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Cherokee women bringing MMIW awareness with podcast

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ccording to the U.S. Dept. of Justice, over 84 percent of American Indian/Alaska Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime and they face a murder rate 10 times the national average. Three Cherokee women have started a podcast to bring the issue of missing and murdered Indigenous women (MMIW) to light.

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Sheyahshe Littledave, Maggie Jackson, and Ahli-sha Stephens ("Osh"), all members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, have started "We Are Resilient: A MMIW True Crime Podcast". (Photo contributed)



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RESILIENT: Cherokee women start MMIW podcast, from front page

A MMIW True Crime Podcast" and are tackling individual cases to get the word out there.

"It was just after last year's MMIW Day of Awareness in May," Littledave said of the impetus behind the project. "Once that day was over, the world moved on and our stolen sisters went back to being forgotten. Their cases grow cold, their cases remain unsolved and only their families and community are looking for them and fighting for justice. I started thinking about what can I do to help? Then it struck it me when I was listening to a true crime podcast one day. It was a story about an MMIW, but it was told from a non-Indigenous perspective trying to effectively communicate the barriers and struggles that Indigenous people face. I thought we need Indigenous voices so badly, and I decided to do something about it. I asked Maggie and Osh to help me co-host and 'We Are Resilient' was born."

The podcast is working – the word is truly getting out there.

Littledave noted, "So far we have over 5,600 downloads in 19 countries and over 600 cities and that's with only seven full episodes under our belt and four mini episodes. Our takeaway, that's 5,600 times the names of our stolen sisters have been heard."

Each of the founders has goals for the project.

Jackson said, "We hope to bring awareness to the MMIW epidemic that plagues Native communities. If we can be a voice for these stories, I think that we are doing our part to help bring awareness to this issue. I hope that in the future we can continue to educate people not only on these cases that need awareness but also continue to educate them about Native culture and traditions."

Stephens adds, "We want to bring awareness to this important issue. These women have not been given the justice they deserve in most cases and my hope is to help families get the answers they deserve or to help find their missing loved ones. The more we share their stories and say their names it brings attention to these Indigenous women."

Littledave said, "Our main goal is awareness. As much as the Gabby Petito case has come up still in the news, we know that there are over 700 missing Indigenous people just in Wyoming with none barely even scraping the surface to the amount of coverage that Gabby has received. Indigenous people matter. The MMIW is an epidemic that has gone on unnoticed and for far too long."

The stories they tackle are difficult. Episode 7 is about Ashlea Aldrich, a member of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska. The episode description states she "was 29 years old when her lifeless body was discovered in a field on a cold January day in 2020. With no criminal charges or new arrests made in the connection with her death, Ashlea's family has not given up in their fight for justice."

That episode hit hard for Littledave.

"I think all the stories we have covered so far have impacted me in many ways," she said. "The last episode we released regarding Ashlea Aldrich was a tough one because it specifically focused so heavy on domestic violence. As a domestic violence survivor and advocate, it brought up a lot of personal experiences for me."

Another episode hit home for her. "I would be remiss if I did not mention Brittaney Littledave. Brittaney has been missing since Sept. 5, 2021, and she is my cousin. I will tell you nothing puts the plight of families of MMIW in perspective until you realize how hard it is personally to keep your loved ones at the forefront of missing cases, because there are just so many. Sometimes, all we have is a flyer and that's why we began to do mini episodes, because these women are more than just their missing person photo. Brittaney has struggles, but she is very much loved and has a sister that has not stopped searching, hoping, and praying for her safe return."

Stephens was particularly moved by the story of Selena Not Afraid, a teenage member of the Crow Nation of Montana who also descends from the Nakota Nation, who went missing at a rest area in Montana on New Years' Day 2020. Her story was covered in Episode 2 with the episode description stating, "Her body was discovered 19 days later in a field less than one mile from the rest stop where she was last seen."

Stephens said, "That one ripped my heart out. She was so young, so full of life and to lose her to questionable circumstances doesn't sit right with me. I work with so many young ladies in Cherokee, and I see the same lifestyle and qualities in our own young Indigenous girls I saw in Selena. She was athletic, a pow wow dancer, a horse rider, a beader, a young woman trying to help preserve her traditions that was taken too soon."

Jackson said many of the cases have greatly affected her. "Unfortunately, quite a few of these stories have hit home for me personally. Many of the current cases of missing Indigenous women or the unsolved cases of murdered Indigenous women are in my age group or are women who are young mothers. The most sobering fact about many of these cases is that the suspects are people who have been in the victims lives and are typically not strangers. Studies have shown that Native Americans

and Alaskan Natives are more susceptible to violence in their lifetime and tragically many of the MMIW cases involve domestic violence. Having personally been a victim of a domestic violence situation, many of these stories hit home and make me, and I think many of our listeners think, this could be me."

She went on to say that the podcast is getting a nice response from listeners. "I personally have received great feedback from listeners, both positive and feedback for improvement. We have been able to cover a few listener requests and that has been rewarding to know that they are tuning in and interested in getting their own stories out there. We like to remind our listeners that we are just a group of women trying to bring awareness to an issue that we are passionate about and are in no way professionals. I hope that we can continue to grow our podcast listener base and our skills as hosts so we can continue to bring awareness to MMIW cases."

Stephens added, "The response has been overwhelmingly great. I get compliments on how much they love to hear us share these stories. The response ranges locally here in Cherokee to New York to Oklahoma to Oregon. People are asking for more but with our own lives and families to raise the time is a challenge because we want to give a quality story and honor these women. But, I promise we are bringing a lot more."

Littledave said the podcast has been receiving a lot of support. "I'm so incredibly humbled by it. Our main goal is awareness and at the forefront of our storytelling we work to ensure that we honor the women we are talking about, and we want their families to know that our intentions are genuine. We have had family members of the women we've covered reach out and comment, just so appreciative that we are helping bring awareness to these cases. In doing our research, we've learned that so many families are keeping these stories alive on their own, investigations grow cold, people move on. We want to help shed light on these cases."

She summed up the project stating, "We call this project a grassroots effort, because we record, edit, run our social media, website, and research all in our own free time. We are just three Indigenous women trying to make a difference."

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Good eats while on the go

Food truck rodeo coming to Harrah's Cherokee

By JONAH LOSSIAH One Feather Staff

hree Cherokee-owned food trucks will be setting up at The Cherokee Convention Center this Friday, Feb. 4 and Saturday, Feb. 5 to serve any and all who want an Indian dinner or Cherokee fare.

The 'Food Truck Rodeo' is being put on in collaboration with the EBCI Coopera"Chumper Walker, who is the director of the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office, he really had a hunch that our grant wasn't doing an adequate job of really reaching those non-farmers. Indigenous folks in Cherokee who are doing something with local food," said Mrugala. "Late summer we had an open house. 'Come learn about our grant if you do anything with local food'. We had a ton of food truck owners show up. We realized that was group of people who have needs that haven't been served adequately."

By offering small grant funding and connections to the right information they have been able to provide support to sever-



Nikki's Frybread will be one of the food trucks at the rodeo this weekend. (Photo contributed)

tive Extension Office and EmPOWERING Mountain Food Systems. This is project is focused on 'bringing expanded opportunities and capacity to food and farm businesses across the southwestern NC region'. Jess Mrugala, the regional foods agent, has been working with local food truck owners since July of last year. al local business owners.

"We have bought some folks' wraps for their food trucks. We've helped them get on code with their fire safety requirements. One of the things that we're offering through the cooperative extension office is scholarships to get your ServSafe certification here on the Boundary. Typically, folks will have to go to Asheville or Atlanta to take this class to get certified. But we're able to offer it right here in our office for free," said Mrugala.

Another focus has been visibility for the food trucks. Mrugala wants to help establish these businesses in Cherokee. One of the steps to this is going to be the Food Truck Rodeo.

The three trucks you can visit this weekend are Nikki's Frybread, Sugar's Place, and Lulu's Food Truck. Tasha Martinez, who runs Sugar's Place, said that she has a lot of emotion coming into the event.

"I'm scared, first of all. Because we've never done any event this big. But, I am looking forward to the reactions of the people and just see that they enjoy our food as much as we enjoy putting it out," said Martinez.

The program was able to fund the wrap for Sugar's Place, and Martinez said they have been essential in getting their business off the ground. She opened the food truck with her mother, Sugar Arch, last September. Martinez said they use local ingredients as much as possible, sourcing from local farms. They also get their corn meal from Hilliard Sneed, who grows and stone mills his own corn.

She said that she is so thankful to be able to offer local food to the Boundary and hopes that the community can get together to support Cherokee-owned food trucks. Martinez said that supporting the community with food something her mother has always done and that they will always do.

"We've had a lot of our people that walk the street or maybe don't have a place to go. We make sure that when they walk by and we're down there, 'hey do you want a drink? Have y'all ate today?' We wouldn't ask them for money. Just making sure that they could eat, making sure that someone was not hungry."

