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Cherokee receives first
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North Carolina

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**

One Feather Staff

Thanks to efforts by the Cherokee Boys Club (CBC) and EBCI Air Quality Program, North Carolina's first fully electric school bus has arrived in Cherokee.

The bus, which will serve Cherokee Central Schools (CCS), is part of a pilot program that is drawing several entities together. Like all other school buses at the CBC, this vehicle has been produced by Thomas Built Buses in High Point, NC. The Cherokee Boys Club is a Thomas certified garage and can service any Thomas bus at their facility.



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BUS: Cherokee gets first electric school bus in state, from front page

The effort stems back about three years and has been pushed forward by two primary individuals. Katie Tiger is the Air Quality Program Supervisor and Donnie Owle is the service manager for the CBC.

"It's a long time coming. A lot of hours were put into it to get it here," said Owle.

Tiger said that they have been collecting partners and grant options throughout the entire process.

"At first, when we wrote the grant, it was Donnie and I. Then the Land-of-Sky Clean Vehicles Coalition out of Asheville, they really helped us get everything together and had some parts to the grant writing process," said Tiger. "We just recently got the diesel emissions reduction act grant from EPA. It's really exciting because we're the first Tribe east of the Mississippi to receive a grant like this."

That was just for the grant writing process. When it comes to funding, the orders of business have only gotten more

complicated. Phase one was this first bus, now phase two is another four being added to the fleet this summer.

"That was a collaboration between again Donnie and I, and Duke Energy came to the table with some money. Then North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center helped us put some verbiage into our grant and we submitted it to the EPA. We were approved. Not for all of it. We applied for 800,000, and they approved us for 502,000. Being that Donnie and I are a little stubborn, we didn't want to change our work plan. We didn't want to change the number of buses that we wanted to bring to the Boys Club. So, we went to the Tribe to ask for some supplemental funding from them and they agreed. We got 297,000 and some change, so we're able to keep our work plan intact and go after four new electric buses," said Tiger.

According to Owle, the cost of each bus is 342,000 dollars and each charging station is 50,000 dollars. Tiger and Owle said that it's not all been smooth sailing and that each of the partners has their own requirements in the project.

“When we say there have been issues, there’s going to be obstacles in a large project like this. Duke has their rules that they have to follow from the utilities commission and the tariff, and that’s what this pilot program where they’re offering 215,000 (dollars) per bus is from. With that, the chargers have to be vehicle-to-grid capable. That’s part of the pilot project. Because Duke wants to see if we can offset the power usage at peak times,” said Tiger.

With the bus coming to Cherokee, much of the work is now in the hands of Owle and his team.

“My challenge has not started yet. When the bus gets here, we have to destroy one of our buses. That’s when my work starts, is destroying that bus. We have to send [North Carolina DEQ] an invoice for the bus and pictures of our destroyed bus before we can get our money back,” said Owle.

He said that destroying the bus is required to receive the grant money. The goal is to not only adapt the CBC fleet, but to also make sure those emissions from the bus that is replaced aren’t going into the environment.

With this being a pilot program, Owle and his team are being tasked with doing extensive research on how the bus will operate on their routes. He said that Cherokee would be a great place to test more of the extreme conditions of bus travel. With long and short routes, mountains, and both hot and cold weather, Cherokee can offer a chance to test the vehicle in a multitude of situations.

“Plus, you got [a route] that goes up Soco Mountain. It’ll climb up, but on the way back down it will charge itself. It has regenerative brakes. That’s one way to look at it to see how it’s going to do on the mountain. I know they’re real,



real strong. The electric motor is 295 horsepower, so there’s no problem with power and moving the bus. But it just depends on how long they last. They’re claiming a full battery will go 150 miles, depending on cold and heat. Everything is going to depend on what you’re using to be comfortable,” said Owle.

Yona Wade, director of community affairs for CCS, said that everyone on the school side is ecstatic to be receiving the bus.

“I don’t think it’s simply a win for our school, it’s a win for the environment and what we do ... as good stewards to nature and the community here. That’s the whole point of this. It’s nice to say, ‘yes, we have the first electric school bus.’ But it’s so much more beyond that. It’s setting the stage for what it means to be a good steward of our environment and that we’re

looking towards future generations,” said Wade.

“Thank you so much to Cherokee Boys Club and Katie Tiger and her department for having the foresight and the leadership to move us towards creating this electric school bus fleet that will be beneficial not just here in the short term but will have a long-lasting effect on our student’s health and the health of the environment.”

Tiger said that the future of the project now rests with how this new bus will perform. She said that the initial plan was to test the vehicle before ordering any new buses, but the chance to push the project forward with federal dollars means they’re ahead of schedule.

“It depends on if Donnie likes these buses or not. Really, this first one was supposed to be a pilot project. But the way that the

money is coming down from the federal government, there’s a lot of it there. So, we have to jump on it when the opportunity rises. That’s how we got roped into this other one with the four buses before we even get the first bus,” said Tiger. The wheels continue to turn on this project, and the associated parties already have some work prepared for phase three of this project. This would be an even bigger wave of electric buses to the CBC. Eventually, the goal is to be the first school system in the state with a fully electric fleet.

A celebration to show-off the new bus will be held on Tuesday, March 15 at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds at 11:15 a.m. A class from CCS will ride in on the bus and stakeholders from the Tribe and across North Carolina will be in attendance.

Rhodarmer named an Honorary Member of Tribe

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

A man known for his love of Cherokee history and work at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum has been made an Honorary Member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). Tribal Council passed Res. No. 187 (2022) during its regular session on Thursday, Feb. 3 bestowing that honor on Charlie Rhodarmer who has worked at the Museum since July 2000.

Cherokee Co. – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha, who submitted the legislation on behalf of the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, said during Thursday's discussion, "If you have not ever had a chance to sit down with Charlie and just have any type of history discussion with him, you really need to take that opportunity and gain some knowledge of different things. Charlie is just a wonderful person to be around, well-deserved of this type of recognition."

Rhodarmer thanked everyone and said he was very humbled by the honor. "When I got to the Museum, I thought I'd just try it for about four or five years, and it's been 22 years. It's just been an incredible opportunity for me."

He is a living history performer and noted, "I'm proud of my own Scottish and German heritage and I'm also proud of my Cherokee friends and their history and culture. It has been an incredible privilege and honor. 22 years has gone by in the blink of an eye. Thank you for giving me the honor to tell the story of Sequoyah and the Cherokee history."

The resolution states, "Mr. Charlie Rhodarmer is a great



Rhodarmer selects type in the Cherokee syllabary to use on an 1800s era printing press, located at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, to print in the Cherokee language. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photos)

example of extensive Cherokee history and shares much of that knowledge with both individual

anybody better who deserves this honor so I stand in support of this resolution today."

Indians."

During Thursday's discussion, Branson said, "Charlie is every bit of what that resolution says. He is a jack of all trades and a master of every one of them. He is a great ambassador for not only the Museum, but, more importantly, the Tribe. He is a great speaker and he speaks on behalf of the Tribe very well wherever he goes."

Rhodarmer earned an associate's degree in criminal justice from Haywood Community College and a bachelor's of science degree from Western Carolina University. He also served in the U.S. Army in the 82nd Airborne Division.

"Charlie is a true ambassador of our Tribe..."

- Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed

and tour groups at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum of which he is the director, and Mr. Rhodarmer lives and breathes EBCI, Cherokee Nation, and Cherokee history."

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed spoke highly of Rhodarmer stating, "Charlie is a true ambassador of our Tribe, loves our people, loves our history and is certainly a fixture at Sequoyah Birthplace (Museum). I don't think there's

Gene Branson, is quoted in the resolution, "As Chair of the Board of Sequoyah Birthplace Museum and an enrolled member of the EBCI, I am very confident in Charlie's ability and love for the Eastern Band to answer any questions to share Cherokee history in any forum that he participates. Charlie is very deserving of being granted an honorary membership of the Eastern Band of Cherokee

Man in custody following McDonald's fatal shooting

One Feather Staff Report

A man is in custody facing three felony charges following a fatal shooting at the McDonald's at 748 Casino Trail on the evening of Friday, Feb. 25. Rider Lucas Sneed, 20, of Cherokee, has been charged with Homicide in the Second Degree, Assault with Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill and Inflicting Serious Injury, and Aggravated Reckless Endangerment in the Feb. 25 shooting that left Chase Crowe dead and John Wayne Malpass Jr. injured. Sneed was taken into custody on the early morning of Saturday, Feb. 26.

According to information from the Cherokee Indian Police Dept., "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."

The Criminal Complaint filed (Feb. 26) on the homicide charge in the case alleges, "On the date and time of the offense, the defendant did cause the death of the victim, Chase Crowe, by firing a semi-auto handgun and striking the victim about the body, causing serious

bodily injuries, which resulted in the victim's death."

The assault charges allege, "The defendant unlawfully assaulted John Wayne Malpass Jr. with a deadly weapon and inflicted serious injury. On the date and time of the offense, the defendant did discharge a semi-auto handgun in a public vehicle area of business (McDonald's) in which a fired projectile did strike the victim in the neck causing serious bodily injury."

According to information from the Cherokee Tribal Court, Sneed is still in custody. The One Feather has filed a Freedom of Information request with the CIPD for the incident report, but that has not been received as of press time.

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

Search for Fortner moving "into a different stage"

The boots-on-the-ground investigation into the disappearance of Jackson County resident Aaron Fortner, 25, is ending, at least for now, after state and local agencies combed miles of terrain for more than a week.

"We are not giving up," Jackson County Sheriff Chip Hall said. "But we are moving into a different stage

of the search."

Investigators continue exploring leads and interviewing acquaintances.

Officials say Fortner was last seen Feb. 21 at his residence on Fox Trace Road in Savannah community. They say he was last believed to be at his residence at about 2:30 a.m.

Fortner is described as a white male with dark hair and brown eyes. He has a slender build.

Hall noted hundreds of searchers participated in the search across Savannah community, including a swift-water team from Cherokee, members of all local fire departments, Jackson County Rescue Squad, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management and the State Bureau of Investigation.

The sheriff's office notes that Fortner sometimes uses the following names: Cody Black, Cody Smith, Cody Fortner and Aaron Winehouse.

If you have any information concerning Fortner or his whereabouts, please contact the Sheriff's Office at 586-4355 or dispatch at 586-1911.

- Jackson Co. Sheriff's Dept. release

Swimmer sentenced to 365 months in prison

ASHEVILLE – A Cherokee, N.C. man convicted of second degree murder by a federal jury was sentenced to 365 months in prison on Thursday, March 3, announced Dena J. King, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina. Shane McKinley Swimmer, 22, was also ordered to serve eight years of supervised release after he completes his prison term.

Robert R. Wells, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Charlotte Division, and Chief Josh Taylor of

the Cherokee Indian Police Department joined U.S. Attorney King in making Thursday's announcement.

According to filed court documents, trial evidence, and the sentencing hearing, on Nov. 10, 2018, Swimmer and his uncle, Charles Ray "Chino" West, were at his uncle's residence on Rocky Knob Trail in Swain County, which is within the Qualla Boundary. Trial evidence established that shortly before 7 p.m., Swimmer attacked his uncle with a baseball bat, striking the victim in the head multiple times. Following the attack, Swimmer went to another family member's house nearby and announced that the victim was dead before calling 911. Officers with the Cherokee Indian Police Department arrested Swimmer shortly thereafter. According to witness testimony, the victim was struck between eight and 30 times and sustained massive brain injuries. The victim's official cause of death was blunt force trauma to the head.

"Swimmer's unprovoked and brutal attack caused the victim's violent and untimely death," said U.S. Attorney King. "I commend the FBI and the Cherokee Indian Police Department for their investigative efforts in this case, which led to today's lengthy sentence."

Swimmer remains in federal custody. He will be transferred to the custody of the federal Bureau of Prisons upon designation of a federal facility.

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

Assistant U.S. Attorneys John Pritchard and Alexis Solheim of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Asheville prosecuted the case.

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Public defender and victims' rights ordinances passed in Council

By **JONAH LOSSIAH**

One Feather Staff

Thursday morning (March 3) EBCI Tribal Council passed Ordinances 139 and 143, two items that look to reshape the experience in the tribal justice system.

Ord. No. 143 adds criminal defense to the duties of the Legal Assistance Office (LAO) and is the first step towards integrating a public defender to the operations at Tribal Court. Bonnie Claxton, managing attorney of LAO, was there to speak on the ordinance.

"The hope is to continue to

provide high-quality legal representation. Have defense attorneys that are dedicated to practicing in Cherokee Court so that we're not delaying just because attorneys are caught up in other courts. We've been working with the Court to see exactly how that transition would happen," said Claxton.

Tribal Council immediately moved to pass, and it did so unanimously.

"I want to say thank you. If this Tribe's going to prosecute its members it needs to defend them too. Especially when it comes to children and women and men that

need that service. I appreciate this very, very much. It's been a long time coming," said Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy.

Painttown Rep. Dike Sneed also applauded the move but wanted to ensure that progress continued.

"When I was in law enforcement, I had cases go over a year waiting to get them before a judge. With all that being said, I want to make sure you get a victim's advocate. Make sure. That's what's needed," said Rep. Sneed.

Ten minutes later, Council heard Ord. No. 143, 'to establish rights of victims of crime in a new Chapter 15C of the Cherokee Code.' Hannah Smith from the EBCI Office of the Attorney General presented this item.

"What this does is it gives victims a place to go in the Tribal law and understand very specifically what they're entitled to in terms of their relationship with the prosecutor's office and the court system whenever they're a victim of a crime and they want to stay plugged in and be notified when things happen in that case. Like plea offers or sentencing and things like that. They have a voice and it's defined in the law. They'll know how to reach out," said Smith.

"It also puts the burden on our law enforcement officers to simply make victims of crimes aware. As they're really the first responders or first window of opportunity to make victims aware that we need their contact information and that they have rights to stay informed

about their case and have a voice."

