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"We wanted to make it fun."

Cherokee Youth Center set for April completion

> By JONAH LOSSIAH One Feather Staff

onstruction for the new Cherokee Youth Center is on schedule with a ribbon cutting in less than three months. Chris Greene, manager of EBCI Project Management, said there have been few interruptions over the last year. They are pushing through the final stages, especially with the outside amenities at the facility. Greene said that the project is also currently on budget. That budget was set at 19.2 million dollars by Tribal Council, with 16 million of that being for the actual construction costs. The team is

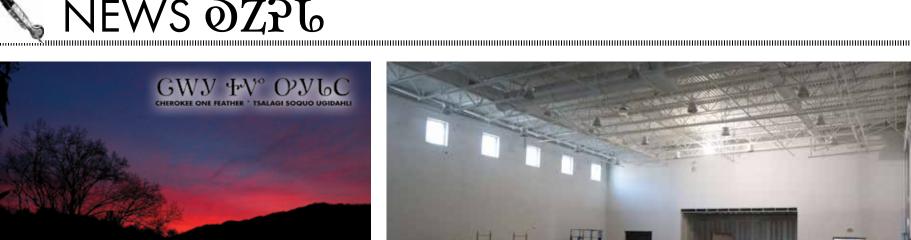
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A look at the top of the main stairs in the lobby of the Cherokee Youth Center. This area will also feature a slide from the second floor. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photos)



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This large multipurpose room will be used for athletics and extracurriculars for all ages.

CENTER: Ribbon cutting planned for Youth Center in April, from front page

hopeful that they will be able to implement additional features thanks to the limited number of setbacks.

There will be a small amphitheater behind the building and playground areas with padded artificial turf up front. The rooms for all the younger ages will have a different colored theme to them. It is a two-story building that is fully designed for youth services.

Matt Hollifield, manager of the Cherokee Youth Center, said that this facility will help the community and the education department in so many ways. First and foremost, he feels the additional space will mean no more waitlist.

"We hope to wipe out the waiting list completely. Younger kids are usually the most in need. We hope we've met that and more. As they get older, we're hoping they're going to stay in this new facility. The better the services we offer the longer they'll stay, hopefully," said Hollifield.

He said that a lot of thought when into the look of the building, both inside and outside. Primarily, the focus was to create a space that the children of Cherokee are excited to visit. "We did not want it to look like a

school. We didn't want the kids to get off the bus from one school to go into another. We wanted to make it fun. We serve four different school systems, so we couldn't do maroon or one certain color on everything. We tried to make it neutral and fun when they come in," said Hollifield.

Renissa McLaughlin, director of EBCI Education, said that this project will allow them to look into the diversified services that they have always wanted to offer.

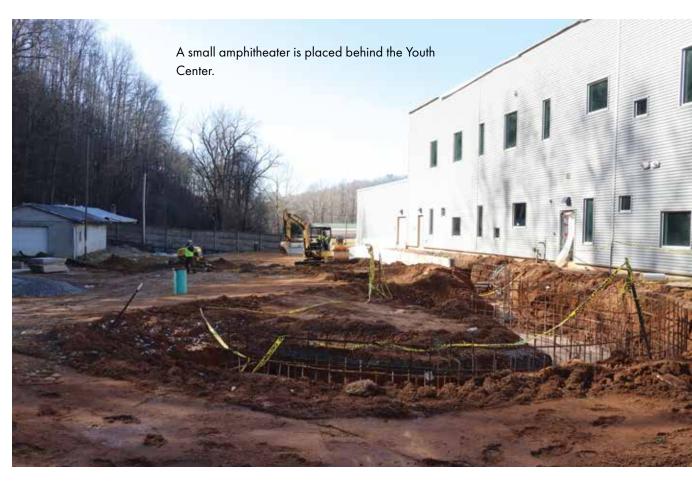
"It's not a daycare. I think that was one of the comments that was made when we were adding the gym to this building is that 'we don't need to build another recreation center.' The Youth Center is under Education for a reason. They have a long list of prescribed services that is grant-funded that these staff members give to the kids. During COVID when all schools were shut down, the Youth Center staffed for teachers. That's not their trained profession, but we were filling the roles."

She also said that it was essential to cultivate a space that was exciting for everybody. The upper floor is designated for teen and high school students. They plan to have pool tables, games, kitchen space, and anything they feel will make it a well-rounded experience.

"Increase, hopefully, the teen population numbers. They get to a certain age and then they drop off. Hopefully, that will reinvigorate the youth to use the Youth Center and not see it as just a place for little kids, but all age groups all the way up through high school. It's really important for our teens to have a place to go."

McLaughlin said that she wants to fill up the space as quickly as possible. She feels this project has been needed for a long time. The previous Youth Center building was a struggle to maintain. She said the final straw was the need for a new roof, which would have cost \$500,000.

"It was just another Band-Aid on a building that was never really intended for it to be a long-term solution for school-age child care," said McLaughlin. "The Youth Center keeps over 115 people on the wait list. For example, if you show up whenever kindergarten's getting ready to enroll, people are out there before the Center opens lined up waiting to get in. We know that the needs of the community are not being met. This is



how we met the needs of the community, by building a new facility. Because it was just long overdue. It was a waste of the Tribe's money to continue to patch things."

A ribbon cutting is expected to take place at the end of April, but

the finalized date is not quite set.

There will be a two-week transitional phase following the completion of construction. This is to allow the time to train their workers on the ins and outs of the new facility. The Cherokee Youth Center will then shift their current students over to the new building.

McLaughlin said they are already accepting applications for the Fall, and new families can sign up at https://www.cherokeeyouthcenter.com/.

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

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Tribes to share in landmark opioid settlement

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P. One Feather Staff

A landmark opioid settlement has been agreed to in principle by a major pharmaceutical company, three distributors, and all tribes in Indian Country. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) will share in this settlement along with any of the other 573 federally recognized tribes who wish to participate; although, a monetary amount for each is not yet known.

Johnson & Johnson's subsidiary Janssen Pharmaceuticals will pay \$150 million over two years to the settlement, and pharmaceutical distributors AmerisourceBergen, McKesson, and Cardinal Health will pay up to \$439,964,500 over six years.

The Settlement Court Statement, issued on Tuesday, Feb. 1, states in part, "The Native American population has suffered some of the worst consequences of the opioid epidemic of any population in the United States. Indeed, American Indians have suffered the highest per capita rate of opioid overdoses."

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed said, "We are grateful to have come this far, but the settlement is a drop in the bucket in relation to the size of the continuing problem. The EBCI will continue to fight for the health and well-being of our people and our region."

Michael McConnell, EBCI attorney general, related that the settlement announcement came on Feb. 1 in a telephone conference by Judge Dan A. Polster, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. He noted that the EBCI has been a plaintiff in a MDL (multidistrict litigation).

McConnell said, "The MDL consolidated the claims of approximately 3,000 individual plaintiffs, consisting largely of city and county governments, tribal governments, hospitals, and personal injury victims, among others. When federal lawsuits have this many plaintiffs and defendants from all different parts of the country, the federal court organizes them into a special category, or MDL..."

He added, "The settlement will settle all filed and potential tribal opioid-related claims against the defendants. All federally recognized tribes and Alaska tribal health organizations are eligible to participate in the proposed settlements and need not file a lawsuit in order to be participate."

McConnell said settlement funds are to be used by tribes for "opioid abatement purposes" and he noted, "The settlement is an historic achievement. It is the first major settlement of nationwide mass tort litigation to include tribes as a separate category of plaintiffs based on their sovereign governmental status."

Several noted leaders in Indian Country have been appointed by Judge Polster to serve as directors of the tribal settlement funds including: Kevin Washburn (Chickasaw Nation), former assistant secretary for Indian Affairs; Mary Smith (Cherokee Nation), former acting director of the Indian Health Service; and Kathy Hopinkah Hannan (Ho-Chunk Nation), chair of the board of trustees for the National Museum of the American Indian.

Johnson & Johnson said in a statement on Feb. 1, "The \$150 million settlement with the tribes is consistent with the framework of the previously announced nationwide opioid settlement agreement. The dollar amount to be received by the tribes has been deducted from the all-in settlement amount. This settlement is not an admission of any liability or wrongdoing and the Company will continue to defend against any litigation that the final agreement does not resolve."

The statement continued, "The Company's actions relating to the marketing and promotion of important prescription opioid medications were appropriate and responsible. DURAGESIC, NUCYNTA, and NUCYNTA ER accounted for less than one percent of total opioid prescriptions in the U.S. since launch. The Company no longer sells prescription opioid medications in the United States as part of our ongoing efforts to focus on transformational innovation and serving unmet patient needs."

According to a CDC report that looked at American Indians/ Alaska Natives (AI/AN) living in Washington state, "During 2013-15, mortality rates among AI/AN were 2.7 and 4.1 times higher than rates among whites for total drugand opioid-involved overdoses and heroin-involved overdoses, respectively."

The report added, "AI/AN communities experience high rates of physical, emotional, and historical trauma and significant socio-economic disparities, which might contribute to higher rates of drug use in these communities."

In a separate case, the Cherokee Nation agreed to a \$75 million settlement in September 2021 to

be paid over six years by AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, and McKesson. Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. said at that time, "Today's settlement will make an important contribution to addressing the opioid crisis in the Cherokee Nation Reservation; a crisis that has disproportionately and negatively affected many of our citizens. This settlement will enable us to increase our investments in mental health treatment facilities and other programs to help our people recover."

Good Housekeeping

Potted Cheddar and Beer Spread

The flavors in this recipe were borrowed from the famous dish Welsh Rabbit, where Cheddar cheese and beer are melted together and served over toast. Include some nice biscuits with this, such as water crackers or plain flatbread crisps.

