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Brotherly love

Cherokee boy saves brother in daring water rescue

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

The waters of Soco Creek in Cherokee were up and raging on Friday, Feb. 4 following heavy rainfall in the area. After his younger brother accidentally fell in the water behind the Soco Creek Townhomes in the Wolftown Community, Colton Crowe immediately went into action.

Colton, age 10, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a fifth grader at Cherokee Elementary School, jumped in

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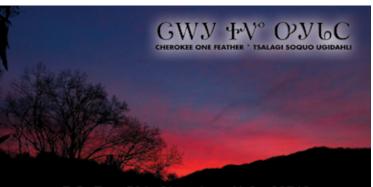


Colton, age 10, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a fifth grader at Cherokee Elementary School, stands on the banks of Soco Creek where he jumped in to save his brother, Daylen Rodriguez, age 5, recently. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./ One Feather photo)



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the cold water without hesitation to save his brother, Daylen Rodriguez, age 5.

Colton and Daylen were playing along the banks and the younger dropped a rope that he was playing with into the water. He jumped in the water to retrieve his rope.

"He jumped in and he was just floating downstream," said Colton. "He was trying to get the rope."

Colton added, "I was just scared. I didn't want him to float down there so I just jumped in."

Colton is an accomplished swimmer, but Daylen doesn't yet know how. "I grabbed his arms, then pushed him to the side," Crowe noted upon reaching his brother in the water. "Then, it got me under the water, and I had to get to the other side. I was scared. I calmed him down and told him to just never do that again. I told him to stop crying and I would get him home."

During the rescue, Colton lost his shoes in the water. He carried his brother all the way home in the cold, shoeless. The water carried the boys hundreds of yards, and they got out just before Macedonia Bridge.

Missy Crowe, the boy's grandmother, commented, "I don't want to think about the 'what ifs', if Colton hadn't been there, because they both could have lost their lives. An adult couldn't have done what he did."

She went on to say, "Colton said at one point he stood up and the water was at his shoulders. The good Lord was looking after him, that's all I can say."

Colton, the son of Kayla Crowe and Israel Rodriguez, enjoys playing video games and football, basketball, and baseball.

Tribal Banishment and Exclusion

The Cherokee One Feather maintains a current listing of all persons who have been banned from the territory holdings and properties of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Permanent banishment and exclusion are accomplished through resolutions submitted to Tribal Council The One Feather receives these judgements from the Tribal Operations Office once they have been approved by Tribal Council and ratified by the Principal Chief. Once an individual is banished, they are not to return to the lands of the EBCI, and if they return, are subject to criminal charges.

Additionally, anyone found to be intentionally harboring or providing services to someone who is banished from tribal lands is subject to fines and imprisonment.

The list may be found at

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Police Commission holds first meeting of 2022

By JONAH LOSSIAH

One Feather Staff

The EBCI Police Commission held its first meeting of the year on Thursday, Feb. 10. With most departments unavailable to report, the open session of the meeting was completed in just over 30 minutes.

The only report to the Commission came from Shelli Buckner of the EBCI Tribal Prosecutors Office. She said that the biggest recent development is that there has been a change to allow the Tribal Prosecutors to bring misdemeanors to a bench trial. Previously, the Prosecutors had no option to call any case to trial. She said this option will mean a lot more trials but that it should expedite the process at the Cherokee Court. Buckner also mentioned the development of Ordinance 139, which was read and tabled at Tribal Council this month. This ordinance would begin to implement defense services at Tribal Court through the Legal Assistance Office.

Chris Siewers, from the EBCI Office of the Attorney General (AG), was also at the meeting. He told the Commission that he and others in the AG's office have been working on amendments to the code regarding banishments. Siewers said that they were hoping to finalize these changes to get them submitted this month. He promised that if everything went smoothly, he would be bringing the documents to next month's meeting.

Siewers also provided an update regarding a tribal member who had been having jurisdictional issues with someone trespassing on their property. The problem surrounded 'checkerboard property' in Graham County. The tribal member's property is on tribal land but is surrounded by state land. Authorities did not know how to handle the offense by the non-tribal person involved.

Siewers said that Tribal Council had banished this non-tribal individual in December. He also said that the tribal member was having good communication with the Graham County district attorney and that things were moving in a positive direction.

The Police Commission finished the open session by discussing what reports they would require by next month. They decided that they would want to hear from the Police Department and Police Chief Josh Taylor, the Tribal Prosecutors Office, and Jeremy Brown to discuss body and vehicle cameras for the Police Department.

The Commission moved into a

closed session for the remainder of the meeting.

The meeting of the EBCI Police Commission was called to order just after 12 p.m. with Chairperson Tunney Crowe; Vice Chair Buddy Johnson; and Commissioners Lisa Taylor, Kym Parker, Solomon Saunooke, and Hillary Norville present. Commissioner Frank Dunn was a few minutes late to the meeting. Secretary Anita Lossiah was an excused absence for the meeting, with Chairperson Crowe stating that she had a conflicting meeting with the State Attorney General's Office.

The next meeting of the Commission is set for Thursday, March 10 at noon. The Commission gathers monthly and has been meeting in the large conference room at the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex. These sessions are open to the public.



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CCS to adjust COVID leave policies

By JONAH LOSSIAH

One Feather Staff

Much of the Monday, Feb. 7 meeting of the Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Board of Education was spent discussing updates on COVID-19 at the school and adjusting policy for staff.

The School Board's attorney Ashley Leonard and CCS HR director Heather Driver had been tasked with pulling information on the most recent COVID leave plans. Driver told the Board that North Carolina's policy is 168 hours of leave for COVID-related issues. This 168-hour policy is the same regardless of one's vaccination status. The Board had been considering adopting a similar policy to assist CCS staff who have children and might need additional leave to take care of their family if they were required to quarantine.

The current quarantine policy states that a child does not need to quarantine once exposed if they have been vaccinated. However, if they haven't been vaccinated, an exposure requires a five-day quarantine. If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, typically that means at 10-day quarantine. This is extended to 14 days at facilities like Dora Reed Children's Center.

Chairperson Jennifer Thompson raised the question if 168 hours was enough for parents



Much of the Monday, Feb. 7 meeting of the Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Board of Education, held at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center, was spent discussing updates on COVID-19 at the school and adjusting policy for staff. (JO-NAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photo)



in their system. Thompson and Vice-Chair Tara Reed-Cooper used examples in the community of families who were forced to quarantine for multiple weeks already this semester due to the increased measures from some facilities.

The Board decided that it would be best to adopt a similar policy to that of the state but instructed Driver to draw it with 240 hours of COVID-related leave available to staff. This translates to up to 30 working days. They also agreed that it would be required to show documentation to use this leave to assist a family member. These hours will also be transferable among staff if they so choose.

Discussion surrounding staff morale and teacher retention was also raised. The Board discussed different ways to offer a morale booster to help with the ongoing fatigue caused by working in a school system during a pandemic. They discussed the possibility of an additional bonus like that of the Christmas bonus, as well as the potential for a day off for mental health.

The topic of shortening to a four-day work week was presented, but the offering seemed implausible due to the number of required instructional days for the school.

Assistant Superintendent Beverly Payne said that the total cost of the bonus in December was approximately \$589,000. That included salary and fringe money. The Board said that they will continue to discuss options to support staff and hope to offer some relief as soon as possible.

The Board approved some changes to three CCS policies. There was a change to Policy 7100, recruitment and selection of personnel, to align with Tribal law. Policy 7105, hiring of coaching staff, saw the following amendments:

• Added language of "a resignation or removal from one of the contracted positions is a removal from the system."

• Clarification that "school administrators are prohibited from coaching. School administrators include Principals, Assistant Principals, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Directors, Managers who oversee a department, and supervisors. "

• Added language of "Head coaches for major sports that require the employment of assistant coaches may present their recommendations for the assistant position(s) to the Athletic Director for consideration by the Cherokee Central School Board."

Policy 7945, employee disciplinary procedures, saw the following amendments:

• Added language of "when discipline is necessary, school officials will make every effort to institute disciplinary procedures within one week of confirming employee misconduct or non-performance.

 Altered and added language of "All disciplinary documents will be placed in the employee's personnel file for twelve months except for letters of reprimand, which will remain in the personnel file for five years, and suspensions or discharges/dismissals, which shall remain in the file permanently. Added language of "Employees must be given written notice of their right to appeal when presented with disciplinary action. Employees must also be given notice that they are not required to sign an acknowledgement of disciplinary action. If an employee refuses to sign an acknowledgement of disciplinary action, a witness may sign the document to acknowledge the employee received the disciplinary action."

The Board unanimously passed the consent agenda, putting forth the following:

• Norris Brady approved as a varsity softball volunteer.

• Lisa Cook approved as a High School special education life skill teacher.

• Taran Swimmer approved as a women's soccer coach volunteer.

• Craig Barker approved as a varsity softball volunteer.

• Dre Crowe approved as a varsity softball assistant coach.

• Albert Arch approved as the varsity softball head coach.

• Ronald Walker approved as the Middle School baseball head

coach.

• Skylar Botchenbaugh approved as a Middle School baseball assistant coach.

• Jordan Grant approved as a fulltime custodian.

Following the adjourning of the meeting, Rep. Bo Crowe requested to speak with the Board. This was requested following a discussion centered around the quality of meals at Cherokee Central Schools. No formal closed session was called, as this discussion occurred after adjourning.

The Monday, Feb. 7 meeting of the CCS Board of Education was called to order at 4:45 p.m. with Chairperson Jennifer Thompson; Co-Vice Chairs Tara Reed-Cooper and Melanie Lambert; Secretary Kristina Hyatt; Board members Berdie Toineeta and Regina Ledford Rosario; Superintendent Michael Murray; Assistant Superintendent Beverley Payne; Tribal Council Rep. Bo Crowe; HR Director Heather Driver; and Administrative Assistant Terri Bradley all in attendance.

The next meeting of the School Board is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 24 at 4:45 p.m. The Board has been meeting in the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center to be able to maintain social distancing. This upcoming meeting will begin in open session, but any items set for a closed session will be heard in the presence of the Board's attorney.

