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## The bridge on the river, why?

New pedestrian bridge and main sewer line installed

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**  
One Feather Staff

A project to bring a new pedestrian bridge and main sewer line to downtown Cherokee made significant progress last week.

Three cranes and the entire workforce for Owle Construction were on site to set the 90,000-pound bridge in place on Tuesday, Feb. 22. According to EBCI Project Management, the primary purpose of this bridge is to implement a sewer pipe across the Oconaluftee. Ken Green, lead engineer with Project Management, said that the project is oper-

see **BRIDGE** next page



The entire crew for Owle Construction was on site for the bridge setting on Tuesday, Feb. 22. Workers had the brace the 90,000-pound bridge from swinging during the early stages. (JONAH LOSSIAH/One Feather photos)



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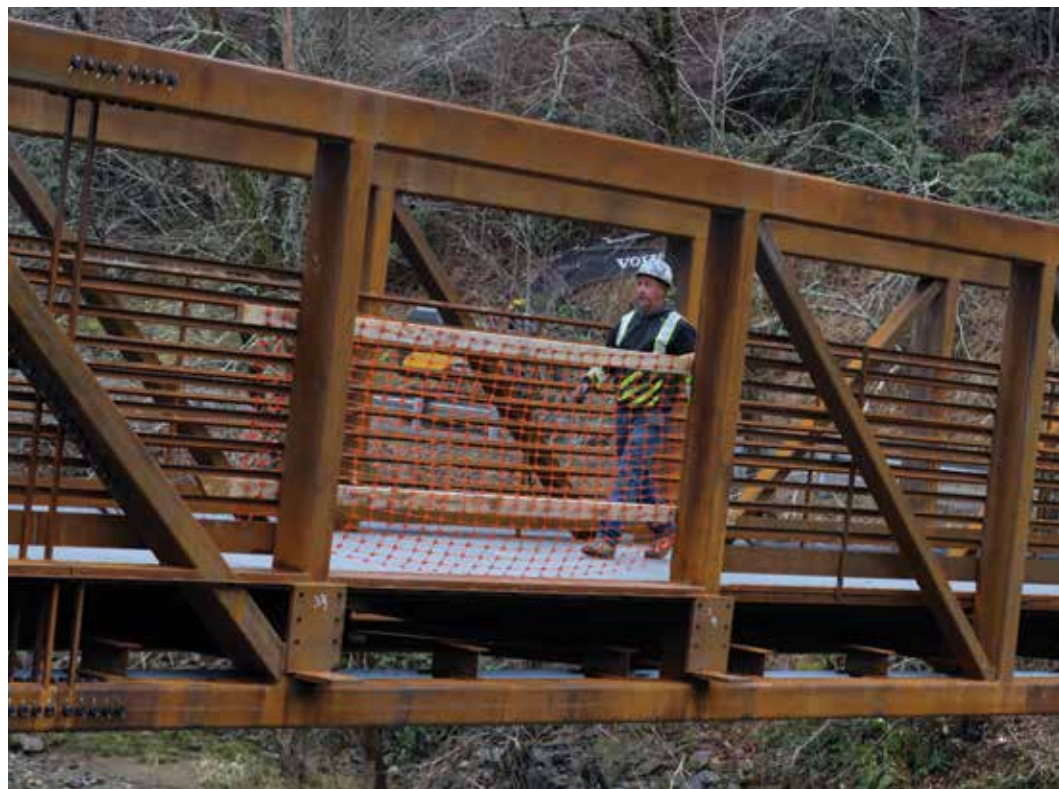
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This worker was the first person to cross the bridge once it had been set on both sides.

**BRIDGE:** New bridge and sewer line installed in downtown Cherokee, from front page

ating on a \$900,000 budget.

"Eventually, this sewer line will handle all the wastewater from the head of Big Cove, all the way down to the school, then down all this side of the river on Acquoni Road and come into a pump station here in downtown," said Green.

The current sewer line has been operating on a knife's edge, according to Green and others involved. The initial pipeline was held up by a suspension bridge that fell into the river after the cable was cut. Green said that it has been a risky operation since 2013, and that they have been trying to get this solution sorted for years.

"When we get a big, bad flash flood, the water would come up and hit the bottom of that suspension bridge down there. Of course, it's tied together with log chains, has been for several years. It's just been a real big concern. If that broke loose, then that wastewater would be going into the river until we could get it fixed again. This will get the whole line

up and out of the 100-year floodplain and make it so we don't have to worry about those kinds of concerns again," said Green.

Ethan Arch, manager of Cherokee Water & Sewer, said it's the type of problem that keeps him up at night.

"For us, it'd been a big headache for all these years... I'm just glad [the new system] is coming in. Every time it rains, we're crossing our fingers. We've had water going over the last cross like five times. Floodwaters just go up and over it," said Arch.

Arch said that they have had to remove tree limbs and logs that have gotten stuck on the pipeline. He said that it is a structural and health hazard.

The pair of Arch and Green said there are plenty of stories from community members that used to cross the old suspension bridge before it fell. They said that type of action is extremely dangerous and they're thankful it won't be an issue for this new pipeline.

Green said that his team heavily considered the versatility of a pedestrian bridge as opposed to other options that





The bridge is now in place, and they can begin work on affixing the sewer line over the next two months.

may have been cheaper.

“We could build a pipe truss bridge and it would’ve been half the size of this and maybe half or two-thirds of the money. But then you’d have a pipe bridge across the river again and the local community would see no benefit,” said Green.

“We spent a little bit more money on a pedestrian bridge. But at least the folks can come here, the kids can play in the fountain and can go out and get over the river. At this point, it’ll go across the river to some decking and stop over there. But eventually, maybe there’ll be greenway trails down River Road and fisherman

access and those kinds of things. It just brings a little more enhancement to the downtown area,” said Green.

The bridge gives the Tribe options. It also cloaks the pipeline instead of accentuating it. Chris Greene, manager of Project Management, said that they would be open to future projects on River Road but getting the sewer line established was the highest priority.

“We’re going to see if there’s anything we can do on the other side, for sure. At this time, there’s no solidified plans to do anything over there. But there’s definitely ideas. At some point, what we’re doing is looking at redoing the

greenways around Cherokee in general and having all that pedestrian sidewalk around that horseshoe area, it would be nice to have all that tied in,” said Greene.

Ken Green said that this project was ready for bidding in 2018 but just about everything that could’ve gotten in the way did. He said that momentum picked up last year and they were able to assign the contract last summer. The team had to hold construction to limit the impact on tourism.

“We actually bought the bridge [last summer] because the prices were going up so drastically. We bought the bridge, paid for it, and had it delivered to the old high

school. It’s been sitting there for several months waiting on the construction time,” said Green.

The next two months will be focused on affixing the new sewer line and replacing the old system. Green said that they are expecting a completion date in late April to mid-May. Once that work is done, the bridge will also be open to the public.

The water park and pavilion are also on the docket in that area. Once the area is cleared there will be a push to get the fountains operational as soon as possible, but there is no timeline on completion.



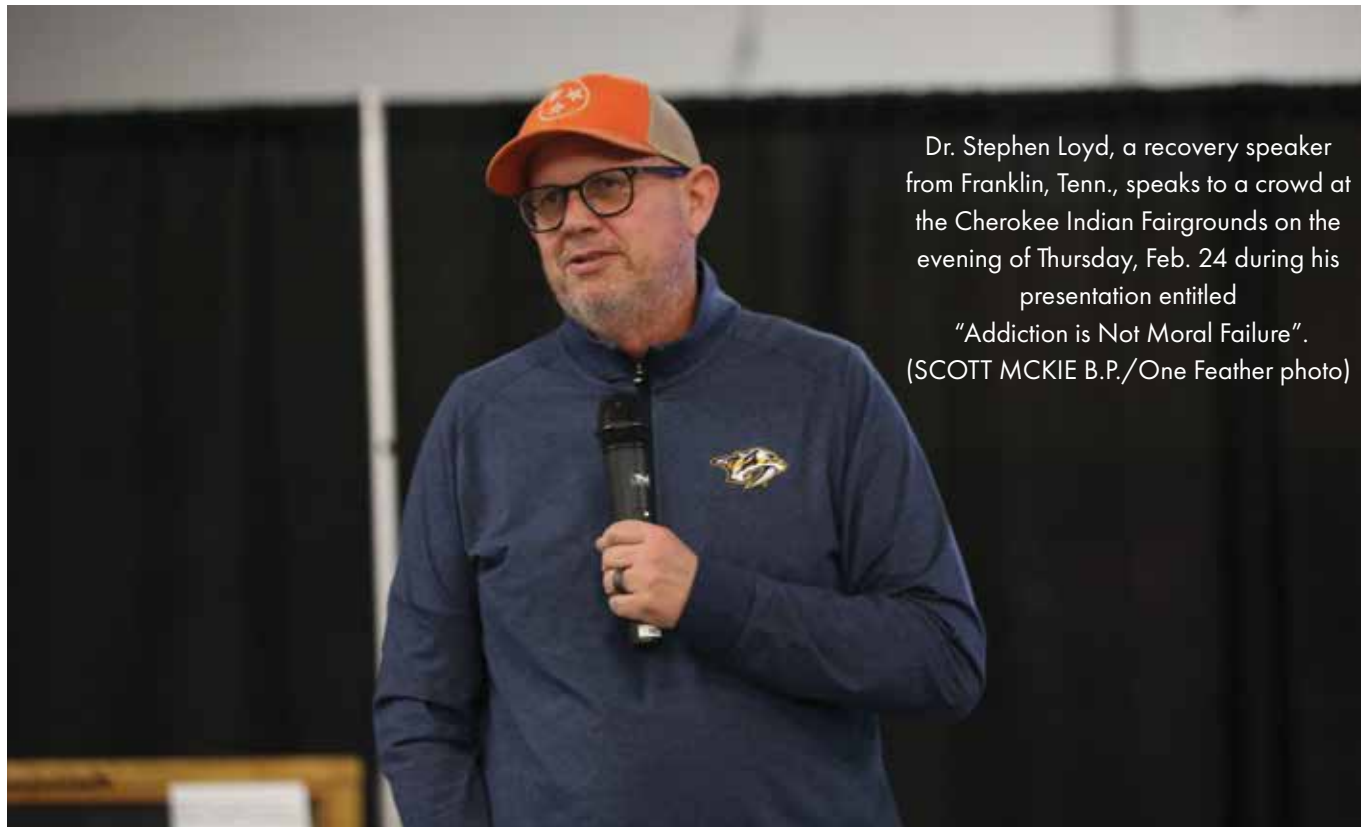
# Recovery speaker gets candid with Cherokee community

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

Addiction to drugs is a complicated, multi-layered thing that is often misunderstood. This was the message delivered by Dr. Stephen Loyd, a recovery speaker from Franklin, Tenn., as he spoke to a crowd at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 24.

Vickie Bradley, EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) Secretary of Public Health and Human Services, said at the beginning of the presentation. "I could ask you to show your hands how many of you people have been untouched by addiction in our community, and I'm guessing there's nobody in this room that's not been touched.



Dr. Stephen Loyd, a recovery speaker from Franklin, Tenn., speaks to a crowd at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 24 during his presentation entitled "Addiction is Not Moral Failure". (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

An advertisement for the 'Lock Your Meds' campaign. On the left, a close-up shows a hand with yellow nail polish holding a white card with red text that reads "Don't let anyone take what's yours." The card is placed over a red and white prescription bottle. The background of the ad is red. On the right, there is a white outline of the state of North Carolina with the text "THE COALITION FOR A SAFE AND DRUG FREE SWAIN COUNTY" inside. Below this, a white triangle with an exclamation mark contains the text "Your Prescription Your Responsibility". Further down, a white padlock icon with a keyhole is next to the text "BE AWARE. DON'T SHARE. LOCK YOUR meds". At the bottom right, the website "lockyourmeds.org/nc" is listed. The bottom of the ad features logos for the "NATIONAL FAMILY PARTNERSHIP", the "NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES", and a small circular seal. To the right of these logos, there is a block of small text about funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.



Our families suffer. Our families grieve. We grieve as a community and yet, there's hope. There are things we can do and we have resources and means. We just have to figure out how to mobilize and get everyone involved in this great work. What you hear tonight; please take and share."

Dr. Loyd, himself 18 years in recovery from a pain killer addiction, implored the crowd during his two-hour presentation entitled "Addiction is Not Moral Failure" to avoid using terms such as addict, junkie, druggie, pill-popper, etc. "They have substance use disorder."

He added, "Let's concentrate on getting rid of stigma, and then let's concentrate on getting them into a system that provides them with quality help."

Earlier in the day, he toured

the health programs of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. "You guys have some great facilities, but there is a disconnect. You need to get rid of barriers to recovery."

