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## Wolftown Airnasium opens

**By JONAH LOSSIAH**

*One Feather Staff*

**T**he Wolftown Community's biggest gift this past December certainly couldn't fit under the tree.

Two weeks ago, EBCI Project Management and Owle Construction finished work on an outdoor basketball complex that rests adjacent to the Wolftown Gym. What many are calling the 'airnasium', it is a fully covered and lighted court that is now accessible to the public. Brett Smith, project manager with Owle Construction, said that they stayed on-budget for the job which totaled approximately \$500,000.

Wolftown Tribal Council Rep. Bo Crowe was one of the driving forces behind a resolution that was passed by Tribal Council in Sept.

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**AIRNASIUM:** New facility opens in the Wolfstown Community, *from front page*

of 2020. This was not the first resolution on this issue to pass through Council, but Res. 243 (2020) is the one that got the job finished.

"It started through one of our community clubs. Just looking for something for the kids to be able to get out and enjoy, especially once the pandemic hit. The more stuff we could have outdoor for them was what our community club was looking for," said Rep. Crowe.

One of the major benefits of a design like the one that they constructed is the expediency of the process. Brett Smith said that it was one of their smoothest jobs they've had in recent times.

"We had Padgett & Freeman out of Asheville do the design on it. We started back in early spring on the design. Got full design in about July and started construction in August. Completed about two weeks ago," said Smith.

"It's a pretty simple design. Pre-engineered metal building, fixed goals, and a structural slab. We are still waiting on paint supplies to fill in the more detailed paint scheme. Of course, materials are behind. But hopefully when it warms up, we'll have it painted."

Being able to finish the job in four

months offered wins for everyone involved. The community had their facility quickly, and the contractors didn't have to deal with escalating costs or delays.

"It was pretty straightforward. We came in and brought a little additional fill to build the side up. It went pretty smooth after that. We didn't really have any obstacles. No schedule delays, within budget."

Building material prices have continued to skyrocket in recent years, making the simplest jobs difficult. If a job takes a year or more, there is a high chance that material costs will escalate significantly mid-build.

"Escalation is up there. The good thing about this job is it was so quick that it didn't give any escalation time to accumulate. Unlike other projects, where they're year-long projects, material escalations hit monthly. Knocking the main-frame of this, the steel and concrete, out in a month and a half or so gave us that ability not to experience any escalation," said Smith.

Chris Greene, manager of Project Management, said that rapid price increases have been a major problem for a lot of the builds in the area.

"Some of the roofing materials have gone up over 40 to 50 percent. Steel went up. One of the surprising things

with this project, even with the steel package we didn't get many huge delays. One of the things we've been hitting, is even on the steel, it's been delayed by a month and some cases months. This one, that didn't happen. Everything kind of lined up. Stars lined up, we didn't really have to wait on anything," said Greene.

Greene said that they looked at several different options before landing on the plot in front of the Wolfstown Gym.

"They had the pavilion right up the road up here, it ended up being leased. It's on somebody else's property. The reason we ended up moving it down here is because it's on Tribal property now. We can add or do whatever we need to with it," said Greene.

The pavilion is of a similar design and at one point also had a full cover and lighting available. However, time and neglect has seen the structure take significant damage. The roof is ripped away on one end along with one of the hanging basketball hoops.

The new structure is said to be very low maintenance. Smith and Greene said that there is LED lighting, and that the steel is powder-coated and should be resistant to any weather effects. They said that sweeping the court and an occasional power-washing would



The old, run-down facility

suffice.

Rep. Crowe said that he has been pushing for more outdoor activities for Cherokee youth. He said that he's excited by many of the developments over the years, from the Fire Mountain Trails to the upcoming disc golf course near Cherokee Centrals Schools.

"That's something that I really like, the outdoors for our youth. Just trying to get them out and away from a cell phone. If we can

get them away from a cell phone for a couple of hours a day, shoot I think that's a win for all of us," said Rep. Crowe.

He said that he is excited for this outdoor court to be another resource for Wolfstown and the rest of Cherokee.

"Back during the holidays, I'd ride out just to see how it was being used. I believe one time I went by there and there was 21 kids that was out there playing. It's

been a real big hit. I was just real tickled that it got opened up for the holidays. It would have them something to do and more of a safe place for them," said Rep. Crowe.

The 'airnasium' is now fully open to the public. Smith said that as soon as the supply line opens, the high-quality paint will be brought in to put the finishing touches on the court.



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# Cherokee seeing COVID surge

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

Like communities across the country, Cherokee has been seeing a large surge of COVID-19 cases. And like in other places, the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians' community has been affected by closures, delays in openings, and other COVID-19 protective measures.

Since Dec. 16, 2021, the EBCI Joint Information Center (JIC) reported there have been 314 new positive COVID cases in the Cherokee community and one death. "The highly contagious Omicron variant, coupled with an increase in what we call social mixing during the holidays, caused a surge in cases," said Vickie Bradley, EBCI Secretary of Health and Human Services.

The EBCI tribal government opened back on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022, following a two-week holiday. That afternoon, Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed issued a memorandum instituting various measures.

"Eastern Band of Cherokee tribal citizens are naturally a very social and family-oriented people, and as such the holiday season brought about a time for joyful gatherings with families, friends, and loved ones," Chief Sneed's memo states. "Unfortunately, the

increased personal interaction, coupled with a surge of positive COVID-19 cases regionally and nationally, has increased the number of positive COVID-19 cases on the Qualla Boundary and surrounding communities."

His memorandum mandated that tribal and EBCI-entity employees wear a mask except if they're in an office alone with the door closed or outside and can social distance. Virtual, as opposed to in-person, meetings were encouraged and it stated, "EBCI community members who are not fully vaccinated should avoid mass gatherings (an indoor gathering of more than 25 people)."

As of Wednesday, Jan. 5, a total of 64 percent of the EBCI population is fully vaccinated compared to 67 percent of the State of North Carolina and 71 percent nationwide. The following percentages were reported of those who have received at least one shot: EBCI 60 percent, North Carolina 63 percent, and U.S. 74 percent. The 3200 Acre Tract is the top community (at least one shot) with 73 percent with Snowbird Community at the bottom with 34 percent. The rest of the communities are as follows: Yellowhill 69 percent, Big Cove/Tow String 68 percent, Big Y 68 percent, Wolfstown 68 percent, Painttown 68 percent, Birdtown 63 percent, and Cherokee Co. 47

percent.

Secretary Bradley said of the EBCI's vaccination numbers, "I think we can do a lot better. We are still significantly below where we should be for vaccination rates. I would like to see at least 80 percent of our community fully vaccinated. There are many tribes that are well above 80 percent, and I think, as EBCI citizens, we should do all that we can to protect each other. We have ample vaccine available and plenty of access to get the vaccine. The decision to take the vaccine is about protecting the health and welfare of ourselves and others. I'm confident the vaccine is safe and effective; it is the best protection that we have to prevent loss of life from this disease in our community."

When asked if there may be safe family gathering in these days, Secretary Bradley noted, "There are ways to be safer if you choose to gather:

1. Only gather with those that are current on their COVID vaccinations. This means that you have been boosted or completed the primary series of Pfizer within the last five months or completed the primary series of Moderna vaccine within the last six months or completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last two months.
2. Wear well-fitting masks over

your nose and mouth if you are in a public indoor setting (weddings, funerals, sports games) even if you are fully vaccinated.

3. Avoid crowded, poorly ventilated indoor spaces
4. If you are sick or have symptoms, don't host or attend a gathering
5. Use at home tests if you want more certainty that you don't have COVID. A positive self-test means that you have an infection and should avoid indoor gatherings to reduce the risk of spreading disease to someone else. A negative self-test means that you may not have an infection. Repeating the test with at least 24 hours between tests will increase confidence that you are not infected.
6. Allow for ample ventilation/fresh air in the indoor setting.
7. Remember to practice good hygiene, wash hands, sanitize often, and practice social distancing"

Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) was scheduled to start back on Jan. 5, but school officials delayed that opening until Monday, Jan. 10. In a statement, school officials noted, "This will allow CCS enough time to ensure our staff COVID-19 test results have been received prior to the return of our students. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but the safety of our students and staff are our highest priority."



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## First Native American director of NPS sworn in

WASHINGTON — Charles F. “Chuck” Sams III was ceremonially sworn in as Director of the National Park Service (NPS) by Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland on Thursday, Dec. 16. Sams is the first tribal citizen to lead the agency, which has been without a Senate confirmed leader for nearly five years.

“Everyone should have access to the outdoors no matter where they live, how much money they have, or what their background is. Chuck Sams understands the importance of connecting people to nature, and I am thrilled to work with him as the Interior Department works to make our national park system accessible to all Americans,” said Secretary Haaland. “Under his leadership,

the National Park Service will continue to protect our public lands for generations to come and make critical investments in the vast infrastructure that sustains our public lands and national parks.”

“I am honored to serve as Director of the National Park Service and thank President Biden and Secretary Haaland for entrusting in me the care of one of America’s greatest gifts: our National Park System. I am also incredibly proud to work with the dedicated employees of the National Park Service. I have no doubt that together, we’ll be able to expand access to the outdoors, protect America’s public lands, and upgrade our nation’s infrastructure system through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law,” said Director Sams.

In his capacity overseeing the NPS, Sams will help implement

the Great American Outdoors Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. In addition to historic funding for climate resiliency initiatives and legacy pollution clean-up, the infrastructure law provides for a five-year reauthorization of the Federal Lands Transportation Program, which will help invest in repairing and upgrading NPS roads, bridges, trails and transit systems. The law also invests in projects that will help fund bridge replacements and resiliency, repair ferry boats and terminal facilities, and maintain wildlife crossings that keep people and surrounding wildlife safe.

Sams has worked in state and tribal governments and the non-profit natural resource and conservation management fields for more than 25 years. He most recently served as a Council Member to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council, appointed by Oregon Governor Kate Brown.

He has held a variety of roles with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, most recently as their Executive Director. He has also had roles as the President/Chief Executive Officer of the Indian Country Conservancy, Executive Director for the Umatilla Tribal Community Foundation, National Director of the Tribal & Native Lands Program for the Trust for Public Land, Executive Director for the Columbia Slough Watershed Council, Executive Director for the Community Energy Project, and President/Chief Executive Officer for the Earth Conservation Corps.

Sams holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Concordia University-Portland and a master of legal studies in Indigenous peoples law from the University of Oklahoma. He is a veteran of

the U.S. Navy. Sams is an enrolled member, Cayuse and Walla Walla, of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, where he lives with his wife and their four children.

- Dept. of the Interior release

## Good Housekeeping

### Vegetarian Bean Burritos

Serve these quick burritos with carrot salad and oranges. While tortillas warm, toss carrots in serving bowl with lime dressing. Then, slice and saute zucchini, and heat beans.

- 4 flour tortillas, 10 inches each
- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 4 medium (about 5 ounces each) zucchini, each cut lengthwise in half, then sliced crosswise
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 can (15 ounces) Spanish-style red kidney beans
- 1 can (15 to 19 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 package (4 ounces or 1 cup) shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1/2 cup (loosely packed) fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 jar (16 ounces) chunky-style salsa

1. Warm tortillas as label directs; keep warm.

2. In nonstick 12-inch skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add zucchini, salt and cinnamon, and cook until zucchini is tender-crisp, about 5 minutes.

3. Meanwhile, in 2-quart saucepan, heat kidney beans with their sauce and black beans just to simmering over medium heat; keep warm.

4. To serve, allow each person to assemble burrito as desired, using a warm flour tortilla, zucchini, bean mixture, cheese and cilantro leaves. Pass salsa to serve with burritos. Serves 4.

• Each serving: About 550 calories, 17g total fat (1g saturated), 25mg cholesterol, 1,943mg sodium, 77g total carbohydrate, 29g protein.

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Confirmation Hearing for EBCI Tribal Alcohol Beverage Control Commission pursuant to Cherokee Code Section 117-44.2 and 117-44.3

### EBCI Tribal Alcohol Beverage Control Commission Hearing

Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022 at 9 a.m.  
Tribal Council Chambers; Cherokee, N.C.

Confirmation Hearing for EBCI Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise pursuant to Cherokee Code Section 117-44.2 and 117-44.3

### EBCI Tribal Casino Gaming Enterprise Hearing

Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2022 at 1 p.m.  
Tribal Council Chambers; Cherokee, N.C.

These hearings are open to the public, and Tribal Council invites public testimony only.  
Anonymous comments will not be accepted.

Members of the general public who wish to participate in the hearing shall submit written testimony to the Tribal Council Chairman in care of the Tribal Operations Program. Written testimony shall be submitted to the Tribal Operations Program not less than five working days from the hearing date. Testimony shall not include personal matters pending in litigation.

The final date for public comment will be  
Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022.



## Constitution vs. Charter: Article V (Conclusion)

### Know the difference!

#### Proposed Constitution

##### Article V – Executive Branch

**Clause 3. Vacancy of Chief.** In case of death, resignation, removal or any cause that the Principal Chief becomes unable or unfit to perform the duties of the current term of office, the Chief shall be replaced immediately by the Vice-Chief.

**Clause 4. Vacancy of Vice-Chief.** In case of death, resignation, removal or any cause that the Vice-Chief becomes unable or unfit to perform the duties of the current term of office, the Vice-Chief shall be replaced immediately by an elected member of Tribal Council, chosen by Tribal Council receiving the most unweighted votes.

**Clause 5. Vacancy of Executive Branch.** In the event that both Principal Chief and Vice-Chief simultaneously are unable or unfit to perform their duties, the Chair of Tribal Council shall replace the Principal Chief immediately, the Vice-Chief shall be replaced immediately by any remaining elected member of Tribal Council, chosen by Tribal Council receiving the most unweighted votes.

**a. Disqualification of Chair.** If the Chair of Tribal Council does not meet the qualifications for the office of Principal Chief, the replacement shall be an elected member of Tribal Council who does qualify. They will be chosen by a quorum of Tribal Council receiving the most unweighted votes.

**Clause 6. Interim Term.** If more than twelve (12) months remain in the vacant term of office identified in the above Clauses 3, 4, or 5, the replacement shall be on an interim basis until the Board of Elections can hold a special election. At the end of the interim term, the person serving can return to their previous position. If twelve (12) months or less remains in the vacant term of office identified in the above Clauses 3, 4, or 5, the replacement shall finish out the vacant term.

#### Current Charter

**Section 14.** In the case of death, resignation or disability of the Principal Chief, the Vice-Chief shall become the Principal Chief and shall serve the balance of the elected term of office until removal or disability or his successor is elected. In case of death, resignation or disability of the Vice-Chief, the Council may elect a successor who shall serve until removal or disability or his successor is elected. In the event the offices of both Principal Chief and Vice-Chief become vacant simultaneously, the Chairman of the Council shall become Principal Chief and shall serve the balance of the elected term of office and the Council shall elect a Vice-Chief who shall serve the balance of the elected term. If the Chairman does not meet the qualifications for the office of Principal Chief, the vacancy shall be filled by an election under rules established by the Council.