It's that community aspect that the food trucks are trying to maintain. Mar-

tinez said that the other trucks have constantly helped her and her business early on. One of those has been Nikki Crisp, owner and operator of Nikki's Frybread.

"I'd like to have a support group for food trucks," said Crisp. "It's like during the fair when we do that. There's several of us that take care of each other. If we got something that one needs, then we do that. If they're having trouble with their fryers, then we help. If we need them, then they come and help us. It's just a good comradery."

Crisp said that working with EmPOWERING Mountain Food Systems and the Cooperative Extension Office have been extremely valuable and has also sparked new ideas on what food truck owners could do to grow their businesses. "People can't open these big businesses. The little people like us try to open a business we can take care of and it's comfortable for us. It'd be nice to have a place where food trucks can set up, said Crisp. "It's getting more and more popular. There's a lot of good, good cooks in Cherokee and a lot of people are getting more interested in food trucks. So, that would be a great thing for us to be able to have. A food truck park with electricity, sewer, water, where we could set up."

This is something that Mrugala echoes and sees as a big opportunity for Cherokee.

"I am hopeful that Tribal government and the economic department and tourism departments will see the benefit of having a permanent location for these food trucks to set up and call home," said Mrugala. "I've seen a lot of success in other states for these permanent food truck rodeos. If you can establish just a group, a fleet of diverse owners supporting each other, that's how you become unstoppable and you build a name for yourself. It doesn't have to be competition. There is an opportunity for a collaborative. There's strength in numbers."

The initial goal surrounding the Food Truck Rodeo was to also host a conference for the business owners. Those plans had to be postponed due to the ongoing pandemic.

"I decided to do a little bit of research and found the Street Food Institute. These are folks that are based out in Albuquerque, New Mexico, who have worked with some indigenous folks out there with everything that has to do with street food, food trucks, and catering," said Mrugala. "They offer two different beginner and advanced 12-week courses. We've been talking to them about coming out to Cherokee and doing a condensed one-week boot camp that summarizes everything you need to know about food truck ownership."

Mrugala said that conference is not dead, and they hope to hold it in Cherokee at the end of this year. Until then they feel this event can still be helpful for all those involved.

"This is a really wonderful opportunity for the casino and the convention center to test out what it would be like to have local food trucks serving near their establishment. Because that benefits their guests as well as the employees who are very much a part of our community. As well as the business owners and the Tribal community," said Mrugala.

Mrugala's contract for this program is over at the end of the year, but they are looking into funding opportunities to extend her work on the Boundary. Regardless, she hopes the rodeo and her work can offer at least one thing.

"To continue to support these women and indigenous-owned food trucks we've been working with. Also, to really tell the community, local food is here and it's your neighbors that are participating in it."

The Food Truck Rodeo kicks off Friday, Feb. 4 at 11 a.m. The event will run from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday. The trucks will be set up outside The Cherokee Convention Center at Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort.



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



Stamper sentenced for abusive sexual contact of a minor

ASHEVILLE – Forrest Cole Stamper, 28, of Cherokee, was sentenced on Monday, Jan. 31 to 48 months in prison and 15 years of supervised release for abusive sexual contact of a minor in Indian Country, announced Dena J. King, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina. U.S. District Judge Max O. Cogburn, Jr. also ordered Stamper to register as a sex offender after he is released from prison.

Joining U.S. Attorney King in making the announcement was Chief Josh Taylor of the Cherokee Indian Police Department.

Stamper pleaded guilty to the charge on Dec. 1, 2021. According to plea documents and information presented in court, Stamper admitted that on Sept. 6, 2020, he knowingly engaged in unlawful sexual contact with a minor victim who was under the age of 12 at the time of the offense. Stamper admitted to touching the minor on the minor's groin and inner thigh. At the sentencing hearing, Judge Cogburn imposed on Stamper the statutory maximum penalty for the offense.

Stamper is currently in federal custody and will be transferred to the custody of the federal Bureau of Prisons upon designation of a federal facility.

In making the announcement, U.S. Attorney King thanked the Cherokee Indian Police Department for their investigation of the case.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Pritchard, of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Asheville, prosecuted the case.

- U.S. Dept. of Justice release

CIPD Arrest Report for Jan. 16-23

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

Smith, Vincent Dexter – age 31 Arrested: Jan. 17 Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 24) Charges: Probation Violation

Climbingbear, Isaac – age 32

Arrested: Jan. 19 Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 24) Charges: Possession of Firearms by Felon Prohibited, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Weapons Offense

Ledford, Ashyra Diawan – age 36 Arrested: Jan. 19 Released: Jan. 20 Charges: DWI

Parker, Tanya Rogers – age 52 Arrested: Jan. 19 Released: Jan. 19 Charges: DWI

Rickman, Patrick Lynn – age 45 Arrested: Jan. 19 Released: Jan. 21 Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

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. $GWY \oplus V^\circ OYU_0C$

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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.





Bottchenbaugh, Richard James – age 48 Arrested: Jan. 20 Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 24) Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Crowe-Key, Feather Lace – age 23 Arrested: Jan. 20 Released: Jan. 21 Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance (two counts)

Johnson, Hannah Roxanne – age 38 Arrested: Jan. 20 Released: Jan. 23 Charges: Domestic Violence, Aggravated Weapons Offense, Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Ward, Ricky Lee – age 51 Arrested: Jan. 20 Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 24) Charges: Obstructing Governmental Functions

Bailey, Louelyn Gaw – age 55 Arrested: Jan. 21 Released: Jan. 21 Charges: Domestic Violence Tucker, Stevie Austin – age 46 Arrested: Jan. 21 Released: Jan. 21 Charges: Driving While Impaired

Blanton, Darius Dewayne – age 23 Arrested: Jan. 22 Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 24) Charges: Domestic Violence

Penland, Alyson Laraine – age 30 Arrested: Jan. 22 Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 24) Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor Larch IV, William Daniel – age 29 Arrested: Jan. 23 Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 24) Charges: Non-compliance with Wellness Court

Thompson, Victoria Grace – age 31 Arrested: Jan. 23 Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 24) Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

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MISSING PERSON

Kristyn Sue Richerson Female

Native American/Alaska Native Height: 5' 6" Weight 200 lbs Age: 55 Hair: Brown Eyes: Hazel Missing date: Friday, May 25, 2018

Last Known Location: Muskogee, Oklahoma

Circumstances of Disappearance: Last seen in tan shirt, camo pants and possibly bandana on her head. Was in her red Toyota pickup with black and silver canopy. Truck found in the possession of person who may have something to do with her disappearance. Tattooimage of Stevie Nicks on right calf.

Wears reading glasses, scar on back right leg.

If you have seen Kristyn Richerson, contact BIA Agent Vincent Marcellino, 833-560-2065. Text BIAMMU and your tips to 847411. Email OJS_MMU@bia.gov.

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Lomajohn Thomas Pendergraft, 33, of Seattle, Wash., passed his dissertation and received his PhD in environmental and forest sciences from the University of Washington in December 2021. A member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, he is the son of Tom Pendergraft and the late Shan Goshorn and the grandson of Edna Saunooke Goshorn and the late John Goshorn. Presently, Loma is teaching at the University of Washington. Most of his studies and research have been about crow behavior and intelligence. He even named one of his cats Koga. (Photo contributed)

Sochan gathering permit applications

The sochan permit applications for gathering in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park are due by Friday, Feb. 11. To apply online for a 2022 sochan gathering permit, visit: https://cherokeenaturalresources.com/sochan-gathering/

If you have difficulty using the online application form, or to apply for a permit in person, contact Desirae Kissell at desikiss@ebci-nsn. gov or 788-0219 for assistance.

A total of 36 permits are available to be issued. If more than 36 applications are received, those applications submitted first will receive priority.

In order to receive a permit, you must also complete an annual training on regulations and reporting requirements for the sochan gathering program. Annual training sessions will tentatively be held at the Cherokee Choices Classroom (in the Ginger Lynn Welch complex, next to the gym) in late February or early March.

Only members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are eligible for permits. The gathering season will run three months, from March 1 to May 31, and each permittee is allowed to gather up to one bushel of sochan per week. A permittee may be accompanied by up to five guests.

NOTE: New for 2022 - In order to be eligible to receive a sochan gathering permit for the 2023 sochan harvest season, every 2022 permit holder must submit at least one harvest report.

Gathering permits are limited. If you are chosen to receive a permit in 2022 and do not pick it up by March 1 or do not attend the required training, your permit will be given to the next applicant on the waitlist. This may affect your ability to participate in the 2023 gathering season.

- EBCI Natural Resources release

Duke University pow wow

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and drum groups for their annual pow wow scheduled for April 9 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Abele Quad on the campus of Duke University. Info: dukenasa21@gmail. com

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, Aniyuwiyahi 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."

All events are free of charge and hosted virtually on Airmeet. 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.