This ordinance was also passed unanimously by Tribal Council. Associate Judge Barbara Parker was in the chambers to provide updates to Council. She thanked them for their support and offered insight on some of the upcoming changes to the justice system.

"We beg your patience. It is a knot we are untangling. It is a mess, and it is the first time, I think, in 20 years that all of these entities of the justice system have all come together and are sitting down at the table and making these decisions. So, we're working hard on this," said Parker.

Leading up to Thursday, this is something that Claxton detailed as well.

"What is great about the timing right now is that there are so many pieces of the justice system that are falling into place. The court is really engaged and interested in seeing this happen. The prosecutor's office as well. The police department has been supportive of some of the changes we're trying to make in order to make this whole system trauma-informed."

Claxton said that one of the needs of public defense is to simply have consistent representation in the courtroom. Tribal Court, and many other courts in the region, use a cycling list of attorneys for defendants in need of representation.

"They're not always able to be here when these cases are being handled. It's not uncommon for one of the criminal court-appointed

MISSING PERSON

Lance Dee Dennis

Male Enrolled with Navajo Nation
Age: 50

Height: 5'8"-5'9" Weight: 180-185 lbs

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

Date of last contact: January 24, 2022

Last Location: Beshbito, Arizona

Circumstances of Disappearance:
Lance was last seen by a close family friend on January 24, 2022, evening hours. The same person went to Lance's house to check on him on January 25, 2022 and he was not home. Has long hair, puts in ponytail, mustache, wears sunglasses or safety glasses. Right index finger tip is amputated.

If you have seen Lance Dennis, contact Arlinda Chischillie-Nez, Senior Police Officer, Navajo Nation Police Department-Dilkon District, (928) 657-8075. Agency Case #07-22-001488.

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ed attorneys to have three or four courthouses they're supposed to be in in a single day. So, that really slows down the resolution of these cases," said Claxton.

Shelli Buckner, of the Tribal Prosecutors Office, has been advocating for this move as well.

"I think it's going to be huge for the administration and efficiency of justice. We have some really big dockets these days ... the lawyers that practice are pulled in a lot of different directions. They're all very confident and capable, but it's about having enough bandwidth and time to devote to individuals here. I think having a public defender office is going to help those employed in that office focus their attention to our jurisdiction specifically. That's going to

help everyone engage in the justice system," said Buckner.

While it assists defendants and the system as a whole, Buckner said that it will also help the prosecutor's office directly.

"We spend a lot of time in the coordinating and scheduling aspects of the job. I think that having a public defender's office as a point of contact will help us minimize the amount of time that we spend on those more administrative functions of the job and allow us to spend more time on the substantive aspects of the job. Which I think is really critical to getting things done and getting cases moved along."

Claxton said another major benefit of a public defender is the ability to ensure the defense attor-

ney is well-versed in Cherokee and its people.

"We don't have as much control over the type of representation, how much education they have in Cherokee culture, and that kind of thing. If we do have folks in-house, and even if we have them on a contract, we can say 'this is what the expectations are.' Not only that you show up to court, but also that you spend time trying to understand this culture and trying to understand where your clients are coming from."

She said this is just the start, and that she is very much looking forward to how this momentum can carry the LAO office forward. She said that they want to take it a step further and create a space for holistic public defense.

"What we hope to do with the holistic defense is to say we have one attorney who is very familiar with all the different types of legal processes that you're dealing with right now. And can actually represent you not only in your criminal matter but also in your family safety matter and can speak authoritatively about what's happening in family safety court and what needs to happen for your criminal matter as well."

The LAO is looking to contract an attorney to get the ball rolling on this program. That is already in the works, and discussions are ongoing on if and how to implement a fulltime position moving forward.



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Possible international tie-in for 407 project

Kituwah, LLC seeks funding for Puy du Fou partnership

By JONAH LOSSIAH

One Feather Staff

The Kituwah, LLC will be requesting approximately \$31 million from Tribal Council to launch a new partnership project with award-winning French entertainment company Puy du Fou. Mark Hubble, CEO of the Kituwah, LLC, said that they would be bringing approximately \$13 million to the table, and Puy du Fou would be funding another \$1 million. He said that the Tribe and the Kituwah, LLC would fully own the \$45 million concept that looks to be the latest major attraction to the 407 project in Sevier County, Tenn.

“Puy du Fou contacted us probably a year ago or so after the Buc-ee’s article came out. We’ve had a lot of inquiries from a lot of different companies on that property, but we recognized that it needed something iconic to generate additional interest from other immersive entertainment-type concepts,” said Hubble.

Puy du Fou have developed several different entertainment concepts across the globe. They are a decorated company in Europe and have established theme parks in France and Spain. They have also won awards for their rotating theatre concepts.

“The concept from a return standpoint that works the best with what we have [at 407] ended up being an immersive walk-through. And they have immersive walkthroughs in both France and



A photo from one of Puy du Fou’s large shows hosted in France. More videos and pictures can be found on at puydufou.com (Photo contributed by Puy du Fou)

Spain. They’re building one in Shanghai right now,” said Hubble.

Puy du Fou offered a presentation to Tribal Council last month, detailing the initial concept they wished to bring to the 407 project. It has a working title of ‘The Cherokee Rose’, and tells the story of Cherokee men and women who served during World War I. The exhibit would walk through boot camp, the boat trip to France, experiences in Paris, and details of the war itself. The exhibit would be completed in roughly 35 minutes.

The French company wishes to tell local stories when they work outside of their home country. Hubble said that all of the information in the exhibit would be vetted for historical accuracy. He

said they have reached out to the executive director of the Museum of the Cherokee Indian as well as the board of the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum.

“They didn’t want to do things that had already been told and are already told [in Cherokee]. Because one of the reasons you want to do this is you can say, ‘if you want to hear the story of Tsali, go visit the Cherokee Museum in Cherokee, North Carolina’. So that you can cross-sell both sides of the mountain.”

This would be Puy du Fou’s first attraction in the United States, a market Hubble said they have had their sights set on.

Hubble said that this partnership has been developing for some

time, and that it has not been something they have rushed into.

“I was skeptical. I was very skeptical. Ultimately, it was probably five months before I even agreed to make the trip. Because it’s expensive and it’s during COVID and it’s a long, long flight,” said Hubble, who also said he paid for the European trip himself.

“Once I got there and I toured the Puy du Fou France, I was just shocked. I saw the night show. Their night show is the best show I’ve ever seen in my life, by far.”

He said that after his experience with their shows, he still had to spend significant time working with Puy du Fou on the numbers and how their operation would work with the Kituwah, LLC. This

is when they began to consider exactly how the exhibit would look.

“The other thing is a show has starting times and ending times. So, if you don’t happen to be there when it’s within 30 minutes of that show you’re probably not going to wait around. This, you can come in any time. And it was the easiest to benchmark against other things that were there. We have really good numbers on how many people go to WonderWorks each year. We have really good numbers on how many people go to the Titanic exhibit every year.”

He said that they are using the 2019 numbers from the Titanic Museum Attraction in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. as a benchmark. He said that this exhibit is most similar to the one they are looking to produce. He said that they are using the 2019 numbers because it was the last full year before COVID and therefore a better representation of what to expect moving forward. He said 2021 numbers were better, but they can’t expect the post-pandemic surge when their attraction opens. If all is approved, the Puy Du Fou project would not open until 2024 at the earliest.

“First year, we would expect somewhere between 500,000 and 750,000 [paid admissions], which are the Titanic numbers for 2019. That return would be about 12 percent. If you fast forward this about five years, you get a return of about 16-17 percent on the cash side of this.”

Hubble said that the financial figures are still in negotiations, but they have a good idea of what the final contract might look like.

“We get the first \$4 million per year,” he said. “There’s very small profit sharing on all of it. We get a four million dollar return on our investment, and then the amount above four million dollars is split



An example of Puy du Fou’s walkthrough shows in France. More videos and pictures can be found on at puydufou.com. (Photo contributed by Puy du Fou)

50/50 [with Puy du Fou].”

He said that another major aspect of the economics of this project is how much the Puy du Fou brand could increase the value of the rest of the land at the 407 project. Of the 170 useable acres, Buc-ee’s takes up 30 acres. There are about three to five additional acres potentially accounted for, but the remaining land can greatly increase in value with each major attraction they sign.

“Getting Buc-ee’s added 200,000 per acre to that land. All of it. If this adds another 100,000 per acre on another 140 acres. 14 million of that gets absorbed. It just makes the other land more valuable because people will pay higher rents because there’s other things there.”

Hubble said that increasing the value of the land and signing

new partners following Puy du Fou’s involvement is critical. He said that they have ‘safety valves’ ready, but they are hoping to bring in other major partners within six months of signing Puy du Fou.

“What we’ve done is we set it up so that if we put this [at 407], it has to be as part of other people putting their own money into it, like Ripley’s or Guinness ... if this doesn’t trigger other people to also want to be out there, then we want the option to move it somewhere else where we know it would do really well.”

This is all contingent on Tribal Council, however. With only about 31% of the funding secured, Council will need to decide if they trust the Kituwah, LLC and Puy du Fou with a 31-million-dollar investment. Hubble said that he felt a lot of support at the initial meeting,

but that was before they had a clear picture of the final financial figures.

“They applauded. So, it seemed like the great majority were in favor of it on an emotional level ... what we didn’t have at the time was what the final numbers would look like and what the performance would look like. So, the next work session would be ‘ok, we’ve seen the emotional concept of it, does it work on the numbers side.’”

A follow-up work session has not yet been scheduled, but Hubble said that it will be a priority in the coming weeks. While the final negotiations are underway, the only other thing left to do is to wait until that meeting with Tribal Council.

Council approves personnel powers for Chief of Police

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

The Chief of Police of the Cherokee Indian Police Department (CIPD) now has more authority over personnel matters due to changes made to Cherokee Code Section 96-11. Tribal Council passed Ordinance No. 144 (2022) during its regular session on Thursday, March 3 that amends language in the Code regarding officers and employees under the CIPD.

During discussion on the matter, Chief of Police Josh Taylor told Council, "Please know that this resolution is to help change the culture that we have at the Police Department, help motivation, dedication, and help me be successful for you guys. Seven months ago you asked me to fix the Police Department."

Chief Taylor said that this fix would help address long-standing issues, "I'm not talking bad about anybody before me, but the Police Department is lacking in certain areas."

The following language was added to Cherokee Code Section 96-11(c): "Notwithstanding any provision in this chapter, there shall be an exemption to the

Tribe's personnel policy where it concerns corrective actions for sworn officers and detention officers working within the Cherokee Indian Police Department's law enforcement and detention programs. Any sworn officer or detention officer working for a law enforcement agency answering to the Chief of Police serves at the pleasure of the Chief of Police and any corrective action or disciplinary procedures, up to and including termination, shall be at the sole discretion of the Chief of Police. Nothing in this subsection excludes such officers from the protections afforded by the other sections of this Chapter 96."

Chief Taylor related that he spoke to various police chiefs across the state, "They have the right to terminate at will. It's not a power that can be abused. I will not abuse it."

Chief Taylor explained that the process going forward will involve him giving the termination recommendation to a five-person internal affairs board who will return with their own recommendation. "At the end of the day, I would have the final say but I wouldn't be making all the decisions on my own. That kind of keeps it fair across the board."

He said he will not be petty with his decisions, "If people would do their job, they're not going to be in trouble. The only thing I'm asking is come to work, grind, put some people in jail, help solve some cases, and go home."

Chief Taylor said that he is happy with the improvements that are currently going on at CIPD. "We're getting that pride and that swagger back about the Cherokee Indian Police Department that people are starting to want to come work here again."

Wolftown Rep. Bill Taylor inquired, "Does this make a conflict with one program being at will and the rest of them having to follow the personnel policy?"

After that, EBCI Attorney General Michael McConnell answered, "It doesn't create a conflict, it creates a difference. As Chief Taylor pointed out, I think that the very wise thing in here is the sunset date of Sept. 30, 2023."

He added, "The concern is 'well, is Josh going to go rogue on us and do bad things'? He's standing here before us all saying 'no'. I don't think he will. I trust him to go in the direction that Tribal Council and Executive want him to go."

Painttown Rep. Dike Sneed, formerly a CIPD Chief of Police, made the motion to pass noting, "Everybody sitting in here knows that that's what I've been preaching the whole time I've been on Council. We need to have this. I don't like the sunset clause. I think it needs to go into effect. The state, the county, that's how they operate. They say, 'how can you do it with so few men?' Those few men know that if they don't do their job they go home. That's the way it

needs to be here."


Chief Taylor further noted, "It's nothing personal with anybody, but we have a status quo up there that has to be changed. If not, we're not serving this community to the fullest."

Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy said she would like to hear from the Police Commission and made the motion to table the legislation. "I'm not ready to support this today. The reason being is because a lot of the people that have that at-will opportunity are sheriffs and they're elected. If our Chief of Police position was elected, I would shut up and support it in a heartbeat. But I am concerned about that. I have an issue with at-will period, across the board."

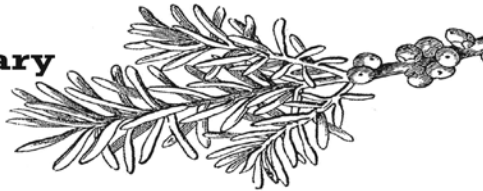
Yellowhill Rep. David Wolfe made a motion to do away with the sunset clause in the legislation. "If this is the best practice, and it's been practiced across the country, I'd like to remove that. If we keep it in place, I'd hate in 2023 to come back and take a step back. Why would we take a step back? We're trying to move forward. We're trying to protect our community the best we can."

That section stated, "The exemption expressed in subsection (c) of this section shall expire on Sept. 30, 2023 unless extended by Tribal Council by amendment to this section."

Rep. Wolfe's amendment passed and the sunset clause was removed from the legislation. A vote was taken on the full legislation next, and it passed with nine votes. Rep. McCoy and Cherokee Co. – Snowbird Reps. Adam Wachacha and Bucky Brown didn't vote to pass – preferring to see the legislation tabled.