- 1¹/₂ pounds (6 cups) extra-sharp Cheddar cheese, shredded
 - can (12-ounce) beer
 tablespoons (3/4 stick) mar-
- garine or butter, softened 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper (cavenne)
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1. In large bowl, combine cheese and beer. Let stand 30 minutes or until cheese softens.

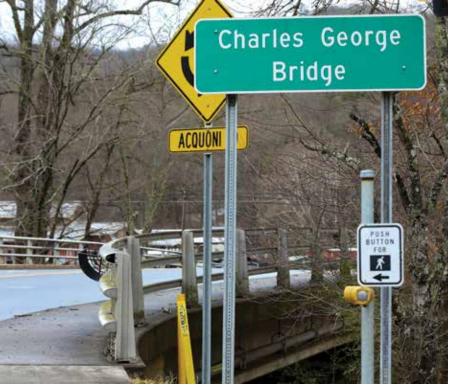
2. In food processor with knife blade attached, blend cheese mixture, margarine or butter, and remaining ingredients 3 to 5 minutes until smooth.

3. Pack cheese into crocks or decorative airtight containers and store in refrigerator up to 1 month or in freezer up to 3 months. To serve, let cheese stand at room temperature 30 minutes or until soft enough to spread. Makes about 5 cups.

• Each serving: About 45 calories, 4g total fat (2g saturated), 9mg cholesterol, 70mg sodium, 0g carbohydrate, 2g protein.

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Tribal Council passed legislation unanimously during its regular session on Thursday, Feb. 3 to amend the name of the Charles George Bridge in Cherokee to reflect his military valor. The bridge will now be known as the PFC Charles George, Medal of Honor, Bridge in recognition of him receiving the highest military award posthumously after he jumped on a grenade to save fellow soldiers during the Korean War. The legislation was submitted by Wolftown Rep. Bill Taylor on behalf of Frank Cucumber, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and a Vietnam Veteran. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



Following an evening and morning of heavy rains, the Oconaluftee River remains high as shown in this photo taken on Friday, Feb. 4. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)



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Furman University presents land acknowledgment to EBCI

By CLINTON COLEMENARES

Furman Director of News and Media Strategy

Furman University formally acknowledged that the campus occupies land that once belonged to the Cherokee and other Indigenous people when a contingent from the university presented a framed land acknowledgment to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians on Wednesday, Feb. 2.

The in-person presentation, at the Tribal Council House in Cherokee, North Carolina, was a long time coming. The land acknowledgment was adopted by Furman in November 2019; presenting it to the council was delayed multiple times due to COVID-19 precautions.

Ken Peterson, vice president for Academic Affairs and provost, told the council the land acknowledgment would be read on campus at several major event throughout the year. "This will be on the mind of our people on campus – students, faculty and staff – on a regular basis," he said.

"We hope that, as all land acknowledgments should, this will be the beginning of an ongoing relationship with the Cherokee people that involves the education of our students and the community about Cherokee history and values, as well as the horrific history of colonialism," Peterson said.

Shelby Parker '15, Furman's first known Cherokee student, grew up in Cherokee and lives there now. She attended the presentation and told the council how proud she was of her alma mater for making the acknowledgment.

Several of the council members thanked Furman. One fondly remembered an old football rivalry between Western Carolina University and Furman. The moment was emotional for Councilwoman Teresa McCoy. It's been a long time since anyone came here to recognize the Tribes she said. "I'm about to cry."

Joining Peterson were Helen Lee Turner, the Reuben B. Pitts Professor of Religion; Danielle Vinson, professor of politics and international affairs; and Ahna DeCosty '25, a member of the Caddo Nation who represented Furman's Native American and Indigenous Student Association. They brought gifts of Furman mugs for



Tribal Council Vice Chairman Albert Rose, left, and Chair Richard French, right, receive the land acknowledgment from Furman Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Ken Peterson on Wednesday, Feb. 2 in the Tribal Council Chambers. (Furman University photo)

the council members and a Furman cookbook for the Cherokee library.

After the presentation the Furman group milled about in front of the council house in Cherokee, a town nestled in the Smoky Mountains. Snow dotted mountainsides that rose all around.

The acknowledgment will open more doors to Furman for Native American students, Parker said. "I hope it encourages more Cherokee students or Native American students to attend," she said.

So will an increased offering of classes covering Native American subjects. Vinson is teaching a special topics class in the fall on Native American politics. If it goes well, the class could become a fixture.

Turner, who teaches a MayX in Arizona on Hopi and Navajo, is developing a course focused on Cherokee. Other classes are in the works, she said, that might lead to a minor in Native American studies.

Turner said it's very important that Furman made the trip to Cherokee. "Tribal representatives were very gracious to have come to Furman in 2019, but a land acknowledgement is about what we need to do to address the real concerns of this statement," she said.

"As educators who work on traditional

Cherokee lands it is especially important for us to use the opportunity we have to inform our students and community about both the atrocities of colonialism and the wisdom of the Cherokee people, a people who have focused on the importance of community over individuality and insisted that future generations be considered in every situation," Turner said.

The land acknowledgment reads: We acknowledge that Furman University occupies traditional land of the Cherokee People, a land where the Catawba and other Indigenous people might also have found food. Long before our Alma Mater sang of the mountain river that laves "our mother's" feet, the Cherokee honored that water, the land through which it flowed, and all the creatures living on the land with them. From the natural world, they also learned to live and form communities of respect. It is with gratitude that we, too, honor the land and the people who have stewarded it through many generations. We also must acknowledge that we benefit from the Cherokee's loss of land and commit to remembering the human cost of colonialism. This Land Acknowledgment challenges us to learn from the Cherokee people and to draw from their wisdom about community, resilience, and the meaning of life which this land nurtured.

Council tables proposed referendum questions regarding term limits

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P.

One Feather Staff

The idea of term limits for Tribal Council representatives of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) has been discussed for years. During the regular session on Thursday, Feb. 3, Tribal Council tabled Res. No. 50, which sought to clarify language in a referendum that was approved last year.

Council passed Res. No. 11 (2021), submitted by Robert Jumper, an EBCI tribal member voting in the Cherokee Co. – Snowbird township, unanimously on Oct. 11, 2021. Vice Chairman Albert Rose, Wolftown Rep. Bo Crowe, and Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy signed on as sponsors of the legislation that approved three referendum questions regarding term limits including:

1. Do you agree to change the terms of office prescribed in the Charter and Governing Document for Tribal Council members from 2 years to 4 years?

2. If you agree with Question 1, do you agree to amending the law to hold Tribal Council member terms of office to "staggered" with one Representative seat from each township being up for election every two years?

3. If you agree with Question 1, do you agree to limit the number of consecutive terms a Tribal Council member may serve to two terms?

Res. No. 50, submitted by the EBCI Board of Elections and Jumper, sought to clarify the questions as such:

1. Beginning in 2025, should

Tribal Council terms be changed from two years to four years and result in the staggering of individual terms so that one seat in each community is up for election every two years?

2. Should Tribal Council representatives' terms be limited so that a representative may not be elected to serve more than eight consecutive years in office excluding any time served by any representative as a result of a special election?

During Thursday's session,

ground zero when you come in?"

Cherokee Co. – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha agreed with Rep. Wolfe saying it needs to be determined how the staggered terms will work from the start. He noted, "When the Constitution Committee came in here, I had suggested that we try to create a smaller leaping off point. And, if this is coming from the Election Board, I felt like they (Constitution Committee) needed to be included too because that's the intent of the

"There's really too many questions out here now."

- Painttown Rep. Dike Sneed prior to making a motion to bring Res. No. 50 back to the floor

Council originally passed Res. No. 50 by a margin of 10-2 with no discussion by Council representatives.

Jumper did state prior to the vote, "I do feel that they have fixed it so that it is a little more clear to the voter. I don't have any issues, and I support the changes that they've made."

Following the vote, Yellowhill Rep. David Wolfe, one of two representatives to vote against the legislation, said, "I was hoping that this question would have been taken back to the Constitution Committee. I know they're working hard to try to present a Constitution, and they report every month at our community meetings on their progress and questions that come from other communities."

He also questioned how the staggered terms would start. "Is everyone going to start from Tribe is to move towards a Constitution."

Painttown Rep. Tommye Saunooke, who also voted against the legislation, questioned the idea of term limits. "What if you have a chief that you don't want to have a term limit? What if he's the greatest chief we've ever had? Does that mean you can't have him anymore?"

She added, "That concerns me. When you have good leaders, you want to keep the best I say... You really don't want to lose good leadership. I don't care how many terms they've been here. When our people decide they don't want them here any longer, they'll decide."

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed spoke to add clarity to the discussion. "To me, the point of this particular resolution was just to establish questions for a referendum to allow the people to express whether or not they wanted term limits and staggered limits for Council members. The staggered part, I think, is probably the more important piece because you could have a complete turnover of Council and lose all historic and institutional knowledge of the Council. That's pretty dangerous."

Chris Siewers, EBCI Office of the Attorney General, said the legislation was an effort to take the questions outlined in Res. No. 11 and change them to minimize the confusion as much as possible.

At that point in the discussion, Painttown Rep. Dike Sneed made a motion to bring Res. No. 50 back to the floor. "There's really too many questions out here now."

Rep. Wolfe seconded the motion, and it was brought back to the floor unanimously. He noted, "There's just too many questions, and we're going to be working on the Election Ordinance...so, I don't want to get in too big a hurry and our people suffer the consequences of not knowing. I could not go to the Yellowhill Community Building and explain this right now."