**What does “interim basis” mean?** It is another way of saying on a temporary basis. It was felt that if there were more than a year left in the term of office, someone could fill in on a temporary basis until a special election could be held for people to vote for a permanent replacement. If there was less than a year left, a planned election was coming and another special election did not seem necessary.

**What would make someone unfit or unable to perform their duties?** Someone who is unfit is a person who is not suited for the office or ill-equipped to perform their duties. Someone who is unable is either incapacitated

**Why is there a disqualification of chair?** The Constitution states that the Principal Chief must be at least 35 years of age. Tribal Council allows for younger members to serve.

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## CIPD apprehends escapee

During the late night hours of Monday, Dec. 27, Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) Community Action Team members and Patrol officers successfully apprehended a male subject who had previously escaped custody after having been detained with trafficking amounts of heroin.

On Wednesday, Dec. 22, Buster Lee Biddix, a 36-year-old male of Cherokee, was charged with, among other things, Drug Trafficking and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia in connection with approximately fourteen (14) grams of Heroin. While detained and handcuffed on Dec. 22, Biddix fled from CIPD Officers and remained at-large until he was apprehended without further incident on Dec. 27.

At this time, Biddix has only

been charged with the crimes referenced above and should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Biddix was previously convicted of Resisting Lawful Arrest in October 2021 and on supervised probation at the time of his most recent interactions with law enforcement.

Biddix was arraigned in Tribal Court on his new offenses on the morning of Wednesday, Dec. 29, and is currently being detained without bond. At the request of the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor, Biddix's next Court date will be Jan. 5, 2022.

"I am grateful for the persistence of the CIPD Officers who have pounded the pavement to track this individual down. I hope our Cherokee community members are enjoying happy holidays

with their friends and family. Unfortunately, crime doesn't take a break over the holidays so those connected with the criminal justice system—like our police department and our Tribal prosecutors—keep showing up and doing what is needed to keep the Qualla Boundary safe," stated Cherokee Chief of Police Joshua Taylor.

- CIPD release

## CIPD Officer arrested

Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) Sergeant John Phillip Taylor Jr. was arrested on Friday, Jan. 7 at approximately 3:30 p.m. and charged with the following:

- Domestic Violence
- Cyberstalking (DV)
- Telephone harassment (DV)

Taylor is on administrative leave pending an investigation.

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

- CIPD release

## Franklin man pleads to two felony drug charges

A Franklin man is in state prison, probation revoked, after two alert probation officers uncovered additional criminal behavior.

District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch said Jeremy Cole Sanders, 29, pleaded guilty in December in Macon County Superior Court to two felony charges and a misdemeanor charge:

- Possess heroin.
- Trafficking opium/heroin.
- Resisting public officer.

Senior Resident Superior Court Judge Bill Coward activated

# COLD CASE



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

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

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# MISSING PERSON

## Brittaney Littledave - female

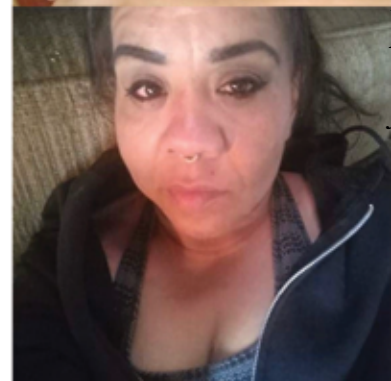
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Height: 5'2/5'3  
Weight: 130lbs  
Age: 36  
Eye and hair color: brown  
Tattoos: left upper arm, Cherokee Nation Seal, right upper arm: flowers and butterflies, back of neck: laugh now cry later  
She has a septum piercing which is the bull nose ring.

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

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

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prior drug-related convictions. He ordered Sanders to serve a minimum of 70 months in prison and a maximum of 93 months in prison. Coward also imposed a \$50,000 fine.

On July 1, as probation officers were leaving the home of a different offender, they spotted Sanders driving by. The officers followed in their vehicle, knowing Sanders was wanted for probation violation, facing active warrants for his arrest.

The suspect fled when he noticed the state-owned vehicle.

Based on previous encounters, one of the probation officers accurately predicted Sanders would go to a particular residence on Allison Creek Road.

After finding the vehicle, one of the officers approached Sanders. He again attempted to drive away. This time, however, Sanders admired the vehicle in mud.

The probation officers searched Sanders and discovered a plastic bag containing nearly 14 grams of heroin.

Chief Assistant District Attorney Jason Arnold prosecuted the case.

- Office of District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch release

## CIPD Arrest Report for Dec. 5-12

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

Lossiah, Mykel Tai Saloli – age 20

Arrested: Dec. 5  
Released: Dec. 5  
Charges: Driving While Impaired

Maney, Richard Guy – age 26  
Arrested: Dec. 5  
Released: Dec. 6  
Charges: Possession of Controlled Substance (Schedule I-V)

Hernandez, Angel Gabrielle Solano – age 32  
Arrested: Dec. 6  
Released: Dec. 7  
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Lincoln, Ellen Yellowhammer – age 26  
Arrested: Dec. 6  
Released: Dec. 7  
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

McCoy, Frank Joseph – age 28  
Arrested: Dec. 6  
Released: Dec. 7  
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Taylor, Jordan Michael – age 31  
Arrested: Dec. 6  
Released: Dec. 7  
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Tolley, Lawrence – age 49  
Arrested: Dec. 6  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Probation Violation

Hornbuckle, Kristie French – age 45  
Arrested: Dec. 7  
Released: Dec. 8  
Charges: Drug Trafficking, Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance, Providing or Possessing Contraband

Sequoyah, Lewis Clinton – age 43

Arrested: Dec. 7  
Released: Dec. 7  
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Garcia, Jamie Luiz – age 21  
Arrested: Dec. 8  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Jones, Cage Bradley – age 30  
Arrested: Dec. 8  
Released: Dec. 8  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Morgan, Jennifer Renee – age 20  
Arrested: Dec. 8  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Reyes, Sonia Margarita – age 24  
Arrested: Dec. 8  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Smith, James David – age 32  
Arrested: Dec. 8  
Released: Dec. 9  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Crowe, Hildegard Louise – age 36  
Arrested: Dec. 9  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V) (two counts)

Garcia, Alexander Martinez – age 25  
Arrested: Dec. 9  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Failure to Appear on

Misdemeanor

Ledford, Austin Taylor – age 19  
Arrested: Dec. 9  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Reckless Endangerment, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Oocumma, Eugene Murray – age 31  
Arrested: Dec. 9  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance (four counts), Violation of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders, Second Degree Trespass (three counts)

George, Kayla – age 28  
Arrested: Dec. 10  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Maney, Richard Guy – age 26  
Arrested: Dec. 10  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Public Nuisance, Disorderly Conduct, Possession of Contraband

Parton, Reagan Elizabeth – age 28  
Arrested: Dec. 10  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Penland, Alyson Laraine – age 30  
Arrested: Dec. 10  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

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Lincoln, Ellen Yellowhammer – age 26  
Arrested: Dec. 11  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance (two counts)

Locust III, William Russell – age 30  
Arrested: Dec. 11  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Probation Violation

Teesateskie Jr., Steve Allen – age 30  
Arrested: Dec. 11  
Released: Dec. 11  
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Sherrill, Tameka – age 30  
Arrested: Dec. 12  
Released: Not released as of report date  
Charges: Obstructing Justice, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance (two counts)

**CIPD Arrest Report for Dec. 12-19, 2021**

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Sherrill, Tameka – age 30  
Arrested: Dec. 12  
Released: Dec. 13  
Charges: Obstructing Justice, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance (two counts)

Buchanan, Lorie Ann – age 51  
Arrested: Dec. 13  
Released: Dec. 13  
Charges: Temporary Hold – Drug Charge

Cagle, Sherry Lee-Ann – age 35  
Arrested: Dec. 13  
Released: Dec. 14  
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Child Abuse in the Second Degree

George Jr., James Marcus – age 36  
Arrested: Dec. 13  
Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 21)  
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance (two counts)

Queen, Johnnie Sue – age 43  
Arrested: Dec. 14  
Released: Dec. 15  
Charges: Drug Trafficking

Smoker, April – age 38  
Arrested: Dec. 14  
Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 21)  
Charges: Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance

Bradley, Cassandra Renee – age 19  
Arrested: Dec. 15  
Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 21)  
Charges: Possession of Controlled Substance, Drug Trafficking

Jumper, Taelon Kenlee – age 20  
Arrested: Dec. 15  
Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 21)  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Lane, Jacqueline Evonne – age 49  
Arrested: Dec. 15  
Released: Dec. 16  
Charges: Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of a Controlled Substance

Martin, Julian – age 20  
Arrested: Dec. 15  
Released: Dec. 17  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Bigwitch, Christina Lynn – age 35  
Arrested: Dec. 16  
Released: Dec. 17  
Charges: Cyberstalking, Pre-trial Release Violation

Taylor, Taylor Norman – age 21  
Arrested: Dec. 16  
Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 21)  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Davis, Jeremiah – age 23  
Arrested: Dec. 17  
Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 21)  
Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree

Welch, Anthony Dirk – age 51  
Arrested: Dec. 18  
Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 21)  
Charges: Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property

Brady, Wendy Pearl – age 44  
Arrested: Dec. 19  
Released: Dec. 19  
Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson County

Lossiah, Nekyle Collins-Cagle – age 29  
Arrested: Dec. 19  
Released: Dec. 20  
Charges: Resisting Lawful Arrest, Intoxicated and Disruptive in Public, Breaking and Entering, Simple Assault, Assault and Battery, Simple Affray

**CIPD Arrest Report for Dec. 19-26, 2021**

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Burton, Joseph Daniel – age 44  
Arrested: Dec. 20  
Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 28)  
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Obstructing Governmental Functions, Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders, Probation Violation

Maney, Richard Guy – age 26  
Arrested: Dec. 20  
Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 28)  
Charges: Intoxicated and Disruptive, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Possession Controlled Substance

Williams, Becky Renee – age 47  
Arrested: Dec. 20  
Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 28)  
Charges: Harboring an Excluded Person

Bird, Michelle Nichole – age 26  
Arrested: Dec. 21  
Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 28)  
Charges: Aiding and Abetting (misdemeanor)

Conner II, Jerry Lee – age 36  
Arrested: Dec. 21  
Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 28)  
Charges: Domestic Violence, Criminal Mischief to Property

Fuller, Jamie Morgan – age 23 Arrested: Dec. 21 Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 28) Charges: Obstructing Governmental Functions	ing in Concert, Accessory before the Fact; Possession of Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V)  Walkingstick Jr., Mike Daniel – age 29 Arrested: Dec. 22 Released: Dec. 23 Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance	Arrested: Dec. 25 Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 28) Charges: Domestic Violence	Charges: Temporary Hold  Brady, Torie Ann – age 33 Arrested: Dec. 28 Released: Dec. 29 Charges: Obstructing Justice
Garcia, Alexander Martinez – age 25 Arrested: Dec. 21 Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 28) Charges: Aiding and Abetting (misdemeanor)	Cucumber, Ariane Alene – age 40 Arrested: Dec. 23 Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 28) Charges: Providing or Possessing Contraband	Garcia, Jose Salvador – age 55 Arrested: Dec. 25 Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 28) Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor	Wildcat, Charles Dwayne Joseph – age 26 Arrested: Dec. 28 Released: Dec. 29 Charges: Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance
George, Chadwick Errol – age 48 Arrested: Dec. 21 Released: Dec. 21 Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance	Arkansas-Bradley, Errika Leah – age 43 Arrested: Dec. 24 Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 28) Charges: Second Degree Trespass	Rice, Brandon Shane – age 36 Arrested: Dec. 26 Released: Dec. 26 Charges: Driving While Impaired	Biddix, Callie May – age 38 Arrested: Dec. 29 Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 3) Charges: Failure to Appear
McCoy, Rickenna Dawn – age 32 Arrested: Dec. 21 Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 28) Charges: Aiding and Abetting (misdemeanor); Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance	Bird, Jarrett James – age 46 Arrested: Dec. 24 Released: Dec. 27 Charges: Domestic Violence, Child Abuse in the Second Degree	Vallejo, Luis – age 40 Arrested: Dec. 26 Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 28) Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor	Bradley, Ryan David – age 38 Arrested: Dec. 29 Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 3) Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court
Junaluskie, Michelle Suzanne – age 30 Arrested: Dec. 22 Released: Dec. 23 Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance	Lee, Salina Lisa Marie – age 53 Arrested: Dec. 24 Released: Dec. 27 Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree; Simple Assault, Assault and Battery, Simple Affray	<b>CIPD Arrest Report for Dec. 26 – Jan. 2</b>  <i>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.</i>	
Lineberry, Tabitha – age 33 Arrested: Dec. 22 Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 28) Charges: Aiding and Abetting, Acting in Concert, Accessory before the Fact	Lone, Rhiannon – age 28 Arrested: Dec. 24 Released: Dec. 27 Charges: Domestic Violence, Child Abuse in the Second Degree	Biddix, Buster Lee – age 36 Arrested: Dec. 27 Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 3) Charges: Drug Trafficking, Larceny, Escape from Imprisonment and Custody, Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Manufacture Schedule I Controlled Substance	Bushyhead, Robert Edward – age 70 Arrested: Dec. 29 Released: Dec. 29 Charges: DWI
Reed, Polly – age 58 Arrested: Dec. 22 Released: Not released as of report date (Dec. 28) Charges: Aiding and Abetting, Act-	Reed, Michael James Hunter – age 46 Arrested: Dec. 24 Released: Dec. 27 Charges: Possession of Stolen Property	Bradley, Joshua – age 39 Arrested: Dec. 28 Released: Dec. 28	Lossiah Jr., Kirk Wilson – age 32 Arrested: Dec. 29 Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 3) Charges: Probation Violation, Assault on a Female, Domestic Violence
	Brady, Wendy Pearl – age 44		Sherrill, John Charles – age 34 Arrested: Dec. 29 Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 3) Charges: Failure to Appear
			Standingdeer, Sadie Ann – age 32 Arrested: Dec. 29 Released: Jan. 2

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**ARRESTS:** CIPD report, from page 11

Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree, Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedules I-V)

Bird, Dwayne – age 27

Arrested: Dec. 30

Released: Dec. 31

Charges: Failure to Appear

Bradley, Thunder – age 28

Arrested: Dec. 30

Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 3)

Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Cabe, Terance – age 55

Arrested: Dec. 30

Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 3)

Charges: Simple Assault, Assault and Battery, Simple Affray, Discharging a Firearm into Occu-

pied Property, Weapons Offense, Aggravated Weapons Offense, Assault by Pointing a Gun, Reckless Endangerment, Breaking and Entering

Jackson, Alexandria Jade – age 29

Arrested: Dec. 30

Released: Dec. 30

Charges: Loitering for Unlawful Drug-Related Activity

Washington, Tyler Dillon – age 27

Arrested: Dec. 30

Released: Dec. 30

Charges: Loitering for Unlawful Drug-Related Activity

Wilnoty, Thomas Zane – age 27

Arrested: Dec. 30

Released: Dec. 30

Charges: Failure to Appear

Brady, Tasia Kateri – age 27

Arrested: Dec. 31

Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 3)

Charges: Contributing to the Delinquency, Undiscipline, Neglect, or Abuse of Minors (two counts)

Locust, Clyde Edd – age 33

Arrested: Dec. 31

Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 3)

Charges: Child Abuse in the First Degree, Assault Inflicting Serious Bodily Injury, Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Wolfe, Terrance Russell – age 24

Arrested: Dec. 31

Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 3)

Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance – Simple Possession of Marijuana (two counts); Kidnapping; False Imprisonment; Simple Assault, Assault and Battery, Simple Affray; Disorderly

Conduct

Arneach, Cheyenne Robin – age 29

Arrested: Jan. 1

Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 3)

Charges: Injuring Real Property, Possession of a Controlled Substance (two counts), Obstructing Governmental Functions

Huskey, Savannah Kay – age 20

Arrested: Jan. 1

Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 3)

Charges: Simple Assault, Domestic Violence

Komenda, Melissa Blanch – age 31

Arrested: Jan. 1

Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 3)

Charges: Failure to Appear



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## FOOTBALL

# Kanott selected to prestigious All-American Bowl

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

Ayden Kanott, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, has been selected to participate in the 2022 DREAM All-American Rising Stars football all-star game on Monday, Jan. 17 at AT&T Stadium in Dallas, Texas. A total of 176 high school players were selected nationwide.