Rosemary
has been
used since
ancient times for many
different purposes. Greek
scholars often wore a garland of it on their heads to help
their memory during examinations. Charlemagne grew it in
his royal gardens. The cologne that Napoleon Bonaparte
used contained it. Shakespeare mentioned it in five of his
plays. A sprig of the herb was often placed with the dead at
funerals, and brides wore it at their weddings. – Brenda Weaver
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CBO releases cost estimate on EBCI Historic Lands Reacquisition Act

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

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has released its report on a piece of legislation that would place 76 acres of land and another 19.9 acres in easements of land containing several historic sites in eastern Tennessee in trust for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI). The Eastern Band of Cherokee Historic Lands Reacquisition Act (H.R. 2008), passed the U.S. House of Representatives in November 2021, and the CBO released its cost estimate report on Thursday, Feb. 24, 2022.

“H.R. 2088 would take into trust, for the benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, approximately 96 acres of land located in Monroe County, Tennessee, that is currently administered by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA),” the CBO report states. “The Act would require TVA to submit revised maps of those lands to the Congress and would prohibit certain types of gaming on them.”

The report goes on to state “that compiling the information to revise the maps of the lands taken into trust would cost about \$30,000 in 2022”. It adds, “... CBO expects that any increase in direct spending for mapping would be treated as an operating

expense and recovered quickly in TVA’s rates for electricity. Thus, CBO estimates that the net effect on direct spending would be negligible.”

According to the report, the Department of the Interior would incur administrative costs to take the land into trust but that those “would not be significant”.

Shortly after House passage in November 2021, Rep. Chuck Fleischmann (R-Tenn.), who introduced the legislation in March 2021, said in a statement, “For the third Congress in a row, the House in a wide bipartisan vote, passed my bill to return 76 acres of sacred land in Monroe County to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; righting a terrible wrong when their land was forcibly taken from them by the federal government.” His statement went on to say, “The Cherokee people have a long, rich history on these lands, and it is the place where Cherokees have honored the birth and life of Sequoyah, one of the most influential and important Native Americans in history. I am humbled and thankful to play a part in ensuring the story of the Eastern Band is preserved and taught to future generations.”

According to language in the bill, the 76 acres includes approximately 46 acres at the site of the

Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, around 18.2 acres which includes the Chota Memorial and the Tanasi Memorial, and another 11.2 acres known as “support parcel”. Also included in the bill are permanent easements for the Chota Peninsula, which includes 8.5 acres and the Chota-Tanasi Trail which has 11.4 acres.

The Chota Memorial includes a full-scale representation of the Council House and sits in the spot of the original structure at Chota. The Tanasi Memorial, built by the TVA and the Tennessee Historical Commission in 1989, contains a monument with an inscription that states in part, “The site of the former town of Tanasi, now underwater, is located about 300 yards west of this marker.”

Charlie Rhodharmer, Sequoyah Birthplace Museum director, noted the importance of the area, “Tanasi was the first Cherokee capital in what is now this area of east Tennessee. It was set up by Moytoy of Tellico in the late 1720s/1730s. Moytoy was the first ‘emperor’ (spokesman) of the Cherokee. By 1753, Chota had become the mother town of the Overhill. During the 18th century, Chota was the political and cultural capital of the Cherokee Nation. It was known as a peace town.”

He added, “Chota was the

longest existing Cherokee capital in the east before the Removal. Chota is center stage for Lt. Henry Timberlake’s visit. Timberlake wrote his memoirs of his visit to the Cherokee Overhill, which gives us an incredible insight into Cherokee life and culture in the mid-18th century. By 1788, the Cherokee had moved their capital south to Georgia.”

Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed, who testified on a past bill in 2017, said in a statement last fall when the bill passed the House, “Sequoyah was a seminal leader who contributed so much to help the Cherokee people. And while this bill faces a long legislative path ahead, I could not be prouder of the efforts to preserve and protect this important memorial for generations to come. I would personally like to thank members of the Tennessee delegation, particularly, Rep. Charles Fleischmann (R-Tenn.) who championed the effort to protect Cherokee history in the region. We are grateful for his continued leadership on this effort.”

Previous versions of the bill included H.R. 453 (116th Congress) which passed by a unanimous voice vote and H.R. 146 (115th Congress) which passed the House 383-2.

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

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



**CIPD Arrest Report for
Feb. 20-28**

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 the onefeather.com.

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

Buchanana, Lorie Ann – age 52
Arrested: Feb. 21
Released: Feb. 21

Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Long, Errol Randall – age 40
Arrested: Feb. 21
Released: Feb. 23
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Taylor, Autrey Vincent – age 39
Arrested: Feb. 21
Released: March 3
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Littlejohn, Robert Allen – age 45
Arrested: Feb. 22
Released: Feb. 23
Charges: Public Nuisance

Lossiah, Joshua Boyd – age 43
Arrested: Feb. 22
Released: Not released as of report date (March 4)
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful

Order of the Court, Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Possession of a Controlled Substance (Schedule I-V), Providing or Possessing Contraband

Mahan, Christopher Allen – age 32
Arrested: Feb. 22
Released: Not released as of report date (March 4)
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor (two counts)

Oocumma, Eugene Murray – age 31
Arrested: Feb. 22
Released: Not released as of report date (March 4)
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

Wilnoty, David Bernard – age 59
Arrested: Feb. 22
Released: March 2
Charges: Assault on a Child, Abu-

sive Sexual Contact

Wolfe, Jasmyn Tiandra – age 25
Arrested: Feb. 22
Released: Not released as of report date (March 4)
Charges: Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Wolfe, Jordan Rae – age 27
Arrested: Feb. 22
Released: Feb. 22
Charges: Temporary Hold

Bird, Kasia Jade – age 22
Arrested: Feb. 23
Released: March 1
Charges: Resisting Lawful Arrest, Possession of a Controlled Substance (two counts), Obstructing Governmental Functions, Resisting Lawful Arrest



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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

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Lossiah, Thomas Lyle – age 25
Arrested: Feb. 23
Released: March 1
Charges: Providing or Possessing
Contraband, Aggravated Weapons
Offense, Possession of a Controlled
Substance

Montelongo Jr., David – age 42
Arrested: Feb. 23
Released: Not released as of report
date (March 4)
Charges: Failure to Appear on
Misdemeanor

Taylor, Brayden – age 18
Arrested: Feb. 23
Released: Feb. 23
Charges: Criminal Mischief to
Property

Taylor, Natasha Marie-Lequire –
age 35
Arrested: Feb. 23

Released: Feb. 23
Charges: Simple Assault

Tolley, Cassandra Marie – age 32
Arrested: Feb. 23
Released: Not released as of report
date (March 4)
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful
Order of the Court

Walkingstick, Cecil Eli – age 44
Arrested: Feb. 23
Released: Feb. 25
Charges: Drug Trafficking

Gunter, Austin Allen – age 30
Arrested: Feb. 24
Released: Not released as of report
date (March 4)
Charges: Obstructing Governmen-
tal Functions; Public Nuisance;
Child Pornography; Contributing
to the Delinquency, Undiscipline,
Neglect, or Abuse of Minors

Hicks, Miracle – age 24
Arrested: Feb. 24
Released: Not released as of report
date (March 4)
Charges: Drug Paraphernalia, Pos-
session of a Controlled Substance

Lambert, Erica Aclare – age 40
Arrested: Feb. 24
Released: Feb. 25
Charges: Child Abuse in the Sec-
ond Degree

Watty, Ariella Jo – age 37
Arrested: Feb. 24
Released: Not released as of report
date (March 4)
Charges: Drug Paraphernalia;
Manufacture, Sell or Deliver, or
Possession with Intent to Man-
ufacture, Sell, or Deliver, a Con-
trolled Substance; Possession of a
Controlled Substance

Crowe, Billy Jack – age 37
Arrested: Feb. 25
Released: Not released as of report
date (March 4)
Charges: Assault by Strangulation
(two counts); Domestic Violence
(two counts); Public Nuisance;
Drug Paraphernalia; Possession of
a Controlled Substance; Assault on
a Female; Failure to Obey a Lawful
Order of the Court (two counts);
Simple Assault, Assault and Bat-
tery, Simple Affray

Ellwood, William Stanley – age 35
Arrested: Feb. 25
Released: Not released as of report
date (March 4)
Charges: Failure to Appear on
Misdemeanor

Lambert, Erica Aclare – age 40
Arrested: Feb. 25
Released: March 3
Charges: Communicating Threats,
Second Degree Trespass

White, Janet Miller – age 53

Arrested: Feb. 25
Released: Feb. 25
Charges: Temporary Hold for
Jackson Co.

Bird, Stephen Isaiah – age 22
Arrested: Feb. 26
Released: Feb. 27
Charges: Larceny, Public Intoxi-
cation

Sneed, Rider Lucas – age 20
Arrested: Feb. 26
Released: Not released as of report
date (March 4)
Charges: Homicide in the Sec-
ond Degree, Assault with Deadly
Weapon with Intent to Kill and
Inflicting Serious Injury, Aggravat-
ed Reckless Endangerment

Driver, Boddy Dean Jr. – age 36
Arrested: Feb. 27
Released: Feb. 27
Charges: Intoxicated and Disrup-
tive, Simple Assault

Watty, Jason Adam – age 44
Arrested: Feb. 27
Released: Feb. 28
Charges: Failure to Appear on
Misdemeanor



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New Toastmasters Club forming in Cherokee

The Sequoyah Fund will be sponsoring a new Toastmasters Club that will meet regularly in Cherokee. Toastmasters International is an organization dedicated to helping members improve public speaking skills, build leadership skills, and network with others in a small, supportive environment.

Russ Seagle, executive director of The Sequoyah Fund said, "We've been working on getting a club here for a few months. We hosted a business breakfast back in October at the Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Center where several folks were invited to stand up and speak about their programs and give updates to benefit our business community. Afterward, several people approached us to express how they wanted to im-

prove their ability to speak in front of an audience."

Seagle has some friends in the Raleigh/Durham area who are longtime members of Toastmasters, and they suggested starting a club in Cherokee to help anyone wanting to feel more comfortable speaking in public. The Sequoyah Fund reached out to the Toastmasters organization and decided to sponsor a club here in Cherokee.

The club will be open to anyone and has no age limit. Toastmasters requires clubs to have at least 20 members. Seagle says the club aims to meet in person on a weekly basis, but the first few meetings will be held virtually via Zoom. "The reason for this is that Toastmasters is lending us some experienced hands to help guide us and get us started the right way. Some of these members are join-

ing us from Asheville or farther. We will be the most remote club in western North Carolina."

The first meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 17. It will be a "demonstration meeting" to let participants see what happens at a typical Toastmasters meeting. While typical meetings involve writing and delivering speeches, no one will be expected to speak at this initial meeting. To register and get your Zoom access link, go to <https://bit.ly/cherokee-toastmasters-invitation>. Sequoyah Fund will pay the first year's membership fee for all charter club members.

Toastmasters International currently has over 300,000 members in 149 countries. Since 1924, the organization has helped people from diverse backgrounds become more confident speakers, communicators, and leaders.

- Sequoyah Fund release

Cherokee Cinemas & More announces remodel

Kituwah, LLC has begun a remodel at the Cherokee Cinemas & More complex that will include converting the existing seating in all the auditoriums to heated, recliner-style seating with table-trays for food and beverages.

According to Mark Hubble, Kituwah, LLC chief executive officer, "The decision to make these changes are driven by feedback from our customers as well as forecasts in theater trends for a post-covid world. Not only will this remodel benefit our guests but according to the latest data, our revenues should actually increase as a result, even though we'll be reducing overall seating with larger, more comfortable options."

The remodel will start Monday, March 7 with theaters 1, 2 and 3. Those auditoriums will reopen

prior to Memorial Day blockbusters and the summer season. Theaters 4, 5 and 6 will follow in the late summer or early fall. After the recliners are installed, the Cherokee Cinemas will also be adding enhanced online booking and reserved seating so customers can skip the lines and go directly to their seats. Looking forward, Cherokee Cinemas hopes to review public spaces and consider updates to food and beverage options.

Currently open Thursdays through Sundays, Cherokee Cinemas & More expects to return to a seven-day schedule by Summer 2022.

- Kituwah, LLC release

MISSING PERSON

Brittaney Littledave - female

Cherokee Nation (Okla.) citizen

Height: 5'2/5'3

Weight: 130lbs

Age: 36

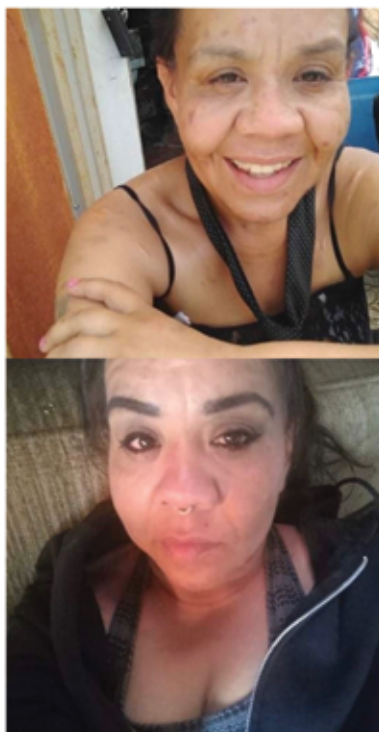
Eye and hair color: brown

Tattoos: left upper arm, Cherokee Nation Seal, right upper arm: flowers and butterflies, back of neck: laugh now cry later

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

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

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



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- 1 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter (no substitutions), cold, cut into pieces
- 1 tablespoon nonpareils or sprinkles, or 1/2 cup mini baking bits (use green for St. Patrick's Day)

1. Preheat oven to 325 F.
 2. In food processor with knife blade attached, pulse flour and sugar until combined. Add butter and pulse until dough begins to come together. Place dough in medium bowl. With hand, gently knead in nonpareils or baking bits until evenly blended and dough forms a ball.
 3. On lightly floured waxed paper, pat dough into 8-by-5-inch rectangle; freeze 15 minutes. Cut dough into 1/2-inch squares. Place squares, 1/2 inch apart, on ungreased large cookie sheet.
 4. Bake cookies 18 to 20 minutes or until lightly browned on bottom. Transfer cookies to wire rack to cool. Repeat with remaining dough. Store cookies in tightly covered container at room temperature up to 1 week, or in freezer up to 3 months.
- Each serving: About 40 calories, 3g total fat (2g saturated), 4g total carbohydrate.

