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Jeanne Crowe sits in on a class during produce box pickup at Cooperative Extension.

**PRODUCE:** Program working to aid in healthier eating habits, from front page

2022 has been leading Harvest Health, a produce prescription program run through her office to promote healthy habits with eating and cooking. The effort had two sites, each with 30 participants. The Cherokee operation was based out of the Cooperative Extension office on the boundary. The other partnered with Vecinos, 'a non-profit agency and free community health clinic based at Western Carolina University serving the Latino and farm worker community in Western North Carolina'.

These programs launched in January of 2022 and ran for 12 weeks. It partnered with Darnell Farms to get the freshest greens, vegetables, meat, and dairy possible. They sourced locally whenever possible. The program also provided cooking kits to assist in the kitchen that included quality chefs knives, immersion blenders, and other tools.

Mrugala said there were a few points of focus when developing this program.

They wanted to remove barriers for entry, create a full-circle connection, and work at creating positive habits. She attributes success of the program to the detailed approach her team took.

"I think since we took the time. I mean, we were working on this program and what it would look like for a year. Because we did that and we took the time to talk to Cherokee folks about what they wanted to see, I think that's why it was successful. We took time to listen and ask questions. That's when folks brought up that transportation is going to be an issue. How do you make sure that people can come and get to these boxes? That's why we were able to write gas cards into the budget. We learned that internet was going to be a problem. Not everyone was going to be able to access these videos. So, we were able to pivot and stream them from the extension classroom during pickup," said Mrugala

She said that the program began growing legs last year at Western Carolina University (WCU). Mrugala was approached by Dr. Patrick Baron, assistant professor at WCU and director



of the Integrated Health Sciences program. He asked Mrugala if she had a project for his class senior capstone class, HSCC 475. She pitched a version of this food prescription program and they soon got to work.

“For the semester I met with those students twice a week sometimes and worked with them to do a giant feasibility study. I led the students in researching different produce prescription programs globally. From that, they picked out threads that might work here, based on those other programs.”

That collaboration has continued as the results have poured in through the two pilot sites. In Cherokee, the 30 participants are equally split between folks from Cherokee Food Distribution and Cherokee Indian Hospital nutrition patients.

One of these participants was Jeanne Crowe. She said the program has helped her and her family in many ways.

“I enjoy the variety of vegetables. I’ve seen them in the stores, but as far as trying to cook or eating any of them, I’ve never done that. Because I didn’t know what they were until this program. They explain things to you. I’m a diabetic. Since the program started, my A1C has gone down quite a bit,” said Crowe.

She said that the entire program has had a community feel. She said that she could call or text any of the instructors if they had concerns or questions. Crowe thought the cooking instructions were also tremendously helpful for understanding what to do with the fresh food they were getting. The program collaborated with Mark Greenfield, who is a chef in France and the brother-in-law of Cherokee Indian Hospital Manager, Nilofer Couture. They also

streamed videos with Uncomplicated Kitchens and had content made by Rose James of Tribal Food Distribution and Ulela Harris of Cherokee Indian Hospital.

“The videos with Chef Mark and Uncomplicated Kitchens. Those videos, that’s helped a lot. In regard to the recipes that they shared with us. We take pictures of the dishes that we do from those recipes and share them with the program and other folks. It’s been an inspiration, I’ll tell you that.”

Crowe said that she hasn’t even missed the unhealthy options that her family used to eat consistently. She said it’s been all about learning how to properly cook the right ingredients.

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**“I’m a diabetic. Since the program started, my A1C has gone down quite a bit.”**

*- Jeanne Crowe*

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“If there’s things in there that my family likes and we eat it up real quick, I’ll go to the store and I’ll buy that same product again. Or I’ll go to Darnell’s, because Darnell’s is closer to me than the grocery store. We use more vegetables and fruits,” she said. “Even my little granddaughter, she’s really enjoyed it. I explain it to her. When she gets in the car she says, ‘Nanna did you bring me some healthy snacks?’ So, yeah. It’s even trickled down to her. It’s been good.”

Crowe said that she is going to be talking with Tribal leaders to ensure they know how beneficial the program has been.

“I hate to see that it’s here at an end because I’ve been for each of the classes. Totally enjoyed every one.”

Mrugala said that she is hopeful Harvest Health has a future. The studies and findings will be presented at the end of April, and

she said she is currently working on receiving funding from multiple sources.

“There is so much grant funding out there ... but we’re keeping those dollars siloed. The beauty of this program is because Empowering Mountain Food Systems had the capacity – which was me – to be that connector and logistics coordinator. We were able to integrate a really intense program. But it was worth it because we’re seeing behavioral changes. Our midpoint assessment showed that within six weeks, 75% of our participants were feeling better,” said Mrugala.

She said this model is something she could see working all

across the region. However, she said the coordinator position is essential to get the gears turning.

“That’s the big point. This program can be replicated by so many different people in Cherokee. But also, I firmly believe nationwide. This is a really good model. I think as long as you have somebody connecting the farmer and the classes.”

Depending on funding options and how they want to move forward, Mrugala already knows the functions and the costs of running this operation. She said she didn’t want to skimp the details to ensure the biggest impact, especially for the pilot.

“I probably spent 150,000 dollars for three months on the two sites. 30 families in each site, so that’s 60 food boxes a week. These food boxes were valued at like 75 dollars each. Because we wanted folks to experience local meat and cheese. Local cream from Mills

River. Everyone got those essential cooking kits, there were a lot of immersion blenders. So, it’s an expensive program. Absolutely. But for lasting impact that will ultimately support our local farmers and put money back into the economy and take care of the land, it’s worth it.”

Mrugala mentioned that if they are able to run Harvest Health in Cherokee again, they are hopeful to implement more in-person functions like they had with their Vecinos operation. She said that they would like to be able to operate with the community clubs in order to increase convenience and have more kitchen options.

She said that she is hopeful programs like this can facilitate a healthier community throughout Cherokee.

“Diet and wellness are so interconnected. It’s intersectional with things like low living wages, stress and trauma, and what’s accessible. I mean, we have one grocery store. And when you’re exhausted from raising a bunch of kids and working and maybe not being able to make ends meet, yeah you’re going to go to McDonalds. It’s just that intersection of stress, and I really don’t think we can tackle diet and wellness until we look at the deeper causes of stress and trauma here. That’s why I’m really passionate about creating programming that tries to remove as many barriers as possible. Because when there are barriers, it’s even more stress.”

The next step to compile the research and fight for funding. Mrugala said that she will do everything she can to try to establish this is a consistent program in Cherokee. The hope is to have the lingering questions around money and timing sorted in the next few months.

# Council gives green light to EBCI Holdings on casino bid

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

**T**ribal Council has given EBCI Holdings, Inc. approval to go ahead with a bid process seeking to build two new casinos. Res. No. 245, submitted by Scott Barber, EBCI Holdings chief executive officer, was approved by Tribal Council during a Special Session called by Principal Chief Richard G. Sneed on the morning of Wednesday, April 13.

“It allows us to go into a new state with a gaming property

under a partnership agreement so the Tribe’s not on the hook 100 percent. We will actually have a 44 percent equity stake,” said Cory Blankenship, EBCI Secretary of Finance and a board member of EBCI Holdings. “And, we’ll have the opportunity, if we’re the winning bidder, to develop two gaming properties in a new jurisdiction.”

Secretary Blankenship spoke on the investment required in the proposal dubbed Project Thoroughbred, “The total project cost is \$90 million. In our position, what

we’re asking for is a \$25 million equity commitment from the Tribe that will come from the Tribe’s Reserve Accounts. There’s a \$2.5 million commitment upfront that will be paid from an EBCI Holdings account.”

Res. No. 245 passed by a vote of 8-2 with Wolfstown Reps. Bill Taylor and Bo Crowe voting against and Cherokee Co. – Snowbird Rep. Adam Wachacha and Big Cove Rep. Teresa McCoy being absent. The legislation addressed the quick turn-around time for the project and the need for the

Special Session stating, “...due to the short time between when EBCI Holdings, Inc. first learned of the opportunity and the impending deadline for submitting a bid, EBCI Holdings, LLC was first able to discuss the project with tribal leaders at the conclusion of the Business Committee meeting held on April 12, 2022. The tribal leaders present at the time were the Principal Chief, Vice Chief, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Tribal Council, and most Tribal Council members.”

Rep. Taylor asked during the



## CHS Graduation Info

**Wednesday, May 25**

**4 p.m. - Graduation Parade through downtown**

**6 p.m. - Baccalaureate Service in Chief Joyce Dugan Cultural Arts Center**

**Thursday, May 26**

**8 p.m. - Graduation in the Ray Kinsland Stadium**





discussion, "This is my 10th year in Council, and I've seen how it works. If you want something done real quick, then it is 'time sensitive'. How long have you known about this project? How long have you been working on this?"

Secretary Blankenship said EBCI Holdings had been working on the project for 10 days prior to Wednesday's meeting. "I think it's a good opportunity. When we look at casino deals, when we look at the commercial gaming market, this price tag seems like a high dollar amount - \$90 million is a relatively low cost of entry. Rather than that, we're talking about a \$44 million equity deal and \$25 million investment from the Tribe.

He added, "To get into an actual casino deal - to build two casinos facilities right out of the ground - \$25 million is a relatively low bar for getting into that position...we're not the only ones seeking this opportunity, but it appears that we are in the lead because of the reputation of the Eastern Band because of the reputation of EBCI Holdings out there analyzing these deals and because we have a 30-year track record of being responsible in this industry. I think that

we've got a really good shot at this, and it is time sensitive."

Yellowhill Rep. T.W. Saunooke supported the idea, "These opportunities, when they come up, we need to be ready to act. We're not always going to have months and months to discuss and put it out there and deliberate and talk and go back and forth. The speed of business outside the Reservation is quick. Land transactions, business deals, everything that we are looking at as we move forward, it moves differently outside of here. We are making moves to where we are placing entities in these positions to make decisions and help us make decisions that will move this Tribe forward."

One of the major questions discussed involved revenue allocation; in other words, would revenue from this project be added to per capita distributions for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians?

Secretary Blankenship addressed the issue stating, "If we're successful in securing this bid and we actually get the project up and running, we would come back to the Tribal Council with a revenue allocation plan about where those funds would go and the projected

allocation by the Tribe."

Rep. Taylor pressed asking, "Is it or is it not going to go into per cap?"

Secretary Blankenship answered, "That's your decision."

CEO Barber, speaking at the meeting via Zoom, said, "This (project) will contemplate building two facilities, and we would own the facilities."

Rep. Saunooke noted that this will be a bricks and mortar project for EBCI Holdings. "I just wanted to clarify that there is going to be a tangible asset attached to this project."

Vice Chief Alan B. Ensley also supported the project and spoke of the need to add to the Tribe's revenue stream. "We know what we're facing now as far as the competition goes. We've got to act...we know we're on very thin ice. We could be in major trouble if we're not proactive."

He also supported the idea of revenue from the project being added into the per capita distribution for tribal members stating, "I think it should, but that's a Council decision."

Chief Sneed spoke just prior to the vote noting, "Every time an opportunity comes up, almost

with fail the first question that comes up is 'is it going to per cap?' On this particular project, that is certainly a possibility with that, but it falls with this body (Council) to make that determination when it comes to the distribution. I do want to say to all the citizens watching that, in my opinion, there needs to be a shift in our mindset. We enjoy the benefits that we enjoy today because a quarter of a century ago there was some courageous Council members and a Chief who voted, ratified, and passed gaming in the face of opposition, because they had a vision of where this Tribe could be."

He concluded, "We have a responsibility now to pay that forward and to plan seven generations forward. Yes, this can go to per capita, but my plea to the people is to have the same vision for future generations of Cherokees who will come after - that they may enjoy the same benefits that we enjoy now, and not that every time a project comes up the only determining factor is whether or not an individual citizen will support it is if they are going to get something right now."