He spoke of the need for cooperation between programs and a smooth entry, at any point in the process, to the recovery continuum. "People take action when enough bodies pile up, and I'm sick of seeing them pile up. You have resources, but the resources are not reaching those who need them."

A no-barrier approach has to be provided to those seeking recovery he noted. "We have to change our mindset on addiction. It's not a moral failure."

Dr. Loyd spoke of his own recovery journey. "When I became a doctor, I certainly didn't anticipate waking up one morning and realiz-

ing that I was addicted to oxycontin. I didn't wake up one day and think, 'you know, I think I'll take eight years of education and flush it down the drain'. That wasn't on my radar. And, sometimes I think that when we look at people with addiction, we think, 'oh, they're choosing this' or 'if they want it bad enough, they'll quit.'"

He went on to say, "Any of you who have struggled with addiction, tell me a day that you didn't want it (sobriety). I woke up every day for three years of my life wanting to quit pain pills so badly I couldn't see straight. Then, the next thing I knew, I had it crushed, up my nose, and into my day again."

Getting rid of the myths surrounding addiction is also important Dr. Loyd noted. "Most people who look at addiction from the outside think it's a moral failure – there's something wrong with you. If you went to church more or helped more little old ladies across the street, then you're going to get better. I'm not saying those things aren't good, but that's not the problem in addiction. Addiction is made up of three things. The first thing is genetics. Those of you that have addictions yourself and you're in recovery, I want you to look at your family trees. What do they look like? If you can't find addiction in your family tree, then you're not looking hard enough."

He said the second part of

addiction is trauma. "Trauma comes in all different forms. Trauma hurts our body's ability to make something called dopamine. Long-term, systematic trauma leads to decreased levels of dopamine. No one likes having no dopamine. You'll do something to fix it. For some of us, it was pain pills. For some of us, it was heroin. For some of us, it was alcohol. For some of us, it's pot. That raises your level of dopamine."

Dr. Loyd touted the use of medications in recovery such as suboxone, methadone, and others. "We can't treat dead people. We have to keep them alive...people relapse because of cravings. They don't relapse because of dope sickness. Medication quells cravings."

He said that a lot of communities don't talk about overdose deaths due to shame. "We've got to be able to change that and we won't get better until we do."

And, he said the time is now. "You're losing a generation of kids. We need to start intervening early...this is about community and relationships."

Ginger Southard, RN, Cherokee Syringe Services program manager, spoke at the end of the presentation and encouraged the audience to have their voices heard on how recovery efforts can be improved in the EBCI community. "We can come together. It's going to be specific to us. Don't let your voice be lost."

#### **Fun Facts from the Editor:**

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## Crowe found guilty of breaking into a home

Macon County jurors found a man guilty last week of breaking into a home in December 2019 in the Nantahala community, District Attorney Ashley Welch said.

After being found guilty, Andrews resident Jon Crowe, 47, received an added sentence enhancer for habitual felon, requested by Assistant District Attorney John Hindsman Jr., who prosecuted the case.

Habitual-felon status enhances punishment decisions and can apply after a defendant is convicted of three felonies. Habitual felons face sentencing at a felony level four classes higher than the underlying felony convictions.

Crowe faced the possibility of 111 to 146 months in prison on each of two charges, felony

breaking and entering and felony larceny, for total possible imprisonment between 222 months and 292 months.

Visiting Superior Court Judge Pete Knight, for the purposes of sentencing, opted to consolidate the two charges. Knight ordered Crowe to serve a total of 83 months to 112 months in state prison.

- 43rd Prosecutorial District release

## Two shot in McDonald's parking lot

Cherokee Indian Police Dept. (CIPD) Officers responded to a report of shots fired at the McDonald's at 748 Casino Trail in Cherokee at approximately 11:22 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 25.

Upon arrival, officers located two males with gunshot wounds.

One male was pronounced dead on scene and the other was airlifted to Mission Hospital in Asheville.

A suspect is in custody, and the CIPD and the FBI are conducting the investigation of the incident. No further details were released by the CIPD at this time.

- CIPD release

## Kayaker drowns in Oconaluftee River near Smokemont

Great Smoky Mountains National Park rangers were assisted by emergency responders from Cherokee Fire & Rescue, Cherokee Tribal EMS, and the Cherokee Indian Police Dept., in the recovery of drowned kayaker, Megan Thompson, age 34, of Cleveland Heights, Ohio on Thursday, Feb. 24.

At 2:18 p.m., park rangers

were notified by Thompson's companions that she had disappeared underwater and not resurfaced along the Oconaluftee River near Smokemont Campground. According to witnesses, Thompson floated over swift rapids before being penned between a fallen tree and the riverbank. At 2:57 p.m., Cherokee Swiftwater Techs entered the river and freed Thompson's body and removed her from the river where she was pronounced dead by the medical examiner.

While rare, drowning is the third leading cause for death in the Smokies, following motor vehicle accidents and plane accidents. This is the first fatality in the park in 2022 and the 61st drowning on record. Please visit the park's website for more information about water safety at <https://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/water->

# COLD CASE



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

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

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# MISSING PERSON

## Brittaney Littledave - female

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

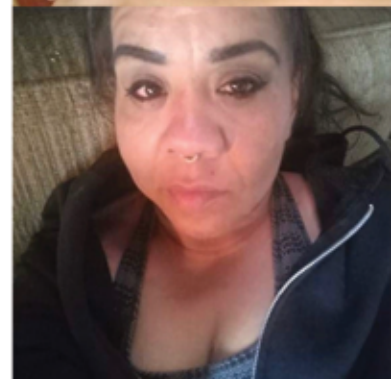
She has a septum piercing which is the bull nose ring.

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.

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

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- National Park Service release;  
One Feather staff contributed to  
this report

## CIPD Arrest Report for Feb. 13-21

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.

Arkansas-Bradley, Errika Leah – age 44  
Arrested: Feb. 13  
Released: Feb. 14

Charges: Temporary Hold for Jackson Co.

Matthews, Eli William – age 21  
Arrested: Feb. 13  
Released: Feb. 13  
Charges: Temporary Hold for Swain Co.

Long Jr., Henry Allen – age 31  
Arrested: Feb. 14  
Released: Feb. 14  
Charges: Probation Violation

Walkingstick, Norman Rozelle – age 40  
Arrested: Feb. 14  
Released: Not released as of the report date (Feb. 22)  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Gunter, Austin Allen – age 30  
Arrested: Feb. 15

Released: Feb. 15  
Charges: Obstructing Justice, Public Nuisance

Lossiah, Joshua Boyd – age 43  
Arrested: Feb. 15  
Released: Feb. 16  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule I

Taylor, Edward Dwayne – age 34  
Arrested: Feb. 15  
Released: Not released as of the report date (Feb. 22)  
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court, Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Simple Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance

Bird, Sydney Audena – age 22  
Arrested: Feb. 16  
Released: Feb. 18  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedules I-V (three counts)

Burgess, Dora Lillard – age 41  
Arrested: Feb. 16  
Released: Not released as of the report date (Feb. 22)  
Charges: Drug Trafficking

George, Chadwick Errol – age 48  
Arrested: Feb. 16  
Released: Not released as of the report date (Feb. 22)  
Charges: Resisting Lawful Arrest; Drug Paraphernalia (delivering, manufacturing); Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule I-V; Manufacture, Sell, Deliver, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver a Controlled Substance Schedule I-V

Arkansas-Bradley, Errika Leah – age 44  
Arrested: Feb. 17  
Released: Not released as of the report date (Feb. 22)  
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Jackson, Rain Edwin-Swimmer – age 27  
Arrested: Feb. 19  
Released: Not released as of the report date (Feb. 22)  
Charges: Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Schedule IV Controlled Substance; Possession Drug Paraphernalia

Lewis, Jacob Tyler – age 24  
Arrested: Feb. 20  
Released: Feb. 21  
Charges: Criminal Mischief to Property (two counts)

Buchanan, Lorie Ann – age 52  
Arrested: Feb. 21  
Released: Feb. 21  
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Long, Errol Randall – age 40  
Arrested: Feb. 21  
Released: Not released as of the report date (Feb. 22)  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Taylor, Autrey Vincent – age 39  
Arrested: Feb. 21  
Released: Not released as of the report date (Feb. 22)  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

## MISSING PERSON

### Remus Yazzie Male

Enrolled with Navajo Nation  
Height: 6' 0" Weight 220 lbs Age: 29  
Hair: Black Eyes: Brown  
Missing date: January 5, 2022

Last Known Location: Farmington, New Mexico

Circumstances of Disappearance: Last seen when dropped off on Dustin Avenue in Farmington, NM. Remus contacted his mother through text that he was going to go to a funeral in Gallup, NW, on January 5, 2022 with a friend. Remus was never heard from or seen by family after this date. "Skate N Destroy" tattoo on the left side of the neck. Last seen wearing a gray Dallas pullover and a black beanie.

If you have seen Remus Yazzie, contact Detective Alma Chavez at the Farmington Police Department, phone (505) 599-1070. Case #2022-4375

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## ON THE SIDELINES

## Paralympic events should be held within Olympic Games, not separately

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

In this day and age of people seeking inclusivity for all, it seems incredible that I'm even writing this column arguing that Paralympic athletic events should be included in the Olympic Games. Right now, they're held as a separate event, a second Olympics if you will, and I just feel that is wrong and doesn't make sense.

At the recent Beijing Winter Olympics, which just concluded, a total of 2,871 athletes competed in 109 events over a span of 18 days. A total of 224 athletes represented the United States.

While the numbers are not

yet available for the total number of Paralympic athletes, the United States will bring 67 to the Paralympic Games on March 4-13 in Beijing.

In researching this article, I came across several commentaries of people with the same thought as mine – that the two should not be separate. So, why is it?

Craig Spence, director of communications at the International Paralympic Committee (IPC), told Business Insider when asked in 2016 why the two are separate, "It's two different things: the International Olympic Committee (IOC) represents able-bodied athletes, while the International Paralympic Committee represents

Paralympic athletes. That's the simple fact."

Ok, well, no kidding.

But, why is that provided as a reason for them being separate? All the two committees have to do is work together and combine their events into one incredible, inclusive event.

In an op-ed published in USA Today in 2020, Charles Catherine, a blind Paralympic triathlete who is also a special assistant to the president of the National Organization on Disability, wrote, "As I have time to reflect on the (Paralympic) games, I can't help but wonder if we really need this event. In some ways this separate competition feels like a sideshow, a reflection of a painful reality: we still think of disability as something other."

There are fewer Paralympic sports contested, and I feel that these could very, very easily be incorporated as events within the sports being contested already at the Olympics. Winter sports contested at the Paralympic games include: alpine skiing, biathlon, cross-country skiing, para ice hockey, snowboard, and wheelchair curling.

Let's break it down and see how hard it would be to simply incorporate the Paralympic events into the regular event offerings. To do so, let's examine my favorite winter sport – biathlon.

At the Winter Olympics, there are a total of 11 biathlon events including: women's 7.5km sprint, men's 10km sprint, women's 10km pursuit, men's 12.5km pursuit, women's 15km, men's 20km, women's 12.5km mass start, men's

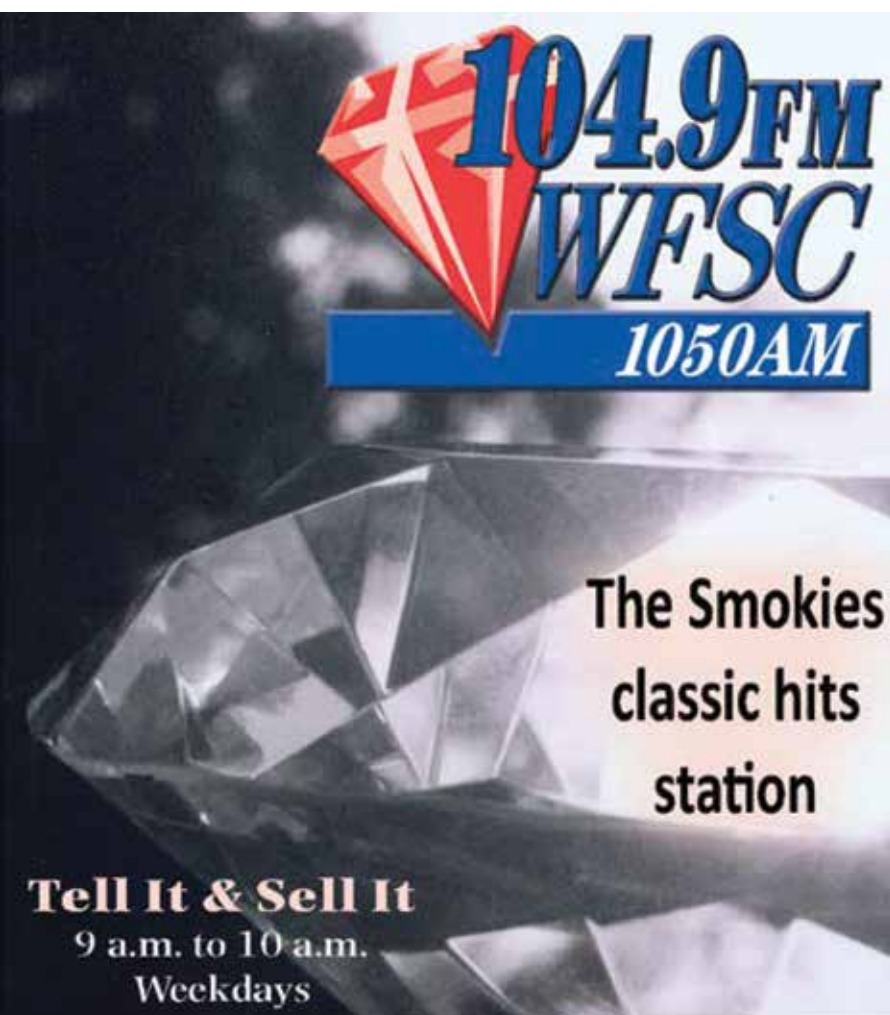
15km mass start, women's 4x6km relay, men's 4x7.5km relay, and the 4x6km mixed relay.