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CIPD Arrest Report for Jan. 30 to Feb. 6

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Burgess, Dora Lillard – age 41 Arrested: Jan. 31 Released: Feb. 2 Charges: Drug Trafficking, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Caley Jr., William Grant – age 40 Arrested: Jan. 31

Released: Feb. 1 Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Little, Shalina Lynn – age 20 Arrested: Jan. 31 Released: Feb. 3 Charges: Drug Paraphernalia (using possessing), Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance (three counts), Providing or Possessing Contraband

Teesateskie, Summer – age 26 Arrested: Jan. 31 Released: Jan. 31 **Charges: Domestic Violence**

Waldroup, Calvin Daniel – age 33 Arrested: Jan. 31 Released: Feb. 4 Charges: Tampering with Evidence, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Drug Traffick-

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. **СМА #А. ОАРС**

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Contreras, Jose Antonio – age 29 Arrested: Feb. 1 Released: Feb. 3 **Charges: Aggravated Weapons** Offense, Possession Schedule II **Controlled Substance**

Crowe, Jennifer Aiden – age 23 Arrested: Feb. 1 Released: Feb. 2 Charges: Domestic Violence

Wildcatt, John Travis – age 30 Arrested: Feb. 1 Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 7) Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Queen, Justin – age 20 Arrested: Feb. 2 Released: Feb. 2 **Charges: Probation Violation**

Wildcat, Craigan Stan – age 40 Arrested: Feb. 3 Released: Feb. 6 Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor, Domestic Violence

Smith, Antonio Lamont – age 50 Arrested: Feb. 4

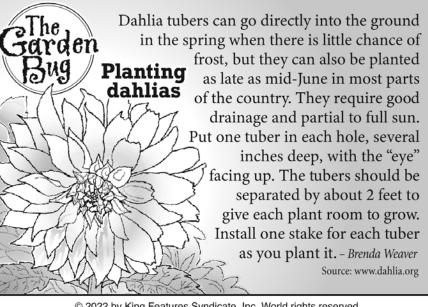
Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 7) Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Jones, Dustin Corey – age 29 Arrested: Feb. 5 Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 7) **Charges: Second Degree Trespass**

Holiday, Siah Kenyon – age 20 Arrested: Feb. 6 Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 7) Charges: Criminal Mischief to Property, Breaking or Entering, Elder Abuse and Neglect

Lane, Celina Melinda – age 45 Arrested: Feb. 6 Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 7) Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Tolley, Cassandra Marie – age 32 Arrested: Feb. 6 Released: Not released as of report date (Feb. 7) Charges: Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance



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MISSING PERSON

Brittaney Littledave - female

Cherokee Nation (Okla.) citizen

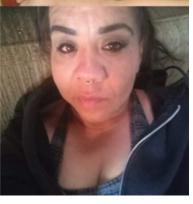
Height: 5'2/5'3 Weight: 130lbs Age: 36 Eye and hair color: brown Tattoos: left upper arm, Cherokee Nation Seal, right upper arm: flowers and butterflies,back of neck: laugh now cry later She has a septum piercing which is the bull nose ring.

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

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

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MISSING PERSON

Matthew Earl Etsitty Male

Enrolled in the Navajo Nation Missing Age: 51 years Current Age: 51 Height: 5'9" - 5'10" Weight: 175-180 lbs. Hair: Brown Eyes : Brown Last Known Location: Chinle, Arizona Date of last contact: March 20, 2021



Circumstances of Disappearance: Matthew has not been seen and he has not contacted family members since December 25, 2021. He was last seen getting into a tan or silver Tahoe with chrome rims and a dented back bumper.

Investigating Agency: Navajo Nation Police Department-Chinle District 928-674-2000 Agency Case Number: 5-22-001864

Source: www.namus.gov

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WRESTLING 1A West Regional results

Following are the results, per trackwrestling. com, for the NCHSAA 1A West Regional meet held at Alleghany High School in Sparta on Saturday, Feb. 12:

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- 1st Place Alexis Panama of Robbinsville
- 2nd Place Hunter Fulp of North Stokes
- 3rd Place Cooper Foster of Avery County
- 4th Place Kreed Smith of Rosman
- 1st Place Match

• Alexis Panama (Robbinsville) 23-6, So. over Hunter Fulp (North Stokes) 47-2, Sr. (MD 13-3)

3rd Place Match

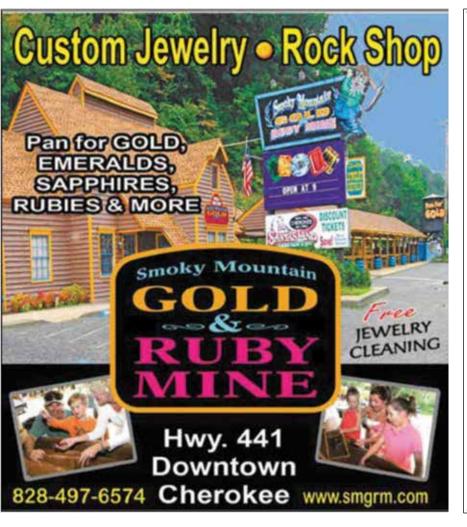
- Cooper Foster (Avery County) 50-5, Fr. over Kreed Smith (Rosman) 33-15, Fr. (MD 13-2)
- 113
- 1st Place Ben Jordan of Avery County
- 2nd Place Marcos Sagahon of Alleghany
- 3rd Place David Rojas of Elkin

- 4th Place Kale Stephenson of Swain County 1st Place Match
- Ben Jordan (Avery County) 45-2, So. over Marcos Sagahon (Alleghany) 34-10, So. (Dec 8-2)
- 3rd Place Match
- David Rojas (Elkin) 20-7, Jr. over Kale Stephenson (Swain County) 30-6, Fr. (TF-1.5 4:26 (19-4))

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- 1st Place Kenneth Pritz of Avery County
- 2nd Place Logan Hyde of Robbinsville
- 3rd Place Brandon Ropp of Rosman
- 4th Place Robbie Bowman of Cherryville 1st Place Match
- Kenneth Pritz (Avery County) 34-4, Fr. over Logan Hyde (Robbinsville) 22-9, Jr. (Fall 3:05) 3rd Place Match
- Brandon Ropp (Rosman) 41-8, Sr. over Robbie Bowman (Cherryville) 33-17, So. (MD 9-0) **126**
- 1st Place Jayden Nowell of Robbinsville
- 2nd Place Grant Reece of Avery County

- 3rd Place Owen Craig of Swain County
- 4th Place William Cole of Rosman 1st Place Match
- Jayden Nowell (Robbinsville) 36-4, Sr. over Grant Reece (Avery County) 41-10, So. (Fall 3:56)
- 3rd Place Match
- Owen Craig (Swain County) 25-12, So. over William Cole (Rosman) 28-14, Sr. (Fall 0:56) **132**
- 1st Place Bryson Church of Alleghany
- 2nd Place Lucas Ellis of Bradford Prep
- 3rd Place Cole Nixon of Starmount
- 4th Place John (Alex) Cox of Mount Airy 1st Place Match
- Bryson Church (Alleghany) 37-12, Sr. over Lucas Ellis (Bradford Prep) 17-2, So. (Dec 7-6) 3rd Place Match
- Cole Nixon (Starmount) 31-6, Jr. over John (Alex) Cox (Mount Airy) 25-10, Jr. (Fall 4:21) **138**
- 1st Place Ethan Shell of Avery County
- 2nd Place Zane Lucksavage of Robbinsville







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- 3rd Place Adam Cotterman of Swain County
- 4th Place Kaden Royal of East Wilkes 1st Place Match
- Ethan Shell (Avery County) 47-2, Fr. over Zane Lucksavage (Robbinsville) 38-8, Sr. (Fall 1:53)
- 3rd Place Match
- Adam Cotterman (Swain County) 31-15, Sr.
 over Kaden Royal (East Wilkes) 32-7, So. (MD 10-2)

145

- 1st Place Johnathan Cable of Avery County
- 2nd Place Koda Blythe of Alleghany
- 3rd Place Kole Lambert of East Wilkes
- 4th Place Jaret Panama of Robbinsville 1st Place Match
- Johnathan Cable (Avery County) 26-3, Sr. over Koda Blythe (Alleghany) 34-16, Sr. (Dec 4-2)
- 3rd Place Match
- Kole Lambert (East Wilkes) 37-3, Sr. over Jaret Panama (Robbinsville) 21-10, Sr. (Dec 1-0)

152

- 1st Place Nicholas (Franklin) Bennett of Mount Airy
- 2nd Place Chase Miller of Cherryville
- 3rd Place Tristan Adams of Avery County
- 4th Place Dylan Ramage of East Wilkes 1st Place Match
- Nicholas (Franklin) Bennett (Mount Airy)
- 30-1, Sr. over Chase Miller (Cherryville) 43-7, Jr. (Dec 8-4)
- 3rd Place Match
- Tristan Adams (Avery County) 21-4, Jr. over Dylan Ramage (East Wilkes) 27-13, Fr. (Fall 2:32)

160

- 1st Place Isaac Stoker of Alleghany
- 2nd Place Bradley Parker of Avery County
- 3rd Place Kam Bolin of Cherryville
- 4th Place Adrian Rodriguez of Elkin 1st Place Match

• Isaac Stoker (Alleghany) 38-10, So. over Bradley Parker (Avery County) 28-3, Sr. (SV-1 6-4)

3rd Place Match

• Kam Bolin (Cherryville) 38-11, Jr. over Adrian Rodriguez (Elkin) 20-9, So. (Fall 3:20) **170**

- 1st Place Connor Medvar of Mount Airy
- 2nd Place Seth Blackledge of Avery County
- 3rd Place Gabriel Lillard of Swain County

• 4th Place - Darius Saunooke of Cherokee 1st Place Match

- Connor Medvar (Mount Airy) 28-1, Sr. over Seth Blackledge (Avery County) 45-5, Jr. (Dec 9-5)
- 3rd Place Match
- Gabriel Lillard (Swain County) 31-8, Jr. over Darius Saunooke (Cherokee) 23-14, Jr. (Fall 5:00)
- 182
- 1st Place Kyle Fink of Robbinsville
- 2nd Place Carson Griffith of Bradford Prep
- 3rd Place Mason Grindstaff of Cherryville
- 4th Place Noah Maltba of Mitchell
- 1st Place Match
- Kyle Fink (Robbinsville) 43-4, Sr. over Carson Griffith (Bradford Prep) 19-3, . (Dec 12-6) 3rd Place Match

• Mason Grindstaff (Cherryville) 36-7, Sr. over Noah Maltba (Mitchell) 26-15, Sr. (Fall 2:01) **195**