Rep. Sneed then made a motion to table the resolution which was done by a unanimous vote.

Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy commented after that vote, "I don't have a problem tabling this, but my term limit is two years... you've already got term limits. So, what's the problem? This is not rocket science. This is simple English, and I think we can work it out."

At the moment, Res. No. 11 remains intact.

CIPD Arrest Report for Jan. 23-30

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

Taylor Sr., John Phillip – age 56 Arrested: Jan. 24 Released: Jan. 25 Charges: Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance, Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Bradley, David Alvin – age 33 Arrested: Jan. 25 Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 31) Charges: Weapons Offense

Morgan, Jennifer Renee – age 21 Arrested: Jan. 25 Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 31) Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance (two counts), Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders

Thompson, Sarah Marie – age 33 Arrested: Jan. 25 Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 31) Charges: Reckless Endangerment, Assault Inflict Serious Injury

Williams, Becky Renee – age 47 Arrested: Jan. 25 Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 31) Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders

McCoy, Rickenna Dawn – age 32 Arrested: Jan. 26 Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 31) Charges: Pre-trial Release Violation

Price, Brittany Taylor – age 27 Arrested: Jan. 26 Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 31) Charges: Manufacture, Sell or Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver of a Counterfeit Controlled Substance (two counts); Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court; Possession of a Controlled Substance Sunrhodes, Christopher – age 39 Arrested: Jan. 26 Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 31) Charges: Aggravated Elder Abuse and Elder Vulnerable Adult Protection Criminal Code, Domestic Violence

Wildcat, Charles Dwayne Joseph – age 26 Arrested: Jan. 26 Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 31) Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Smith, Celia Ann – age 30 Arrested: Jan. 27 Released: Jan. 28 Charges: DWI, Child Abuse in the Second Degree (four counts), Reckless Endangerment

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. $\underline{GWY} + \underline{V}^{\circ} OY \underline{U}C$

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MISSING PERSON

Brittaney Littledave - female

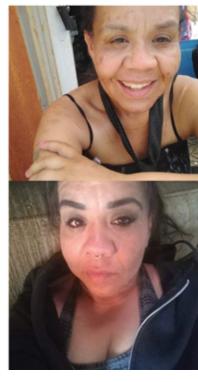
Cherokee Nation (Okla.) citizen

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.





Swayney, George Thomas – age 22 Arrested: Jan. 27 Released: Jan. 27 Charges: Obstructing Governmental Functions, Weapons Offense

Swayney, Steven Lee – age 23 Arrested: Jan. 27 Released: Jan. 27 Charges: DWI, Speeding to Elude Arrest, Weapons Offense

Bird, Sydney Audena – age 22 Arrested: Jan. 28 Released: Jan. 29 Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance (three counts)

Davis, Verron Doyce – age 43 Arrested: Jan. 29

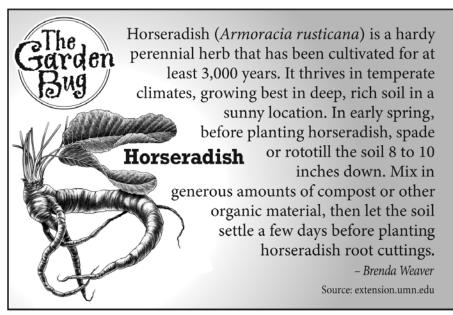
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Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 31) Charges: Domestic Violence, Domestic Criminal Trespass

Tsatoke, Isaac David – age 18

Arrested: Jan. 29 Released: Not released as of report date (Jan. 31) Charges: Child Abuse in the Second Degree, Assault



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MISSING PERSON

Wesley Stillsmoking

Male

Enrolled with Kickapoo Tribe of OK Height: 6' 3" Weight 230 lbs Age: 78 Hair: Black Eyes: Brown Missing date: Friday, October 12, 2018

Last Known Location: McLoud, Oklahoma (Pottawatomie County)

Circumstances of Disappearance: Last seen in Murphy, OK area on hunter camera. BOL

on 2014 Dark Gray Dodge Journey. Last seen wearing a straw hat with braided green/white band, XL tan/beige blue collar wind breaker style zipper, glasses with wire rim and snaps, western blue white plaid, pearl snaps, western buckle with silver Bronc rider buckle with red corner stones, wranglers faded and brown hiker lace up boots.

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

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FOOTBALL Bradley signs to play college football at Carson-Newman

By SCOTT MCKIE B.P. One Feather Staff

Don Bradley, senior quarterback for the Cherokee Braves, signed a letter of intent on Wednesday, Feb. 2 – National Signing Day – to play football this fall at Carson-Newman University. "I'm pumped about it and nervous a little bit," said Bradley who plans to study business at Carson-Newman.

He began to dream about the idea of playing college football during his sophomore year. "It's when I actually fell in love with it, and it just took off from there. I love being out there, running free, and playing with great teammates and having a good coaching staff behind you."

During the 2021 fall campaign, Bradley completed 54 of 104 passes for 750 yards and 11 touchdowns. He was also a threat on the ground rushing 173 times for 1,074 yards and 15 touchdowns. Bradley also played defensive back for the Braves and had 20 solo tackles, three caused fumbles, and three interceptions on the season.

For his efforts during his senior year, Bradley was named to the first team All-Smoky Mountain Conference (SMC) Team and was

see BRADLEY next page

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

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

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

Listed below are the 2022 HHS Poverty Guidelines

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





Don Bradley, seated center, signs a letter of intent on Wednesday, Feb. 2 – National Signing Day - to play football this fall at Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City, Tenn. Bradley is shown with Alexis Huskey, left, and Drew Huskey, right, at the event in the Charles George Memorial Arena. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./ One Feather photos)



The family of the late Samuel David Taylor is greeted by members of the Cherokee Lady Braves varsity basketball team during a recognition ceremony, held at the Charles George Memorial Arena on Friday, Feb. 4, for the man who served as an assistant coach for years. He passed away on Sept. 14, 2017. Shawn Crowe, Cherokee High School announcer, told the crowd at Friday's event, "When Sam passed away, the Lady Braves lost a coach, a mentor, and a friend. His passing left an irreplaceable void in the Lady Braves program. We lost a man dedicated to the sport – a man dedicated to our young athletes. His demeanor, his style, and his love will forever go unmatched for the Lady Braves program." (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo) **BRADLEY:** Cherokee senior signs with Carson-Newman, from page 10

named SMC Back of the Year. He was named second team All-State as an athlete (overall performance). He was named first team All-Smoky Mountain Conference as a defensive back following his junior season.

Craig Barker, Cherokee High School assistant principal and Braves defensive coach, said during the signing ceremony, "We're very proud of Don and all of his accomplishments here at Cherokee High School. We're excited for all of the things he's going to do at Carson-Newman as well. He's a brilliant young man, and we appreciate all of the support he's been given."

Bradley served as one of the team captains both his junior and senior seasons, and he received the Noland Crowe Memoriam Mr. Brave award at the Cherokee High School Athletic Banquet held in July 2021.

David Napert, Braves head coach, commented, "We're really excited. Since Tye Mintz, he has been the most powerful kid we've had – dominating the league, a great attitude. Everything's been really positive with him."

Coach Napert added, "He (Bradley) was a receiver that we moved to quarterback, and he end-



Don Bradley (#2), Cherokee senior quarterback, sails into the end zone during a game against the Robbinsville Black Knights at Ray Kinsland Stadium on Oct. 8, 2021.

ed up being a good quarterback, a running quarterback. So, we think he can play as a receiver or in the backfield. They're looking at him as a back right now. But, I think he'd be great as a quarterback in an option style system which is what they use now." The Carson-Newman Eagles, located in Jefferson City, Tenn., play in the South Atlantic Conference in the NCAA Division II.

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

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Sochan gathering permit applications

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

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

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

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

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

NOTE: New for 2022 - In order to be eligible to receive a sochan gathering permit for the 2023 sochan harvest season, every 2022 permit holder must submit at least one harvest report. Gathering permits are limited. If you are chosen to receive a permit in 2022 and do not pick it up by March 1 or do not attend the required training, your permit will be given to the next applicant on the waitlist. This may affect your ability to participate in the 2023 gathering season.

- EBCI Natural Resources release

Duke University pow wow

The Duke Native American Alliance is seeking vendors, dancers, and drum groups for their annual pow wow scheduled for April 9 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Abele Quad on the campus of Duke University. Info: dukenasa21@gmail. com

Museum of the Cherokee Indian announces

new lecture series

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

"This subject is of the utmost importance," says Jenn Wilson, Aniyuwiyahi Community Program Coordinator at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. "If we can encourage a greater interest and enthusiasm for it, then we can make headway in pursuing the preservation and revitalization of our



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language and culture amongst our tribal community members. It is our goal through this endeavor to foster a closer relationship with our community at large and to become a safe space for them to research, learn, and create."

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

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

Panelists to be announced What is culture? Speakers discuss historic cultural aspects, methods of preservation and revitalization, and how Cherokee culture appears todav.

- Museum of the Cherokee Indian release

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)

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

> - EBCI Cooperative Extension Office release

NATIONAL PARK NEWS

Park welcomes new program leadership

Great Smoky Mountains National Park officials announced on Wednesday, Feb. 2 the selection of two key positions in the Park Management Team. Randy Scoggins will step in as the new chief ranger to oversee the Visitor and Resource Protection Division and Stephanie Kyriazis will serve as the new chief of resource education.

As chief ranger, Scoggins will lead personnel in the Visitor and Resource Protection Division who perform law enforcement duties, wildland fire operations, emergency medical services, search and rescue operations, backcountry operations, and staff the emergency communications center.