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

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**CIPD Arrest Report for  
April 3-10**

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

Littlejohn, John – age 43  
Arrested: April 3  
Released: April 6  
Charges: Domestic Violence, Assault on a Female

Bottchenbaugh, Richard James – age 48  
Arrested: April 4  
Released: Not released as of report date (April 11)  
Charges: Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Assault on a Female

Franklin, Daniel – age 34  
Arrested: April 4  
Released: April 4  
Charges: Temporary Hold

Johnson, Michael – age 32  
Arrested: April 4  
Released: April 4  
Charges: Temporary Hold

McCoy, Autumn Lynn – age 32  
Arrested: April 4  
Released: April 4  
Charges: Temporary Hold

Taylor, Derrick Kyle – age 29  
Arrested: April 4  
Released: April 5  
Charges: Failure to Appear on Misdemeanor

Vallejo, Luis – age 40  
Arrested: April 4

Released: Not released as of report date (April 11)  
Charges: Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Walker, Khari – age 27  
Arrested: April 4  
Released: April 4  
Charges: Temporary Hold

Wilcher, Zachary Alexander – age 28  
Arrested: April 4  
Released: April 4  
Charges: Temporary Hold

Holder, Shane Christopher – age 31  
Arrested: April 5  
Released: Not released as of report date (April 11)  
Charges: Domestic Violence, Probation Violation

Lambert, Birda Francine – age 35  
Arrested: April 5  
Released: Not released as of report date (April 11)  
Charges: Violations of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders

Turner, Shonda Lee – age 37  
Arrested: April 5  
Released: April 5  
Charges: Disorderly Conduct

Wildcatt, Wesley Jordan – age 21  
Arrested: April 5  
Released: Not released as of report date (April 11)  
Charges: Probation Violation

Bushyhead, Joshua Henry – age 21  
Arrested: April 7  
Released: April 8  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance (Simple Possession of Marijuana), Drug Paraphernalia (Delivering, Manufacturing)

Collins, Kylie Renese – age 23

Arrested: April 7  
Released: April 8  
Charges: Possession of a Controlled Substance

Lambert, Jack Allen – age 63  
Arrested: April 7  
Released: April 7  
Charges: False Imprisonment, Violation of Exclusion Resolutions and Orders

Ledford, Mitchell James – age 30  
Arrested: April 7  
Released: April 7  
Charges: Larceny

Pheasant Jr., Thomas Eugene – age 19  
Arrested: April 7  
Released: Not released as of report date (April 11)  
Charges: Weapons Offense, Drug Paraphernalia (Using, Possessing), Possession of a Controlled Substance (Simple Possession of Marijuana)

Sneed, Samuel Paul – age 30  
Arrested: April 7  
Released: Not released as of report date (April 11)  
Charges: Second Degree Trespass

McCoy, Joseph Curtis – age 51  
Arrested: April 8  
Released: Not released as of report date (April 11)  
Charges: Probation Violation

Biddix, Buster Lee – age 36  
Arrested: April 9  
Released: Not released as of report date (April 11)  
Charges: Escape from Imprisonment or Custody, Failure to Obey a Lawful Order of the Court

Eggen, Caleb Jage – age 19  
Arrested: April 10  
Released: Not released as of report date (April 11)

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

Hernandez, George Lee – age 31  
Arrested: April 10  
Released: Not released as of report date (April 11)  
Charges: Domestic Violence; Injuring Telephone Wires, Wires, or other Communication Equipment, Interfering with Emergency Communication; Child Abuse in the Second Degree; Assault on a Female; Elder Abuse and Neglect

Martin, Brandon Keith – age 39  
Arrested: April 10  
Released: Not released as of report date (April 11)  
Charges: Hold till Sober

## Good Housekeeping

### Citrus Carrots

Using orange juice concentrate is a quick and cheap way to add flavor and nutrients to basic carrots.

- 1   tablespoon butter
- 1   pound carrots, thinly sliced
- 2   tablespoons water
- 1/4   cup orange juice concentrate
- 1/4   teaspoon salt
- 1/4   teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2   tablespoons snipped chives

1. In 12-inch nonstick skillet, heat butter on medium 1 minute. Add carrots, and cook 2 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add water; cover and cook 6 minutes, stirring occasionally.

2. Uncover; add concentrate, salt and pepper. Cook 1 to 2 minutes or until tender. Toss with chives. Serves 4.

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

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# Constitution vs. Charter: Article I

## Know the difference!

### Proposed Constitution Article I – Organization of Government

**Section 1. Sovereignty.** The People of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians bear the right to self-determination and hereby establish a government that possesses inherent powers of sovereignty and protections granted by territorial integrity.

**Section 2. Branches of Government.** The powers of the government shall be divided into three separate but equal branches consisting of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial.

**Section 3. Separation of Powers.** No official of any Branch of Government shall exercise any power granted in this Constitution to any other Branch of Government except as expressly directed or permitted by this Constitution.

**Section 4. Seat of Government.** The seat of government of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians shall be located upon Tribal trust lands.

### Current Charter

**Section 1.** The officers of the Tribe shall consist of a Principal Chief, Vice-Chief and twelve members of Council ...

**Section 8.** The seat of government of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians shall be centrally located within the Qualla Boundary, North Carolina.

*What does the Charter and the Constitution say about the formation of the government in general?*

The first article of the proposed **Constitution of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians** speaks in general terms to the structure of the government. The first declaration is that the tribe is sovereign and has the authority of the tribe to govern itself. This draft of the Constitution then describes how the power of the government is to be split into three branches. It goes on to limit the authority of each branch to only what is given by the citizens through this document. Finally, the draft states that the seat of the government is to be located on trust land.

The only reference in the **Charter and Governing Document** to the formation of the government is that the seat of government is to be “centrally located within the Qualla Boundary.” The only other mention in the Charter of creating the government is the make-up of the officers, which are the Principal Chief, Vice-Chief and Tribal Council. The Charter, in total, implies that Tribal Council has most of the power to govern, relegating the Executive Committee to only enforcement of Tribal Council resolutions and day-to-day operations of the Tribe. There are no limitations on the authority of Tribal Council and no mention of a judiciary or court system. Any resolution or law passed by Tribal Council can be suspended, changed, or reversed by Tribal Council without any recourse. Anything that is not included in the Charter can be overwritten or modified by Tribal Council at any time.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS CONSTITUTION AND HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS CREATION: VISIT [WWW.SGADUGI.ORG](http://WWW.SGADUGI.ORG) OR CONTACT LLOYD ARNEACH AT [lloyd.arneach@7clantech.com](mailto:lloyd.arneach@7clantech.com) Constitution Committee meetings are held weekly on Thursday beginning at 6 pm. Meetings are virtual. If you would like to join the meetings and you are a member of the Tribe, email [lloyd.arneach@7clantech.com](mailto:lloyd.arneach@7clantech.com).

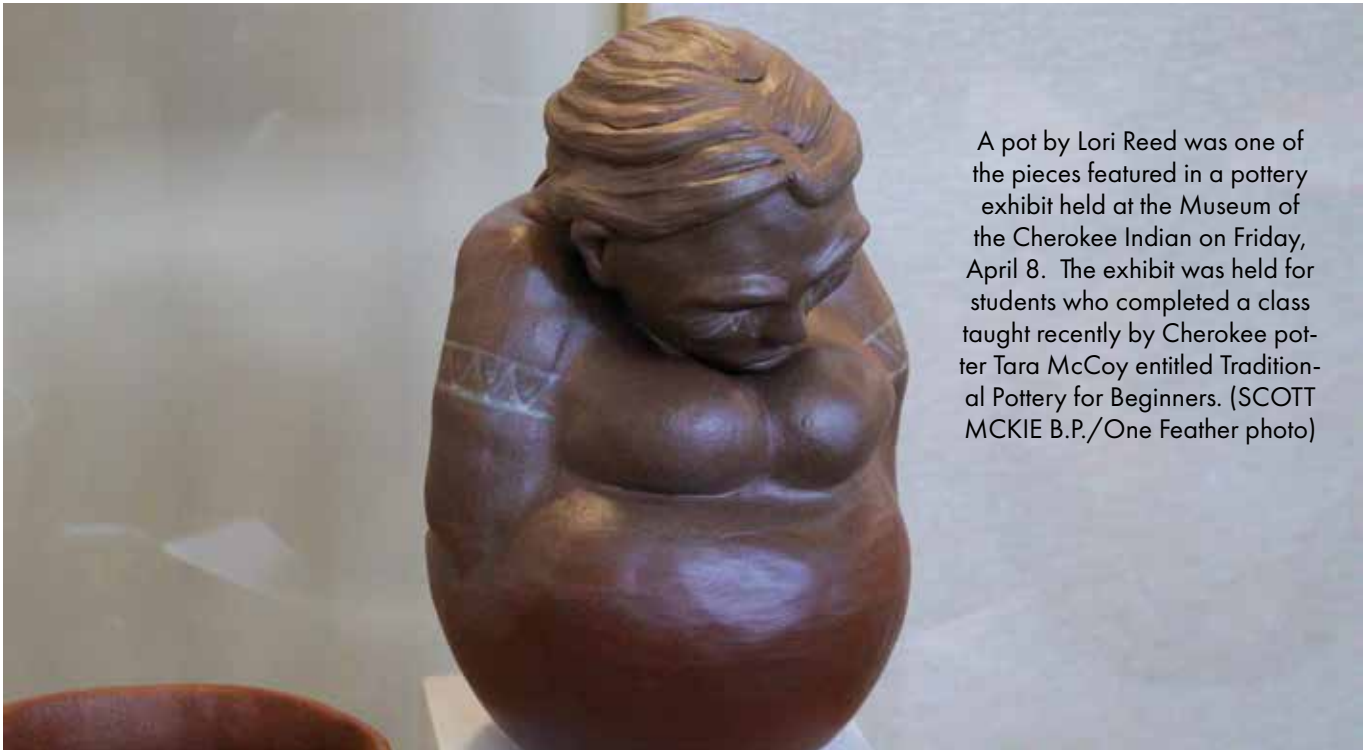


# Pottery students show their work at Museum

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

The art of Cherokee pottery is alive and well and is moving into the 21st century with renewed vigor. Students in a class entitled Traditional Pottery for Beginners, taught by Cherokee potter Tara McCoy and hosted by the Museum of the Cherokee Indians, showed the work they accomplished during the class in an exhibit at the Museum which opened on Friday, April 8.

The class was held free of charge for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and was part of the Museum's Community Learning Initiative.



A pot by Lori Reed was one of the pieces featured in a pottery exhibit held at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian on Friday, April 8. The exhibit was held for students who completed a class taught recently by Cherokee potter Tara McCoy entitled Traditional Pottery for Beginners. (SCOTT MCKIE B.P./One Feather photo)

## MISSING PERSON

**Perry James Dycus**

Male

Enrolled with The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Height: 5' 7" Weight 160 lbs

Hair: Unknown Eyes: Brown

Current age: 35

Case created: April 14, 2022

Last Known Location:

McAlester, Oklahoma

Circumstances of Disappear-

ance: Subject's mother last saw him in 2016.

If you have seen Perry James Dycus contact Choctaw Nation Tribal Police (580) 920-1517

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“Pottery has been my main passion for probably the last 23 years,” McCoy told the crowd as she introduced the exhibit on Friday night.

“With this three-month series, we tried a lot of techniques. We taught feet and handles. We talked about the fire pot, and you’ll see all these as you walk around. We also did a syllabary pot. I wanted to incorporate the syllabary. We have a legend pot. So, it’s a little bit more than pottery class. I wanted to incorporate our language and our stories, the culture. And, I wanted to incorporate gadugi and our seven core values. And, I wanted to connect them to the past because our ancestors have always made pottery. We used to cook in it, store things in it, carry water. So I wanted to take them back to the past because they’re using the same clay, or the same dirt, they’re using the same designs and they’re using the same tools that our ancestors would have used a long time ago.”

McCoy praised her students, “All of the people in the class did awesome work. I like seeing them get excited. I like seeing them get excited about dirt. We dug dirt and processed it, and I just like seeing them get excited about it. I like to see that passion. I think you need to find that passion and share it with people so that they

can get excited about something, whether it be the language, the arts, clothing.”

Dr. Blythe Winchester, Cherokee Indian Hospital director of geriatric services, said, “So, this was a three-month series of classes, one weekend per month. But, we also had homework assignments for different pots to make - a syllabary pot, an effigy pot, a pot with handles, a legends pot - so that we were supposed to complete those in-between. So, I think that’s why we were able to make so much is that we were really passionate and we worked on our pots on days other than the days we had class.”

