis Center
497-6866

Snowbird Senior Center main line
479-9145

Tsali Manor main line
359-6860

John Welch Senior Center main line
835-9741

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

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

TABCC accepting retail permit applications

The Tribal ABC Commission is now accepting applications for Retail Permits. Applications can be picked up at the TABCC office Monday – Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact the TABCC office 788-4261.

- Tribal ABC Commission

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.

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/selfserve/5d1/210905?list=2>.

NATIONAL PARK NEWS

Single-lane closure on the Spur through Dec. 17

Great Smoky Mountains National Park announced that a weekday, single-lane closure will be implemented along the south-bound Spur between the Gatlinburg Bypass intersection and the city limits of Gatlinburg from Monday, Dec. 6 through Friday, Dec. 17. The closure will be in place during the weekdays between 7 a.m. on Mondays through 3 p.m. on Fridays. This temporary closure is necessary to safely allow utility work along the road shoulder by the City of Gatlinburg. Motorists are asked to reduce speeds and use extra caution while traveling through the work zone.

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WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

DEC. 6-12, 2021

WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
Tuckaseigee River	N/A	Mid-day.	Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Brown Trout.	Midges, Golden Stonefly, Light Cahill, Terrestrials, BWO.	Streamers, eggs, hares ears, pheasant tails, Woolly Buggers.
Chattooga & Whitewater Rivers	Follow posted regulations. Wild Trout.	Mid-day.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	Midges, Golden Stonefly, Light Cahill, Terrestrials, BWO.	Black, Grey & Olive Midges, Adams, Light Cahill, Royal Wull, Royal Coachman, Elk Hair Caddis.
Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River & Small Streams	Follow Posted Regulations - Wild Trout	Mid-day.	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout	Midges, Golden Stonefly, Light Cahill, BWO.	Black, Grey & Olive Midges, Adams, Light Cahill, Royal Wull, Royal Coachman, BWO, Elk Hair Caddis.

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MONDAY, DEC. 6 GOOD	TUESDAY, DEC. 7 AVERAGE	WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8 AVERAGE	THURSDAY, DEC. 9 AVERAGE+	FRIDAY, DEC. 10 AVERAGE	SATURDAY, DEC. 11 AVERAGE+	SUNDAY, DEC. 12 AVERAGE
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OBITUARIES Jh8fR

Frances (Sue) Jean Huskey Green

Frances (Sue) Jean Huskey Green, 81, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021. She was born July 5, 1940 to the late John and Ruth Lambert Huskey. Frances lived in the 3200 Acre Tract of Cherokee.

She was a member of Harmony Baptist Church on Deep Creek.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Charles Silas Green; one son, Richard Huskey; three brothers, Donald Huskey, John Huskey, Jr., Taylor (Ted) Huskey; and sister, Phyllis Huskey Eller.

She is survived by six children, Elvis Crisp (Theron), Connie Rose, Billy Green (Beth), Charles Ray (Sherry), Tina Donkor (Prince), Alvin Green (Theresa); 15 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; three brothers, Sanford Ham Huskey (Gail), Beecher Huskey (Linda), Woodrow Huskey; and two sisters, Caroline Huskey and Judy Bird.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 4 in the chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Rev. Lowell York officiated with burial in the Birdtown Cemetery.

Aaron Elton Hornbuckle

Aaron Elton Hornbuckle, 43, passed peacefully at home in Tucson, Ariz. on Oct. 30, 2021.

Aaron is survived by his wife, Dadaa C. Hornbuckle; his three children, Forrest B. Hornbuckle (mother, Crystal McCartney), Luvenia N. Hornbuckle (mother, Ladonna Ventura), and Ahyoka D. Hornbuckle (mother, Shasha Yazzie); his mother, Helen J. Hornbuckle; siblings, Thurman Hornbuckle III (Sherry), Michael T. Hornbuckle, Daniel L. Hornbuckle, Keona H. Long (Hornbuckle) and Yohna Z. Hornbuckle.

Aaron was preceded in spirit by his paternal grandparents, Thurman and Luvenia Hornbuckle I; and his father, Dr. Thurman Hornbuckle II.

Aaron was a very devoted and loving father, husband, son, brother, and educator.

He was passionate about so many things; supporting his children to be happy and accomplished, traveling with his wife, sharing his Cherokee Native culture, riding his motorcycle and working with kids as an educator. His warm and comedic personality will truly be missed.

A graveside ceremony has been scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. Hornbuckle Family Cemetery, hillside at the end of Old Mormon Church Road, Cherokee, North Carolina. Please wear red and black in memory of Aaron's favorite colors.

Marvin Eugene Forney, Jr.

Marvin (Buster) Eugene Forney Jr., 64, of Waynesville, who resided in Sylva, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2021.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Alice Mae (Wolfe) Forney (of 20 years) and parents, Marvin Eugene Forney Sr. and Helen Castana (Churchwell) Forney.

He is survived by four sisters, Mallie Forney of Waynesville, Marie (Michael) Graham of Canton, Pearl (Fredrick) Riley of Clayton, Evelyn Stephens of Wilson, two brothers, Jonas Forney (Estella McKinney) of Canton, Daryl (Kim) Forney of Waynesville; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He is also survived by the family of his late wife Alice Mae Forney which includes, stepchildren, Sherry Wachacha and Tracy (Antonio) Ramos, both of Sylva; brothers-in-law, Robert Wolfe (Nita) and Glenn Wolfe, both of Cherokee; sisters-in-law, Mary Lambert (Earnest), Pearl

Wolfe, and Berdina Salazar all of Cherokee; 10 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Buster enjoyed watching football especially the Cowboys and Redskins. He enjoyed the grandchildren by giving them chocolate and sodas when they came to visit. He couldn't go a day without his word search books and his guard dog not bigger than a loaf of bologna! A direct quote from Johnboy.

A formal funeral service was held on Monday, Dec. 6 at the Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church on Big Cove Rd. with Reverends Ann French and Pastor Noah Crowe officiating.

Following the service, a burial took place in the Wolfe Cemetery along Howard Wolfe Rd. in the Big Cove Community where pall bearers were Michael Wolfe, Johnboy Wolfe, Reno Guerrero, Chago Guerrero, Corbin Guerrero, and Miguel Guerrero.

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

Herbert (Larce) (Buttons) George

Herbert (Larce) (Buttons) George, 66, of the Big Y Community, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Friday, Dec. 3, 2021.

A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Joe and Edith Crowe George. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by brothers, Denny Crowe, Shon George, Simon George, and Albert George; and a sister, Mary Hornbuckle.

He is survived by one son, Little Joe George (Tori) of Bryson City; grandchildren, Delilah Grace, and Kailin Josiah; one brother, Joseph Cain; and several nieces and nephews, and good friends, Roberta Bark, Thelma and Velma Bark, and Goodlow Bark.

Funeral Services were held

Wednesday, Dec. 8 at Old Antioch Baptist Church. Pastors Ben Reed and James (Bear) Lambert officiated with burial at George Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were nephews.