Feb. 16 at 3 p.m.: Cultural Pres-



ervation

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

NATIONAL PARK NEWS

Park celebrates 2021 Employee of the Year

Great Smoky Mountains National Park announced the selection of Brad Roberts as the 2021 Employee of the Year on Monday, Jan. 24. Roberts has worked at the Smokies for 30 years and currently serves as the maintenance mechanic supervisor. He was nominated for the award by his peers and selected based on his outstanding performance, natural leadership abilities, and inspiring care for people.

"Brad's love and care for this park were seeded many years ago through the Job Corps program; blooming and growing with time," said Acting Chief of Facility Management Barbara Hatcher. "Brad is a natural leader and sets the example for others to follow, with an infectious positive attitude and demeanor. He uses his knowledge of facilities, acquired over the years, to help others with detailed troubleshooting, and required repairs; ensuring projects are properly seen to completion. He is a pleasure not only work with, but to be around."

Roberts oversees preventive maintenance, unplanned maintenance, and project planning for buildings on the Tennessee side of the park. His leadership was instrumental in drafting and implementing a COVID safety plan for the Park, which included mitigations to keep staff and visitors safe. He serves as a mentor to all he encounters by sharing his years of institutional knowledge and lending a helping hand to anyone in need. His years of dedication to the Smokies have made him an irreplaceable member of the Smokies family, with leadership that extends beyond his workgroup.

"Brad is hard-working, knowledgeable, and embodies the meaning of service," said Acting Superintendent Alan Sumeriski. "He is a consummate professional and represents the National Park Service, the Smokies, and the community well".

Roberts is originally from Winston Salem. He began his service in the Smokies as a young man by voluntarily enrolling in the Job Corps program at the Oconaluftee Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center at the age of 16. This experience provided an opportunity to work at the park as a 'student in training' and then led to a permanent position with the National Park Service in 1992.

He lives in Sevierville, Tenn. with his wife, Karen Roberts. They have four children (Julian, Andrew, Jon and Melanie) and three grandchildren (Lane, Kylo and Sonya). Roberts is an active member of Fellowship Baptist Church and loves to fish, hunt, and take motorcycle rides.

The Employee of the Year recognition will be celebrated on Thursday, Feb. 3, with an open house held at the park. Recognition of the Employee of the Year has been an annual tradition since 1984. Although the celebration format of this recognition has changed over time, the park is pleased to continue to acknowledge and recognize one employee each year whose work goes above and beyond the call of service.

- National Park Service release

OBITUARIES JhfiFR

John Lewis Bradley

John Lewis Bradley, age 81, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, after a courageous battle with cancer. John was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis Jim Bradley and Catherine Bowman Bradley; brother, Soloman Dane Bradley; and grandparents, Roy and Grace Rose Bowman and Joe Bradley.

He is survived by his siblings, Vivian Bradley Wicker (Orion Donald), Harold Raymond Bradley (Jean Bushyhead), and Thomas Jacob Bradley (Anne). He also leaves behind nieces and nephews, Kathy Lynne Wicker Stein (Rick), Vicki Leigh Wicker, Laura Bradley-Myers (Mike), Sara Bradley, Kara Bradley (Randy Hupe), Jennifer Bradley Stewart (Greg), and Ryan Bradley; and several great nephews and nieces, Jonathan E. Harbuck, Stephanie E. Stein, Wesley Cameron Davis (Katie Rafferty), Jackson Lewis Dietzel, Jack and Ian Myers, Aaron and Harper Green, Micah, Ford and Knox Stewert.

In addition to his family left to cherish his memory of many decades is his beloved, Judy Maney.

John was born in Cherokee and grew up in Norfolk, Va. He graduated from Maury High School in 1958 and he proudly served our country in the U.S. Army and the National Guard. He was sent to Miami, Fla. to invade during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Thankfully, it was resolved before he entered Cuba.

John earned his black belt in karate while he was in Norfolk. He was an excellent athlete throughout his life and later worked for the city of Norfolk as their Athletic Director at Lakewood Park for many years. In addition, he worked as a handyman at two apartment complexes. He started, coordinated, and coached the Haygood Softball League at Brook Baptist Church. John even served as a softball coach for his siblings.

When John returned to Cherokee in 1983, he worked a couple of jobs before he settled into employment with the Cherokee Boys' Club. It was many years later he retired from this position. He loved woodworking throughout his life and in his later years, he enjoyed painting Native American images. John won many ribbons for his entries in the annual Cherokee Indian Fair and was very proud of every one. John willingly accepted the role of Guardian for his younger brother, Solomon Dane Bradley when their mother, Catherine, passed away.

John was a proud member of the Cherokee Baptist Church and invited everyone to visit the



Church he loved. Although he was a private person, he knew no strangers. John was known as "One of the good guys" and was a humble servant of Cherokee Baptist Church for many decades. He prayed with many people, sharing God's word, even while in Hospice care. He was a very generous and protective of those he loved.

A funeral service with military graveside honors provided by the American Legion Steve Youngdeer Post 143 was held on Tuesday, Jan. 25. Pastor Percy Cunningham officiated.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Hazel Gunter Young

Hazel Gunter Young, 87, of Whittier, passed away Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022.

Born Nov. 7, 1934, she was the daughter of the late Oscar Gunter and Florence Phillips.

Hazel was the former owner and operator of several gift shops in Cherokee. She enjoyed reading, collecting handmade silver jewelry, and loved her flowers.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Young, and her brother, Doyle Gunter.

She is survived by her son, Robin Young of Whittier; her daughter, Dawn Young of Cherokee; two grandchildren, Cy Young (Cindi), Tansi Young (Travis); five great grandchildren, Tricyus, Trennan and Tyson Calhoun, Liza and Trigger Young; and she is also survived by her faithful companion, Pip.

Funeral Services were held Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022 at Hyatt Chapel Baptist Church with the Rev. Steve Gunter officiating. Burial followed in the Church Cemetery.



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Cherokee Indian Hospital main line 497-9163

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

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Cherokee Middle School Honor Roll - 2nd Quarter

8th Grade

Principal Honor Roll - Tayvin Bark, Logan Biddix, Lilia Jarvis, Ayianna Locust, Dailin Panther, Chaske' Raines, Gabriella Smith, Keith Smith, Kiera Toineeta Alpha Honor Roll - Audrina Cooper, Gabriel Dial, Kieaira Ensley, Javan Garcia, Cecily Swimmer Beta Honor Roll - Francesca Armachain, Owen Bird, Hayden Bowling, Maya Brabham, Danelle Bushyhead, Traelin Carey, Jessika Carroll, Zayden Crowe, Da-Wo-Ni Dv-di-s-di, Fred George, Samuel Hernandez, Joshua Hornbuckle, Tyler Jones, Shawnee Kirkland, Riley Lambert, Isaiah Ledford, Josilyn Ledford, Trinity Martinez, Hailey Owle, Ayden Queen, Jadence Saunooke, Yvonne

Saunooke, Jonathan Saylor, Matix Stamper, Samantha Toineeta, Jayden Tramper

7th Grade

Principal Honor Roll - Sage Bark, Dillon Beam, Emilee Brady, Chloe Cooper, Kymani Foalima, Reginald Hyatt, Deanna Long, Johnny Long, Chaz Martens, Jamee McMillan, Utsela Saunooke, Joscelyn Stamper, Timpson Wildcat

Alpha Honor Roll - Tymius Allison, Livia Crowe, Marley Crowe, Daisee Fourkiller-Raby, Kailyana Hornbuckle-Standingwater, Aleiyah Hull, Dawson Panther, Auron Taylor, Zaynon Taylor, Kingston Welch, MeLi Winstead, Dalton Yates

Beta Honor Roll - Martin Arteaga, Dante Bigwitch, Tayah Bird, Brandon Blankenship, Jayden

Bradley, Jarvis Brady, Trennan Calhoun, Caeden Chastain, Ayaisha Driver, Jezakiah Driver, William Ellwood, Nicholas Ensley, Kiowa George, Christian Grant, Alexis Grimes, Kayla Guillien, Stephen Hembree, Zakya Hogner, Tyler Houser, Carlito Huerta-Perez, Kyitan Johnson, Ayanna Lambert, Chloe Locust, Zaccaria Long, Christian Luna-Martinez, Brandy Martinez, Russell McKay, Spencer Moore, Elizabeth Myers, Jade Palomo, Brooklyn Panther, Nyla Queen, Jonathan Rivera, Aaliyah Rogers, Rodrigo Santiago, Cynthia Saunooke, Kylen Sneed, Nicholai Solis, Luke Stamper, Kaden Stephens, O-Ga-Na Swimmer, Mariah Taylor, Amiya Teesateskie-Walkingstick, Annie Tramper, Noah Watty, Madigan Welch, Lucas Wildcat

6th Grade

Principal Honor Roll - Jessica Arsana, Carolyn Batton, Drake Cruz, Kayha Cucumber, Khloe Cucumber, Audree Edwards, John Gloyne, Jean Layno, Maddalen Mendia, Derick Owle, Wakinyan Raines', James Smith Jr., Thomas Tramper,