She added, “She did teach us a ton of new techniques. You can see we learned how to make fire pots, we learned how to make pots with handles, we learned how to paint with what’s called slip, so it’s crazy. When I look at this, I can see how much we learned.”

Dr. Winchester said creativity was at the forefront of the class. “I think that’s why I love this. This is all traditional pottery, but you can really see everyone’s creativity in each style. Just because we were assigned to do an effigy pot, doesn’t mean that anybody is going to have the same animal. We’re not going to have the same legend for our legend pot. You do want to improve and grow, so I was trying

to really challenge myself. I did it.”

Lori Reed has been doing pottery for years and is an arts and crafts instructor at Cherokee Central Schools. “This class was really helpful for me. I learned how to do the fire pot. I never really knew how to do it. I tried to do one before and my little things fell off, so I wasn’t very successful. Another thing that I really learned was how to do the feet. You think you can just put it on there and it’ll stay, but they don’t stay. So that was another good thing that I learned how to do. It made me happy because it made me feel like ‘wow, now I have new skills that I can go back and teach my kids.’”

Reed said she relished the new ideas and techniques presented in the class. “She kind of gave us things to think about. We would get stuck kind of doing the same thing, the same shape. And, with those different things you have to really think about how you want to do it.”

She added, “I’ve been wanting to make an effigy pot...but I’ve never done anything this big. I’m super excited to work on that and I love how she turned out. I think one of the things about this class is that Tara made us use different types of clay. You can really see that different types of clay can do different things.”

Shana Bushyhead-Condill, Museum of the Cherokee Indian executive director, said she is very pleased with how the class turned out - especially all of the new pottery produced. “I’m passionate about all the work that we’re doing. And, the class that Tara decided to host here exemplifies what we’re trying to do here at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. I think one of the things that make this work so rewarding is watch-

ing when folks have passion for teaching and passing on tradition. I’m grateful to Tara for her work in making this class a reality.”

She hopes classes like this continue and expand, “This is what we hope is a seed that’s planted that grows even bigger. I was in a meeting talking about Native ceramics from the East Coast and one of the women said, ‘Whatever I make, makes it Native art’ and I love that! Each of these pieces is so individualistic. You can see every artist’s personality in these pieces and that’s what makes it Cherokee is that it came from that person that made it. We’re here to support that. The Museum, I don’t believe, is ever about the past. It’s about who we are and who we want to be and where we’re going in the future.”

McCoy agrees, “One of the reasons why I wanted to do this class...I’ve done some in the past, but it was just like one weekend. You couldn’t really teach much so I decided I wanted to do it in a three-month series mainly because I’ve seen a decline in potters and a decline in pottery-making in general.”

She went on to say, “I want to put Cherokee art on the map on this side of the coast because our people are so beautiful, smart, and intelligent, we’re rich in culture in the art and the language and I just think that needs to be showcased. So, that’s why I’m passionate about it. I also want to increase not only the quantity but the quality of the art. We’ve already got some wonderful, awesome artists. I just want to make that step up to another level and not put it as a competition among one another, but to make it a competition among yourself.”



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Sun Seeker	Planta
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— Brenda Weaver

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# Panther selected to position at NIGC

By **SCOTT MCKIE B.P.**

One Feather Staff

A member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians has been selected to a position in an organization that is at the forefront of Indian Gaming. Ericka Panther was chosen recently as a new compliance officer for the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) for the Washington, D.C. region.

“Not only do I feel it will be a rewarding journey, but this position will give me the opportunity to support the purpose of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, by promoting tribal economic development, self-sufficiency, and building strong tribal governments through gaming,” said Panther. NIGC officials said of Panther, “Her understanding of Indian Gaming and operational processes with focus on surveillance will benefit the region and Indian Country.”

Panther hopes to accomplish much in her new job. “Through my position as a compliance officer with the NIGC, I hope to benefit tribes by becoming knowledgeable about the unique issues that impact each tribe. My goal is to be a reliable source of assistance for any challenges that a tribe may encounter and aid in providing effective solutions, to ensure the



Ericka Panther, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, was chosen recently as a new compliance officer for the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) for the Washington, D.C. region. (Photo contributed)

continued success of each facility, while upholding the integrity of Indian gaming. I look forward to building a good rapport with tribal contacts, as well the members of the NIGC team.”

She started in the gaming industry 11 years ago as a gaming host at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino. “I quickly achieved the Level 3 Gaming Host status and realized

that I sought to pursue a career within gaming.”

Panther added, “I chose to continue my education and obtained a bachelor’s of science degree in criminal justice & criminology from East Tennessee State University in December 2017, which contributed to my desire to further my education within the legal field. I later returned to Harrah’s as a surveillance officer in 2018, where I demonstrated my ability to ensure compliance and my understanding of Internal Control Procedures, as well as essential Casino processes to achieve the Proficient Officer status. As a surveillance officer, I chose to further my education in pursuit of better opportunities. I discovered my passion to initiate change and strengthen tribal sovereignty in Indian country through the completion of the master of legal studies in Indigenous Peoples Law program from the University of Oklahoma College of Law, which also provided me with insight to issues impacting Indian country, as well as a knowledgeable foundation highlighting proper processes to address and rectify these issues in a beneficial manner.”

She is very grateful for the support she’s received and noted, “First off, I would like to thank the community for the overwhelming

support to the announcement of my appointment to the NIGC. I am especially thankful for my father, Rich Panther, step-mother, Kathie McCoy, and sister, Tiff Panther, for always encouraging persistence through obstacles I have faced and providing beneficial advice for successfully completing and pursuing the goals I have set for myself. Also, I would like to thank my best friend, Angelita Gomez, for her positivity and support throughout the lengthy hiring process. Last, I would like to thank the Harrah’s Cherokee Surveillance team and prior co-workers for their encouragement and support of my endeavors.”

Information from NIGC states its purpose as follows, “The National Indian Gaming Commission was created in 1998 with the passage of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), which was enacted to support and promote tribal economic development, self-sufficiency, and strong tribal governments through the operation of gaming on Indian lands. The Act provides a statutory basis for the federal regulation of Indian Gaming. IGRA establishes the Commission to regulate and support tribal gaming as a means of generating revenue for tribal communities.”



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The Right Way Award, presented by the Cherokee Indian Hospital Employee Association, was passed on Thursday, April 14 from the first quarter recipient Hilda Woodard, right, certified medication aide, to Lloyd Arneach Jr. who won for the second quarter. Arneach is a computer programmer with the Tribal Option. Rebecca Carlson, Cherokee Indian Hospital Employee Association vice president is shown at left. (Photo courtesy of Cherokee Indian Hospital Employee Association)

# 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

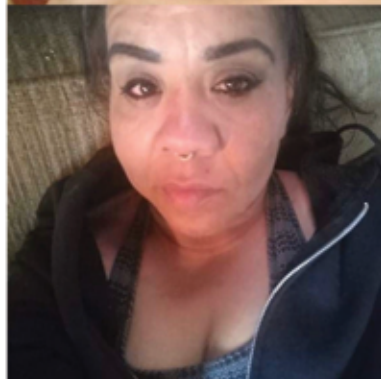
Seal, right upper arm: flowers and butter-

flies, 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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## May Birthdays

- 5/2 - Judaiah Littlejohn
- 5/3 - Niyah Taylor
- 5/3 - Gavin Lambert
- 5/3 - Hataya Maney
- 5/4 - Tre Toineeta
- 5/4 - Adam Woodard
- 5/8 - Dre Crowe
- 5/10 - Carla Ballew
- 5/11 - Beloved Woman Ella Bird
- 5/11 - Kimlyn Lambert
- 5/12 - Malchiah Littlejohn
- 5/12 - Sarah Everett
- 5/15 - Champ Maney
- 5/17 - Elliot Bay Myers
- 5/19 - David Wyatt
- 5/19 - Alene Youngdeer
- 5/20 - Boone Brady
- 5/21 - Raven Johnson
- 5/22 - Jess Walkingstick
- 5/24 - Kinley Crowe
- 5/25 - Dempsey Jumper Sr.
- 5/26 - Joe Owle
- 5/27 - Robert Jumper
- 5/28 - Tyler Crowe
- 5/28 - John G. Sneed, Sr.
- 5/30 - Serenity Vrooman
- 5/31 - Chantelle Frank
- 5/31 - Buddy Lambert

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY





### Katherine Norleen Panther

Katherine Norleen Panther, Nora as she was commonly known, age 84, passed away peacefully at her residence on Sunday, April 10, 2022 after battling cancer. She is survived by her three children, Gail P. Long, Gregory Panther, and Sarita Panther; eight grandchildren, Deino, Jamie, Delbert, Rodney, Alana, Jared, Shoni, and Jeremiah; seven great-grandchildren, Kendra, Nevayah, Kylan, Marla, McKyan, Timbi, and Draylon; one great great-grandson, Hezekiah Davis; brothers, Ernest, Rick, Jim, Pat “Big 10”, and Kenny; sisters, Alma, Alice, Hattie, Loretta, Jean, Gloria, Pat, and Deb.

Nora was preceded in death by her parents, Emmaline Driver and Sam Panther; brothers, Samuel “Snake” Panther, Floyd Panther, Nicky Driver, Tommy Driver, and Charlie Davis; sisters, Wilma Pheasant, Anita Ellwood; and one granddaughter, Jalee Panther.

Nora was a member of Waterfalls Baptist Church. She was an awesome cook and seamstress.

Funeral service were held on Friday, April 15 at Big Cove Missionary Baptist Church. Scott Chekelelee and Ernie Stiles officiated. Burial was in the Sequoyah

Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were Michael “Stu” Bradley and members of the Cherokee Fire Department; Doug Swayney, Cameron McCowan, Jaron Bradley, Jeff Arneach, Benji Johnson, and Ryan Dehart.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

### Bridger Owen Ensley

Bridger Owen Ensley, age 10, passed away on Monday, March 28, 2022 at Mission Hospital in Asheville. His brother, Noah Joseph Ensley, age 15, passed away on Sunday, March 27, 2022, also at Mission Hospital.

These brothers were loving sons, grandsons, nephews, cousins and friends who loved each other fiercely. They were lifelong residents of Jackson County. They were both members of the Allens Creek Baptist Church in Waynesville.

Bridger was a fourth grader at Fairview Elementary School where he was an active member of the Bible Club and the Chess Club. Bridger’s kindergarten teacher, Amber Moss, was instrumental in Bridger’s love of learning. He wanted to learn about everything! Bridger was never at a loss for words and shared his thoughts with humor and wisdom beyond his years. He was a passionate reader and loved math and science, art, and music. He was a true Renaissance Man! Bridger wanted to learn about all sports and played baseball, soccer as well as tennis. Bridger also enjoyed doing CrossFit on the weekends with his mom at Catamount CrossFit. He also loved hunting with his father, grandfather, and brother.

Bridger loved to travel and did not hesitate to submerge himself in any opportunity to ask questions

whether it was to the pilot of the airplane or the firefighter in New York. He loved exploring the beach as well as camping with his family. Bridger was known as a leader who took friendship very seriously. Bridger referred to all his classmates in Mrs. Green’s 4th grade class as his friends. If Bridger met you, you were his friend! His most special friend was Phoenix Martin of Whittier. Other special friends include Eli and Elizabeth Crawford and Charlie Gardner.

Noah and Bridger are the sons of Russell and Rebecca Dills Ensley of Sylva. They are also survived by their grandparents, Tom and Lois Ensley of Sylva, Kathy Greene Dills of Sylva, and Randall M Dills of Otto. Also surviving are their aunts and uncles, Tom and Regina Ensley of Shelby; Mike and Arlecie Hoxit of Sylva; Jim and Jan Revis of Sylva; and Randy and Nadine Dills of Sylva; as well as numerous cousins.