At the Winter Paralympics, there are six biathlon events with three classes per event (visually impaired, sitting, standing) including: women's 6km, women's 10km, women's 12.5km, men's 7.5km, men's 12.5km, and the men's 15km.

Those latter six races could very, very easily be incorporated into the Olympics biathlon program. It would maybe only add another day or two to the biathlon program, but it could still be within the framework of the Olympics schedule because none of the sports take up the entire Olympic time anyways. So, on rest days for some events, others could be racing. It would be so easy, and I'm sure this example would play out for the other sports as well.

All in all, it would require some logistical work, but with the amount of logistical work that already goes into hosting an Olympics, it wouldn't add that much to the plate really – just a few more athletes to house and feed.

In his op-ed referenced above, Catherine sums up the feeling I think many Paralympic athletes have, "When I compete in World Cup races, our event is usually right before the able-body athletes race. I get to socialize with my idols, experience them racing. In those precious moments, I feel like I am truly part of the national team, an elite athlete despite my disability. I believe that what is possible at the World Cup is also possible at the Olympics."



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Keahana Lambert 359-6193 [keahlamb@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:keahlamb@ebci-nsn.gov) or Yolanda Saunooke 359-6784 [yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov)

### Restorative Yoga

begins March 1- May 17th on Tuesdays at 12 & 5pm in the Cherokee Choices yoga room.

For more info contact Yo at 359-6784 [yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov)

Restorative yoga uses gently poses with supportive props to fully release tension in the body.

A few benefits include: deep relaxation, improved breathing, balanced nervous system, flexibility, improved sleep.

### Mother's Day 5k is May 7, 2022 at Kituwah Mound.

Registration Begins at 7:30am – 8:45am

Walk/Run Begins at 9am

Virtual is still an option. <https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/AnyCityAnyState/CherokeeChoicesMothersDay5K>

\$15 for early registration now till March 1, 2020. Then it will increase to \$20.

\$10 for 1-12yrs & 59-99yrs

Contact Yo with questions Yolanda Saunooke 359-6784 [yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:yolasaun@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 3 or more visits). Contact Candy Martin 359-6865



### Tuna Salad Spread

#### Ingredients

#### Ingredient Checklist

- 1 avocado, mashed
- 2 tablespoons low-fat plain Greek yogurt
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
- 1 (5 ounce) can albacore tuna in water, drained
- 1/4 cup diced onion or celery

#### Directions

##### Step 1

Combine avocado and yogurt in a small bowl and stir well. Add lemon juice, parsley, garlic powder, paprika, salt and pepper and stir well. Add tuna and onion (or celery) and mix gently until combined.



# Culture time

Cherokee Winter Social Dance held at Cherokee  
Indian Fairgrounds on Saturday, Feb. 26

*Photos by Scott McKie B.P./One Feather*

















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# **Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians** **TRIBAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

P. O. Box 1123, Cherokee, NC 28719  
(828) 359-9751

**food.ebci-nsn.gov**



## **CERTIFICATION PERIODS:**

- \* ZERO INCOME (LITTLE CHANCE OF CHANGE) - Every 3 months to 6 months
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- \* STABLE (NON-CHANGING INCOME - 12 months)
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## **DEDUCTIONS:**

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

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

1-	\$1,251
2-	\$1,629
3-	\$2,007
4-	\$2,393
5-	\$2,802
6-	\$3,211
7-	\$3,590
8-	\$3,968

**Each additional member \$379**

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



### Toma Jerome Walker Jr.

Toma Jerome Walker Jr., also known as “Bug” and “Junebug”, 3-year-old son of Noahndria and Toma Walker Sr., of the Big Cove Community, entered the pearly gates of Heaven on Monday, Feb. 21, 2022.

Bug was full of life. He was loved by many and never met a stranger. He not only made friends everywhere he went, he became family to many. He had a huge heart which showed in all he did. Bug loved the Dallas Cowboys football team, fishing, basketball, dinosaurs (which he called ‘roars’), anything space themed, and his superheroes. His favorites were Spiderman, Batman, The Hulk, and Captain America.

In addition to his parents, Bug is survived by his sisters, Dallas, Kendyll, Kaydence, and Kionna; maternal grandparents, Gloria and Deyve Vargas and Noah Arch; paternal grandparents, Sharon and Alfred Pringle; aunts, Nalisha Waty (Timothy) and Chasity Walker (Omari); uncle, Willie Arch (Courtney); and many cousins and others who became family along the way.

Bug was preceded in death by his maternal great grandpa, Jerome Watty; paternal great grandpa, John Howard Moore; great uncle, Dave Watty; great aunts, Monique Pringle and Pamela Moore; and, infant cousin, Timothy Jeffrey Locust Jr.

A memorial service was held on Friday, Feb. 25 at Long House Funeral Home with the burial service immediately following.

Burial was in the Big Cove Community. Pallbearers were Willie Arch, Deyve Vargas, Omari Trent, and Timothy Locust.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrange-

### Doyce Stanley “Coach” Cannon Sr.

ASHEVILLE - After a long illness, Doyce Stanley “Coach” Cannon Sr. went peacefully to be with our Lord on Thursday, Feb. 24, at home with his loving wife, Lin, by his bedside.

He was born in Haywood County on Nov. 15, 1937, to Dock Stanley “Skip” Cannon and Ova Littrell Cannon. While a student at Canton High School, Doyce played football, basketball, baseball, and ran track before graduating in 1956. After earning a bachelor’s of science degree in physical education from Western Carolina University, Doyce went on to earn a master’s degree in educational administration from the same university.

Coach Cannon began his teaching and coaching careers at Brevard High School where he taught Physical Education and coached basketball and football for six years. He then moved on to Cherokee High School in 1970 to teach, coach, and later become an administrator holding the positions of principal at the high school and the elementary school. Doyce was the Superintendent of Schools at Cherokee during the latter part of his tenure.

Many awards were presented to Doyce during his 35 year career at Cherokee. These include Principal of the Year, twice, with the Bureau of Indian Affairs; National Indian Education Principal of the Year; five times Smoky Mountain Conference Basketball Coach of the Year; and two times Conference Football Coach of the Year. Doyce was the head basketball coach at Cherokee High School for 21 years and was the head football coach for 12. Additionally, Coach Cannon introduced programs in golf, tennis, and track at the high school

level. Following retirement, Doyce had more time to pursue his love of golf and to spend time at his “happy place” with wife Lin at Lake Chatuge in Hayesville.

Doyce is survived by his wife of 29 years Linda Bruton Cannon; four children, Doyce Stanley Cannon Jr. of Campobello, S.C., Carla Cannon of Morganton, Laura Cannon Parton of Canton, and Duane “Skipper” Cannon (Amy) of Navarre, Fla. He is also survived by his brother, Richard “Dick” Cannon (Barbara), of Waynesville; six grandchildren, April Cannon Naylor (Wylie) of Charlotte, Travis Cannon (Grace) of USAF Spangdalem, Germany, Shelby Cannon Heath (Nathan) of Waynesville, Jacob McCracken of Canton, Sabrina Cannon of Morganton, and Cooper Cannon of Navarre, Fla.; and two great-grandchildren, Cannon Heath and Letty Rose Naylor. Lin’s brother, sisters, brother-in-law, nieces, and great nieces and nephews all adored Doyce and spent many a happy day with him over the years.

Doyce attended Long’s Chapel United Methodist Church in Waynesville prior to attending Covenant Community Church in Asheville. Lin would like to give special thanks to Care Partners Hospice (Landon Metcalf) and to Sandra Pitt for the care, support, and love they gave Doyce during his illness.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made to Cherokee High School Athletic Department, P.O. Box 134, Cherokee, NC 28711.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 6 at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center. A time to visit with the family will take place following Coach Cannon’s Celebration. The care of Mr. Cannon has been

entrusted to Wells Funeral Homes of Canton and an online memorial register is available at “Obituaries” at [www.wellsfuneralhome.com](http://www.wellsfuneralhome.com)

## Good Housekeeping

### Sticky Toffee Pudding

The term “pudding” in England refers to many kinds of desserts. This pudding — all the rage recently in Great Britain and Australia — is a moist cake with a sticky broiled-on brown-sugar topping.

- 1 cup dates, chopped and pitted
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup sugar
- 10 tablespoons (1 1/4 sticks) margarine, softened, substitute butter
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup heavy cream, substitute whipping cream
- Whipped cream

1. Grease 13- by 9-inch broiler-safe baking pan. In medium bowl, combine dates, baking soda and 1 1/2 cups boiling water; let stand 15 minutes.

2. Preheat oven to 350 F. In large bowl, with mixer at medium speed, beat sugar and 6 tablespoons margarine or butter until creamy. Add egg and vanilla; beat until blended. At low speed, beat in flour and baking powder. Add date mixture and beat until combined (batter will be very thin). Pour batter into baking pan. Bake 30 minutes or until golden and toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

3. Meanwhile, in 2-quart saucepan, heat brown sugar, heavy cream and remaining 4 tablespoons margarine or butter to boiling over medium heat; boil 1 minute. Set aside.

4. Turn oven control to broil. Spread brown-sugar mixture evenly over top of hot dessert. Place pan in broiler at closest position to source of heat; broil until bubbly, about 30 seconds. Cool in pan on wire rack 15 minutes. Serve warm with whipped cream if you like. Serves 12.

• Each serving: About 340 calories, 10g total fat (2g saturated), 18mg cholesterol, 275mg sodium, 62g total carbs, 3g protein.

For thousands of triple-tested recipes, visit our website at [www.good-housekeeping.com/food-recipes/](http://www.good-housekeeping.com/food-recipes/).

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## THANK YOU LETTERS

### Thank you Yogi Crowe Scholarship Shiyo,

I am Jessica Rose Lambert of the Birdtown Community and a full-time doctoral student at NC State University College of Veterinary Medicine. I want to say thank you to the Yogi Crowe Scholarship Fund for the recent scholarship award that I received.

It has been my lifelong ambition to be a Veterinarian after growing up on a small farm in the Adam's Creek Section of Birdtown. I am the daughter of Kimlyn Sneed Lambert and the late Douglas Lambert, the granddaughter of Joe and the late Alice Rose Lambert, and the late Polly Crow and John Sneed Jr.

I did my undergraduate degree at WCU in Biology and was accepted into Vet School

in 2019. To my knowledge I am on the only member of a Federally Recognized Tribe in my class of 100. It is an honor to represent my Tribe at this prestigious school.

I am currently doing surgical work on cats, dogs, and large animals. In May of 2022 I start my last year doing clinical rotations. I will graduate in May of 2023.

The Yogi Crowe Scholarship has been a huge help for students like me that travel so far away from home and that have expenses that other funding does not cover.

I very much appreciate the help that I have received from the Yogi Crowe Scholarship fund.

Sgi,

**Jessica Rose Lambert**, DVM class of 2023

### Thank you Yogi Crowe Scholarship

I would like to take this opportunity to show my appreciation to the Yogi Crowe Scholarship Board for approving my application for funding, Spring Semester 2022. I am pursuing my Ph.D. in anthropology at the University of Tennessee. I am enrolled this current semester.

Being a student is difficult during this time. Hopefully, with COVID numbers decreasing, classes will be normal again. This semester I will need to travel to a few locations to search for research information resulting in additional expenses. Relieving some of the financial stress is a big help and I am grateful for the funding I have received through this scholarship.

Thank you,  
**Beau Carroll**

## Celebrate National Nutrition Month in March

By **NILOFER COUTURE, MPH,  
RDN, LDN, CDCES**  
Cherokee Indian Hospital

In March, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics focuses attention on healthful eating through National Nutrition Month®. This year's theme, celebrate a World of Flavors, embraces global cultures, cuisines and inclusivity, plus highlights the expertise of registered dietitian nutritionists (RDN's).