- 1st Place Kage Williams of Robbinsville
- 2nd Place Edwin Agabo of Mount Airy
- 3rd Place Camron Cook of Mitchell
- 4th Place Blake Sain of Swain County 1st Place Match

• Kage Williams (Robbinsville) 32-1, So. over Edwin Agabo (Mount Airy) 18-5, Jr. (Fall 0:48) 3rd Place Match

• Camron Cook (Mitchell) 13-10, So. over Blake Sain (Swain County) 32-12, Jr. (Fall 2:21) **220**

- 1st Place Ben Wachacha of Robbinsville
- 2nd Place Carson Taylor of Swain County
- 3rd Place Steven Sullivan of Starmount

• 4th Place - Grayson Hoilman of Avery County 1st Place Match

• Ben Wachacha (Robbinsville) 37-6, Sr. over Carson Taylor (Swain County) 28-9, Sr. (MD 9-1)

3rd Place Match

• Steven Sullivan (Starmount) 14-4, Jr. over Grayson Hoilman (Avery County) 15-6, Fr. (Fall 0:20)

285

- 1st Place Levi Andrews of Avery County
- 2nd Place Carlos Wesley of Robbinsville
- 3rd Place Kohlton Neadeau of Swain County
 4th Place Johnatan Argueta of Starmount
 1st Place Match

• Levi Andrews (Avery County) 48-1, Sr. over Carlos Wesley (Robbinsville) 24-8, Sr. (Dec 7-1)

3rd Place Match

• Kohlton Neadeau (Swain County) 34-9, Jr. over Johnatan Argueta (Starmount) 28-8, So. (Fall 1:42)



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Input sought on cultural, recreation facilities survey

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has initiated a planning process and seeks input from its tribal and community members. The consultant team from Placemaking has been evaluating cultural and recreation facilities across the Qualla Boundary during the past few months. It will provide leadership with recommendations for needed repairs, modifications, and suggested improvements. Gathering input from the community is an essential component of the planning process.

A survey is currently available online https://ebci.com/services/ departments/division-ofcommerce/ administration-and-planning/, and physical copies are available at the Qualla Boundary Public Library and Tribal Council House.

Officials noted, "This is an opportunity for each household in our community to let our leaderships know what you would like to see improved at existing facilities, and which programs should be planned for the future. Your assistance in the planning process and participation is essential for pursuing state and federal grants for funding future improvements. Grants are available to sovereign Tribal nations for improvements, but they are limited and are very competitive. The more community participation we have in this process, the greater our government's chances are to compete for these limited resources."

Survey forms will be collected until Tuesday, March 15. Once the survey results are tabulated, they will be shared. If there are any questions about the survey, please contact Chris Greene, EBCI Project Management Planning Office, 828-359-6703.

- Placemaking release

Greening Up the Mountains Festival open call for vendors

Artisans, Crafters, and Food Vendors are invited to submit their application for the Greening Up the Mountains Festival to be held on Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Greening Up The Mountains Festival is the premiere spring festival for western North Carolina. The festival, sponsored by the Town of Sylva, will once again take place in historical downtown Sylva. This year's festival seeks artisans and crafters selling their own handmade products. Arts, Crafts, and Food Vendors from the expanded Appalachian area are encouraged to apply.

Please visit the festival's website, www.greeningupthemountains.com to review the 2022 Vendor Policies and download your application. Applications will be accepted through March 15. For more information, please email the event coordinator at greeningupthemountains@gmail.com.

- Greening Up the Mountains Committee

Duke University pow wow

The Duke Native American Alliance is seeking vendors, dancers, and drum groups for their annual pow wow scheduled for April 9



The Cherokee Indians Housing Division (CIHD) Housing Services Program is excited to announce the award of a \$705,000.00 grant from Dogwood Health Trust. The Dogwood Health Trust is a non-profit organization based in Asheville, NC, purposed with improving the health and wellbeing of all people and communities of Western North Carolina, serving eighteen counties and the Qualla Boundary.

This award is designated to assist enrolled members by adding additional funding for the following programs:

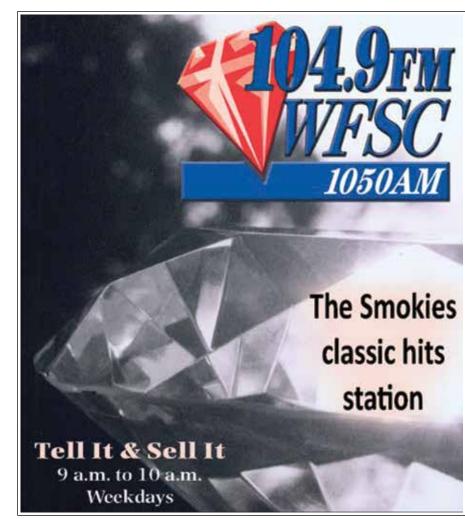
- Down Payment Assistance
- · Rate Buy Down Funds
- Foster Parent Renovation Loans
- Financial Literacy

In addition to supplemental funding for these programs, this grant has established the new service area of Buncombe County. Our current service area consists of Swain, Jackson, Graham, Cherokee, Clay, and Macon Counties. The grant allocates a certain percentage of funding for each county.

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed stated, "I am very grateful for this support and partnership of the Dogwood Health Trust in providing this amazing grant opportunity that will ensure even more of our citizens will have access to safe and affordable housing. I would also like to thank our Cherokee Indians Housing Division staff for their tireless efforts providing housing services to our people."

The CIHD'S Housing Services program is dedicated to serving all enrolled members in obtaining homeownership and improving current housing conditions. CIHD also offers the On-Boundary Renovation and Portfolio Ioans.

For more information or to apply for one of our products, please call Tina Larch-Rivera at 828-359-6912 or Misty Millsaps at 828-359-6919 or come by the Housing Administrative Offices located at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. We look forward to helping you make your homeownership dream a reality!



from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Abele Quad on the campus of Duke University. Info: dukenasa21@gmail. com

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) appointments available

If your annual gross income (AGI) is less than \$73,000 and you are a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) you are eligible to have your taxes prepared at no cost at the EBCI Extension Office through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Due to the rise in COVID cases, this year will begin by using a drop-off pickup system and may change to face-to-face at a later date. Call 359-6939 or 359-6938 to set up a dropoff appointment. During your appointment, you will be required to fill out a short intake form. Dropoff appointments will begin Monday, Feb. 14 and will be Monday through Thursday. Remember to wear a mask and do not come if you are exhibiting COVID symptoms or have been quarantined due to positive test or by contact tracing. Customers exhibiting symptoms will be asked to reschedule their drop-off or pick-up.

Bring with you the following items to your appointment/dropoff:

• All income related forms such as: W-2, 1099 Misc., 1099-I, SSA-1099, etc.

• Photo I.D. such as Driver's License or enrollment card with picture

• Social Security Card and birth date of every member of the household

• Enrollment Card of Federally Recognized Tribe for North Carolina Tax Exemption

Bank Account Information if you want tax return direct deposited
Last year's tax return (if possible) • The program does not do Rental Income (Schedule E), Dividend and Investment Income (Sch B) and Complex Schedule C.

• Letter 6419 Child Tax Credit letter and Letter 6475 Economic Impact letters

> - EBCI Cooperative Extension Office release

2022 Crop Disaster Assistance Program deadline

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) is reminding agricultural producers that Monday, Feb. 28, is the deadline to apply for the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, or NAP.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of non-insured crops impacted by natural disasters that result in lower yields, crop losses, or prevents crop planting. Commercially produced crops and agricultural commodities for which crop insurance is not available are generally eligible for NAP. Eligible crops with a coverage deadline of Feb. 28 include most annual fruit and vegetable crops, such as sweet corn, tomatoes, squash, and melons. Feb. 28 is also the deadline to apply for coverage on hemp.

Eligible causes of loss include drought, freeze, hail, excessive moisture, excessive wind or hurricanes, earthquake, flood. These events must occur during the NAP policy coverage period, before or during harvest, and the disaster must directly affect the eligible crop.

NAP Service fees can be waived for beginning, qualifying veteran, female, minority, and limited resource farmers. These farmers can also receive a 50 percent reduction in the premium.

For more information on the NAP program or to apply, contact your local FSA county office in Murphy, at (828) 837-2721, extension 2. - USDA

Trail of Tears Art Show and Sale featuring Cherokee Art Market youth competition returns April 2-30

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. — Artwork is now being accepted for the 51st annual Trail of Tears Art Show and Sale. The longest-running Native American art show and competition in Oklahoma will be presented April 2-30, both virtually and in person.

Through the juried show, artists compete for more than \$15,000 in the following categories: painting, sculpture, pottery, basketry, graphics, jewelry, miniatures, diverse art forms and photography/digital art.

There is no entry fee associated with this year's show and sale. Individuals looking to enter artwork must be over 18 years old, be a citizen of a federally recognized Native American tribe or nation and complete all submission requirements, available at www. VisitCherokeeNation.com, no later than 5 p.m. CST on Feb. 25. Youth artists will also have the opportunity to share their work through the Cherokee Art Market youth competition, held in conjunction with the Trail of Tears Art Show and Sale. The competition is open to all Native American students in grades 6-12 who are citizens of a federally recognized tribe.

Artwork is evaluated by division and grade level. In addition to monetary awards, the Best in Show winner will also receive a free booth at the upcoming Cherokee Art Market.

Student entries will be received in person on March 17 and 18 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Cherokee Nation Businesses' Tahlequah office, located at 950 Main Parkway. Submissions may also be shipped, as long as they are received by 5 p.m. on March 18. All submissions must include an entry form attached to the artwork, an artist agreement form and a copy of the artist's CDIB or tribal card. Applications for the youth competition are available at www.CherokeeArtMarket.com.

- Cherokee Nation release

NATIONAL PARK NEWS

Park seeks public review of revised Wears Valley Bike Trail Environmental Assessment

Great Smoky Mountains National Park invites the public to review the revised Wears Valley Mountain Bike Trail System Environmental Assessment (EA) beginning Tuesday, February 8 through Wednesday, March 10, 2022.

In October 2020, the National Park Service (NPS) solicited public feedback on the original EA for development of a mountain bike trail system. Based on review of public input, park managers determined the need for additional information about karst resources to aid in the planning and decision-making process. A dedicated study was conducted in 2021 to obtain additional information about karst resources in the project area and to inform the environmental analysis. The revised EA includes additional information about karst resources, additional analysis of potential impacts, and additional measures to protect karst resources.