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Budget Council Official

Results – Tuesday, Feb. 1

Res. No. 119: Budget Amendment, Cherokee Fire Dept. FY22 (add misc. revenue) – PASSED (Unanimous = 88, Absent: Crowe = 12)

Res. No. 120: EBCI Emergency Management be authorized to apply for and accept funds from the FEMA-BRIC in the amount of \$1,000,000 for FY22 – AMENDED/PASSED (Unanimous = 88, Absent: Crowe = 12)

Res. No. 121: EBCI Natural Resources Program be authorized to apply for and accept funds from USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service in the amount of \$10,000 – PASSED (Unanimous = 88, Absent: Crowe = 12)

Res. No. 122: A resolution for the estate of Zane Edwin Bowman (d) – PASSED

Res. No. 123: A resolution for the

estate of Steven Allen Teesateskie (d) – PASSED (Unanimous = 88, Absent: Crowe = 12)

Res. No. 124: A resolution for the estate of Rosie Mae Sequoyah Hornbuckle (d) – PASSED (Unanimous = 88, Absent: Crowe = 12)

Res. No. 125: A resolution for the estate of Patrick Daniel Teesateskie (d) – PASSED (Unanimous = 88, Absent: Crowe = 12)

Item No. 8: A resolution for the estate of Mickie Driver (d) – HELD

Res. No. 126: A resolution for the estate of Matthew Nicholas Drake Starlin – PASSED (Unanimous = 88, Absent: Crowe = 12)

Res. No. 127: Two donation resolutions for the month of February 2022 – PASSED (Unanimous = 88, Absent: Crowe = 12)

Res. No. 128: Banishment of Tella Antoinette Page – PASSED (Unanimous = 88, Absent: Crowe = 12)

Res. No. 129: Banishment of Richard Allen Dickson – PASSED (Unanimous = 88, Absent: Crowe = 12)

Res. No. 130: Banishment of Lori Ann Buchanan – PASSED (Unanimous = 88, Absent: Crowe = 12)

Res. No. 131: Banishment of Jonathan Lee Newberry – PASSED (Unanimous = 88, Absent: Crowe = 12)

Res. No. 132: Banishment of Evan Ulexis Lee – PASSED (Unanimous = 88, Absent: Crowe = 12)

Res. No. 133: Banishment of Eric Daniel Vaughn – PASSED (Unanimous = 88, Absent: Crowe = 12)

Item No. 17: Banishment of Cheryl Dion Cole – HELD until MARCH COUNCIL

Tribal Council Results – Thursday, Feb. 3

Ord. No. 1: Amendment to Section 105-3, provides declared exemptions from levy – TABLED for WORK SESSION

Res. No. 5: Resolution requesting to rescind Res. No. 570, recognition of heirs of Allen Boyd Queen (d) – WITHDRAWN (re-write and submit for March)

Res. No. 9: A resolution to transfer Birdtown Community Parcel No. 562 from Catherine Christine Owle to Ruby Owle Crowe – WITHDRAWN

Res. No. 32: A resolution granting an access road and utilities right-of-way across Wolftown Community Parcel 120-G to Wolftown Parcel 1006 – PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Ord. No. 82: Amendment to Cherokee Code Chapter 50 to require mediation of child custody actions and to provide participation by grandparents – TABLED for WORK SESSION

Ord. No. 83: Amendment to Cherokee Code Section 117-10, reporting to Council – PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

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Ord. No. 84: An ordinance amending Cherokee Code Section 28-2 to clarify if a first-generation descendant dies while still owning a possessory interest in tribal trust land the possessory interest shall revert back to the Tribe – TABLED for WORK SESSION

Res. No. 89: A resolution granting multiple right-of-way easements to the N.C. Dept. of Transportation to make safety and mobility improvements along N.C. 143 from Robbinsville to Stecoah – TABLED

Ord. No. 134: An ordinance to amend Cherokee Code Section 117-10.1, amend the initial chain of command for Legislative Counsel and TOP Staff – TABLED

Ord. No. 135: Amendment to Cherokee Code Section 16C-5, distribution to members – Tabled

Ord. No. 136: Amendment to Cherokee Code Section 117-41, EBCI Investment Committee – TABLED

Ord. No. 137: Amendment to Cherokee Code Chapter 161, Tribal Elections (filing for office) – TABLED

Ord. No. 138: An ordinance to enhance the areas of opportunity for licensed medical cannabis establishments – TABLED

Ord. No. 139: An ordinance to add criminal defense to the list of duties of the EBCI Legal Assistance Office – TABLED

Ord. No. 140: Amendment to Cherokee Code, strike sections of Chapter 55-B – TABLED

Ord. No. 141: Amendment to Cherokee Code, an ordinance to reorganize financial accountability requirements and add language for annual audit requirements – TABLED

Ord. No. 142: Amendment to Cherokee Code Chapter 16C, Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan – TABLED

PUBLIC NOTICE AND TESTIMONY

Confirmation Hearing for Cherokee Indian Hospital Governing Board pursuant to Cherokee Code Chapter 117 Article III-A

Cherokee Indian Hospital Governing Board confirmation hearings for Hillane Lambert and Adele Jacobs Madden

Wednesday, March 23 at 1 p.m.
Tribal Council Chambers; Cherokee, N.C.

These hearings are open to the public, and Tribal Council invites public testimony only in accordance with Cherokee Code Chapter 117, Article III-A. Anonymous comments will not be accepted.

Members of the general public who wish to participate in the hearing shall submit written testimony to the Tribal Council Chairman in care of the Tribal Operations Program: Attn: Kelly Sampson, P.O. Box 455, Cherokee, NC 28719. Written testimony shall be submitted to the Tribal Operations Program not less than five working days from the hearing date. Testimony shall not include personal matters pending in litigation.

The final date for public comment will be Wednesday, March 16, 2022



Ord. No. 143: An ordinance establishing Victim's Rights – TABLED
Ord. No. 144: Amendment to Cherokee Code Chapter 96-11, giving the Chief of Police greater authority to address personnel matters – TABLED

Res. No. 145: Resolution requesting the Tribal Council does hereby designate parcel across Galbraith Creek Road and from the current THPO Office across Hwy. 19 (Ela Road) from Kituwah Field in Swain County – AMENDED/PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 146: A resolution granting a temporary construction easement to the EBCI Dept. of Natural Resources for Wolftown Parcel No. 1169 without the signatures of Ronald Sequoyah Bowman – AMENDED/PASSED (For – French, Owle, Brown, TW Saunooke, Crowe, Taylor, Rose, Sneed, T. Saunooke = 80; Against – McCoy, Wolfe, Wachacha = 20)

Res. No. 147: A resolution requesting Tribal Council to approve an annual distribution to Qualla Arts and Crafts in the amount of \$200,000 – AMENDED/PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 148: A resolution requesting Tribal Council approve the revised policy statements for the Minor's Trust Fund and Cherokee Central Schools Reserve Fund – AMENDED/PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 149: A resolution requesting that the US 441 and Acquoni Road Bridge shall read as follows: PFC Charles George, Medal of Honor, Bridge – AMENDED/

PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 150: A resolution to amend the referendum questions presented in Res. No. 11 (2021) regarding Tribal Council terms of office, to simplify questions and set an election date – AMENDED/TABLED

Res. No. 151: A resolution requesting that Tribal Council direct all future local community and economic projects to the Project Workgroup at the attention of the Project Management Office – AMENDED/PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 152: A resolution requesting that the EBCI Secretary of Commerce Division be approved as an additional staff member for the Commerce Division and position be added to the EBCI Org Chart – PASSED (For – French, Owle, Brown, TW Saunooke, Wolfe, Wachacha, Crowe, Taylor, Rose, T. Saunooke = 87; Against – Sneed = 6; Abstain – McCoy = 7)

Item No. 25: A resolution requesting that Tribal Council approve a study entitled "Woven Resilience: An Ethnoarchaeological Approach to Social Change in Cherokee Baskets" – HELD for WORK SESSION

Res. No. 153: Dr. William E. Cope-land, Ph.D., be granted permission to carry out the research project entitled "Great Smoky Mountains Study by Rural Aging" – PASSED (Unanimous = 87; Absent – McCoy, Brown = 13)

Res. No. 154: Dr. Jason Ostrander, DSW, be granted permission to carry out the research project

entitled "The Gadugi Project: Improving Child Welfare Through Investing in Family" – PASSED (Unanimous = 94; Absent – Brown = 6)

Res. No. 155: Dr. Elizabeth Anderson, DSW, LCSW, be granted permission to carry out the research project entitled "Pathways to Advance Care Planning Among Members of the EBCI" – PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Res. No. 156: Dr. Sara Duncan, Ph.D., be granted permission to carry out the research project entitled "Our Air: Exploring Local Air Quality through Storytelling and Community Science" – PASSED (Unanimous = 100)

Item No. 30: Emma Olsen, MPH, MSW, be granted permission to carry out the research project entitled "Community Health Workers as Culturally-Responsive COVID Support in WNC Communities" – WITHDRAWN

Res. No. 157: Snowbird Community Library is authorized to add one Library Aide position to the current organizational chart and shall report to the Snowbird Community Library Manager – PASSED (For – French, McCoy, Owle, Brown, TW Saunooke, Wachacha, Crowe, Taylor, Rose, Sneed, T. Saunooke = 93; Against – Wolfe = 7)

Res. No. 158: Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority is hereby authorized to provide the Robins and Morton Group with a right to arbitration in its agreement with Robins – PASSED (Unanimous = 94; Absent – Wachacha = 6)

Item No. 33: A resolution requesting to make Charlie Rhodarmer an honorary member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians – HOLD until MARCH COUNCIL

Item No. 35: Tribal Council accepts the Principal Chief's nomination and confirms the appointment of the Honorable Brenda Toineeta Pipestem as Associate Justice – HELD

Res. No. 159: A resolution supporting the EBCI Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources to begin collation building for removal of Ela Dam – PASSED (For – French, Owle, Brown, TW Saunooke, Wolfe, Crowe, Taylor, Rose, Sneed, T. Saunooke = 87; Abstain – McCoy = 7; Absent – Wachacha = 6)

Res. No. 160: A resolution allowing Debra C. McCourtney, Susa C. Spees, James D. Cooper, and Janene C. Lancaster, first generation heirs, to transfer their interest in possessory holdings to the Tribe – AMENDED/TABLED

Res. No. 161: A resolution granting permission to partner with N.C. State University staff to conduct a climate action plan – TABLED

Emergency Res. No. 162: Self-governance compact with the U.S. Dept. of Interior (PD more authority) – PASSED (Unanimous = 94; Absent – Wachacha = 6)

Emergency Res. No. 163: A resolution supporting compacting UNITY – PASSED (Unanimous = 94; Absent – Wachacha = 6)



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Examining Cherokee foodways

Museum of the Cherokee Indian Spring Lecture Series to explore food sovereignty

The Museum of the Cherokee Indian (MCI) is proud to announce its Spring Lecture Series, held both in-person and virtually throughout March, April, and May of 2022. Under the theme of Food Sovereignty, the series features a lineup of Cherokee innovators, advocates, and culture keepers dedicated to preserving Indigenous foodways and plant gathering traditions.

“With this series, we hope to look at the importance and impact of traditional foods and foodways amongst Indigenous people, how food has an impact on identity and culture, and provide educational resources for those interested in this subject,” shares Jenn Wilson, MCI Aniyvwiya Community Program Coordinator. “It is my hope that I can encourage my fellow tribal members to learn more about food sovereignty and how reconnecting with culture in this way is important.”

The series kicks off on Friday, March 11 with a virtual presentation from Tommy Cabe (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians). As the liaison between the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and the National Park Service, Tommy has helped obtain the rights to gather traditional foods, such as sochan and ramps, within park lands. In his online-only lecture, Tommy will share his experiences working as a liaison and explain what plants EBCI members are allowed to gather.

On Tuesday, March 22, the Lecture Series moves to Cherokee’s Bird Town Community Center for a live presentation from innovative chef Nico Albert (GʷY.Ǿ DʒP Cherokee Nation). As owner and executive chef of Burn-

ing Cedar Indigenous Foods, Nico revitalizes ancestral Indigenous foodways to promote healing and wellness in Native communities. Her work has been spotlighted by PBS, OsioTV, USA Today, Atlas Obscura, and more. Nico arrives in Cherokee from her home of Tulsa, Oklahoma to discuss food sovereignty and prepare several dishes live for the audience. On Monday, March 28 at 6pm, tune in to YouTube for a live screening of Nico’s lecture, plus a Q&A with MCI staff.

On Wednesday, April 20, Join MCI staff live on YouTube for the premiere of “Corn: A Look at Traditional Foodways and Cherokee Identity.” Listen as elders and community members discuss the continuing impact and uses of corn, a staple food in the Cherokee diet for thousands of years. Learn traditional methods of preparation and cooking and how corn ties into Cherokee identity. Museum staff will lead a chat-based Q&A.

The Spring Lecture Series concludes on Wednesday, May 18 with the virtual event “The Seeds We Bear: The Ties Between Food, Identity & Motherhood.” Four women from different Indigenous nations across the United States will discuss the impact of traditional foods within their communities—and how pursuing stronger ties with traditional foods and preparation can strengthen our ties with ourselves. Panelists will also discuss how food can influence childbirth and motherhood.