During National Nutrition Month®, the Academy encourages everyone to make informed food choices and develop sound eating and physical activity habits they can follow all year long. The Academy encourages seeking the advice of RDN's – the food and nutrition experts who can help develop individualized eating and activity plans to meet people's health goals. RDNs help clients fine-tune traditional recipes, provide alternative cooking methods and other healthful advice for incorporating family-favorite foods into everyday meals.

Incorporate your favorite cultural foods and traditions, as you "Celebrate a World of Flavors" during National Nutrition Month® and throughout the year. Trying new flavors and foods from around the world can also help you increase the variety in the foods you eat. Choosing a variety of nutritious foods from all of the food groups (fruits, vegetables, grains, dairy, and protein foods) and in the recommended amounts will help you get the nutrients that are needed for good health.

For more information on good nutrition, visit the Academy's web-

site at [www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org)

Join the Nutrition Department in March to participate in Meatless Mondays in the cafeteria (Thanks Craig!), Trivia Tuesdays via email, Zoom & Learns on Wednesdays (with guests from Cooperative Extension, Tribal Food Distribution and the Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project (ASAP)), Taste Test Thursdays in the café with two Facebook Live cooking demos with Chef Mark from France and lastly lace up on Fridays during lunch and Walk with a Doc!



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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### 2022 Cherokee Indian Fair Theme Contest

Members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians are eligible to enter the 2022 Cherokee Indian Fair Theme Contest. The contest is open to all ages. Entrants younger than 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian to co-sign the liability release form and submit it with a W-9 form. The theme must be culturally-oriented. The theme must be seven words or less, and you must give a description of how you created the theme. Only one entry per person.

The entry forms will be available at the Cherokee Welcome Center (359-6490) between the hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily. Forms can also be emailed to interested participants. The

deadline for entering the contest is Friday, March 4 at 4:30 p.m. The winner will be selected at the next Cherokee Indian Fair Committee meeting.

For more information or to request an entry form, contact Lisa Frady at [lisafrady@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:lisafrady@ebci-nsn.gov).

- Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds

### Emergency Rental Assistance for EBCI tribal members

The Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD) is still accepting Emergency Rental Assistance applications from EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) member renters who qualify. The link collecting your applicable information will be available online at [EBCI.com](http://EBCI.com) and applications will be available onsite at the C.I.H.D. Main Office located at 687 Acquoni Rd. Cherokee, NC 28719. Applications and docu-

mentation can be emailed back to Stefany Hicks at the following email address: [shicks@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:shicks@ebci-nsn.gov)

Note that entering information using the link at [EBCI.com](http://EBCI.com) is not an application. This link is used to collect your information so that we may contact you via email/phone. Also, if you have received 18 months of assistance, you have exhausted the maximum amount of assistance allowed.

Eligible households include families that have:

- Enrolled EBCI tribal member
- Must reside in one of the 50 United States of America
- Income below 80 percent of the area median income
- An obligation to pay rent
- A household member that has a reduction of income or other financial hardship due to COVID-19
- Experienced or are at risk of experiencing homelessness

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Eligible uses of funds include payment of:

- Rent
- Rental arrears
- Utilities and home energy costs
- Utilities and home energy cost arrears

Rental assistance provided to an eligible household should not be duplicative of any other federally funded rental assistance provided to such household.

Tribal members must also provide in writing that they have experienced a reduction in income, incurred significant cost, or experienced other financial hardship due to COVID-19. This program is NOT for homeowners or tribal members with mortgages. To apply for this program, you MUST be a renter. This program is to help prevent current renters from becoming

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

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

**DEADLINE FOR MOWING APPLICATIONS: MAY 31, 2022**

**DEADLINE FOR PLOWING APPLICATIONS: MAY 31, 2022**

**Eligibility Requirements**

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

**Mowing**

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

**Plowing**

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

Please call (828) 359-6638 with any questions you may have.  
Please have your health care provider fax doctor's notes to (828) 497-3519.



homeless or evicted.

Info: Stefany Hicks 359-8096,  
Monday – Friday between the  
hours of 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.  
- *Cherokee Indian Housing  
Division*

### Become a professional firefighter with Cherokee Fire & Rescue

Cherokee Fire & Rescue is  
looking for people 18 and older  
who wish to become professional  
firefighters. Training will be taught  
by Cherokee Fire & Rescue certi-  
fied instructors who carry a N.C.  
Firefighter II certification. Info:  
Thomas Simmons, Cherokee Fire &  
Rescue assistant chief, thomsimm@  
nc-cherokee.com or 788-1272  
- *Cherokee Fire & Rescue*

### MedCaT seeking applications for summer program

MedCaT is a multi-part pro-  
gram that aims to better enable  
American Indian and Appalachian  
high school students to pursue  
health and biomedical careers. It  
is an intensive one-week summer  
academy where 25 high school  
students will get the opportunity to  
stay on campus at either Wake For-  
est University or Western Carolina  
University. Activities include a net-  
working session with professionals  
from different health and biomed-  
ical science backgrounds, touring  
off-campus medical facilities, and  
other hands-on learning experienc-  
es all at no cost to the student.

Date for MedCaT at Western  
Carolina University are June 26 –  
July 2 and dates for Wake Forest  
University are July 24-29. Appli-  
cations are due by March 11. Info:  
email Madison Leatherwood at  
Madison\_leatherwood@centerfor-

nativehealth.org or Charlene Hunt  
at chunt@wakehealth.edu  
- *Center for Native Health*

### Input sought in cultural, recreation facilities survey


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

A survey is currently available  
online [https://ebci.com/services/  
departments/division-of-](https://ebci.com/services/departments/division-of-)

commerce/  
administration-and-planning/, and  
physical copies are available at the  
Qualla Boundary Public Library  
and Tribal Council House.

Officials noted, “This is an op-  
portunity for each household in our  
community to let our leaderships  
know what you would like to see  
improved at existing facilities, and  
which programs should be planned  
for the future. Your assistance in  
the planning process and partici-  
pation is essential for pursuing  
state and federal grants for fund-  
ing future improvements. Grants  
are available to sovereign Tribal  
nations for improvements, but they  
are limited and are very competi-  
tive. The more community partici-  
pation we have in this process, the  
greater our government’s chances


see **ANNOUNCEMENTS** next page



## Sequoyah's original syllabary

The Cherokee syllabary we use today was modified from Sequoyah's original design that he developed in the early 19th century. Modifications were made as the need arose to bring the Cherokee language to the printing press and to create a more unified writing style. The original Cherokee syllabary, as shown in the photo, had an aesthetic that resembles calligraphy. The Cherokee Nation formally adopted Sequoyah's syllabary in 1825. The most famous transition for the syllabary regarding print is when the Cherokee Phoenix launched as the first bilingual newspaper in the United States in 1828.

Source: Sequoyah Birthplace Museum.  
Photo Source: Gilcrease Museum of Tulsa, Okla.



A program to help plan for  
healthcare wishes is available now.  
Call Liz or Turner 828-227-2893

### Community Information Sessions & Cherokee Dinner

Big Cove Comm Club: 3/8 at 5pm  
Big Y Comm Club: 3/15 at 5pm  
Towstring Comm Club: 3/21 at 5pm  
Yellowhill Comm Club: 3/28 at 5pm  
Tsali Manor Senior Ctr: 4/5 at 10:30am  
Wolftown Comm Club: 4/11 at 5pm  
Painttown Gym: 4/14 at 5pm  
Birdtown Gym: 4/27 at 5pm

Visit [www.EBCI-ACP.WCU.edu](http://www.EBCI-ACP.WCU.edu)



**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** General announcements and news, from page 19 are to compete for these limited resources.”

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

- Placemaking release

### Greening Up the Mountains Festival open call for vendors

Artisans, Crafters, and Food Vendors are invited to submit their application for the Greening Up the Mountains Festival to be held on Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Greening Up The Mountains Festival is the premiere spring

festival for western North Carolina. The festival, sponsored by the Town of Sylva, will once again take place in historical downtown Sylva. This year's festival seeks artisans and crafters selling their own hand-made products. Arts, Crafts, and Food Vendors from the expanded Appalachian area are encouraged to apply.

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

- Greening Up the Mountains Committee

### Duke University pow wow

The Duke Native American Al-

liance 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](mailto:dukenasa21@gmail.com)

### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) appointments available

If your annual gross income (AGI) is less than \$73,000 and you are a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) you are eligible to have your taxes prepared at no cost at the EBCI Extension Office through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Due to the rise in COVID cases, this year will begin by using a drop-off pickup system and may change to face-to-face at a later date. Call 359-6939 or 359-6938 to set up a

drop-off 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/drop-off:

- 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 house-

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



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

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

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





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- Enrollment Card of Federally Recognized Tribe for North Carolina Tax Exemption
- Bank Account Information if you want tax return direct deposited
- Last year's tax return (if possible)
- The program does not do Rental Income (Schedule E), Dividend and Investment Income (Sch B) and Complex Schedule C.
- Letter 6419 Child Tax Credit letter and Letter 6475 Economic Impact letters

- EBCI Cooperative Extension  
Office release

#### NATIONAL PARK NEWS

#### Upcoming single-lane closures on Foothills Parkway East

Great Smoky Mountains National Park announced that weekday, single-lane closures will be

implemented on Foothills Parkway East between Cosby, Tenn. and Interstate 40 from Monday, March 7 through Wednesday, Aug. 24. The lane closures are necessary along the 6-mile roadway to safely complete a pavement preservation project.

The project work will consist of patching deteriorated sections of the roadbed, sealing cracks in the pavement, and applying a chip-seal treatment and asphalt overlay over the existing surface. The pavement preservation work will extend the life of the existing pavement by approximately five to seven years.

Visitors traveling on this section of Foothills Parkway should expect weekday, single-lane closures and traffic delays. Lane closures are permitted from 7:00 a.m. on Mondays through 12:00 p.m. on Fridays. The lane closures will be managed with

flagging operations and a pilot car to lead traffic through work zones. No daytime lane closures will be allowed on Federal Holidays, or during the week of Easter and July 4.

The Federal Highway Administration awarded the more than \$4.6 million construction contract to Bryant's Land and Development

Industries, Inc., from Burnsville.

Motorists are asked to reduce speeds and use extra caution when traveling through the work zone. For more information about road closures, please follow Smokies-RoadsNPS on Twitter or visit the park website at [www.nps.gov/grsm](http://www.nps.gov/grsm).

- National Park Service release

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COMMENTARY  
Life is fleeting

By ROBERT JUMPER  
One Feather Editor

As I was reading over the information of the tragic loss of a young woman on the Oconaluftee yesterday (Feb. 24), I was reminded how very fragile life is. This lady from Ohio, reported age 34, lost her life while kayaking the river. I did a quick internet search and had noted that at around six yesterday morning, she had posted to her social media. As many of us do, she gave her thoughts on the news of the day, particularly the situation between Russia and Ukraine.

She looked to be like any one of us. She was a very active person.

At her very young age, she had already achieved much, choosing to work in the field of marketing and public relations, something I have spent most of my life doing in one incarnation or another. At least externally, she looked healthy, well-rounded, and was poised for many more years of life.



She had no way of knowing that yesterday would be her last day of this life on earth. It was just another day, one full of potential. And she was very likely doing one of the things she loved to do. It saddens me when anyone passes, but it particularly saddens me when young people die. For I know that, especially for the young, death is a subject that doesn't get discussed and, if it is, it is usually in reference to someone else. Even though I am nearly double this

young lady's age, my own demise is not at the top of my list of things to chat about. Family members when I broach the subject of death, will turn their heads, throw a hand, and say, "I don't want to talk about that now."

Reviewing obituaries is part of my job. The One Feather is one of the few remaining newspapers that do not charge a fee for publication of obituaries. We get our fair share of them. Unfortunately, many of the death notices we receive are for people who unexpectedly pass and several of those are very young. It is heartbreaking for us to see the passing of life. For families, it is devastating. For friends and community, it is a sad reminder of the frailty of life.