The public is invited to review the revised EA and provide comments on new information through the following portals:

• On the web (preferred method) at: https://parkplanning.nps.gov/

see **ANNOUNCEMENTS** next page

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WearsValleyBikeTrails

• By mail:

Wears Valley Mountain Bike Trail System Revised EA

Great Smoky Mountains National Park

107 Park Headquarters Rd Gatlinburg, TN 37738

For additional information on the revised Wears Valley Mountain Bike Trail System EA and how to provide comments please visit: https://parkplanning.nps.gov/ WearsValleyBikeTrails.

- National Park Service release

Great Smoky Mountains National Park receives \$31M to repair Foothills Parkway West

Great Smoky Mountains National Park is using \$31 million in funding from the Great American Outdoor Act (GAOA) to repave the Foothills Parkway West, from Chilhowee Lake to Walland. The 17mile roadway provides recreational experiences for more than 700,000 visitors annually. The rehabilitation project will include a series of fulllane closures starting on March 14.

"We are pleased to have this opportunity to make these much-needed repairs," said Acting Superintendent Alan Sumeriski.

"With increasing visitation and the completion of the adjacent section of the Foothills Parkway, this area is experiencing more use and more wear and tear. These funds will enable us to make critical improvements to keep the road safely open for access to one of the most scenic driving experiences in the Smokies."

GAOA funding supports a

focused effort to address the most critical maintenance needs in the Smokies and other national parks across the country. This project will reduce more than \$25 million in deferred maintenance associated with the Parkway, support 400 jobs, and contribute \$85.5 million to the nation's economy.

The Federal Highway Administration awarded the construction contract to a local, small business that will manage the project. Work will include repaying the roadway, restoring guardrails, repairing bridges and drainage, and replacing asphalt walkways with ADA compliant concrete sidewalks. The scenic Foothills Parkway West provides access to 16 overlooks, including the popular Look Rock Observation Tower, the recently reopened Look Rock Picnic Area, and the soonto-be-reopened Look Rock Campground.

To safely and efficiently accomplish the repaying work, the project will include two phases of full closure periods. From March 14 through May 21, the roadway will be fully closed from the Look Rock Observation Tower parking area west to the Highway 129 intersection near Chilhowee Lake. From June 1 through August 31, the roadway will be fully closed from the Look Rock Observation Tower parking area east to the Highway 321 intersection near Walland, TN. During these periods, the roadway sections are fully closed to all pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. The remaining construction work will be conducted with single-lane closures from Aug. 31, 2022, through May 5, 2023. Motorists should expect delays during this time period.

For more information about

alternative scenic roads to explore during the construction period, please visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/ autotouring.htm.

GAOA's National Parks and Public Lands Legacy Restoration Fund, supported by revenue from energy development, provides up to \$1.9 billion per year for five years to make significant enhancements in national parks and other public lands to ensure their preservation and provide opportunities for recreation, education, and enjoyment for current and future visitors. GAOA, the recently passed Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and other construction funding sources are part of a concerted effort to address the extensive maintenance backlog in national parks.

- National Park Service release

Park contains small wildfire along Foothills Parkway

Great Smoky Mountains National Park firefighters responded to a small, 1.7-acre wildfire along the Foothills Parkway at 4:19 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 11. Pigeon Forge Fire Department, Sevier County **Emergency Service**, Tennessee Division of Forestry, and volunteer firefighters from Wears Valley, Walland, and Seymour Fire Departments assisted park fire crews in suppression efforts. Firefighters fully contained the fire at approximately 9:20 p.m.

The Foothills Parkway is currently closed to all use between Wears Valley and Walland, Tenn. The site is located near mile-marker 30 along the Foothills Parkway near Headrick Gap in Wears Valley. A downed power line ignited the wildfire.

- National Park Service release

Good Housekeeping

Macaroni and Cheese on the Light Side

Our pasta recipe is amazingly creamy, and it sneaks vegetables into the kids' dinner without a lot of fuss.

- package (16 ounces) cavatelli pasta
- 2 tablespoons margarine or butter
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/4teaspoon ground black pepper Pinch ground nutmeg
- 31/2 cups low-fat (1%) milk
 - 6 ounces (1 1/2 cups) reducedfat sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese package (10 ounces) frozen mixed vegetables

1. Heat large saucepot of salted water to boiling over high heat; add pasta and cook as label directs.

2. Meanwhile, in 3-quart saucepan, melt margarine over medium heat. With wire whisk, stir in flour, pepper, nutmeg and 1/2 teaspoon salt; cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Gradually whisk in milk and, stirring constantly, cook over medium-high heat until sauce boils and thickens slightly. Boil 1 minute, stirring.

3. Remove saucepan from heat; stir in cheeses just until melted. Following manufacturer's directions, use immersion blender to blend mixture in saucepan until smooth. (Or, in blender at low speed, with center part of cover removed to allow steam to escape, blend sauce mixture in small batches until smooth. Pour sauce into bowl after each batch.)

4. Place frozen vegetables in colander; drain pasta over vegetables. Return pasta mixture to saucepot; stir in cheese sauce. Serves 8.

 Each serving: About 340 calories, 11g total fat (4g saturated), 32mg cholesterol, 585mg sodium, 43g total carbs, 2g dietary fiber, 18g protein.

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

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"Here are the facts: Sterilized dogs and cats cannot reproduce. Sterilized dogs and cats cannot create litters of puppies and kittens that end up homeless or in shelters." "Honestly, I can't imagine why anyone would want to wait and spa

Phillip A. Bushby, DVM

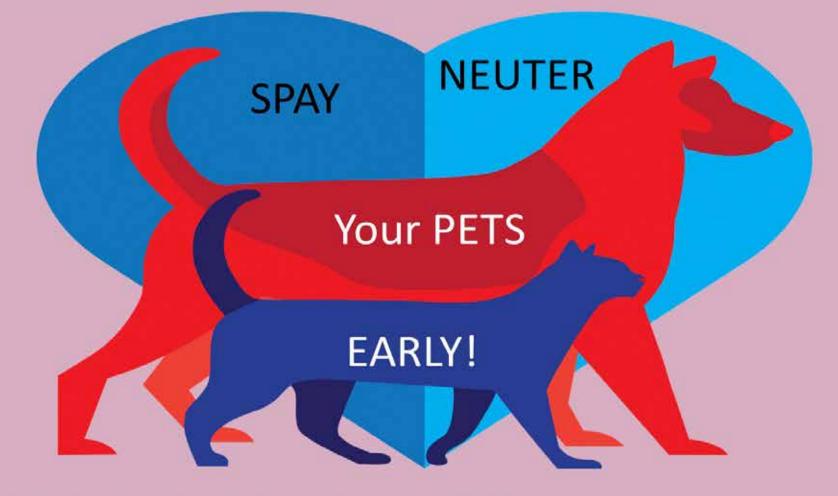
"Most unplanned litters are born because pet owners didn't realize these babies can have babies of their own. Spaying and neutering before 5 months of age helps stop the cycle of unwanted litters and helps protect pets against a lifetime of health threats." Julie Levy, DVM

"Puppies and kittens can be safely spayed and neutered as early as eight to twelve weeks of age. In my practice, we encourage early spays and neuters since our pediatric patients have much shorter anesthesia and surgical times than adult animals and are up and about almost immediately." Margaret Moncure, DVM "Honestly, I can't imagine why anyone would want to wait and spay a dog or cat at 6 or 8 months of age. It is faster, less traumatic, and a much faster surgical recovery at 4 month of age." Michael Moyer, DVM

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

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

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



ADOPT A PET! 359-2380

Cherokee Animal Control All pets must be spayed or neutered prior to adoption.

OBITUARIES JhfiFR

Vivian West Solis

Vivian West Solis, age 59, of the Big Cove Community in Cherokee, went to her heavenly home on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022. She was the daughter of the late Alfred and Geneva West.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Alfred West Jr.; a sister, Shirley Welch; and a granddaughter, Lexy Solis.

Vivian is survived by her husband, Lupe; her daughter, Reyna Solis (Al); her sons, Damian (Chasity) and Joseph "Jabby" (Chelsea); her grandchildren, Shelby, Nicholai, Roxy, Riley, Nate, Izzy, Ezra and Cruz; brothers, Nathan Villareal, Angelo (Kelly), and Gator West; sisters, Oneva Garcia (Joe) of New Mexico, Gloria Hyatt (late Lavon), and Lavinia Hicks (David) of Cherokee; special cousin, who was like a sister, Frances Sequoyah.

Vivian loved her grandchildren. Izzy was like her son. She loved traveling, reading, and being involved with the youth at church. Vivian, or "Vik" as known by many, retired from the EBCI Community Health Program. She had a passion for taking care of and making sure the elders needs were met. She was a faithful member of Straight Fork Baptist Church where she was the youth group leader for many years. She had a love for our youth and enjoyed teaching them about the Lord. She had a strong faith and believed in the power of prayer. She will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, Feb. 6 at Straight Fork Baptist Church with Brother Harley Maney officiating. Burial was in the Wolfe Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were Nicholai Solis, Travis Hicks, Jeremy Hyatt, Alfred Welch, Gatlin West, Lupe Solis, and Nika West. Honorary pallbearer was Izzy Solis.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Delbert Carsyle Walk Jr. "JD"

Delbert Carslyle Walk Jr "JD", age 67, of Cherokee, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022. As a native and resident of Cherokee, North Carolina, his passions in life were carpentry and working for his brother, Dennis Walk Sr at Walk's Automotive.

He was the son of the late Delbert Walk Sr. and the late Beatrice (Smith) Walk. He was a member of the Bigwitch Baptist Church in Cherokee.