All Spring Lecture Series events are free of charge and open to all. Space is limited, and attendees may register for each panel via the links below. Additional information, including panelist bios, can be found at mci.org/learn/programming. All filmed Lecture Series events will be added to the Museum’s YouTube channel; the 2021-2022 Winter Lecture Series can be streamed in its entirety.

2022 MCI Spring Lecture Series Schedule

Tommy Cabe on EBCI & Park Service Agreements

Friday, March 11, 3pm

Location: Virtual (Register here)

Speaker: Tommy Cabe (EBCI)

An Afternoon with Nico Albert

Live Event: Tuesday, March 22, 2pm, Bird Town Community Center, 1139 US-19, Cherokee, NC 28719 (Register here)

Speaker: Nico Albert (Cherokee Nation)

Virtual Event: March 28, 6pm – watch the pre-recorded lecture and participate in a live chat Q&A with MCI staff via MCI’s YouTube channel

Corn: A Look at Traditional Foodways & Cherokee Identity

Wednesday, April 20, 6pm

Location: Virtual – watch the pre-recorded lecture and participate in a live chat Q&A on MCI’s YouTube channel

Speakers: To be announced via mci.org/programming

The Seeds We Bear: The Ties Between Food, Identity & Motherhood

Wednesday, May 18, 3pm

Location: Virtual (Register here)

Speakers: To be announced via mci.org/programming

- Museum of the Cherokee Indian

The entire Cherokee Code of Ordinance can be found here:

https://library.municode.com/tribes_and_tribal_nations/eastern_band_of_cherokee_indians



Carroll James Parker

Carroll James Parker, 83, of the Wolfetown Community in Cherokee, went home to be with the Lord Friday, March 4, 2022. A native of Cherokee, he was the son of the late Benjamin and Flora Lambert Parker.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his brothers, Ed, Claude, Jerome, and Gerard Parker, and sisters, Hilma Parker, Christine Buchanan, Kathleen Welch, Janette Kimsey, and Elba Crain. Carroll was a U.S. Army Veteran having served in the Korean War from 1956 through 1958. Carroll also served on Chero-

kee Tribal Council for 10 years.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mabel Parker; one son, Michael Parker; one daughter, Clara Wahnetah (Tom); grandchildren, Shelby Parker, Payton Parker (Daisy), Elle, Dylan, Kevin, and AbbyGail Wahnetah; great grandchildren, Tyran Parker, Acosia Welch, Marcus Parker, Paisley and Christoph Ensley, and Agnes Bradley; two brothers, Don Parker (Gail), and Tom Parker, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held Tuesday, March 8 at Crisp Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. J. T. Lambert officiated with burial at Parker Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were among family and friends.

Chase Crowe

Chase Crowe, 43, made his journey to give Heaven a little hell on Friday, Feb. 25, 2022. He was greeted on the other side with open arms by his daughter, Ah-yo-ka Chaslynn Crowe Calhoun, and the love of his life, Jessica Nicole Calhoun.

In addition, he will be greeted by his grandmother, Sallie Crowe; special cousins, Noland Crowe, Martin Perez, and Malyn Kelcy Crowe.

Surviving him are his moth-

er, Faye Crowe Bird (Mario), and father, James "Bone" Toineeta. He left behind his younger siblings, Errol Long (Lady Bird), Jonna Bird (Cricket), John Bird, Grace Bird (Kyle), and Kirsh Bird. The Crazy Crowe Legacy will continue through his eight living Children, Angelika Gloyne (Becky), Adelia Crowe (Ian), Terrance Crowe (Lauren), Isaiah Crowe, and their mother, Dawn Gloyne; Jallen Calhoun, Ataliana Calhoun, Elvis Calhoun and Dawson Haston. His grandchildren include Atticus Taylor, Ilah Crowe, and Vaughn Snow. Also surviving are nieces and nephews, Corbin Long-Wolfe, Jimiqua Driver (Darren), Elexia Bird, Jimya Driver, Dreyvon Taylor, Xaldin Bird, Kylex Pheasant, and Niles Bird; one great-nephew, Carter Driver; and special friends include, Mr. Earl, Mrs. Kathy, Mr. Carl, Mr. Nate Wade, and Tinoli Wildcat.

Chase spent his time fixing mopeds and automobiles. He composed his own songs and was an avid guitar player. He obtained his GED while incarcerated in the F.B.O.P, then went on to graduate from SCC in 2017 with is associate's degree in automotive technology. He founded the Moped Meanies and ran his own mechanic shop out of his home. Chase will be remem-

bered for his contagious smile, big heart and never die attitude, never met a stranger character. He told amazing stories and always had a laugh to share. Fly High Our Little Ol' Limpet Denadagohvyo

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

Vivian Saunooke Ross

Vivian Saunooke Ross, 84, of Cherokee, went home to be with the Lord Friday, March 4, 2022. A native of Cherokee, she was the daughter of the late Kane and Margaret Smith Saunooke and wife of the late Robert Ross.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Golinda Lambert, Lillian Franklin, and Bell Taylor.

She is survived by her children, Katherine Medford Bradley, Vicki Ray Medford, Linda Gayle Medford, and Ricky Lee Medford (Cheryl); nine grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren; brother, Soloman Saunooke; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 9 in the chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Birdtown Cemetery.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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 and applications will be available onsite at the C.I.H.D. Main Office located at 687 Acquoni Rd. Cherokee, NC 28719. Applications and documentation can be emailed back to Stefany Hicks at the following email address: shicks@ebci-nsn.gov

Note that entering information using the link at 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

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 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

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 certified instructors who carry a N.C. Fire-fighter II certification. Info: Thomas Simmons, Cherokee Fire & Rescue assistant chief, thomsimm@nc-chokeee.com or 788-1272

- Cherokee Fire & Rescue

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 Placemaking has been evaluating cultural and recreation facilities across the Qualla Boundary during the

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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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The Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program is currently accepting applications for the 2022 - 2023 program year.

If selected, Fellows receive \$4000 to use for their leadership endeavors and for travel opportunities. Fellows will also raise awareness and work on community issues, receive personal and professional support from Mentors in our community, and have networking opportunities.

To apply, please visit www.rkli.org/jones-bowman/ or visit the Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute at 171 Boys Club Loop, Cherokee. Applications are due to Christopher Reed by April 4th, 2022 at 4:30pm.



past few months. It will provide leadership with recommendations for needed repairs, modifications, and suggested improvements. Gathering input from the community is an essential component of the planning process.

A survey is currently available online <https://ebci.com/services/departments/division-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 opportunity for each household in our community to let our leaderships know what you would like to see improved at existing facilities, and which programs should be planned for the future. Your assistance in the planning process and participation is essential for pursuing

state and federal grants for funding future improvements. Grants are available to sovereign Tribal nations for improvements, but they are limited and are very competitive. The more community participation we have in this process, the greater our government's chances are to compete for these limited resources."

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

- Placemaking release

Greening Up the Mountains Festival open call for vendors

Artisans, Crafters, and Food Vendors are invited to submit their

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

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

- Greening Up the Mountains Committee

Duke University pow wow

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

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) appointments available

If your annual gross income (AGI) is less than \$73,000 and you are a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) you are eligible to have your taxes prepared at no cost at the EBCI Extension Of-

see **ANNOUNCEMENTS** next page

Wanted: Gallons of Ramps For The 2022 Rainbows and Ramps Festival!

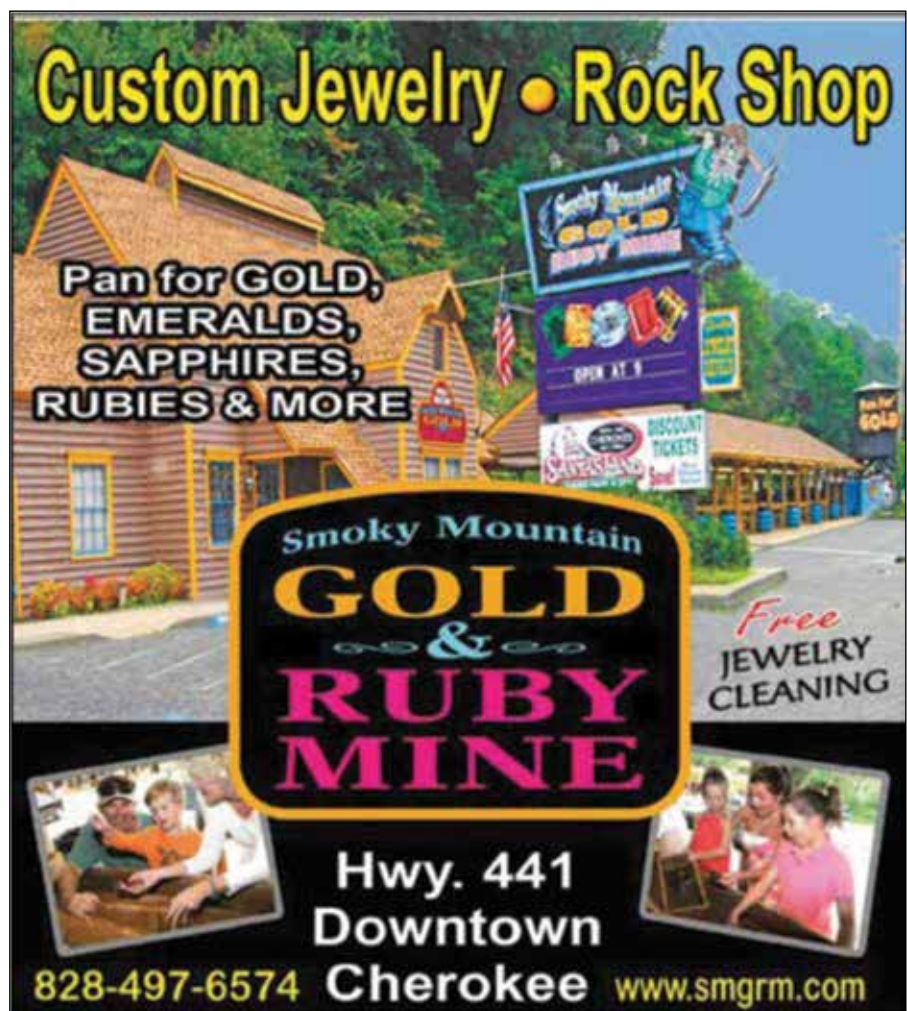
Sell us your ramps at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall March 14, 2022, starting at 9am and continuing until we get 70 gallons of ramps for the festival.

We are paying \$70 per "packed" gallon for white (No more than 2" of green) and \$60 per packed gallon for green (no more than 4" of green).

You must be at least 18 years old to sell and be a EBCI enrolled member. You must bring your enrollment card with you. There will be a limit of 5 gallons per turn in line. No frozen ramps will be purchased they must be fresh.

For more information contact:

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

and Letter 6475 Economic Impact letters

- *EBCI Cooperative Extension*
Office release

Cherokee Indian Housing Division Tsalagi & Mutual Help payment cutoff For March

The Cherokee Indian Housing Division will process payments for Tsalagi and Mutual Help from March 1 thru March 23. Cutoff will be March 23 to allow the Housing Division to transition all Tsalagi and Mutual Help clients to the new property management software. This software will allow clients to access their accounts online, view account balances, submit work orders, and pay all payments online. Contact your Occupancy Specialists to update phone num-

bers and email addresses in order to activate your client account. Last names beginning with A thru M contact Ernie Tiger at 359-6334. Last names beginning with N thru Z contact Cheryl Beyer at 359-6352.

- *Cherokee Indian Housing Division*

NATIONAL PARK NEWS

Park invites the public to help document the Smokies Most Wanted

Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Discover Life in America (DLIA), the nonprofit science research partner, are inviting the public to participate in the Smokies Most Wanted program. This initiative allows visitors to help preserve park species by recording sightings of animals, plants, and



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other organisms from their smartphones using the iNaturalist app.

Using the nature app iNaturalist, Smokies Most Wanted encourages visitors to document any organism they encounter while exploring the Smokies. DLiA uses the data collected to record new park species, detect invasive species, learn about under-studied or rare species, and to map species across the park.

"There are lots of fairly common plants and animals around the Smokies that we just don't have many datapoints for," said Becky Nichols, park entomologist. "Smokies Most Wanted is a great way for the public to contribute to science in the park, and to help us learn about and protect life in the Smokies."

Smokies Most Wanted is an extension of the All Taxa Biodiversity

Inventory (ATBI), DLiA's ongoing project to catalog all life in the Smokies. The ATBI, also utilizing iNaturalist, has recorded 4,100 species by more than 5,700 users, who have submitted over 71,000 iNaturalist observations in the park.

For more information about the Smokies Most Wanted Project, visit dlia.org/smokiesmostwanted and dlia.org/2022/02/26/smokies-nonprofit-invites-public-to-participate-in-smokies-most-wanted/. Or to browse the list of Smokies Most Wanted species, visit iNaturalist.org/guides/9115.

- National Park Service release

Regional and National Recognitions awarded to Smokies Staff

Great Smoky Mountains National Park Fire Ecologist Rob Klein and Wildland Fire Module Super-

intendent Jordan Black recently received recognition for superior service, innovative thinking, and leadership. Klein was selected for the regional Wildland Fire and Aviation Excellence Award and Black was the recipient of the National Park Service Excellence in Mentorship Aviation Award.

The Interior Region 2 Wildland Fire and Aviation Excellence Award is presented annually for outstanding achievement in leadership and collaboration. Fire Ecologist Rob Klein was nominated for the award by his peers for his collaborative mindset, inclusive communication, and unquestionable integrity. In 2021, he worked collaboratively with fire management staff and with university researchers to coordinate ecological research. Additionally, Klein completed several extensive updates to fire management plans for the Appalachian-Piedmont-Coastal Zone.

"Rob being recognized as the 2021 National Park Service Interior Region 2 Wildland Fire and Aviation Excellence Award recipient goes well beyond his exemplary efforts within the year of 2021," said Regional Wildland Fire and Aviation Management Officer Shawn Nagle. "Over the past 20 plus years, Rob has contributed to and advanced the National Park Service mission of managing our National Parks for the benefit of future generations. Many generations to come will benefit from Rob's care and commitment to maintaining


the aesthetic appeal of our natural resources."