Ronnie Curtis Bradley

Ronnie Curtis Bradley, 65, of Cherokee, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021 while at his home in the Wolftown Community of Cherokee.

Ronnie was the son of the late Raymond Bradley and Louise Beatrice (Raby) Bradley and the loving husband of Cheryl (Bolen) Bradley of the home.

Ronnie was an outdoorsman who loved reading Louis L'Amour books. He was a woodcarver and made his way by his skill and craft. Ronnie is survived by his daughter, Veronica Bradley and a step-son, Nicholas Bolen; two grandchildren, Derrick Taylor and Damon Taylor; five great-grandchildren, Zaynon Taylor, Aniyah Taylor, Jacoby Taylor, Kylan Taylor and Riley Taylor; brothers, Ray H. Bradley (Darlene) and J.R. Bradley; sister, Sue B. Hornbuckle; nieces, Tinker Bradley Howard (Dale Franklin), Sabrina Hornbuckle; great-nieces, Donan Jones (Nick) Rogue and Marlie; nephews, Ray Bradley Jr., Randy Bradley, and Steve Bradley; and great-nephews, Evan and Jared Howard and Regian Ball.

Following Ronnie's request, the Family held a private family service and he was placed among his family at the Bradley Cemetery along Macedonia Rd. on Wednesday, Dec. 8 with pall bearers being Ray Bradley, Jr., Dale Franklin, Damon Taylor, Jared Howard, and Nick Jones.

Long House Funeral Home is assisting the family in the final arrangements.

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COMMENTARY

When it is time to dance, who leads?

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

One Feather Editor

A small group of people have been diligently at work in an attempt to engage community input for a tribal constitution. There have been several people who have engaged (the most recent effort has had, at various times, the presence of lawyers, judges, and many other prominent community members who actively contributed to the crafting and drafting of the constitution). After their first draft presentation to Tribal Council, many of the people who had engaged in that draft moved on to other projects.

During the draft presentation, several criticisms came from the Council regarding the content of the proposed constitution. The consensus was that, in the eyes of the Tribal Council, the constitution was just not refined enough to go to the people for consideration through referendum. To my knowledge, elected officials did not provide any direct input into the crafting of the draft, because they themselves said that a constitution needs to come from the people, but when the Constitution Committee brought forth a document for the people to consider, the Tribal Council denied the people a chance to consider it. Their ratio-

nale at the time was that they were obligated to make sure that the constitution represented the will of the people before the people could consider it in referendum.

Much of the consternation with the draft was that it was perceived as long or too long for the constituency to absorb and understand. This is something we have heard from government officials before. The idea is that the average community member just doesn't know enough, isn't capable of understanding the language, or wouldn't be able to grasp the consequences of action prescribed by a governing document.

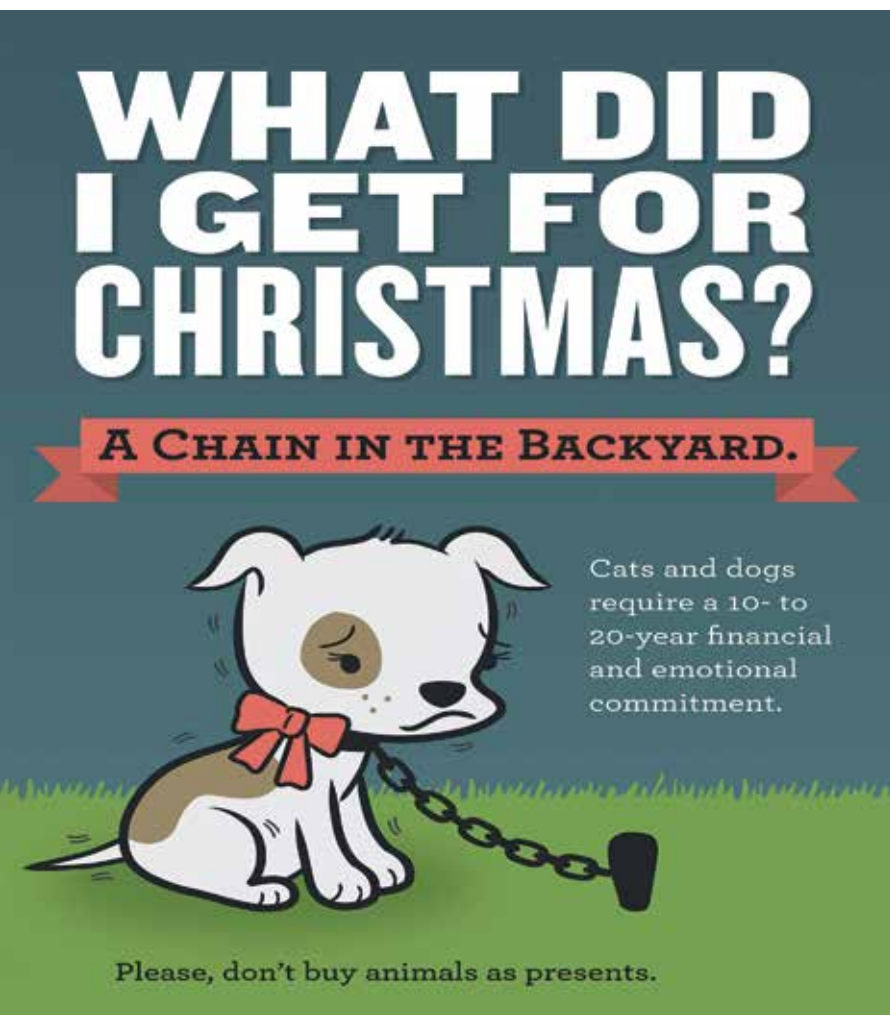
Remember all the discussions we have had about closed sessions? Read the Cherokee Code Section 117-45.3 Subsection 2 d (12). Maybe I am understanding it wrong. You decide. Currently, the privilege of knowing and the government sharing information isn't dependent on my level of understanding. It only requires that I have an interest in knowing. And my privilege of knowing certainly doesn't depend on someone else's opinion of my ability to understand.

Over the course of 2021, beginning in January, the Cherokee One Feather provided a forum for the Constitution Committee to present the draft constitution, a section and many times, a subsection each week, with a brief commentary to attempt to explain to our community how each piece of the constitution would work. In each piece, each week, contact information was provided so that the community would have an avenue to contribute and engage in the

process. Each week, an email address and website were promoted to the community so that all who wished could participate in editing the draft. Out of the roughly 11,000 tribal citizens who are or will be voting age by the time a referendum might be considered on the constitution, a very small fraction have voiced any feedback to the committee regarding the draft. Efforts continue to ensure that all or as many who wish to be educated on the content have a copy of the draft and information on how to engage.