A memorial service was held at Allens Creek Baptist Church, 549 Allens Creek Road, Waynesville on Tuesday, April 5 for family and church friends. A community visitation will be held on Thursday, April 21 at Fairview Elementary School auditorium from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Celebration of Life Service will be on Friday, April 22 in the auditorium of Smoky Mountain High School at 6 p.m. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Noah and Bridger Ensley Memorial Scholarship Fund. Noah Ensley was a proud officer and member of the SMHS FFA program and a member of their Hunter Safety Team. He was passionate about welding, hunting, fishing, and farming. Bridger Ensley loved learning and loved to read. These funds will be used to support the FFA Programs at Smoky Mountain High School as well as to support the development

of academic opportunities for the students at Fairview School. This account is set up at First Citizens Bank and donations can be made at any First Citizens Branch. (609 West Main Street, Sylva, NC 28779)

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Noah took pride in his newly developed skill in welding and was thankful for his teachers Mr. Fox and Mr. Massey. He also had a special bond with his 5th grade teacher, April Mayes, and his kindergarten teacher, Brandy Phillips Carpenter, who always had a special place in his heart. Noah was a very committed friend and took his responsibility toward his friends very seriously.

His special friend was Aiden Mosley. Other close friends include: Haystin Kelly, Mason Burns, Dustin Johnson, Jordan Fox, Gage Buchanan, David Shuler, and Jacob Sutton. Other special friends include: Riddick Heatherly and Luke Swanger of Waynesville and Nolan Holliman of Georgia.

His FFA brothers and sisters



were also very important to him. Noah loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing with his father, grandfathers, and friends. Noah enjoyed all things vintage including Johnny Cash, American Pickers, and military history.

Following high school, Noah had planned to enlist in the military.

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### **Darrell William Teesateskie**

Darrell William Teesateskie, age 67, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at his residence. He is survived by his children, Dawn Rae Vallejo and Woodrow Teesateskie; three grandchildren, Dreyton Long, Davisia Teesateskie, and Cyrus Crowe; and his riding buddy, Oscar.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents, William Teesateskie and Lucy Swimmer Teesateskie; and infant son, Tsali Onestar Teesateskie.

Darrell enjoyed riding his Harley, fishing, and dirt track racing. He loved going to ballgames and spending time with his family and friends. He was a member of Brothers In The Wind and "CEO" of Teesateskie Racing.

Funeral service were held on Saturday, April 16 at Zion Hill Baptist Church in Robbinsville. Burial was in the Little Snowbird Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were members of Brothers In The Wind.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

### **David Alvin Bradley**

David Alvin Bradley, age 33, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at his residence. He is survived by his father, Marshall Alvin Bradley and mother, Rachel Dianne Reed; brother, Jacoby Bradley; sisters, Amber C. Bradley, Nichole D. Bradley, and Indica Bradley; uncles, John A. Reed, Mark "Jim" Reed, Richard Bradley, and John Stewert; aunts, Jennifer Robinson, Tracy Reed, and Chrissy Reed; grandparents, John David Reed, Carolyn Sue Junaluska, Farrah Lee Rich, Rick

Bradley; great great-grandmother, Melba Bradley; great aunts, Gale Junaluska and Rena Junaluska-Stewert; great great-aunts, Dolly J. Taylor, Faith Ann Catolster, and Mary Wilnoty; great uncle, Joseph Wilnoty; step-mothers, Jolena Hill and Terri Bradley. Others surviving; Michelle Junaluska.

David was preceded in death by his grandparents, Alvin Bradley and Gracia Wilnoty; great grandparents, Mark Henry Junaluska and Pauline Taylor Junaluska; step-grandfather, Brent Rich; aunts, Byrdie Junaluska and Marcela Saine; and cousins, Gene Saine and Lori Rubio.

David loved his family and friends very much and he told them every day. He was a very caring person and thoughtful of others. He was spiritual and read his bible. He loved fishing and spending time outdoors. He was very ambitious and highly intelligent, he knew a little about everything, current or historical. He liked to write and sing rap. He did this every day. David had the biggest heart and was quick to forgive. He was loyal to his family and friends. He was also very protective of the people he loved. There is just so many things and so much David is, was, and always will be. Anyone that was part of his life was a lucky person. We weren't just lucky, we are very blessed. He was the greatest son and brother. His beautiful smile could light up a room and was contagious. He will be missed more than words can say and loved eternally.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 14 at Yellowhill Baptist Church with Pastor Eddie Marrow officiating. Burial was in the Junaluska-Taylor Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were Mark "Jim" Reed, Johnson Sequoyah, Corey Wilnoty, Jarrett Wilnoty, Billy

Brady, William Haney, Adam Montelongo, and Emerson Sequoyah.

Long House Funeral Home assisted the family with final arrangements.

## **Good Housekeeping**

### **Triple-Cheese Mashed Potato Casserole**

Mashed potatoes are always a popular dinner choice, and when you add three kinds of cheese to the mix, no one can resist a second helping.

- 5 pounds all-purpose potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 5 tablespoons margarine or butter
- 3/4 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese
- 3/4 cup plain dried breadcrumbs
- 2 cups reduced-fat milk (2%)
- 4 ounces Cheddar cheese, shredded (1 cup)
- 4 ounces Neufchatel cheese, cut up

1. In a 6-quart saucepot, heat potatoes, 1 tablespoon salt and enough water to cover to boiling over high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low; cover and cook 10 minutes or until potatoes are tender.

2. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, heat 3 tablespoons margarine in microwave oven on high 30 seconds or until margarine melts. Stir in Parmesan and breadcrumbs; set aside.

3. Preheat oven to 325 F. Drain potatoes well; return to saucepot. With potato masher, mash potatoes with 2 teaspoons salt. Stir in milk, then Cheddar, Neufchatel and remaining margarine until cheese melts.

4. Grease 13- by 9-inch glass or ceramic baking dish. Spoon potato mixture into dish. Sprinkle breadcrumb mixture evenly over potatoes. Bake, uncovered, 15 minutes or until top is lightly browned.

5. Optional for storage: Follow recipe through step 3. Spread potato mixture into greased 13- by 9-inch glass or ceramic baking dish; cover with foil and refrigerate overnight. Refrigerate crumb mixture in a sealed plastic bag. To serve, let dish stand at room temperature for 30 minutes. Bake, covered, in preheated 325 F oven for 1 hour and 15 minutes; uncover, sprinkle with crumb mixture, and bake until browned, 15 minutes. Serves 20.

• Each serving: About 190 calories, 8g total fat (4g saturated), 14mg cholesterol, 465 sodium, 25g carbohydrate, 2g dietary fiber, 6g protein.

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Nominations sought for inaugural Lula Owle Gloyne award

The Cherokee Indian Hospital Foundation (CIHF) will present the inaugural Lula Owle Gloyne Person of Excellence Award during the 11th Annual CIHF Gala on June 25. This award will honor a deserving individual whose actions and contributions have improved the healthcare of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Nominations are open now and must be submitted to CIHF by Friday, April 15. Forms are available at [www.cihfoundation.org](http://www.cihfoundation.org).

### Emergency Rental Assistance for EBCI tribal members

The Cherokee Indian Housing Division (CIHD) is still accepting Emergency Rental Assistance

applications from EBCI (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians) member renters who qualify. The link collecting your applicable information will be available online at [EBCI.com](http://EBCI.com) and applications will be available onsite at the C.I.H.D. Main Office located at 687 Acquoni Rd. Cherokee, NC 28719. Applications and documentation can be emailed back to Stefany Hicks at the following email address: [shicks@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:shicks@ebci-nsn.gov)

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

Eligible households include families that have:

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

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

### 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



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

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

DEADLINE FOR MOWING APPLICATIONS: MAY 31, 2022

DEADLINE FOR PLOWING APPLICATIONS: MAY 31, 2022

Eligibility Requirements

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

Mowing

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

Plowing

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

Please call (828) 359-6638 with any questions you may have.

Please have your health care provider fax doctor's notes to (828) 497-3519.

**H.E.L.P.**



eligible to have your taxes prepared at no cost at the EBCI Extension Office through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

Due to the rise in COVID cases, this year will begin by using a drop-off pickup system and may change to face-to-face at a later date. Call 359-6939 or 359-6938 to set up a drop-off appointment. During your appointment, you will be required to fill out a short intake form. Dropoff appointments will begin Monday, Feb. 14 and will be Monday through Thursday. Remember to wear a mask and do not come if you are exhibiting COVID symptoms or have been quarantined due to positive test or by contact tracing. Customers exhibiting symptoms will be asked to reschedule their drop-off or pick-up.

Bring with you the following

items to your appointment/drop-off:

- All income related forms such as: W-2, 1099 Misc., 1099-I, SSA-1099, etc.
- Photo I.D. such as Driver's License or enrollment card with picture
- Social Security Card and birth date of every member of the 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

## NATIONAL PARK NEWS

### Park invites public to comment on fee program changes for 2023

Great Smoky Mountains National Park is seeking public input on proposed fee program changes for 2023, including a new park-wide parking fee and an increase to existing fee rates at frontcountry and backcountry campsites, picnic pavilions, and day-use cabin rentals. All revenue generated through these user fees would remain in the Smokies to directly support operational costs for managing and improving services for visitors including trail maintenance, custodial services, trash removal, and

supporting more law enforcement staffing across the park.

"Great Smoky Mountains National Park is at a crossroads," said Superintendent Cassius Cash. "We're proud to be the most visited National Park, but it does present challenges due to wear and tear on aging facilities and a strain on park resources and employees. Parking tag sales, at a modest fee, would provide critically needed support to protect and enhance the visitor experience not just for tomorrow, but for generations to come. We appreciate the public's input throughout this process."

Year after year, Great Smoky Mountains National Park is the most visited national park. Over the last decade, visitation increased by 57 percent to a record 14.1

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Developmental Disabilities  
and Substance Abuse Services

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million visits in 2021. With rising costs and more visitation, additional revenue is critical to support upkeep of the park. The proposed fee changes would provide an opportunity for park users to directly contribute towards upkeep of the park.

#### *Proposed Smokies Parking Tag Program*

The proposed Smokies Parking Tag program would create a sustainable revenue source to address longstanding challenges associated with high use, year-round operational needs, and resource protection. Fee revenue would support the care of well-loved resources including trails, picnic areas and historic landscapes across the park.

The park is proposing a daily

parking tag for \$5, a parking tag for up to seven days for \$15, and an annual parking tag for \$40. The proposed rates and tag duration were determined by considering a comparison of rates for similar access on private and public lands. The average parking rate in gateway communities where parking fees are charged is \$15 per day and \$68 per month. In National Park sites where parking fees are charged, the average rate is \$9 per day and \$50 per year. The park asks the public to provide input on the proposed parking tag cost and the duration of the parking tag.

As proposed, the Smokies Parking Tag would be required to be displayed on all motor vehicles parking in designated parking spots within park boundaries. The tag would not guarantee a parking spot at a specific location. Parking

would continue to be available on a first-come, first-serve basis throughout the park. Unofficial roadside parking would be eliminated to help protect resources, improve motorist and pedestrian safety, and to improve traffic flow through congested areas.

The park would continue to be entrance fee free. The parking tags would not be required for motorists experiencing the park through a scenic drive or using park roads as a commuter route. Parking tags would also not be required for pedestrians or cyclists.

#### *Proposed Fee Program Changes*

The park recommends increasing backcountry camping fees from \$4 per night to \$8 per night, with a maximum of \$40 per camper, based on cost comparability information and operational needs. Backcountry fees provide critical

support for trip planning, 7-day-a-week backcountry office support, and backcountry law enforcement patrol. These fees have not been increased in 10 years, while use of sites has increased to more than 100,000 camper nights per year.

The park proposes standardizing frontcountry fees across the park as campground operational costs are now similar across locations. The proposed fee for all campgrounds for family campsites would be \$30 per night for primitive sites and \$36 per night for sites with electrical hookups. Formerly, rates for campgrounds varied across campgrounds and ranged from \$17.50 to \$25 per night. Additional frontcountry fees proposed to be increased include group camps, horse camps, and picnic pavilions by between 20 and 30 percent depending on size and

# 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 **\$20,000** reward is offered for information leading to an arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

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**Saturday, April 23, 2022 10am to 4pm**

**9am-5K Run, Mark Watson Park**

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location. Rates for daily rental of the Appalachian Clubhouse and Spence Cabin in Elkmont are proposed to be a standard daily rate, resulting in an average increase of the weekly rate and decrease of the weekend rate. The rate change proposals can be found at <https://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/2023-fee-proposal.htm>.