The National Aviation Office awarded Wildland Fire Module Superintendent Jordan Black the National Park Service (NPS) Excellence in Mentorship Aviation Award. This award recognizes training and mentorship of aviation personnel that go above and beyond normal expectations to assist others in developing their personal or professional aviation growth. During the award period, Black recognized the benefits of using Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) to provide safer and more efficient operations. He trained to become a Department of Interior NPS UAS pilot and was immediately called upon to help with search and rescue events, prescribed fire monitoring flights, and post-hurricane events. He then helped train and mentor new pilots by teaching several Basic Remote Pilot Operator courses, earning Lead Instructor credentials.

"Jordan bridges the gap between supervision and mentorship with his employees," said Acting Zone Fire Management Officer Shane Paxton. "That skill is reflected in this mentorship award. I'm proud of Jordan for passing his knowledge to the wildland fire community through aviation."

For more information on the NPS Wildland Fire Program, please visit the NPS website at <https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1965/index.htm>.

- National Park Service release



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 1st, 2022 - September 30th, 2022.
- Mowing and weed eating will include a 50 ft. perimeter around the home including carports.
- Lawns mowed outside the 50 ft. perimeter will be the homeowner's responsibility.

Plowing



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



H.E.L.P.

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.

Fun Facts from the Editor:

* It is impossible to hum while holding your nose.

* Almost three-fourths of all the fresh water in the world is in Canada.

* Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, never phoned his wife or his mother. They were both deaf.

COMMENTARY

Political Theatre

By ROBERT JUMPER
One Feather Editor

You know, it has been an often mentioned thought in people's minds (and sometimes admitted out loud) that they go to the racetrack in morbid anticipation of a spectacular wreck. Some will recoil from the suggestion but will admit is hard to look away when a mistake is made and that once controlled power suddenly goes out of control and results in flying molten metal, spectacular flames, and speculation of who and if anyone survived it.

It is not the intended purpose of the sport. It is not even the presumed selling point to the audience of car races. Your rational mind would never hope for a crash that severely cripples or takes life from another human being.

ing. But subconsciously, you dare to hope for a thrilling crash that will entertain you. Race car crashes and train wrecks are part of the reason that the phrase, "if it bleeds, it leads" came to be. The big news is never "things are going as normal". It is always the abnormal that catches the public eye and therefore is the focus of many of our media. It is a desirous thing for many of us to watch dramatic suffering.

"All the world's a stage, and we are merely players They have their exits and their entrances. And one man in his time plays many parts."-William Shakespeare

As we watched the Thursday, March 3 session of Tribal Council, we were treated to a bit of political theatre. On the table was legislation submitted by the Lands Acquisition Committee, chaired by the Principal Chief. The legislation was a land purchase transaction in the Painttown Community, something that Tribal Council debates and decides upon many times during a two-year term. The legislation was eventually withdrawn after discussion about

the challenges of buildable property and the condition of the land in question. One Council member indicated a familiarity with the condition of the property and felt that the price for the piece of property needed to be negotiated down. That is a normal part of the race.

But a crash or train wreck occurred during this discussion. It began with Big Cove Council Representative Teresa McCoy making her points about why she was not in support of the legislation. Soon accusations, vocal escalation, and insults took over the narratives of both Council Representative McCoy and Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed.

In fairness to the members of our government, community, and those involved in the discussion, I have transcribed the interaction. Roughly 10 minutes of the 30 minutes of discussion (approximately a third of the entire debate) was this interaction between the Chief and the Representative from Big Cove. The purpose of this commentary is not to take sides on either the resolution or the two opposing



Cherokee Veterans: We want to share your stories.

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

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

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people or their viewpoints. I just want the community to decide if this is how we want our government to conduct business. I have not injected any opinion within the transcription. You will see a bit of narration in parenthesis to help with the overall context of the words spoken.

The interaction between Chief Sneed and Big Cove Representative McCoy is transcribed as follows:

Rep. McCoy: You came in here and handed us this, right? I don't have that other information attached to it.

Chief Sneed: I emailed it to everybody.

Rep. McCoy: So, was I singled out Chief?

Chief Sneed: No, I said I emailed it to everybody.

Rep. McCoy: I read that. I would prefer to have it in here in my hand today as a hard copy so that I could look at it like TW did. The other thing I'm gonna tell you is this, I am not going to sit here and give anybody money paying for a four lane, floodplain, or anything else. We can't use it; we're not paying for it. #2: If I sit here and decided I'm going to spend money to build housing for people it'll be for Big Cove people and Snowbird people and Painttown people and our people. We got hundreds of families without housing. The TCGE...

Chief Sneed: Why are you talking to me that way?

Rep. McCoy: I am talking to you. I can talk to you that way...

Chief Sneed: No, you may not. No, you may not.

(Gavel can be heard in the background and Chairman French says "Teresa")

Rep. McCoy: ...because you are in Council today and if you can't take it go to your office.

(Voices are overlapping each other, Rep. McCoy says, "I am sorry Council")

Chief Sneed: No, you may not. You will speak with respect to everybody in this chamber.

Rep. McCoy: I am being respectful.

Chief Sneed: No, you're not. You're never respectful.

Rep. McCoy: Chief. I'm also not in here selling or buying property with tribal funds for a friend, am I?

(Gavel can be heard in the background)

Chief Sneed (holding up a copy of the resolution): I'm a representative of Lands Acquisition

Committee. This is a this is from the Lands Acquisition Committee. This isn't from me. I chair the committee. That's it.

Rep. McCoy: Well, it's changed since. Now according to this it says something about commercial property. We can't use part of it. Why would a chief of any tribe come in here and ask this council to purchase land with the tribe's money when they can't use it? Why would we do that? The TCGE has money in their budget and they can buy land...

Chief Sneed: No, they don't.

Rep. McCoy: and they can buy houses.

Chief Sneed: No, they don't.

Rep. McCoy: Well then if they don't, we can't put houses over there Chief and if we do put houses over there, it has to be for tribal members.

Chief Sneed: Why are you yelling?

Rep. McCoy: I am not yelling I'm making my point.

Chief Sneed: Well then speak. Make your point. Loud doesn't mean right.

Rep. McCoy: Well, you know that buying land with our money for your friends ain't right either. How about that?

Chief Sneed: How is it that they're my friends?

Rep. McCoy: Come on Chief. Come on.

Chief Sneed: Come on Teresa. Come on Teresa. This is what you do and this is the innuendo thing you do. You've made a career out of doing that.

Rep. McCoy: Mr. Chairman. Call him to order.

Chief Sneed: Really? So, you direct the Chairman now. Is that how this works?

Rep. McCoy: No, I am asking him to. Mr. Chairman.

Chief Sneed: You just directed him.

Rep. McCoy: This is Council Chief and...

Chief Sneed: I'm very aware of that and it is not the Teresa McCoy meeting either. it seems to me that you run the meeting from the end of the horseshoe here.

Rep. McCoy: Chief. Mr. French, Mr. Chairman, I'm...

Chairperson French (gavel in background): You both need to be professional. (then briefly off mic-not audible).

Rep. McCoy: I will second the move to kill. I was in favor to table it till we could go out there and look at it, but now I will move to kill it. I will not sit here as a council member of this

tribe and raise my hand to support housing for anybody but our people, our members.

Chief Sneed: We do both.

Rep. McCoy: And as far as the expansion at the casino, we voted on that here and if housing is a problem, hey it's a problem for our people. I'm not going to sit here in front of our people and give housing to somebody just so they can have a job here and you got...the problem may not be with our people not having jobs it might be the way they get treated in those jobs or the pay that they don't get for those jobs or that they get treated like second class citizens on their own homeland.

Chief Sneed: I don't know what any of that has to do with what's before us today. What's before us today was voted on by the Lands Acquisition Committee.

Rep. McCoy: Mr. Chairman, we could table this to the end of the day. Maybe he'll calm down by then. But I'm gonna tell you I need the maps; I need the appraisal; I need everything else...

Chief Sneed: So, all of this was sent to everybody and everybody on Council was invited to go look at the property...

Rep. McCoy: I've seen the property. I went and looked at it, Chief.

Chief Sneed: Well...

Rep. McCoy: And I have to agree with Mister, Mister Saunooke at the end of the table...

Chief Sneed: And that is your prerogative to do so. That's your prerogative to do so.

Rep. McCoy: Mr. Chairman, I'm talking. Whose got the floor, me or the Chief?

(Chairman French, off mic, affirms that Rep. McCoy has the floor)

Rep. McCoy: Thank you. Having said that, Mr. Saunooke suggested that I go out there and I look at this property. And I am very familiar with this property and the people who live around it. You want us to pay for the four-lane...

Chief Sneed: Stop. Stop with the "you", okay? This is a resolution from Lands Acquisition. I'm not going to stand here and be accused of corruption. Why do you do that?

Rep. McCoy: Because it says Richard G. Sneed, Principal Chief on it...

Chief Sneed: On behalf of Lands Acquisition here (pointing to the resolution). I am the chair of the committee...

Rep. McCoy: Mr. Chairman. I give up. I give

up...I am not going to support it. He's...

Chief Sneed: ...I am presenting on behalf of the committee. Then make your move. There's been a move to kill. You made a move to second. Fine.

Rep. McCoy: But I am going to have my say.

Chief Sneed; This innuendo that you do...

Rep. McCoy: Chief, I am going to have my say.

Chief Sneed: This innuendo that you do...completely disrespectful.

Rep. McCoy: Well, you are too.

Chief Sneed: No. No.

Rep. McCoy: You're very disrespectful. Childish. Roll your lips and roll them eyes one more time.

(Sound of gavel in the background, off mic)

Chief Sneed: This is...this is how...this is how...chairmen...those of you who chair committees...when you come to present on the behalf of a committee, that is not a personal...I'm not presenting this personally. I'm presenting on behalf of the committee. The committee voted unanimously. This body, you have the choice to vote it up or down. I sent all the information for you to be able to review for your due diligence. If you don't support it, don't support it. But this innuendo thing that's somehow I'm doing something on behalf of my friends, it's it's garbage. It's absolute garbage.

Rep. McCoy: Mr. Chairman, I'm not finished. This interruption from him is just ridiculous. But having said that, I'm not opposed to looking at the buildable property; the property that we can use for something. I'm not opposed to that. We're not gonna get a lot of housing or hotels or anything else in the middle of that four-lane spur out there. Nothing. I don't understand why it would even be included. We're buying land not a highway. We're buying usable land not floodplain land. There is land out there that is usable. Correct TW?. Am I correct? See? There is some. The issue...I don't have...He should have walked in here and handed us every piece of document that we need. I want...I want to see the plan. I want to see your appraisal. I want it attached to a hard copy. I'm getting ready to make a decision here that's going to have a financial impact on Big Cove and when I go home tonight there's gonna be 150 families up there that don't have a home. I don't understand this. I think we've got a lot of land around the Boundary that we

can put employees in. But on Indian land, I will not build housing for anybody but a tribal member. This, look, we moved out of here in our land was taken. Now this Chief comes and he wants to build housing for 'em? No!

Chief Sneed: Then vote no.

Rep. McCoy: Chief, if you would please...respect! Having said that, Mr. Chairman, Counsel, I apologize for my behavior but I'm not backing down on this issue.

Chairperson French: Your time is up Teresa.

Rep. McCoy: Thank you Mr. Chairman.

(At this point, Chairperson French asked Rep. McCoy if she wanted to leave her second on the floor to kill. She affirms that she did. The Chairman recognized Vice Chairman and Birdtown Representative Albert Rose who also serves on the Lands Committee. The Lands Committee had unanimously voted to recommend the purchase to Tribal Council. Rep. Rose, based on the comments of Representative T.W. Saunooke stated he also felt like further negotiation was warranted before a purchase is made.)

Chief Sneed: If I may Mr. Chairman and Vice Chairman I appreciate your comments and you know if it's at the point where we can negotiate that's fine. I do wanna say the issue that I have with how all of this has unfolded here today is that we voted on this. I said, we collectively...the Lands Acquisition Committee. Being the chair of that committee I sent all of the relevant information to all of the Council members We set up a time for everybody to go out and walk the property look at the property, and Environmental (program representatives) and Natural Resources (representatives) were out there. I had Kituwah Homes out there. Nobody showed up. So I just wanted it clear for the record, everybody watching, this idea that somehow this is my project? It's not the truth and so I take offense to that when you start... (Inaudible comment from Rep. McCoy)

Chief Sneed: Well, that's alright. Well, you offend everybody all the time Teresa. (Inaudible comment from Rep. McCoy)

Chief Sneed: You should... (inaudible comment from Rep. McCoy)

Chief Sneed: So again so again so currently for the record we have put 70 families in homes through our down payment assistance in 2021. We put 80 new apartments on tribal

land. We purchased the property across the street from the Painttown property to put more apartments over there in a senior living, like a HIP community, over there. We purchased the property that adjoins that on the same side of the road in Painttown. The idea that Miss McCoy keeps putting forward that we're not putting our people in homes is completely false. I take great offense to that. Our Housing and Community Development, our housing department works very hard and we're putting people in homes. This is not an either/or. If we don't buy this fine but we're gonna have to do something to support the one enterprise that's paying all the bills.

(Chief Sneed went on to discuss the number of vacant positions that impact customer service. He withdrew the legislation to take it back to Land Acquisition Committee to further negotiate pricing with the landowner.)

This ends the segment of transcription.

We have always thought of the Tribal Council chamber as a "horseshoe" because the seats of the representatives are configured that way. It is most definitely not a horseshoe. It is an oval. What we would consider the missing south turn of that oval comprises of a podium. We need to remember that as we take our turns at that podium. It represents the conduit by which the people can communicate their will. Stepping to the podium is part of getting in the game when it comes to the governance of the Tribe, the thirteenth seat, if you will.