"I am excited to welcome Randy to the Smokies and to the Park Management Team," said Acting Superintendent Alan Sumeriski. "Randy's years of experience in leading employees and building successful working relationships with external partners makes him an outstanding choice for leading the Visitor and Resource Protection division here at the Smokies."

Scoggins most recently served as the chief ranger at Buffalo National River where he oversaw a complex network of Visitor and Resource Protection services, including the Law Enforcement Rangers, the Midwest Regional Ozarks Communications Center, and the Fire Program. He began his career in the Smokies as a seasonal law enforcement ranger in the summer of

1992. Since that time, he has served in several park service units and comes back to the Smokies with a wealth of knowledge and experience. Some of his past units include Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Cumberland Island National Seashore, Chickasaw National Recreation, Padre Island National Seashore, and Key Deer National Wildlife Refuge.

"I can't wait to return to the park where my National Park Service career began," said Chief Ranger Scoggins. "I'm looking forward to working with old friends and colleagues, and meeting new ones, while we work together to protect these sacred mountains."

Scoggins received his bachelor of science degree from Western Kentucky University with a major in geology and minor in parks and recreation management. In addition to his federal law enforcement commission, he holds several certifications in the wild land and structural firefighting, as well as being a certified Emergency Medical Technician.

Stephanie Kyriazis assumed the role of deputy chief of resource education at the Smokies, in July 2020. "Stephanie is known for building successful collaborations internally, locally, regionally, and nationally," says Acting Deputy Superintendent Lisa McInnis. "Her fervent dedication to diversity and inclusion make her the perfect choice in leading the Resource Education division."

Prior to working in the Smokies, Kyriazis served as the chief of interpretation, Education and Visitor Services at Marsh-Billing-Rockefeller National Historical Park and Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park, as well as serving as the chief of interpretation and education at Brown v. Board of Education National Historical Park. - National Park Service release

OBITUARIES JhfiFR

Loretta Rattler Adams

LEICESTER - Loretta Rattler Adams, 65, died peacefully at her home on Monday, Jan. 31, 2022 after battling dementia for several years.

She was a member of Sunnyside Missionary Baptist Church, a 1974 graduate of Clyde A. Erwin High School, received her AAS Degree from Southwestern Tech in Sylva and her BS Degree from Western Carolina University. She was a graphic designer and was employed by Western Carolina University.

Surviving are her husband of 32 years, Douglas Adams of the home; mother, Judy Rattler of Asheville; father, Walter Rattler of Cherokee; son, Billy Joe Adams (Christi); three grandchildren; sister, Deborah Thomas (Roy) of Leicester; aunt, Mary Strout of Arden; uncle, Diamond Rattler of Fayetteville and several cousins.

She was an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Anders-Rice Funeral Home in Asheville is in charge of local arrangements.

Cecil D. Queen

SYLVA - Cecil Doc Queen, age 85, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 27, 2022. Cecil was born in Whittier and later moved to Detroit, Mich. in the early 1950s where he married his sweetheart Julia and began his family. Cecil moved back to North Carolina in 1982. He was the son of the late Cecil Glen Queen of Swain County and the late Annie Mae Ward of Jackson County.

In addition to his parents, Cecil was preceded in death by his wife, Julia Lee Queen who he was married to for 66 years; his youngest son, Steven Queen of Jackson County; and his half-sister Shirley Settelmeyer of New Mexico.

Cecil is survived by his only daughter, Julia Ann Queen of Sylva; his two sons, Cecil Ray Queen (Cyndi) of Michigan, and Timothy Lee Queen of Florida; along with his grandchildren, Jennifer Ann Queen (George), Kelly Marie (Queen) Clark (Mark), Atreyu Edward Queen, Trevor Ray Queen, Cecil Queen, Jillian (Queen) Brigham, Keaton Ford; two great granddaughters, Gracyn and Alleighya; and one great grandson, Brendan. He is also survived by his stepsister, Kathy Matthews of Jackson County.

In the early 1980s Cecil founded the Yellowhill Judo Club in Cherokee. Cecil was the sensei and spent most of his free time coaching people of all ages the sport of judo. Cecil played a pivotal role in establishing the Wavnesville Judo Club. Cecil began his love for judo in Detroit, Michigan where he was a lifelong member of the Ko-Nan Yudanshakai Detroit Judo Club. Cecil received his formal training by the legendary John Osako. While competing in Detroit, he held the rank of 1st degree black belt and trained for the Olympics in the early 1960s. In 1996, the USJA inducted Cecil into the Hall of Fame, where he was named "Coach of the Year". Cecil earned the rank of Roku Dan 6th degree blackbelt from USJA on Aug. 1, 1992. Cecil was also a certified



USJA Senior Judo Rank Examiner.

Cecil was a prominent member of the Teamster Union in Detroit Michigan where he was friends with many famous and influential people. He owned multiple businesses in the Detroit area, two of which were well known as Industrial Catering, and Queen's Catering.

Cecil was a Ford Master Certified top salesman for Ken Wilson Ford in Canton for over 33 years. During his legendary career with Ford, he served as the Fourth Top Ranking Salesman in the entire nation. Cecil was also committed to not just selling automobiles as a job but building a lifelong trusting relationship with every person he met. Cecil was always joking and shared his love for jokes. He wanted everyone he encountered to be happy and made every attempt to share his love for happiness. In doing so he would mail jokes to everyone he knew just so he could spread happiness throughout the world.

Everyone who knew Cecil knew he was a one-of-a-kind man. He would do anything for anyone who needed help. He had a heart of gold and was the most kind, caring person you could ever meet. He was especially there for his family. He loved all animals especially his two miniature collies, Pepper and Lucky. Cecil loved traveling all throughout the United States and especially loved going on cruises with his wife, Julia. He lived a full life and enjoyed every minute of it. He was a member of the Qualla Chapel Weslayan Church in Cherokee.

For Cecil's family, it was extremely hard to sum up in words how just remarkable of a man he was and the positive impact he made in all the communities he was involved with.

Due to COVID, no services are planned at this time.

The care of Mr. Queen has been entrusted to Wells Funeral Homes of Canton and an online memorial register is available at "Obituaries" at www.wellsfuneralhome.com

Charlie Toineeta

Charlie Toineeta, 71, of the Big Cove Community, went home to be with the Lord Friday, Feb. 4, 2022. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late George Howard and Tiney Smith Toineeta. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by three brothers, Jesse Toineeta, Johnny Toineeta, and Jimmy Toineeta.

He is survived by his two children, Charlene Owle and husband Jim of Cherokee, and

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Funeral services were held Sunday, Feb. 6 at Crisp Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. John Ferree officiated with burial at the Toineeta Family Cemetery.

Ronnie Steven Swisher

Ronnie Steven Swisher passed away on Friday, Feb. 4.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lori Swisher.

He is survived by his children, Aliyah and Kaitlynn Swisher, and their mother, Carolyn Reed; his father, Steven Swisher; brothers, Chris Bright (Rachel), Cori Green (Gabrielle), and Tristan Swisher; nephews, Devlin Bright, Kayson Bright, Scott Bright, and Malakai Green; paternal grandmother, Jean Swisher; as well as many aunts, uncles, and extended family and friends.

Ronnie loved his daughters, enjoyed the lake, dirt bikes and mechanics. He had a big heart and wanted the best for everyone. His desire to help others will live on through Life Share Carolinas.

He was loved by all and will be greatly missed.

Services will be announced at a later date.





Cherokee High School Honor Roll – 2nd Quarter

9th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Paytyn Barker, Lillian Blythe-Ramos, Alexis Davis, Gideon Freeman, Kiri Hill, Abreana Hornbuckle, Cameron Jackson, Julia Layno, Amiya Lequire, Amila Lossie, Kyla Moore, Hannah Morgan, Nevayah Panther, Joseph Porter, Marilyn Swayney, Addi Taylor, Naomi Tay-

lor, Tyruss Thompson **Alpha Honor Roll:** Kennica Bradley, Tricyus Calhoun, Gabriel Crowe, Isabelle Fourkiller-Raby, Tyce Hogner, Elijah Lineberry, Vincent Owle, Ella Sokol, Chanttin Tramper

Beta Honor Roll: Keaton Arch, Devan Bottchenbaugh, Dalton Burgess, Tazavian Byfield, Sophie Cooper, Mia Crawford, Brett Elders, Corbin Freeman, Matthew Garcia Wahnetah, Michel Gayosso, Alaina Houser, Chayton Ledford, Ismael Matamoros, Zachary Miller, Kedrick Panther, Emerald Quijada, Aaliyah Reed, Sadie Rivera-Gomez, Erin Rogers, Xavier Sanchez, Kai Saunooke, Elliott Shell, Julianne Smart, Ariyanna Toineeta, Hailee Velazquez-Lossiah, William Welch, Kaniah Wolfe

10th Grade

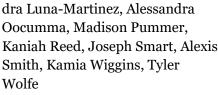
Principal's Honor Roll: Roxi Bark, Ericka Brady, Letsi Burgos Delgado, Jenna Cruz, Janna Girty, Madison Ledford, Laura Martinez, Dalaina Mills, Taiya Parra-Rubio, Dayvian Pheasant, Shelby Solis, Gabriel Terrell, Ann Toineeta Alpha Honor Roll: Creedon Arch, Dillon Bigwitch, Jayle Creson, Maria Fourkiller-Raby, Danica Hill, J'Ron Lineberry, Samuel Postoak, George Saunooke, Kyleigh Sherman, Coco Wells