Alpha Honor Roll - Kiarra Caley, Zoe De Los Reyes, Shawn Driver, Lilly Lossiah, Jae McMillian, Kahmera Pheasant, Meikka Pheasant, David Reed, Briann Teesateskie,

Beta Honor Roll - Alexander Antone, Ander Antone, Kvam Arch, Zailiana Blythe, Lillian Bradley, Noah Dossett, Eloisa Frady, Colton French, Jose' Garcia, Eva Hill, William Hoyle, Jacoby Lambert, Maia Lane, Roselei Langdeau, Caius Littlejohn, Jeremiah Locust, Felix Lossiah,



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Cherokee Elementary School Honor Roll - 2nd Quarter

5th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll - Alaina Hull, Cher Crowe-Garcia, Devyn Wittman, Jaylee Arch, Jaymsey Armachain, Jeron Martens, Jordan Eaglestar, Kalia Reed, Kennedy Moore, Lauren Arsana, Maya Lossiah, Nazari Bell, Nyra Reed, Shyanna Cash, Sophie Crowe, Taytem Saunooke, Viola Williams B Honor Roll - Abigail Lambert, Andyn Pheasant, Angelica A-kwi-na, Blaze Crowe, Boomer Pheasant, Braelyn Murphy, Bre Sanchez, Cambry Stamper, Colin Lossie, Coty Sampson, DeMakus Staton, Elliott Wildcat, Emily Teesateskie, Georjia Girty, Greyson

Panther, Jacqueline Fourkiller-Raby, Janessa Owl, Janiyah Rattler, Julius Walkingstick, Kellin Blankenship, Khrystyna Armachain, Kyla Keel-Aguilera, Malia Brady, Mathias Palomo, Natalee Myers, Nellie Lambert, Samantha Cucumber, Simon Rincon-Wahnetah, Tyson Calhoun

Merit Honor Roll - Daryl Raya, Dominique Gonzalez, Mason York, Nolan Morgan

4th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll - Abelia Mahan-Flores, Adalynn Taylor, Adrian Santos, Amelia Holiday, Aryahnie Pheasant, Curren Mc-Coy, Kenleigh Hornbuckle, Kody May Gloyne, Lily Robertson, Lucas Myers, Makai Hernandez, Mariana Cruz, Nahnie George, Odie Owle **A Honor Roll** - Gabriel Read, Kaelyn Montelongo **B Honor Roll** - Adam Cole, A-ge-yy Jenkins, Aubrey Toineeta

A-ge-yv Jenkins, Aubrey Toineeta, Aurora Crowe, Ava Davis, Bishop Taylor, Carter Cash, Chotky Davis, Don'tay Littlejohn, Dustin Tramper, Elliot Myers, Elliott Brown, Emaline Cucumber, Emily Maney, Emma Milholen, Harvey Batton, Hayden Rhinehart, Hunter McMillan, Jabrien Smith, Jack Maney, Jallen Calhoun, James Ledford, Jaxon Wade, Jeshua Lossiah, Joey Panther, Johnavon Postoak, Joshawa Swayney, Justin West, Kailey James, Kaelan Jumper, Kendryk Crowe-Jackson, Kyleigh Porter, Kynleigh Taylor, Laylauna Allison, Lilliana Toineeta, Lula Ensley, Makeena Armachain, Makira Taylor, Michael Driver, Nathan Taylor, Nickyle Teesateskie, Rhema Anders, Riley Hicks, Sara Reed, Selina Yanez, Serenity Willis, Sophia Tremko, Tristen Tisho, Yang Reed Merit Honor Roll - Brannon Arch, Jalen Murphy, J-Leoni

Arch, Jalen Murphy, J-Leoni Walkingstick, Landon Swayney, Samuel Browning

3rd Grade

Principal's Honor Roll - Amaya Rodriguez, Bristol Armachain, Bryson Beach, Colton Wiggins, Connor Thompson, Ehko Lossiah, Ella Cline, Elli Thompson, Evelyn Taylor, Flynn Fowler, Jayden Teesateskie, Kaeson Reed, Keagan Taylor, Keniethea Wildcat, Kinley Crowe, Leiland Rhinehart, Makray Lossiah, Mariam Read, Marilyn Squirrel, Mary Montelogo, Mya Wahnetah, Oakley Wolfe, Peyton Arch, Sindhu Arsana, Wyatt Moore, Xavier Shelton **A Honor Roll** - Amaya Eaglestar, Cheyenne Taylor, Marlie Price, William Mesteth

B Honor Roll - Caitlyn Grubb, Channin Maye, Christian Saylor, Christopher Miles, Cole Davis, Coralyn Batton, Dahvie Conseen, Eli Lane, Eli Simpson, Freddy Estrada, Izabela Crowe-Lossiah, James Plummer, Jayce West, Jayla Owl, Jurnee Bernhisel, Kaden Bennett, Kaiser Smith, Kale Crowe, Kaylahni Williams, Khloe Sequoyah, Lennox Harper, Lindsey Reed, Loki Raya, Mackenzie Bark, Mariah Staton, Meeka Taylor, Mika Bradley, Michael Reed, Mitchell Johnson, Neymar Mayo-Arkansas, Nikwasi Sequovah, Payton Potter, Peyton Pratama, Shannon Lineberry Merit Honor Roll - Aleshaunie Hornbuckle, Arian Teesateskie, Ayden Antone, Carter Nations, Dayla Long, Giovani Welch, Hayden Cline, Ivan Martinez, James Gammon, Joseph Armachain, Kable Cash, Kenton Welch, Kyrie Lossiah, Mason White, Michael Reed, Savanahh Driver, Tristan Armachain, William Howell, Yoana Meza, Zoie Phillips



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commentary Selling our culture

By ROBERT JUMPER One Feather Editor

Ultural appropriation. From the tomahawk chop to the Jeep Cherokee to car dealership, cigar shop style Indian statues towering over a heavily trafficked road, it is interwoven into American society. Some Indigenous members of our communities are outspoken and repulsed by it. Others just chuckle and say that it is part of living for Natives in America.

If you have ever worked the front line of a visitor center or other amenity on a reservation or territorial holding like the Qualla Boundary, you have endured some particularly insulting examples of cultural ignorance and in some cases, appropriation.

I worked with our own Cherokee Welcome Center for several years and my coworkers in that building got to hear some things that would have caused a street brawl with many in a Native community.

"Where are all the Indians?" "You don't look like a Cherokee..." "You know, my great, great grandmother was a Cherokee princess, but I can't prove it." And "Where do I go to pay the fee to get on your roll?"

Of course, our front-line staff was trained to professionally and courteously respond to comments like this. The Welcome Center leadership and staff prepare themselves mentally and emotionally to address questions that come from a lack of education on our culture.

They would educate instead of chastising. Dealing with someone who has insulted you or your culture in a compassionate way takes some preparation and soul-searching. Still, it was hard not to be shocked at some of the things people would say. Discussions of these encounters made for some interesting conversation at team meetings. But we, within the community, could learn a good lesson from our family at the Welcome Center. Reminding ourselves that cultural ignorance isn't typically displayed out of maliciousness. Many times, people malign a people when they are trying to connect with it. And like many other things in our culture today, the error they make is in the sources of information they depend on. For example, back in the 1940s through the 1970s, most people in this country got their information about Indigenous peoples from commercial movies and television shows. In most cases, these representations of Native Peoples were outdated caricatures, lumping very different Indian cultures into a single, mostly western Indian representation. West coast entertainment companies took the most dramatic view of Indians, from clothing they wore to the cultural practices, and twisted them to appeal to a primarily Caucasian audience (because in that time, that audience had the biggest buying power and ability to contribute to the movie-makers pockets). And when we, our own people,

And when we, our own people, began to look for ways to offset the decline in income from the lumber industry that occurred in the 1950s, we turned to tourism as a new revenue stream. But the real culture of the Cherokee people looked much different than that shown to the American public through the entertainment industry. No tipis. No elaborate or ornate war bonnets. No fast, stylized dances. So, the tourism efforts of the tribe focused on making the Boundary look more like the romanticized image of the Native American that was popular among those who we were trying to get to come to the Boundary and spend time and money. From our outdoor drama to the streetside stands, elements of our culture were twisted and embellished to fit the image that got the most attention from the traveling public. We encouraged cultural appropriation and participated in it ourselves by taking cultural elements of western indigenous cultures and using them for our own profit.

Even very recently, in the last couple of decades, when we have attempted to reeducate the traveling public, focusing more on true traditional Cherokee culture, we as marketers of our culture have been a bit confused and confusing. In much of our imagery, you will see tribal members dressed as they would have been in the 18th century. And in our messaging, we infer that this is a common thing to see on the Boundary. Then, millions of tourists pass through our Boundary every year, with thousands stopping at our amenities, to see a very different Cherokee than what we have portrayed. And while the streetside tipis with war bonnet-clad Cherokee men have disappeared (primarily by an act of law by our government), the visitors still see primarily roadside stages in front of businesses displaying the western Indian dances from pow wows. And those men and women who entertain at those stages are not typically in traditional Cherokee dress. They are usually in pow wow regalia.