The way we conduct ourselves as public servants matters. More than in anytime in history, when we place ourselves on a dais or step up to a live microphone in front of a podium, we are truly on a world stage. Our words carry to places we could never conceive. From that 10-minute segment of a meeting of our top leaders, what do our community, our municipal, state, national, international partners surmise about the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians? Our competitors?

Tribal member, which of the seven core values of the Cherokee people was exhibited in these diatribes?

Tribal leaders are the image of our Tribe. They are playing to a worldwide audience each time the cable cast starts, and the online streaming begins. Their words and actions

may be seen and reseen by the entire community and anyone in the world who might be interested in us. Only a very small portion of our community comes into the Council Chambers for each session, and there is seating in the room for only a small portion of the 16,000 tribal members. But technology has opened the world to our meetings and allowing our community members to see these workings of our government, as it should be.

My kneejerk reaction to these 10 minutes of the workings of our government was that I wished that the Chairperson had a media panic button or kill switch to disable the cameras and audio. I was embarrassed for our Tribe. But, having given thought to it, the better idea might be to let the community see and voice their opinion. And so that is what I have done now. I am not talking about the resolution, our leaders, or access by media. As you know, I don't condone, and we don't allow personal attacks as a matter of policy in the One Feather. I want to know how you feel about the 10 minutes of debate between two of our elected officials. No online memes or personal criticism. In fact, I think we will turn off the comment section on social media and ask you to send your comments in via email or letter to the editor. What we don't need to do is become players in the political theatre. Reach out to your community's Tribal Council member, your Principal Chief, and your Vice Chief. Make your thoughts known about how want to be represented in public by our tribal leaders. More needs to be done to ensure that we are honoring our values, particularly those who hold high tribal office.

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SPEAKING OF FAITH

The enemy's focus...beware and be a courageously bold warrior

By **TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR**

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

Read I Corinthians 1:10-17.

The Truth is, it's the enemy's focus on us in the Church that can highlight any problems we have seen lately. The Lord has put a Word in me today for this House, and I want to share it just like the Lord gave it. He put it in me as a Word for today for this House, and I'm going to go ahead and share it like the Lord gave it. Let Him sort it out in the end.

I have to tell you that Cherokee has been one of the greatest experiences, for Cassie and I, that we have ever had in a church in the last twenty something years. We are so proud to be here, to be part of what God is doing here. I believe, in these last days, so much more will be happening here and in the middle of it all. I'm so very thankful for that. I'm thankful that of all the churches I've pastored, I can say, "This House loves God." I thank God for that.

You need to know just what I think of my assignment here—I rejoice in it!

In talking with one of our conference officials this past week, he said to me, "I understand you bought a house in Tennessee and that you're leaving Asheville?" "Yes, I am." So then, he asked me, "Do you plan to stay at this church?"

"Yes," I answered, "unless you tell me I can't. I'll be here, and we're all excited about that! I had wondered if our moving out of district would cause a problem, but it shouldn't now. We're here and most of you are happy about that. Some may not be, but those of you that aren't, I don't know, we are going to be here."

"I have been given some things to say this morning, that may not be the easiest to hear, only a bold, restorative, reexamination of the issue/s can be valued enough to bring in the best result. You need to know that. I'm only preaching out of the Word of God. We certainly are not coming today to personally upset or offend anyone."

In sharing this fact right here, I am going to build on it. Christianity is not just to get a person to Heaven. Christianity is an actual lifestyle that needs to be lived out fully on this earth. It's where we have responsibilities in order to live out our lives well. Amen. The lifestyle and the responsibilities we have are not just to live good lives, by not cussing, etc., and then go on to Heaven. Are we alright? Yes, our job is not just to come to church and pay tithes every now and then, declaring we are okay with God. That is not really what Christianity is. (I know sinner people who do that.) Christianity is so much more than just having a nameplate over your door that says, 'As for me and my house...' Right? Amen.

Christianity is so much more. Today the Lord has sent me in here to talk to you and you must understand. He has to tell me before He can correct you. If you were to say 'I'm offended today,' look at your neighbor and say, 'He offended himself.' That's because I have to deal with it, too, Amen. Let's just read this in Scripture this morning.

Carefully study and read this parable in Matthew, Chapter 20, Verses 1-7, stopping at Verse 7 for now. They said unto Him, 'because

He has hired us, He said unto them, go you also into the vineyard and whatever is right, that shall you receive.' There was more here, but that's not what my assignment was.

My assignment is in Matthew, Chapter 20, verses 6-7 and that is simply this. It is now the twelfth hour and we're coming down to the last of the last. Will the Lord find us standing idle?

Father, today, we come to You, Lord with bated-breath, excited to see what it is the Lord would say to us. (Some probably just said, 'don't step on my toes.' Others may have said, 'Please, go ahead and do it.')

But, Father, I declare today, whether my toes are involved or not, I pray You'd get all our feet involved and we would be willing to go, to do, to be willing to be what You want and desire for us to be. Father, I pray this day, You would activate something in our hearts, something in our spirits that would cause us to rise up and begin to declare, "I cannot stand by idly any longer." Father, we give You the Praise, the Glory and all the Honor. In Jesus' Name, and everybody says, Amen.

(To be continued next week.)



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



...Those who stood by came up and said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you." Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly.

"A Rooster"
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MATTHEW 26: 73-75

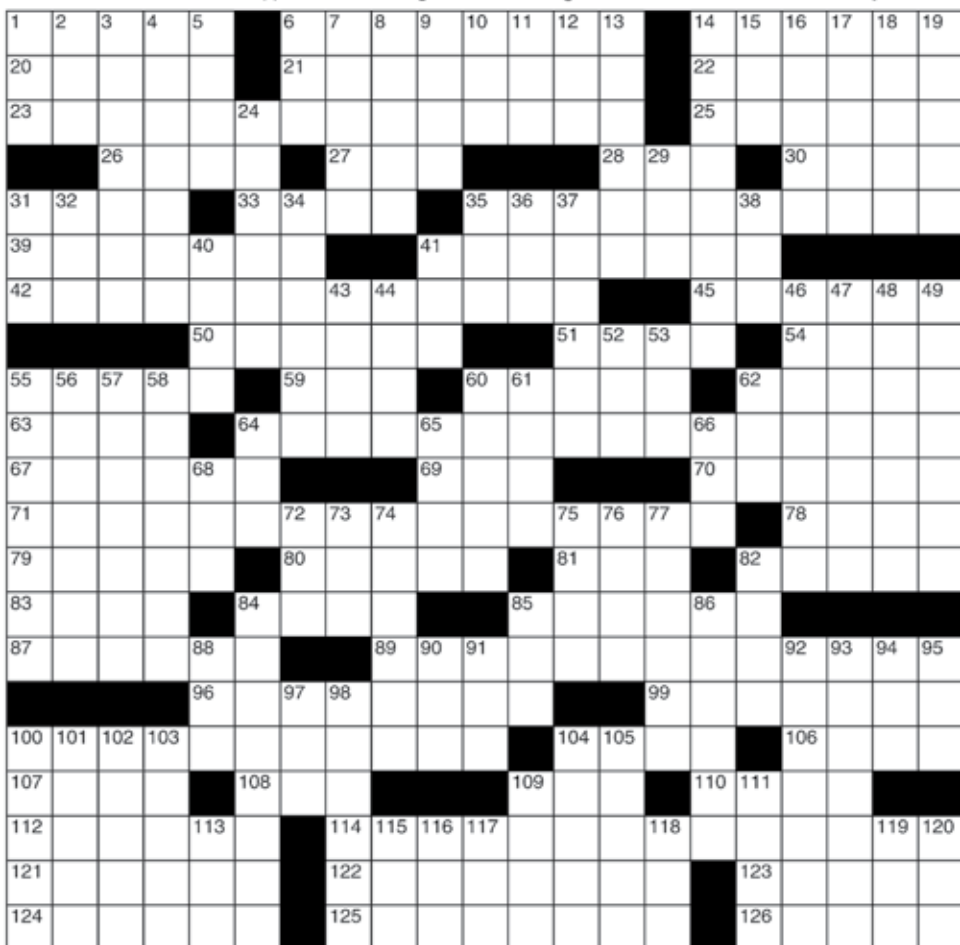
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Super Crossword

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- 1 Competitor
6 Least hilly
14 Spring birds
20 Adult insect stage
21 Irish moss or nori
22 Insect's egg capsule
23 Steady job, say
25 Money, slangily
26 Egg on
27 See
110-Across
28 One — kind
30 Israeli politician
31 Waikiki locale
33 Catholic liturgy
35 Steak/lobster combo dish
39 Leave behind
41 Aquarium shop supply
42 Endowing organization
45 Didn't allow to pass, as a bill
50 Swimmer
Gertrude
51 "the night before ..."
54 Novelist — Stanley Gardner
55 Pass, as a bill
59 "Lady Love" singer Rawls
60 Really hate
62 Jeans brand
63 Recline lazily
64 Regulating system
67 Main nun
69 Nest egg abbr.
70 Estevez of "Tex"
71 Attractive
78 Tesla's Musk
79 Volley starter
80 Flora and fauna
81 GPS display
82 Vogue thing
83 Uruguay's Punta del —
84 Good buds
85 Campout fuel
87 Suffer from hunger
89 Like an attention-grabbing actor
96 Unrefined petroleum
99 Eppie who's known as Ann Landers
100 Home-state candidate
104 Skillful feat
106 Clodhopper
107 Pitcher Hershisser
108 Grassy tract
109 Deceive
110 With
27-Across, makeshift sheds
112 Theater area
114 What the starts of seven answers in this puzzle might do?
121 California beach city
122 Online merchants
123 Sharpens
124 Appraise
125 Sign on a dead-end street
126 Start
DOWN
1 Grafton's "— for Ricochet"
2 "If u ask me ..."
3 Singer Sarah
4 Bad way for a ship to run
5 "Livin' La Vida —" (1999 #1 hit)
6 Swing to and —
7 Some jabs in the ring
8 "Ciao!" in Chihuahua
9 Gets bronze
10 Special attention, for short
11 Conceit
12 Singer Cooke
13 Start a golf hole
14 Longtime Russian dynasty members
15 Large gametes
16 "Carmen" composer Georges
17 D-Max pickup truck maker
18 Appellation bestower
19 Neck warmer
24 Halley of Halley's comet
29 — Schwarz (toy store)
31 Clodhopper
32 — Dhabi
34 San — (Texas city near Abilene)
35 Ungodliness
36 The Trojans of the NCAA
37 Musical beat
38 1950s prez
40 Losing effort?
41 Add-on charge
43 Cal's twin in "East of Eden"
44 Fill to excess
46 More itty-bitty
47 Redenbacher of popcorn
48 Omission of a syllable
49 Archbishop Tutu
52 Affliction
53 Projectile path
55 Slips by
56 Most majestic
57 Calgary locale
58 Meat cutter
60 Large artery
61 Ho-hum
62 Hasty escape
64 2000-15 CBS drama
65 Prison melee
66 Laugh half
68 ND-to-LA dir.
72 Rockets' gp.
73 Actor Gerard
74 Chucks out
75 Art Deco artist
76 Summers, in Somme
77 Dr. Seuss' title turtle
82 Warty hopper
84 Very risky
85 Hit sketch show since '75
86 Tattooing tool
88 Outmoded TV adjunct
90 Aviary sound
91 A, in Berlin
92 Classic Chrysler
93 Heat-attached patches
94 Prefix with natal
95 Mutt's threat
97 Adaptable truck, in brief
98 Stun with sound
100 Pro — (perfunctory)
101 Opera songs
102 Osso buco meats
103 "Kukla, Fran and —"
104 Carpentry peg
105 — nous
109 Stallion-to-be
111 Iterate
113 Samantha Bee's station
115 Southern Sioux
116 Thai tongue
117 Lucy of TV's "Elementary"
118 1940s prez
119 Really little
120 July hrs.



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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1. Is the book of Zacharias in the Old or New Testament or neither?
 2. According to church tradition dating from the 2nd century, who wrote the book of Acts? *Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*
 3. Which book's first verse is, "How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people?" *Judges, Ruth, Ezra, Lamentations*
 4. Who is the only Old Testament person mentioned as being buried in a coffin? *Adam, Eve, Moses, Joseph*
 5. From Hebrew 7, what priest was without a mother or father? *Jehoiada, Melchizedek, Eleazar, Leviticus*
 6. Who ended many of his letters, "Grace be with you"? *James, Paul, Titus, Jude*
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1. GEOGRAPHY: In which U.S. state is the Devils Tower monument located?
2. LEGAL: Which U.S. Supreme Court justice served for the longest period of time?
3. TELEVISION: Which biker drama is set in the town of Charming, California?
4. WEATHER: What kind of natural disaster is caused by an underwater earthquake or volcanic eruption?
5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president founded the University of Virginia?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a young hare called?
7. CHEMISTRY: Which two elements on the Periodic Table are liquid at room temperature?
8. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel features the characters Leopold and Molly Bloom?
9. ASTRONOMY: What planet in our solar system is the farthest from the sun?
10. MOVIES: Which movie portrays the beginnings of Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg?

see **PUZZLE ANSWERS** page 30

EVENTS

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Big Injun Frybread Fund-

raiser. March 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Yellowhill Activity Center. \$10 includes a drink. No deliveries. Call-ins accepted 736-2166 or 226-4580. Proceeds will go to help Big Injun Racing entry fees, parts, gas, etc.

Turkey Shoots at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community.

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.

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 Birdtown Gym.

- Pediatric (ages 5-11) only. March 30 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Birdtown Gym.

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

Dedication of New EBCI

Veterans Memorial Cemetery. March 29 at 11 a.m. at the Cemetery located in the Wolfstown Community off of Jarrett Blythe Homestead Drive. The public is invited.

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, Snowbird 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

Archery Clinic. March 26 at the Birdtown Gym. Ages 8-18. You will register for a 30-minute time slot (two youth per time slot) where they will learn first-shot fundamentals and hit a target several times. Certified 4-H Archery coaches will provide instruction. All archery equipment is provided. A \$10 refundable deposit per participant must be paid within 48

hours of signing up to keep time slot. You will get the deposit back after participating in the clinic. Info: Sally Dixon 359-6936, salldixo@ebci-nsn.gov

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.