#### Share your thoughts

A virtual public meeting to discuss the proposed fee program changes will take place on Thursday, April 14 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. The meeting will include an overview presentation introducing the rate changes and a Question and Answer session. Visitors may attend the meetings virtually by logging in at <https://tinyurl.com/mttkdyxs>. It is recommended that participants join the meeting 5 to 10 minutes early to test audio and

internet connections. Additionally, participants are welcome to call in on listen only mode, and not view the presentation, by dialing (929) 436-2866 and entering passcode 980 8025 4376#.

Public comment on the proposed Smokies Parking Tag, camping fee, and day-use facility rate changes is open from April 6 through May 7 and includes the opportunity to submit written comments online or via postal mail: Online (preferred method) Visit <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/GRSMfeeproposal2023> Select "Open for Comment" on the left menu bar, open the Proposed Smokies Fee Program Changes for 2023 folder, and click on the green "Comment Now" button to access the online commenting form.

Postal Mail

Send comments to:

Superintendent Cassius Cash  
Attn: 2023 Smokies Fee Program Changes Proposal  
107 Park Headquarters Road  
Gatlinburg, TN 37738

Under the Federal Lands and Recreation Enhancement Act (FL-REA), the park may charge fees to provide funding to support a safe and enjoyable visitor experience. In addition to the repair, maintenance and enhancements of visitor facilities, the park would prioritize using the fee revenue to provide increased ranger presence and maintenance personnel across the park. The program changes would generate funds to repair, maintain and enhance visitor facilities for current and future generations of visitors.

- National Park Service release

#### Park recruits Trail Volunteers

Great Smoky Mountains National Park rangers are recruiting volunteers to adopt a trail along the 848 miles of maintained trails across the park. Volunteers are needed to hike at least one designated trail, four times per year, and submit a report on their findings.

Information that adopters provide is critical in helping park trail maintenance staff better prioritize work. Through this coordinated effort, the park can better ensure

that trails remain accessible for visitors and that trailside resources are protected. No experience is required, but prospective volunteers should be comfortable hiking in the backcountry and enjoy interaction with visitors.

Volunteers must attend a 3-hour required training which includes information on how the park maintains trails, how to report relevant trail needs information, and how to instill 'Leave No Trace' practices while hiking. Volunteers must attend one of the following training opportunities held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Oconaluftee Visitor Center near Cherokee on Friday, April 29 or at Sugarlands Visitor Center near Gatlinburg, Tenn. on Saturday, April 30.

If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Trails and Facilities Volunteer Coordinator Adam Monroe by phone at 497-1949 or email [adam\\_monroe@nps.gov](mailto:adam_monroe@nps.gov) to register for the training. For information about the Trails Forever initiative and the ongoing partnership with Friends of the Smokies to improve many of the parks most heavily trafficked trails, visit <https://friendsofthesmokies.org/trailsforever/> for additional volunteer opportunities.

- National Park Service release

#### Fun Facts from the Editor:

\* A human could swim through a blue whale's veins.

The blue whale is the largest living creature—it's even larger than most dinosaurs. The biggest blue whales can be over 100 feet in length and weigh more than 100 tons. Their hearts alone can weigh 1,300 pounds, and are the size of a small car.

\* A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.

\* Hot dogs were first put into buns because they were burning customers' fingers when served hot.

The ancient Celts were the first to ferment and distill grains into whiskey. They called it water of life.



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**COMMENTARY**

Warning signs that someone has experienced sexual violence

By StrongHearts Native Helpline

Sexual violence is a far too common thing throughout Native communities. According to the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, Native Americans are 2.5 times more likely to experience sexual violence in their lifetime. As we know, this may be even higher due to the lack of reporting common in Native communities. Sexual violence is any type of sexual activity done without consent. We often don't know when someone is struggling with something. Sexual violence is no exception.

If you believe someone you know and love has experienced

sexual violence, here are some warning signs:

**Pulling out of their favorite activities or hobbies**

Your relative may be showing little or no interest in their favorite activities.

**Small signs of loss of trust**

Your relative might stop trusting you or your family members with small or large things.

**Isolation**

You may notice that your loved one is absent or turning down more invitations. They may have secluded themselves in their homes or workplaces or finding reasons to spend more time alone or with very few people.

**Signs of depression or energy fatigue**

Your relative may be starting to show signs of depression. This

can include changes in appetite and weight, conversations that include hopelessness or lack of outlook on life, and either uncontrollable emotions or numbing of emotions.

**Loss of interest in conversations or seeming spaced out**

Your relative might be experiencing zone out or feelings of disconnection while in the middle of a conversation. This could look like slow responses to questions, looks of lost in thoughts or slower speech when talking.

**Seeming to be uncomfortable when talking about sex or topics related to sex**

This can be a little hard to detect if you don't already know how comfortable someone is with talking about the topic of sex. But if you see a dramatic change in the comfortability of one's expression and opinions of sex this could be a sign of sexual violence.

**If your partner has a change in interest in sex or being touched**

If you are concerned that your partner may have experienced sexual violence, one warning sign may be that they no longer show

interest in sex and pull away when you try to approach or touch them. The main component here is that they seem to have lost trust or interest in sexual touch, but not necessarily in your relationship.

While not every sexual assault or rape leaves physical injuries, here are a few to look out for:

- Bruising
- Broken or dislocated bones
- Difficulty walking

It can be difficult to talk with someone who has experienced something as traumatic as sexual violence. But as a relative, your support can mean a lot to a victim-survivor. StrongHearts Native Helpline is here to chat about ways that you can support a relative experiencing the effects of sexual violence. Call or text 1-844-7NATIVE or chat here on [strongheartshelp-line.org](https://strongheartshelp-line.org), advocates are available 24/7 for free, safe and confidential support. If you would like more information about how you can help someone in an unhealthy or abusive relationship visit our Help a Friend or Relative page.

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## Attention EBCI Artists/Craftspeople

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

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## WNC FLY FISHING TRAIL WEEKLY FISHING REPORT



APRIL 18-24, 2022



WATERSHED	STOCKING	PRODUCTIVITY	ACTIVE SPECIES	HATCHES	FLY/BAIT
<b>Tuckasegee River</b>	Delayed Harvest Stocking March 3 (only delayed harvest section is open)	All day.	Rainbow Trout, Brook Trout, Brown Trout.	Tan & Green bodied caddis, March browns, blue quills, sulphurs, midges, and yellow sallies.	Rubber legs, Midges, Wolly Bugger, Elk Hair Caddis, Pheasant Tails, Hares Ears, Adams, eggs, Soft Hackles
<b>Chattooga &amp; Whitewater Rivers</b>	Hatchery supported waters are closed until April 3	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout	Tan & Green bodied caddis, March browns, blue quills, sulphurs, midges, and yellow sallies.	Rubber legs, Pheasant Tails, Hares Ears, Adams, Elk Hair Caddis, Prince Nymphs, Midges, Soft Hackles
<b>Inside GSMNP Oconaluftee River &amp; Small Streams</b>	Hatchery supported waters are closed until April 3	Based on water temperatures	Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Wild Brook Trout	Tan & Green bodied caddis, March browns, blue quills, sulphurs, midges, and yellow sallies.	Rubber Legs, Midges, Pheasant Tails, Hares Ears, Adams, Elk Hair Caddis, Prince Nymph, Soft Hackles

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### BEST FISHING TIMES BASED ON THE LUNAR CYCLE

MONDAY, APRIL 18 BETTER	TUESDAY, APRIL 19 AVERAGE	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20 AVERAGE	THURSDAY, APRIL 21 AVERAGE	FRIDAY, APRIL 22 AVERAGE+	SATURDAY, APRIL 23 AVERAGE	SUNDAY, APRIL 24 AVERAGE
1:51 AM-3:51 AM 2:19 PM-4:19 PM	2:48 AM-4:48 AM 3:18 PM-5:18 PM	3:49 AM-5:49 AM 4:20 PM-6:20 PM	4:52 AM-6:52 AM 5:23 PM-7:23 PM	5:54 AM-7:54 AM 6:25 PM-8:25 PM	6:55 AM-8:55 AM 7:23 PM-9:23 PM	7:51 AM-9:51 AM 8:17 PM-10:17 PM

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## SPEAKING OF FAITH

# Seek Him; rest in His promises

By **TIMOTHY L. MELTON, PASTOR**

(Transcribed by Myra D. Colgate)

Cherokee Pentecostal Holiness Church

Psalms 23:4-6

"I came by today to say the Righteousness is Jesus. Hallelujah! He's our Righteousness and as He said, it is just for the sake of that Name. But, Verse 4 brings us to another whole place, because it looks like the Psalmist David wrote this Psalm, to declare a couple of things here today.

"O, I feel the Presence of the Holy Ghost and that we're about to be blessed! Here's what we see, that He shows up and says there's a God in Heaven Whose Name is Righteous. He knows how to restore me. He knows how to give me rest. He knows how to take care of me, so I want for nothing and He knows how to get me where I need to be and then He gets to verse 4, and says, but, "I'm still walking through the valley of the shadow of death."

"Yep. "Why would He write it out of order? Only to see if it had been me? I'd have to start in the valley of the shadow of death. It's full of evil and I humbly need You to be there to comfort me."

"I know the enemy is about to rise up and act a fool and he's about to do his best to have his way with me.

"Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. Yes, and it's amazing to me.

"We were in Israel so many years ago and we went to the literal Valley of the Shadow of Death. I've heard it preached over the years that this is a spiritual valley where the shadow of death passes over it, but I found out there, it's a real place, and it's still a dangerous place. Even today one just wouldn't go down there unescorted, not making it by one's self there. People still avoid the area. Why is that? It's because there are still robbers and others who would harm or even take a person's life.

"I realized a long time ago that the Lord will sometimes carry us through a dangerous place to get us through to another place. How many of us realize today that God never called

us to live a life of ease? He never called us to live a life of nothing but joy. Sometimes one has to fight a fight. Sometimes one has to go through a valley. Sometimes, one has to meet the enemy head on. Why? It's so that for His Name's Sake, He can show the Earth Who He is within that person's life.

"In Verse 5, He says something rather interesting. "For Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies."

"Isn't that an amazing statement in that the enemy comes along to break a person and yet, God shows up to bless that person. Amen. Come on, if I were the devil, I'd sure be frustrated today. I've had him literally pour out every single thing that he could think of to pour out over our lives and all he did was squeeze out a brand new praise, a new song. Only it was squeezed out of the Glory of the Lord and the Righteousness of Christ. Why? It was because we learned this important lesson. Amen, the lesson of the Valley, Hallelujah! He told us it's only in that time one is anointed. Don't miss what I'm saying to everyone listening. Sometimes one has to go through the valley to find the place of one's greatest anointing, and to prove this to themselves and others.

"See, the issue is when a person gets squeezed, what's on the inside will make it's way outside and that's when all will know, including that person, what one is made of and what's really on the inside. When all hell

breaks loose in the valley, does one's head go down and their hands go up in surrender? In the middle of a trial? Does a person's knees go to the floor? Does their back bend over? I don't know about everyone knowing this, but there's still a God in Heaven Who really has a Rod and a Staff. When He brings them out, the enemy cowers and moves back!

"He's shown me it's during that time that my cup runneth over. It is as He has said, "His Goodness and Mercy will follow me everywhere I go." David understood this as the Truth which I'm about to share with everyone out of the New Testament and it is this:

"Until one prepares their own heart to receive this truth; until each one knows Who God really is; until they begin to understand and appreciate fully His stalwart, unstoppable, unchanging Promises in knowing they are sure, even if it may not look like it at the time; one's battles will defeat a person every time.


"The Psalmist David was able to declare these fine words because he had been through some battles. Every time God brought him through with Power and a testimony that just won't end! This is why when David entered a city the people would sing, "Saul has killed his thousands, but David, his tens of thousands." Why was this? It was because of this testimony which preceded him.

"Read also Hebrews 4:1-6, 9-12. understand it, rest in Him and the believing."