Beta Honor Roll: Adrian Armachain, Kayd-Lynn Bradley, Raymond Bradley, Jaylynn Brady, Chase Calhoun, Luke Climbingbear, Preston Davis, Jimya Driver, Michael Driver, Mato Grant, Kalina Hicks, Carys Holiday, Collin Ledford, Nathaniel Littlejohn, Aliah Locust, Evan Nations, Alitama Perkins, Dyami Saunooke, Dante Taylor, Tahlaya Thompson, Hermione Ward, Isaac Welch, Levi Winter, Bayley Wright, Sateva Youngdeer

11th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Mahala Allison, Alyxandra Armachain, Milli Bryson, Catherine Cline, Idalis Crowe, Chayme Cucumber, Autumn Greene, Arioyonna Hill-Maney, Jaelyn Lossiah, Alessan-

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Alpha Honor Roll: Austin Alderman, Kensen Davis, Adia Frady, Estrellita Garcia, William Hartbarger, Dasgigidi Hill, Jacklin Lossiah, Zechariah Maney, Aida Martinez, Lilah Reynolds, Walika Saunooke, Destiny Siweumptewa, Avlin Welch

Beta Honor Roll: Emma Anthony, Dominyk Arch, Jaden Armachain, Katherine Armachain, Julius Bolden, Davyn Broome, Nicholas Cole, Tanin Esquivel, Brystyn Littlejohn, Mason Long, Anthony Lossiah, Rachel Maney, Hayden McCoy, Sylas Pete, Connor Pheasant, Acacia Reed, Allyson Reed, Brixton Reed, Cavan Reed, Kaden Smith, Nessa Smith, Oztin Swayney, Dacian Tafoya, Emma Taylor

12th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll: Donald Bradley, Santanna Buchanan, Lucian Davis, Bryanna Disoso, Aria Foerst, Gabriel Jarvis, Mason Ledford, Leilaya McMillan, Alayna Morgan, Caedance Smith, Abigail Taylor, Donna Thompson, Elijah Watty

Alpha Honor Roll: Eli McCoy, Derek Reynolds, Rayna Ricks, Joshua Smith, Praire Toineeta, Isaac Tsatoke, Jacob Wallace Beta Honor Roll: Marcus Armachain, Samuel Bernhisel, Creighton Bradley, Kyanna Brady, Evan Caley, Caidyn French, Joseph Hornbuckle, Jeremy Kalonaheskie, Dylan Littlejohn, Tehya Littlejohn, Jae Lossiah, Jamice Mora, Kyler Queen, James Reed, Jose Salinas, Haley Smith, Keeifer Taylor, Lloyd Teesateskie, Tevy West, Landon Wildcat



Pictured are students participating in a mod ern-day fishing weir educational outing

Fishing Weir

The Cherokee are one of many groups that used fishing weirs or traps, uga'yatun'i, to catch fish. Cherokee fishing weirs were usually placed in streams near large villages. They were constructed through the strategic placement of stones across the river. The stones formed a v-shaped barrier with the wide mouth facing upstream. Downstream,

the weir narrowed into the point of the v-shape, which had a small opening. Community members would stand upstream from the weir and kick, splash, and yell to stir up the fish and guide them toward the weir. As the fish followed the natural current downstream, they would be funneled through the stone weir into a waiting trap or

basket. Though any basket could be used, the Cherokee created special baskets for capturing fish.

In 1775, Irish trader James Adair wrote the following description: "The Indians have the art of catching fish in long crails, made with canes and hiccory splinters tapering to a point. They lay these at a fall of water, where stones are placed in two sloping lines from each bank, till they meet together in the middle of the rapid stream, where the intangled fish are soon drowned." This tradition continued for years; however, by 1877,

it was illegal to block waterways meant for commercial trade, and most fishing weirs were abandoned.

Source: Digitalheritage.org/One Feather photo

New Kituwah Academy Perfect Attendance

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Kb - Kele Groenewold, UHbh - Tamara Sampson, Gb - Rosie Sneed

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.

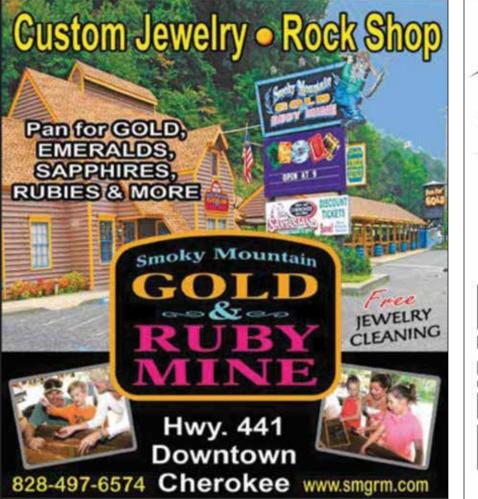
There is no entry fee associated with this year's show and sale. Individuals looking to enter artwork must be over 18 years old, be a citizen of a federally recognized Native American tribe or nation and complete all submission requirements, available at www. VisitCherokeeNation.com, no later than 5 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 divi-

sion 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







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School Board addresses water damage concerns at CCS

By JONAH LOSSIAH

One Feather Staff

The Cherokee Central Schools (CCS) Board of Education welcomed many guests to their Thursday, Jan. 27 meeting held at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center on campus.

Amongst these guests was Chris Greene, manager of EBCI Project Management, and Travis Sneed, director of EBCI Support Services. They were present to discuss a problem with water damage and leakage that has been brought to the school's attention.

"There have been areas that have been leaking or have had moisture in them since they built this building 12 years ago. If you talk to people, they'll tell you where it's at. [Hilda Queen, Director of Facilities Management] has addressed it and addressed it and addressed it and addressed it. BIE and BIA have looked at mitigating strategies," said Superintendent Michael Murray. "Bottom line is those knuckles have leaked in areas for a long time. There have been areas in this building that should not have been having water intrusion, and we've reacted and done everything we could. But there's something wrong."

Murray said there was a recent report of water leakage in one of the kindergarten classrooms, which caused that class to be moved to a new room while the situation is assessed. "When we started remodeling the old admin offices, we started noticing what appeared to be mold on the drywall. That wasn't part of the original contract to remove that drywall, but when we saw mold I told them to cut out some pieces in it and see what's behind there. When we started pulling it out, we realized there was a lot of mold back there," said Greene.

"Once we started looking at that, it was at that point where we really started looking at hiring a third party to come to really ascertain what's the root cause of the damage and the extent of the damage," said Sneed.

They said that they have been in preliminary discussions with Terracon, a consulting engineering firm. Pending Board approval and negotiations, Terracon would be tasked with coming in to fully assess the damage and offer solutions. It would be a two-step process. Phase A would address all of the reported issues, while Phase B would see them sweeping the entire school for further problems.

Following about 15 minutes of conversation, the Board moved into a closed session to discuss specifics of the Terracon deal. The closed session lasted 20 minutes and afterwards the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposal pending negotiations.

The longest conversation of the meeting centered around COVID concerns and policy. January showed Cherokee reporting

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more cases than any other month of the pandemic, with a total of 655 positives reported in the community. Superintendent Michael Murray insisted that CCS was the safest place for kids at this time.

"It's a different day. It's still a COVID-19 thing, but it's a different day. We have been following PHHS and CDC, and we're doing everything we can to still keep our children safe. That has not changed. What has changed is it is now in the community, so you're not going to keep it out of your school. But what you are going to do is control it. Your school is not out of control, COVID is not rampant. What you need to look at, and what I've brought you tonight, are the numbers on 'where are we at'," said Murray.

Murray and CCS Director of Community Affairs Yona Wade provided an update on the total number of cases at the school. For the High School, seven of 408 students are active positives, and there is one positive staff member. For the Middle School there are 17 active cases among 311 students, with five staff members that have tested positive. Murray said that the Elementary School is the most difficult to accurately gauge, but that the school is reporting 16 cases among 732 students and six positives amongst the staff.

"I've already shown you the numbers of where we were at with how well distance learning worked. How well remote learning, especially how well those packets worked. That was dismal at best. You directed me as a Board to stop that. So, the answer to everyone that's been asking is, we're not going backward at this point

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and start offering that. Because we don't think at all that we have an out-of-control school system with COVID," said Murray.

Before moving forward, the Board discussed amending the current COVID leave policy to allow for more flexibility for their staff members. They wished to construct the policy with their attorney and HR Director Heather Driver and said that they would be doing a virtual poll some time before the Board's next meeting.

Superintendent Murray was happy to announce that CCS and Cherokee Boys Club will be receiving the first electric school bus in North Carolina. They are hoping to receive this bus in February, and there are multiple events planned to celebrate the achievement in March. Duke Energy is currently plotting where to put the charging station for this bus, and the company also plans to offer a donation to fund four more buses for CBC and CCS. More details will be posted as they become solidified.

Two other guests to the meeting were Ashford Smith from CBC Finance and Howard Wahnetah to offer a finance update for the school. All budgets are on pace or under projections for this time of the year, and neither Wahnetah nor Smith voiced any major concerns. Smith said that the primary reason for being underbudget was due to salary savings with the inability to hire some positions at this time.

The Board unanimously passed the consent agenda during

this meeting, putting forth the following:

• Sarah Pascual approved as a fulltime custodian.

• Jason McMillan approved a fulltime Middle School PE Teacher Assistant.

• Myra Smith approved as a fulltime High School Pathseekers Teacher Assistant

• Lendy Ayers approved as a fulltime Special Education Pathseekers Teacher.

• Anne Link approved for a master's degree level 5 pay increase.