Ayden, son of Dustin and Samantha Kanott, is currently a junior at Hidden Valley High School in Grants Pass, Ore. He started playing tackle football at age 5 with his father as head coach.

"I love the team aspect of football," said Ayden. "I love working alongside players that love the game just as much as I do. I treat my team as a family, and I work hard to help my team achieve anything we put our minds to."

He hopes to keep playing football at the next level. "I hope to get the chance to pursue football in college at any division. I have been looking at many colleges in Oregon, but I am open to play anywhere in the country. I want to go where they will let me play."

Ayden, who is listed on his school's official roster at 6'0" and 245lbs., is looking forward to participating in the All-American game. "I know I won't be as big as these other linemen I go against, but I will use my leverage, my technique, and my strength to move anyone in front of me. I have been lifting and conditioning my body to be prepared for anything they throw at me in the game."

Ayden was named to second team All-Skyline Conference in 2021 at both center and defensive line positions.

Shannon Riley, DREAM Sports Group chief executive officer and game committee leader, said in a statement, "The athletes that were selected have exemplified great leadership skills on and off the field, and have stood out as leading performers in each position. We believe that these are the next stars of the game, and we want to recognize them for their outstanding achievements and help them get to the next level."

But it's not all football for Ayden who likes to hike and be outside. "I love nature and try to experience every beautiful aspect of it every day. In the future, I'd like to pursue sports medicine and become a physician to help everyone in my community."

For more information on the game, visit [www.dreambowlgame.com/tickets](http://www.dreambowlgame.com/tickets)



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359-6584

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359-6450 or 497-6402

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## Phone Numbers for Cherokee elders

**Cherokee Indian Hospital main line**  
497-9163

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359-6291 or 736-3950

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359-6638

**HIP (Home Improvement Program)** -  
contact is Cindi Squirrel  
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359-6830

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507-7825

**Cherokee Immediate Care Clinic**  
554-5555

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479-9145

**Tsali Manor main line**  
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## Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program's Totsuwa: Winter Walk and Read

Submitted by **COLBY TAYLOR**

Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program Fellow

Every year, the Jones-Bowman fellows are tasked with the creation and execution of a group service project. The 2021-22 Jones-Bowman fellows are Nolan Arkansas, Juanita Paz-Chalacha, Zoie Lambert, Kevonna Tushka, Colby Taylor, and Levi West.

This year's cohort of Jones-Bowman fellows decided to host a walk and read as their community service project. The walk and read was located at Kituwah mound on Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021 and featured a Cherokee Nation story written by Virginia Hamby called Totsuwa, which is how the Cardinal became red. The Fellows integrated the Cherokee Core Values of Group Harmony, Educating the Children, and Honoring the Past.

The EBCI Communications Department helped the fellows print out signs depicting and telling the story in English and a coloring book edition that featured



Jones-Bowman LAP Fellows are shown, left to right, at the Totsuwa event at Kituwah Mound on Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021 including: Zoie Lambert, Colby Taylor, Juanita Paz-Chalacha, Nolan Blake Arkansas and Kevonna Tushka. Not pictured: Levi West. (Photo courtesy of Jones-Bowman)

the story entirely in Cherokee syllabary and phonetics.

On the day of the event, the fellows assembled the signs with their posts. After they were built, the fellows started to put the signs in their assigned places. Once the preparation was finished, the fellows began to talk to the guests and explain the process of the walk and read while also serving guests refreshments and handing out coloring books.

The fellows received many

positive reviews during the event, and the guests were happy. After the event, the fellows deconstructed the signs, threw trash away, and cleaned the area they used. The estimated total of people who took advantage of this event was 50-75 people.

Jones-Bowman officials noted, "We would like to thank everyone that attended the event. We would also like to thank the EBCI Communications Department, Buffalotown., Johi Griffin, EBCI

THPO Office, Wofltown Council Members Bo Crowe and Bill Taylor for their help to make the event a success."

The Jones-Bowman Leadership Program is a program under the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute which is a department under the Cherokee Boys Club and is funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program is a fellowship and leadership program that embodies the seven Cherokee core values: Sense of Humor, Sense of Place, Spirituality, Group Harmony, Educating the Children, Honoring the Past, and Strong Individual Character. The Program is named after former Principal Chief Leon Jones and former Tribal Council Representative James Bowman, who were integral in forming the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

New applications for the Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program will open on Feb. 21 and close on April 4. For more information, please visit [rkli.org/jones-bowman.com/](http://rkli.org/jones-bowman.com/) or email Christopher Reed at [chris@rkli.org](mailto:chris@rkli.org).

## Post 143 seeking contact information for active EBCI service men/women

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



## Jones-Bowman participant travels to Arizona

Levi West, a recipient of the Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program, recently traveled to Arizona to attend his graduation ceremony. As a Jones-Bowman fellow for the past three years, he has used his award money to further his cultural and leadership skills in areas such as making booger masks, stickball sticks, strengthening public speaking, and social networking.

As part of his leadership goal this year, West wanted to visit the Gila River Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council which the Cherokee Youth Council was modeled after. Recently selected for the Cherokee Youth Council leadership specialist position, he wanted to expand his knowledge of how Gila River was implementing culture into their youth's program as well as what was working for them and what was not.



Levi West is shown in front of a mural, created by Bunky Echo-Hawk and Votan Henriquez, of the late Chief Antonio Azul. The mural is located in front of the GRIC (Gila River Indian Community) Youth Council Office in Arizona. (Photo courtesy of Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute)

Talking with Michael Preston, the Gila River Akimel O'odham/Pee-Posh Youth Council coordinator, was important to Levi as they have had great success in the past

and he hopes to do the same here in Cherokee as he transitions from student to educator.

"The trip was beneficial as I was able to make an in-person

connection with Michael," said West. "Hopefully, that leads to staying in touch to bounce ideas off each other or share opportunities to better both of our programs. I learned that their members serve two-year terms and are acknowledged the rest of their lives for the work they do. They honor them when they pass away just like we do our former council members here by closing the tribe for a day. It is a huge honor and commitment to be a member of their youth council and I would like to see something similar happen with our program."

The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program is under the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute which is a department of the Cherokee Boys Club and funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

- Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute release



## Cherokee Veterans: We want to share your stories.

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

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

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Local auditions for “Unto These Hills” 2022

“Unto These Hills” is getting ready for its 72nd season this coming summer. Have you ever had the urge to get on stage with the drama? If so, they would love to see you at the local auditions Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022. They are looking for individuals to fill out the 2022 company. Even if you’ve never acted before but want to be a part of the show, come out. They welcome individuals of all ages and experience levels.

Where: Cherokee Historical Association Main Box Office, 564 Tsali Blvd.

When: Jan. 22, 2022 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Season Dates: First Rehearsal – Friday, May 6, 2022

Opening Night – Saturday, May 28,

2022

Closing Night – Saturday, Aug. 20, 2022

Info: [www.cherokeehistorical.org](http://www.cherokeehistorical.org); Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/UntoTheseHills/>

### Senior Citizens Heating Assistance applications

Applications for the 2022 heating season are now available at Tsali Manor. Applications will be available Monday through Friday after 1 p.m. each day.

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

The deadline for applications is March 31, 2022. If you will be 59 ½ by March 31, 2022, you are eligible for services upon turning 59 ½. If you are applying for electric

heating assistance, please attach a current billing statement. The heating season ends on April 30, 2022.

If you have further question, call 359-6860.

- Tsali Manor release

## NATIONAL PARK NEWS

### Blue Ridge Parkway seeks public comment on Right-of-Way application

National Park Service officials announced on Friday, Jan. 7 a public comment period is open as part of the Blue Ridge Parkway’s review of an application submitted by Dominion Energy North Carolina (DENC) for a right-of-way (ROW) permit to construct, operate, and maintain a 760-ft segment of pipeline that would cross beneath the Parkway near Milepost 393.3 in Buncombe County.

The proposed DENC pipeline segment is part of a natural gas pipeline under construction in the area that enables DENC to reduce pressure on an aging segment of its existing pipeline network, which can then be repurposed from transmission service to lower pressure distribution service to increase the reliability of natural gas service to DENC’s area customer base.

A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to evaluate any impacts from issuance of the proposed ROW permit. The project webpage and draft EA can be found at this link: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/Dominion-T2ROWBuncombe>. The public is invited to review the information at this link and submit comments beginning today through Feb. 5.

- National Park Service release

## THE JACKSON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS THE

# WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT



JANUARY 10-16, 2022



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

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### BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, JAN. 10	TUESDAY, JAN. 11	WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12	THURSDAY, JAN. 13	FRIDAY, JAN. 14	SATURDAY, JAN. 15	SUNDAY, JAN. 16
AVERAGE+	AVERAGE	AVERAGE+	AVERAGE	GOOD	BETTER	BETTER++
6:04 AM-8:04 AM 6:25 PM-8:25 PM	6:46 AM-8:46 AM 7:07 PM-9:07 PM	7:29 AM-9:29 AM 7:52 PM-9:52 PM	8:15 AM-10:15 AM 8:38 PM-10:38 PM	9:03 AM-11:03 AM 9:27 PM-11:27 PM	9:52 AM-11:52 AM 10:18 PM-12:18 AM	N/A 10:43 AM-12:43 PM

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

## **DEDUCTIONS:**

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

## **Household Size** (FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standards)

1-	\$1,251
2-	\$1,629
3-	\$2,007
4-	\$2,393
5-	\$2,802
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The home of Jama and Amy Anders, in the Big Y Community, won first place in this year's Reservation Wide Christmas Lighting Contest hosted by the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office. (Photo courtesy of the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office)

#### **2021 Reservation Wide Christmas Lighting Contest winners**

The EBCI Cooperative Extension Community Development Department, in partnership with the EBCI Commerce Department, hosted the 2021 Reservation Wide Christmas Lighting Contest. Each community club participating hosted their own Christmas lighting contest for their community members and submitted their first-place winners to the Community Development Department. Judging for these entries was held on Friday, Dec. 10.

The following are the winners for this year's contest:

1st Place – Jama and Amy Anders, Big Y Community, \$500

2nd Place – Sonya Lossiah, Yellowhill Community, \$300

3rd Place – Bruce Swayney, Big Cove Community, \$200

Honorable Mention:

Courtney Myers, Cherokee County Community, \$100

RL Mathews, Towstring Community, \$100

Ricky Cabe, Wolftown Community, \$100

*- EBCI Cooperative Extension release*

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*- Brenda Weaver*

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## THANK YOU LETTERS

### Thanks from children of Jason Lee Thompson

On behalf of the children of Jason Lee Thompson: Ayden, Nyree, and Jayanna Thompson,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude of everyone that helped us out during this time of loss.

First and foremost God our great source of comfort. Long house funeral home for doing such a excellent job with the arrangements and fixing their dad for them to be able to view him. To my Lossiah family (Rick, Ernie,Dad, Ernestine) that so kindly allowed the kids to bury their dad in the family cemetery so that they could visit his grave anytime they want to, I sure hope God blesses each of you for being so kind hearted to these children for opening your heart to them I could not imagine what they're going through. Tribal construction - thank you, thank you! You all are the best I am so sorry for you all having to do double work. It really means a lot. Greg Morgan thank you delivering such a great message at the funeral and for inviting your singers and singing such beautiful songs I feel like it sure did bring the family comfort. Big cove Missionary Baptist church my church family thank you for letting us use the church for the setting up and service. My parents Ike Sequoyah and Randy Lossiah, thank you for being there for me helping however you could, cooking, opening the church, checking on us, praying for us we appreciate it. Leslie and Jesse Sneed for providing shuttle via side by side to the grave yard we are so grateful! Nakoa Warrington thank you for making Michelle and Darius' dishes they asked for you're awesome! Bo Crowe for

all your assistance. Anyone that called, text, prayed for us thank you!

Sincerely,  
**Jaime E. Lossiah**

### Dear Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship,

I want to thank the selection committee for selecting me as a recipient of this prestigious scholarship. I am beyond appreciative, and I am filled with pride as being selected for this award is a great accomplishment and honor.

I am an MBA candidate at Western Carolina University (WCU). I plan on using my degree to further the mission I set forth for myself upon graduating in 2006 from WCU. That is to share the knowledge that I have obtained and use it to help strengthen my community the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The opportunities that my tribe has given me have never been taken for granted and I continue to strive for the betterment of our home and our people.

As I am charged with delivering what I have stated. I will go with the confidence that your organization has entrusted me to carry a torch that has burned so brightly for many years. Mr. Crowe was a man of many great deeds and though he was here for a short time his impact and legacy has carried on for generations. I can only hope I would have made him proud, as I hope I will make your organization proud. I want to also say to my kids and folks who are in or are deciding to take the next step in their education, that anything is possible if you let purpose guide you. My family and I want to thank you for the opportunity you have presented me with, and I can't wait to start this new chapter in our lives.