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*For as the earth brings forth its bud, as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.*

**Isaiah 61:11** 



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# Super Crossword

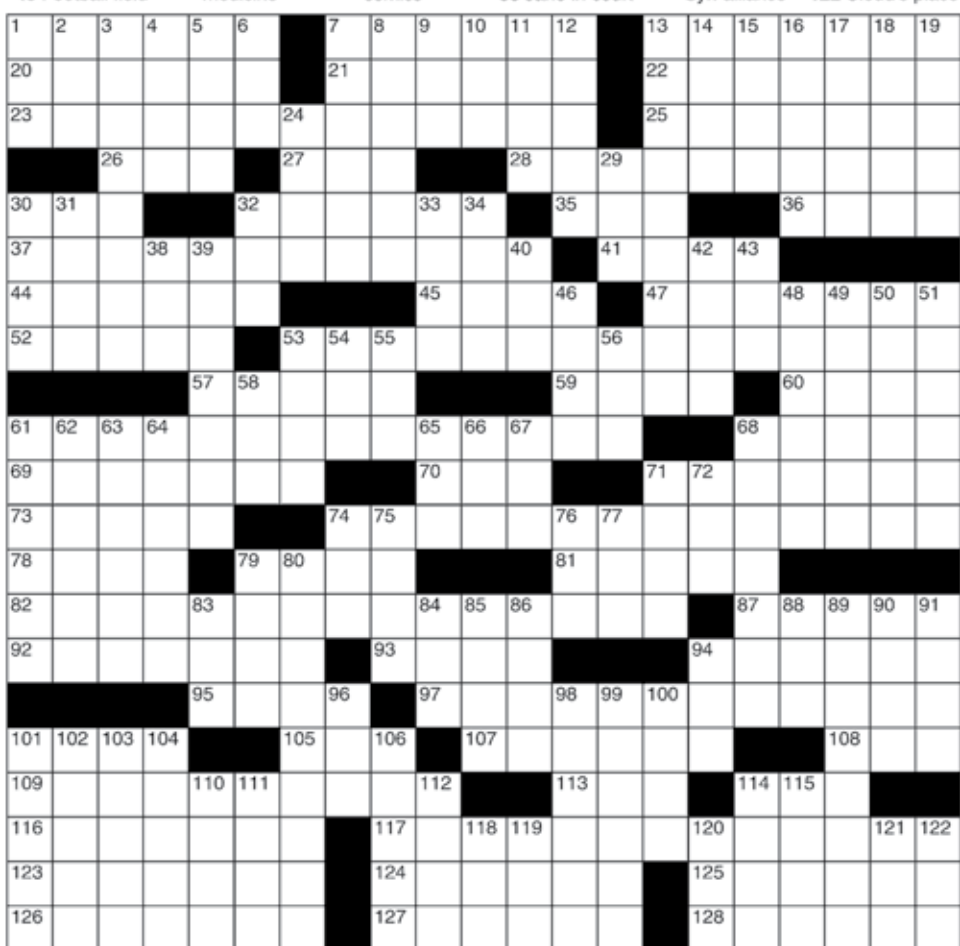
MUDDLED FEELINGS

## ACROSS

- 1 Outlook  
7 Opponents  
13 Rolling Stones frontman's family  
20 Despise  
21 Funny in a twisted way  
22 Shrinking salt lake in Asia  
23 "Does this medication act as a sedative at all?"  
25 French painter Henri  
27 Dark warrior Kylo of sci-fi  
28 Magical elixir that turns people into mouselike rodents?  
30 Sun or moon  
32 People using paste  
35 — Moines  
36 26th letters, to Brits  
37 The singer of "Kiss an Angel Good Mornin'" was nosy?  
41 Caustic liquid  
44 Mogul  
45 Football field
- 47 Loss of the sense of smell  
52 Out of kilter  
53 Upkeep of a kitchen stove?  
57 Peter of Herman's Hermits  
59 Freeman of "Angel Face"  
60 "... roughly"  
61 Landscaping tool used by a large company?  
68 Culinary mushroom  
69 Not ingested  
70 Coll. in Lower Manhattan  
71 First letter  
73 Follies show that turns people into mouselike rodents?  
74 Question to someone who rudely interrupts a chat?  
78 Ruckuses  
79 Teeny power source  
81 Nation in "The Hunger Games"  
82 Captured during a revolt?  
87 Frosting tools  
92 Bit of conjunctivitis medicine
- 93 Ballesteros of golf  
94 Pages transmitted by PCs  
95 Gave the heave-ho to  
97 Cost to buy an airline ticket?  
101 FBI workers: Abbr.  
105 Cooke of soul  
107 Actor Chuck  
108 Small child  
109 Arsons?  
113 Some refinery input  
114 Bummed  
116 Emilio of Hollywood  
117 Apt things to feel when solving this puzzle?  
123 Really dumb  
124 6-Down plus one  
125 State tree of New Jersey  
126 — Pilate (biblical official)  
127 Most tender  
128 Wisenheimer
- 5 Neighbor of Sudan  
6 What X may mean  
7 Creep higher, as shorts  
8 Wrinkle remover  
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11 Actor Schreiber  
12 Young cod  
13 "Misery" star  
14 Give — (care)  
15 Cat, to Juan  
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17 "Charlotte's Web" actress Davis  
18 Turf anew  
19 Camille Saint- —  
24 Annual: Abbr.  
29 Meadow  
30 Eight: Prefix  
31 "Wide Sargasso Sea" novelist Jean  
32 With 118-Down, child of a boomer  
33 Emma Peel player Diana  
34 Withered  
38 Jane in court
- 39 Something hit by a basso  
40 Lightly lit  
42 Swenson of "Benson"  
43 John in court  
46 Title for 33-Down  
48 Not rough  
49 — Melodies (old toons)  
50 Pant-leg line  
51 Coral rings  
53 Bicolor horse  
54 Busy insect  
55 Once named  
56 Fish-fowl link  
58 Some refinery input  
61 Run, as an art exhibition  
62 In the future  
63 Rescind  
64 Waited a bit  
65 Ltr. holder  
66 Henna or anil  
67 Chap  
68 Orange Bowl loc.  
71 Motels  
72 San Francisco's — Valley  
74 Astros, on scoreboards  
75 Rock blasters  
76 Unseal, in poetry  
77 Old Egypt-Syr. alliance  
79 "Life is like — of chocolates"  
80 They're large in large-print materials  
83 Pro-gun org.  
84 Sports arbiter  
85 Tennis' Lendl  
86 Blood fluid: Prefix  
88 Coral islet  
89 Way out of a building  
90 Nevada city on I-80  
91 USAF NCO  
94 Bad grades  
96 Flow barrier  
98 Wears away  
99 Set straight  
100 Movie  
101 Tons  
102 Painter's undercoat  
103 Tarte — (apple treat)  
104 Artery insert  
106 Some viral trends  
110 Roman 107  
111 Brand of lens solution  
112 Farm tower  
114 Banana part  
115 Verdi opera  
118 See 32-Down  
119 Eden evictee  
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121 Cable TV's — Geo Wild  
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## DOWN

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

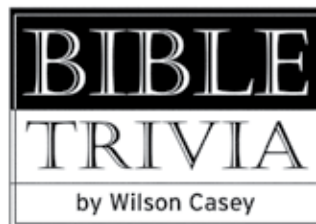
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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1. Is the book of Astaroth in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
2. In Exodus 4, from what tribe of Israel did all priests come? *Judah, Ephraim, Levi, Manasseh*
3. From Matthew 7, upon what did the wise man build his house? *Bush, Sand, Rock, Sea*
4. Which book first accredited Jesus as the Prince of Peace? *Isaiah, Daniel, Luke, Romans*
5. What does the Epistle of Jude primarily warn against? *Stranger cruelty, Gossiping, False teachers, Lusting*
6. Who was the father of Moses? *Chemosh, Jacob, Marduk, Amram*

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

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1. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize?
2. MOVIES: Which Disney character's catchphrase is "To infinity and beyond!"?
3. GEOGRAPHY: How many permanently inhabited territories does the United States have?
4. MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the Greek goddess of chance?
5. U.S. STATES: How many states call themselves commonwealths?
6. HISTORY: How many people worldwide were killed by the Black Death pandemic in the 1400s?
7. SCIENCE: What layer of air is closest to Earth in the atmosphere?
8. TELEVISION: Which animated TV comedy includes the fictional school Springfield Elementary?
9. ADVERTISING: A sales clerk named Lily promotes which company in advertisements?
10. LITERATURE: George Smiley is a character in which 1974 novel?

see **PUZZLE ANSWERS** page 22



## EVENTS

### BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

**Turkey Shoots at the Jesse Welch Turkey Shoot Facility in the Big Cove Community.** April 23 at 3 p.m. Benefit for Marchelle "Jabba" Jackson-Smoker. Breakfast for early suppers will be on sale. April 30 at 3 p.m. Sponsored by Randy Saunooke. Will shoot some shotgun and some .22 caliber rifle rounds, open sight only, no scopes. Good food, good fun, great prizes, great benefits.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**6th Annual Spring Garden Fair.** April 29 and 30 at the Yellowhill Activity Center. April 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and April 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring seeds, plants, yard art, education, and a RePurposeIt Contest for youth 5-16 (individual prizes and group prizes). Vendor tables are \$20 for sales and free for information and educational materials and/or activities for children. Sponsored by the Office of the Principal Chief, Office of the Vice Chief, and the NAIWA North Carolina Chapter. Info: Carmaleta Monteith 736-5285 or [carmaleta@msn.com](mailto:carmaleta@msn.com)

**Spring Garden Fair Youth Re-PurposeIt Contest.** April 30 at the Yellowhill Activity Center from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Age groups: 5-8, 9-12, 13-13. First prize: \$100, Second Prize: \$75, Third Prize: \$50. Make an item for the garden or yard from non-toxic, durable objects that are safe for children and animals. Make a list of the materials you used in the project and turn it in with your repurposed item to the RePurposeIt table.

**3rd EBCI MMIW Walk.** April

30. Event begins at 11 a.m., walk begins at 12 p.m. Begin walk from the fire pit area at the Oconaluftee Island Park, walk to the Tribal Council House parking lot, and then back to the fire pit. Info: Loretta Bolden 736-9543

**Cherokee Police Department C.O.P.S Blue Blood Drive.** May 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Rod Cooper Training Room at the Anthony Edward Lossiah Justice Center.

**Cherokee Youth Center new fall open Kindergarten orientation.** May 12 at 7:30 a.m. at the Cherokee Youth Center. Bring court documents and \$20 per child. Must be 5-years-old and enrolled in Kindergarten. Work verification form will be to be returned to CYC by May 20 at 4:30 p.m. CYC will only take the first 20. The rest will be put on a waiting list. Info: Melissa Ledford or Stephanie French 359-8113

**Animal Clinics hosted by Christian Veterinary Mission.** May 20 and 21 from 9 a.m. 4 p.m. daily at the Little Snowbird Baptist Church in Robbinsville; June 10-11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily at the Cherokee Indian Fairgrounds. Info: Dan Teasdale 735-1876, Tammy Jackson 359-6934, EBCI Animal Control 497-6091

**Cherokee Customer Celebration Day.** May 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cherokee Welcome Center. Vendors needed. Info: Cherokee Welcome Center 359-6490 or Josie Long 359-6491 or 269-8221

**Cherokee Choices Summer Camps.** Yoga Camp (ages 7-11) June 6-23. Cultural Camp (ages

10-12) June 27 – July 14. Activities include horseback riding, rafting, arts and crafts, yoga, creek snorkeling, and more. Camps are Monday through Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Applications must be submitted by May 3. Space is limited. Info: Tori Bryson, MHS, RDN, LDN 359-6778 or [victtram@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:victtram@ebci-nsn.gov)

**Cherokee Summer Social.** July 9 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the RC Field next to Kituwah Mound. Evening to celebrate Cherokee language, culture, song, dance, and food. Everyone is welcome. Featured singers: Bo Taylor, John Grant, Skylar Bottchenbaugh, Rich Bottchenbaugh, Micah Swimmer, Jarret Wildcatt, Will Tushka. MC: Catcuce Tiger. Traditional dress and ribbon skirts/shirts encour-

aged. Bring your own chairs. Info: [cherokeewintersocial@gmail.com](mailto:cherokeewintersocial@gmail.com)