I was in a local restaurant last year when a family of tourists made their way into the dining room. There were three elementary school age children in the family. I was sitting with some friends from the office, all tribal members. The first thing that we noticed about this family was that those three children were wearing bright, pink-dye feathered headdresses; facsimiles of war bonnets that they had likely bought from a shop on the Qualla Boundary. My Cherokee friends at the table expressed quite a bit of anger at this family who were presenting a new facet of the cultural appropriation concept. My friends were upset at the parents for not educating their children and buying these things to wear around the Boundary. Interested, I asked my table mates who they thought that family bought their pink headdresses from? They had to be bought from a Cherokee-owned building and from a Cherokee-owned or leased business. Thousands of items are bought on the Qualla Boundary each year that are appropriates of another Indian culture or a distortion of our own.

There are still hard feelings among some people in Buncombe County over the removal of an Indian statue that stood in front of a car dealership for several years. While some try to argue that it was a harmless homage to American Indians, it more resembled the cigar-store Indians that still populate smoke shops around the world today. "The figures were a product of their time, a period fraught with prejudice against indigenous peoples. The statues helped to invent and then reinforce the quintessential stereotype of an 'authentic' Native American by often depicting figures with bronze-colored skin wearing feathered headdresses, long fringed skirts or shirts, and moccasins. Critics have compared the characters to racist lawn ornaments of black jockeys. Two of the more common types of Indian cigar statues portray the 'noble savage' with a stoic expression and passive stance; or the warrior, who brandishes a weapon he's poised to use. In their day, these silent statues were effective communicators, meant to indicate to all-including the illiterate and non-English speakers-what was for sale. What they represent today to citizens of the 21st century is a more complicated message, eliciting both appreciation and disapproval." (www.pbs.org) So what was the Indian statue at the car dealership used for? As an homage to the noble Indian? Or a draw to sell cars? What motivation makes the most sense to you?

As a member of the Tribe and

a person who loves the community, I am saddened by our past permissiveness to first condone cultural appropriation and then to participate in it ourselves. To some, including leaders within our government, it has been expressed that it is a small thing to allow bits of our culture to be for sale or even for us to exploit our past for monetary gain. Some have indicated that we have bigger issues to address. But this mindset and practice of selling or lending our culture may be a root cause of some of the larger issues to be faced. And selling our culture should not be taken lightly. Cultural differences are to be celebrated and revered, not exploited. We should not allow anyone to tell us they are using our culture to honor and salute our culture when their obvious goal is to make financial gain from our history.



COMMENTARY Let's freshen up the U.S. flags on the Boundary

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P. One Feather Staff

Each morning as I come into work from the Painttown area, I come through downtown Cherokee. Lately, I've noticed more and more tattered U.S. flags in downtown and some in other parts of the Qualla Boundary.

First off, flying a tattered flag goes against the U.S. Flag Code. Section 8(k) states, "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

Patsy Everhart Ledford, American Legion Post 143 Auxiliary president, notes that there are two flag disposal boxes on the porch at the Post 143 headquarters located off of Acquoni Road in the Yellowhill Community. "People are encouraged to fold the flag and put them in those boxes, and then they will be disposed of properly," she said.

Ledford also related that programs and entities of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians can receive a replacement flag from the Post if theirs needs to be replaced. Some of the condition of the flags seen around the Boundary could be different if they were taken down each night and hoisted each morning. Some are left up year-round and simply wear away. U.S. Flag Code Section 6(a) states, "It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness."

An example of proper illumination can be found at the Cherokee Veterans Park adjacent to the Cherokee Council House. The flags there are lit at night in the proper manner.

"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it."

That quote has been attributed to Bernard J. Cigrand, widely known as the "Father of Flag Day" who started the observance at his school where he taught in Waubeka, Wisc. In 1885. The sentiment rings as true today as it did then, and that is why taking care of the flag is so important.

Let me conclude by emphasizing that you will not be judged nor chastised for turning in an old, tattered flag. They get old. They tatter. You will be praised for doing the right thing, and if enough people do this and replace those old flags with new ones, the Qualla Boundary will look that much better. Even if it's just a little – a little is a little more.

For more information on proper flag disposal on the Qualla Boundary, contact Patsy Everhart Ledford at 736-8512.





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COMMENTARY

Response to commentary mentioning commodities

By FRANK DUNN

Tribal Foods Representative

First, I wish to thank Mr. Robert Jumper for his article and sharing his memories and perspective of the commodity program. As the manager of the Tribal Food Distribution (Commodity) Program, I would like to respond to his article.

I also have memories of the commodity program. Some of the earliest are going to Big Cove to visit my grandparents, John and Emma Walkingstick. Each visit there, I remember there would be boxes of commodities stacked around the living room. As my grandma would prepare a meal and need ingredients, she would travel to her carefully curated "pantry" and know exactly which box held the necessary commodity ingredient to pull the needed item from.

I am also grateful, of having been a participant of this program back in the early 90's. This was the era before gaming, and times were tough. My Auntie graciously suggested this program, and I remember receiving the cans with the white labels with black letters too. Today, I can look back on those times and see how I have come full circle. I see the contributions of those who came before me, and the work they have provided to our community. I consider it an honor to be able to look back at the combined accomplishments of those individuals as we work to

make progress with the programs today. Although many still remember the white labelled commodities of the past, today we offer our participants a greater variety of items including an array of fresh produce, fresh eggs, bison, and other frozen meats. While we still offer the staples people know and love (yes, we still have the cheese), we have expanded our inventory to provide the community with items that were not available in the past.

Today, we have made great strides to expand our Tribal Food **Distribution Program. Strides** that have been strongly fueled by partnerships with other tribal programs, as well. Programs such as Cooperative Extension, WIC, Cherokee Choices, we are able to provide our participants with more extensive nutrition education and increase awareness to the programs that are available to provide assistance to our community. Through these collaborations, we have developed our HEAT (Healthy Eating Action Team) Committee. This group of individuals developed partnerships throughout tribal programs to develop strategies to provide support to those in our community. The momentum of these programs helped cultivate relationships that will become the future new face of Tribal Food Distribution.

Our program will also be partnering with the Tribal Cannery to combine into one new building. With this, we will be able to ensure any overage of produce will be preserved and utilized through the cannery, as well as connecting with them to engage our participants to access and utilize the services the cannery program provides. While our current commodity program does not look like the program of the years gone by, the future program will only improve and offer even more.

Historically, the program was run by the state. Today, our program is tribally operated, and thus our perspective has changed. Our program strives to be a tool for the community to use as we work to decrease food insecurity while increasing food sovereignty. We strive to exist not as a crutch, but as a steppingstone - a way to support our fellow community members and provide assistance and encouragement as they need it. Our program also recognizes that each household is unique, and that needs of one household may not correlate to the needs of another household. There are those, who for whatever the circumstances may be, will continue to need the additional food support provided by this program. In my time here at Tribal Food Distribution, I have also realized there are a lot of people that do not understand they may qualify for our program. Unlike other programs, we do not count per-capita distributions within our income guidelines. We also offer several deductions to help reduce gross household income to allow more households to qualify for our program. While our program works to keep up with the ever-changing dynamics of the world, we recognize that we must evolve with it.

With that being said, our goal here at Tribal Food Distribution is always to provide nutritious foods, resources, support, and guidance to eliminate hunger for eligible participants, in a caring and culturally supportive environment. Please visit our website, http:// food.ebci-nsn.gov for a more indepth look at the exciting progress happening here at Tribal Food Distribution.



• On Feb. 19, 1851, an angry mob in San Francisco's business district "tries" two Australian suspects in the robbery and assault of C.J. Jansen, a store owner. When the makeshift jury deadlocked, the suspects were returned to law-enforcement officials. Local authorities convicted the men at a real court trial.

• On Feb. 15, 1898, a massive explosion sinks the battleship USS Maine in Cuba's Havana harbor, killing 260 crew members. A U.S. Naval Court of Inquiry ruled that the ship was blown up by a mine, with Spain the likely suspect.

• On Feb. 17, 1915, after encountering a severe snowstorm, the German zeppelin L-4 crash-lands in the North Sea near the Danish coastal town of Varde. The Danish coast guard rescued 11 members of the crew; they were brought to Odense as prisoners to be interrogated.

• On Feb. 16, 1968, the first official 911 call is placed in the United States, but 911 was not standard across the country for many years after its adoption by Congress. By 1987, only half of the nation was using the system.

• On Feb. 20, 1974, Reg Murphy, an editor of The Atlanta Constitution, is kidnapped by William A.H. Williams after being lured from his home. For the next 49 hours, Williams drove Murphy around the city, stopping to phone in ransom demands to the newspaper. The money was finally delivered to Williams and Murphy was released. Williams served only nine years in prison.