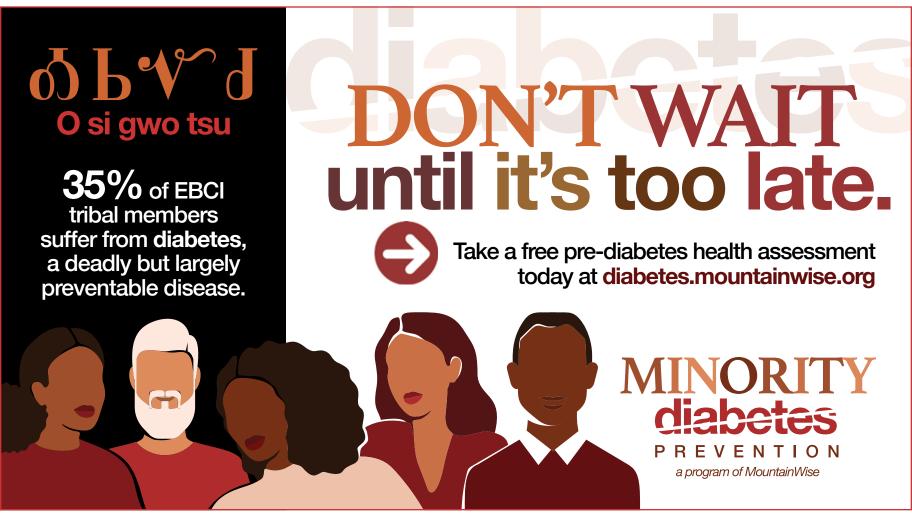
JD was preceded in death his

sisters, Rachel Glasgow, Sandra (Walk) Ward, Delcey Walk, and his brother, Michael Walk.

He is survived by his brother, Dennis Walk Sr (Victoria); his wife and lifelong partner, Keyma Walk; his beloved nieces and nephews, Monica, Denny Jr, Brandon, Natasha, and Justin, all of whom he loved very much. He is also survived by many other loving family members.

A graveside service was held on Sunday, Feb. 13 at the home of JD, located at Rachel Winkler Rd., Cherokee. Burial was behind the home. Pallbearers were Brandon Walk, Denny Walk, Michah Becker, Mikie Walk Jr., and Justin Walk. Honorary Pallbearer was Dennis Walk.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.



THANK YOU LETTERS

Thank you to Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship

I would like to thank the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship Fund and members of the board for the assistance awarded to me for the Spring 2022 semester, as I continue my graduate education at Montreat College, pursuing my MBA.

The Yogi Crowe scholarship has contributed to many successes for tribal members who have been awarded in the past. I am grateful and appreciate the support that the Yogi Crowe Scholarship provides for Eastern Band tribal members as well as for myself. I am excited for this journey that will contribute to the betterment of self, my career and community. Thank you again for the contribution to my future and the future of other tribal members.

Brittany French Beck

Thank you to Yogi Crowe Scholarship

I would like to express my gratitude to the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship. Your financial assistance for the Spring Semester 2022 will help as I attend the University of Oklahoma. I am currently enrolled in the College of Education to obtain my Master's in Education in Educational Administration, Curriculum, and Supervision. I plan on graduating in December 2024, at which time I will continue my educational career at Cherokee Elementary School.

Again, I would like to thank the Yogi Crowe Memorial Scholarship for helping me get a step closer toward my academic and career goals. Thank you for your continued support of Eastern Band of Cherokee students.

Lynn Catt





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 or call 888-675-4567.



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commentary New Cherokee Blood

By ROBERT JUMPER

One Feather Editor

uring the February session of Tribal Council, the Council decided that the language of the resolution proposed to ask the people to decide on extended terms, term limits and staggered terms was tabled, after being voted in, once in October (with unanimous approval and ratification by the Principal Chief) and then again in the February session (although not unanimously, but in majority), because it was just too difficult for us to understand. A member of the Attorney General's office, as counsel for the Election Board, helped to redraft the original language of my questions to help clarify the language, but apparently not enough.

When some Council members expressed concern that their constituency would not be able to understand the questions, the Attorney General stepped to the podium and stated that I had not brought my resolution questions to the Attorney General for their take on my first submitted resolution to Council. This is true. I believed the system was designed so that any member of the Tribe could bring questions (suggestions actually) to the people so that the law is by the people. When I wrote the legislation, I wasn't trying to impose my will on anyone, but to allow the community to make the choice for themselves. And the questions that I posed were taken up by Council even though I did not have a petition full of names. They were endorsed by Council members to be executed in a referendum, unani-

mously.

In fact, Resolution 11 passed and was ratified by the Principal Chief. And it has not been rescinded. Since the resolution to revise the referendum questions has been tabled for discussion, does that mean that Resolution 11 should move forward? In October, when someone expressed concern that doing a referendum vote might not get the number of voters out necessary to legitimize the vote, one Council member stated that even if it failed to get a quorum, that another vote on the referendum could be taken at election time. That is how sure they were that they wanted to move forward with the questions. Because I was asked about the clarity of the questions at that time, I asked about modifying the language back in October. The response at the time was "The resolution was passed. The questions will be as stated in the resolution".

It was stated in Council that one reason they object to term limits is that they do not want to lose all the collected knowledge within the body politic. Comparatives were made with great leaders of the Eastern Band, with some saying that they would not want to lose a great leader because of a term limit. Granted, we have had some very competent leadership, and then we have had some who may have remained in office because they ran unopposed or with little competition. A politician without term limits is a tough opponent, not necessarily because of their expertise, but because they are in the public eye.

In my many years in advertising, I had the opportunity to work with several municipal candidates for offices across western North Carolina. During campaigns, they would seek counsel on what to put in their ads. Most would want their faces taking up a significant portion of their ad space. Over and over, I would ask them to remember what will be seen by the voter on the ballot. It will not be their faces that the voters check off, it will be their names. So having your name out there for multiple terms, with the benefit of monthly and sometimes weekly exposure to the public via broadcasts, presents a significant mountain for a first time or young candidate seeking that seat. And that is before you start talking about experience and education. The lack of term limits causes challenges right out of the gate for a new candidate for a long-occupied seat.

And the term limit as stated in the proposed legislation allows for an incumbent to serve two fouryear terms, sit out a term, and then again be eligible for office. So, there is only a pause in the "great" leadership, not a loss of it.

In October, every sitting Tribal Council member, even those with some reservations - mostly about term limiting - passed the referendum questions to be posed to "we, the people". The Attorney General, in February 2022, expressed that he was concerned or surprised that Council passed the legislation so quickly.

Actually, term limits and staggered terms have been talked about by legislators and executives of this Tribe for years. It is not a good look for our government, especially those drafting law for our governing body, to say that they were surprised and unprepared by the submission of legislation that has been discussed in the halls of our government for years. I know our Attorney General and the lawyers who staff that office. They are competent and professional in their work for the Tribe. So, it is hard for me to understand the expressions of surprise at both the proposal and the receptiveness to it, since in almost every public forum, these concepts have been affirmatively received.

I advocate for term limits (and longer terms with a stagger) not because I feel our leaders should somehow be bridled. I do not, I believe they are working hard. But I do understand, from their own comments, that they are continually having to think about reelection. As one former Tribal Council representative put it, that is partially why we move at the speed of government instead of the speed of business. It is also why some in our Council talk about the projects that sit in limbo for five, ten, twenty years with no movement. And I have never been, nor have I ever aspired to be a politician, but I imagine that some of our leaders have to make gut-wrenching moral decisions when the time comes that they must choose a course that will get them reelected as opposed to doing the right thing for the longterm future of our Tribe.

A 2001 article by Lawrence Reed put it this way, "It was Benjamin Franklin who summed up the best case for term limits more than two centuries ago: 'In free governments, the rulers are the servants, and the people their superiors. For the former to return among the latter does not degrade, but promote them.'

"In other words, when politicians know they must return to ordinary society and live under the laws passed when they were in government, at least some of them will think more carefully about the long-term effects of the program they support. Their end all will not be re-election, because that option will not be available.

"Opponents charge that limits

are inherently antidemocratic, that people should be free to elect to office whomever they want and that voters inherently have the power to limit terms simply by voting incumbents out. But, judging by the huge support that term limits have usually won at the ballot box and still enjoy in most local polls, large numbers of citizens feel that a political system without limits is a stacked deck. Any system that allows incumbents to amass so much power and attention in office that challengers can rarely win is surely in need of a corrective.

"Term limits have been approved almost everywhere they've been on the ballot because concerned citizens see them as a positive structural reform, a necessary step to change the incentives of legislators so they think more about the good of their constituency

Nikwasi Mound

and less about their next campaign. Those citizens want to ensure a regular supply of fresh blood and new ideas in legislative bodies. They want to open the system to more people from a variety of professions."

I appreciate the work of the Election Board and representative counsel from the AG's office for including me in their redraft of the questions. Unfortunately, it would seem that allowing the redraft caused the questions to be less understandable than my original draft that was approved back in October.

As I said in October, I did not bring those questions forth for consideration to push my or any personal agenda forward. I just kept hearing from the public and from our leaders that these where things that needed to happen, and yet no one seemed interested in putting them before the people so that they might move forward into the change in law that they themselves say is needed. And remember that in October 2021, all our legislators and our Principal Chief officially agreed.

I hope that in March, they will come to agreement on how they want to proceed with the questions. These are broad questions for a reason. The people must first decide if it is the path they want to go down. How it is implemented may be worked out among the legislators, executive, and the lawyers. My original three questions are simple. Do you (enrolled member) agree that legislative terms should be changed from 2 years to 4 years? A simple yes or no will do. If you do, would you agree to change the terms to staggered terms, electing only one seat in a community every

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two years? Again, a simple yes or no. And finally, If you agree to the 4-year terms, would you agree to limiting the number of terms a legislator may serve as two consecutively? Also, a simple yes or no. Then, when the people have given that direction. The legislators and lawyers may craft the laws that make the will of the people happen.

What happened at the February session is similar to what happened to the Constitution Committee when they brought forth their proposed draft constitution for the Tribe. There is support in public and in theory for creating and implementing a constitution, but when it was brought before Council, it was made to sound so complex that no one would be able to vote in favor of it. The Constitution Committee was even referenced as a reason that the legislation I submitted should be put on hold until they, the Constitution Committee, were consulted, even though I have been an active participant in most of the Constitution Committee meetings since the beginning of 2021 and have made them aware of every step of my decision to submit the term legislation to Council.

The implementation may be more complex, but the direction proposed is simple; increase the terms to four years, stagger the terms to that only one seat of a community has the potential to be changed each election, and limit the number of terms a legislator may hold to two consecutive terms. After a four-year, or one term, break, the candidate could run again for office.

I agree that we want to keep experience on our Tribal Council. I also feel that we need to provide equitable avenues for new blood to sit on Council. I believe the course proposed will do both.