Puzzle Answers

Super Crossword

Answers														
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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Luke; 3) Lamentations; 4) Joseph; 5) Melchizedek; 6) Paul

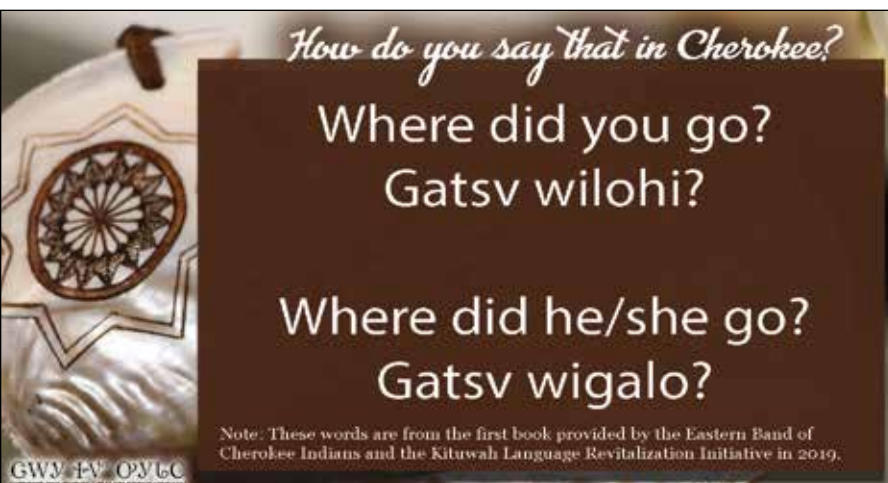
Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

Answers

1. Wyoming
2. William O. Douglas (36 years)
3. "Sons of Anarchy"
4. Tsunami
5. Thomas Jefferson
6. A leveret
7. Bromine and Mercury
8. "Ulysses" (James Joyce)
9. Neptune
10. "The Social Network"

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How do you say that in Cherokee?

Where did you go?
Gatsv wilohi?

Where did he/she go?
Gatsv wigalo?

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

GWM-TV OVEC

Runners younger than 18 get a \$5 discount on the 5K pricing. Info: 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

see **HAPPENINGS** next page



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VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

Top-Secret Ghost Army: The Stuff of Legends

It takes a certain kind of soldier to create diversions on the spot, pretend to be a much larger unit than they are and believably impersonate others, but that's exactly what the top-secret Ghost Army did in World War II. Over 1,000 men, with their actions, saved the lives of an estimated 30,000 soldiers during the war.

Their deceptions were stuff of legend, with 1,000 men pretending to be over 20,000. The 23rd Headquarters Special Troops and the 3133rd Signal Service Company created make-believe headquarters, whole divisions and fake convoys, all with the purpose of deceiving the enemy about the size and location of Army units. Using recordings, they created the impression of large armored units and faked radio traffic, even copying the Morse code style of others. They used inflatable airplanes, rubber tanks, troops and jeeps that they'd pump up with air compressors, laid down fake tank tracks in the dirt and told tall tales in local cafes to spread false information to the enemy. They could turn on a dime, suddenly appearing miles closer than the enemy believed they were.

Now, years after the fact, they are finally being acknowledged and recognized. In February, the Congressional Gold Medal Act was signed, awarding the medal to both groups, after they were declassified in 1996.

To read more about the Ghost Army, go to the Ghost Army Legacy Project (www.ghostarmylegacyproject.org). Be sure to see the Archives for journals kept by the soldiers from those units, as well as the Secrecy and Leaks file. See ghostarmy.com for even more information. (Don't miss the pictures of all their gadgets and equipment.) Look for "The Ghost Army" documentary on PBS stations and on Netflix. It was first shown in 2013. Additionally, look for the future film that's to be directed by Ben Affleck.

At this writing, there are only nine surviving Ghost Army veterans, all of them nearly 100 years old.

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Surrendering a Pet

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: When my grandmother passed away last fall, she left behind two beautiful cats. No one else in the family wanted to take care of them, so I took them in. However, I'm financially unable to care for them long-term, and the apartment complex I live in does not allow pets. I'm on borrowed time (and money) at this point, and praying that my apartment manager doesn't find out about the cats. I contacted a shelter nearby to find out if they will accept the cats. They said there is a "surrender fee" of \$200. No way can I pay that; I'm on a fixed income. What alternatives do I have? — *Sherrie R., via email*

DEAR SHERRIE: I'm sorry to hear about your predicament. You have extended your home and finances to care for two cats in need, and I salute you for it. But you're right: the current situation is not ideal for you or the cats.

When preparing to surrender a pet, the receiving shelter will request that you try every possible option first. Many shelters will provide advice and limited assistance for pet owners going through this. One option would be for you to contact family members and friends directly (not on public social media posts) to ask if they would be able to adopt the cats.

If a surrender to the shelter is the last resort, contact your family to see if they can chip in for the surrender fees. After all, you've already taken on the cost of food, supplies and maybe medical care for them. You've taken on the risk of losing your lease, too. Speak calmly with your relatives about sharing the cost. Best of luck.

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

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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.

Mother's Day 5K. May 7 at Kituwah. Registration from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., race begins at 9 a.m. Register at <https://run-signup.com/mothersday/5k>. \$15 for early registration until March 14; then, it increases to \$20. \$10 registration for 1-12 year-olds and 59-99. Info: Yolanda Saunooke 359-6784 or email yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov

WESTERN N.C. EVENTS

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

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: 360-3038

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

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

Event listings are FREE of charge.

Send your flyers/info to Scott at scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov or message us on Facebook.



Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

• On **March 24, 1603**, after 44 years of rule, Queen Elizabeth I of England dies. Elizabeth had repealed pro-Catholic legislation, established a permanent Protestant Church of England and encouraged voyages of discovery.

• On **March 21, 1871**, journalist Henry Morton Stanley begins his famous search through Africa for the missing British explorer Dr. David Livingstone. When Stanley found him on Oct. 27, he stepped forward and stretched out his hand: "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?"

• On **March 22, 1893**, the first women's college basketball game is played at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. Each made basket counted as one point with the game lasting two 15-minute halves. The game had been invented in 1891 by Dr. James Naismith, with rules for men and women the same.

• On **March 27, 1912**, in Washington, D.C., first lady Helen Taft and the Viscountess Chinda, wife of the Japanese ambassador, plant two Yoshina cherry trees on the northern bank of the Potomac River, near the Jefferson Memorial. The event was held in celebration of a gift, by the Japanese government, of 3,020 cherry trees to the U.S. government.

• On **March 23, 1962**, Pakistan's governor Ayub Khan gives first lady Jacqueline Kennedy a horse she nicknamed Black Jack. Jackie chose Black Jack to serve as the ceremonial riderless horse during Pres. John Kennedy's funeral.


• On **March 26, 1950**, ever on a witch hunt, Sen. Joseph McCarthy charges Johns Hopkins University Professor Owen Lattimore with being a top spy for the Soviet Union. Lattimore's career was ruined, even though no evidence ever surfaced to support the charges.

• On **March 25, 1983**, during filming of the television special "Motown 25," Diana Ross, formerly of the Supremes, shoves Mary Wilson out of the spotlight. It later had to be edited out. Smokey Robinson stepped in onstage to keep between the two warring Supremes.

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Beloved Man Jerry Wolfe

Jerry Wolfe, the first Beloved Man of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in over 200 years, was a fluent speaker of the Cherokee language and noted traditionalist. Prior to him, the last recorded instance of a Beloved Man was Little Turkey who died in 1801. A proud veteran of the U.S. Navy, Wolfe served in World War II and was part of the famous Normandy Invasion on June 6, 1944.

He is pictured at the 2015 Tri-Council Meeting held at Red Clay State Park in Tennessee, "Our true identity is our language. We must save our language and teach the youth coming along."

Over the years, Wolfe received many prestigious awards and served on many boards including receiving the Patriot Award from the Civilian Marksmanship Program in 2013 and the being inducted into The Order of the Long Leaf Pine Society, one of the highest awards given in the State of North Carolina, in 2017. He received the North Carolina Folk Heritage Award in 2003 for his work in preserving stickball. Wolfe received an honorary doctorate of humane letters degree from Western Carolina University in 2017, and a stretch of U.S. 441 was designated the Beloved Dr. Jerry Wolfe Highway in 2020. Wolfe passed away on March 12, 2018.

Source: One Feather articles and photo



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Keep an open mind about a suggestion you see as unworkable. Give it a chance to prove itself one way or another. The results could surprise both supporters and detractors.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) News about an upcoming venture causes you to make some last-minute adjustments in your plans. But the extra work will pay off, as you come to learn more about the potential benefits opening up.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A more positive aspect grows out of your determination to reach your immediate goals. Continue to keep your focus sharp and on target by steering clear of petty quarrels and other pesky problems.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) By acting as a voice of reason, you can avoid adding to an already turbulent situation. You might have to shout over the tumult, but your words ultimately will be heard and heeded.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The possibility of a new acquisition always makes those Leonine eyes light up. But be careful that what you see is what you want. Appearances often can be deceiving.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) No matter how much you might feel that you're in the right, resist saying anything that could reignite a still-unresolved situation. Let the matter drop, and move on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Help with a personal problem comes from an unexpected source. You also find workplace pressures easing. Use this period of calm to restore your spent energies.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might have to share the credit for that project you're working on. But there'll be enough credit to go around, and your efforts will be recognized and rewarded.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Details need to be dealt with before you can move on to another area. Make sure you don't leave any loose ends that could later cause everything to unravel.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) News about a change in the workplace carries with it a challenge you could find difficult to resist. Check it out. It could be just what you've been waiting for.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Allowing your artistic nature full expression will help restore your spirits and will put you in the mood to take on that new career challenge. A Libra creates excitement.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Expect to happily plunge right into a hectic social whirl starting at week's end. Your aspects favor new friendships as well as the strengthening of old relationships.

BORN THIS WEEK: Like St. Patrick (who was also born this week), your spiritual strength is an inspiration to others.

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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 13, 2022

1. Realty Leasing Compliance Officer – Tribal Realty – Office of the Attorney General (L10 \$43,956 - \$54,950)
2. Property Control Officer – Financial Assets – Treasury (L10 \$43,956 - \$54,950)
3. Grants and Contracts Manager – Grants Compliance – Treasury (L12 \$52,635 - \$65,811)
4. Risk Manager – Treasury (L13 \$57,554 - \$71,954)
5. PT Early Childhood Language Specialist Assistant – Kituwah Preservation and Education Program – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L6 \$14.59 - \$18.24 per hour)
6. Facilities Coordinator – Kituwah Preservation and Education Program – Community/Education/Recreation Services (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946)

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. Facilities Maintenance Worker – Qualla Boundary Head Start/Early Head Start – Public Health and Human Services (L6 \$30,357 - \$37,946) SAFETY SENSITIVE POSITION
14. CDOT Program Manager – Cherokee Department of Transportation – Operations (L14 \$62,918 - \$78,630)
15. Workforce Development Coordinator - TERO (L8 \$36,500 - \$45,625)

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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

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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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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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Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Cherokee, North Carolina
Estate File No. 22-019

In the Matter of the Estate of Fay Dora Owle Ludwig

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

Sherrene Ludwig Swayney
PO Box 1196
Cherokee, NC 28719

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BIDs, RFPs, etc.

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 March 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 or by phone at (828) 788-6785.

Dated 2-24-22

Edwin Taylor, Secretary of Housing

3/23

Good Housekeeping

Upside-Down Shepherd's Pie

This St. Patrick's Day meal is ready in just 30 minutes

- 1 package (20 ounces) refrigerated mashed potatoes
- 1 pound lean (90%) ground beef
- 1 tablespoon margarine or butter
- 1 cup chopped onions (half a 10-ounce bag)
- 1/3 cup ketchup
- 1 teaspoon dried dill weed
- 1/2 cup loosely packed fresh parsley leaves, chopped
- 1/3 cup reduced-fat sour cream
- Dill sprigs for garnish

1. Preheat oven to 450 F. Spray 1 1/2-quart ceramic or glass baking dish or deep-dish pie plate with nonstick cooking spray. Press cold mashed potatoes onto bottom and up sides of casserole. Bake potato crust 20 minutes or until edge is golden.

2. Meanwhile, heat 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add ground beef and cook 4 to 5 minutes or until beef is no longer pink, breaking it up with side of spoon. Spoon beef into paper-towel-lined bowl to drain.

3. In same skillet, melt margarine over medium heat. Add onions and cook 6 to 7 minutes or until tender and golden, stirring occasionally. Return beef to skillet with onions. Stir in ketchup and dried dill. Reduce heat to low; stir in parsley and sour cream.

4. Spoon ground-beef mixture into mashed-potato crust; garnish with dill sprigs to serve. Makes 4 main-dish servings.

• Each serving: About 490 calories, 29g total fat (12g saturated), 26g protein, 31g carbohydrate, 3g fiber, 94mg cholesterol, 945mg sodium.

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Behavioral Health RN – Kanvwotiyi PTRWB
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Billing Technician II (2 positions)
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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)
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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 – Emergency Room
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
CNA***\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus
License Practical Nurse***\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus
Medication Aide ***\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus
Personal Care Assistant / CNA ***\$2,000.00 Hiring Bonus
Registered Nurse – Full Time ***\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus
Retention Bonus Eligible Positions
Certified Nursing Assistant (Starting Pay \$18.00/Hr.)
Cook (Starting Pay \$17.00/Hr.)
Medication Aide (Starting Pay \$18.00/Hr.)
Registered Nurse (Starting Pay \$35.36)

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



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DATE

Kituwah Celebration

MAY 21, 2022

Please join us for a celebration to commemorate the acquisition of official trust status of Kituwah Mound, the Mothertown of all Cherokee people.
Formal invitation and agenda to come.