### SPORTS EVENTS

**2022 EBCI Fish Tournament Lineup** (General Fishing Waters, Cherokee, N.C.)

General Fishing Enterprise Waters are closed to everyone from Saturday, March 12 to Friday, March 25. Each tournament requires a 2-day fish permit covering both tournament days (\$17) and Tournament Registration Fee (\$15).  
Memorial Day Fish Tournament - Saturday, May 28 to Sunday, May 29  
- Registration deadline is Friday, May 27  
- \$10,000 in cash prizes

## Puzzles Answers

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

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### Weekly SUDOKU

#### Answer

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Levi; 3) Rock; 4) Isaiah 9:6; 5) False teachers; 6) Amram

## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

#### Answers

- Four. Barack Obama, Jimmy Carter, Woodrow Wilson and Theodore Roosevelt
- Buzz Lightyear, "Toy Story"
- Five (American Samoa, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and Northern Mariana Islands)
- Tyche
- Four (Kentucky, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Virginia)
- Estimates range from 25 million to 200 million
- Troposphere
- "The Simpsons"
- AT&T
- "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy"

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

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

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

[facebook.com/fishcherokee](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://runsignup.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](mailto:yolasaun@ebci-nsn.gov)

**Galaxy Cheer Tryouts.** June 6-8 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. nightly at Pirouettes Dance & Cheer Academy. Attire is athletic wear. Info: Samantha Hernandez 736-0452 or email [pirouettesdanceacademy@gmail.com](mailto:pirouettesdanceacademy@gmail.com).

see **HAPPENINGS** next page



## Pets Wearing Pants? How About No!

**DEAR PAW'S CORNER:** I saw something on social media about a town in New York state that passed an ordinance requiring pets to "cover their genitals" by wearing pants. This is ridiculous! Is it for real? — Clark G.

**DEAR CLARK:** It's a wild idea, but no, the photo circulating on social media is fake. Pet owners, you can put away those doggy pants. (Unless your dog enjoys wearing them, of course.)

Officials with the city of Auburn, New York, were unpleasantly surprised to find their city's letterhead going viral on social media just a couple of weeks ago. A fake letter said that residents' pets would be required to wear pants outside so that their genitals would not be in view.

"It is an uncomfortable and difficult situation for a parent, grandparent or guardian to have to explain to their ward when they are questioned about canine and feline genitals," the letter said. It also claimed that many towns in New England have made pet pants mandatory — also not true.

It's probably no accident that the fake letter started circulating just before April Fool's Day. And while it seems like a funny prank, the city of Auburn isn't laughing. "The intentional misrepresentation of the law and the forgery of the signature of an elected official are illegal acts and should be taken seriously," City Clerk Chuck Mason told The Citizen. (Read the article at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8uedv4>, or search for "auburn-pub.com, pet pants").

Hopefully, no one takes this to heart and tries to get a similar ordinance passed in their town. Our dogs and cats can let it all hang out with no fear of official reprisal, or ladies fainting away from the shock.

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

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# VETERANS ★ POST ★

by Freddy Groves

## More VA Scammers Nabbed by OIG

The Department of Veterans Affairs investigative arm has been busy.

Thanks to the VA's Office of Inspector General, a group of Georgia men have been convicted of stealing monthly Social Security and disabled veterans benefits and diverting them to their own accounts, starting in 2012. Some of the cash was put on prepaid credit cards and mailed to the creator of the scheme in Jamaica. Using personal information gathered from their victims, the scammers contacted the VA and Social Security to have the monthly benefit money redirected to their own accounts.

In all, 18 thieves were nabbed, and so far, they've been sentenced to over 600 months in prison. Several of them will be paying back \$1 million apiece in restitution. The maximum penalty for each could have been 30 years in prison. Unfortunately, it wasn't.

Then there was the Rhode Island woman (a VA employee) who held herself out as being a wounded Marine Corps veteran and ... you guessed it, a Purple Heart recipient. When will they ever learn? Genuine Purple Heart recipients are known. This particular thief forged military discharge documents (DD-214) and committed wire fraud for the purpose of cashing in on the benefits and help that would come to her. She used her personal VA email account to order a Purple Heart, which she wore on a Marine Corps uniform.

Then she started in on her cash collection endeavors, which included \$207,000 from the Wounded Warrior program; \$18,472 from another group for mortgage payments and a gym membership; and \$4,700 from a web fundraising for her alleged cancer, which she claimed she got from burn pits in Iraq.

Meanwhile, as her schemes and scams unfolded, she served as commander at the local VFW, wearing her uniform (and the Purple Heart) at many events. She was tripped up when she asked for more money from another organization, and someone thought to (finally) check her info in the VA database.

Nope, it didn't exist.

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**DEADLINE TO APPLY: MAY 2nd, at 4:30pm.**

Participants will need transportation to and from the Ginger Lynn Welch Complex.



**HAPPENINGS:** Event listings, from  
page 23

com

### **Southern Powerlifting Federation Rumble in the Smokies.**

Aug. 13 at 8:30 a.m. at the Cherokee Fitness Complex. General Admission: \$10, Kids 12 and under are free. Must be a current Southern Powerlifting Federation to participate. \$15 late fee after Aug. 1. Info: Jesse Rodger (423) 255-3672, [www.southernpowerlifting.com](http://www.southernpowerlifting.com)

### **WESTERN N.C. EVENTS**

#### **Mosaic Art for Children class.**

April 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Murphy Art Center on Valley River Ave. in downtown Murphy. Class is appropriate for ages 8-17. Info: 360-3038

#### **Indivisible Swain County**

**meeting.** April 25 via Zoom at 7 p.m. Agenda items include action steps for 2022 priorities – Medicaid expansion, voting, education, environment and April 29 voter registration at Yellowhill Activity Center. All are welcome to join and share your concerns and ideas. Info: [maryherr2017@gmail.com](mailto:maryherr2017@gmail.com) or call 497-9498

#### **5th Annual Bingo Night Fundraiser.**

April 29 at the Smoky Mountain Event Center at the Haywood County Fairgrounds in Waynesville. Doors open at 6 p.m. and Bingo starts at 7 p.m. This event is hosted by Voices in the Laurel. Tickets are available online at [voicesinthelaurel.org](http://voicesinthelaurel.org) or by calling 734-9163. \$20/each includes admission – 20 games of Bingo

and a chance to win door prizes.

#### **Fearless Watercolors for Adult Beginners.**

April 30 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Murphy Art Center on Valley River Ave. in downtown Murphy. Class is open to the public. 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](mailto:frog28734@gmail.com) or [www.littletennessee.org](http://www.littletennessee.org)

### **OTHER EVENTS**

**Native American Gathering & Earth Day Celebration.** April 23 at The Museum of the Cherokee in S.C. located in Walhalla, S.C.

Performances, live music, arts and crafts, kids activities, hands-on learning, and food. Info: [www.mainstreetwalhalla.com](http://www.mainstreetwalhalla.com)

### **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 event name, date and time, location, and contact info to [scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:scotmckie@ebci-nsn.gov).

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Temper your typical Aries urge to charge into a situation and demand answers. Instead, let the Lamb's gentler self emerge to deal with a problem that requires delicacy.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You are aware of what's going on, so continue to stand by your earlier decision, no matter how persuasive the counter-arguments might be. Money pressures soon will ease.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) By all means, have fun and enjoy your newly expanded social life. But don't forget that some people are depending on you to keep promises that are very important to them.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You need to wait patiently for an answer to a workplace problem and not push for a decision. Remember: Time is on your side. A financial matter needs closer attention.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You now have information that can influence that decision you planned to make. But the clever Cat will consult a trusted friend or family member before making a major move.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Good news: You're finding that more doors are opening for you to show what you can do, and you don't even have to knock very hard to get the attention you're seeking.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your gift for creating order out of chaos will help you deal with a sudden rush of responsibilities that would threaten someone less able to balance his or her priorities.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Congratulations. Your energy levels are coming right back up to normal — just in time to help you tackle some worthwhile challenges and make some important choices.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) The sage Sagittarian should demand a full explanation of inconsistencies that might be cropping up in what had seemed to be a straightforward deal.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A conflict between obligations to family and to the job can create stressful problems. Best advice: Balance your dual priorities so that one doesn't outweigh the other.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Don't guess, speculate or gossip about that "mystery" situation at the workplace. Bide your time. An explanation will be forthcoming very soon.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Boredom might be creeping in and causing you to lose interest in a repeat project. Deal with it by flipping over your usual routine and finding a new way to do an old task.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You can warm the coldest heart with your lyrical voice and bright smile. You find yourself at home, wherever you are.

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## Employment Opportunities

### Position: Massage Therapist

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

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

## Cherokee Central Schools Job Openings

Apply online at <https://phl.applitrack.com/cherokeecentral/onlineapp/> or visit: [www.ccs-nc.org](http://www.ccs-nc.org) for more information.

Cherokee Central School is currently taking applications for employment for the following job opportunities, all jobs

are open until filled unless otherwise indicated:

1. CMS Special Education Teacher
2. CMS Special Education Teacher - Pathseekers
3. CMS Licenced Clinical Counselor
4. CHS Drone Teacher
5. CHS Engineering Teacher
6. CHS Social Studies Teacher
7. CHS Automechanics Teacher
8. CHS Special Education Teacher - Life Skills
9. CES Speech Language Pathologist
10. CES Special Education Teacher - STARS
11. CES Special Education TA - STARS

12. CES Special Education TA
13. CES Special Education Teacher
14. CES School Counselor
15. Elementary Teacher (Multiple)
16. Cherokee Language Instructor
17. Math/Reading Interventionist (High School)
18. JV Cheer Coach
19. Middle School Volleyball Assistant Coach
20. JV Volleyball Assistant Coach
21. JV Women's Basketball Head Coach
22. Varsity Football Assistant Coach
23. Maintenance Worker - Grounds (multiple)
24. Part-Time Security
25. Custodian
26. Substitute Teachers





## CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Open Positions

Administrative Assistant – Kanvwotiyi  
Advanced Practice Provider PTI (PA/FNP) – Emergency Room  
Analenisgi Inpatient Technician (2 Positions)  
AP Processor – PRC  
Behavioral Health RN – Analenisgi PTI  
Behavioral Health RN – Analenisgi Inpatient  
Behavioral Health RN - Kanvwotiyi  
Case Management Support – Primary Care  
Certified Medical Assistant/Licensed Practical Nurse – Primary Care (3 positions)  
Licensed Practical Nurse – Tribal Justice Center  
PTI CNA/Medical Clerk - Inpatient  
CNA/Medical Clerk - Inpatient  
Clinical Dietitian (2 Positions)  
Dental Assistant II (3 Positions)  
Dentist  
Dietary Services Supervisor  
Durable Medical Equipment Specialist  
EVS Technician  
LPN – MAT Clinic Analenisgi  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker Care Manager – Primary Care (7 Positions) \*\*\*\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus  
Masters Level Therapist – Family Safety (2 Positions) \*\*\*\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus  
Masters Level Therapist – Integrated Classroom \*\*\*\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus  
Masters Level Therapist (Child) – Analenisgi \*\*\*\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus  
Masters Level Therapist – Dora Reed  
Masters Level Therapist – Analenisgi Inpt. \*\*\*\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus  
Optician  
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Optometrist  
Pedodontist  
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Physical Therapist II  
Physician /Hospitalist - Inpatient  
Physician – Primary Care  
Patient and Referred Care Manager  
PTI Patient Access Specialist  
PTI Registered Nurse – Analenisgi Inpatient  
Registered Nurse – Inpatient (3 positions)  
Registered Nurse (Nights) – Emergency Room  
Registered Nurse – Wound Care  
Registered Nurse – ICC  
Residential Technician (Female) – Kanvwotiyi (2 positions)  
Residential Technician (Male) – Kanvwotiyi (2 positions)  
Residential Technician (Female) – Women's Home (2 positions)  
RN Care Manager – Primary Care \*\*\*\$3,000.00 Hiring Bonus  
Targeted Case Manager – Dora Reed  
Telemetry Nursing Assistant  
PTI - Ultrasound Technologist

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Registered Nurse (Starting Pay \$35.36)

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

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





## Cherokee Boys Club Job Announcements



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

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

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

### OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Agelink Childcare  
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## EMPLOYMENT

### Help Wanted

Smoky Mountain Inn. Needed Night Audit and Housekeepers. Please apply in person at 344 7 clans road Cherokee, NC 28719. **4/20**

### Now hiring for Unto These Hills 2022 season!

Unto These Hills is getting ready for its 72nd season this coming summer. We are looking for individuals to fill out our 2022 Top of House staff. We are accepting applications for Box Office/Concessions/Retail/Usher/ and Parking Crew. Interviews will be held the week of May 2nd. Applications can be found at the Main Box Office located at 564 Tsali Blvd or online at [cherokeehistorical.org](http://cherokeehistorical.org)

Season Dates:

May 28, 2022 – August 20, 2022

Please check out our website [cherokeehistorical.org](http://cherokeehistorical.org) Or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/UntoTheseHills/>

If you have any questions please feel free to call or email. We hope to see you soon!**4/27**

## LEGAL NOTICES

### BIDs, RFPs, etc.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

### TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Water Quality Office will hold a Public Meeting on THURSDAY, MAY 12th, 2022

1 PM – 3 PM at Cherokee County Tribal Community Club Building 302 Airport Rd., Marble, NC 28905

The purpose of this meeting is an opportunity for the public to receive information and provide comments on the Triennial Review of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Water Quality Standards, which have been revised to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's suggested modifications to the Water Quality Criteria for Specific Uses, Source Water Protection, and Cherokee County Stream Classification Use. These revisions are in compliance with the Clean Water Act Sections 303 and 518 (33 U.S.C. 1251, 1341) and Tribal Law.