One of the challenges to getting the draft into the hands of tribal citizens is obtaining access to contact information. Both enrollment and voter contact information are considered confidential by the Tribe. The Constitution Committee, while sanctioned by the government, is not considered a governmental entity and, even if they were, might not qualify to receive the names and addresses of voters or those of voting age from our government. Once the constitution draft makes it over the hurdle of approval to go to referendum by Tribal Council, the Election Board will then likely be willing to distribute the draft to eligible voters but is unlikely to participate in any citizen education process until then.

Most, if not all, elected officials have expressed that the Tribe needs a constitution. But public engagement by elected officials has been limited. In the most recent candidate debates, candidates and incumbents for Tribal Council seats touted their endorsement of "a constitution" for the Tribe, but



when asked if they had read the currently proposed constitution, most said they had either only read portions of the draft, or they had not read it at all. This is interesting since one of the arguments raised against the draft presented to Tribal Council was that it was too long for the average person to understand.

If you take a quick read of the 1868 Lloyd Welch Constitution, and particularly the 1875 amendments to that constitution, you will find much of the current Charter language came from those 1875 amendments. There appears to be, in the 1868 original, a Tribal Council established of 12 representatives. Then, November 26, 1870, there was an establishment of a grand council, which consisted of 23 delegates (according to the count of delegate names in the

Lloyd Welch Constitution). Those early Cherokee citizens did understand the importance of community input and direct authority in governance decisions, because this larger body (the grand council) was given the ability to have “all acts done, made, and confirmed in grand council, as aforesaid, shall be binding upon all members belonging to or constituting the aforesaid band, in all matters held in common interest of said band and not otherwise.” This grand council had the authority to establish place and time for an annual meeting and all their decisions superseded all other governmental actions.

My guess is that over the years the grand council has been morphed into the concept of community clubs. That is a guess since I have not researched that transition

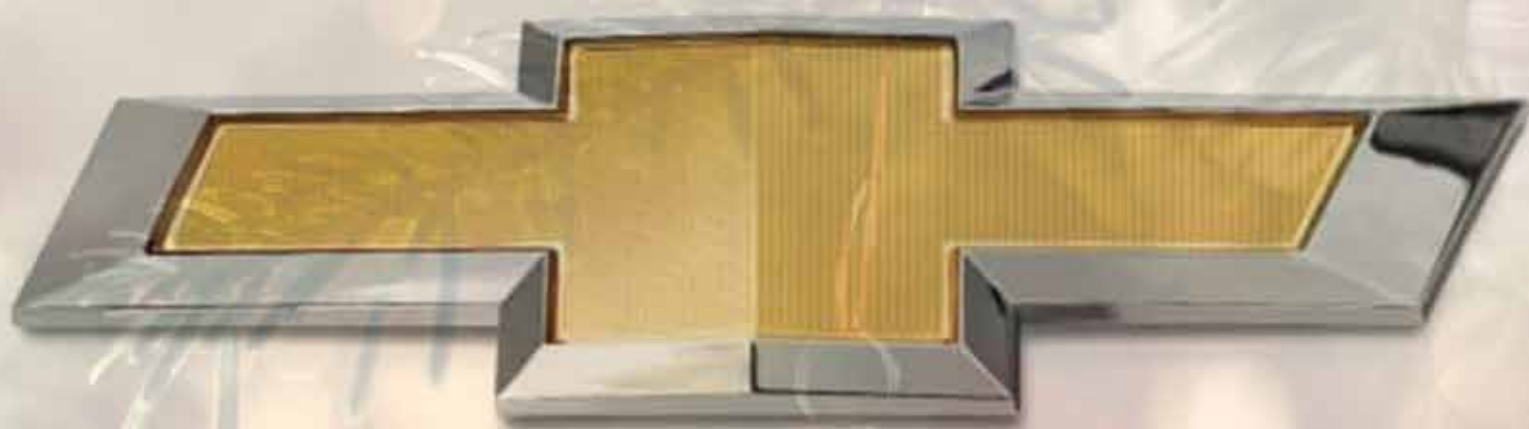
and based on recent public discussions among our tribal officials, most do not know the history of the transition away from the grand council concept either.

A right of the people should not be able to be done or undone by a governing body. By excising a portion of the Lloyd Welch document to create the Charter, important civil rights of the citizenry have been left out. It is hard to see this at first glance, because some of those rights have been transformed into “privileges” through the vehicle of the EBCI Code of Ordinances.

The hard pill to swallow is when you realized that certain rights that should be codified and guaranteed constitutionally, are not even in your governing document. They are considered privileges in code that may be taken

from you with a 2/3 vote of any sitting governing body and some privileges may be removed with as little as a simple majority of a Tribal Council if a Principal Chief concurs in its removal.

I have not heard many, if any, of my fellow tribal citizens say that they prefer to only have a say in governance whenever an election rolls around. I have heard few of my fellow tribal members say they think that certain of their rights should potentially be reduced or taken away because government considers them to be privileges, instead of what they are. When it comes to dance of governance, the governing document should be a constitution of the people, by the people, for the people. Our tribal community and its citizens are the founders of the dance. It should be us who lead.



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SPEAKING OF FAITH

Bearing much fruit...

By Rev. Timothy L. Melton, Pastor

(Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate)

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

Isaiah 37:30-33

“Go back to Isaiah, yes, and we see this is the Day. We see what happens on Day One of the first year, Year Two and then in Year Three, we see it is where we will reap what has been sown by us. We will have planted vineyards and we will eat the fruit thereof. I believe in these very last of days, God is busy looking for some people who will get their root system right, so their fruit system will be right. It is so that God can use what He’s building in us to change the nations around us, Amen,” said Pastor Melton.

“Believe that in these last days, there will be great blessing and abundant glory. Amen. For those who will say to the Lord, ‘it’s me, Lord. It’s me. Use me!’ The question comes, ‘Will one pay the price it takes to get where one needs to be?’”

God speaks in verse 31 that if one’s root system grows downward properly, then they will bear good fruit upwardly. God has said He will do this in those who are willing.

In verse 32, He said, it will be the zeal of the Lord in one who will do it. In other words, God is zealous over one’s fruit. And in verse 33, He says this, “Therefore, thus saith the Lord, concerning the King of Assyria” (he is the representative of the enemy of God’s people here.) “He shall not come into this city nor shoot an arrow there. Yeah, nor come before it with shields, nor cast any bank against it. By the same way he came he shall return.”

“He shall not come into this city,” saith the Lord, “I will defend this city to save it for My Own Sake and for My servant David.” Hallelu-jah!

“Here’s what the Lord sent me to say, “For those who allow their root to grow downward and their fruit to grow upward. For those who will settle themselves in the Lord, with everything they’ve got. It’s not about what we used to do. It’s not about yesterday, it’s about today,” Pastor added.

If one will say, “I’m going to put my roots deep into the Word of God. I’m going to put

my time in, spending it in prayer. I’m going to spend time with the Lord for He is the One who tells me, ‘I am the ‘branch’ and He is the trunk of this thing.’ How many realize today, He has said, “I will turn the enemy out of your city, and I’ll send him out the same way he came in.”