Thank you,  
**Cameron, Brandi, Anasette,  
and Mechelen Cooper**

### Thanks from the family of Anderson Wildcat Jr.

The family of Anderson Wildcat, Jr. would like to thank everyone for their compassion during our time of grief. Your gifts of food, drinks and especially your presence were very appreciated. Special thanks to the Long House Funeral Home, Jim Sexton and the Cherokee Church of Christ, Boyd Owle, Birdtown Free Labor and the Office of B. Ensley.

Sgi,  
**The Wildcat Family**

## Good Housekeeping

### Carrot Salad

- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 2 packages (8 ounces each) shredded carrots

1. In large bowl, with wire whisk or fork, mix lime juice, honey, cilantro, salt and crushed red pepper until blended.

2. Toss carrots with lime dressing to coat.

• Each serving: About 65 calories, 0g total fat, 0g cholesterol, 175mg sodium, 17g total carbohydrate, 1g protein.

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## Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **Jan. 26, 1788**, Capt. Arthur Phillip guides a fleet of 11 British ships carrying convicts to the colony of New South Wales, effectively founding Australia. The date eventually became commemorated as Australia Day.

• On **Jan. 25, 1905**, at the Premier Mine in Pretoria, South Africa, a 3,106-carat diamond is discovered. Weighing 1.33 pounds and christened the "Cullinan," it was the largest diamond ever found.

• On **Jan. 24, 1935**, canned beer makes its debut. In partnership with the American Can Company, the Gottfried Krueger Brewing Company delivered 2,000 cans of beer to faithful Krueger drinkers in Richmond, Virginia. Some 91% of the drinkers approved of the canned beer.

• On **Jan. 30, 1943**, the British Royal Air Force begins a bombing campaign in Berlin that coincides with the 10th anniversary of Hitler's accession to power. Two days later, a massive surrender of German troops occurred at Stalingrad.

• On **Jan. 27, 1967**, a fire on the launch pad during Apollo 1 program tests at Cape Canaveral, Florida, kills astronauts Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White II and Roger B. Chaffee. An investigation implicated a faulty electrical wire inside the command module as the probable cause.

• On **Jan. 29, 1979**, Brenda Spencer, 16, kills two men and wounds nine children as they enter an elementary school in San Diego, blasting away with a rifle from her home across the street. Despite drug abuse and anger issues, her father had given her a .22 rifle and 500 rounds of ammunition as a Christmas gift.

• On **Jan. 28, 1985**, dozens of pop stars gather to lay down tracks for "We Are the World," under the direction of Quincy Jones. The song would go on to sell more than 7 million copies and raise more than \$60 million for African famine relief. Participants were told: "Check your egos at the door."

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## OBITUARIES Jh6fR

### Henry James Driver

Henry James Driver, age 41, passed away unexpectedly at his residence in Cherokee on Friday, Dec. 10, 2021.

He is survived by his children, Kaslyn Driver, Isabella Driver, and Henry Driver; brothers, John Driver and adopted Brother Kyle Watty; and uncle, Daniel Trampler.

Henry was preceded in death by his wife, Kassie Wolfe Driver; and parents, John Henry Driver and Nellie Marie Driver.

Henry was a gifted craftsman. He made his living by selling baskets and other crafts that he made.

A formal funeral service was held on Friday, Dec. 17 at Rock Springs Baptist Church with Pastor Greg Morgan officiating. Burial was in the George Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

### Charles Lee Reed

Charles Lee Reed, age 45, of Sevierville, Tenn., formerly of Cherokee, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021 at his residence.

He is survived by his mother, Sally Reed; daughter, Tori Graham; brothers, Danny Reed, Jimmy Reed, Johnny Reed, and Anthony Reed; sister, Tammy Reed; special friend, Tonya Taylor; and several nieces and nephews.

Charles was preceded in death by his father, Charles Reed; brother, Gary Reed; sister, Jerri-lynn Smith Reed; grandpa, John Trampler; and grandma and grandpa, Wilson Reed and Bell Taylor.

A formal funeral service was held on Friday, Dec. 17 at Waterfalls Baptist Church on Friday,

Dec. 17 with Ben Reed officiating. Burial was in the Reed Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

### Selma Seay Hope

Selma Seay Hope (Nani), 86, of Cherokee, went home to be with the Lord Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late Clingman Taylor and Winona Swayney Seay.

She was preceded in death by her son, Paul Hope and her granddaughter, Lydia Gosnell.

Selma is survived by her children, Mike and Chris Hope, Cindy Strudwick; grandchildren, Anna Halsten, Brandy Hope, Josh Hope, Billy Hoe Poole, Faith Williams; five great grandchildren; and sister, Carolyn Quinn.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 23 at Straight Fork Baptist Church. Burial was in the Seay Family Cemetery.

Crisp Funeral Home assisted the family.

### Garrett LeRoy "Bone" Biddix

Garrett LeRoy "Bone" Biddix, age 53, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021 at Haywood County Hospital following a brief illness. He is the son of the late Henderson Leroy Biddix and Nancy Wildcat Biddix.

Bone is survived by his loving wife, Bobbie Frizzell Biddix; children, Tosha Biddix of Gerogia, N.C., Hailey Biddix of Georgia, N.C., Patricia Biddix of Cherokee, N.C., Kenny Biddix of Cherokee, N.C.; step-son, Timmy Burett of Canton, N.C.; step-daughter, Felicia of Georgia, N.C., and Michelle Gregory of Waynesville N.C.; brothers, John Biddix and Fredd Biddix; sister, Polly Biddix; uncle,

Quincy Wildcat; and three grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Bone was preceded in death by his brothers, Henny Biddix and JR Biddix.

My loving husband was a wonderful man. He was a good father. He loved to have fun and was always in good spirit. He would help anybody he could. Bone loved the outdoors, he loved mowing, weed eating, and loved animals.

A formal funeral service was held on Friday, Dec. 17 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home. Burial was in the Birdtown Cemetery. Pallbearers were Buster "Pete" Biddix, John B. Biddix, Jeff Lineberry, Taylor Biddix, TK Soap, Native Walkingstick, and Luther Murphy.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

### Wahnetah Bernhisel Stamper

Wahnetah Bernhisel Stamper, 68, of the Painttown Community, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday Dec. 21, 2021. She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward Charles and Jean Wahnetah Bernhisel; brothers, Samuel Bernhisel, Walter Bernhisel; and sister, Sherry Jean Bernhisel.

Wahnetah is survived by her husband of 42 years Ned Stamper; daughters: Radonna Saunooke Crowe (Peanut), Jessica Saunooke Armachain (James); special daughters, Ruth Taylor (Junebug) and Jean Arlenea Gomez (Ede); sons, Ed Stamper (Michelle), Dwayne Stamper, and Benjamin Stamper all of Cherokee; grandchildren, Madison Crowe Woodward (Logan), Tagan Crowe, Dyami Saunooke, Thomas Armachain, Jaymsey Armachain, Michael Stamper (Paige), Megan Arch (Trennie), Luke "Goldie" Stamp-

er, Davan Fourkiller-Raby, Chris Maney (Kelly), Holly Stamper, Dillon Stamper, Justin Walker, Cain Ross, John George, Bree Stamper, Emma Stamper, Elise Stamper, and Yvonne Stamper; sisters, Arlena Lanning, Violet Lee, Carol Bernhisel, Sybil Bernhisel, and Bobbie De'Ville of Mississippi; brothers, Edward Bernhisel of Waynesville, Tony Bernhisel (Sue), and Joe Bernhisel (Lotta); several nieces, nephews, many cousins and Loved ones.

Wahnetah currently managed the Cool Waters Motel, which she had for many years. Prior to that, she owned and operated her own Hair Salon. Wahnetah had attended and obtained her associate's degree in business administration and cosmetology. Prior, she had been a tribal employee for 20 years in which time she was the director of the Qualla Civic Center. She enjoyed and loved working with the people who she came in contact with during her professional careers.

Wahnetah is a co-founder to the "Brothers in the Wind" Harley Riders. She so enjoyed riding with her husband and hosting the Riders picnics and celebrations. She also co-founded the "Brother's in the Wind" Toys for Tots annual Christmas event. Within the Toys for Tots Christmas event, she incorporated Senior Citizen Gift baskets. Wahnetah was a pillar to the family and many others. She is and will be greatly missed and always be loved.

Funeral Services were held Friday, Dec. 24 at Rock Springs Baptist Church. Revs. Greg Morgan and Shane Silvers officiated with burial at Stamper Family Cemetery.

### Ronald Thomas Teesateskie

Ronald Thomas Teesateskie

“Ronnie” went home to be with the Lord Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021 with his loving family by his side. A native of Graham County and from the Snowbird community, he was the son of the late Tom Teesateskie and Jeanette Sue Rattler Teesateskie. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his brothers, Steve Allen Teesateskie and Partick Daniel Teesateskie; and one sister, Barbara Owle.

Ronald is survived by his loving wife, Sandra Teesateskie; one daughter, Rocanne Teesateskie; three grandchildren, Alex Sneed, Jax and Jex Panther; four sisters, Donna Sue McCracken (Lonnie), Norma Jean Smith, Blanche Teesateskie all of Robbinsville, Christine McCoy (Steve) of Marble, NC; many nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind a special nephew, Tommy Teesateskie in which he was a father figure to. He always enjoyed watching his accomplishments and all his high school sporting events.

Ronald was a devoted and dedicated member of the Snowbird Volunteer Fire Department for 32 years. He loved and considered them all as family. He also loved to help people in many ways and as a member of the fire department he always drove the tanker, responded to many calls and directed traffic. He has several special friends among the fire department; PD Royal, Brenda Postell, Shailynn Postell, Zell Carver and Ethan Pannell.

He worked as a dedicated truck driver for Snowbird Logging for over 30 years. If you didn't see him in his personal truck, he was always behind the wheel in the 18-wheeler. The Hooper Family will always be considered his family. He loved the family dearly. He also considered Walter Hooper as his own brother.

He will always be remembered as “Ronnie T.” & “338”

He had many friends and special friends, Calloway Ledford, B Ensley and Spencer Weeks, his motorcycle riding buddy.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 22 at Zion Hill Baptist Church. Revs. Ernie Stiles and Coy Adams officiated with burial in the Ledford Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jason Hooper, Lucas Hooper, Tommy Cable, Matthew Smith, Tommy Teesateskie and Robbie Teesateskie.

#### **Jessie Marie Walker Howard**

Jessie Marie Walker Howard, went home to be with the Lord Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021. A native of Swain County, she was the daughter of the late William and Amanda Catt Walker.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Levi Howard; two sisters, Katie Long, and Inez Seay; three brothers, Jack, Gene, and George Walker; children, Levi, Bobby, and Gladys, and a great grandson, Tyler Bowman.

Jessie is survived by her children, Marcia Hollifield (Eddie), Linda Lowe, Judy Blevins (Jim), Eugene Howard (Suzanne), Dennis Howard, and Charlie Howard (Sandy); seven grandchildren, Mickey, Lisa, Matt, Jeff, Brian, Denise, and Tiara; several great grandchildren; four great great grandchild; four sisters, Lucille Radford, Polly Markley, Maxine Lambert, and Alyne Dixon; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held Wednesday, Dec. 22 at Crisp Funeral Home Chapel. Revs. Keith Ashe and Eddie Hollifield officiated with burial at Holly Springs Cemetery #2.

#### **Keith Littlewolfe Armachain**

Keith “Littlewolf” Armachain, age 28, of Cherokee, went to his heavenly home on Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021 at his residence of the Yellowhill Community.

He is survived by his mother, Pearl Wolfe; brother, Larry Armachain Jr.; sisters, Larrisa Armachain (Tim) and Mary Decoteau; his companion, Cami Davis; nieces, Kaslyn, Izzy, and Tristian; nephews, Kasey, Wesley, Timothy, Alex, and JBO; two special children, Ben and Aliyah; aunts, Berdina Salazar, Mary Lambert (Ernie), and Debbie Murphy; and uncles, Glenn Wolfe and Robert “Runningwolfe” Wolfe (Nita).

Keith was preceded in death by his dad, Larry Armachain Sr.; sister, Kassie Wolfe Driver; brother, Cody Decoteau; uncle, Lonnie Armachain; maternal grandma, Irene Wolfe; grandfather, Eli Wolfe; paternal grandma, Stacy Armachain; paternal grandfather, Ned Hill; and maternal aunts, Adonna Wolfe, Alice Forney, and Mariah Walkingstick.

A formal funeral service was held on Tuesday, Dec. 21 at the Big Cove Pentecostal Holiness Church with Anne French officiating. Burial was in the Wolfe Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were Wesley Wildcatt, JD Crowe, Michael Wolfe, Casper Wolfe, Casey Armachain, and Antonio Ramos.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

#### **Beulah Lambert Young**

Beulah Lambert Young, age 82, of Cherokee, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021, at Tsali Care Center surrounded by her loving family after a brief illness. She is the daughter of the late Amos Lambert and Lalah Bales Lambert.

She is survived by her hus-

band of 54 years, Charles “Cotton” Young of Cherokee; her daughter, Sheri Young Calabrese (Blue) of Lenoir; step-son, Daryl Young (Clara) of Adrian, Ga.; grandchildren, Shad Eller of Lenoir, and Ashley Eller Watkins (Michael) of Cherokee; step-grandson, Caleb Bradley (Kelly) of Hickory; great-grandchildren, Jordan and Tyler Watkins, both of Cherokee; siblings, Phyllis Tomlinson (Ronald), Shirley Reagan (Everett), Willie Lambert (Mary); and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; son, Alan Young; brothers, Charles Lambert (Wanda) and Grady Lambert; and sister, Sharlett Marie Lambert

Beulah was an avid reader, a devoted Elvis fan, and she loved to go for long drives with her husband. Christmas was her favorite time of year, and she kept her childlike excitement over the season her whole life. She had a wonderful sense of humor, and no one was safe from her one-line comebacks. She was the eldest of seven siblings and the family's matriarch.

Funeral services were held at Cherokee Bible Church on Wednesday, Dec. 29 with Reverend Randall Miller officiating. Graveside service followed immediately after the funeral at the Reagan Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Shad Eller, Caleb Bradley, Michael Watkins, Kasey Reagan, Daryl Young, and James Reagan.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

#### **Jason Lee Thompson**

Jason “Jake” Lee Thompson, age 40, passed away unexpectedly at his residence on Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021. He was preceded

in death by his grandmothers, Beulah Thompson and Lizzie Tushka King; also, his aunt, Elsie T. Calhoun.

Jason loved the Carolina Tarheels Basketball and the Golden State Warriors. He also loved watching his children in their sports. His children were his world.