The Thursday, Jan. 27 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; Board member Berdie Toineeta; Superintendent Michael Murray; Assistant Superintendent Beverley Payne; HR Director Heather Driver: School Board Attorney Ashley Leonard from Campbell Shatley, PLLC; and Administrative Assistant Terri Bradley all in attendance. Tribal Council Rep. T.W. Saunooke was late to the meeting and was standing in for Rep. Bo Crowe. Board member Regina Ledford Rosario and Rep. Crowe were excused absences.

The next meeting of the School Board is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 7 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. The upcoming session is set to have no closed sessions and is open to the public.

Fun Facts from the Editor:

* 25 percent of business school deans say they would admit a clearly unqualified student if his/her parents donated \$1 million.

* Oysters can change genders back and forth.

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^{сомментаку} Tiptoeing through banishments

By ROBERT JUMPER One Feather Editor

uring Budget Council on Feb. 1, Tribal Council engaged in a discussion of banishment law. They talked about how hard it would be to banish a tribal member because, in our Cherokee Code, it has been made clear that any tribal member permanently banished by Tribal Council will also be disenrolled. Some have stated that they "just couldn't bring themselves to remove someone from membership in the Tribe."

In 1996, Ordinance 271 was passed by Tribal Council and signed by then- Principal Chief Joyce Dugan. It empowered the Tribal Council to not only banish tribal members but added a "be it further ordained" to the legislation. "If an enrolled Tribal member is permanently excluded from Cherokee Trust Lands, then the member's name shall be removed from the membership roll of the Tribe and all privileges pertaining thereto shall immediately be suspended indefinitely. The removal of the person's name from the roll shall be submitted to the Superintendent of the Eastern Cherokee Agency for approval by the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative."

There are real potential consequences for elected officials to banishing tribal members and removing them from the roll. Many of our tribal members have family and friends who vote in large voting blocks in communities, and should a well-connected member be brought before the leadership for banishment, the pressure could be great to vote one way or the other to keep a seat as opposed to looking at the behavior of the person before them facing banishment. And regardless of the decision of those tribal leaders tasked with making the decision on enrollment, a perception of the community could be that the decision was politically motivated.

And because of our relatively small population of approximately 16,000 members, there is a good chance that our leadership might face a situation where the entirety of the political body would know or be related to a tribal member that they may have to decide must be banished and disenrolled. Beyond being awkward, it would certainly pose an ethical dilemma for our leadership.

There are six persons or entities, according to Code, who have the power to request an "exclusion action". They are as follows: the Principal Chief, the Vice Chief, members of Tribal Council, the Chief of the Cherokee Police Department, the Tribal Prosecutor, and the Attorney General.

In Cherokee Code, Section 2 subsection 8, it looks like there was an added step to the process that would require the Clerk of Cherokee Court to, every six months, provide the Tribal



Council with "a list of all the persons convicted of crimes during the preceding six months I which banishment is provided for by statute." I do not know if that list has been provided to Tribal Council in the last 10 years, but it surely has not been made public and I have not seen it addressed on any session of Tribal Council.

Recently, the banishments have been considered by Tribal Council through individual resolutions at the end of Budget Council. These individual resolutions do not represent all people with charges that would qualify for consideration based on the charges from the previous six months or even one month. They specifically have not included any enrolled members who have committed crimes that would warrant banishment consideration.

Additionally, where is the accountability for those harboring a banished person? A few examples of banished people renting on Boundary were brought up during the most recent Budget Council session. There was no mention of any charges filed for the person renting the space to the banished persons.

Cherokee Code Section 2-10 states, "Any person who harbors an excluded person on Cherokee trust lands shall be guilty of a crime and upon conviction thereof may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment not to exceed six months or a fine not to exceed \$5000, or both, but shall be sentenced to a mandatory minimum term of not less than seven days."

In March 2000, government chose to strengthen the language of the law to say that "Aiding the lawful obtaining of services by an excluded person shall be punishable by a fine of \$5000 and by imprisonment for a term not to exceed one year, and by exclusion (banishment) for a term equal to the exclusion term originally imposed upon the banished person for which aid, or assistance was attempted or secured."

So, it is possible to get banished from tribal lands if you aid or attempt to aid, including renting or giving living quarters to a banished individual. I have put in a request to our government for some data, including if there is any record of a tribal member being fined or jailed for renting or leasing living space to people who have been banished. No official response to that inquiry has been received, but one off the record response was that two people had recently been charged with harboring, one had been convicted, the other case is pending. Both were recent, 2020 and 2021 respectively.

I know the "justification" will be that the person said they didn't know that the individual was on the banishment list but is ignorance of a law an excuse for violating it? If I speed through town and an officer pulls me over, I can't get a pass on a ticket by saying I didn't know the speed limit. There is a consequence outlined in law for my action, not my intent. I feel the same is true for the harboring of banished persons. It is up to the person renting the property to check the banishment list and avoid breaking the law. In theory, our tribe does not take banishing people lightly. In reality, we should practice what we preach.

I have been having discussions with those schooled in law and they tell me that it is not that easy. That things like intent and position come into play, especially when it comes to aiding and abetting a banished person. But there is a path to a solution for this situation. We will never find it until we start to seek it diligently.

What if banishment were an automatic consequence instead of being subject to a case-by-case review of Tribal Council and Executive? What if when a person is convicted of a crime in our Code that is subject to banishment, that our law also said that banishment is mandatory for that crime? What if a person, tribal member or not, traffics drugs on the Boundary and is convicted of it in Court and an automatic penalty of banishment is imposed? What if a person, tribal member or not, molests a child on the Boundary and is convicted of it in Court and a mandatory, automatic banishment is imposed?

The Code language set forth in 1996 by our leadership acknowledged that crimes against the people of the nation of the Eastern Band of Cherokee are serious, whether they are committed by outsiders or by enrolled members of our tribe. No person should feel safe in committing heinous crimes against our people because they are a tribal member. In fact, one colleague of mind is of the opinion that those who are of our blood have an even higher accountability to the safety and security of our people than someone who is not a member. A tribal member who chooses to traffic drugs to our children or who molests them must not have any care or concern for their membership in this community. Is it so important to keep feelings from being hurt that we are going to allow that element to remain in our society? More is the pity for us if we do.



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SPEAKING OF FAITH He has already equipped each one

By TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR

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

When you say, "I'm little. I don't know enough. I don't know a lot." With your permission, God can still use what He has already given you. Choosing to use what He has placed there inside you, He can do the big things that are really needed. Just begin entrusting and honoring His leading of you and your willingness to rightly respond to Him.

It's amazing when you look at the Scripture concerning the feeding of the 5,000 men, their wives and their children having come out into the wilderness, to listen to the preaching of Jesus. One of the disciples came to Jesus and said, "It is getting late and these people are hungry and we have nothing here to feed them."

"I personally believe what the disciple was really saying was, "We're tired and we're hungry. Send them away, so we can go find us a restaurant, Jesus."

Jesus said, "No." Jesus told the disciples to sit them all down in smaller groups for there's a work to do. One of the other disciples, Peter, I believe, told Jesus, "This boy has a few fishes and a few pieces of bread. That's all there is."

Jesus did something truly and miraculously wonderful. The Bible tells us He lifted the meager lunch up towards Heaven and He thanked God for this "not enough meal." Finishing, He began breaking it up, and as He did, it all began to multiply. There is still our God in Heaven and if you will lift up what you have, He knows how to stretch it to make it meet the needs of every individual that needs what you have. That means that all anyone has to do is to be humbly broken and ask Him for His help.

We're not lifting up just fish and bread anymore. We are lifting up ourselves and saying, Lord, break me and multiply what's inside of me. Begin to do a mighty work in me, so that what You have made me to be will satisfy and feed the masses having needs. Show them Who You really are."

Prayers when truly offered from the heart, say to the Father, "mould me and and make me into something needed and let it show how powerful You are. I believe you can develop such a wonderful relationship with God. When you walk up to a door and knock on it, they may even open the door and say to you, "We've been waiting for You. We've been here anxiously waiting for Jesus to come by and see us today."

Do you believe that today? I've heard it myself. I've seen it.

In the Book of Zechariah 4, verse 10, it says this for the "whosoevers" who have despised



And when she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." ● EXODUS 2:6 @



"A Sleeping Cupid" by Bartolomeo Coriolano (1630-45)

the day of small things (beginnings), they shall rejoice to see the plumb line in the hand of Zerrubabel. The seven eyes are the Eyes of the Lord, which range through the whole Earth.

What He's saying here is, you may start in a small way, but how many of you know that if you'll just start, God knows how to do something with you. Amen. Part of the issue is the hardest part, actually getting started.

My wife, Cassie, sometimes shudders when I get up in the morning and say, "I've been given a new project. She knows I don't usually take on small projects. Amen. I don't always have big equipment, but I do big things with the little things, I do have. Some months ago in the summer, my big lawn mower broke down and I still had fourteen more acres to mow. What did I do? I went and got a push mower and a friend there, said you can't mow everything there with a push mower. I said, "Move out of my way, and I started mowing."

"Why would you do that, you ask?" It's because I so believe that I can do big things if I can just get started. Yes, what I'm going to say to you may sound big, but I believe if we can just get started, there's going to come a moment where we come together at this House and the rejoicing breaks out because of the Glory of the Lord that will have fallen over this city."

You ask, "what are you talking about?" I believe when we get mobilized and we get out this year, that we're going to start seeing the Glory of God hit entire communities and households." Why? Because we're going to bring them the Gospel of Jesus Christ, not with just words, but in demonstration of power. I truly believe we are going to see the "Glory of God."

Sundays aren't so that you can just come to His House and 'get fed up', 'sung up' and 'preached up' and eat your way through another week. I believe God intended for us to come to His House and celebrate the victories that God can give us each and every day throughout the week. That's why He has said, when you come in, you ought to have a testimony. You ought to say, "I watched God move!"