How many know every devil that has come into this city, with the drug dealers can go back the same way. Amen? Every demon or devil that has come into the city, bringing substance and alcohol abuse or, sexual perversions and confusion that have come to break people, how many know He can drive them right back out?

“It is written, (I’m not making any of this up) The Bible says, ‘it is your job to produce the fruit.’ And, the Lord says, ‘It’s My job to defend it.’ (Thank You, Lord!) “So, it’s your job to become a fruit-bearing tree planted by these rivers of living water.”

“Come on, this is where you can literally say, (and it is when you can know your roots are right!) One can say to a doctor who tells them, “You have cancer, you’re going to die.”

And, one can answer, “I shall not die, No.” Or... if my kid’s acting a fool and I respond saying to them, “No you can’t”, “I shall not be moved.” Or... “The preacher didn’t shake my hand; I shall not move.” Come on! Look at your neighbor, and tell them, “I shall not be moved.” “I don’t care how many things come against me; I shall not be moved.” “I am a tree planted, that’s right. By the waters, Glory to God! I shall not be moved!” “My fruit shall not be cast before its time. My fruit shall not rot on the vine. When He’s done in me, He’s going to duplicate what He’s done in me in others!”

A pastor’s quick truth: “How many seeds are there in an apple? How many can count how many apples there are in a seed?”

“Each person has been called to produce fruit. Not just fruit that comes and goes. One can still have peace. This work is not temporary. It didn’t come to pass; it came to stay! The pruning process, fully completed, produces better fruit.”



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*Sow for yourselves
righteousness;
reap in mercy;
break up your fallow
ground, for it is time
to seek the Lord, till
He comes and rains
righteousness on you.*

 HOSEA 10:12 

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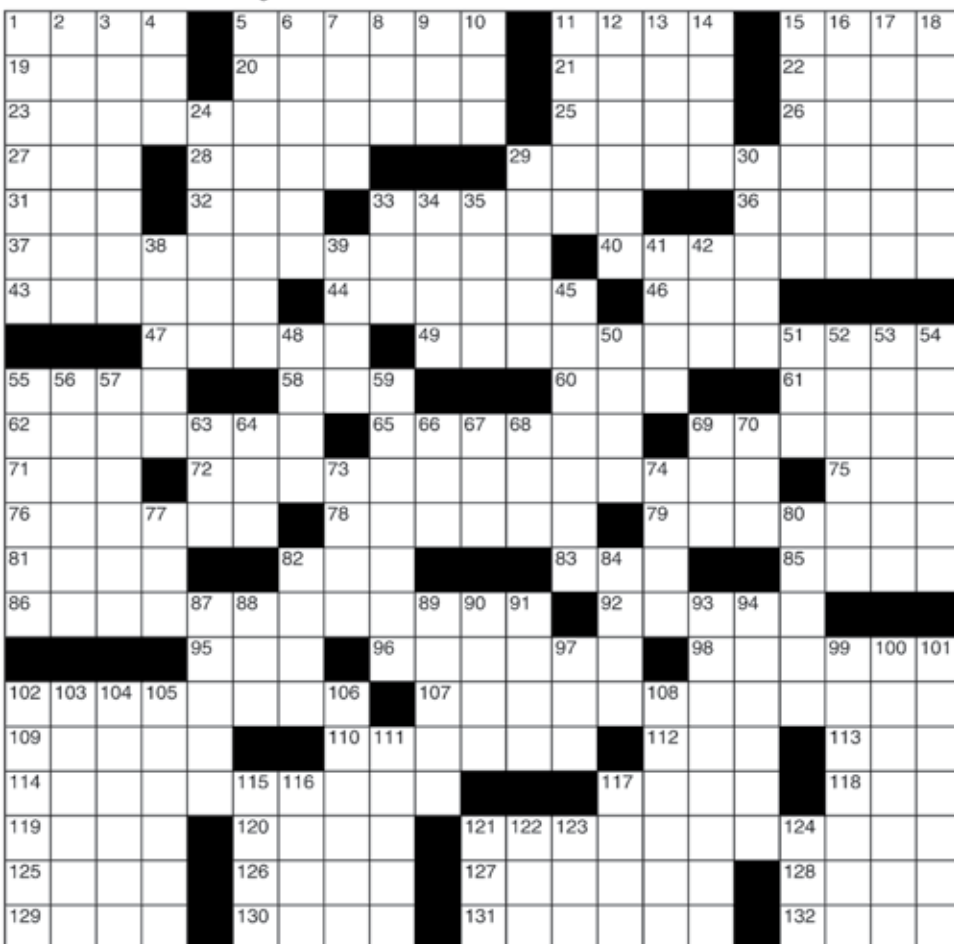
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ACROSS

- 1 Agree (with)
5 Ability to cope well with difficulty
11 Mini-devils
15 Girl
19 Forget to say
20 Vocation
21 Heist booty
22 — Stanley Gardner
23 She played Kira Nerys on "Deep Space Nine"
25 Sicilian resort city
26 Rain-starved
27 Get riper
28 Taken with
29 Legendary nude horse rider
31 Small bird
32 Enhaloed Fr. woman
33 Lightning source, as shortened in weather reports
36 Like wicker baskets
37 Rotating rocket ride at Disney theme parks
40 Alternatives to dice
43 Has the helm
- 44 Exactly
46 Lime drink
47 "Oh, go on!"
49 Kevin Bacon's "Footloose" role
55 Spring-loaded stick
58 R&B's Rawls
60 Suffix with script
61 Elvis — Presley
62 Twitched, as a muscle
65 Pasta strip
69 Raiment
71 — and yang
72 Depressing or untidy sort
75 Santa —, California
76 Overprotect
78 Most ashen
79 Discovered
81 Old cracker brand
82 Short time, for short
83 Sheeran and O'Neill
85 Regatta tools
86 Grammy nominee for writing the Lee Ann Womack hit "I May Hate Myself in the Morning"
- 92 Retort to "No you're not!"
95 Moray, say
96 Gin mill
98 Be emphatic
102 Moniker for Boston's locale
107 Flying disc renamed
"Frisbee" in 1957
109 Zones
110 FDR part
112 "Indeedy"
113 "Law & Order: —" (NBC series since '99)
114 Silly grin
117 Gravy Train competitor
118 Insult, in rap
119 Be very mad
120 Baseball's Ty
121 Their names begin eight answers in this puzzle
125 Wields
126 Major city in Norway
127 Squirrel food
128 Actress Hathaway
129 Period before 6-Down
130 Close-call cry
131 Present in a different form