Jason is survived by his mother, Sue Thompson of the home; father, Sam Thompson; children, Ayden Thompson, Tahlaya “Nyree” Thompson, Jayanna Thompson and their mother, Jaime Lossiah; siblings, Michelle Thompson, Steven Thompson (Frieda Wolfe), Rissy Plott and family, Charlie Jumper and family, and Damion Kalonaheskie and family. Also surviving are nieces and nephews, Chayton Thompson (Sabrina), Darius Thompson, Becca Thompson (Kory), Tyruss Thompson, Niko Thompson, Laylah Thompson, and Elli Thompson; great-nephews and great-nieces, Kendryk Crowe, Aliya Thompson, Everleigh Thompson, Leilani Thompson, Jeriah Williams, and McKell Thompson; aunt, Elnora Thompson; and uncle, Levi King of Moore, Okla. Many cousins and friends also survive.

A formal funeral service was held on Thursday, Dec. 30 at Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church. Burial was in the Lossiah Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were Chayton Thompson, Darius Thompson, Steven Thompson, Brant Grant, Michael Thompson, and Will Tushka. Honorary Pallbearers were Tyruss Thompson and Niko Thompson.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

### **James Stewart Cucumber**

James “Jimmy” Stewart Cucumber, age 69, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Friday, Dec. 24, 2021.

Jimmy is survived by his loving wife of more than 40 years, Vicki Dozier Cucumber; children, Amber Cucumber Sutton (Joshua) of Sylva, Kristan Cucumber Smith (Tait) of Cherokee, Chelsea Cucumber Carey (Matt) of Cherokee, and Kennedy Jessa Cucumber of the home; brothers, Alfred Cucumber and Sammy Cucumber; sister, Mianna Luther; and four grandchildren, Amiya Sutton-Ensley (Roy), Kara Riley Sutton, Konner Sha-wa-nu-gi Cucumber, and Benny Rayne Cucumber. Several nieces, nephews, cousins, special friends, and loved ones also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Noah Cucumber and Emaline Cucumber; brother, Clement Cucumber; sister, Martha Cucumber Lossie; nephew, Daniel Luther; brother-in-law, Rick Luther; sister-in-law, Lucille Cucumber; father-in-law, William Dozier; and special friend, Ed Hodges.

Jimmy was a fluent Cherokee speaker. He loved fishing, scratching lottery tickets, spending time with family, and watching Fred G. Sanford and Gunsmoke on tv. He was a big Tarheels and Carolina Panthers fan. He loved talking to people and playing jokes, especially on his wife, Vicki. Jimmy is and will be greatly missed and always loved. Take a minute to celebrate him. Have some carrot cake, some chocolate covered cherries, scratch off a lottery ticket or two, sit outside and take it in. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Per his wishes, Jimmy will be cremated, and his wife and daughters will be spreading his ashes near the family home.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

### **Rev. Ray Anthony Lambert**

Rev. Ray Anthony Lambert, 88, of the Tow String Community, went home to be with the Lord Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021.

A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Rev. Jesse and Cora Lambert. He was a member of Tow String Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Betty Jane Lambert; his brother, Dan Lambert; and sisters, Lela Bales, Floy Matthews, Tinsa Sanders, Eula Sanders and Cleo Galloway. He is survived by his children, Tony Lambert (Susan), J.T. Lambert (Angel), Ray Lambert, Jr. (Gasiya), Danny Lambert (Krista), and Bobby Lambert (Alysia); and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Jan. 3 at Crisp Funeral Home. Revs. Glen and Jerry Bradley officiated with burial in the Tow String Cemetery.

### **Jacob Colby Smith**

Jacob Colby Smith, age 21, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021 at his residence.

He is survived by his daughter, Jariyah Lynn Smith of Cherokee; brother, Dustin Thomas Smith; sister, Courtney George; cousins, Gary L. Reed, Austin Reed, Gabby Jones, Gage Jones, and Bella Jones; grandmothers, Kay Jones (Sam) and Mona Smith; grandfather, Junior Jones; special friends, Mary McCoy, Kitty Taylor, Taelon Jumper, Christian Ensley, and Cody Swayney; aunts and uncles, Tammy, Steve Lambert, Angie, Evonda, Dana, DeeDee, Kathleen Smith, Alice Caley, Janice Fause, Stephanie Hornbuckle, Tommy,

Buford, Gilbert Smith, Jamie, Bill, Toby Smith, Stephanie Jones, and Corky Swayney.

Jacob was preceded in death by his parents, TJ Smith and Dusty Lyn Jones Smith; brother, Joshua Daniel Smith; aunt, Nancy (Jim) Taylor; and grandfather, Jerry Smith.

Jacob will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

A formal funeral service was held on Monday, Jan. 3 in the chapel of Long House Funeral Home. Burial was in the Bethel Cemetery. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Long House Funeral Home assisted family with final arrangements.

### **Toby Joe Smith**

Toby Joe Smith, born Sept. 16, 1976 went to be with our Lord and Savior on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021.

He is preceded in death by his father, Billy Joe Swayney; grandparents, Jean Smith, Leonard Swayney and Ollie Mae Swayney. He is survived by his six children, Brianna, Savannah, Brandon, Madilyn, Sarah and Kadience; four grandchildren; his parents, Jeannie and Johnny Abbot; second mom, Corky Swayney; two sisters, Misty (Jason) Armstrong and Stephanie Hornbuckle; two brothers, Jamie Swayney and Bill Henderson; and many nieces and nephews also survive.

Toby loved his children and his grandchildren with all his heart. He also loved to sing, play drums and pick guitar with his brothers and friends.

A celebration of life will be planned at a later time.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

### **Rachel Smoker**

Rachel Smoker, 72, of Little Snowbird in Robbinsville, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021.

Rachel was a fluent Cherokee speaker who was preceded in death by her daughters, Sally Anderson, and Angela Teesateskie, and granddaughter, Tosha McCarter.

She was the daughter of the late Jack and Amy Smoker. Rachel is survived by her daughter, Ella-mae Teesateskie; grandchildren, Shantel Teesateskie, Lyle Jumper, Storm Teesateskie, and Summer (Christopher) Tompkins; great grandchildren, Kaniya, and Kycik Teesateskie, Cassidy Suddereth, Wesley Quinn Jumper, Kenzy, Taizley, and Brooklyn McCarter; brothers and sisters, Richard Smoker of Cherokee, Lane (Bessie) Smoker of Cherokee, Maybelle (Alfred) Welch of Robbinsville, Irene (Howard) Jackson of Robbinsville, Roger (Dawn) Smoker of Robbinsville, Myrtle Smoker and Tony Smoker of Robbinsville.

The family would like to say a special thanks to Four Season Hospice Team especially Rhonda Oaks; Tsali Care Center nurses and team; her cousin Kina Bradley, and a thanks for all of the prayers.

My Rose I have a pink rose growing in my garden. It withers in the winter time but always comes back in the spring. It comes back in full bloom with pink petals all around it. It waves in the gentle breeze, saying "I'm back." This rose reminds me of my sister. She is a strong person, been through a lot of rains and storms in her life but always comes back with her special smile. She is a special rose in my garden. I know when she leaves her earthly home to go to her heavenly home, she will be waving in the distance saying I'll

be back. We will miss our rose but we will see her again in God's Garden. Thank you, Lord, for the rose you placed in our lives. We love you special Rose. Love your Family.

Funeral Services were held Wednesday at Zion Hill Baptist Church. Revs. Ernie Stiles, Forman Bradley, and Scott Chekelele officiated with burial in the Smoker Cemetery. Pallbearers were all of the nephews.

### **William Ellis "Bill" McManus Jr.**

William Ellis "Bill" McManus Jr., 51 of Jonesborough, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2021 at the Waters of Johnson City, Tenn. He was a native of Asheville, son of the late William E. McManus Sr. and Sue Sneed McManus of Jonesborough, Tenn.

Bill was an attorney who practiced law in Florida from 2001 to 2010 and to present in Tennessee.

In addition to his father both his maternal and paternal grandparents and a brother, Michael Maye preceded him in death.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 16 years, Karen McManus; his mother, Sue "Ma Sue" McManus; a brother, Joe Froelich of St. Johns, Fla.

Bill is to be cremated and there are no public services planned at this time.

Memorials may be made to the Appalachian Animal Rescue Coalition, 109 Brewer Road, Bristol, TN 37620.

Morris-Baker Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2001 E. Oakland Avenue, Johnson City is serving the McManus family. (423) 282-1521

### **William Richard Welch**

William Richard Welch went to be with his Lord on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2022 with family by his

side.

William is survived by siblings, Frank Cucumber (wife Judy), Wanda Welch McLendon (husband John), Mary Welch Powell (husband Jack); nephew, James Powell; nieces, Jacqueline Powell, Ashley McLendon-Hyatt (husband Colby), Sammy Powell, Darian Powell, Haleigh Powell, Damien Powell; and several great nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by parents, Adam Welch and Nellie Cucumber Welch; paternal grandmother, Agnes Welch; and maternal grandmother, Elizabeth Cucumber.

The CHS Braves athletes have lost a huge fan. He often traveled to watch the Braves athletes who went on to play college ball. He was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan. He loved riding his motorcycle and being outdoors. William was employed by the Cherokee Boys Club-High school and was described as having a great work ethic. He served our country proudly in the U.S. Army, serving two tours.

A military graveside service was held on Friday, Jan. 7. Pallbearers were James Powell, David 'Skooter' McCoy, Norman Tooni, Russell Tooni, Hoss Jumper, and Jerry Sampson; honorary pallbearer was Tony Wolfe. Long House Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangement. His body was placed at Waterfalls Church where he was a member.

### **Elsie Marie Maldonado**

Elsie Marie "Bebe" Maldonado of Olympia, Wash., previously of Montesano, passed away Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021, at the family home after an extended illness. She was born Jan. 11, 1945, in Cherokee, N.C.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Ray Maldonado;

daughter, LaDonna (Karl) Gehlhaar of Olympia; son, Wesley (Jodi) Maldonado of Newcastle, Washington; and grandchildren, Ian Reed, Lindsey Sharpe, Etcher Maldonado and Helix Maldonado. She also has two surviving siblings, Sharon Littlejohn and Homer Bradley of Cherokee. She is preceded in death by parents, Fred Bradley Sr. and Elzina Trampler Bradley; sisters, Doris Youngdeer, Bessie Owle, Sarah Bradley; and brothers, Henry Bradley, Richard "Chief" Youngdeer, and Fred Bradley Jr.

Elsie loved her family; she spent time with them and supported their interests, which included scouting, band, and soccer. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, was an avid gardener, and enjoyed spending time with a good book. She had a passion for creating soft form dolls, handmade jewelry, traveling with Francis McCoy, and the Green Bay Packers.

Services are scheduled for Friday, November 19, 2021, 1:30 p.m. at Hidden Creek Community Church, 1807 9th Ave. SW, Olympia, WA 98502.

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# Show me the commodities!

By **ROBERT JUMPER**

One Feather Editor

I remember when I was a kid that there were some pretty tasty treats in the “welfare” food supplies that our family received. For a pretty good stretch of my childhood, we depended on those (and the federal food stamp program) to make it day-to-day. I still have great affection for the block cheese that is distributed as part of that program. Never have I tasted a better grilled cheese sandwich than the one we made with that cheese. There were other

staples that I still remember with fondness from those lean days; gallon-sized cans of peanut butter, those white-label bottles of clear corn syrup, and big cans (cans were the preferred containers of the U.S. government back-in-the-day) of pineapple juice. They would even give us a big can containing a whole boneless chicken. The thought of the process from barnyard chicken to what fit in that can was always a little frightening to me.

You know, back in those days, I really looked forward to getting those commodity food packages.

The things you most enjoyed ran out the fastest, meaning the days toward the end of supplies weren’t as happy and having to eat the less desirable food made you wish for the restocking day all the more. I guess I could have lived off those commodity food deliveries for a lifetime. The government followed health guidelines for what they would offer (although sometimes you wondered with some of that stuff), but there was not a lot of variety. Government-issued food didn’t change much over the years that we needed to get our food that way.

I could have lived on that food, but I knew that there was something better. I knew that other families didn’t have to depend on the government for their food and that they had varieties of food all the time that I could only hope to see during special occasions, like Christmas.

Back then, I know that you had to meet certain criteria to receive commodities; low income, elderly, have a special physical need of some sort. And I knew that, in order to get “better food” or food of my own choosing, I would have to risk not getting commodities

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anymore. And that was a bit scary. Getting that government allotment of food felt safe and secure. Just sit tight at the house and they would give it to you every month. But in order to have better, I would have to let something go.

I think the Native experience is the same. For years after either being placed on reservations or permitted territorial holdings, the government said to stay on those reservations, and we will provide for your needs. The challenge was that native peoples knew that there was something better. We didn't want to be taken care of. We didn't want enslavement. But after years of living off the government, it became difficult to pull away from that. It was comfortable physically, but emotionally draining for Native peoples. We want more, but we don't want to lose what we have. That was a mentality shared by many.

But many tribes, like the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, stepped out to create independent ways of living for themselves. We were able to have and do more and we decided what we wanted to do (much more so than since pre-contact).

In my situation, I had to make a choice to get an education and get a job so that I would not need government assistance. Don't get me wrong, I think those assistance programs are wonderful and much needed for some who simply have challenges in their lives that were and are more insurmountable than mine were. I am just saying that in order for me to get to where I wanted to be, I had to make choices that stepped outside my comfort zone. In the case of our and many other tribal peoples, stepping away from federal government provision to make a better way for the people was also

an exercise in stepping out, and a little scary.

We did so (stepped out) because we had the freedom to do so. Whether it is an inner volition or a campaign to change laws to gain the right to freely choose, we had to have the will to make the change. This is so in our personal lives, and it is true for us as a people, as a nation.

In order to get better, to do better, typically requires some sort of sacrifice. I can't get my blocks of cheese anymore, because I gave that up for the freedom to choose. More specifically, I gave up the security that block cheese represents for the possibility of a better life. We, the members of this tribe, have done the same thing.

The Lloyd Welch constitution came from our desire to be free. It was a constitution because we wanted not to be governed, but to govern. Why allow us to then, decades later, throw ourselves under a charter? I do not know. I have looked at the history and it still doesn't compute why we put a document in place that takes away or ignores the civil rights of its people; letting it replace a constitution. As a tribal member, if you have never read the Lloyd Welch Constitution, you should. And you should do a comparative to the current governing document, the Charter. What is the glaring difference? No direct mechanism to address the civil rights of the people in the Charter. That is something you would presume to be essential in a governing document of the people.

When we decided to create our on destiny by partnering with the adult gaming industry, we sacrificed a lot, beginning with the 10 Tribal Council members and two top executives who were voted out of office at the election shortly

after the decision was made. We all enjoy great benefits, from much enhanced social programs and services to individual per capita distributions, but adult gaming was not a popular concept with the constituency of only a couple of decades ago. But we leaped on it because we wanted the freedom, and we knew that economic power would afford that freedom.