As I continued to write this over the weekend, yet another

tragedy struck close to home as it was announced that an apparent gun fight had ended in death and a critical injury on the Qualla Boundary at a local fast-food restaurant. I was saddened, not only by the incident and the obvious waste of human life and subsequent suffering at the loss, but at some reactions in the moments that followed. Social media began to buzz after the Cherokee Indian Police Department issued a brief press release acknowledging the incident. The first social media comment from some people wanted to know the race of the persons involved. Thankfully, that was not the prevailing commentary on the announcement, but it is sickening to think that a person's compassion is only reserved for a particular race. What a pitiful community



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## WEEKLY FISHING REPORT

FEB. 28-MARCH 6, 2022


WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
<b>Tuckaseegee River</b>	Delayed Harvest Stocking March 3 (only delayed harvest section is open)	All day.	Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Brown Trout.	Midges, BWO, Early Black Stone, Blue Quill, Quill Gordon, Black Caddis	Rubber legs, Midges, Wolly Bugger, Elk Hair Caddis, Pheasant Tails, Hares Ears, Adams, eggs, Soft Hackles
<b>Chattooga &amp; Whitewater Rivers</b>	Hatchery supported waters are closed until April 3	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	Midges, BWO, Early Black Stone, Blue Quill, Quill Gordon, Black Caddis	Rubber legs, Pheasant Tails, Hares Ears, Adams, Elk Hair Caddis, Prince Nymphs, Midges, Soft Hackles
<b>Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River &amp; Small Streams</b>	Hatchery supported waters are closed until April 3	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Wild Brook Trout	Midges, BWO, Early Black Stone, Blue Quill, Quill Gordon, Black Caddis	Rubber Legs, Midges, Pheasant Tails, Hares Ears, Adams, Elk Hair Caddis, Prince Nymph, Soft Hackles

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### BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, FEB. 28	TUESDAY, MARCH 1	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2	THURSDAY, MARCH 3	FRIDAY, MARCH 4	SATURDAY, MARCH 5	SUNDAY, MARCH 6
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we will be if we ever let our focus become race and not humanity.

One of the seven core Cherokee values speaks to our sense of integrity, honor, respect, and humility. It also speaks of spirituality. I know that spirituality is a very personal thing for all of humanity, each individually subscribing to a form of it, and each with our own idea of deity. I personally am a Christian by faith, and that means I have a specific understanding of the deity in which I believe and a certain set of core values. Like many others-Christians, other faiths, and even some atheists-I

draw wisdom from the Holy Bible, a book of books relating historical and spiritual knowledge. I only prefaced the following because I know that we all don't follow the same faith, but we all are able to see wisdom in writings of those who went before us. In the Holy Bible, in the book of Ecclesiastes, Chapter 11, verses 7-10, are recorded the following stanzas of poetry: "Light is sweet, and it pleases the eyes to see the sun. So, if a man lives many years, let him rejoice in them all. But let him remember the days of darkness, for they will be many.

Everything to come is futile. Rejoice, O young man, while you are young, and let your heart be glad in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart and in the sight of your eyes, but know that for all these things God will bring you to judgement. So banish sorrow from your heart, and cast off pain from your body, for youth and vigor are fleeting."

Recent events in our community and on the world-stage should make us more aware of the fleeting nature of life. The fact that so many of our young people are showing up in the obituary col-

umn should be a solemn reminder of this fact. And it should also make us thankful for each day, make sure each day brings joy to ourselves, to others, and to our Creator. Be prepared spiritually and literally for the inevitable. One thing is for certain. Young or old, life is fleeting.

To the families of those who are going through tragic losses, I extend my sincere and respectful condolences. You have definitely been in my and I am sure many others in our community's thoughts. I pray for your peace and for your hearts to heal.

## **EBCI ANIMAL CONTROL INVITES YOU TO**

# **ADOPT A PET**

The EBCI Animal Control program takes in several dogs and cats each week, sometimes bringing in animals daily. These potential pets are recovered for a number of reasons, like owners getting too old to care for them, families moving to homes that do not allow pets, and many other reasons. Many of the dogs and cats are healthy and would make perfect pets and companions for loving homes. For a nominal fee, far lower than buying from a puppy mill or pet store, you may adopt a pet that needs your love and care. The fee takes care of spaying or neutering your new companion, a responsibility all pet owners should consider.

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## SPEAKING OF FAITH

# Our testimony – our greatest tool

**REV. TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR**

(transcribed by Myra Colgate)

CHEROKEE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

Turn to Acts 4:8-31, if you will.

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, “Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole.

“Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.” Acts 4:8-9 (KJV)

“The Sanhedrin asked Peter and John by what power they had healed the man and by what authority they preached... Through the help of the Holy Spirit, Peter spoke boldly before that council, actually putting the council on trial, by showing them Jesus, whom they had crucified, had risen again. Instead of being defensive, the apostles went on the offensive, boldly speaking out for God and presenting the Good News to these leaders.” (NLT Study Bible.)

The greatest tool of witnessing I have is my testimony. Jesus changed my ways, changed my habits. No one can argue with the results! They cannot deny what God has done.

Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel, he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead.

For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, Acts 4:10-11 (NLT) “The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.” Psalm 118:22 (NLT) “The cornerstone unites two walls at the corner of a building and holds a building together. Peter was saying the Jews rejected Christ but now Christ had become the cornerstone of the church. Without him there would be no church because it wouldn’t be able to stand.” (NLT Study Bible.)

There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.

The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus.

But since they could see the man who had been healed standing right there among them, there was nothing the council could say. “So they ordered Peter and John out of the council chamber and conferred among themselves.”... Acts 4:12-15 (NLT)

Peter and John refused to allow anyone to intimidate them. They answered the Sanhedrin, ‘We can do nothing but speak of what God has done.’

They were being the ‘salt’ Jesus told them they were to be. Salt will make a horse drink water. Make others thirsty and they will drink from the water—that living water that flows ‘out of the belly.’

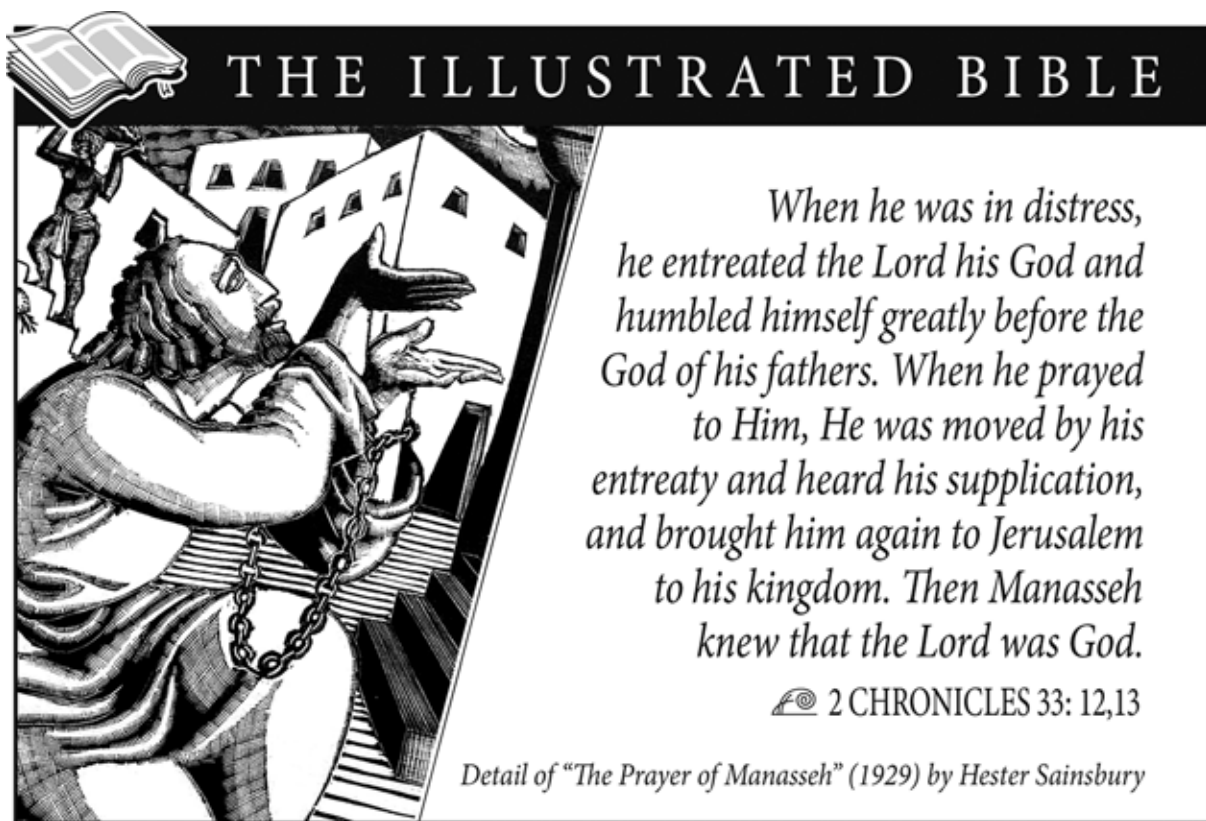
Now, it seems that the Jesus in me—they now even want to be me! If handled well, your trembling will yield your praise of God. For preaching the Name of Christ—He was ac-

cused. What’s shaken will have more value. Even fresh, warm, salted French fries can bless the rest at the bottom of the container.

For everyone was praising God for this miraculous sign—the healing of a man who had been lame for more than forty years.

As soon as they were freed, Peter and John returned to the other believers and told them what the leading priests and elders had said. “And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. “Stretch out your hand with healing power, may miraculous signs and wonders be done by the name of your holy servant Jesus. After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.” Acts 4:22-23, 29-31 (NLT)

What you do in private will eventually be demonstrated publicly. This is why blessing and cursing should not ever come out of the same mouth. It is the moving of the Spirit that lights up the results of this. They were on their ‘Threshing Floor’. The place was shaken, and all were filled with the Holy Spirit. Great Grace was upon them all. If you are bold, so will the Lord be. Can you be? He’s the same yesterday, today and forever—Bold enough to be God!



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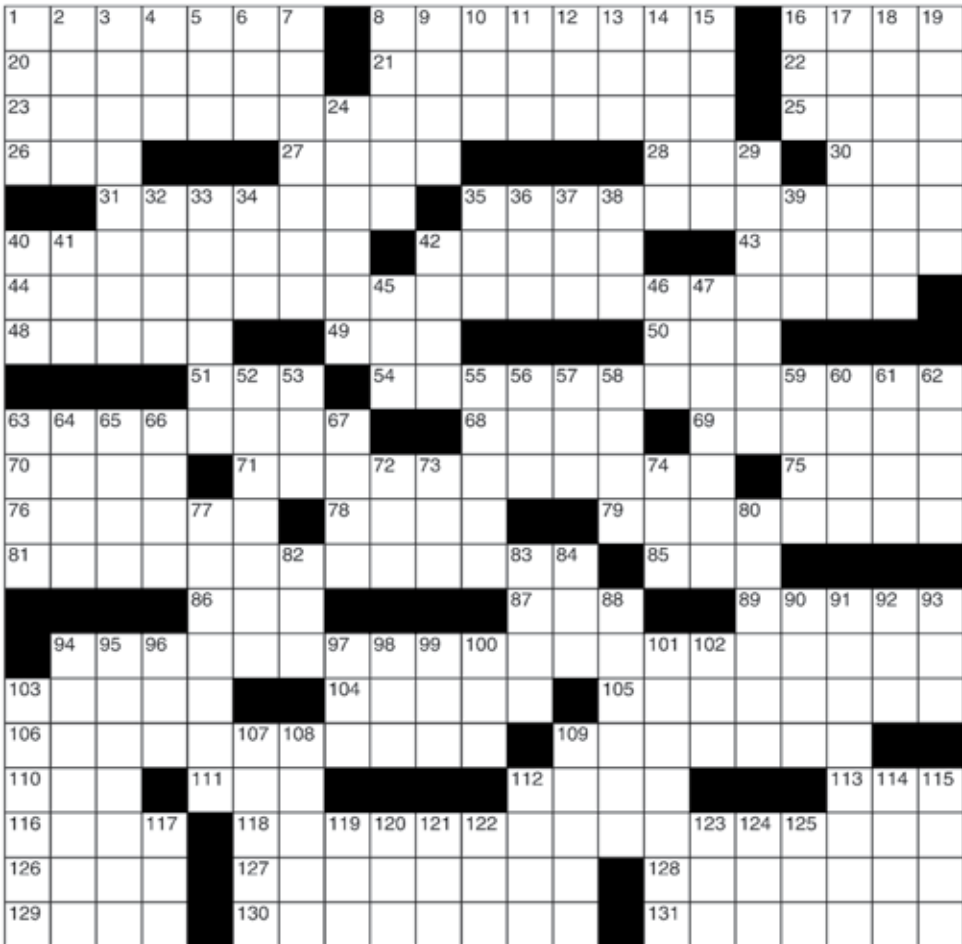
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## ACROSS