• On Feb. 14, 1990, 3.7 billion miles away from the sun, the Voyager 1 spacecraft takes a photograph of Earth. The picture, known as the Pale Blue Dot, depicts our planet as a nearly indiscernible speck roughly the size of a pixel. Voyager 1's journey continues.

• On Feb. 18, 2001, racer Dale Earnhardt Sr. dies in a last-lap crash at the 43rd Daytona 500, the fourth NASCAR driver to die within a nine-month period. Earnhardt, 48, was driving his famous black No. 3 Chevrolet and vying for third place when he collided with another car, then crashed into a wall.

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speaking of faith God already knows all the answers

By REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR

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"It has always surprised me that a God who could create an entire universe, and the Bible says, "He flings the stars into place, would also count the numbers of sand that are on the seashore, Hallelujah! That's amazing to me, Amen."

You say, "Well, when did He do that?" He did that multiple times, throughout the Bible. How many of you know that when God asks us a question, He already knows the answer. How many sands are on the seashore? I know you don't know, but He does.

I discovered one time that God is so big, watch this, that when Moses said, I want to see You, God. I want You to show me Yourself. He told Moses, you can't handle that. I'm going to show you My calves. Yeah! Come on, you couldn't handle it, either. But, I'll walk by and let you see the calves, the backside of Me. Why? Because God is that Great!

How many of you know that when He said you will know, that He even knows how to make you rich. He's not even talking about the streets of gold. When He says rich, His rich is beyond our imagination. Amen. If you said Amen to that, watch this. When He said, you're gifted, you're powerful beyond your imagination. When He said your words can change things, you need to know your words can change more than you can begin to imagine. How do you know? He said I know how to do even greater things, exceedingly, abundantly, above all that you can ask or imagine. Yes. It is according to the power that's at work on the inside of you. Amen.

What are you talking about? I'm trying to tell you, the God who is on the inside of you is even greater. You thought you were just a small package moving around. But inside of you is the greatest gift to humanity that humanity has ever seen. You are the package that carries the gift of Almighty God on the inside of you. I've been telling you how the big things come in little packages and I'm here to tell you that when He shows Himself mighty to the world, they'll begin to declare with words that can't be described with the word "stubborn" It can't be honored. It is the hugeness on the inside of them.

The Bible declares not only are you going to be unwrapped, but it'll be you that does the unwrapping. He told us, "I've worked it in. You have got to work it out Hallelujah! But what has God put on the inside of you is bigger than every devil that ever walked on the face of the planet. I'm still trying to tell you big things come in small packages.

Oh Hallelujah! Glory, somebody just said, "Run devil run devil, run! If you ever get an understanding of what I'm trying to tell you now, every devil will run from you. You won't even have to call him by name. You only have to walk into a city and he'll move out. Hallelujah! You ask, "Do I really believe that?" I know that for a fact. God doesn't do little things. One little thing can make a big, huge difference.

When I was a little boy, I remember carrying in the firewood. A stick of firewood is not too bad. Two is manageable. Three is probably okay. Four starts getting a little heavy. Five, you can't see where you're going. Six, you start stumbling around. Seven, you drop one before you get there. Why? I'll tell you because a little adds up to whole lot. Amen.

The problem is the Lord wants to bless you

right here. The problem with the Church isn't that the Church isn't powerful. The problem is the Church doesn't know it's powerful. Our problem is not that they can't do the things that God has called them to do, but rather they just don't believe they can do the things that God has called them to do. One can be heard saying, "Well, I can't live for the Lord. I've tried and I failed. It just doesn't seem to work out for me."

I need you to understand the problem is not that we don't have enough of life, we do, but He can't do big things in your life if you don't give it all right back to Him.

God does things with the little things in your life. It doesn't mean that God can do big things with your life if you don't give Him all of your life. He has said, "I'm going to give you a little Faith, and I'm going to give you a little Power. I'm going to give you a little strength, but here's what I want from you."

"I want your whole heart, your whole soul, your whole mind, your whole spirit. Oh, it's fair. His little is still much more than all of you. This shall be the time of the winning of lost souls for this church. This is what the Lord has placed in our hearts. The Lord is coming back soon. He is putting the ball in our court.

This is the Pastor's job. My gifting is to teach you how to go out and do the winning of lost souls. (Ephesians 4:11-12). God has given us the gift of evangelists, pastors, prophets, apostles and teachers, all for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry.



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Weekly SUDOKU





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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: • • •

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1. Is the book of Philemon in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Genesis 6:14, what was another name for the natural asphalt used to caulk Noah's Ark? Gopher, Pitch, Chimera, Helios

3. Who told Laban he had gone 20 years without a decent sleep? Adam, Jacob, Moses, Noah

4. In John 3, who said, "How can a man be born if he is old"? Obadiah, Nicodemus, Joshua, Job

5. From Acts 13, who was called "a man after thine own heart"? David, John the Baptist, Gideon, Peter

6. Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through ..."? Prayer, Belief, Deeds, Christ

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1. LANGUAGE: In British English, what is a singlet?

2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a murmuration?

3. MOVIES: Which 1951 adventure film features a character named Charlie Allnut (played by Humphrey Bogart)?

4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president campaigned for reelection with the slogan, "Don't change horses midstream"?

5. HISTORY: Where did the St. Valentine's Day massacre (murder of seven gangsters and associates) take place?

6. TELEVISION: How many seasons did the original "Star Trek" series run? 7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What

is the basic currency used in Kenya? 8. MEASUREMENTS: What is a

furlong? 9. GEOGRAPHY: What is the lon-

gest river in Europe 10. ANATOMY: What is the basic component of hair, skin and nails?

Appenings

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

Native American Parent

Meeting. Feb. 8 at 5:45 p.m. at Swain East Elementary School cafeteria. Valentine weaving activity for parents and students as well as a Valentine's Bingo Game featuring the Cherokee language.

Sweetheart Market. Feb. 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Denise Walkingstick 508-2211

Cherokee Winter Social. Feb. 26 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the **Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds** multi-purpose building. Everyone is welcome for an evening to celebrate Cherokee language, culture, song, dance, and food. Door prizes (must be present to win). Invited singers - Bo Taylor, Skyler Bottchenbaugh, Rich Bottchenbaugh, Micah Swimmer, Jarrett Wildcat, Will Tushka. MC: Catcuce Tiger. All Cherokee singers welcome; bring your rattles and drums. Traditional dress and ribbon shirts/ skirts encouraged. Mask required. Info: cherokeewintersocial@gmail. com

WESTERN N.C. EVENTS Making Tulip and Daffodil

Cards class. Feb. 2 from 1 p.m.

to 3 p.m. at the Murphy Art Center on Valley River Ave. in Murphy. Class is open to the public. Info: 360-3038

Winter Sound Music Festi-

val. Feb. 5 from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Oklawaha Brewing Company in Hendersonville. This event is presented by the Arts Council of Henderson County to benefit the Artists-in-Schools program. The festival is free and open to the general public with a suggested donation upon entry. The list of artists includes: Colin Cheek, The Gathering Dark, Derek Stipe, The Last Full Measure, Trio de Janeiro, Wesley Ganey, The Greybirds, BadRabbit, and Ladypop. Info: Josh Dunkin, Arts Council of Henderson County board president, (773) 597-7671 or info@acofhc.org

Friendship Star Quilt Board

class. Feb. 11 at 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Murphy Art Center on Valley River Ave. in Murphy. Class is open to the public. Info: 360-3038

Swain County Democratic Party Whittier-Cherokee Precinct meeting. Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Agenda items include electing delegates to the county convention and guest speakers. For more information or for the



Zoom link, email maryherr2017@ gmail.com or call 497-9498

SPORTS EVENTS

Georgia Swarm Lacrosse Native Heritage Night. Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. at Gas South Arena in

Duluth, Ga. The Georgia Swarm will take on the New York Riptide. Claim free tickets (up to four) at www.georgiaswarm.com/ebci

2022 EBCI Fish Tournament Lineup

(General Fishing Waters, Cherokee, N.C.)

General Fishing Enterprise Waters are closed to everyone from Saturday, March 12 to Friday, March 25. Each tournament requires a 2-day fish permit covering both tournament days (\$17) and Tournament Registration Fee

(\$15).

- **Opening Day Fish Tournament** - Saturday, March 26 to Sunday,
- March 27
- Registration deadline is Friday,
- March 25
- \$25,000 in cash prizes

Memorial Day Fish Tournament - Saturday, May 28 to Sunday, May 29

- Registration deadline is Friday, May 27
- \$10,000 in cash prizes

Tim Hill Memorial Tournament - Saturday, July 9 to Sunday, July 10

- Registration deadline is Friday, July 8
- \$10,000 in cash prizes

Qualla Country Fish Tournament



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ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Pitch; 3) Jacob; 4) Nicodemus; 5) David; 6) Christ



Answers

1. An undershirt

2. The flight of a large flock of starlings in a coordinated, swooping pattern

- 3. "The African Queen"
- 4. Abraham Lincoln, 1864
- 5. Chicago
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- Saturday, Aug. 27 to Sunday, Aug. 28

- Registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 26

- \$20,000 in cash prizes

Tag turn-in times will be 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. both tournament days at the EBCI Natural Resources Enforcement Office at 517 Sequoyah Trail in Cherokee. Fishing hours are one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, daily.