I have many discussions with colleagues about what it will take for our people to see the need, to have the passion, to get behind the effort to bring the Eastern Band back under a constitution. Some of us think it will take a great governmental failing or disaster. Well, we have had those, and the community didn't budge on a constitution. In fact, the disasters seem to dis-

tract us from even focusing on the need for a constitution. We just don't seem to get that many of the failings we see in government and governmental process have to do with not having a constitution that clearly outlines critical rights.

I think maybe the key for all of us is to look around at other municipalities, other tribes. We might see things that would make our lives better; that give us freedom; that protect us better. Maybe we realize, "Hey this is pretty good, but I know there is better out there." Maybe we will lose our fear of messing up what we have if we change something and realize that the change is just what we need to make our lives better and the lives of our descendants. Maybe.

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# Language is not a requirement for federal recognition

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

I've read comments several times over this past week alone where people state that federally recognized tribes must maintain their language or risk losing their federal recognition. This is absolutely, unequivocally untrue.

Federal recognition provides a tribe with a government-to-government relationship with the federal government and is based on historical treaties. Now, I know that groups seeking federal recognition through the BIA process have to prove existence of historic culture, but having an intact language is not a requirement for

federal recognition whatsoever.

I've heard people say, 'if we lose our language, we'll no longer be a federally recognized tribe'. This is simply not the case.

Doris Lamar-McLemore passed away in 2016 as the last fluent speaker of the Wichita language. While tragic for any tribe to lose its last fluent speaker, the Wichita still have their federal recognition. There are quite a few tribes who no longer have fluent speakers, and all have retained their federal status.

For a federally recognized tribe to lose its sovereign status, a process called termination would have to occur. Once used by the federal government to disastrous results,

the process of terminating tribes is no longer used. Even when used, language loss was not a reason for it at all.

According to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 83.11, the "criteria for acknowledgment as a federally recognized Indian tribe" includes the following:

(a) Indian entity identification. "The petitioner has been identified as an American Indian entity on a substantially continuous basis since 1900."  
(b) Community. "The petitioner comprises a distinct community and demonstrates that it existed as a community from 1900 until the present. Distinct community means an entity with consistent interactions and significant social relationships within its membership and whose members are differentiated from and distinct from nonmembers."

Let me break up the criteria for a second to point out that language is mentioned in a subsection of the community section regarding culture. (b)(vii) states, "Cultural patterns shared among a portion of the entity that are different from those of the non-Indian populations with whom it interacts. These patterns must function as more than a symbolic identification of the group as Indian. They may include, but are not limited

to, language, kinship organization or system, religious beliefs or practices, and ceremonies."

(c) Political influence or authority. "The petitioner has maintained political influence or authority over its members as an autonomous entity from 1900 until the present."

(d) Governing document  
(e) Unique membership. "The petitioner's membership is composed principally of persons who are not members of any federally recognized Indian tribe."

So, language can be used by a tribe seeking federal recognition as a means to show they are a distinct people. But, it is by no means a requirement for any tribe to have an intact language with fluent speakers.

Dottie Lebeau, Lakota elder and fluent speaker, was quoted in the Casper Star Tribune, "Losing the language means losing the culture. We need to know who we are because it makes a difference in who are children are."

She is exactly right. Losing a language is a huge blow to the culture of any tribe. Language learning should be a priority for every single tribe in Indian Country. But, it should be a priority to preserve culture and history – not out of fear of losing federal recognition.

## Fun Facts from the Editor:

\* A retired California high school teacher admitted that he taught for seventeen years while being illiterate.


\* The longest Monopoly game in history lasted 70 straight days.

\* The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

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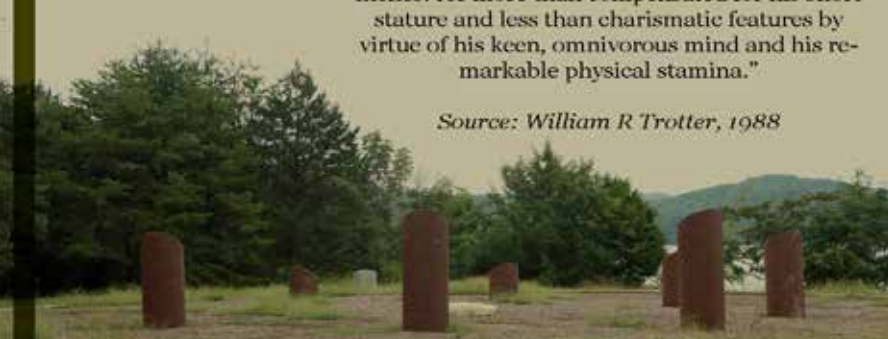
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### William Holland Thomas

The first Eastern Cherokee Chief was not Eastern Cherokee by blood. "When William Holland Thomas was 14, his mother, Temperance Thomas, moved to a 50-acre plot on the west side of the Oconaluftee River. One of their neighbors happened to be the revered Chief of the Oconaluftee Cherokee, Yonagushka ('Drowning Bear'). For whatever reasons of temperament or impulse, the aging Indian chief and the young merchant became close friends, so close that Yonagushka 'adopted' William Thomas as his son and gave him his official Cherokee name: 'Wil-Usdi', which meant 'Little Will'. It was not a particularly tactful name, but it was custom to designate a man according to his most striking physical characteristic. And Will Thomas was short: five feet, four inches. He more than compensated for his short stature and less than charismatic features by virtue of his keen, omnivorous mind and his remarkable physical stamina."

Source: William R Trotter, 1988





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## SPEAKING OF FAITH

### Jesus, clothed in majesty, our sacrificial lamb

By **REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTSON, PASTOR**

(Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate)  
Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

Read Luke 2:4-7,12-32; John 14:6; 9-21; Hebrews 10:19-39; Hebrews 12: 25-29; Romans 10:8-13; Micah 6:8.

Why did we each need a Savior to be born? Why was Jesus, The Son of God, born on earth as a little baby, and not as a grown man?

He had to have been born as a baby, born of woman, according to Scripture, to legally arrive on this Earth. Fulfillment of Scripture was also why He was to be known as our sacrificial Lamb, and born in Bethlehem, King David's birthplace. (He was born in a stable there, a stone cave, where the manger, cut out of a wall of stone, was to be used as His bed.) Where else could a sacrificial Lamb have been born, but in a stable of Bethlehem?

Some knew that the Son of God was to have been born in Bethlehem but only a few would believe it happened that way, never guessing He would have to be born in a stable. (It also could not have been understood that His birth and Love for each of us would be written of and sung about in celebration, and later, throughout the whole world for these last 2,000 years.)

It was only to these shepherds in the fields around Bethlehem that the angels of God were sent to appear and make the wondrous announcement of His birth to mankind. Why were the angels not also sent to the Jewish priests who had always expected their Messiah would be born in a royal palace and of the royal line of descendants of King David? Perhaps, it was these very thoughts which caused their unbelief, as all things did happen in this way. Born as a helpless baby, firmly snuggled and safely held in swaddling clothes, lay in that manger, having no where else to lay His head, He was truly the baby who was born to die for mankind, while also offering us a foreshadowing of the empty tomb.

The shepherds were to be the witnesses who would spread the Good News of this long-awaited event. They were also the shepherds of the lambs born in that region which

were sacrificed at the Temple in Jerusalem. Perfect lambs were watched over until the time they were sacrificed for the forgiving of all the sins of Israel.

The angels, invited the shepherds to go and see where the baby had been born. As the angels sang, "Glory to God in the Highest! The shepherds could have been told He was the Lamb to take away our sins forever. According to John 1:36, John, the Baptizer, after baptizing Jesus, hearing testimony later, as well, was told who this Man Jesus really was, for the Jews and for us.

Then, at the very time a Lamb was to be sacrificed in the Temple courtyard, the day Jesus was crucified on Calvary's cross, He was heard saying out loud, "It is finished," and had dismissed His Spirit. A huge earthquake immediately happened, and the Temple veil, well over four inches thick, which separated all men from the Holy of Holies, was rent—from the top to the bottom! No longer was mankind to be kept from approaching Father God. Jesus had accomplished this through His death. The Roman soldier, believed now to be, Centurion Cornelius, in charge, was heard to say, "Truly,

This Man was the Son of God." Cornelius, a Gentile, knew already Jesus had died, and so had was able to keep His bones intact.

Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy, respected Sanhedrin member, asked to take Jesus' body and prepare it for burial, laying His body into Joseph's own tomb, because that evening began the Sabbath. Using a long linen cloth soaked in the same type spices the Three wise men had brought to Jesus as a child, frankincense and myrrh) Joseph carefully wrapped Jesus' body and separately added a linen napkin around His head.

The women, coming early to that tomb, saw it was open and empty. Looking for Jesus, Mary saw Him, not recognizing Him as alive, until He had called her by name. She ran to tell Jesus' disciples. Peter and John ran back to the tomb, saw the angels and the head cloth neatly folded by itself. They noticed the other cloth, piled still in the shape of the body that was no longer there. Hallelujah! The tomb is empty!

He's coming back 'soon and very soon', are we ready, yet? Let Him grow up in your life! Love and Worship Him, as Lord!



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*For God is not unjust  
to forget your work  
and labor of love  
which you have  
shown toward His  
name, in that you have  
ministered to the saints,  
and do minister. HEBREWS 6:10*

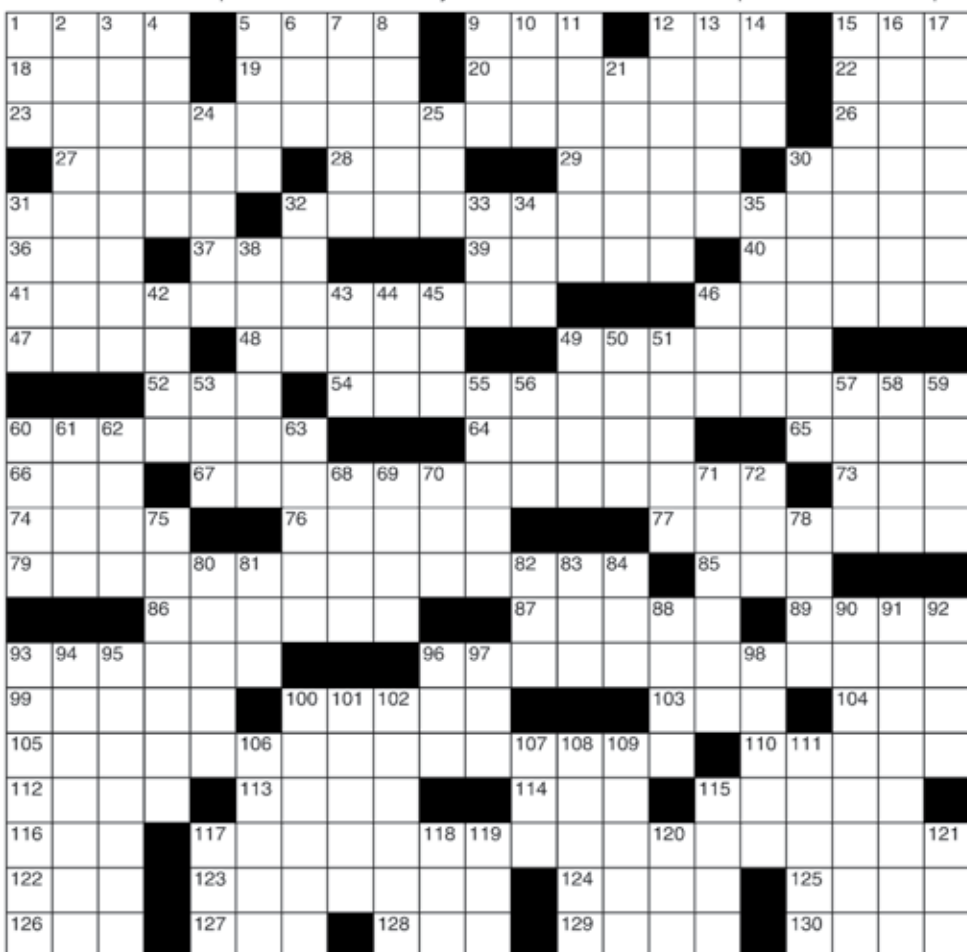


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67 Bus driver's order  
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- 99 At full speed, old-style  
100 A deadly sin  
103 "Patience — virtue"  
104 Pro vote  
105 Do a 180, say  
110 Rapper with the album "Press Play"  
112 Old Italian stage actress  
113 1953 Leslie Caron film  
114 "— always say ..."  
115 Jeopardy award  
116 "— my fault"  
117 Parent's mind game with a child (or what you have to use to solve this puzzle?)  
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123 Guys rowing  
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83 Assembly line labor org.  
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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

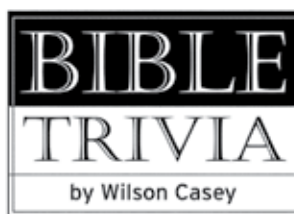
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1. Is the book of Capernaum in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
2. From 1 Corinthians 14, who advised young Christians to stop thinking like children? *Luke, Paul, David, John*
3. For how many days did Goliath take his stand for a man to fight him? *2, 6, 10, 40*
4. In Genesis 18, whom did God ask, "Is anything too hard for the Lord"? *Moses, Adam, Noah, Abraham*
5. How many loaves of bread were used to feed the 5,000? *2, 3, 4, 5*
6. In Mark 12, whom did Jesus accuse of devouring widows' houses? *Sadducees, Midianites, Israelites, Pharisees*

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

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1. LITERATURE: What was the title of Stephen King's first published novel?
2. ADVERTISING SLOGANS: Which restaurant chain has the advertising slogan, "Have it your way"?
3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president whose likeness appeared on a U.S. coin?
4. TELEVISION: What is the family's last name in the "Family Ties" sitcom?
5. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "lupus in fabula" mean?
6. GEOGRAPHY: What did the city of Mumbai, India, used to be called?
7. MOVIES: Which movie features a character called Rooster Cogburn?
8. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel features a type of language called "newspeak"?
9. SCIENCE: What temperature is the same on the Celsius and Fahrenheit scales?
10. FOOD & DRINK: Where was Coca-Cola first sold?



# HAPPENINGS

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

## EVENTS

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Wooden Carpenter's Wheel Barn Quilt class.** Jan. 15 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Murphy Art Center on Valley River Ave. in downtown Murphy. This class is open to the public and is being offered by the Valley River Arts Guild. Info: 360-3038

**Swain County Democratic Party Whittier-Cherokee precinct meeting.** Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Agenda items include priorities for 2022 and getting more people involved. Join to share your concerns and ideas. For information or the Zoom link, email [maryherr2017@gmail.com](mailto:maryherr2017@gmail.com) or call 497-9498

**National Blue Blood Drive.** Jan. 19 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Rod Cooper Training Room of the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center. Donate blood in memory of Officer Lossiah. President by C.O.P.S. and the American Red Cross. Schedule your appointment on [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) by using sponsor code: LOSSIAH or email to [charlottelossiah@gmail.com](mailto:charlottelossiah@gmail.com)

**Blood Drive.** Jan. 20 from 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the new Cherokee Indian Hospital parking lot. See the American Red Cross bus. To schedule an appointment, call Sarah Crow 497-3533 or 1-800-RED-CROSS.