- 1 Make sarcastic remarks  
8 It was stormed in the French Revolution  
16 Petri dish gel  
20 Never-dying  
21 Volcanic glass  
22 Move, in real estate  
23 Something the "Eat It" singer's parents did?  
25 Sig Chi, say  
26 Letters on an ambulance  
27 Tacit assents  
28 Big Apple ball team, on scoreboards  
30 From — Z  
31 Grieves over  
35 Container for a picnic beside Bonn's river?  
40 Salamis, e.g.  
42 2016 Disney film set in Polynesia  
43 Unclad art class models  
44 Meticulous barracks examination not using the left hand?
- 48 French for "enough"  
49 Corpulent  
50 — culpa  
51 10th mo.  
54 Work for Consumer Reports for many years?  
63 Attending college, e.g.  
68 "Today — man"  
69 Short preview  
70 "— life!"  
71 Train passengers' noisy crying?  
75 1990s attorney general  
76 San Luis —  
78 Disposition  
79 They have crisp, edible pods  
81 Instruction sheets on how to lull babies to sleep?  
85 Corrida cry  
86 Needle-nosed fish  
87 Old nuclear regulatory agcy.  
89 Some Apples  
94 Scoundrel below a spanning structure?
- 103 Divided Asian land  
104 1980s attorney general  
105 Like some fans and eels  
106 Group of commandos from which to choose?  
109 Reached by car  
110 Year, to Rosa  
111 E-chuckle  
112 Borscht, e.g.  
113 Little devil  
116 Lawn vermin  
118 "This road furrow was not fully repaired?"  
126 Scrapes (out)  
127 1990s GM car model  
128 Soccer star Cristiano —  
129 Siesta, e.g.  
130 Tense state  
131 Features of joyless faces
- 8 Hopalong Cassidy actor and others  
9 French mutiny cry  
10 Tax ID  
11 "— ToK" (#1 Kesha hit)  
12 Wedding vow  
13 Actress Tyler  
14 Singer Frankie  
15 Multivolume ref., often  
16 Dog's cry  
17 Rivera of TV  
18 Support group for adolescents  
19 Turbine parts  
24 A great many  
29 Filmmaker's patchwork  
32 Arthur with a racket  
33 Passover bread  
34 It has a yolk  
35 King, in Paris  
36 Sci-fi's Solo  
37 Outs' partner  
38 Siesta, e.g.  
39 Yes, in Paris  
40 Span. lady  
41 "— for Alibi"  
42 Prefix with carpal  
45 Not the std. spelling  
46 Broody music genre
- 47 Part of CIA  
52 Rings around the sun  
53 Up — point  
55 Squiggle over an "n"  
56 — de toilette  
57 Diplomatic official: Abbr.  
58 Testing sites  
59 Rain delay cover-up  
60 "It's all clear"  
61 Suvari of film  
62 Lovers' god  
63 Helper for Frankenstein  
64 Mount where Moses died  
65 Clic — (Bic pen brand)  
66 Beer barrel  
67 Not at all stiff  
72 Mauna —  
73 Jazz genre  
74 Musician Brian  
77 Laura Ingalls' hair feature  
80 "Boys Don't Cry" director Kimberly  
82 Dog's threat  
83 Not common  
84 Tennis unit  
88 Angelic being  
90 Pol Romney  
91 With skill  
92 Some film FX  
93 Min. fraction  
94 Virginia city
- 95 Baltimore baseballers  
96 "The Ref" director Demme  
97 "Stee-rikel" caller  
98 Lead-in to colonial  
99 "— volente" ("God willing")  
100 Subj. for U.S. citizens-to-be  
101 Pair fleeing to wed  
102 Grandma on "Roseanne"  
103 Cosmo on "Seinfeld"  
107 Oslo's nation, to its natives  
108 Pasted  
109 Extinct birds  
112 Some 35mm cameras  
114 Early Persian  
115 Old hands  
117 N.Y. hours  
119 Dress fancily, with "out"  
120 901, in old Rome  
121 Prefix for a vintner  
122 Sporty truck, in brief  
123 — constrictor  
124 Call a halt to  
125 Lead-in to "kwon do" or "Bo"

## DOWN

- 1 Used to be  
2 Dating pair  
3 Shell-less marine snails  
4 Have it wrong  
5 Dollar bill  
6 In thing  
7 Pajama material



# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

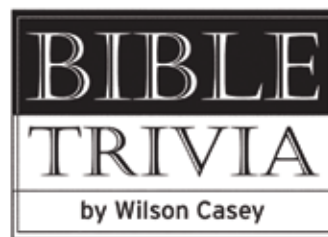
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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1. Is the book of Malachi in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. How many times was Naaman dipped into the Jordan River when healed of leprosy? 1, 2, 4, 7
3. In the new creation, the wolf shall feed with the ... ? *Children, Fishes, Lamb, Ox*
4. Which prophet referred to hell the most often? *Amos, Jonah, Habakkuk, Isaiah*
5. What did Noah begin to be after the flood? *Husbandman, Shepherd, Carpenter, Teacher*
6. 1 Peter 5 compares Satan to what animal? *Serpent, Roaring lion, Beheaded calf, Horse*

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1. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries are also cities?
2. MOVIES: Which character was the first princess in a Disney movie?
3. WEATHER: What kind of cloud produces rain, thunder and lightning?
4. LITERATURE: What were the names of the four daughters in "Little Women"?
5. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented by the condition called "ablu-topobia"?
6. ANATOMY: What are the gaps between nerve cells called?
7. TELEVISION: Which long-running, daytime soap opera is set in Port Charles, New York?
8. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "non compos mentis" mean in English?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president introduced the Social Security program?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a young llama called?

see **PUZZLE ANSWERS** page 26





# HAPPENINGS

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

## EVENTS

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### Yellowhill Community Club activities for March

- Children's Reading Challenge. March 1-31
  - Gadugi Indoor Flea Market. March 19 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  - Plan Children's Easter Event. March 22
  - March newsletter. March 31.
- Info: Carmaleta 736-9392, Stephanie 735-9001, Virginia 788-8659

#### Upcoming Vaccine Clinics hosted by Tsalagi Public Health

- 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.

#### March Madness Market.

- March 3 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Lots of vendors, lunch by Melitia, and Girl Scout Cookies for sale. Info: Denise Walkingstick 508-2211
- March 5 at 3 p.m., benefit for little Hezekiah Davis. March 12 at 3 p.m.,

benefit for Dean Hill. March 19 at 3 p.m., benefit for Junior Welch. Good food, good fun, great prizes, great benefits.

**Benefit to help with travel expenses for Aniyah Sampson's medical treatment.** March 5 at 11 a.m. at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Dinners: pork chops, fried potatoes, pintos, cabbage, cornbread, dessert, and drink for \$10. Indoor yard sale: tables are \$20. Volunteers are needed. If you wish to volunteer to cook or serve food, contact Gabby 269-6669

**EBCI 4-H Program Youth Sewing Classes.** March 6, 13, 20, and 27 each date from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the EBCI Cooperative Extension Office. This class is for ages 8 to 18. Limit 10 youth and parents are welcome to join and help. Youth can make one project – ribbon skirt or ribbon shirt (putting ribbon and fabric on a pre-made shirt). Info: Sally Dixon 359-6936 or [salldixo@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:salldixo@ebci-nsn.gov)

### WESTERN N.C. EVENTS

**Keith Flynn and Charter Week book presentation.** March 5 at 3 p.m. at City Lights Bookstore in Sylva. They will present their collaborative book,

“Prosperity Gospel: Portraits of the Great Recession”.

#### Making Silhouette Cards

**class.** March 9 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Murphy Art Center on Valley River Ave. in downtown Murphy. Sponsored by the Valley River Arts Guild, the class is open to the public. Info: 360-3038

**Rock Painting Class.** March 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Murphy Art Center on Valley River Ave. in downtown Murphy. Offered by the Valley River Arts Guild, this class is for ages 6-17. Info: 360-3038

#### Painting an Easter Quilt

**Board class.** March 12 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Murphy Arts Center on Valley River Ave.

in downtown Murphy. Offered by the Valley River Arts Guild, this class is open to the public. Info: 360-3038

**Annual Spring Literary Festival.** March 14-17 on the campus of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee. This 20th annual gathering of poets and authors is free and open to the public, with all talks taking place in the Hinds University Center Theater. Info: WCU's English Dept. 227-7264 or visit [www.litfestival.org](http://www.litfestival.org)

**Introduction to Watercolor Art Class.** March 26 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Murphy Art Center at Valley River Ave. in downtown Murphy. Sponsored by the Valley River Arts Guild, this class is suitable for ages 10-17. Info:

## Puzzle Answers

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

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### Weekly SUDOKU

#### Answer

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) 7; 3) Lamb; 4) Isaiah; 5) Husbandman; 6) Roaring lion

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

#### Answers

- Three: the city/states of Vatican City, Monaco and Singapore
- Snow White
- Cumulonimbus
- Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy
- Fear of bathing
- Synapses
- “General Hospital”
- Not of sound mind
- Franklin Roosevelt
- A cria

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How do you say that in Cherokee?

Don't go.  
Tsesdi tsenvsv

You two don't go.  
Tsesdi hitsenvsv

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



**Friends of the Greenway Spring Fundraising event (FROG FAIR).** May 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at FROG Quarters, 573 E. Main at the Town Bridge in Franklin. Arts and crafts, food, and music. Vendor spaces are available. Info: frog28734@gmail.com or www.littletennessee.org

## SPORTS EVENTS

**Qualla Boundary Senior Games information.** The 2022 Local Senior Games will be held March 14 to April 15 for ages 50 and over. Registration for the Qualla Boundary Senior Games team will be held until Friday, March 4. Registration forms are available at Tsali Manor 359-6860, Snowbird Rec. 346-6961, Birdtown Gym 359-6890, Snow-

bird Senior Center 346-6746, and the John Welch Senior Center 835-9741. Turn in all registrations to the Birdtown Gym by March 4 at 4:30 p.m. Info: Janell Ratter, Cherokee Senior Games coordinator, 359-6890

**Calling for Senior Games Basketball Players.** Are you 50 years old or will be by December 2022? Are you interested in playing on a basketball team? Senior Games consists of three-on-three, half-court and is divided in age brackets, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69 and up, men and women. If you are interested, registration is currently underway. You must pass a physical and register. Forms are available at Birdtown Gym, and the deadline is March 4.

see **HAPPENINGS** next page

## 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](mailto:scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov) or message us on our Facebook page.

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## VETERANS POST

by Freddy Groves

### Hidden Talent Found in Veterans Village

Another blast of arctic weather was expected any minute and David, the project manager for the tiny homes in the Veterans Village, pushed the trades to bring all three homes under roof before the storm hit. Everyone hustled, knowing that lunch would be provided as soon as they finished their part of the work.

Sarge stood in the coffee shop kitchen talking to one of the veterans employed as a carpenter assistant, who basically carried, toted and measured.

"Can you put together some burgers and coffee for the guys coming in?" Sarge asked. "Nothing fancy, just hot food."

"That I can," the carpenter said and got to work pulling ingredients out of the cabinets and fridge.

David blew through the back door, looking for his lost employee. Sarge explained: burgers, coffee, hungry guys.

David nodded and stood watching his carpenter expertly flip burgers, add a pinch of cinnamon to the coffee pot and create a crudite platter with three different dips. "He looks pretty darn confident in this kitchen," David whispered to Sarge. "Notice that?"

Sarge called out to the carpenter veteran. "Son, what was your MOS in the Army?"

The veteran turned and smiled, spatula in hand. "MOS 92G, sir," he said. "Culinary Specialist."

David scratched his head. "Then what are you doing working as a carpenter assistant?"

"Taking care of my family," the carpenter replied as he moved a burger onto a toasted bun. "I got two kids. Moved here and didn't know anybody. You had a job. I needed one."

Sarge pulled out his phone, tapping numbers. "I got a cook here," he said when the call was answered, "in the guise of a junior wanna-be assistant carpenter. How much could this boy be making at your restaurant? He's Army trained, so he'll need a good salary ..."

Ten minutes later, Sarge came back down the stairs and handed the carpenter a piece of paper. "You got an interview tomorrow for sous chef ... whatever that is."

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### Dog Goes on Strike Against Leashes

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** My dog "Perry" tugs, fights and whines when I put a collar and leash on him. He will even flop down and refuse to move. I don't know what to do. — Mike D., Roanoke, Virginia

**DEAR MIKE:** Oh, that's frustrating! But you can help Perry to tolerate his collar and leash by making some adjustments and rebuilding a positive association with the leash. Here are a few tips to start with:

- Check the fit and comfort of Perry's collar. Sometimes owners buy stylish collars that look great on their pet but are uncomfortable and either too big or too small.

- Consider a chest halter instead of a collar. This provides a supportive fit and when you tug on the leash, pressure is distributed around a dog's torso rather than its neck.

- Re-introduce Perry to the new collar or halter gradually. Show him the new gear while offering a treat at the same time. When he's eating, gently drape the leash over his back. Give lots of praise at the same time. This starts to create positive connections with the new gear.

- Conduct obedience training at home, in 10-minute sessions, while Perry wears the new collar or halter. Review basic commands of "come," "sit," "stay" and "lie down." Leave the leash off at first.