Info: Office (828) 359-6110, text (828) 788-3013, https://fishcherokee.com and https://www. facebook.com/fishcherokee

- EBCI Natural Resources Div.

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

Happenings listings are FREE of charge. Send your event listings, or flyers, to Scott at scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov or via Facebook Messenger at the Cherokee One Feather FB page.



"A strong positive mental attitude will create more miracles than any wonder drug." — Patricia Neal



by Freddy Groves

A Veteran Comes in From the Cold

The dormitory veterans had made their way down to the railroad tracks in the woods, battling buffeting winds and sleet. There, it was rumored, they'd find a young homeless veteran living in a tent.

The rumor was true. The veteran was given a choice: accept a basket of food and dry socks or come back to town and warm up until the snow stopped.

He accepted the offer of warmth and came back to the coffee shop to wait out the storm. Sarge watched as he was escorted in, parked at the counter and given hot coffee and sandwiches.

"Son," he said to the new arrival, "Did I see you limping?"

"Yes, sir, probably."

"Let's pull off those boots and take a look."

Turned out the veteran had a case of first-stage frostbite across all of his toes. Sarge hooked a thumb toward the kitchen, where he warmed up a pan of water and had the veteran soak his feet.

Meanwhile they talked, the veteran and Sarge. He'd never gone home, the veteran said, after getting out. Was certain he wouldn't be welcome, being the first in a large family of "damn pacifists" to serve in the military. His parents' home was mere miles away, and sometimes he crept up to watch them through the window, he said, but no, he'd never even called them the whole time he was away.

An hour and several sandwiches later, the toes looked better and Sarge handed the young veteran a cellphone. "I want you to call your mother," he

said.

"I did the unforgivable," the veteran replied, shaking his head.

"Call. Tell your mother you have frostbite on your toes. She'll know exactly what to do."

The next morning, once the roads were plowed, Sarge drove the young veteran home, watching from a distance as 30 exuberant people came rushing out, scooped up their wayward boy in a hero's welcome, and carried him inside. Sarge smiled.

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Training Your Dog for Hiking Season

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My 1-year-old puppy, Corky, is an energetic mutt who loves to be outside. I started hiking last year, before I adopted Corky, and I plan to do lots more hiking trips when the weather gets warmer. I want to bring Corky along, but I've read mixed advice about dogs on trails and at campsites. What's your take? — Ellen in Boulder, Colorado

DEAR ELLEN: You can definitely take Corky along! Preparation is key: You must prepare Corky for the hike, and you need to research the trails before departing to find out important information, including:

- Are dogs allowed on the trail?

— What are other rules about pets on the trail?

— How long is the hike you're planning?

 How far can Corky reasonably walk?

 Is water available along the trail, or will you need to carry extra for your dog?

 How good is Corky's behavior training — will he come to you as soon as you call?

When I'm on a hike, I follow Leave No Trace rules — which also apply to dogs, so be prepared to carry out his poop and another set of rules I call "Annoy No Other Hikers." Included in this personal set of rules are a few dog-specific ones:

 Keep my dog on a leash during the hike, especially on popular trails.

Clean up after my dog.

 Make sure to carry adequate water, food, first aid and safety gear (such as booties and vest).

 Keep my dog under control when greeting oncoming hikers. Not everyone is thrilled by dogs, and a jumping, out-of-control dog does the community no favors.

Find more training and hiking tips at the American Hiking Society (americanhiking.org/resources/hiking-with-dogs/). Pick up dog gear advice at Reckless Roaming (recklessroaming.com/howto-hike-with-your-dog/). And Chewy has some good all-around tips as well. See you on the trail!

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

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Temper that Aries impatience. Demanding answers or results before they're ready to be revealed could create more delays. Take time out for fun with family or friends.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Someone involved in your latest venture makes new demands that you find disturbing. While you dislike being a quitter, it might be best to drop this project and move on.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A decision could involve more serious implications than you first thought. Get more information and seek the counsel of trusted friends before you sign or say anything.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's a good time to reconsider some of your plans, especially those involving major investments of money and/or time. Expect to hear from someone in your past.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Love continues to dominate for both single and paired Lions. In the workplace, deal with a co-worker's thoughtless comments before they cause problems later on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might be angry enough to end a friendship because of something you were told. But consider the source of the gossip before you act.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your career move seems to be stalled. Request a meeting to discuss the situation. It will be a learning experience for everyone involved.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) That important relationship is about to move to a new level. Continue to be patient, and resist pushing it even further. It still needs time to blossom.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Paired Sagittarians do very well at this time. However, some challenges loom for single Archers who are considering stronger romantic commitments.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Be patient. A misunderstanding is close to being completely resolved, as new facts emerge that will help change those stubborn minds.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A change in a personal relationship reveals some long-hidden truths. Your challenge now is to use this new information wisely for all concerned.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Draw on your deep reserves of good Piscean common sense to avoid taking the lure from someone who thinks he or she can get the best of you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a remarkable ability to make friends with strangers. This allows you to command an army of devoted admirers.

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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

The Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines are used to determine income eligibility for participation in Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

Children from birth to age five who are from families with incomes below the poverty guidelines are eligible for Head Start and Early Head Start services. Children from homeless families, and families receiving public assistance such as TANF or SSI are also eligible. Foster children are eligible regardless of their foster family's income. Program staff members may refer to this section of the Head Start Act to further understand eligibility for Head Start and Early Head Start: Sec. 645 of the Head Start Act.

The poverty guidelines are adjusted for families of different sizes and may be used to determine financial eligibility for certain federal programs such as Head Start and Early Head Start services. The guidelines are issued each year in the Federal Register by the Department of Health and Human Services. A single set of guidelines applies to the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia. There are separate sets of poverty guidelines for Alaska and Hawaii. These guidelines may be used when determining a family's eligibility for Head Start and Early Head Start services.

Listed below are the 2022 HHS Poverty Guidelines

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline				
ı	\$13,590				
2	\$18,310				
3	\$23,030				
4	\$27,750				
5	\$32,470				
6	\$37,190				
7	\$41,910				
	\$46,630				



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 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday

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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 deposti 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 re-advertise positions without notice.

Cherokee Boys Club P.O. Box 507 Cherokee, NC 28719 Agelink Child Care FT Lead Teacher FT School Age Group Leader FT Custodian

Snowbird Child Care FT Lead Teacher

Children's Home FT Administrative Assistant FT Residential Counselor (2) PT Residential Counselor (5)

Bus & Truck PT Truck Driver PT School Bus Driver (6)

Construction & Facilities FT Carpenter/Mason (2)

Service PT Mowing & Trimming Laborer

Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

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

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

- 1. Special Education Teacher Middle
- 2. Speech Language Pathologist

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3. Cherokee Language Instructor

4. Math/Reading Interventionist (High School)

5. Middle School Baseball Assistant Coach

- 6. Part-Time Security
- 7. Custodian
- 8. Substitute Teachers



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Closing Sunday, February 06, 2022

1. Housekeeper I Light Duty – Housekeeping – Operations (L3 \$22,990 - \$28,732)

 Utility Worker – Tribal Construction – Operations (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)

3. Recreation Aide – Cherokee Life Recreation – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L3 \$22,990 - \$28,732)

4. Bailiff – Tribal Court (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)

Open Until Filled

1. Evidence Technician I – Cherokee Police Department – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

2. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

3. Detention Officer (Multiple) – Detention Services – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSI-TION

4. PT Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$17.55 - \$21.94 per hour) SAFETY SENSI-TIVE POSITION

 Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L4 \$25,261 -\$31,581)

Certified Nursing Assistant – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)

 Cook – Cherokee County Senior Citizens – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
 Cultural Resource and Archive Officer – Kituwah Preser-

vation Education Program – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)

9. Driver (Multiple) – Transit – Operations (L4 \$25,261 -\$31,581) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

10. Teacher – Qualla Boundary Head-Start/Early Head-Start
– Public Health and Human Services (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
11. Telecommunicator – Public Safety – Operations (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
12. Real Estate Associate Attorney – Tribal Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$68,704 - \$85,886)
13. Adult Language Education Coordinator – Kituwah Preservation and Education – Community/Education/Recreation (L9 \$40,105 - \$50,121)

14. Network Administrator - Infrastructure Services - Office of Information Technology (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811) 15. Administrative Assistant/Office Coordinator - Tribal Employment Rights Office (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946)

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.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 21-132 In the Matter of the Estate of AMANDA THOMPSON

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION Bob Driver PO Box 866 Cherokee, NC 28719 **2/2**

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION IN THE CHEROKEE COURT

FILE NOS: CV-14-134, CV-21-504 HANNA CROWE, PLAINTIFF V DARRELL TEESATESKIE DAWN RAE CROWE and KEVIN CROWE, DEFENDANTS. TO: DAWN RAE CROWEAKA

DAWN RAE AGUIRE OR DAWN RAE VALLEJO TAKE NOTICE THAT a plead-

ing seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought against you is: custody regarding a minor child, CG, D.O.B. 10/21/2010.