The Spirit Defenders of Nikwasi

There is a Cherokee legend about a "powerful unknown tribe" that killed people and destroyed settlements wherever they went. As they advanced into the mountains, the warriors of the old town of Nikwasi, on the head of the Little Tennessee, gathered their families into townhouse and kept scouts on the lookout for this enemy, who soon appeared. "the Nikwasi men seized their arms and rushed out to meet the attack, but after a long, hard fight they found themselves overpowered." Just as they were about to retreat, a "stranger appeared", who looked like a chief and spoke their language. He told the warriors to stop fighting and he would handle the invaders. As the Nikwasi warriors fell back along the trail, and they came near the townhouse, they saw an opening in the mound through which they saw "a great company of warriors coming out. They knew that their friends were the Nunnehi, the Immortals". The Nunnehi were many, armed and painted. They somehow became invisible to the invading tribe. The invading tribe tried to retreat, but the Nunnehi followed and killed many of them. The Nunnehi spared a few of them, per tradition, to go back to tell others of their defeat. Then the Nunnehi went back into the mound.



H.E.L.P. Program Lawn Maintenance and Garden Plowing

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Applications will be available February 14, 2022 and are available at the HELP Office located inside Tsali Manor.

DEADLINE FOR MOWING APPLICATIONS: MAY 31, 2022

DEADLING FOR PLOWING APPLICATIONS: MAY 31, 2022

Eligibility Requirements

1. Must be an enrolled member of EBCI

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- 2. Individuals applying for assistance must be living in the home.
- Applicants must be 59 ½
- Applicants under 59 1/2 must not be physically capable of mowing: 4. Proof of Disability (2022 Social Security Disability Statement) required
- 5. A Doctor's Note stating applicant is not physically capable will be required from each applicant (disabled and 59 ½ or older). Please attach to the application or request it be faxed to 828-497-3519.



- Client/Family is responsible for getting yard clear of any trash/debris.
- Animals must be properly secured when mowing contractor arrives.
- Residence must be within the 3 county service areas: Swain, Jackson and Haywood.
- Seasonal April 1st, 2022 September 30th, 2022.
- Mowing and weed eating will include a 50 ft. perimeter around the home including carports.
- Lawns mowed outside the 50 ft. perimeter will be the homeowner's responsibility.



- Seasonal March 1st thru May 31st
- Available up to a 100 ft. by 100 ft. area
- (1) garden per household •

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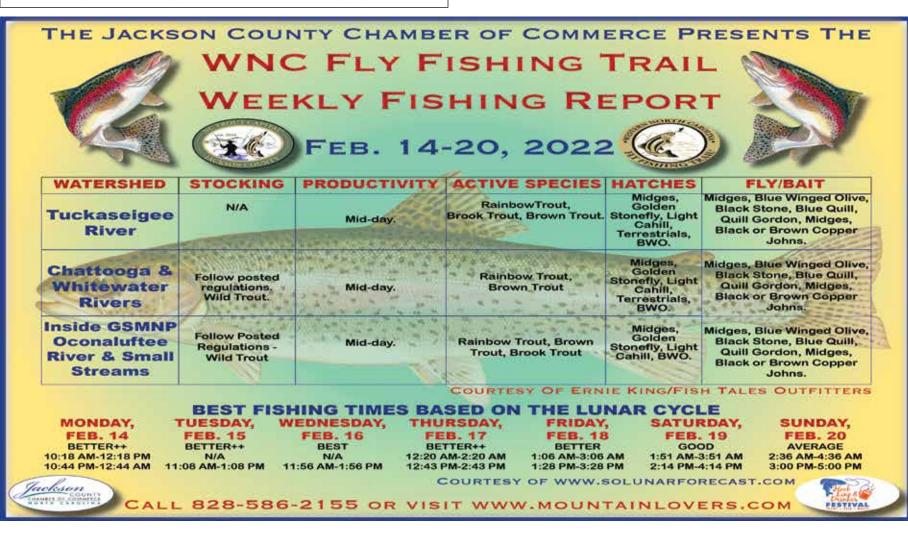
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- * 20% (0.20 x gross income)
- * Utility Deductions \$350
- * Medical Deductions Medical costs >\$35
- * Child Support Paid
- * Dependent Care Expenses
- * Home Care Meal-Related Deduction \$250

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



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SPEAKING OF FAITH Give to us wisdom for soul winning

By REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR

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

"What has started off as a seed planted here will be a growing tree by the end of the year. I have seen in the Spirit and have shared with you for years, there will come a day when you have to be here an hour earlier, or you may not be able to get through the door, Amen."

You can say, 'Well, you've been telling us that for years, Pastor Tim. When's it going to happen?'

"I don't know, He didn't say when. He just said it will." Listen, to me when I say to you, don't despise small beginnings. Just get ready. God is about to pour out His Spirit in this Earth like we've never seen, so that the knowledge of the Glory of the Lord shall cover Cherokee, "like the waters cover the sea."

"I believe God is about to do some mighty things. Amen. My, my, my... They're going to have to put a red light down at the bottom of the hill to control traffic running in and out of here."

"Pastor Tim, I don't know if I believe all that."

"It doesn't matter if you do or you don't. I do believe! Because He said this." Yes, you also realize, that the small things can do big damage. That's right. Many of you have never ever seen a virus. Well I saw a picture of one this time, and I saw a picture of a hippopotamus, but I have never seen one of them, either. How many of you know a virus has shut down almost the whole world? The smallest virus has done all kinds of damage. Well, one little church can do all kinds of damage, Amen, to the devil and hell. Pulling down strongholds, breaking down walls, setting people free, finally ridding us of this viral disease, and even overriding any accompanying lies which may have been spoken.

"Somebody could say to me, 'we don't even know you are there", but it doesn't matter. We are still a force to be reckoned with." "Why?" "We are not just men and women, we are the

Temple of the Living God! Hallelujah!"

"I may be small, but You are the Temple of the Living God!" I may not have a great stature. Nobody may know my name. Nobody may know who I am, but in this small package is a Great and Mighty Force to be reckoned with and a Power that's beyond every other power that the Earth may have.

"His Name is Jesus and I want you to understand it's the small things, yes, even our hates God can factor in so they can be finally dealt with, in His plans. You may say I'm of little strength, but so was King David of little stature. So was Zachaeus. You may say I've few words, as did Moses. I'm here to tell you that if you think that you are perfect for this, you might as well go back outside and sit down.

If you say, "I don't know what I've got to offer." You're the very candidate that God's looking for to do the biggest things with this and forevermore. "Give the Lord some praise in His House! Whoo, God! Glory, Hallelujah! That's why Proverbs, Chapter 16, Verse 3 says, "Commit your work to the Lord that your plans will be established."

Get up in the morning, because you can get up each day and declare, 'Today is not to be about me. It's not going to be about my bank account. It's not about my plans. Today, Lord, it's going to be all about You!"

I promise you that God will put you in front of somebody, put you in the right place at the right time, and with the words beginning to flow out of you, you didn't even know were there, until you opened your mouth. Why? It's because you've been in the Altar and you've been with Jesus. Yes, Hallelujah to God!

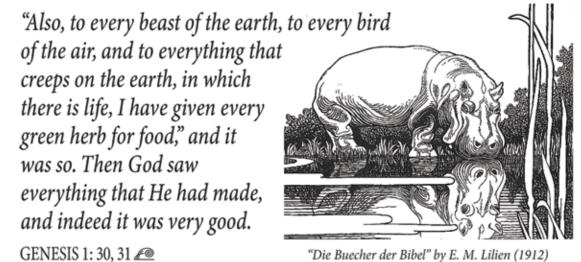
"Say, Thank You, Lord. I need You."

"I do need to get it in your Spirit today, that you are powerful as the Glory of the Living God now begins to reside on the inside of you. If it doesn't, then today is your day to make a firm decision. Time is running out. Amen. Make sure you are living your life in such a way they can even see God in you. I don't know how long we have, but I know it's not as much as we had. We have a long way to go and a short time to get there. I want us not just in Church but also out in our world. Amen.

They have no chance if the church doesn't rise up. With their lifestyles, obviously not good ones, they will only tell a person they're saved and they know (about) Jesus. They don't know Jesus. The worst thing is the lie they tell the preacher is not their worst lie. It is the one they keep telling themselves, their families and friends. They think they're okay.

(This commentary will be continued in next week's One Feather.)

ILLUSTRATED THE BIBLE



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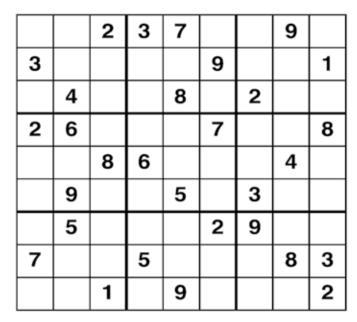
Super Crossword

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APPLICATION

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ ♦

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 Is the book of Valentin in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 According to Paul, what kind of giver does God love? Loving, Generous, Cheerful, Reluctant

3. Which Old Testament book reads like a love story? Ruth, Daniel, Habakkuk, Song of Solomon

 How many times did Jesus ask Peter, "Do you love me?" 2, 3, 7, 10
 I Corinthians 13 is known as the chapter of ...? Faith, Hope, Love, Pardon

6. Where do you find the phrase, "God is love"? Genesis, Nehemiah, Hebrews, I John

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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1. HISTORY: When did the first Winter Olympics take place?

 PSYCHOLOGY: What is the extreme fear represented by a condition called ophidiophobia?

3. AD SLOGANS: Which company featured this advertising campaign in the mid-1980s: "Quality never goes out of style"?

4. LITERATURE: Which 19th-century novel begins with the line, "Whether I shall turn out to be the hero of my own life, or whether that station will be held by anybody else, these pages must show"?

 MOVIES: Where were the park bench scenes from "Forrest Gump" filmed?

 ANATOMY: What is the common name for the orbit in human anatomy?
 MEASUREMENTS: What does a hygrometer measure?

8. U.S. STATES: In which state was the movie "Children of the Corn" filmed?

 LANGUAGE: What does "fair dinkum" mean in Australian English?

10. SCIENCE: What is the common name for nitrous oxide?

Appenings

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

EVENTS COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Upccoming Vaccine Clinics hosted by Tsalagi Public Health

- Clinic for 12+ vaccine, booster, and flu shots. Feb. 22 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Tribal Bingo Hall - Clinic for 12+ first dose, second dose, boosters, flu shots. Feb. 24 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Tribal Bingo Hall

- Pediatric (ages 5-11) only. Feb. 16 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Tribal Bingo Hall.

- Pediatric (ages 5-11) only. March 9 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Tribal Bingo Hall.