- Add the leash, but don't tug on it. Continue obedience training while Perry wears the new gear. Take the gear off when done.

- Gradually increase the time your dog wears the collar or harness and leash.

This will take patience, lots of love and encouragement. Always be positive with Perry while retraining to the leash. And if, despite these efforts, he still doesn't respond, contact a professional trainer to help you both get through this stuck spot.

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

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**HAPPENINGS:** Event listings, from page 27

**Western Carolina University Half Marathon and 5K.** April 9 on the campus of Western Carolina University in Cullowhee. The half marathon (13.1 miles) and 5K (3.1 miles) will have staggered start times to help reduce crowding. The half marathon will start at 8 a.m. The 5K will start at 8:30 a.m. Early registration fees are \$45 for the half marathon and \$20 for the 5K through March 6. Fees will then increase to \$60 and \$30 through April 8. Race day registration will be available for \$75 and \$40 from 6:30-7:30 a.m. at WCU's Campus Recreation Center. Runners younger than 18 get a \$5 discount on the 5K pricing. Info: [www.halfmarathon.wcu.edu/](http://www.halfmarathon.wcu.edu/)

### 2022 EBCI Fish Tournament Lineup

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

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

Opening Day Fish Tournament  
- Saturday, March 26 to Sunday, March 27  
- Registration deadline is Friday, March 25  
- \$20,000 in cash prizes

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

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

Tim Hill Memorial Tournament  
- Saturday, July 9 to Sunday, July 10  
- Registration deadline is Friday, July 8  
- \$10,000 in cash prizes

Qualla Country Fish Tournament  
- Saturday, Aug. 27 to Sunday, Aug. 28  
- Registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 26  
- \$20,000 in cash prizes

Tag turn-in times will be 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. both tournament days at the EBCI Natural Resources Enforcement Office at 517 Sequoyah Trail in Cherokee. Fishing

hours are one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, daily.

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

**A constitution is important because it ensures that those who make decisions on behalf of the public fairly represent public opinion. It also sets out ways in which those who exercise power may be held accountable to the people they serve.**



**The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Constitution Committee meets each Thursday at 6 pm in a Microsoft Teams virtual meeting. Any EBCI Tribal Member is welcome to join the meetings and provide ideas for the constitution. Contact Lloyd at [lloyd.arneach@7clanstech.com](mailto:lloyd.arneach@7clanstech.com) to get an invite to join the meeting.**

### Free Rabies shots for EBCI Tribal Member Dogs and Cats.



The rabies virus infects the central nervous system. If a dog or human does not receive appropriate medical care after a potential rabies exposure, the virus can cause disease in the brain, ultimately resulting in death. Rabies can be prevented by vaccinating pets, staying away from wildlife, and seeking medical care after potential exposures before the symptoms start.

For information on rabies shots for dogs and cats contact

Cherokee Animal Care Clinic

**828-497-3401**





## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In an emergency, call 911

**Tribal Dispatch**  
497-4131

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

**Tribal Fire and Rescue**  
359-6584

**Tribal EMS**  
359-6450 or 497-6402

**Cherokee Indian Hospital**  
497-9163

## EBCI TRANSIT NUMBERS

**Transit Main Line  
Dispatch**  
359-6300

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

## Phone Numbers for Cherokee elders

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**EBCI Domestic Violence**  
359-6830

**EBCI Emergency Fuel Assistance**  
507-7825

**Cherokee Immediate Care Clinic**  
554-5555

**DaVita Cherokee Dialysis Center**  
497-6866

**Snowbird Senior Center main line**  
479-9145

**Tsali Manor main line**  
359-6860

**John Welch Senior Center main line**  
835-9741

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

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



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) This is a good time to reassess important relationships, both personal and professional, to see where problems might exist and how they can be overcome. Keep communication lines open.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) It's not easy to bring order to a chaotic situation, whether it's in the workplace or at home. But if anyone can do it, you can. A pleasant surprise awaits you by week's end.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Be careful that you don't make an upcoming decision solely on the word of those who might have their own reasons for wanting you to act as they suggest. Check things out for yourself.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A personal relationship that seems to be going nowhere could be restarted once you know why it stalled. An honest discussion could result in some surprising revelations.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) That unexpected attack of self-doubt could be a way of warning yourself to go slow before making a career-changing decision. Take more time to do a closer study of the facts.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A workplace problem needs your attention now, before it deteriorates to a point beyond repair. A trusted third party could be helpful in closing the gaps that have opened.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A recent family situation could give rise to a new problem. Keep an open mind and avoid making judgments about anyone's motives until all the facts are in.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Rely on your always-sharp intuition to alert you to potential problems with someone's attempt to explain away the circumstances behind a puzzling incident.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Although you still need to do some snipping of those lingering loose ends from a past project, you can begin moving on to something else.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) With your self-confidence levels rising, you should feel quite comfortable with agreeing to take on a possibly troublesome, but potentially well-rewarded, situation.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Travel is favored, both for business and for fun. The end of the week brings news about an upcoming project that could lead toward that promised career change.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You might feel suddenly overwhelmed by a flood of responsibilities. But if you deal with each one in its turn, you'll soon be able to hold your head above water and move on.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a wonderful way of offering comfort as well as guidance. You would do well in the healing arts.

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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



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ymcacampwatia.org/jobs





# Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements



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

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

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

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

**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



## Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians HUMAN RESOURCES

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

### Closing Sunday, March 06, 2022

1. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
2. Field Supervisor – Facility Management – Operations (L11 \$48,162 - \$60,202)
3. Senior Internal Auditor – Internal Audit and Ethics (L14 \$62,918 - \$78,630)
4. Manager – Heart to Heart – Public Health and Human Services (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)

### Open Until Filled

1. Evidence Technician I – Cherokee Police Department – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
2. Patrol Officer (Multiple) – Cherokee Police Department – Public Safety (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
3. Detention Officer (Multiple) – Detention Services – Public Safety (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
4. PT Paramedic (Multiple) – Emergency Medical Services – Public Safety (L8 \$17.55 - \$21.94 per hour) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
5. Youth Development Professional – Cherokee Youth Center – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
6. Certified Nursing Assistant – Tribal In Home Care Services – Public Health and Human Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
7. Cook – Cherokee County Senior Citizens – Snowbird/Cherokee County Services (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
8. Cultural Resource and Archive Officer – Kituwah Preservation Education Program – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
9. Driver (Multiple) – Transit – Operations (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
10. Teacher – Qualla Boundary Head-Start/Early Head-Start – Public Health and Human Services (L7 \$33,250 - \$41,574)
11. Real Estate Associate Attorney – Tribal Realty Services – Office of the Attorney General (L15 \$68,704 - \$85,886)
12. Network Administrator - Infrastructure Services - Office of Information Technology (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
13. Administrative Assistant/Office Coordinator – Tribal Employment Rights Office (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946)
14. Facilities Maintenance Worker – Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946)

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

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

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## EMPLOYMENT

### 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](http://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.

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### 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.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee, North Carolina  
Estate File No. 22-012

### In the Matter of the Estate of ISAAC EDWARD LONG JR.

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

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

Date to submit claims: 90 DAYS FROM DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION

Jeffrey Vaughn Long  
991 Jenkins Creek  
Cherokee, NC 28719

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## BIDs, RFPs, etc.

### Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

### Request for Qualifications Long Range Transportation Plan

Feb 21-2022

For the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians:

Cherokee Department of Transportation

SECTION I. GENERAL INFORMATION

### Scope of the Request for Qualifications

This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) contains instructions governing the response to be submitted and the material to be included in the proposing firm's response; a description of the service to be provided; selection criteria; and other requirements, which must be met by the proposing firm to be eligible for consideration.

## Introduction

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) invites qualified consulting firms to submit Qualifications to assist the Cherokee Department of Transportation (CDOT) with the preparation of its Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update for the Qualla Boundary.

## Background

The Cherokee Indian Reservation also known as the Qualla Boundary is in 6 counties in Western North Carolina. These counties consist of Swain, Jackson, Graham, Cherokee, Haywood, and Macon. The Tribe has an extensive road system consisting of BIA and Tribal Owned roadways and bridges. It is the responsibility of the Tribe to produce and maintain a fiscally constrained LRTP based upon Federal Legislation: Fixing America's Surface Transportation or "FAST Act".

The Qualla Boundary is quite limited in available land/right of way for new and expanded roadways. Thus, it is vital that the final document demonstrate creative solutions that embody a philosophy of multimodal transit systems that are considerate of our ever-growing tourist and local population within a limited geographical area. The challenge from CDOT is to craft a long-range plan that does not attempt to manage growth; but promotes it with improved access and best practice uses of existing and future roadway improvements. Our Transportation system will be best served if current planning begins

with future goals.

## Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Coordination

The point of contact for this (RFQ) shall be:

Primary point of contact for this RFQ:

Manuel Maples, Program Director  
Cherokee Department of Transportation

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
P.O. Box 2400

Cherokee, NC 28719

Phone: (828)-359-656432

Email [manumapl@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:manumapl@ebci-nsn.gov)

Alternate point of contact shall be  
Darrell Brown Transportation Planner

Cherokee Department of Transportation

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
P.O. Box 2400

Cherokee, NC 28719

Phone: (828)-359-6534

Email [darrbrow@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:darrbrow@ebci-nsn.gov)

RFQ Number

The CDOT has assigned the following identification number to this RFQ: CDOT-LRTP 2016. This number and the project name should be referenced in all communications regarding this RFQ or subsequent addenda.

Project Name: EBCI Long Range Transportation Plan

## Proposed RFQ Schedule of Events

Feb -21-2022: Issue RFQ CDOT

Feb 28-2022: Q/A meeting

Office of CDOT.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED UPON REQUEST.

March 7-2022: Submission Deadline (10:00 am Eastern Time. Official time is kept by CDOT Office)  
Cherokee Department of Transportation, 680 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC

March 7-2022: Submission Review  
Eastern Band of Cherokee various departments

By March 14-2022: Notice of



Award/Contract Negotiations  
CDOT Office. Date subject to change as needed by CDOT for Contract considerations.

#### RFQ Amendment and Cancellation

The EBCI reserves the right to amend, reissue, or cancel this RFQ at its sole discretion. If an amendment is issued, a written notice will be provided to all firms that have expressed a written interest in this project. In addition, the Tribal Employment Rights Office will be provided with the original RFQ and any amendments.

Vendors who submit qualifications shall respond to the final written RFQ and any exhibits, attachments, and amendments. Any professional firm submitting must, within the text of that document, acknowledge receipt of all addenda.

#### PROJECT SCOPE AND DELIVERABLES

##### ***General Scope of Work***

The Engineers performing the work and in responsible charge of the work must be licensed Professional Engineers in the State of North Carolina and must have good ethical and professional standing. Engineering firms shall also be pre-qualified as NCDOT Consulting Engineering firms. The selected firm will be required to furnish proof of Professional Liability insurance coverage in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000.

The list below represents a minimal effort expected by the selected firm. All firms are encouraged to suggest any additional items that may improve the quality and scope of the plan. The plan shall span 20 years and meet all minimum requirements stipulated for Tribal Governments in 25 CFR 170.

Scope of Services to be provided:

Final work product from the selected firm shall include but not be limited to:

1) Identify short and long-range transportation improvements strategies that will address current and future transportation needs consistent with Tribal, Federal, and State (where applicable) government policies.

2) Define projects that will increase the safety and security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users.

3) Identify means to improve the accessibility and mobility options available for transportation users around the Qualla Boundary.

4) Develop a plan that strives to protect and enhance the local environment, promote energy conservation, improve quality of life. Additionally, plan should promote consistency between state and local planned growth and economic development plans.

5) Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes for all users.

6) Evaluate historic, current, forecasted traffic trends about population and demographic projections; population distribution; future land-use map; and future traffic projections and trends.

7) Promote consistency between transportation improvements, land use, and economic development patterns.

8) The firm will complete AADT Counts for the majority of the BIA Roads on the Cherokee Indian Reservation in Western North Carolina.

9) The selected firm shall provide a Gant or PERT chart of activities to the Tribal Contact to track progress in this project. Periodically the selected firm and Tribal Contact shall update the chart to show actual progress and completion of tasks.

All of the following elements shall be based upon a strong foundation of public and stakeholder input. The consultant shall propose

their ideas for collaboration and the collection of such input. Specific elements in the plan to be addressed include:

A. Identify the projected transportation demand of persons and goods over the plan horizon.

B. Identify and address alternative modes of transportation including pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities; incorporate such investments in its published list of projects.

C. Assess capital investment and other measures necessary to preserve the existing transportation system.

D. Examine Compliance with and promotion of new Federal requirements for performance-based transportation planning contained in FAST Act.