DOWN

- 1 Piano recital pieces
2 Free-verse poet
3 Kitchen nook
4 Hellenic H
5 Red apple
6 It follows Holy Week
7 Stooges, e.g.
8 New Year in Vietnam
9 Zodiac sign
10 Mess up
11 "Word has it ..."
12 Munchies from Mars
13 Pint-size
14 Smeltery junk
15 Entice
16 Get there
17 Split-off bit
18 Alternatives to coupes
24 Sun blockers
29 Oscar winner
Sophia
30 Proprietor
33 Uncle, in Spanish
34 Sky shiner
35 Head, in French
38 Creditors' takebacks
- 39 Square in the first column of a bingo card
41 Speed
42 Nuptial vow
45 Try to equal
48 "We're No Angels" actor — Ray
50 Regatta group
51 Gym pad
52 Pop singer Grande
53 Intersection
54 Presses and stretches
55 Hitchcock film of 1960
56 Downer drug
57 India's Indira
59 Takes stuff out of a suitcase
63 Nero's 1,550
64 Up 'til
66 Popeye's Olive
67 Lofty poem
68 "ER" roles
69 Exist
70 Luggage-screening org.
73 Oil gp.
74 "Frozen" heroine
77 Fawn nurser
80 Men's perch
82 Road deicer
- 84 T. rex, e.g.
87 U.S. flag sewer Ross
88 Meadowland
89 Sappy tree
90 Earthen cooking pot
91 Person, place or thing
93 Motorist's distance marker
94 Attach with a click
97 Siouan tribe
99 "All finished!"
100 "Kids" actress Chloë
101 Bridge supports
102 Amount a sack will hold
103 Stimulate
104 Naval petty officers
105 Most secure
106 OK for eating
108 Traffic cones
111 Funny bone locale
115 Garbage barge
116 Dance violently
117 Razor choice
121 Uber order
122 Fabulous flier
123 Fabled flier
124 "Zip-a-Dee-Dee- —"



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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1. Is the book of Luke in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
 2. From Matthew 1:18, when Mary became pregnant, she and Joseph were ...? Married, Engaged, Just friends, Strangers
 3. How many times is "nativity" mentioned in the Bible (KJV)? Zero, 1, 2, 7
 4. At the birth of Jesus, who was king of Judaea? Solomon, Herod, Balak, Belshazzar
 5. What was the home city of Mary and Joseph? Capernaum, Nazareth, Apeke, Shechem
 6. Which of these wasn't a gift from the wise men (Magi)? Silver, Myrrh, Gold, Frankincense
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1. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president signed legislation that made Christmas a national holiday?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of dragonflies called?
3. MOVIES: Who played the role of Father Chuck O'Malley in "Going My Way"?
4. FOOD & DRINK: In what year was the famous Toll House chocolate chip cookie first made?
5. LANGUAGE: What is the international radio code word for the letter M?
6. TELEVISION: What's the name of the mom on "Family Guy"?
7. PERSONALITIES: Which famous boxer's nickname is "The Manassa Mauler"?
8. HISTORY: Over which empire did Genghis Khan rule?
9. GEOGRAPHY: The Appian Way is an ancient road in what country?
10. MEASUREMENTS: How many milliliters are in 1 cup?



HAPPENINGS

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

EVENTS

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Jan's 2021 Christmas Bazaar.

Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Dec. 10 at 9 a.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds exhibit hall. Food by NAIWA. School children will not be attending. Info: Jan 497-2037

Turkey Shoots at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community.

Dec. 11 at 3 p.m., sponsored by Randy Saunooke. Dec. 17 at 3 p.m., for the Big Cove Free Labor Group. Good fun, great prizes, great benefits.

SPORTS EVENTS

8th Generation Lady Crimson

8U Fast Pitch Tryouts.

Dec. 11 at 1 p.m. and Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. at the Swain Co. Rec. Park in Bryson City. Only need to attend one try-out date. Make-ups can be offered. Info: 788-3612 or email 8thgeneration@gmail.com

Cherokee Fitness Complex 24-hour plans

The Cherokee Fitness Complex is open 24 hours a day. Business hours are Monday – Thursday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday from 5 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Stop by during those normal business

hours to purchase your plan call for membership rates. Normal hours of operation (business hours) are free for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; however, 24-hour access is \$25/month with a one-time \$20 initiation fee. There are discounts for 6-month (one month free) and yearly (3 months free) plans. For non-enrolled members, 24-hour access is available for same rate of their current membership plan plus an extra \$25/month with a one-time initiation fee. Info: 359-6494 or follow Cherokee Fitness Complex on Facebook.

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

Attention EBCI Artists/Craftspeople

The One Feather is developing a list of Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians artists and craftspeople to help get your name out there for potential buyers. If you would like to be included, please send your name, contact information (phone, email, etc.), and what mediums you are selling to: Scott at scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov or message us on our Facebook page.

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How do you say that in Cherokee?

You go.
hena

You and I go.
hinena

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

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Puzzle Answers

— Super Crossword —

Answers

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OMIT	CAREER	HAUL	ERLE
NANAVISITOR	ENNA	ARID	
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ASTROORBITER	SPINNERS		
STEERS	TOATEE	ADE	
PSHAW	REN	MCCORMACK	
POGO	LOU	URE	ARON
SPASMED	NOODLE	ATTIRE	
YIN	DROOPYDRAWERS	ANA	
CODDLE	PALEST	LEARNED	
HIHO	SEC	EDS	OARS
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EEL	SALOON	INSIST	
BAYSTATE	PLUTOPLATTER		
AREAS	DELANO	YEP	SVU
GOOFYSMILE	ALPO	DIS	
FUME	COBB	CARTOONDOGS	
USES	OSLO	ACORNS	ANNE
LENT	WHEW	RECAST	HEYS

— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

3	2	1	4	9	5	8	7	6
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BIBLE TRIVIA
by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Engaged; 3) 7 (4 times in Ezekiel); 4) Herod; 5) Nazareth; 6) Silver

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

Answers

- Ulysses Grant
- A swarm
- Bing Crosby
- 1938
- Mike
- Lois Griffin
- Jack Dempsey
- The Mongol Empire
- Italy. The road connected Rome and Brindisi.
10. 250

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Museum of the Cherokee Indian announces new lecture series

The Museum of the Cherokee Indian has announced its debut Winter Lecture Series, a free and exclusively virtual program held on select Wednesdays in December 2021, January 2022, and February 2022. Under the theme of Cultural and Language Preservation and Revitalization, the series features panelists from the EBCI and Cherokee Nation communities exploring the necessity of cultural and language preservation and revitalization.

"This subject is of the utmost importance," says Jenn Wilson, Aniyu-wiyahi Community Program Coordinator at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. "If we can encourage a greater interest and enthusiasm for it, then we can make headway in pursuing the preservation and revitalization of our language and culture amongst our tribal community members. It is our goal through this endeavor to foster a closer relationship with our community at large and to become a safe space for them to research, learn, and create."