Not that I was broken. He sent me a bite. It's that I'm tired of just that. Nor am I talking about having worn out a pair of shoes and He gave me new ones.

I got up this morning, went into the right community. God opened the doors. We had revival break out on the street corner. Children are being 'slain' in the Spirit of God' and all folks are dreaming dreams and the Lord is moving.' Can that happen? I don't just believe it can. I believe it already has!

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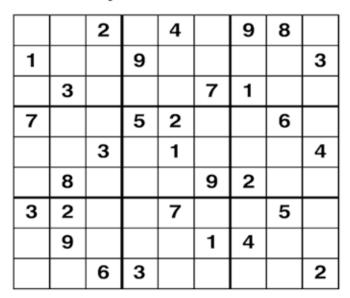
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Super Crossword

DOWNSIZING

Weekly SUDOKU

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: ◆

♦ Moderate
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 Is the book of Ishbosheth in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 From Genesis 8, what was the

mountain upon which Noah's Ark rested? Sinai, Zion, Ararat, Ebal

 Laban, who tried to swindle Jacob, was what relationship to him? Brother, Father-in-law, Friend, Father
 In Matthew 10, Jesus instructed

the apostles to go among the ... ? *Heathen, Gentiles, Blind, Israelites* 5. What happened to Moses' rod

when he cast it on the ground? Broke in two, Spoke to him, Became a serpent, Blazed up

6. From Job 20, what sort of men suck the poison of asps? Wicked, Aged, Tribal, Leper

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1. MYTHOLOGY: In Roman mythology, Cupid is the god of love. What's the name of the Greek god of love?

 MOVIES: Which movie series features a character named Inspector Clouseau?

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the basic currency used in Greenland?

4. HISTORY: What was the first toy to be advertised on U.S. television?

 MEASUREMENTS: What is the unit of measurement used to gauge the speed and direction of a computer mouse?

6. GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. territory's unofficial slogan is "Where America's Day Begins"?

TELEVISION: What is the longest running scripted TV series?

 U.S. PŘESIDENTS: Which president campaigned for election with the slogan "Happy Days Are Here Again"?
 LANGUAGE: In British English, what is a windcheater?

10. ANATOMY: What part of the human brain controls hunger?

🔪 happenings

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

EVENTS COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Family Beef Box Giveway. Feb. 11. Three locations – Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds at 10 a.m. until gone; Snowbird Community at the Church of the Lamb, 12:30 p.m. until gone; and Cherokee Co. Community at the John Welch Senior Center, 10:30 a.m. until gone. 10 lbs. of ground beef and 1 to 3lbs. of roast. Must show EBCI enrollment card. Info: Kristina Queen 788-5976 or Zena Rattler 735-4594

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 first dose, second dose, boosters, flu shots. Feb. 9 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Tribal Bingo Hall

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.

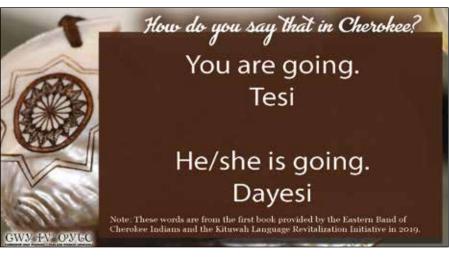
- Pediatric (ages 5-11) only. March 30 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Tribal Bingo Hall.

WESTERN N.C. EVENTS

Friendship Star Quilt Board

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

Swain County Democratic Party Whittier-Cherokee Precinct meeting. Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Agenda items include electing delegates to the county



convention and guest speakers. For more information or for the Zoom link, email maryherr2017@ gmail.com or call 497-9498

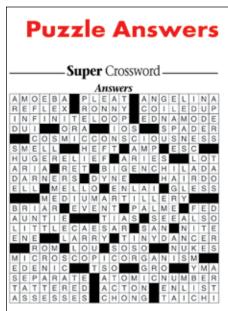
Swain County Democratic Party monthly meeting. Feb.

14 at 7 p.m. at the Technology and Training Center at 45 E. Ridge Drive, Bryson City and via Zoom. Topics will include planning for March's SCDP Convention. All are welcome. For details, call Justine Greene 736-4693

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



Weekly SUDOKU

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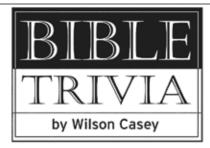
tenant rights presentation.

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.

SPORTS EVENTS

Georgia Swarm Lacrosse Native Heritage Night. Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. at Gas South Arena in Duluth, Ga. The Georgia Swarm will take on the New York Riptide. Claim free tickets (up to four) at www.georgiaswarm.com/ebci

2022 EBCI Fish Tournament



ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Ararat; 3) Father-in-law; 4) Israelites; 5) Became a serpent; 6) Wicked



Answers

- Eros
 "The Pink Panther"
- 3. Danish krone
- 4. Mr. Potato Head
- 5. Mickeys per second
- 6. Guam, whose location is near the
- International Date Line
- "The Simpsons"
- Franklin Roosevelt (1932)
- 9. A windbreaker
- Hypothalamus
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Lineup

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

General Fishing Enterprise Waters are closed to everyone from Saturday, March 12 to Friday, March 25. Each tournament requires a 2-day fish permit covering both tournament days (\$17) and Tournament Registration Fee (\$15).

Opening Day Fish Tournament - Saturday, March 26 to Sunday, March 27

- Registration deadline is Friday, March 25

- \$25,000 in cash prizes

Memorial Day Fish Tournament

- Saturday, May 28 to Sunday,

May 29

- Registration deadline is Friday, May 27

- \$10,000 in cash prizes

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

- Registration deadline is Friday, July 8

- \$10,000 in cash prizes

Qualla Country Fish Tournament - Saturday, Aug. 27 to Sunday, Aug. 28

- Registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 26

- \$20,000 in cash prizes

Tag turn-in times will be 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. both tournament days at the EBCI Natural Resources Enforcement Office at 517 Sequoyah Trail in Cherokee. Fishing hours are one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, daily. Info: Office (828) 359-6110, text (828) 788-3013, https://fishcherokee.com and https://www. facebook.com/fishcherokee - EBCI Natural Resources Div.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Cherokee Cancer Support Group

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

Life Recovery Meetings hosted by Grace Community

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

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

Fun Fact from the Editor:

There is no area in Japan that is more than 100 miles from the sea.



by Freddy Groves

Inclusivity at the VA

The Department of Veterans Affairs now has a cultural transformation action plan with an 18-member task force created last year under a presidential executive order. That task force (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access, or I-DEA) made 20 recommendations and 60 subrecommendations to be considered over the next four years. Per their mission statement, the goal is to ensure that all employees, veterans, families, caregivers and survivors have equitable treatment and experiences when interacting with the VA.

The task force initially focused on existing policies and programs, barriers, gaps and institutional access points. One of the first things it accomplished was to raise the Pride flag at the VA Central Office. Another was to address the rule-making process to modify the Code of Federal Regulations to expand the VA's gender-affirming care and benefits for veterans.

Additionally, the task force has changed the Veterans Experience Office (VEO) Trust Surveys to include questions about gender identity and sexual orientation, and medical records choices were added that include transgender male, transgender female, non-binary, other and "does not wish to disclose." The Veterans Health Administration's LGBT and Related Identities health program is now called the LGBTQ+ Health Program.

One of its goals (on the list of 20) is to integrate I-DEA into hiring, position management, talent development and executive coaching. Allied with that is their goal of evaluating "institutional symbols, mottos, expression of values displayed and used by VA to ensure inclusiveness and diverse representation." One of the guiding principles is to deliberately and consciously embed I-DEA into the institutional memory and organizational culture of the VA. To ensure that this happens, overseeing all this will be a proposed I-DEA Office and Chief Diversity Officer (DCO) position that will report directly to the Secretary of the VA.

To read the rest of the task force's 20 recommendations, go to: www.va.gov/ORMDI/docs/VA_I-DEA_Action_Plan-SIGNED.pdf.

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Training Your Cat May Save Its Life

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: Is it possible to teach a cat to come when you call? I have a 2-year-old gray cat, Billy, who sometimes gets past my feet and runs out the door. I worry that he will get run over by a car or attacked by a coyote. He will look at me when I call, but that is it. — Kelly in Fort Myers, Florida

DEAR KELLY: You can teach cats to respond to certain commands, and calling them is one of those commands. I know that Billy can learn to do it, because he clearly recognizes your voice. He just doesn't see the value in returning to you right away.

So it's important to help Billy "see" the value in returning when you call! You do this through training that uses positive reinforcement — a favorite treat or food. Here's how:

• Come up with a noise that you can make just before Billy gets a treat or dinner. A whistle, a clucking noise, even a little song.

• Just before you open his can of food or treat bag, make that noise. Do it at every feeding and treat time.

• Set aside five minutes, twice a day, for reinforcement training.

• During training, make the noise, wait for Billy to respond, then give him a treat. Back up a couple of feet and repeat.

• Gradually increase the distance during each session until Billy comes running when you call.

Once Billy associates that specific noise with a reward, he'll come back every time you call. Make sure to always reward him when he comes, even if it's just lots of praise. He'll be far less likely to stay out if he escapes, and you'll have much greater peace of mind.

You can learn this technique: https:// www.rd.com/list/how-to-train-a-cat/.