- Pediatric (ages 5-11) only. March 30 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Tribal Bingo Hall.

WESTERN N.C. EVENTS

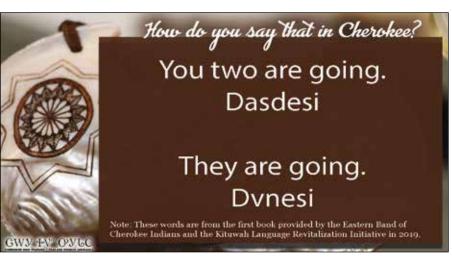
Celebrate with Handmade Cards class. Feb. 16 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Murphy Art Center on Valley River Ave. in downtown Murphy. Class is open to the public. Info: 360-3038

Legal Aid of North Carolina tenant rights presentation.

Feb. 19 at 1 p.m. at the Marianna Black Library community room at 33 Fryemont Street in Bryson City. The free and public presentation will be presented by Joseph Chilton and will include both North Carolina and Cherokee law. You can also watch online at http:// tinyurl.com/mr2yn2d4. Learn more at www.legalaidnc.org or call 1-866-219-5262.

Jackson Co. Republican Party meeting. Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Cashiers Rec. Center at 355 Frank Allen Rd. in Cashiers. The meeting will focus on planning and support of Jackson Co. conservative candidates. Candidates are welcome to come to the meeting and provide a short introduction.

Friends of Israel represen-



tative, Camaron Joyner, will be visiting Christian ACTS Church. Feb. 27 at 11 a.m. and will present on the work his organization is doing in Atlanta. Christian ACTS Church is located at 257 East Alarka Rd., Bryson City. Info: Pastor Melanie 538-4995.

SPORTS EVENTS

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

Puzzle Answers Super Crossword Answers

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- 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



ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Cheerful; 3) Song of Solomon; 4) 3; 5) Love; 6) 1 John (4:8, 16)



Answers 1. 1924, Chamonix, France Fear of snakes "David Copperfield"

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- Registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 26

- \$20,000 in cash prizes

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

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

- EBCI Natural Resources Div.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Cherokee Cancer Support Group

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

Life Recovery Meetings hosted by Grace Community

Church. Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Acquoni Baptist Chapel. Life Recovery is a 12-Step addiction recovery program where all 12 steps are rooted in scripture and taught from a Biblical perspective. The meetings are open to anyone, and all materials will be provided. A light lunch will be provided. Info: Pastor Scott Hill 508-7836

PUBLIC NOTICE AND TESTIMONY

Confirmation Hearing for EBCI Tribal Investment Committee pursuant to Cherokee Code Section 117-44.2 and 117-44.3

EBCI Tribal Investment Committee Hearing for Charlie Myers and James Burns Wednesday, March 2 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, Feb. 23, 2022



by Freddy Groves

TeleHealth Visits Avoid COVID Delays at VA

The deployment of the new electronic health record at one of the Department Veterans Affairs health systems has been delayed. As of now, so many employees are sick with COVID-19 and unable to work that the rollout has been moved from March 5 to April 30.

That particular system, with multiple VA locations in 15 counties, currently has a COVID positivity rate of over 30% with one county seeing an increase of 150% in the past two weeks. Think about that, and ask yourself: Can your next appointment at the VA be accomplished via TeleHealth? While the VA was one of the first agencies to mandate that all their employees be vaccinated against COVID, facts and figures show that it's not complete protection.

TeleHealth uses computers, phones and tablets to connect you with your medical team in real-time video or a phone call. Accessing care this way means you don't have physically go in. This can be especially helpful if you are in a rural area far from a VA facility or are disabled, older or very ill. You can even talk to specialists via TeleHealth.

If you're not signed up, start here: telehealth.va.gov. Scroll down to See How It Works. On that same page, click on My HealtheVet. From there you can track appointments, get messages from your care team, view or print your medical records or refill your prescriptions.

Don't miss the VA Mobile Apps link. That's where you can get your Video Connect app for iOS, web or Android. Note that AT&T, SafeLink by Trac-Fone, T-Mobile and Verizon will help you avoid data charges when using the VA Video Connect app. You'll also find the 24/7 help desk to get your app going (866) 651-3180 and a test site to try a practice session.

The VA has gone all out in battling COVID-19. Consider doing your part and ask if your next appointment can be accomplished from home via Tele-Health.

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More Tips for Finding Out-of-Stock Pet Food

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I wanted to respond to Casey H.'s concerns about finding the right pet food in the midst of these supply problems. We and some of our friends have experienced the same shortage. Our cat is on a prescription canned and dry food to treat her cystitis. Eating the wrong food could cause real problems for her. When we went to PetSmart to renew our supply, the shelf was almost empty. We talked to the in-store veterinarian, who said the main problem was a quality issue the manufacturer had to throw away a huge amount of cat food and start again. That, plus the slowdown in truck deliveries, plus short staffing, are all contributing to this mess.

Casey may want to call or email the pet-food company, or talk to the manager of the store that it's usually purchased from. Another option is to make your own pet food. My mother was a dog breeder for 30 years and she made her own dog food. It's not an option for us because of our cat's medical issue, but it may be a solution for others. Your veterinarian can guide you on ingredients, and there are plenty of books with recipes that provide balanced nutrition. — Colleen R., East Rochester, New York

DEAR COLLEEN: That's great advice! Store managers and the pet food manufacturers themselves can provide more insight when a specific pet food is not available. You can usually find contact information for the manufacturer on the can, bag or box of pet food. Veterinarians also can also help guide you to alternative pet foods, which is especially important when specific formulations are needed.

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

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Classified listings are FREE of charge for all items under \$25,000. You can message your listings to us on Facebook or email them to Scott at scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your ideas are finally reaching those who can appreciate them. But don't expect any immediate reactions. That will come later. Meanwhile, a personal matter needs your attention.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your energy levels are rising, and you're feeling restless and eager to get into some activity, whether it's for profit or just for fun. In either case, the aspects are highly favorable, so go for it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A relationship seems to be winding down from passionate to passive. It's up to you to decide what the next step will be. But don't wait too long to take the initiative. Delay could create more problems.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A decision looms. But be very sure that this is what you really want before you sign or say anything. Once you act, there'll be little or no wiggle room for any adjustments.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Money matters improve, but you still need to be cautious with your spending. Also, set aside that Leonine pride for a bit and apologize for contributing to that misunderstanding.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A tempting financial situation could make the usually unflappable Virgo rush in before checking things out. Be alert to possible hidden problems. Get the facts before you act. LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It's nice to know that you're finally getting due credit for your efforts. You also should know that new opportunities will follow. A family member brings important news.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Any uncertainty that begins to cloud an impending decision could signal a need to re-examine your reasons for wanting to take on this commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You benefit from taking time out of your currently hectic schedule to do more contemplation or meditation. This will help re-energize you, both in body and soul.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Nursing hurt feelings can zap the energies of even the usually self-confident Sea Goat. Best advice: Move forward. Success is the best balm for a painful ego.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A display of temperament surprises you, as well as those around you. It could be all that pressure you're under. Consider letting someone help you see it through.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Some things don't seem to be working out as you'd hoped. Don't fret. Instead, take some time out to reassess your plans and see where changes could be made.

BORN THIS WEEK: You enjoy traveling and meeting people. You are especially good with children and would make an excellent teacher.

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Employment Opportunities

Position: Massage Therapist

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

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

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

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



STAFF OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Administrative Support Associate (Two Available) Architect Tech Support Technician (Software) Associate Dean for Academic Affairs – Education Director of Prospect Research & Reporting

FACULTY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Assistant Professor (Political Science, Project Management, Materials Engineering) Curator of Collections & Exhibitions Forensic Anthropology Facilities Director, Tenure Track

VISIT JOBS.WCU.EDU FOR DETAILS AND TO APPLY

An Equal Opportunity/Access/Affirmative Action/Pro Disabled & Veteran Employer. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in the application and interview process please call 828.227.7218 or email at jobs@email.wcu.edu.

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

Therefore Bogs Clab Inc.

through Friday (828) 497-9101. The selected applicant must submit to a pre-employment drug screen and local, state, and federal civil and criminal background and sexual offender screens. Payroll direct deposti is mandatory Indian preference does apply in the filling of this position. If claiming Indian preference, applicant must submit the appropriate certificate.

The Cherokee Boys Club reserves the right to extend position closing dates or re-advertise positions without notice.

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

Agelink Child Care FT Lead Teacher FT School Age Group Leader FT Custodian

Snowbird Child Care FT Lead Teacher

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

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

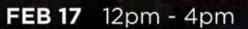
Construction & Facilities FT Carpenter/Mason (2)

Service PT Mowing & Trimming Laborer

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Join us at the Harrah's Cherokee Hiring Event



Council Fire Ballroom

Get a head start and apply at: www.harrahscherokeejobs.com





PO Box 553

828-359-6388

Closing Sunday, February 20, 2022

1. Corrections Officer - Cherokee Indian Police Department -Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSI-TION

2. Detective - Cherokee Indian Police Department - Public Safety (L11 \$48,162 - \$60,202) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION 3. Shift Sergeant - Cherokee Indian Police Department - Public Safety (L11 \$48,162 - \$60,202) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION Sergeant Detective – Cherokee Indian Police Department – Public Safety (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSI-TION

5. Manager - Snowbird/Cherokee County Community Health -Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811) 6. Firefighter - Cherokee Fire and Rescue - Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION 7. Maintenance Utility - Facility Management - Operations (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 POSI-TION

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)

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. Telecommunicator - Public Safety - Operations (L7 \$33,250 -\$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION 12. Real Estate Associate Attorney - Tribal Realty Services -

Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$68,704 - \$85,886) 13. Network Administrator - Infrastructure Services - Office of In-

formation Technology (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)

14. Administrative Assistant/Office Coordinator - Tribal Employment Rights Office (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946)

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

Please attach any licenses, certificates, diplomas, resumes, etc. with application. If you are unable to attach the documents, you may drop them off at our offices located at 806 Acquoni Rd. Suite 100 or email them to the Employment Specialists listed on our website. Indian Preference does apply. NOTICE: Due to the Tribal State of Emergency, we will only advertise positions that are classified as Essential or Critical to Tribal Operations. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

ASINO RESORT

EMPLOYMENT

Constituent Services position

The Office of the Principal Chief is looking to fill an open appointee position for Constituent Services. Seeking applicants with a good work ethic who are reliable, punctual, and dependable. Individuals who are personally familiar and acquainted with citizens of the Qualla Boundary and have a passion for giving back and serving the community, please apply. Degree is not required, but preferred.