### 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](http://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

- 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://fish-cherokee.com> and <https://www.facebook.com/fishcherokee>

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- 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](mailto:scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov) or via Facebook Messenger at the Cherokee One Feather FB page.

## Puzzle Answers

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

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### Weekly SUDOKU

#### Answer

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

## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Paul; 3) 40; 4) Abraham; 5) 5; 6) Pharisees

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

#### Answers

1. "Carrie"
2. Burger King
3. Abraham Lincoln
4. Keaton
5. The wolf in the story
6. Bombay
7. "True Grit"
8. "Nineteen Eighty-Four," by George Orwell
9. -40 degrees C and -40 degrees F
10. Atlanta

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# Museum of the Cherokee Indian announces new lecture series

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

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

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

## Jan. 12 at 3 p.m.: Language & Identity: Methods of Revitalization

Panelists: Landon French, David Jumper, Kelly Murphy

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

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

Panelists: Roy Boney, Jeff Edwards, John Henry Gloyne, Keli Gonzalez

How can language influence art? Award-winning Cherokee Nation and EBCI visual artists share how the Cherokee language and syllabary inform and inspire their work.

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

Panelists to be announced

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

- Museum of the Cherokee Indian release

## Cherokee Fitness Complex 24-hour plans

The Cherokee Fitness Complex is open 24 hours a day. Business hours are Monday – Thursday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday from 5 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Stop by during those normal business hours to purchase your plan call for membership rates. Normal hours of operation (business hours) are free for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; however, 24-hour access is \$25/month with a one-time \$20 initiation fee. There are discounts for 6-month (one month free) and yearly (3 months free) plans. For non-enrolled members, 24-hour access is available for same rate of their current membership plan plus an extra \$25/month with a one-time initiation fee. Info: 359-6494 or follow Cherokee Fitness Complex on Facebook.



## Off-Leash Dogs Bane of His Walks in Woods

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** My dog “Hatch” and I frequently walk the trails of a state park near my house. A leash is required in the park, but many dog owners ignore this rule and allow their dogs to bound ahead. Not all of these dogs are well-socialized, and we’ve faced aggressive, unleashed dogs on the trails. I carry a walking stick in case I need to fend off an attacking dog — something that hasn’t happened yet, though it’s come close once or twice. Please help me make other dog owners aware that off-leash dogs can make other dogs, and humans, quite nervous. Keeping dogs on leash will help avoid a confrontation, fight or injury. — Doug S., Stoneham, Massachusetts

**DEAR DOUG:** You’re absolutely right! Dog owners, always review the rules regarding pets on park lands. Even though forested trails seem remote and safer for dogs to run free without a leash, you never know if another dog is just around the bend. Further, even a leashed dog needs to follow basic commands like sit, stay and heel, and to come back immediately when called if the leash is accidentally dropped.

Rules are typically posted at trailheads, as well as on park websites. There’s no reason to not be familiar with leash rules before going for a hike.

If you encounter an off-leash dog while on a trail, remain calm. Shorten your dog’s leash so that he walks next to you. Stay calm and relaxed with the owner when they finally appear, too. Ask if they’re aware that there’s a leash rule on the trail, but don’t start a confrontation. The more awareness you can build of your park’s rules, the fewer off-leash meetings you’ll face.

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

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# VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

## Mail Delays Prompt VA to Extend Deadlines

The Department of Veterans Affairs ran into a big snag with a printing vendor and a lot of notification letters to veterans were delayed. But fear not — the VA is extending your response time.

The Government Printing Office, which provides printing services via contracted vendors, couldn’t get out the notification letters dated from July 13, 2021 and Dec. 31, 2021. Some of those letters, which required a response from veterans, could have dealt with required exams for compensation and pension, or for making an election about services or benefits, or more.


Typically, there are problems if you don’t respond in time. However, at this point, because of the delayed mailings, the VA isn’t going to terminate, reduce or deny services and benefits unless you’ve been contacted and there’s documentation about your right to respond; or the information it asked you for has been received; or the response period has ended.

If you haven’t received an expected communication from the VA, call 800-827-1000 to ask about the status of any letters you should have received. Be certain they have current cellphone, home phone, email and address info for you.

If you’ve filed an appeal, the Board of Veterans’ Appeals also is experiencing significant delays in getting information to you about hearings and decisions. As of last month, the board is figuring up a workaround to get information to you and your representatives. If you’re waiting on a notice about a hearing, they’ll try any number of methods to reach you. If you have to postpone, call them ASAP. If you’re waiting on a decision, ask your rep to access Caseflow to see if your decision information has been included yet.

For more information, including ways to get additional assistance, check [www.bva.va.gov/docs/Delayed\\_notifications\\_fact\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.bva.va.gov/docs/Delayed_notifications_fact_sheet.pdf)

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*How do you say that in Cherokee?*

He/she was talking  
Gawonisgv

They were talking.  
Aniwonisgv

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

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Your batteries should be fully recharged by now, making you more than eager to get back into the swing of things full time. Try to stay focused so that you don't dissipate your energies.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to charge straight ahead into your new responsibilities. But you'll have to paw the ground a little longer, until a surprise complication is worked out.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Rival factions are pressuring you to take a stand favoring one side or the other. But this isn't the time to play judge. Bow out as gracefully as possible, without committing yourself to any position.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Reassure a longtime, trusted confidante that you appreciate his or her words of advice. But at this time, you need to act on what you perceive to be your own sense of self-interest.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You need to let your warm Leonine heart fire up that new relationship if you hope to see it move from the "just friends" level to one that will be as romantic as you could hope for.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) There's still time to repair a misunderstanding with an honest explanation and a heartfelt apology. The sooner you do, the sooner you can get on with other matters.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Expect a temporary setback as you progress toward your goal. Use this time to re-examine your plans and see where you might need to make some significant changes.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Some missteps are revealed as the cause of current problems in a personal or professional partnership. Make the necessary adjustments and then move on.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Jupiter's influence helps you work through a pesky problem, allowing your naturally jovial attitude to re-emerge stronger than ever. Enjoy your success.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Set aside your usual reluctance to change, and consider reassessing your financial situation so that you can build on its strengths and minimize its weaknesses.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Some recently acquired information helps open up a dark part of the past. Resolve to put what you've learned to good use. Travel plans continue to be favored.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Act on your own keen instincts. Your strong Piscean backbone will support you as someone attempts to pressure you into a decision you're not ready to make.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You embody a love for traditional values combined with an appreciation of what's new and challenging.

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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](mailto:angieh@mandaraspa.com)



### EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER

Provides emergency and non-emergency communications and dispatch services for the WCU Police Department, EMS, Emergency Management, Counseling and Psychological Services, Parking Services, CatTran and other WCU departments. High School Diploma required. Training and required certification provided on the job.

Must be comfortable in a highly technical environment and be, or become proficient in the systems and software used by the Emergency Communications Center. Calls are received and dispatched via a multi-line phone system and the university's two-way radio system.

### VISIT [JOBS.WCU.EDU](https://jobs.wcu.edu) FOR DETAILS AND TO APPLY

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# Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements



Application and job description can be picked up from the receptionist at the Boys Club information window between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (828) 497-9101. The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposit is mandatory. Indian preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate.

*The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates or 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  
FT Agelink Child Care Manager

**Snowbird Child Care**  
FT Lead Teacher

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

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

**Construction & Facilities**  
FT Carpenter/Mason (2)

**Service**  
PT Mowing & Trimming Laborer



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
**HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

## Closing January 16, 2022

- 1) Professional Development Coordinator: Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start - PHHS (L9 \$40,105 - \$50,121)
- 2) Medical Records Specialist: Tribal In-Home Care Services - PHHS (L9 \$40,105 - \$50,121)
- 3) Receptionist: Administration - Public Health & Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
- 4) Data Entry Clerk: Tribal Foods Distribution - Public Health & Human Services (L5 \$27,642 - \$34,541)
- 5) Equipment Operator: Transportation - Operations (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
- 6) Youth Development Professional: Cherokee Youth Center - Community Education & Recreation Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
- 7) Library Assistant: Qualla Boundary Public Library - Department of Education (L5 \$27,642 - \$34,541)
- 8) Administrative Assistant: Cherokee Youth Center - Department of Education (L5 \$26,642 - \$34,541)
- 9) Youth Development Professional (Multiple): Cherokee Youth Center - Department of Education (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)

## 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 POSITION
4. PT Paramedic (Multiple) - Emergency Medical Services - Public Safety (L8 \$17.55 - \$21.94 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Youth Development Professional - Cherokee Youth Center - Community/Education/Recreation Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
6. Certified Nursing Assistant - Tribal In Home Care Services - Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
7. Cook - Cherokee County Senior Citizens - Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
8. Cultural Resource and Archive Officer - Kituwah Preservation 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. Teacher Assistant - Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start - Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
12. Telecommunicator - Public Safety - Operations (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
13. Real Estate Associate Attorney - Tribal Realty Services - Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$68,704 - \$85,886)
14. Adult Language Education Coordinator - Kituwah Preservation and Education - Community/Education/Recreation (L9 \$40,105 - \$50,121)
15. Network Administrator - Infrastructure Services - Office of Information Technology (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
16. Workforce Development Coordinator - TERO (L8 \$36,500-\$45,625)

**All applications and job descriptions are available at  
[www.ebeci.com/jobs](http://www.ebeci.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.

**theonefeather.com is a  
great resource for all  
EBCI-related links**

**Scroll to the bottom of the  
home page at  
theonefeather.com and see a  
listing of website links to  
various tribal entities and  
Cherokee-related businesses.**

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## EMPLOYMENT

### RNs and LPNs for Pediatric Home Care

#### Bonus Offered for New Hires

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

### INVESTMENT COMMITTEE VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The EBCI Investment Committee established under Cherokee Code Section 117-41 will have two (2) vacant positions beginning February 2022. The Office of the Principal Chief is currently accept-

ing resumés from members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to fill the two (2) positions. To be eligible to serve on the EBCI Investment Committee candidates must:

1. have demonstrated education and experience with investment, finance and accounting matters; and
2. be enrolled members of the EBCI.

The EBCI Investment Committee is tasked with overseeing the endowment and investment accounts of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians including Endowment Fund No. 1, Endowment Fund No. 2, Debt Service Sinking Fund, Minors Trust Fund, and Cherokee Sovereign Wealth Fund. Additionally, the Investment Committee serves as the Board of Directors for Cherokee Cablevision, Inc.

For additional information about the role and responsibility of

the EBCI Investment Committee please visit: Sec. 117-41. - Investment committee. | Code of Ordinances | Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Tribes and Tribal Nations | Municode Library

If you meet the eligibility requirements and are interested in serving on the EBCI Investment Committee, please submit a resumé to [jeanyoun@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:jeanyoun@ebci-nsn.gov). Resumés will be accepted until 4:00pm on Friday, January 21, 2022. Committee members are appointed upon recommendation by the Principal Chief and approval of the Tribal Council. Positions are subject to the confirmation hearing requirements as set forth by the Tribal Council. **1/19**


**Kituwah Builders, LLC has the following job available:**  
Administrative Assistant/Sales

Trainee

Anyone interested should pick up an application and position description at the Kituwah, LLC Office between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday -Friday. This position will close Friday, January 21st at 4pm. Indian preference does apply, and a current job application must be submitted. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of application. **1/19**

### Cherokee Cinemas & More has the following job opportunities:

Assistant Manager – Full Time - \$15.00  
Floor Staff - \$10.00hr –  
Cleaning Staff - \$12.00 – Full Time  
Job Description and Applications can be picked up at the offices of the Kituwah, LLC, 1158 Seven Clans Lane, Whittier, NC 28789,



### TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OFFICE

#### POSITION OPENING

**OPEN: December 17, 2021**  
**CLOSE: Open until filled**

#### Administrative Assistant/Office Coordinator

Performs various clerical and administrative duties in support of the TERO program; provides needed assistance to staff and commissioners; is responsible for daily tasks such as answering the phone, filing, greeting guests, organizing documentation of activities within the office, answers general questions about the program, acts as the fiscal agent for the program. In charge of, but not limited to, payroll, accounts receivable, accounts payable, billing, reconciliation, grant management, travel accommodations, inventory for vehicles and equipment, ordering supplies, and special event planning.


- ❖ High School Diploma or GED required. Associate degree in Business Administration or Accounting is preferred.
- ❖ Three years' experience and/or training in a Business/Tribal office setting is required. Must have knowledge of TERO. Nine to twelve months in the position would be necessary to become familiar with office procedures, processes, and policies, and become proficient in most phases of the job. Valid NC Driver's License required.
- ❖ Level 6: \$14.59 - \$18.24 per hour
- ❖ 1 position

Application and job description can be picked up from the Receptionist at the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Please contact TERO at 828.359.6421. You may visit our website to download the Position Description and TERO Employment Application at [www.ebci-tero.com/jobs](http://www.ebci-tero.com/jobs). Indian Preference applies. A current job application must be submitted with all required documents, such as, Driver's License, Enrollment, Diplomas, Certificates. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a TERO Application.

**NEW LOCATION: TERO Office moved to 756 Aquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC**  
(formerly Housing offices; in between the GLW and Internal Audit/TABCC buildings)

You may return completed applications to Terri Henry, TERO Director at any of the following venues:

1. Deliver hard copies to TERO Office at our new location, address above (must be received before the **CLOSE date** indicated above); or
2. Hard copies mailed via US Postal Service at **PO Box 1839, Cherokee, NC 28719**; or
3. PDF file(s) via email at [terrihenr@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:terrihenr@ebci-nsn.gov).



### TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OFFICE

#### POSITION OPENING

**OPEN: December 17, 2021**  
**CLOSE: Open until filled**

#### Workforce Development Coordinator

Responsible for coordination of a wide range of workforce service activities and day to day delivery of direct services, develop relationships with tribal programs, tribal entities, local businesses and organizations, recruit for open positions and market a job training program. Processes applicants and provides assistance and support services to ensure all eligible participants receive maximum benefits based on the goals, guidelines and objectives for the Workforce Development Program. This position is a grant funded position and will require adherence program plan.