CUSTODY

Filed July 27, 2021 in Cherokee Tribal Court, Cherokee, North Carolina.

A written answer to the complaint must be filed with the EBCI Clerk of Court within 40 days of the first publication of this Notice of Service of Process by Publication. You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than March 1, 2022. Your failure to do so may result in the Plaintiff, the Hanna Crowe, receiving the relief she seeks.

This the 19 day of January, 2022. Virginia Jordan, Attorney for Petitioner 419 N. Haywood Street

Waynesville, NC 28786 **2/2**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 21-127

In the Matter of the Estate of Frances Queen Toineeta

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION Timothy R. Lewis 461 East Main Street

Sylva, NC 28779 **2/9**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 22-006

In the Matter of the Estate of Wahnetah Stamper

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION Ned Stamper 32 Stamper Rd. Cherokee, NC 28719 **2/9**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 21-126 In the Matter of the Estate of Barbara Jane Owle

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION Joey T. Owle PO Box 1433 Cherokee, NC 28719 **2/16**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 22-007 In the Matter of the Estate of JESSICA NICOLE CALHOUN

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS

FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION Myra Jane Calhoun PO Box 994 Cherokee, NC 28719 **2/16**

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS THE CHEROKEE COURT CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA FILE NO. CV 21 - 871 SHEREE PETERS, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN FATHER, Defendant. TO: UNKNOWN FATHER, PAR-ENT OF 1 MINOR CHILD, E.D.F., BORN 3/2/2009

TAKE NOTICE THAT a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is CHILD CUSTODY, filed November 3, 2021in EBCI Tribal Court. A written answer to the complaint must be filed with the EBCI Clerk of Court within 40 days of the first publication of this Notice of Service of Process by Pub lication. You are required to make a defense to this pleading not later than March 14, 2022. Your failure to do so may result in the Plaintiff, Sheree Peters, receiving the relief she seeks.

This the 25th day of January, 2022. EBCI Legal Assistance Office – Tsoine Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 2280 Cherokee, NC 28719 828.359.7400 **2/16**

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR: PAVING DRIVEWAYS

FEBRUARY 2022

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Request for Qualifications is to establish a pool of on-call contractors for the paving of driveways, for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, who are receiving assistance through the Housing & Community Development's (HCD) Site Prep Program. Contracts will be for a period of one year with an option to renew for two additional years. HCD reserves the right to add additional contractors to the on-call pool as needed based on scheduling demands. Qualifications packets need to be turned into Bunsey Crowe, Tribal Housing Production Manager, at

687 Acquoni Road (Housing Office) or by email to bunscrow@ebci-nsn. gov by 2/18/2022. Dated: Jan. 20, 2022 Signed, Edwin Taylor, Secretary of Housing **2/9**

Requests for Proposals

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee Department of Transportation 680 Acquoni Road Cherokee, North Carolina 28719 Phone: (828) 359-6530 Road reconstruction, Blue Wing Church Road off of Big Witch Road The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting sealed Bid Proposals from Qualified Firms to provide the following services: Grading, Drainage, Paving, and retaining wall for the paving of Blue Wing Church Road. The deadline for submitting Bid Proposals will be February 17, 2022 at 10:00 AM, EST. Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies, applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement. You may request the full Request for Proposals (RFP) and requirements for proposals through the CDOT

Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Robert Willcox, CDOT Engineer at (828)-359-6122/(828)-736-3921 (cell) or Darrell Brown, CDOT Planner at (828)-359-6534. **2/2**

REQUESTS FOR BIDS

Harrah's Cherokee Casino is requesting bids from TERO-certified hoteliers for OVERFLOW rooms for the balance of the 2022 calendar year. Bids will be accepted through Monday, February 14, 2022. Please Email Chris Marion at cmarion@harrahs.com or call 497-8844 for more information. **2/9**



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CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

Open Positions

Administrative Assistant - PI/Engineering Advanced Practice Provider PTI (PA/FNP) – Emergency Room Analenisgi Inpatient Technician (2) AP Processor – PRC (2 Positions) Assistant Member Services Manager Behavioral Health RN – Analenisgi PTI Behavioral Health RN – Kanvwotiyi PTRWB Behavioral Health LPN - Analenisgi Billing Technician II (2 positions) Case Management Support – Primary Care Certified Coder - Medical Records Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Practical Nurse - Pediatrics Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Practical Nurse - Primary Care Child and Family Services Assistant Manager **Clinical Dietitian** Data Analyst - PI Dental Assistant II (3 Positons) Dentist **Dentist: Dentures & Partials Dietary Services Supervisor Durable Medical Equipment Specialist** EVS Technician (4 Positons) Geriatric FNP/PA - Primary Care Grant Coordinator – Analenisgi (Half-Time Position) LPN - MAT Clinic (Analenisgi) Licensed Clinical Social Worker Care Manager - Primary Care (8 Positions) ***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus Masters Level Therapist - (Grant Funded) Adult/Analenisgi ***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus Masters Level Therapist - Family Safety (2 Positions) ***\$3,000.00 **Hiring Bonus** Masters Level Therapist - Integrated Classroom ***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus Masters Level Therapist - Kanvwotiyi (Hiring Bonus) ***\$3,000.00 **Hiring Bonus** Masters Level Therapist (Child) - Analenisgi (1 Positions) ***\$3,000.00 **Hiring Bonus** Masters Level Therapist (Child) – Juvenile Justice ***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus Medical Laboratory Technician- Part Time Intermittent

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Optician **Optometric Assistant** Optometrist Pedodontist Physician /Hospitalist - Inpatient Physician – Emergency Room Physician - Primary Care **PTI Patient Registration Clerk** PTI Radiology Technologist PTI Registered Nurse - Analenisgi Inpatient PTI Registered Nurse - Inpatient Registered Nurse - Emergency Room **Registered Nurse - Inpatient** Registered Nurse – Wound Care Residential Technician (Female) - Kanywotiyi (2 positions) Residential Technician (Male) – Kanvwotiyi **Respiratory Therapist PTI** RN Care Manager – Primary Care (3 positions) ***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus RN Care Manager Float - Primary Care ***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus Sterile Processing Technician Supply Warehouse Technician Targeted Case Manager - Analenisgi **Telemetry Nursing Assistant Tsali Care Center** Assistant Administrator CNA PTI ***\$1,000.00 Hiring Bonus Cook ***\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus License Practical Nurse***\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus Medication Aide ***\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus Personal Care Assistant/CNA - Part-Time Regular Without Benefits ***\$1,000.00 Hiring Bonus Personal Care Assistant/CNA - Regular Full - Time ***\$2,000.00 **Hiring Bonus**

Registered Nurse – Full Time ***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus *Retention Bonus Eligible Positions*

Certified Nursing Assistant/Part-Time Intermittent/Part-Time Regular (Starting Pay \$18.00/Hr.) Cook (Starting Pay \$17.00/Hr.) Medication Aide (Starting Pay \$18.00/Hr.)

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org

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

"Here are the facts: Sterilized dogs and cats cannot reproduce. Sterilized dogs and cats cannot create litters of puppies and kittens that end up homeless or in shelters." Phillip A. Bushby, DVM

"Most unplanned litters are born because pet owners didn't realize these babies can have babies of their own. Spaying and neutering before 5 months of age helps stop the cycle of unwanted litters and helps protect pets against a lifetime of health threats." Julie Levy, DVM

"Puppies and kittens can be safely spayed and neutered as early as eight to twelve weeks of age. In my practice, we encourage early spays and neuters since our pediatric patients have much shorter anesthesia and surgical times than adult animals and are up and about almost immediately." Margaret Moncure, DVM

"Honestly, I can't imagine why anyone would want to wait and spay a dog or cat at 6 or 8 months of age. It is faster, less traumatic, and a much faster surgical recovery at 4 month of age." Michael Moyer, DVM

"Spaying and neutering minimizes undesirable squabbling and roaming, keeping pets safer, as well as reducing messy marking and heat cycles, which in turn keeps pet owners happier. It is a winning combination." Boyd Harrel, DVM

"I recommend scheduling your kitten's spay surgery as soon as her kitten vaccinations are completed, around the age of 4 months. A puppy who is not going to be bred should be spayed well before the first heat, which happens around six months of age." Emily McCobb, DVM

"Approximately 25% of the animals we spay and neuter each year are puppies and kittens under 5 months old. Our younger patients recover much quicker than adult cats and dogs. Most will be active and playful the same day of surgery." Richard Speck, DVM



ADOPT A PET! 359-2380

Cherokee Animal Control All pets must be spayed or neutered prior to adoption. Tsalagi Hidadolequa GWY ALVo'I Let's Learn Cherokee

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