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

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SALE

Estate Sale. 988 Goose Creek Road, Cherokee. Saturday, Feb. 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A close friend or relative has news that can change some of your plans. Be flexible. You could be in for a most-pleasant surprise at how things turn out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new opportunity opens just as you close the door on an earlier project. However, you should be prepared to make adjustments in your expectations.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Expect a surprise ally in your corner when you confront a still-uncertain situation in your workplace. In your personal life, a family member has good news.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A co-worker could resent what he or she might perceive as arrogance on your part. Smooth things over with a full explanation to avoid a serious misunderstanding.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) There is no time for catnaps this week. A workplace problem needs your attention before it gets out of hand. Ditto a financial matter that must be resolved as soon as possible.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Pressuring someone to act quickly on a problem could backfire. It makes good sense to be both patient and supportive if you want full cooperation.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A touch of uncertainty lurks in your aspect this week. Weigh all decisions - personal and professional - even more carefully than you usually do.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You need to use your innate good sense to help you sort through career offers that might not be what they appear. A trusted associate can help.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Things move along more smoothly at work, but a personal relationship presents some challenges that need close attention.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Positive observations resolve the last lingering doubts about a recent move. Now you need to work on that still-pesky problem with a loved one.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might be a generous soul, but avoid being taken advantage of by those who have their own agendas. If you have any doubts, get out before regret sets in.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your strength might be tested by conflicting priorities in your personal life. Weigh the facts and then make the only choice you can: the right one.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a deep sense of honesty and spirituality. People instinctively put their trust in you to lead them to the light.

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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



Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements

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

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

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

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

> Snowbird Child Care FT Lead Teacher

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

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

Construction & Facilities FT Carpenter/Mason (2)

Service PT Mowing & Trimming Laborer

Attention EBCI Artists/Craftspeople

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





Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

PO Box 553

828-359-6388

Cherokee, NC 28719

Closing Sunday, February 13, 2022

1. TOP/Council Assistant – Tribal Operations – Tribal Council (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)

Hatchery Technician (Seasonal) – Natural Resources - Agriculture and Natural Resources (L4 \$12.14 - \$15.18 per hour)
 Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant – Kituwah Preservation and Education Program – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946)

4. FT Paramedic – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5.Housekeeper I Light Duty – Housekeeping – Operations (L3 \$22,990 - \$28,732)

6. Teacher Assistant – Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 -\$31,581)

Open Until Filled

 Evidence Technician I – Cherokee Police Department – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625) SAFETY SENSITIVE PO-SITION

 Detention Officer (Multiple) – Detention Services – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
 PT Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$17.55 - \$21.94 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION

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

6. Certified Nursing Assistant – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581) 7.Cook – Cherokee County Senior Citizens – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)

8. Cultural Resource and Archive Officer – Kituwah Preservation Education Program – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)

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

 Teacher – Qualla Boundary Head-Start/Early Head-Start – Public Health and Human Services (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
 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 Information 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.



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. 21-127

In the Matter of the Estate of Frances Queen Toineeta

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

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the appointed fiduciary(s) listed below. Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION

Timothy R. Lewis 461 East Main Street Sylva, NC 28779 **2/9**

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 22-006 In the Matter of the Estate of Wahnetah Stamper

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION Ned Stamper 32 Stamper Rd. Cherokee, NC 28719 **2/9**

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

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

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

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

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Cherokee, North Carolina Estate File No. 22-007

In the Matter of the Estate of JESSICA NICOLE CALHOUN

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICA-TION Myra Jane Calhoun PO Box 994 Cherokee, NC 28719

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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**

BIDs, RFPs, etc.

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR: PAVING DRIVEWAYS

FEBRUARY 2022 PURPOSE: The purpose of this Request for Qualifications is to establish a pool of on-call contractors for the paving of driveways, for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, who are

receiving assistance through the Housing & Community Development's (HCD) Site Prep Program. Contracts will be for a period of one year with an option to renew for two additional years. HCD reserves the right to add additional contractors to the on-call pool as needed based on scheduling demands. Qualifications packets need to be turned into Bunsey Crowe, Tribal Housing Production Manager, at 687 Acquoni Road (Housing Office) or by email to bunscrow@ebci-nsn. gov by 2/18/2022. Dated: Jan. 20, 2022 Signed, Edwin Taylor, Secretary of Housing 2/9

REQUESTS FOR BIDS

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



Cherokee Veterans: We want to share your stories.

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

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

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CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

Open Positions

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Optician **Optometric Assistant** Optometrist Pedodontist Physician /Hospitalist - Inpatient Physician – Emergency Room Physician - Primary Care **PTI Patient Registration Clerk** PTI Radiology Technologist PTI Registered Nurse - Analenisgi Inpatient PTI Registered Nurse - Inpatient Registered Nurse - Emergency Room **Registered Nurse - Inpatient** Registered Nurse – Wound Care Residential Technician (Female) - Kanywotiyi (2 positions) Residential Technician (Male) – Kanvwotiyi **Respiratory Therapist PTI** RN Care Manager – Primary Care (4 positions) ***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus RN Care Manager Float - Primary Care ***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus Supply Warehouse Technician Targeted Case Manager - Analenisgi **Telemetry Nursing Assistant Tsali Care Center** Assistant Administrator CNA PTI ***\$1,000.00 Hiring Bonus Cook ***\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus Housekeeper II License Practical Nurse***\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus Medication Aide ***\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus Personal Care Assistant/CNA - Part-Time Regular Without Benefits ***\$1,000.00 Hiring Bonus Personal Care Assistant/CNA - Regular Full - Time ***\$2,000.00 **Hiring Bonus** Registered Nurse - Full Time ***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus **Retention Bonus Eligible Positions** Certified Nursing Assistant/Part-Time Intermittent/Part-Time Regular (Starting Pay \$18.00/Hr.) Cook (Starting Pay \$17.00/Hr.) Medication Aide (Starting Pay \$18.00/Hr.) Housekeeper II (Starting Pay \$15.00/Hr.)

To apply, visit careers.cherokeehospital.org

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

Upcoming Cherokee Choices programming

For more information on Cherokee Choices or Nurse Family Partnership check out the EBCI Public Health & Human Services website at https://phhs.ebci-nsn.gov/

Cherokee Choices Yoga & Pilates

Free Weekly virtual classes on Microsoft Teams FREE & All levels welcome Attend 5 classes and earn a free Cherokee Yoga shirt or Chakra yoga book Chakra Yoga Wednesdays 5-6pm and Thursdays 12-12:45pm - Virtual Pilates begins Wednesday February 23 12-12:35pm-Virtual Email Robin robibail@ebci-nsn.gov for the link!

Art of Self Care Support Group

Tuesday 10am - 11am Virtual Support Group Contact Keahana Lambert 359-6193 or keahlamb@ebci-nsn.gov

Life Coaching

Are you looking for guidance in navigating a significant life change or means of bridging the gap between your current circumstances and the life you'd like to lead? Contact Keahana Lambert 359-6193 keahlamb@ebci-nsn.gov and Yolanda Saunooke 359-6784 yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov

Weight management, diabetes education and nutrition counseling sessions available with Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator. Individual, small group or over the phone sessions available, no cost for service. Call 359-6201 or email apriinni@ebci-nsn.gov to set up an appointment.

Tai Chi 10am-11am.

Beginners are welcomed. Sign ups are required to attend. Contact Yolanda Saunooke PH: (828) 359 6784 Email: yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov Keahana Lambert PH: (828) 359-6193 Email: keahlamb@ebci-nsn.gov

Nurse Family Partnership

-A FREE program for expectant mothers (must be less than 28 weeks of pregnancy & meet eligibility requirements) Call: (828)359-6250 Text: (828)788-4401 -Get support and information needed throughout pregnancy and after you have your baby

-Have you ever been or are you currently an NFP Client? If so, do you know someone who is pregnant (must receive services from the CIHA & be eligible for the program). Refer them to the NFP Program and earn a \$50 gift card! (*if they enroll & complete 5 or more visits). Contact Candy Martin 359-6865

Cupid's Challenge

-February 12, 2022 10am At the Cherokee Fitness Complex -Workout challenge where you and a partner complete a variety of exercises to receive a completion t-shirt and certificate for a free smoothie. -Contact Karen Walter to sign up or for more info (828)-359-6498



Valentines Day **Party Board**

Ingredient Checklist t cup unsalted roasted whole almonds 6 ounces unsalted roasted pistachios in shells 32 large strawberries, stems attached 8 onnces raspberries 8 onnces blackberries 16 large dried, pitted Medjool dates 4 thin slices prosciutto, cut into quarters 4 blood oranges, peel and pith removed, sliced erosswise 1 tublespoon honey

Instructions Checklist Step 1

Begin with a clean wooden or marble board that's at least 16 inches in diameter. Position 2 small serving bowls in the center of the board. Fill one with almonds and the other with pistachios.

Step 2 Wash strawberries, raspberries and blackberries; pat dry with paper towels. Set the berries aside to dry completely.

Step 3 Wrap each date in a piece of prosciutto and place on the board next to the bowls. Arrange the raspberries and blackberries next to the dates and bowls. Arrange blood orange slices by slightly layering them around the berries. Sprinkle pomegranate arils over the orange slices

Step 4 Arrange the dry strawberries in a single layer on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Coarsely chop chocolate and place in a microwaveable bowl Microwave on High in 15-second increments, stirring in between, for 1 minute, or until the chocolate is melted and smooth. Allow the chocolate to cool slightly before spooning into a piping bag or a zip-top plastic bag; cut a very small hole in the tip of the bag. Pipe the chocolate onto the strawberries in a zigzag pattern; let the berries stand until the chocolate sets, about 15 minutes. Place the strawberries on the outside edge of the board. Just before serving, drizzle honey over the prosciutto-wrapped dates.

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