#### Deliverables

- Monthly progress report, to include:
  - o updated project schedule
  - o narrative of work completed this period
  - o overall % complete of the project
  - o plans for the coming reporting period
  - o draft reports for deficiencies identified and investigated within this reporting period

#### ***SELECTION***

The Selection/Procurement Process  
The following is a general description of the process by which a firm will be selected to provide services.

- Request for Qualifications (RFQ) issued to prospective firms AND BY ADVERTISEMENT TO THE PUBLIC.
- A Question-and-Answer session will be conducted to help prospective firms become acquainted with the project and the expectations from the project team if requested.
- Submissions shall be in a sealed envelope. (1) Original and (4) copies signed and dated by an official that

is authorized or has power of attorney to bind the proposing firm.

- Unsigned Original or those that lack any portion of the required review criteria shall not be considered.
- Incomplete proposals will not be considered. However, the EBCI reserves the right to consider proposals that have minor deficiencies or inconsistencies.
- All Submission Responses must be received by the Cherokee Department of Transportation Office (Transportation Building, 680 Acquoni Road, PO Box 2400 Cherokee, North Carolina 28719) no later than the date and time specified in the "RFQ Schedule of Events." Hand delivered submissions may be presented at the Cherokee Department of Transportation Office, Program Manager of CDOT, Transportation Building at 680 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC by the deadline. Delivery to any other location of the Tribal government or its subsidiaries will not be considered delivered.
- RFQ Submission Responses must contain the information listed in the Submission Format Requirements section of this RFQ.
- Interviews with finalists will be conducted if deemed necessary by the reviewing committee.
- Notice of Award: The Cherokee Department of Transportation will notify finalists in writing of the final award.
- Offerors are cautioned that this is a solicitation for Qualifications, not a request to contract, and that the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians reserves the unqualified right to reject all Submission Responses when such rejection is deemed to be in the best interest of the EBCI.
- Only questions submitted in writing will be addressed in Addenda to this RFQ; verbal questions and responses are not official and in no



way change the requirements of this RFQ.

### **Submission Format Requirements**

Each proposing firm shall present one original and four copies of their Response to RFQ: CDOT-LRTP 2016 to the Cherokee Department of Transportation Office, either by mail or hand delivered on or before the Proposal Submission Deadline noted in Schedule of Events. No fax or e-mail transmitted proposals will be accepted. Proposal shall be typed on 8 1/2" X 11" sheets; single spaced, double-sided print is acceptable. To reduce costs and to facilitate recycling, binders, dividers, tabs, etc. are not allowed. One staple in the upper left corner is preferred.

THE RESPONSE TO THE RFQ SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS: (Sections in your response should be in the order they are listed below.)

#### **Section I — Cover/Introductory Letter**

The introductory letter should be addressed to Mr. Josh Parker, Program Manager CDOT. Limited to two (2) pages and should contain the following elements:

- Expression of firm's interest and ability to complete the project.
- Statement of whether firm is on register or submitting information with letter of interest.
- Date of most recent private engineering firm qualification update.
- Statement regarding firm's possible conflict of interest for this project.

#### **Section II — Evaluation Content**

This section is limited to five (5) pages and should contain information for evaluation and ranking:

- Provide an outline of not more than (3) of the most similar projects completed within the last (3) years. Also ensure that Reference informa-

tion is listed in the Section III.

- Narrative overview of the approach that the firm will likely take to accomplish project.

general work plan demonstrating how the Scope of Services will be accomplished.

- List any innovative approaches to be used for project completion.
- DBE status of Firm/Subconsultants – Specific DBE goals are not required as part of this agreement; however, the firm is encouraged to report anticipated utilization of a DBE during the execution of work associated with this proposal. The firm, and any other subsequent subcontractors shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that minority and women businesses have the maximum opportunity to compete for and perform a portion of the work included in this proposal and shall not discriminate based on race, color, national origin or sex. At the time the proposal is submitted, the firm must include a listing of all known DBE firms that will participate in the performance of the identified work. The participation should be submitted on the NCDOT's Form RS-2 (see Section IV). For each DBE subconsultant to be used on the project, a separate RS-2 form should be submitted. Failure on the part of the firm to utilize the DBE subcontractors stated in their proposal shall constitute a breach of contract, and after proper notification may result in award disqualification, termination of the contract, disqualification from bidding, or other appropriate remedy. In the event the firm has no DBE participation, it is requested that this be indicated on one RS-2 form by entering the word 'None' or the number zero.
- Project Schedule and Milestones chart depicting aggressive project completion based on earliest possible start date for firm.

- Provide a narrative describing any recommended changes to the Scope of Services that might strengthen the overall project.

Note: If a project team or subconsultant encounters personnel changes, or any other changes of significance dealing with the company, the Cherokee Department of Transportation shall be notified immediately.

#### **Section III — Supportive Information for Evaluation**

This section is limited to eight (8) pages and should contain the following information:

- Capacity chart/graph (available manpower).
- Project Team
- Organizational chart indicating all personnel or firms that will comprise the Project Team.
  - Names, classification, and location of the firm's North Carolina employees to be assigned to the advertised project.
  - Provide Resumes and any unique qualifications for all Project Team Members. Also, each Project Team Member should correspond with the Hourly Rate Schedule listed Section IV.

#### **References**

Provide information for each reference project completed or now in progress. If you have no projects in progress, please state this in the proposal. Reporting that you have no projects in progress will not disqualify the proposing firm. We are evaluating the firm's capacity to administer this job and how much job responsibility the firm has and potential attention the firm can provide to the project.

Reference information to be provided should include the following:

Owner Project Name  
Contact Name and Title  
Current Address  
Current Phone Number Contractor's Name

Contractor's Project Manager  
Project Manager Current Address  
Project Manager Current Phone Number

Omission of information, without explanation, may cause the submitted proposal to be rejected or result in loss of eligibility. If the firm does not have references, a statement of explanation should be submitted with the proposal. If information requested is not applicable, please so state.

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#### **SECTION IV. CONTRACTING Contract Price**

When contracting with the firm, the Tribe will consider this to be the project team. Should members of the project team become absent, the Tribe and Firm shall negotiate the replacement of the individual or contracted third party.

Price of services to be provided by the firm selected will be negotiated once the most qualified firm has been determined. If negotiations do not result in an acceptable work product at a cost within the proposed budget, then the Cherokee Department of Transportation will terminate negotiations with that firm and commence negotiations with the second most qualified firm and so on until agreement can be reached as to cost and work product.

Total Negotiated Price: This price shall be a "Lump Sum" cost for the contract. When negotiating this contract the tribe will consider this price as a total tabulation of project expenses, labor, travel, advertising, and miscellaneous or supporting expenses. No funds above the contract price will be authorized without an amendment to the contract executed by the contractor and the EBCI.

Firm shall also provide an Hourly Rate Schedule to be used to



negotiate any additional services which may be required after completion of the "Lump Sum" contract.

### **General**

Upon execution of the contract, a copy of this RFQ will be attached to the contract and all conditions of this RFQ will become conditions of the contract unless specific sections deleted through mutually agreed upon contract negotiations.

### **Financial Stability**

If requested, prior to contract negotiations and award, the selected firm may be required to furnish appropriate documentation to substantiate the financial stability of the firm to undertake this project.

The contracted firm will be required to possess a business/trader's license issued from the EBCI Department of Revenue. The Cherokee Department of Transportation can provide contact information regarding obtaining a business license.

The contracted firm will be required to provide proof of general liability of \$1,000,000.00, automobile liability insurance of \$1,000,000.00 and workers compensation insurance. For professional consulting errors and omissions or malpractice insurance certificates may be required. Where applicable performance and bid bonds will also be required. In the event the firm is unable to receive bonding, forms of security for performance may be negotiated.

The awarded firm shall follow all requirements of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Tribal Code and Fiscal Management Policies, the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance, the State of North Caro-

lina, and the United States Government as they relate to construction and procurement, subcontracting, demolition, waste disposal, hazardous material plan development, and auditing.

### **PAYMENT FOR SERVICES**

Following the notice to proceed, the contractor may submit monthly partial payment requests. Provided adequate progress is being demonstrated on the project and adequate supporting documents accompany the invoice, the EBCI will authorize partial/progress payments to the contractor within 30 days of receipt of an acceptable invoice. Withheld retainage may be made to an invoiced request for payment if applicable. **3/2**

### **CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION INVITATION TO BID APARTMENT CLEANING 2022**

The Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD) is currently soliciting proposals for Apartment Cleaning Services for a one (1) year period with the option for two (2) one (1) year extensions. The Division has 144 low-income units, 138 market rate units and 22 town-houses.

Interested and qualified cleaning contractors who have successfully demonstrated their ability to perform any of the above listed work are invited to submit proposals. Small businesses, minority and women owned businesses are encouraged to respond. RFP packets can be picked up at the Main Office at 687 Acquoni Road or requested by emailing Carroll Crowe at [pean-crow@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:pean-crow@ebci-nsn.gov). Closes March 9, 2022. **3/2**

**Harrah's Cherokee Casino is auctioning several used items** through Southern Trust Estate and Auction Company. Some of the items available include artwork and furniture.

Items available for auction will vary. This auction is open to the general public, so please feel free to share with friends and family.

For more information including items currently available for auction, please visit STEACO's website at <https://estatesales.org/estate-sales/nc/chokeee/28719/big-winner-2003777>. **3/9**

### **Seeking Proposals**

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian's Division of Housing is seeking proposals from interested and qualified general contractors, licensed in the State of North Carolina, to perform Construction Building services on a project specific basis. Specific services shall include all duties, typically expected, of a General Contractor in the building of Professional Homes (3 homes) TURN-KEYED CONSTRUCTED within the Qualla Boundary. Scope of work will include project(s) on tribal land, located in Jackson County.

1. Proposals shall be delivered to the office of CIDH at 687 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719 or mailed to P.O. Box 1749, Cherokee, NC 28719 no later than 4 p.m. on Aug. 30, 2022, at which time, all proposals will be, publicly, opened. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope, with the outside of the envelope clearly marked, "HOUSING GENERAL CONTRACTOR". It is

the sole responsibility of the bidder to ensure the bid is received by the deadline. Any proposal received after the scheduled closing time will be rejected.

2. Any bidder may withdraw his or her bid, either personally or by written request at any time prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposal, but no bidder may withdraw his or her bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the opening thereof.

3. All proposals submitted shall include a completed "Proposal", identifying unit costs and qualifications to do the work. The work performed under this contract must conform to requirements of the specifications, which are included in the bidder package.

4. The contract will be awarded to the bidder whose work, in the opinion of the Tribe, will best meet the requirements of the Tribe. It is clearly understood by all bidders that the Tribe reserves the right to reject any proposal and to waive informalities in said proposal.

5. A Bidder's Package, including bidder specifications, special requirements, sample contract, and forms, must be obtained at the required site visit on a date TBA.

6. For technical questions concerning the project specifications, bidding process and general project information, contact Bunsey Crowe, Tribal Housing Production Manager, via email at [buncrow@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:buncrow@ebci-nsn.gov) or by phone at (828) 788-6785. Dated 2-24-22

Edwin Taylor, Secretary of Housing  
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828 586 9499

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828-586-2155

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## Open Positions

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

Masters Level Therapist (Child) – Juvenile Justice \*\*\*\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus  
Optician  
Optometric Assistant  
Optometrist  
Pedodontist  
Physician /Hospitalist - Inpatient  
Physician – Emergency Room  
Physician – Primary Care  
PTI Patient Registration Clerk  
PTI Radiology Technologist  
PTI Registered Nurse – Analenisgi Inpatient  
PTI Registered Nurse – Inpatient  
Registered Nurse – Inpatient (5 positions)  
Registered Nurse – Wound Care  
Residential Technician (Female) – Kanvwotiyi (2 positions)  
Residential Technician (Female) – Women's Home  
Respiratory Therapist PTI  
RN Care Manager – Primary Care (4 positions) \*\*\*\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus  
RN Care Manager Float – Primary Care \*\*\*\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus  
Telemetry Nursing Assistant

## Tsali Care Center

Assistant Administrator  
Cook \*\*\*\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus  
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License Practical Nurse \*\*\*\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus  
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Medication Aide (Starting Pay \$18.00/Hr.)  
Registered Nurse (Starting Pay \$35.36)

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**Aquadanvdo**

*My heart*  
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**Uganasda**

*She/he is sweet*  
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**Udanvdo**

*His/her heart*  
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**Aquaduli ditsiyatsvsdi**

*I want to marry him/her*  
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**Ginalige gesesdi?**

*Will you be my sweetheart?*  
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**Deginatsvsda**

*Marry me*  
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**Dudasduga**

*He/she has a crush on him/her*  
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**Hiyadulihatsu?**

**Hiyadulihask?**

*Do you want him/her?*  
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**Digegatsvstanvhi**

*They are married*  
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**Gesdi yetsaduliha**

*He/she does not want you*  
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**Dadagegatsvstani**

*They are going to get married*  
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