Stakeholders and participants will also be asked for input on (<https://cherokeeenaturalresources.com/contact-us/>). A copy of the revised Water Quality Standards will be available online at (<https://cherokeeenaturalresources.com/>). A hard copy of the revised Water Quality Standards will be available

for viewing at EBCI Water Quality Laboratory, 2000 Old #4 Road, Cherokee, NC 28719 during business hours.

Questions about the revised Water Quality Standards should be directed to the Water Quality Section Supervisor, Michael Bolt by phone at (828) 359-6772 or email [michbolt@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:michbolt@ebci-nsn.gov). Closure of the Meeting Record The meeting record will close as of midnight, Thursday May 12th, 2022. Written comments need not be notarized but must be post-marked before midnight and mailed to:

Michael Bolt  
Water Quality Section Supervisor  
EBCI 106 Water Quality Office  
PO Box 1925  
Cherokee, NC 28719  
**5/4**

### CHEROKEE INDIAN HOUSING DIVISION LAND WANTED

#### BIG COVE COMMUNITY

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is seeding land in the Big Cove Community for purchase. Seeking fifteen (15) to twenty (acres). Land must be buildable. Will consider three to four smaller tracks. Please contact Nathaniel Crowe if interested. (828) 359-6903. **5/18**

### CHEROKEE INDIAN

## HOUSING DIVISION

### Houses Wanted

Cherokee Indian Housing Division is looking for houses in sub-standard condition for possible purchase. Houses will be rehabbed to provide affordable housing stock for enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Houses can be located on or off Tribal property. Only houses with no liens will be considered. Contact Michelle Stamper if you own a property that you would like to offer for sale. (828) 359-6904. **5/18**

### Requests for Proposals

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
Cherokee Department of Transportation  
680 Acquoni Road  
Cherokee, North Carolina 28719  
Phone: (828) 359-6530  
Repair of Retaining Wall on Tow String Road

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians CDOT Office is requesting Sealed Bid Proposals from Qualified Firms to provide the following services: Design, permitting, and construction of repairs for a retaining wall on Tow String Road. Construction will include wall repairs, backfill, guardrail and roadway repairs, all utility coordination, traffic control, ect. Please be advised that all TERO rules and regulations, Tribal procurement policies,

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applicable state and federal rules, regulations and laws shall apply to the performance of any work awarded pursuant to this solicitation and to the procurement of work solicited through this advertisement. You may request the full Request for Proposals (RFP) and requirements for proposals through the CDOT Office. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Robert Willcox, CDOT Engineer at (828)-359-6122/(828)-736-3921 (cell) or Darrell Brown, CDOT Planner at (828)-359-6534. **4/20**

### Request for Proposals

The Cherokee Court is now taking resumes for one (1) part-time Magistrate. This position will substitute for the full-time magistrates at the Cherokee Court while the magistrate is on leave status. Familiarity with the Cherokee community and with a court system (state, federal, or tribal) is preferred. Ability to work with the public and handle conflicts is required. Following training, this position will have full authority to make all magistrate related decisions, including issuing warrants and subpoenas, and other duties as assigned by the Chief Justice.

Education and experience: Requires any combination of at least four (4) years practical work experience or education in a legal or law enforcement related field. Position will require both in-office and on-call performance of duties.

Interested individuals should submit the following:

- Name and Contact Information
- Relevant Work Experience
- Copies of Certificates

Proposals may be submitted at any time, but those received on or before April 30, 2022 will receive priority over later submissions. Please email, mail or fax to: Amber Shuler, Court Administrator

ambeshul@nc-chokeee.com

PO Box 1629

Cherokee, NC 28719

(828)359-0012 (fax)

This is a solicitation of proposals and not an offer to contract. The Cherokee Tribal Court reserves the right to decline any proposals received. **4/27**

### Request for Qualifications

Preventive and emergency maintenance of HVAC systems for the Building Rental Program.

At: EBCI Commerce Division

ATTN: Matt Hampton

810 Acquoni Rd, Cherokee, NC

28719

mhampton@ebci-nsn.gov

828-359-6706

Until: April 27th, 2022 at 3:00 PM local time

The Building Rental office for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) oversees all buildings owned by the EBCI being leased for business use. Our office is requesting qualifications from interested parties for HVAC installation and maintenance. The Building Rental Office currently has 15 buildings under our management. These 15 buildings are controlled by 60+ active HVAC units and will require service based on issue as well as preventive maintenance. **4/20**

CHEROKEE WATER PROGRAMS  
CHEROKEE, NORTH CAROLINA  
LEE BIRD ROAD SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Lee Bird Road Sewer Improvements will be received, by Cherokee Water Programs, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, at the office of the 1840 Paint Town Road, Cherokee, NC 28719, until 2:00 PM local time on May, 5 2022, at which time the Bids received will be opened and read.

The Project consists of the installation of approximately 600 linear feet (LF) of eight inch (8-inch) gravity sanitary sewer; concrete manhole installations with watertight frames and covers; and other appurtenances as required, one creek crossing via open cut excavation, and related pavement restoration.

The allotted time for construction is 120 calendar days.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum and unit price basis, with additive alternate bid items as indicated in the Bid Form.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: LJA Engineering, 265 Brookview Centre Way, Suite 504 Knoxville, TN 37909 Phone: 865-328-3141; Vickie Wilhite vwilhite@lja.com Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding

Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM local time, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below.

Bidding Documents also may be examined at the office of the Cherokee Water Program, on Mondays through Thursdays between the hours of 8:30 – 3:30 PM local time. Electronic copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 for each set. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to “LJA Engineering.” and sent to Attention: Vickie Wilhite 265 Brookview Centre Way, Suite 504, Knoxville, TN 37919. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Bidders shall proof of qualifications to perform the Work as described in the Instructions to Bidders.

Owner: Cherokee Water Program

By: Ethan Arch

Title: Program Manager

Date: April 6, 2022

**4/20**

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
North Parking Area Improvements  
Shawn Blanton

Emergency Operations Center  
Project Title: Shawn Blanton EOC –  
North Parking Area Improvements

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians is requesting separate sealed bids for the services of a licensed contractor for the purpose



#### Construction Jobs Available

Cherokee Enterprises, Inc., an Equal Opportunity Employer, is accepting applications for heavy construction employees including laborers, heavy equipment operators and CDL truck drivers.

-General Laborer: **\$18.00/hr**

-CDL Dump Truck Drivers: **\$22.50/hr**

-Equipment Operators: up to **\$30.00/hr** dependent upon skill set

-Project Superintendent: **Negotiable**

Cherokee Enterprises, Inc also provides the following benefits:

-6 paid holidays / year

-Paid vacation time after 1 year employment

-Employer paid individual health insurance

-Employer matched Simple IRA plan

Please contact our office at 828-497-5617 with questions or for additional information. You may also pick up an application at 1371 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC. from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Pre-employment drug testing, background check and reliable transportation required.

of constructing asphalt pavement, 6-foot chain link fence and gates, concrete walk, concrete dumpster pad, drainage improvements, pavement markings, and sidewalk and stairs along Stacy Saunooke Road in Cherokee, NC.

The project area is located north of Stacy Saunooke Road and west of Seven Clans Lane (Hwy 441) in Cherokee, NC. Prospective bidders should familiarize themselves with the job-site and must be experienced in the field of pavement and site construction. Contract specifications and bidding documents will be provided to any licensed contractor upon request.

To request a bid package, contact: Mr. Tony Hauser, PLA, PE, Project Engineer at (828) 337-5173 or by email at [tony.hauser@woodplc.com](mailto:tony.hauser@woodplc.com). Bid packages should be sub-

mitted as noted in the Instructions to Bidders, Article 14 and must be received by 11:00 a.m., May 5th, 2022, at which time they will be opened in accordance with TERO procedures. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered.

Refer to the Instruction to Bidders, Article 4 for the date, time, and location of the non-mandatory pre-bid conference.

Indian Preference (TERO) applies for award and execution of this contract.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Mr. Hauser. **4/20**

#### **Request for Proposals**

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Division of Commerce, an Equal Opportunity Employer, is soliciting proposals to produce

an immersive experiential event to inspire and promote our culture, heritage, and tribal values through storytelling with light and sound at the Botanical Garden.

All proposals should be submitted to our office by Tuesday, May 10, 2022. Proposals can be mailed to our office at P.O. Box 460, Cherokee, NC, 28719 or emailed to [stepmane@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:stepmane@ebci-nsn.gov).

Project plans and specifications can be viewed at our office located at 810 Acquoni Road in Cherokee, N.C. with prior appointment. Please contact our office at 828-359-6479 with questions or for additional information. **4/27**

#### **Request for Proposals**

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Division of Commerce, an Equal Opportunity Employer, is soliciting proposals to produce an immersive, seasonal, light, and sound event to inspire and excite during this holiday season on the Island Park.

All proposals should be submitted to our office by Tuesday, May 10, 2022. Proposals can be mailed

to our office at P.O. Box 460, Cherokee, NC, 28719 or emailed to [stepmane@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:stepmane@ebci-nsn.gov).

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#### **Request for Proposals**

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Division of Commerce, an Equal Opportunity Employer, is soliciting proposals for to produce a Motorsport event or event series at the dirt track in Cherokee.

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

#### **Community Information Sessions & Cherokee Dinner**

Big Cove Comm Club: 3/8 at 5pm  
Big Y Comm Club: 3/15 at 5pm  
Towstring Comm Club: 3/21 at 5pm  
Yellowhill Comm Club: 3/28 at 5pm  
Tsali Manor Senior Ctr: 4/5 at 10:30am  
Wolftown Comm Club: 4/11 at 5pm  
Painttown Gym: 4/13 at 5pm  
Birdtown Gym: 4/27 at 5pm

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

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

Scroll to the bottom of the  
home page at  
[theonefeather.com](http://theonefeather.com) and see a  
listing of website links to  
various tribal entities and  
Cherokee-related businesses.

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## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In an emergency, call 911

**Tribal Dispatch**  
497-4131

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

**Tribal Fire and Rescue**  
359-6584

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

**Cherokee Indian Hospital**  
497-9163

## EBCI TRANSIT NUMBERS

**Transit Main Line  
Dispatch**  
359-6300

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

## Phone Numbers for Cherokee elders

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**EBCI Domestic Violence**  
359-6830

**EBCI Emergency Fuel Assistance**  
507-7825

**Cherokee Immediate Care Clinic**  
554-5555

**DaVita Cherokee Dialysis Center**  
497-6866

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

**Tsali Manor main line**  
359-6860

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

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

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