- ❖ Bachelor's Degree in business, human resources, or related field required. The equivalent combination of education, related experience, and training, six to eight (6-8) years may be accepted in lieu of degree requirement.
- ❖ Minimum of five years relevant experience required.
- ❖ Valid insurable North Carolina driver's license required. Must obtain Notary Public certification within six months and obtain a certificate in Facilitating Career Development within two years. Twelve months in the position is necessary to become proficient in most phases of the job requirements, including knowledge of TERO policies, procedures, and operational guidelines.
- ❖ Level 8: \$17.55 - \$21.94 per hour
- ❖ 1 position

Application and job description can be picked up from the Receptionist at the Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Please contact TERO at 828.359.6421. You may visit our website to download the Position Description and TERO Employment Application at [www.ebci-tero.com/jobs](http://www.ebci-tero.com/jobs). Indian Preference applies. A current job application must be submitted with all required documents, such as, Driver's License, Enrollment, Diplomas, Certificates. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a TERO Application.

**NEW LOCATION: TERO Office moved to 756 Aquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC**  
(formerly Housing offices; in between the GLW and Internal Audit/TABCC buildings)

You may return completed applications to Terri Henry, TERO Director at any of the following venues:

1. Deliver hard copies to TERO Office at our new location, address above (must be received before the **CLOSE date** indicated above); or
2. Hard copies mailed via US Postal Service at **PO Box 1839, Cherokee, NC 28719**; or
3. PDF file(s) via email at [terrihenr@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:terrihenr@ebci-nsn.gov).

Log Building across from Waffle House, if you have any questions, please call Kristin Smith at 828-477-4553. Open until filled. **1/19**

## 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 PUBLICATION

Bob Driver  
PO Box 866  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
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## **BIDs, RFPs, etc.**

### **In the General Court of Justice in Jackson County, District Court**

Division: File Number 21 JT  
In the matter of Toineeta, a minor  
child for Termination of Parental  
Rights

Petitioners: Cheryl Colleen Franks  
and Kayla Nicole Cogdill  
Respondents: Taryn Krista Elizabeth  
Toineeta and Thomas Eugene  
Pheasant, Sr. and Any Unknown  
Father  
Petitioners' attorney: Shira  
Hedgepeth, PO Box 514, Cullowhee,  
NC 28723, Phone 828-585-5044  
Thomas Eugene Pheasant, Sr. or  
any Unknown Father must enter a  
defense to the pleadings within 40  
days of this notice. If Thomas Eu-

gene Pheasant, Sr. or any Unknown  
father fails to make a defense with-  
in the time required, the Petitioners  
will apply to the Court for the relief  
sought.

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### **Bids are being accepted for 2022 Teen, Junior and Little Miss Cherokee Crowns**

- Teen Miss "7", Junior Miss "5"  
and Little Miss "3" high, EBCI seal  
in center (seal must have all word-  
ing)
  - Use any colors/design for person-  
al touch
  - Must present design and type  
of beads that will be used on the  
crown to the Board. Bid will not be  
accepted without presentation of  
design.
  - 4 - 4" Beaded Tribal Seals
- Bidders must be prepared to pres-  
ent designs to the Board on Mon-  
day, Jan. 17, 2022, at 5 p.m. at the  
Shawn Blanton Emergency Opera-  
tions Center. Info: Yona Wade 554-  
5032, Mollie Grant at 359-6430 or  
email  
cherokeepageantboard@gmail.com.

**1/12**

### **Bids are being accepted for 2022 Miss Cherokee Crown**

- 9" high, EBCI seal in center (seal  
must have all wording)
- Use any colors/design for person-  
al touch
- Must present design and type  
of beads that will be used on the  
crown to the Board. Bid will not be  
accepted without presentation of  
design.

Bidders must be prepared to  
present designs to the Board on  
Monday, Jan. 17, 2022 at 5 p.m.  
at the Shawn Blanton Emergen-  
cy Operations Center. Info: Yona  
Wade 554-5032, Mollie Grant at  
359-6430 or email  
cherokeepageantboard@gmail.com.

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## Letters of Interest

The Eastern Band of Cherokee  
Indians' Legal Assistance Office  
(LAO) seeks letters of interest from  
NC licensed attorneys to serve as  
the primary Public Defender in  
criminal cases in the Cherokee  
Court at the current rate for court  
appointments.

LAO seeks interest from attor-  
neys whose appointment to crimi-  
nal cases in the Cherokee Court will  
create little or no need to continue  
Cherokee Court cases due to the  
scheduling conflicts in other courts.  
Interested individuals should sub-  
mit a brief letter proposal including  
the following information:

- Name and contact information
- Relevant qualifications and expe-  
rience in this type of work
- Proposed contract terms, includ-  
ing willingness to be removed from  
other court appointed lists
- Professional references

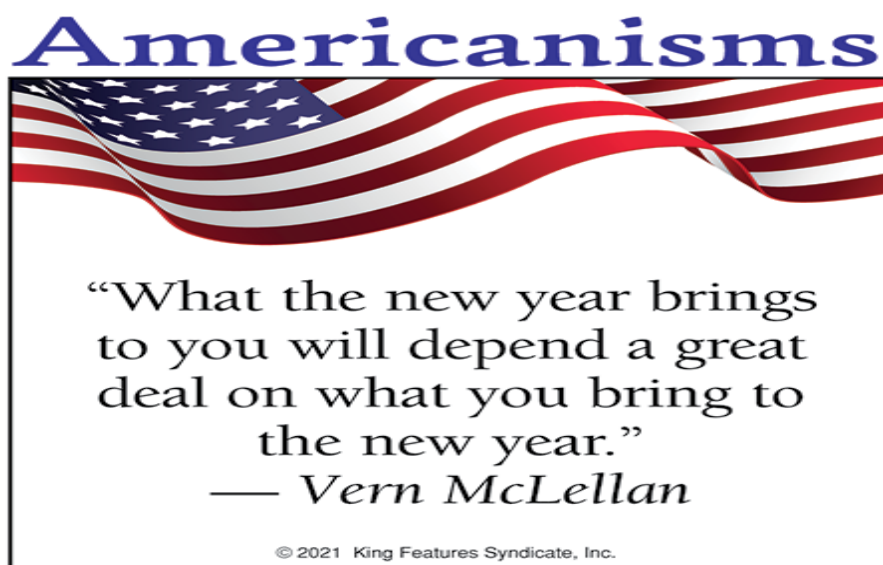
Qualifications include:

- Admitted to practice in the Cher-  
okee Court of the Eastern Band of  
Cherokee Indians.
- Diligent, professional representa-  
tion and be responsive to clients.
- Experience representing clients in  
criminal cases before the Cherokee  
Court.

Letters may be submitted to the  
LAO on or before January 25, 2022.  
Please email questions and Letters  
of Interest to Hannah Smith, LAO  
Interim Manager at: hannsmit@  
ebci-nsn.gov.

This is a solicitation of interest  
and not an offer to contract. **1/19**

**Kituwah, LLC is seeking qual-  
ified contractors to provide  
a firm fixed price for Phase  
One of a multi-phase product  
improvement plan** to include  
the design, demolition, and instal-  
lation of reclining theater seating  
in all screen rooms located at  
the Cherokee Cinemas and More  
theater in Cherokee, NC 28719.  
Project will include replacement  
of all necessary finishing materials  
as necessary and a review/replace-  
ment of current electric, HVAC  
and other mechanical systems and  
configurations to ensure maximum  
comfort and viewing experience.  
**CONTRACTORS THAT DO NOT  
SUBMIT PROPOSALS ON TIME  
WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED, NO  
EXCEPTIONS.** Proposals must  
be received by January 24, 2022,  
11:00am EST. Please email Jeremi-  
ah Wiggins for a full RFP or with  
any questions at  
jeremiah.wiggins@kituwahllc.com  
**1/19**



**Americanisms**

**"What the new year brings  
to you will depend a great  
deal on what you bring to  
the new year."  
— Vern McLellan**

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kids HAVE A  
**SPOT**  
TO TAKE THEIR  
**SHOT**  
AGAINST COVID-19



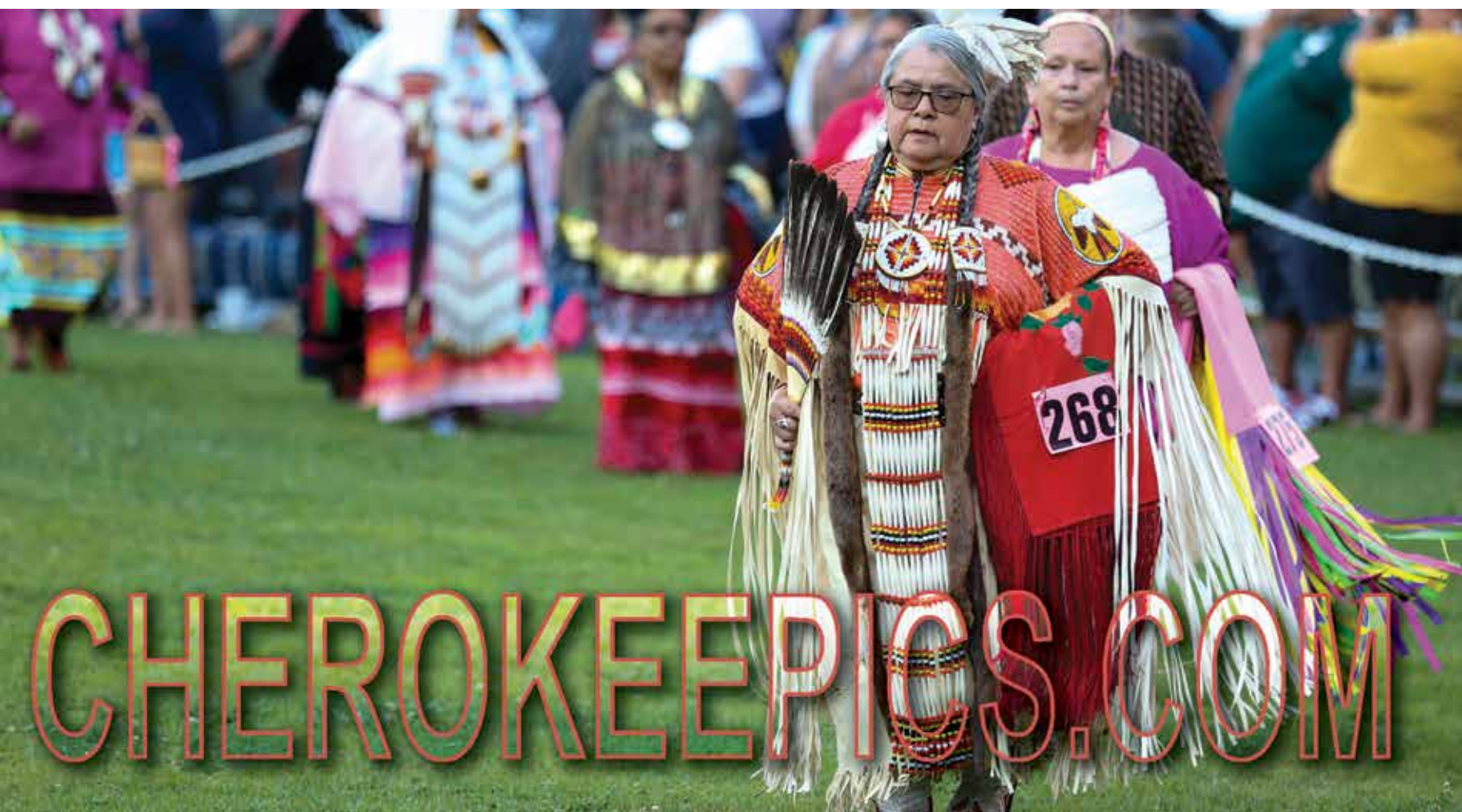
**Kids can get COVID-19, just like everyone else.**

A low-dose, Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is available and recommended for children ages 5-11. The vaccine is free, safe and effective. *Don't wait to vaccinate your kids.*

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



NC DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND  
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## CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Open Positions

ACA Insurance Technician – Business Office (2 Positions)  
Administrative Assistant – PI/Engineering  
Advanced Practice Provider PTI (PA/FNP) – Emergency Room  
Analenisgi Inpatient Technician (2)  
Assistant Member Services Manager  
Behavioral Health RN – Analenisgi (2 Positions) PTI  
Behavioral Health LPN – Analenisgi  
Billing Technician II (2 positions)  
Case Management Support – Primary Care (2 Positions)  
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  
Dental Assistant II (3 Positions)  
Dentist  
Dentist: Dentures & Partials  
Dietary Services Supervisor  
Durable Medical Equipment Specialist  
EVS Technician (4 Positions)  
Grant Coordinator – Analenisgi (Half-Time Position)  
Integrated Class Skill Builder  
LPN – MAT Clinic (Analenisgi)  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker Care Manager – Primary Care (8 Positions)  
Masters Level Therapist – (Grant Funded) Adult/Analenisgi  
Masters Level Therapist – Family Safety (2 Positions)  
Masters Level Therapist – Integrated Classroom  
Masters Level Therapist – Kanvwotiyi (Hiring Bonus)  
Masters Level Therapist (Child) – Analenisgi (1 Positions)  
Masters Level Therapist (Child) – Juvenile Justice  
Medical Laboratory Technician- Part Time Intermittent  
Optician  
Optometric Assistant  
Phlebotomist PTI

ED Paramedic Float PTI – (8 positions)  
Pedodontist  
Peer Support Specialist – Grant Funded  
Pharmacy Technician I  
Physician /Hospitalist - Inpatient  
Physician – Emergency Room  
PTI Patient Registration Clerk (2 Positions)  
PTI Radiology Technologist  
PTI Registered Nurse – Analenisgi Inpatient (2 Positions)  
PTI Registered Nurse – Emergency Room  
PTI Registered Nurse – Inpatient  
Registered Nurse - Inpatient  
Registered Nurse – Wound Care  
Residential Technician – Kanvwotiyi (2 positions)  
Respiratory Therapist – 3 Emergency Hire PTI  
RN Care Manager – Primary Care (3 positions)  
RN Care Manager Float – Primary Care  
Sterile Processing Technician (2 positions)  
Targeted Case Manager - Analenisgi  
Telemetry Nursing Assistant (2 Positions)  
Tsali Care Center  
Assistant Administrator  
Cook  
Cook Aide  
CNA Full Time  
CNA PTI  
License Practical Nurse  
Medication Aide  
Personal Care Assistant/CNA - Part-Time Regular Without Benefits  
Personal Care Assistant/CNA – Regular Full – Time  
Recreation Coordinator  
Registered Nurse – Full Time  
Retention Bonus Eligible Positions  
Certified Nursing Assistant/Part-Time Intermittent/Part-Time Regular (Starting Pay \$18.00/Hr.)  
Medication Aide (Starting Pay \$18.00/Hr.)  
Cook Aide (Starting Pay \$15.00/Hr.)  
Cook (Start pay \$17.00/HR)

**To apply, visit [careers.cherokeehospital.org](https://careers.cherokeehospital.org)**

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

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Let's Learn Cherokee

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