The series kicks off on Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. with Miss Cherokee 2021-22 Tyra Maney, sharing her platform through an interactive live Q&A session. The Q&A continues Dec. 15 as Teen Miss Cherokee Tsini McCoy, Junior Miss Cherokee Makaula Lambert, and Little Miss Cherokee Trinnity Jackson discuss their own pageant platforms. Attendees are encouraged to submit questions in advance to Jenn Wilson at jenn.wilson@mci.org.

All events are free of charge and hosted virtually on Airmeeet. Space is limited, and attendees may register for each panel they would like to attend via the links below. Additional information, including panelist bios, can be found at <https://mci.org/learn/programming>.

Dec. 8 at 3 p.m.: Live Q&A with 2021-2022 Miss Cherokee

Panelist: Miss Cherokee: Tyra Maney

Tyra Maney, 2021-22 Miss Cherokee, leads a Q&A session focused on her platform of Cultural Revitalization and traditional practices that are endangered or have been lost due to colonization. Attendees are encouraged to submit questions in advance to Jenn Wilson at jenn.wilson@mci.org.

Dec. 15 at 3p.m.: Live Q&A with 2021-2022 EBCI Royalty

Panelists: Teen Miss Cherokee: Tsini McCoy, Junior Miss Cherokee: Makaula Lambert, Little Miss Cherokee: Trinnity Jackson

Join 2021-2022 EBCI royalty as they discuss their pageant platforms. Attendees are encouraged to submit questions in advance to Jenn Wilson at jenn.wilson@mci.org.

Jan. 12 at 3 p.m.: Language & Identity:

Methods of Revitalization

Panelists: Landon French, David Jumper, Kelly Murphy

Join Cherokee language instructors as they consider methods for revitalization—and the urgent need to put those methods into practice.

Jan. 26 at 3 p.m.: Art, Language, & Culture

Panelists: Roy Boney, Jeff Edwards, John Henry Gloyne, Keli Gonzalez
How can language influence art? Award-winning Cherokee Nation and EBCI visual artists share how the Cherokee language and syllabary inform and inspire their work.

Feb. 16 at 3 p.m.: Cultural Preservation

Panelists to be announced

What is culture? Speakers discuss historic cultural aspects, methods of preservation and revitalization, and how Cherokee culture appears today.

- Museum of the Cherokee Indian release

VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Veterans Service Groups Up and Running Again

Is your local Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars or American Legion up and running again? Many shut down over the past year due to COVID-19. Now, slowly, they're coming back. If you're eligible, this would be a good time to explore what they have to offer.

The DAV (www.dav.org) started back in 1920 and now has 1,300 chapters and over 1 million members. Its objective is to help disabled veterans and their families at no cost. In one year alone, the DAV provided nearly a quarter of a million rides to veterans going to doctor appointments. Last year, it helped veterans get over \$24 billion in benefits through assistance with Department of Veterans Affairs claims.

The VFW (www.vfw.org), with some 1.5 million members, was started back in 1899 to ensure that veterans got their rights and benefits. Eligibility includes either active duty or prior service with Honorable or General (Under Honorable Conditions) discharge with service on foreign soil or in a hostile area. Like the DAV, the VFW can help with filing a VA claim. If you've gone back to school, the VFW might be able to help with scholarships. If you're in a jam (food, rent, electric bill, for example), small cash grants (not loans) are available for members.

The American Legion (www.legion.org) has well over a dozen veterans programs including family and youth, community and national affairs. It was incorporated by Congress in 1919 as an organization devoted to mutual helpfulness with a focus on communities, patriotism and national security. Check the website for specific eligibility periods and posts near you. (There might be more than you think, with 15,000 scattered around the country.) One of the unsung benefits is the alliance between the Legion and USAA. Car insurance, bank account, credit card ... it's worth checking out.

Take a look at what these groups offer — better yet, what you can offer them.

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Beware Holiday Foods, Ornaments, Plants

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Please remind your readers of how important it is to keep their pets away from holiday foods. Some foods, like chocolate, can be deadly poisonous to dogs, while rich foods and ingredients like onions or raisins can be dangerous for cats and dogs. — *Jessica in New Jersey*

DEAR JESSICA: You told them, and thank you! The holiday season, with plenty of parties, family and food, can be hectic for everyone, but it's important to monitor pets and make sure they're kept away from potentially harmful items.

Many foods, not just chocolate but onions, grapes and raisins, nuts, avocados and other holiday foods can cause house pets great harm. Store them well out of reach, and keep pets out of the kitchen when cooking and away from serving tables. A more extensive list of common foods that can be poisonous to pets is available from the Humane Society of the United States (www.humanesociety.org).

Christmas tree ornaments also can potentially be harmful. Cats love knocking down glass ornaments and may accidentally ingest tinsel or other shiny strands. Dogs may gnaw on interesting packages or break into gift boxes of candy or fruit.

Even plants need to be kept out of reach: poinsettias, for example, are toxic to cats.

To minimize risk, place breakable ornaments higher on the tree and put plants well out of reach. During parties or dinners, place your pets in a separate area of the house with bedding, food and water, and check on them occasionally. (This also is helpful in keeping pets' stress levels down.)

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

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FOR SALE

2020 Toyota Tacoma TRD Off-Road 4x4. Black. Excellent condition. 38,500 miles. Predator bars. Factory aluminum wheels. One owner, no dents. 736-1882. \$42,500. 12/15

3BR, 1 bath 1981 mobile home located in Ela. Asking \$3,000. It does need to be moved. Good shape. Info: 507-0962. 12/15

For sale, call (828) 476-7458

- 83 five-speed Ranger, \$3,000
- 81 F250 Ranger, \$3,000
- Brand new Mongoose Mountain Bike



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Make your holiday preparations one step at a time in order to avoid being overwhelmed and leaving things undone. That confusing family situation continues to work itself out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Ease this year's holiday money pressures by letting your thrifty side guide you as you look for those perfect gifts that typically reflect your good taste and love of beauty.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll have a good handle on potential holiday problems if you delegate tasks to family members, friends or co-workers — most of whom will be more than happy to help out.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Right now you are especially vulnerable to holiday scams that seek to take advantage of your generosity. Best advice: Check them out before you send out your checks.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The upcoming holiday season gives the Big Cat much to purr about. Relationships grow stronger, and new opportunities loom on the horizon, just waiting to be pounced on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A changing situation brings conflicting advice about how to go forward with your holiday plans. Your best bet: Make the decision you feel most comfortable with.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Holiday plans get back on track after some confusion about the direction you expected to take. A potentially troublesome money matter needs your immediate attention.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your holiday preparations are on track. But you need to confront a personal situation while you can still keep it from overwhelming everything else.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Tight financial matters ease a bit during this holiday season. But the sagacious Sagittarian is well-advised to keep a tight hold on the reins while shopping for gifts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't put off making decisions about this year's holiday celebrations, despite the negative comments you've been getting from several quarters. Do it NOW!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) The holidays will bring new friends and new opportunities. Meanwhile, be careful to use your energy wisely as you go about making holiday preparations.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) There's good news coming from a most unlikely source. And it could turn out to be one of the best holiday gifts you have had in years. Remember to stay positive.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are respected for your honesty and loyalty. You make friends slowly — but with rare exceptions, they're in your life forever.