Job duties are as follows: - Serve as a liaison between tribal programs and EBCI citizens

- Maintain a flexible schedule
- Be responsive to constituent calls
- all hours including weekends
- Aid in the facilitation of events
- Other duties as assigned

Resumes may be emailed to principalchief@ebci-nsn.gov. Resumes will be accepted until Friday, Feb. 18. **2/16**

The Oconaluftee Indian Village is now accepting applications for the 2022 season. We are

looking for people willing to educate the public about the Cherokee history and culture in fun, exciting ways. We need applicants who take pride in the Cherokee culture and possess good work ethic. Applications and job descriptions can be picked up at the Cherokee Historical main office (564 Tsali Blvd. across from the Museum) or found on Cherokeehistorical.org. Seasonal Positions available: Delegates (Guides, Singers, Lecturers), Artisans (Crafters), Operations staff; Retail, Box Office, Concession, Custodian/Maintenance, and Botanical Trail Maintenance.

Potential Full Time Position: CHA Operations Manager-job description available upon request. **3/16** The Cherokee Historical Association is hiring an Operations Manager for the 2022 season. We are looking for someone who can multi-task, has retail management experience and the knowledge of Cherokee craft appraisal. This position will run from March through Mid-November, works weekends and holidays, potential to transition in to full time, salary position with benefits.

- Guidelines:
- Must have supervision/management experience.
- Requires great guest service skills.

• Requires computer and record keeping skills.

• Have the ability to oversee multiple employees.

• Must have knowledge of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians culture and about the culturally based tourism industry.

• Requires the ability to coordinate activities and events, market and promote, communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.

Anyone interested can pick up a job description and application at the CHA main office, located across from the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. Applications must be submitted by 4pm on March 4, 2022. 3/2

LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 21-126

In the Matter of the Estate of Barbara Jane Owle

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment

to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below.

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

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

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION

Myra Jane Calhoun PO Box 994 Cherokee, NC 28719 **2/16**

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS THE CHEROKEE COURT CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA FILE NO. CV 21 - 871 SHEREE PETERS, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN FATHER, Defendant.

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER, PAR-ENT OF 1 MINOR CHILD, E.D.F., BORN 3/2/2009

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

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

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians In the Tribal Court In the Matter of A.M., A Minor Child, File No. CVJ 20-067 TO: The Unknown Father of Minor Child A.M. TO: Jimmy Bailey

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled juvenile action. The nature of the relief being sought is the adjudication and disposition of a petition alleging the minor child, A.M. is a neglected, dependent and drug endangered child, filed in the Cherokee Tribal Court on November 16, 2020. A court order from the Cherokee Tribal Court directing that service of process on you take place by publication was entered on February 3, 2022.

You must answer or otherwise respond to the pleading within forty (40) days of the date of first publication of this Notice. If you fail to answer or otherwise respond within the time prescribed, the matter will proceed to adjudication and disposition. If you are not already represented by appointed counsel, you are entitled to appointed counsel in this matter, and to that end, provisional counsel will be appointed for you in this matter, and the appointment of provisional counsel shall be reviewed by the court at the first hearing after service of process in this matter.

You are advised to IMMEDI-ATELY contact the Clerk of Tribal Court for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians at (828) 359-6213, to obtain further information about this case, including a copy of the pleadings filed herein and the date(s) and time(s) of scheduled hearings.

First published this the 9th day of February, 2022. Sybil G. Mann Family Safety Program Attorney P.O. Box 455 Cherokee, N.C. 28719 (828)359-1559 N.C. Bar No. 16729 **2/23**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 22-012 In the Matter of the Estate of ISAAC EDWARD LONG JR.

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA- TION Jeffrey Vaughn Long 991 Jenkins Creek Cherokee, NC 28719 **3/9**

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

Request for Proposals General Notice Qualla Housing Services (Q.H.S.) is requesting proposals from:

 All interested qualified Modular Home Manufacturers, licensed in the State of North Carolina, to provide permanent single-family housing. Services required will include, but may not be limited to, construction and delivery of modular housing units and installation. Scope of work will include projects on Tribal land in Swain, Jackson, Cherokee, and Graham Counties. All interested qualified contractors for timber cutting and stump removal, scope may include projects on Tribal land in Swain, Jackson, and Graham Counties.

These bid packages can be picked up at the Qualla Housing Services Warehouse located at 2234 Old Mission Road, Cherokee, NC 28719. The Warehouse is open Monday-Thursday, from 7:45 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. All bids/proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope. The deadline for submissions is 4:00 p.m. on 3/3/2022. Proposals received after this time and date will be rejected. Please be advised Indian Preference (TERO) applies to the award and completion of all contracts. Masks must be worn when inside the building. 2/23

Public Notice Downtown Cherokee Traffic Disruption

The EBCI Project Management Program is constructing a sewer force main and pedestrian bridge across the Oconaluftee River in downtown Cherokee. Between 2/21/2022 and 2/23/2022, there may be intermittent traffic disruptions and parking restrictions in the downtown Cherokee Business District. Disruptions will be due to heavy equipment transporting bridge components and cranes to the job site for assembly and placement. To the extent possible, disruptions will be limited to the time needed for trucks to enter or leave the roadway with oversize loads. During this time River Road, near downtown Cherokee, is expected to be closed to all traffic.

For more information or to raise questions or concerns, please contact the Project Management Program at 828-736-5109. **2/16**

Kituwah Hospitality, LLC is seeking to contract with an experienced and qualified Design-Build firm capable of delivering Architectural, Engineering and Construction Services for the purpose of designing and building a new hotel property at "The 407" in Sevierville, TN. The Design-Builder will be required to serve as the Architect of Record for the project. Firms THAT DO NOT SUBMIT PROPOSALS ON TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED, NO EXCEP-TIONS. Proposals must be received by Feburary 28, 2022, 11:00am EST. Please email Kristin Smith for a full RFP at kristin.smith@kituwahllc.com. 2/23

The offices of the Cherokee One Feather will be closed on Monday, Feb. 21 in observance of President's Day.



THE HISTORY CHANNEL

 On March 6, 1776, a committee of the New York Provincial Congress instructs Major William Malcolm to dismantle the Sandy Hook lighthouse to prevent the lighthouse from helping the British by warning ships of the rocky shore. He succeeded.

 On March 3, 1845, Congress reins in President John Tyler's zealous use of the presidential veto, overriding it with the necessary two-thirds vote. This marked Congress' first use of the Constitutional provision allowing veto overrides.

• On March 1, 1932, Charles Lindbergh, Jr., the 20-month-old son of aviation hero Charles Lindbergh, is kidnapped from the family's new mansion in New Jersey. The baby's body was found a mile from the home. One of the \$70,000 ransom bills was discovered and tracked to a German immigrant. He was tried, convicted and electrocuted in 1936.

• On March 4, 1944, Louis "Lepke" Buchalter, the head of Murder, Inc., is executed at Sing Sing Prison in New York. Lepke's downfall came when several members of his notorious killing squad turned into witnesses for the government.

• On Feb. 28, 1953, Cambridge University scientists James Watson and Francis Crick announce that they have determined the double-helix structure of DNA, the molecule containing human genes. The molecular biologists were aided significantly by the work of another researcher, Rosalind Franklin, although she did not share the subsequent Nobel Prize.

• On March 5, 1963, the Hula Hoop, a hip-swiveling toy that became a huge fad across America when it was first marketed by Wham-O in 1958, is patented. An estimated 25 million Hula Hoops were sold in its first four months of production.

• On March 2, 1978, two men steal the corpse of the film actor Charles Chaplin from a cemetery in Switzerland. Chaplin's wife refused to pay the \$600,000 ransom and police later arrested two auto mechanics who were convicted of grave robbing and attempted extortion.

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CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

Open Positions

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

Masters Level Therapist (Child) – Juvenile Justice ***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Optician **Optometric Assistant** Optometrist Pedodontist Physician /Hospitalist - Inpatient Physician – Emergency Room Physician - Primary Care **PTI Patient Registration Clerk** PTI Radiology Technologist PTI Registered Nurse - Analenisgi Inpatient PTI Registered Nurse - Inpatient Registered Nurse – Inpatient (4 positions) Registered Nurse - Wound Care Residential Technician (Female) – Kanywotiyi (2 positions) Residential Technician (Male) - Kanvwotiyi Residential Technician (Female) - Women's Home **Respiratory Therapist PTI** RN Care Manager – Primary Care (4 positions) ***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus RN Care Manager Float - Primary Care ***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus Targeted Case Manager - Analenisgi **Telemetry Nursing Assistant Tsali Care Center** Assistant Administrator CNA Part-Time Regular Without Benefits ***1,000.00 Hiring Bonus*** Cook ***\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus License Practical Nurse***\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus Medication Aide ***\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus Personal Care Assistant/CNA - Part-Time Regular Without Benefits ***\$1,000.00 Hiring Bonus Personal Care Assistant/CNA - Regular Full - Time ***\$2,000.00 **Hiring Bonus** Registered Nurse – Full Time ***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus Registered Nurse - PTI **Retention Bonus Eligible Positions** Certified Nursing Assistant/Part-Time Intermittent/Part-Time Regular (Starting Pay \$18.00/Hr.) Cook (Starting Pay \$17.00/Hr.) Medication Aide (Starting Pay \$18.00/Hr.)

Registered Nurse (Starting Pay \$35.36)

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org

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



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In an emergency, call 911

Tribal Dispatch 497-4131

Cherokee Indian Police Dept. 359-6600

Tribal Fire and Rescue 359-6584

Tribal EMS 359-6450 or 497-6402

Cherokee Indian Hospital 497-9163

EBCI TRANSIT NUMBERS

Transit Main Line Dispatch 359-6300

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

Phone Numbers for Cherokee elders

Cherokee Indian Hospital main line 497-9163

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

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

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

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

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

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

> EBCI Domestic Violence 359-6830

EBCI Emergency Fuel Assistance 507-7825

Cherokee Immediate Care Clinic 554-5555

DaVita Cherokee Dialysis Center 497-6866

Snowbird Senior Center main line 479-9145

> Tsali Manor main line 359-6860

John Welch Senior Center main line 835-9741

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





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