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Employment Opportunities

Position: Massage Therapist

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

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

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

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



STAFF OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

- Facilities Maintenance Technician - Mech Trades (HVAC)
- Associate Director of Professional Development & Workforce Training
- Director of Financial Reporting - Accounting Manager
- Cat Tran Supervisor
- Chief Marketing & Communications Officer

FACULTY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

- Molecular Biology, Physical Therapy, Counseling, Engineering Practice, Collections Strategist & Resource Access Librarian, Nutrition & Dietetics

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Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

Application and job description can be picked up from the Receptionist at the Boys Club Information window between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (828-497-9101).

The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory. Indian Preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian Preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate. The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates or readvertise positions without notice.

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

Open Until Filled

Agelink Childcare

FT Lead Teacher

FT School Age Group Leader

FT Custodian

Snowbird Childcare

FT Lead Teacher

Children's Home

FT Residential Counselor (3)

PT Residential Counselor (3)

FT Administrative Assistant

Bus & Truck

FT Truck Drivers (1)

PT School Bus Drivers (6)

Construction & Facilities

FT Carpenter/Mason (2)

Closing Nov. 24 at 4:30 p.m.

Administration Dept.

FT Receptionist/ Switchboard Operator

Closes Dec. 7 at 4:30 p.m.

Service Dept.

FT Body Shop Technician



CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Open Positions

Administrative Assistant – PI/Engineering

Advanced Practice Provider PTI (PA/FNP) –

Emergency Room

Analenisgi Inpatient Technician

Assistant Member Services Manager

Behavioral Health Data Analyst

Billing Technician II (4 positions)

Case Management Support – Primary Care (4

Positions)

Certified Coder – Medical Records

Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Practi-

cal Nurse – Pediatrics

Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Practi-

cal Nurse – Primary Care

Clinical Informaticist

Dental Assistant II (3 Positions)

Dentist

Dentist: Dentures & Partials

Dietary Services Supervisor

Durable Medical Equipment Specialist

EVS Technician (3 Positions)

Grant Coordinator – Analenisgi (Half-Time

Position)

Integrated Class Skill Builder

LPN – MAT Clinic (Analenisgi)

Masters Level Therapist – (Grant Funded)

Adult/Analenisgi

Masters Level Therapist – Family Safety (1

Positions)

Masters Level Therapist – Integrated Class-

room

Masters Level Therapist – Kanvwtiyi (Hiring

Bonus)

Masters Level Therapist (Child) – Analenisgi

(1 Positions)

Masters Level Therapist (Child) – Juvenile

Justice

Medical Laboratory Technician- Part Time

Intermittent

Medical Social Worker – Primary Care

Optician

Optometric Assistant

PA or NP – Analenisgi Inpatient

Payroll Officer

Payroll Officer - Accounting

Pedodontist

Peer Support Specialist – Grant Funded

Physician /Hospitalist - Inpatient

PTI Radiology Technologist

PTI Registered Nurse – Analenisgi Inpatient

(2 Positons)

PTI Registered Nurse – Emergency Room

PTI Registered Nurse – Inpatient

Registered Nurse - Inpatient

Registered Nurse – Wound Care

Residential Technician – Kanvwtiyi (2

position)

Respiratory Therapist – 3 Emergency Hire

PTI

RN Care Manager – Primary Care (3 posi-

tions)

RN Care Manager Float – Primary Care

Sterile Processing Technician

Supply Warehouse Technician

Telemetry Nursing Assistant (2 Positions)

Tsali Care Center

Cook Aide

CNA Full Time

CNA PTI

Housekeeper I

License Practical Nurse

Life Enrichment Assistant PTI

Medication Aide

Personal Care Assistant/CNA - Part-Time

Regular Without Benefits

Personal Care Assistant/CNA – Regular Full

- Time

Registered Nurse – Full Time

Retention Bonus Eligible Positions

Certified Nursing Assistant/Part-Time In-

termittent/Part-Time Regular (Starting Pay

\$18.00/Hr.)

Cook Aide (Starting Pay \$15.00/Hr.)



FOOD & BEVERAGE & BONUSES. ALL AT ONE HOLIDAY HIRING EVENT.

Join us for a December Food & Beverage Hiring Event. It's happening December 15 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Harrah's Cherokee Convention Center. We're hiring for all F&B positions, with bonuses up to \$3,000. Apply at HarrahsCherokeeJobs.com.



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

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

EMPLOYMENT

The Family Safety Program is seeking proposals to fill several contracted roles for Project Gadugi. Project Gadugi is a 5-year project funded by the Administration for Children and Families via the Improving Child Welfare through Investing in Families Grant. One Implementation Specialist, that will assist with implementing all facets of the project, networking with community stakeholders, coordinating data, and other related tasks, will be contracted with on a full time basis. The Family Safety Program is also seeking two (2) Family Group Decision Making Coordinators, who will work within families to coordinate meetings with support systems and facilitate the implementation of a culturally adapted

rendering of Family Group Decision Making. For more information on any of these positions, and for a full Request for Proposal Document, contact Meghan Arnold at megarn@ebci-nsn.gov or 828-359-1542. **12/15**

VOC has an opening for a FT Finance Coordinator. Bachelor's Degree in Accounting is required with an extensive knowledge of QuickBooks and Non-profit Accounting. Pick up Application/Job Description at VOC located behind Tribal Bingo. For questions, call 828-497-9827. Deadline is December 10 at 4:00pm. **12/8**

VOC has an opening for a PT Outreach Worker. Pick up Application/Job Description at VOC located behind Tribal Bingo. For questions, call 828-497-

9827. Deadline is December 10 at 4:00pm. **12/8**

RNs and LPNs for Pediatric Home Care

Bonus Offered for New Hires

A New Hope Home Care is looking for RNs and LPNs to care for a pediatric client in Cherokee. 8 - 12 hour shifts, Day and Night, Weekday and Weekend Needs. Please call us to learn more. 828-255-4446 or email: info@anewhophomecare.com . Learn more at www.anewhophomecare.com **1/19**

Tribal Alcohol Beverage Control Commission has the following job available: Full time & Part Time Inventory Control Store Clerk

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description from Amanda Younce at the Tribal Alcohol Beverage Control Commission Office between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday -Thursday. This position will close December 27, 2021 at 4pm. Indian preference does apply and a current Job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be Accepted in lieu of TABCC application. **12/15**

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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Project Management Program
Ginger Lyn Welch Bldg.
810 Acquoni Road, Suite 117
P.O. Box 1328
Cherokee, N.C. 28719
Ph. (828) 359-6700

Project Title: Master Planning for Mountain Bike and Mixed-Use Trails at Shut-In Creek and Black Rock

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (the "Tribe" or "EBCI") is seeking a qualified professional firm to provide services for creating a master planning document for a mountain bikes and mixed-use trail system on a parcel called 'Shut-In Creek' and Blackrock. The two parcels, 470 and 441 acres respectively, was purchased with a mix of state, private, and tribal funds for purpose of conserving the water resources on the property. The EBCI owns Shut-In Creek, and the Town of Sylva ("ToS") owns Blackrock. There is a conservation easement maintained by NC Land & Water Trust on both pieces of property, which dictates certain allowable activities related to existing features and future use, such as trail development.

In partnership with Mainspring Conservation Fund ("MCF"), the Tribe and the ToS purchased the property with the intent of preserving the landscapes natural features and conserving the water resources that flow from the property. The two parcels are located in Jackson County, adjacent to EBCI Tribal trust to the north and Pinnacle Park to the south.

The goal of this project is to generate a master plan, with associated construction, bidding, permitting documents, for both Shut-In Creek and Black collectively, but in separate packages to allow for each entity to pursue the construction phase at their own pace.

To request a package, ask questions about the project, or provide comments, contact Chris Greene by email at chrigree@ebci-nsn.gov.

Qualifications, fee structure and statement of availability must be submitted to Mr. Greene in accordance with the instructions and must be received by 11:00 a.m., January 24th at which time submittals will be opened in ac-



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Closing Sunday, December 12, 2021

1. Family Safety Social Worker – Family Safety – Public Health and Human Services (L10 \$43,956 - \$54,950)
2. Graphics Operator – Tribal Construction – Operations (L9 \$40,105 - \$50,121)
3. Detention Sergeant – Detention – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)
4. Maintenance Utility – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)

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. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
6. Certified Nursing Assistant – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
7. Project Monitor – Project Management – Operations (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
8. Cook – Cherokee County Senior Citizens – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
9. Cultural Resource and Archive Officer – Kituwah Preservation Education Program – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
10. Driver (Multiple) – Transit – Operations (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
11. Teacher – Qualla Boundary Head-Start/Early Head-Start – Public Health and Human Services (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
12. Telecommunicator – Public Safety – Operations (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
13. Real Estate Associate Attorney – Tribal Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$68,704 - \$85,886)
14. Adult Language Education Coordinator – Kituwah Preservation and Education – Community/Education/Recreation (L9 \$40,105 - \$50,121)

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.

cordance with TERO procedures. Any submittals received after the time and date specified shall not be considered.

Please be advised that Indian Preference (TERO) applies to the award and completion of this contract. **12/15**

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Project Management Program
Project Title: Master Plan
Development and Due Diligence
Services

The EBCI Project Management Program is seeking the services of a planning and design team to assist the program in master planning, site assessment, and preliminary design for a wide array of projects to be initiated with the next three years. Firms or teams wishing to request a proposal package should contact Mr. Chris Greene, at (828)359-6703 or by email at chrigree@nc-chokeee.com.

Proposal packages must be submitted in accordance with the instructions included in the RFP to Chris Greene, Project Management Program. Proposals must be received by 01/20/2022@11:00 AM at which time they shall be opened and evaluated in accordance with tribal procedures. Any proposal received after that time will not be considered.

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

If you have any questions or comments, you may address them to Chris Greene at the email or phone above. **12/15**

**In the General Court of
Justice in Jackson County,
District Court**
Division: File Number 21 JT

In the matter of Toineeta, a minor
child for Termination of Parental
Rights

Petitioners: Cheryl Colleen Franks
and Kayla Nicole Cogdill

Respondents: Taryn Krista Elizabeth Toineeta and Thomas Eugene Pheasant, Sr. and Any Unknown Father

Petitioners' attorney: Shira Hedgepeth, PO Box 514, Cullowhee, NC 28723, Phone 828-585-5044
Thomas Eugene Pheasant, Sr. or any Unknown Father must enter a defense to the pleadings within 40 days of this notice. If Thomas Eugene Pheasant, Sr. or any Unknown father fails to make a defense within the time required, the Petitioners will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the project entitled GRANDVIEW AT CHEROKEE will be received by CHEROKEE INDIAN DIVISION OF HOUSING at 2:00 PM local time DECEMBER 22nd at their office located at 678 ACQUONI RD. CHEROKEE, NC 28719 and then publicly opened and read aloud.

THE PROJECT GENERALLY CONSISTS OF Erosion control, clearing, grubbing, earthwork, site demolition, installation of water system, sewer system, stone base, gravel roads, asphalt paving, and segmental block retaining walls. Contractor to pay special consideration to the preservation and protection of the existing property features that are designated to be preserved.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Civil Design Concepts (CDC)
168 Patton Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801

Copies of the Contract Documents

may be obtained at the office of the Engineer, Civil Design Concepts, P.A. located at 168 Patton Ave., Asheville, NC 28801.

Bidders and other interested parties should note that prequalification of equipment manufacturers by the Engineer prior to the bid opening may be required for this project. Equipment prequalification requirements, if any, are described in the Contract Documents.

A certified check or cashier's check payable to the Owner, or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by a corporate surety licensed under the laws of North Carolina to execute such bonds in the amount equal to five percent of the total of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

Attention is called to the fact that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

CHEROKEE INDIAN DIVISION OF HOUSING (Owner) reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals and to waive any informalities.

The successful bidder shall be required to furnish separate, 100 percent Performance and Payment Bonds in compliance with North Carolina General Statutes Section 143-129 and of Article 3 of Chapter 44A. The Performance Bond shall be in full force and effect for one (1) year after the date of final acceptance of the project by the Owner.

The bid deposit shall be retained by the Owner if the successful bidder fails to execute the contract or fails to provide the required bonds, as stated above, within ten (10) days after award of the contract.

Each bidder must be appropriately licensed as a Contractor in the State of North Carolina as provided in General Statutes Chapter 87.

Each bidder must have a North Carolina Contractor's License. Each bidder shall make positive efforts to use small and minority owned business enterprises on this project.

Owner reserves the right to award a contract to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder.

The OWNER may make such investigations as he deems necessary to determine the ability of the BIDDER to perform the WORK, and the BIDDER shall furnish to the OWNER all such information and data for this purpose as the OWNER may request. The OWNER reserves the right to reject any BID if the evidence submitted by, or investigation of, such BIDDER fails to satisfy the OWNER that such BIDDER is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the Agreement and to complete the WORK contemplated therein.

A conditional or qualified BID will not be accepted.

All applicable laws, ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the project shall apply to the contract throughout.

Each BIDDER is responsible for inspecting the site and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. The failure or omission of any BIDDER to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any BIDDER from any obligation in respect to his BID.

A Pre-bid conference will be held at 11:00 AM local time on December 14th at the Project Site at 33 Owl Branch Rd. Cherokee, NC 28719.

The ENGINEER is Civil Design Concepts, P.A. His address is 168 Patton Ave., Asheville, NC 28801.
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Owner's Representative
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Agidohi iyuwanisata
It was my brother's fault

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